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Memories flash at Marathon finish line

Dorchester's Henry Richard, shown above, 20, completed his first Boston Marathon on Monday with his parents, Bill and Denise Richard, and his sister Jane greeting him at the finish line. Meb Keflezighi, the 2014 Boston Marathon winner, was also there to give Henry his medal.

It was on Marathon Day nine years ago (April 15, 2013) that bombs placed by terrorists killed three near the finish line – Henry's brother Martin, age 8; Krystle Campbell, 29, of Medford; and Lingzi Lu, a Chinese student attending Boston University – and injured some 250 others, including Jane Richard, who lost a leg to the bombs.

"It's great to get here finally," said Henry, whose time was 4:02:20. "It's been years in the making for me, so I'm just so happy I could finally be here," Henry told WBZ-TV. "I know Martin would have been doing it with me – so happy to finish it, that's all I can think about." "I did it for both of us, and my sister and the rest of my family."

Sorries abound as MBTA gets trolley projects back on track

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The April 13 kick-off meeting for the MBTA's Mattapan Trolley Transformation Project began and ended with one very important word: Sorry.

Officials met with the community for the first time in three years after a long-term rehabilitation project and short-term trolley restoration work both ran aground, resulting in delays that were made public a year ago.

Since that time, the agency and elected officials from the area have worked to get the projects back on track. Last Wednesday's meeting was the public celebration of those efforts.

"A lot has happened in the past and we understand your skepticism," said MBTA project manager AJ Tanner. "We're going to work tirelessly to earn your trust."

The projects, which will be done simultaneously, (Continued on page 13)

Wu picks multi-experienced planner to join cabinet, and direct the BPDA

Jemison has held several City Hall, State House posts

BY JENNIFER SMITH
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Mayor Wu has chosen James Arthur Jemison II, a former Dorchester resident with extensive experience in Massachusetts, to be Boston's inaugural Chief of Planning, a new cabinet-level post within her administration.

Along with responsibilities for leading city-wide, inter-department land use planning efforts, Jemison is expected to helm the Boston

Planning and Development Agency as its new director, a role expected to begin in late May.

Jemison told the Reporter this week that he sees the role as executing Mayor Michelle Wu's goals for an equitable, resilient, and inclusive Boston by using and reforming city planning and development processes. He said that means a planning-first approach to development.

"The mayor's on the

record about what she wants," Jemison said. "It's my job to say, 'Okay, well, how do I realize the vision that you've identified? What are the tradeoffs, what are the options?'"

Jemison returns to the city from his current role as principal deputy assistant secretary at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), where he oversaw the administration of federal block grants, disaster recovery funds, and homelessness assistance grants, among other funds. The US Sen-



Arthur Jemison
Back in City Hall

ate Banking Committee twice deadlocked on his nomination for assistant secretary at HUD.

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'CHANGING OUR NARRATIVE' Police revisit outreach to youth: Hoops and dance at TechBoston

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

There's no doubt that police-community relations – particularly for young people – have been strained since the beginning of the pandemic, and they only got worse in the wake of the George Floyd murder and other national incidents. The increase in high-profile school violence this year has contributed to that strain, and Boston Police said they felt they needed to reclaim something they'd lost.

Last Wednesday (April 13) at TechBoston Academy – a school community still healing from last month's shooting of a teacher and student who were boarding a fan bus on the way to a high school basketball game – this renewed effort was on full display when a group of Boston Police basketball players from across the city visited TechBoston Academy for an afternoon of dance battles and hard-core hoops.

The BPD community engagement team, District Attorney Kevin Hayden, the Boston Public Schools, and the Three Point Foundation agreed to bring back



TechBoston controlled the tip-off last week, and nearly took the game in the final seconds from the Boston Police team – who led most of the game. Seth Daniel photo

such events this spring after a long pause – one that has been costly for police relationship building with young people, said BPD Supt. Nora Baston.

"Basketball is probably the easi-

est way we can rebuild with these kids," said Baston, who grew up in Boston and played basketball at UMass-Lowell. "It's about reconnecting because during Covid-19 we weren't able to do this... This can't be the only time we show up, though. We need to rebuild these relationships and let them know we are family and we're members of your community. It's all about claiming our narrative, taking it back and changing the narrative."

Claude Pritchard, founder of the Three Point Foundation, said this was the best time and place to begin reconnecting. "We all wanted to give these kids a good start to their vacation as they continue getting through the situation with the inappropriate pictures and then the shooting here," he said.

"This is a chance to help them start positive. The police force has been great about this. The kids only hear and see bad things about the police, but what they don't see is police officers are mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters – and are part of this community."

The afternoon kicked off with a dance battle between the Tech-

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Indictment lowers boom on members of Dot gang

Federal prosecutors and Boston Police officers weaponized a sweeping indictment last Friday in rounding up most of the 19 individuals from a Dorchester street gang

who have been charged on a substantial variety of racketeering offenses centered on Cameron Street in the Bowdoin-Geneva neighborhood, including a homicide, 33

attempted murders, 17 armed robberies, 19 unarmed robberies, home invasions, a carjacking, and selling marijuana, crack, and weapons.

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Family of man dragged to death on Red Line vexed at T response

By Darryl C. Murphy
WBUR Reporter

The National Transportation Safety Board is still investigating what caused a Red Line train to drag a man to his death at Broadway station on April 10. The MBTA has kept largely quiet about the incident, citing the ongoing probe, but for the family of 39-year-old Robinson Lalin, it's been a little too quiet.

"They have not reached out," said Lalin's nephew, Kelvin Lalin. "No contact, which is very frustrating. So what, he's just ... an animal? He's a human being. We've got nothing so far."

Days after the fatal incident, Kelvin took the Red Line to Broadway

Station, the site of his uncle's last moments. He said he wanted to understand what happened.

"I could just feel his fear," said Kelvin. "He was just here a few days ago and now he is not here because this just literally, just happened to him right here."

A spokesman for the T did not confirm whether the agency has reached out to the family, saying only that "the NTSB is heading up an investigation that will lead to an explanation."

The *Globe* reported on Saturday that the NTSB had concluded that Robinson Lalin had been exiting the train when he was caught up in the door.

According to the Suffolk



Robinson Lalin with one of his two children. Lalin was killed after being caught in a Red Line train door and dragged at Broadway Station.

Photo courtesy Kelvin Lalin

folk district attorney's office, Lalin's arm got stuck in the door of the train. He was dragged to a gruesome death.

It is still unclear why the door did not reopen to release Lalin as it is supposed to.

David White, an attorney with the Boston law

firm Breakstone, White and Gluck, has worked on cases against the T. He said he is unaware of any instance when the agency has reached out to offer sympathy to an injured party, though he believes the law allows it.

"As long as you're not saying, for exam-

ple, 'I'm sorry that I was negligent and that someone suffered injury,' you're not making an admission," he said. "But to simply say, 'I'm sorry. I'm very sorry. Our condolences, our sympathies,' there's absolutely nothing wrong with that."

The train operator has been taken off duty pending the investigation, according to the T.

The agency also confirmed that the train car involved in the incident is more than 50 years old. When asked about safety, T General Manager Steve Pofatak said the train has been impounded, and he's confident that other older cars in the system are in good condition.

"We've done a thorough inspection. Obviously, if we find anything we will immediately course correct," said Pofatak. "We believe the rest of the fleet is safe."

Lalin's death follows a series of unrelated but worrisome safety problems at the MBTA in recent years, including a crash on the Green Line that is now the subject of a criminal investigation and an escalator malfunction that injured nine people. A Red Line train derailed last year at the same station where Lalin was killed.

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Police, Courts & Fire

Federal indictment lowers boom on 19 alleged Dot gang members

By Reporter Staff

A federal judge last Friday (April 15) unsealed an indictment charging 19 alleged members of the Dorchester-based Cameron Street gang with a variety of RICO violations dating to 2010 that include 1 murder, 33 attempted murders, 17 armed robberies, 19 unarmed robberies, including home invasions, one carjacking and selling crack, marijuana and guns.

Most of the alleged members were rounded up Friday by ATF agents and BPD officers. The group's alleged ringleader, Kenny Romero, has been in custody since last

November, according to the indictment which details the activities of a gang the feds say have been terrorizing the Bowdoin-Geneva neighborhood for decades, often clashing with rivals on Wendover Street, sometimes called NOB (Norton/Olney/Barry), many of whom were themselves rounded up two years ago.

Even when not shooting or beating people, members attempted to intimidate Wendover members, the public, and law enforcement, according to the indictment, which points to an incident on Dec. 9, 2019, when gang member Pau-

lo "Bucky" Santos robbed a Wendover member right outside Dorchester District Court.

In another incident, a Cameron Street member, Jose "Zay" Fonseca, tried to ram a police officer with his car after the officer spotted him in an apparent drug sale.

US prosecutors charge that the gang brought in large amounts of marijuana from California and made sure members had ready access to guns and ammo. On Feb. 26 of this year, alleged member Felisberto "CheeB" Lopes was arrested while in possession of 446 rounds of different types of ammunition, along with 500 grams of cocaine.

Gang members didn't confine themselves to Bowdoin-Geneva, according to the indictment, which charges them with selling drugs in Everett, Somerville, Quincy, Braintree, Hingham and even San Francisco - usually while armed.

The affidavit states that Cameron Street members refer to the gang with names such as Cam, Camily, Killa

Cam, and Body Bag Boys, and that members often get tattoos or wear sports caps featuring the letter "C" including for the Chicago Cubs, the Cincinnati Reds, the Calgary Flames, and the Canadiens. Some, though, wear Kansas City Royals caps, "meant to signify 'Killa Cam.'"

Members can also be spotted wearing jewelry marked with "3-1-1-3," references to the third, first, and thirteenth letters of the alphabet (C, A and M). Or they signal to each other by showing three fingers (for "C").

A Roxbury man who admitted to helping run a cocaine ring that stored its drugs at a house at 23 Mt. Ida Rd. in Dorchester was sentenced to 37 months in prison last week. Luis Mejia Guerrero, 61, pleaded guilty in December to conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine.

Luis Alfredo Baez, who ran the ring with Guerrero, got 41 months at his sentencing last June, according to the US Attorney's office.



Both were charged as part of a broader investigation into Brockton drug kingpin Djuna Goncalves, who pleaded guilty last October and who is scheduled for sentencing on May 19.



Catherine Vitale

A Dorchester woman was arrested and booked last Tuesday after she allegedly assaulted a Boston Police officer as she tried to disrupt a City Hall press conference. Police say Catherine Vitale, 31, attempted to force her way into City

Hall after she and her megaphone were previously ejected.

According to District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office, Vitale pushed an officer as she tried to force her way into the building with a second person, who had also been ejected.

"The right to protest and to dissent are central to our democracy and will be protected. Physical assaults, however, are not a valid form of protest," Hayden said.

Judge Richard Sinnott released Vitale on personal recognizance, but she will be back in court to face charges on May 13. Vitale is part of a small group of noisy protestors who have been harassing public officials—mainly Mayor Wu—for months over their objections to Covid-19-related rules in the city.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA), along with an extraordinary group of partners, is sponsoring their annual Spring Neponset River Cleanup on Sat., April 23 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. with work sites in Quincy, Dorchester, Milton, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Norwood, Walpole, Canton, and Foxborough. Volunteers of all skill levels and physical abilities are needed to help with this important event. Join for an hour or the entire time – every bit helps. All volunteers are asked to meet at their pre-assigned site. Please wear appropriate footwear (closed-toed shoes) and work clothes that can get dirty. We also suggest bringing sunscreen, hats, work gloves, and a filled water bottle. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. **Pre-registration is required at**

Neponset.org/cleanup.

Savin Hill Park Tour Take a walk with Noah McKenna through Savin Hill Park and learn about the trees, flora, and the health of the park on Sunday, May 1 at 3p.m. (rain date: 5/15). Meet at the bottom of the hill by Grampian Way. More info: savinhibevents@gmail.com
Mass Affordable Housing Alliance's annual Taste of Dorchester event returns to in-person on Thurs., April 28, 6-8 p.m. at Freeport Hall, IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Go to tasteofdorchester.org to buy tickets.

A virtual public meeting will be held on Wed., May 4 at 6p.m. to discuss a proposed 24-unit residential building at 1153 Washington St., Dorchester. See page bostonplans.org for more

information.

Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival - Saturday, May 14th from 12 noon to 4p.m. A spring family tradition since 1969 features kite-making tables and kites for sale, bicycle activities for elementary-age children with Countdown to Kindergarten, helmet give-aways, a bike repair station, food trucks, and community vendors. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. On the Franklin Park Playstead ballfields - bus #16 from Forest Hills Orange Line station or JFK on the Red Line. For more information and directions: franklincoalition.org

The city of Boston will host summer job fairs for teens who want to get connected to a SuccessLink job. On Thurs., April 21, teens can visit the Mildred Avenue Community Center in Mattapan from 11

a.m.-2 p.m.; another open house is planned at the Holland Community Center on Olney Street in Dorchester on Friday, April 22 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit Youth.Boston.gov for more info.

MassHire Boston Career Center will host an in-person job fair featuring employers looking to hire on Wed., April 27 from 3-5 p.m. at 1010 Harrison Ave., Boston. Scan the code on this week's back cover for more info. Or go to MassHireBostonCareerCtr.org/ AprilJobFair for more info.

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Strong push for Grove Hall as BCYF eyes new sites for stand-alone facilities

By SETH DANIEL
News Editor

The last of four public meetings to discuss the possibility of building new stand-alone community centers in Dorchester was held virtually last Thursday (April 14). There is no stand-alone, city-run facility in all of Dorchester – the largest neighborhood in the city. The city community centers that do exist are all attached to school buildings, which limits usable hours.

“We see and hear the urgency in the community,” said Marta Rivera, interim director of Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF). “What we have heard on multiple meetings is there will be at least two [centers] and the potential for more in Dorchester. You’re not vying for or elbowing your way through to get this. “This is not a fight for ‘a’ community center. Know that Dorchester is large enough that it could handle not just one additional or two additional – we don’t have any stand-alone centers here now. We’re talking about two or more...Now is an opportunity and I hope it’s one we can capitalize on.”

Rivera said that a city

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PROS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ideal site size• Highly accessible by public transportation• Adjacent to existing park, playground, and athletic fields• Adjacent to existing middle school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjacent to BPL Grove Hall and BCYF Senior Center• Highly accessible by public transportation• Limited residential adjacencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generously sized site• Potential partnership with ADSL on-site• Limited residential adjacencies• Highly accessible by public transportation• Set within existing park and playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large site• Building would buffer park from train tracks• Some parking available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parking available on-site• Adjacent to newly renovated park and athletics facilities• Accessible by several major roadways• No residential adjacencies• Potential for great views
CONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires excavation into hillside• No space for on-site parking• Loss of existing park• Residential adjacencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smaller site• Lacks access to green space and athletics fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Several site adjustments necessary for project implementation (baseball diamond, bleachers,etc.)• Loss of existing park	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires several site adjustments (baseball diamond, playground)• Limited accessibility by public transportation• Loss of existing park• Located in future flood plain (with sea level rise)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires reconfiguration of rink's entrance and loading areas• Would occupy portion of existing parking lot• Limited accessibility by public transportation• Located in future flood plain (with sea level rise)

report on potential sites will be released next month, the culmination of a public process that started last fall and has continued without a hitch since Mayor Wu took office. In a meeting earlier this year, the BCYF project team unveiled five test-fit locations on public land, though mentioning they have looked at many privately owned sites as well. The suggestions in the test-fits were:

- A park behind the Frederick Middle School facing Normandy Street in Grove Hall.
- A vacant lot at 40-48

Geneva Avenue across from the Jeremiah Burke High School in Grove Hall.

- A portion of Town Field where the basketball courts are now located in Fields Corner.
- A portion of Victory Road Park abutting the railroad tracks near Clam Point.
- The parking lot of Devine Rink abutting the new Garvey Park playground and fields in Neponset.

As was the case in the first meeting last fall, the April 14 meeting was dominated by residents advocating for a community center in Grove Hall,

particularly on a vacant lot next to Burke High School.

“We believe with the new administration and the new mayor we’re in a positive place where the city is looking at Grove Hall and sees value in the people,” said Emmanuel Tikili. “We want to make sure the quality of life in the neighborhood is such that people in the rest of the neighborhood see us as wonderful people achieving great things... We really hope the city looks at Grove Hall and sees it as the center of the city and the heart of the city.”

State Rep. Liz Malia said Grove Hall has lacked resources when it comes to youth programming. She recalled when the temporary “bubble” community center was operating on the Geneva Avenue site. She advocated for that site to be one of the community center sites and added that “Grove Hall has had a few extra mountains to climb.”

Erico Correia, a member of the study’s Community Advisory Committee, also advocated for the Geneva Avenue lot to house a new community center.

“It’s been many years

on the waiting list for Grove Hall,” said Correia. “I see kids get out of the Burke every day and they’re looking around for a place to go and things to do. This space is available and doing nothing for the community.”

Jayona Thomas, a 17-year-old who is part of Project RIGHT, said teens in Grove Hall want a center on the Geneva Avenue site.


“We’re one of the most populated areas and have none of these important resources,” Thomas said. “It would be a safe place for kids – to get comfortable and be comfortable with who they are. They would be opened up to different things because they aren’t around the same people all the time.”

However, the process to getting doors open is a much longer deal and could take an additional four years. The next opportunity for community engagement would be during the design phase, which is about one or two years away. Putting any community centers on public land would speed up the process by about six to twelve months, officials said in previous meetings.


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Wu picks multi-experienced planner to join cabinet, and direct the BPDA

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For the six years prior to his federal posting, Jemison led housing and planning departments for the city of Detroit, where he had been recruited by Mayor Michael Duggan to be the director of the housing and revitalization department as the city recovered from bankruptcy.

Jemison told the *Reporter* that his near future will involve a balance of familiarizing himself once again with Boston's planning structures and BPDA staff.

"This is all about taking the folks we've got, engaging them, bringing all their talents to these questions that the mayor's posed," he said, "because we have people who have experience with this in a way that needs to be tapped into it and engaged. That's the first thing I'm going to do."

"Obviously, there's going to need to be a time where the existing process continues, but while that's happening, we're going to have other rooms and other tables where people are working hard to come up with what that future state looks like."

Jemison's work in pub-

lic planning began in Boston in the mid-1990s. He managed the Boston Housing Authority planning unit before joining the Boston Redevelopment Authority for just over two years. After four years in Washington D.C.'s planning division, Jemison returned to Massachusetts for the next decade. He worked first for Massport, then in private development as a senior manager for Boston-based GLC Development Resources before he joined the Deval Patrick administration as deputy undersecretary and deputy director for the Department of Housing and Community Development.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a master's in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"With his deep experience across city, state, and federal government tackling housing instability and building more equitable communities, Arthur will help drive our agenda forward to make Boston a city for everyone," said Wu in a statement.

"In this moment of

urgent challenge and opportunity, Boston's growth must reflect the possibilities for our brightest future—from affordable housing and racial equity, to climate resilience and healthy, connected communities."

Though few immediate areas of overlap in Boston and Detroit planning concerns came to mind, Jemison said affordable housing access is a common theme requiring "different strategies" for the two cities. His work in urban planning and long history with Boston drew him to this role, which will pay \$179,000, Jemison said.

"The places I've had the most success have been in those moments when it's clear that community wants to make a change," he said. When he came to Washington D.C., the city had just wrested itself from a federal control board and "the new mayor had a real mandate to make change." While Jemison was in Detroit, a newly elected mayor took the reins and the city entered and emerged from bankruptcy.

Here in Boston, Wu's election was a signal that voters "wanted things to be different," Jemison

said. "So, I feel like I've got a contribution to make to those kinds of environments, because I've had success in other environments when there was that kind of desire to change."

Wu ran for office stating an intent to "abolish" the BPDA, an agency created by city and state statute as the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) that serves the merged functions of guiding development and acting as the city's planning board. BPDA Director Brian Golden, the agency's longest serving head, will leave his post later this month and Wu will ask the BPDA Board to appoint Jemison as director at its May monthly meeting.

Few decisions have been made about structural changes to the BPDA hierarchy. Its current director of real estate, Devin Quirk, will become the city's deputy chief of operations and organizational transformation, reporting to Jemison.

According to the city, Quirk "will be responsible for implementing Mayor Wu and Chief Jemison's vision for the transformation of the BPDA as well as oversee-

ing the daily operations of the Agency."

City and planning leadership will also soon begin to recruit "planning and urban design professionals," notably seeking to find a deputy chief of urban design.

Boston is in a period of complicated growth, with two years of the Covid-19 pandemic dramatically reshuffling demand for housing and commercial space in the city. Some 60,000 residents have moved to Boston since the last census, Jemison notes, and the question of how to manage that increase while preserving affordability for current and new residents is a pressing puzzle.

"I guess maybe a way of thinking about it would be :Growth can happen because new people come and other people leave, or it can happen because people stay and more people come," Jemison said. "So, are we creating housing that allows people to stay and invites new people to come? That's the kind of thing I want it to be focused on, and that's the kind of work that I think we can do now. Boston's already a leader in affordable housing, and I think we can do more."

The city needs to consider both the availability of housing in overall numbers and the availability of units

at a range of incomes, Jemison said. The city can, in his view, achieve "equitable growth" that would allow residents to stay in Boston but also accommodate the city's attractiveness to newcomers. "I think we can do both," he said. "And we don't necessarily have to choose there."

As planning chief, Jemison will be overseeing a boom in large-scale project proposals and ongoing planning studies across the city, from the Dorchester Bay City and other Morrissey Boulevard developments to the sprawling Allston Yards neighborhood.

The role he takes on, Jemison said, is not so much one of an expanded BPDA director as much as a broad citywide assignment that includes BPDA director as part of the duties.

Also on the agenda: a new home. Jemison, 51, grew up in Amherst—for a time in public housing—and lived in the Ashmont area of Dorchester while serving in the Patrick administration.

The one-time resident said he is starting his search for a Boston residence and keeping the neighborhood in mind.

"I really enjoyed living in Dorchester," Jemison said, "and so as I think about places to live, it's going to be high on the list."

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BPDA chief Brian Golden to step down; oversaw efforts to reorganize the agency

By JENNIFER SMITH
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Brian Golden, who has led the city's planning and development arm for the past eight years, will step down at the end of this month. Golden told the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board of directors at its monthly meeting on April 14 that he was honored to hold the post, that "the work is almost never easy, but it is always consequential and important."

"I have loved my job and I have loved working here at the BPDA. Even when circumstances have been challenging, I have always been grateful for the opportunity to join all of you," he said of the board and the staff, "in serving the people of Boston."

Golden was appointed director of the BPDA, formerly known as the Boston Redevelopment Authority, in 2014, early in then-Mayor Martin Walsh's tenure. The former state representative took the helm at a fraught time for the agency, which in the past infamously oversaw the razing of Boston's West End and garnered a reputation as mismanaged, opaque in



Brian Golden

its decision making, and unaccountable to residents. He leaves as the agency's longest-serving director, after overseeing extensive efforts to modernize and reorganize the BPDA.

The changes included "meaningful operational reforms," contributing to a "more transparent and accountable BPDA," said BPDA Board chair Priscilla Rojas. She and other board members pointed to thousands of community meetings and an emphasis on planning over the agency's past eight years.

Golden thanked Walsh, now US Secretary of Labor, for "entrusting me with the director's role" and said he "created an environment that allowed us to do big important things that address the needs of the city today and far into the future." The BPDA under the Walsh administration conducted the city's first general

planning process since the 1960s – Imagine Boston 2030, along with targeted neighborhood plans and transit-and climate-focused reports.

Despite the changes, the sense that the BPDA is prioritizing development and disregarding resident input is still often expressed at public planning meetings. Mayor Michelle Wu ran for office pledging to "Abolish the BPDA." In a report her office issued prior to her mayoral run, and cited on the campaign trail, she criticized the agency's lack of transparency and inclusivity and called for a citywide planning effort.

Golden's departure, first reported by the *Boston Globe*, comes as the city has hired a new cabinet-level chief of planning, Arthur Jemison. (See story, Page One.)

Golden wished Wu and her team "great success in their stewardship of Boston."

In an interview with the *Reporter* last month, he and other top BPDA officials made the case for the agency's continued relevance amidst an ongoing building boom. The BPDA board and

Golden echoed those sentiments at last Thursday's afternoon meeting, highlighting Boston's strong property

tax base, emphasis on fair housing, and status as the American city with the most income-restricted housing.

During Golden's eight years at the helm, the BPDA approved about 90 million square feet of new development, constituting \$43 billion

of investment, according to the agency.

"I'm proud of our work," Golden said. "I hope that everyone who has been part of this is proud, too. Wherever I go I will always be rooting for the work that this agency and its professionals do for the city of Boston."



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Parking lot expansion speaks to IBEW’s growth, diversification

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The planned parking lot addition next to the IBEW electrical worker training center on Freeport Street might end up as a stretch of asphalt and some yellow striping, but it will represent an historic expansion of the apprenticeship program – built on efforts over the last few years to recruit more women and people of color.

“We’re growing and we’re expanding, and our membership is growing and we’re pretty limited with the buildings we have,” said IBEW Business Manager Lou Antonellis. “Our apprenticeship school is doing so well to where we now have about 1,600 full-time apprentices in day



school. Our footprint needs more space. We’re trying to maximize all adjacent property be-

The IBEW electrical worker training facility on Freeport Street is proposing a new parking lot for about 70 cars adjacent to its existing training facility. The added space signals the growth of the union among women and people of color in particular, IBEW officials said.

Photo courtesy IBEW

tween the two buildings we have. “We really want to be able to grow and be good neighbors to the community at the same time,” he added.

The expanded parking lot would be located next to I-93 and include parcels owned by IBEW and MassDOT, a state agency that the union is in talks with to secure rights to use the space. The space would accom-

modate an additional 65 to 80 cars for apprentices coming to the school six days a week. There are some environmental accommodations needed within the lot, and those are being worked on now in meetings with the Conservation Commission.

Neighbors in Clam Point weren’t previously aware of the expansion planning, but said they had no qualms at all with IBEW’s goal as they have been responsible neighbors for many years.

Beyond abutting neighbors, IBEW seems to also be popular with trainees looking to attend the apprentice school. Antonellis said their 1,600-person enrollment is “an all-time high,” noting that when he attended

the program about 30 years ago, there were about 500 apprentices. The growth, Antonellis said, is in a concerted effort to recruit those not historically involved in the electrical union.

“We’ve been actively organizing the past few years and we’ve been really recruiting women and people of color to join our schools,” he said. “That’s driven a lot of the growth we’ve had in the last few years. That’s good for the community, and good for IBEW.”

Antonellis added they have purchased a training building in Wilmington for apprentices from the North Shore to take some of the pressure of expansion off the Dorchester campus.



Architectural rendering of The Beat building by Stantec

Liquor license sought for old Globe building, owners eyeing food and beverages services

The development team for the BEAT tech campus will seek a liquor license for their Morrissey Boulevard site, allowing tenants and visitors alike to enjoy a bite and a drink in parts of the former Boston Globe headquarters.

In an initial presentation to the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association’s planning committee last week, permitting attorney Jennifer Schultz said the building owners are preparing to apply for an all-alcohol restaurant license.

The food and beverages operation will

be managed by Craft Foods, which also runs food and drink halls in Waltham and Lexington. Matthew Stegall, managing director at Beacon Capital Partners, said food service would begin with lunch and expand to dinner over time.

Most of the envisioned alcohol-permitted space is on the main floor of the Beat building, covering the grand atrium and stretching out to a blocked-off back patio area. A repurposed Boston Globe delivery truck will feature as a bar cart on the patio. Among other offerings, the building would feature a café

that shifts from coffee bar during work hours to serving alcohol after 5 p.m., and as a lounge for tenants at the site of the Globe’s old loading docks.

As to where patrons could wander with drinks in hand – an open mezzanine level and central stairwells with seating areas at the landings would be accessible to the public, though a roof deck would be limited to tenant use.

Schultz said any events at the site would comply with local ordinances and the team is not applying for an entertainment license. Hours are not yet set, “but it’s not expected to be a late-night venue,” Schultz said. She said alcohol service would probably end around 9 p.m.

Civic members expressed enthusiasm for the idea at this preliminary stage, though they asked for follow-up with additional clarity on operational hours and potential hosted events.

“This sounds like a great idea,” Eileen Boyle said. “We need more fun in our lives!”

– JENNIFER SMITH

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NHCS students send cards, care packs to Ukrainian kids



From left, Ranelle Woods of Mattapan, Justyce Dilworth of Dorchester, and Lulu Dowling of Dorchester work on their Cards of Hope for their peers in Ukraine.



Aylani Boykins of Dorchester shows a card she created, including phrases in Ukrainian Cyrillic.

Fourth grade students in David Levine's class at Dorchester's Neighborhood House Charter School (NHCS) created care packages and cards including phrases in Ukrainian Cyrillic to express their solidarity with the people of Ukraine in recent weeks.

Levine, who has a background in Russian and Soviet studies, teaches



From left, Madison McDermott of Dorchester and Alex Vu of Dorchester displaying the cards they made to send in the care packages to Ukraine.

ELA and Social Studies and is a 2018 recipient of the Sherry M. Leventhal Award for New Teaching Excellence, an annual NHCS award for excellent educators with less than three years of teaching experience.

"I feel it is important to connect curricula with the world at large whenever possible," said Levine. "This was a perfect opportunity to engage students in a topic they were interested in. Their questions were thoughtful and appropri-

ately curious."

The care packages — including pencils, crayons, markers, notebooks, and other educational materials — were sent to the Ukrainian Embassy in Washington, D.C., along with a letter from Levine to the Ukrainian Ambassador.

"I want to remind the kids in Ukraine that even though the war is happening, they have to be brave and have hope," said Alasia Des Vignes, one of Mr. Levine's 4th grade students.



Jalil Presley Rogers, 15, of Dorchester, was recently honored as a 'Hero Among Us' by the Boston Celtics. He is shown above, left, with Eric Wirth, 39, of the South End, who has been Jalil's "big brother" since 2019. Wirth connected with Presley Rogers through the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts. "From the first day we met, I have seen Jalil grow in every way, literally and figuratively," says Wirth, who works in consulting in the life science industry. Presley Rogers, who was honored by the Celtics for cooking on weekends to feed the homeless, said: "Eric has helped me give and get respect." For more information, to register your children or to become a volunteer, visit: emass-bigs.org. Photo courtesy Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts

BC High priest, 60, finished Marathon for the homeless

When a Jesuit priest from BC High completed the BAA Boston Marathon on Monday, it was his first race -ever. "I did not even do a 5K," said the sixty-year-old Fr. John Predmore, who only began training for the road race in January, and pledged his run to benefit Boston Healthcare for the Homeless.

On Monday, he completed the race in just over six hours, and at last count his online supporters had contributed more than \$31,000 for the charity.

"I finished the race about 6:15 p.m.," he said in a Facebook post Monday night. "It was an awesome experience,



Fr. John Predmore like being on a 26.2-mile block party with so many supporters. I had a great time interacting with the people every step of the way.

"I figured I was not going to win, so I might as well enjoy the people. I kept a steady pace and

I kept moving forward. Everyone kept yelling 'Fr. Jack,' so it felt quite personal.

"I was not winded at all, I could have run more than I walked, but I wanted to pace myself. Toward the end, I could feel this creeping feeling in my legs and I wanted to be careful of that, but it left after mile 22.

"At the end of the race, two toes are a little bruised and my calves and hamstrings are sore, but overall, I feel great. The crowd support is indescribable....

"I can now say that I ran the Boston Marathon. How many other people can say that?"

— ED FORRY

Abp. William's honor roll cites 22 students from Dot

A number of Dorchester students from Archbishop Williams High School have made the honor roll for the third term. Eighth graders Makayla Miller and Novia Nguyen and ninth grader Patrick Hampton all made the Principal's List by posting grades of 90 and above. First

honors (85 and above) went to seventh graders Marianna LaMonica, Leo Lovering, Julia Studley; ninth graders Grace Cunningham and Monica Kelley; sophomore Shania Harry; and seniors Emma Rosemond-Astrofsky and Kaileigh Malone. Second honors were earned by

seventh graders Patrick Cadogan and Rosaleen McLaughlin; eighth grader James Chuminski; ninth grader Lila Curley; sophomore Casey Kelley; junior Maeve Applegate; and seniors Kim Cuong Dang, Kristen DiBella, Vincent Hua, Adam McLaughlin and Derrick Oliveira.

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Andrew Oliver

Andrew Oliver (March 28, 1706-March 3, 1774) was lieutenant governor of the Massachusetts leading up to the Revolution and was a loyalist. His country house in Dorchester was located at the corner of Washington and Park Streets, a property later owned by Walter Baker of Baker chocolate fame. The house was replaced by the Lucy Stone School in 1937.

Oliver was a merchant and public official in the Province of Massachu-



Andrew Oliver appears at the right in this copy of a painting at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston.

setts Bay. He was from a wealthy and politically powerful merchant family and is best known as the Massachusetts official responsible for implementing the provisions of the Stamp Act, for which he was burned in effigy. He never actually carried out those duties, and was, in 1771, commissioned as the province's lieutenant governor. Popular indignation against him broke out again in 1773, when private letters between

Oliver and Gov. Thomas Hutchinson were discovered, expressing criticism of the colonists and recommending coercive measures.

Oliver "entertained the finest of the land, where gentlemen in powdered wigs and ladies in fine old silks used to dance the minuet ..." The house was sold by Oliver's estate to Col. Benjamin Hichborn, and in 1817 it went to his brother Samuel, "who entertained Gen. Lafayette, and Presidents

Jefferson and Monroe" there.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical-society.org.

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

Editorial

City’s new planner is no stranger to Dot

Michelle Wu’s pick to lead Boston’s planning and development — Arthur Jemison — will be very well received in this part of the city. Before moving to Detroit seven years ago to lead that city’s planning efforts, Jemison and his family lived in Dorchester, most recently in the tight-knit Ashmont-Adams neighborhood.

Arthur, his wife Annie, and their children were well-liked fixtures at the many civic events for a decade while he worked for the city of Boston and then, for Gov. Deval Patrick.

His appointment will be popular here for all the right reasons: He’s a good and decent man and a devoted public servant who has years of solid, hands-on experience in his chosen field, many of them specifically here in the city of Boston. Among his many local affiliations, Jemison served as vice-chairman of the College Bound Dorchester board of directors.

“This is the culmination of Arthur’s hard work throughout his career, going back to his college days at UMass Amherst,” said Mark Culliton, a close friend and the CEO of College Bound Dorchester.

The development community across the city and region is likely to greet Jemison’s appointment with a sense of relief and cautious optimism. It comes less than a week after news broke that longtime BPDA chief Brian Golden will end his successful tenure at the end of this month. Golden, a former state representative from Brighton, has overseen a period of extraordinary growth in Boston under three mayors — Menino, Walsh, and Wu. His imminent departure — and what that might portend for the continued pace of construction and development across Boston — has been the source of anxiety in recent months among business leaders. Jemison’s appointment will be read by most as a positive signal that Mayor Wu will seek to reform and improve the city’s planning apparatus, not completely upend it.

Much has changed in Boston since Jemison headed to Detroit in 2015. There are many new faces in city government, particularly at the city council and, of course, on the mayor’s staff. But Jemison will be a familiar, even friendly face to many who do business at City Hall from the development side. That’s a welcome dynamic and one that reflects well on the Wu administration.

— Bill Forry

A perfect gift for your ‘Dot Mom’

Just in time for Mother’s Day, a group of small businesses have teamed up with the Mather Elementary School’s Parent Council to create a “Made in Dorchester” tote bag loaded with cool Dot-themed gifts. This is the same group that brought us the popular holiday-themed gift bundle that netted \$12,000 for the Mather School and \$12,000 for local makers last year.



The Dorchester-themed tote bags from American Provisions on Dot Ave are priced at \$90 and include cookies from Top Shelf Cookies, a “Dot Mom” mug, and a “Wildflowers of Franklin Park” greeting card from artist Jesse Haley; a 4 oz. candle from Triple Decker Candle Co, bee balm from Dot Bee Co., and Vietnamese coffee roasted by Reign Drink Lab.

The tote bags are on sale now through April 27 at MadeInDorchester.com, and will be available for local pickup at home.stead bakery & cafe during normal business hours.

—B.F.

UMass Boston at Columbia Point is part of Dorchester’s past, present, and future

By TIM SIEBER, MAUREEN BOYLE,
AND BIANCA I. ORTIZ-WYTHE
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

UMass Boston (UMB) already has a half century of history as a Dorchester institution, built starting in 1972 on Boston’s former garbage landfill, and opened to students in January 1974. This was a mostly forgotten, depreciated part of Boston, literally “on the other side of the Old Colony Line tracks,” site to a troubled, neglected BHA project, Columbia Point Houses, and earlier as a prison for World War II Italian POWs, and a 1930s Depression-era “Hooverville” shantytown for the homeless.

The university’s arrival spawned the Point’s revitalization as a cultural, educational, and heritage park, as UMass allocated portions of its peninsula property to the JFK Library & Museum, State Archives & Commonwealth Museum, and the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. UMB’s presence on Columbia Point offers valuable new educational opportunities to Dorchester and greater Boston residents. Before UMB’s 1965 founding, UMass President Robert C. Wood noted that Boston sent a smaller percentage of high school graduates to college than Mississippi. Today 16,000 Greater Boston youth have access to a quality higher education, and they stay in the Commonwealth after graduating. They are also mostly first-generation college students and reflect emerging demographics among today’s youth: 62 percent in 2022 are Students of Color.

In 1974, UMB established field offices to support housing in neighboring Columbia Point and in Savin Hill. UMB was one of several new US “urban land grant” universities responding to the 1960s “urban crisis,” opening its facilities to local youth — especially sports fields and gyms, but also classrooms. Faculty and staff developed many partnerships with local organizations, schools, and neighborhoods — 2000 in all!

A recent inventory showed 106 of these rooted in Dorchester, one of the oldest being the Dorchester Education Project begun in 1974 to support neighborhood K-12 schools in meeting challenges of that year’s federal school desegregation order. The list also has included the Dorchester Boys & Girls Club at Walter Denny Youth Center, Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Mujeres Unidas En Acción, St. Peter’s Teen Center, and others.

UMB’s dynamic Office of Community Partnerships (OCP) has worked to assemble “Circles of Practice” of faculty and staff engaged in community partnership work in Dorchester, and events like their recent February 2022 “Fireside Chat” entitled, “Our Dorchester: A Home for Place-Based Justice Partnerships,” joining faculty, students, and staff residing in Dorchester and engaged in community affairs in dialogue with Dorchester community leaders and public officials.

The event’s purpose was for all those who care about Dorchester to discuss how to strengthen the special ties linking UMB and the neighborhood. OCP Director Cynthia Orellana called for the university to promote what Dr. Martin Luther King called a “beloved community” between us and our neighborhood. Provost Joe Berger noted he was “proud to be at UMass Boston because we are so embedded in the fabrics of the very communities where we are

located and that we have responsibilities to serve.” Professor Ping-Ann Addo, a Dorchester resident, proposed a full-scale “Love the Dot” campaign, encouraging students and staff to support neighborhood businesses. The OCP also is currently mounting a photo and poetry exhibit by students from the neighborhood, entitled “Our Dorchester.”

Today, the UMB community counts more than 18,000 people — students, staff, and faculty — arriving from throughout Greater Boston. Because it is accessible, public, and mostly commuting, UMB also draws thousands of its participants from Dorchester and other nearby local neighborhoods. Unlike other area universities, our students are not from somewhere else: they are local: many of us not only work and study here, but live here, too! Thousands of us live here “at home” with our families. Our children, grandchildren, cousins, brothers and sisters, and nieces and nephews attend Dorchester schools and play in local parks. Many are tenants in neighborhood rental properties, including hundreds at Corcoran-Jennison’s Harbor Point and The Peninsula apartment complexes.

University records show a total of 1752 executive, professional, and classified staff, faculty, and students residing in the three Dorchester zip codes of 02125, 02122, and 02124 - encompassing 149 staff, 66 professors, and 1,536 students, with 214 more in South Boston and 412 in Roxbury. All in all, 2,378 live in the neighborhood. Another 1,100 students live in our limited campus dorms. Together, almost 3,500 people who work or study at UMB thus also *reside locally* and will be affected by the colossal new Dorchester Bay City planned by Accordia Partners at the old Bayside Expo site in our own neighborhood — on university property, no less!

We speak out both as Dorchester residents and university-affiliated people. We worry about this mega-project’s neighborhood impacts, and upward pressure on rents, gentrification, and the displacement of current residents we can expect it to bring. Small, high-priced apartments — almost 2,000 planned, less than 1 of 6 only moderately “affordable” — won’t accommodate our multi-generational, mixed-income families. We don’t need another Seaport or Kendall Square in our beautiful, diverse, vibrant neighborhood, and we don’t condone our UMB administration’s washing its hands over the harm this project will cause as currently envisioned. It has leased this land for 99 years to the developers, yes, but still has some responsibility for the kind of new city neighborhood being created on Columbia Point, in our own backyard.

We call for more dialogue with a wider range of community members, a slowing for at least six months of the BPDA’s Article 80 review process now underway in order to allow this to take place, and the creation of a clear Community Benefits Agreement to protect the neighborhood we treasure and have helped lovingly to build over decades.

Tim Sieber is Professor of Anthropology; Maureen Boyle is Economics Department Coordinator; and Bianca I. Ortiz-Wythe is a graduate student in the Public Policy PhD Program. We all work at UMass Boston - as faculty, staff, and student — and, like many others on campus, are also long-term Dorchester residents.

Guinea Pigs make for great family pets

By DR. EDWARD SCHETTINO

If you are considering pet adoption, but a dog or cat doesn’t fit into your home or lifestyle, then a small animal be right up your alley! Last month was National Adopt a Guinea Pig Month, so what better time to learn more about these wonderful, loveable pets.

Over the past year, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), along with other humane organizations, have seen a drastic uptick in the number of guinea pigs looking for new homes. Why do guinea pigs make great family pets? Aside from the cuteness factor, they are social, inquisitive, and communicate through adorable squeaks and squeals. Most active at dawn and dusk, watching guinea pigs at their rambunctious playtimes is guaranteed entertainment for both children and adults alike.

If a guinea pig sounds like a great addition to your family, check out these tips before you adopt:

- Consider twice the love. Most guinea pigs enjoy being with their own kind, so consider adopting a pair! When you’re not home they can entertain and keep one another company.
- There can be diversity in their diet — Hay and pellet food are staples to ensure that guinea pigs receive proper daily nutrition. Mixing in green leafy vegetables as snacks, and fruit as dessert, will keep your pet happy and satisfied.

- Don’t skimp on the Vitamin C — Like humans, guinea pigs do not produce vitamin C, so it’s important for them to take a daily supplement, available at pet food and supply stores.
- Add excitement with enrichment. Adding toys, hidey houses, and other safe objects in your guinea pig’s enclosure will keep them busy in their private space. Out-of-cage time is also necessary every day to allow them to play, explore, and cuddle with you!
- Bond over training. Guinea pigs are both curious and intelligent, which means that there are a number of “tricks” you can train a guinea pig to do, including learning and responding to their name, and litter box training. The possibilities are endless!

And finally, just like any other household pet, your guinea pig will need regular veterinary visits. A healthy guinea pig can live up to ten years or more, and proper veterinary care will ensure that your guinea pig is healthy, happy, and thriving.

No matter the species, if you have questions or concerns, ARL is here to help. You can reach out to ARL’s free Pet Behavior Helpline by calling (617) 226-5666, or email behaviorhelpline@arlboston.org.

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State should allow greater access to midwives, and birthing at home

By Julia Mejia and Tiffany Vassell
Special to The Reporter

Ask just about any Black or Brown mother or birthing person, and they can tell you their own story about trying to navigate the difficult and often unwelcoming birthing process here in Massachusetts. This is true for us, too.

During her own labor, Tiffany felt unsupported and unseen as a Black woman by her health care providers. Scared, she was cajoled into going against her plan for an unmedicated birth. Nineteen hours into labor, she pushed back against the providers who urged for a C-section without a medical necessity.

Six hours later, she triumphantly gave birth after only 20 minutes of pushing. Not only did she birth a beautiful child that day, but a resilient mother and leader was also born.

Tiffany completed an accelerated nursing program shortly after having her daughter and became a labor and delivery nurse at a community hospital. It was there that her love of this sacred task, of laboring, of assisting, nurturing, and educating developed. She has held the hand and leg of birthing people having their first child. She has also hugged, consoled, and cried with families as they said their first hello and final goodbye to their babies born still.

Having given birth at age 40, and having experienced gestational diabetes while pregnant, Julia chose to deliver her baby Annalise in a hospital. While she was there, she experienced firsthand how ill-equipped most healthcare providers are when it comes to understanding the multi-faceted physical and socio-emotional needs of expecting birthing persons.

Even before the pandemic, the United States had the highest maternal mortality among developed countries,

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most acutely affecting Black birthing people due to structural and interpersonal racism. But these tragic deaths are the tip of an iceberg full of severe maternal morbidity, trauma, and mistreatment. Since the pandemic began, racial inequities in maternal health outcomes have gotten worse, despite the fact that most pregnancy-related deaths are preventable.

The pandemic also brought about a significant increase in demand for out-of-hospital birth options. As hospitals filled with Covid patients and hospital infection control policies restricted access to labor support, more birthing people have sought home births. The most recent data available show a sharp increase in home birth rates, rising by 22 percent in the United States overall and 36 percent for Black birthing people. Here in Massachusetts, home births rose by a whopping 47 percent.

The midwifery model of care considers birth as the physiologic process that it is, supporting healthy labor and birth and minimizing medical interventions unless needed. Holistic care, continuity of provider, informed consent, trust-building, longer prenatal appointments, and extensive postpartum support are hallmarks of midwifery, especially in out-of-hospital settings. Modern midwives have equipment and training to identify complications, treat emergencies, and transfer care to a physician or hospital when needed.

Out-of-hospital birth is a safe option for most birthing people, especially when it's part of an integrated maternity care system. In fact, integrating midwifery care improves maternal and infant health outcomes, including

lower C-section rates, fewer premature births, fewer postpartum complications, and higher breastfeeding rates.

Now pregnant with her second child, Tiffany is planning a home birth with a midwife for herself. Unfortunately, many families in Massachusetts are denied access to the option to give birth at home or in a freestanding birth center.

Massachusetts remains one of just 13 states without a pathway to licensure for these midwives, despite the benefits to maternal and newborn health. A pathway to licensure and Medicaid reimbursement for certified professional midwives would remove barriers that currently put this care out of reach for most families. With this care available in our neighboring states

of Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, why are we still denied?

Thankfully, we can take a critical step forward with the passage of the Out-of-Hospital Birth Access and Safety Act currently pending before the Legislature. This bill to license certified professional midwives and include them as Medicaid providers passed in the state Senate in 2020 and was refiled in 2021.

We need to ensure safety and equitable access to midwifery care for families who are already choosing out-of-hospital births. We urge the Legislature to pass the Out-of-Hospital Birth Access and Safety Act this year.

Julia Mejia is a Boston City Councilor. Tiffany Vassell is a registered nurse.



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cil (MAPC), highlighting policies like redlining and segregation. “Unless you have intentional policies to make reparations or desegregate the city, you’re not going to be able to really change that historic precedent.”

These ideas and homebuyer assistance programs address the demand side of the housing market — people who want to buy homes and need some help to do that. But, there’s another side to the homeownership gap: supply. A huge part of the problem is there just isn’t enough housing in Boston.

On Magnolia Street in Roxbury, there’s a fenced in plot with overgrown grass.

“This is going to be the site where we’re going to be creating four units of affordable housing,” said René Mardones, of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative. The nonprofit is working to increase housing supply, one empty lot at a time.

Mardones explained that Roxbury residents decide what gets developed here. The plan right now is to sell the homes the organization builds for below market rate.

“You can see, if you walk around the neighborhood, new buildings, new condominiums are coming up,” Mardones said. “But the question is, how many of those units are affordable for people of color, immigrants, African Americans?”

WBUR’s analysis of mortgage loans in Boston found that even in neighborhoods where people of color are the majority, white residents still received a disproportionate share of home loans.

In Roxbury, for example, white people made up just 13 percent of the population, but received 34 percent of home loans. There were similar disparities in Hyde Park, East Boston, and Dorchester.

Mardones is concerned about gentrification and the displacement of people of color from Roxbury. “We want to preserve the essence of this community,” he said.

Many families have already moved out. According to the 2020 census, Roxbury is no longer majority-Black after its Black population dropped by roughly 10 percentage points since 2010.

Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative hopes building more housing that is affordable for people who already live in the community will give them the opportunity to stay, own a home, and build equity.

“Whatever we can do to create more housing is good,” Mardones said.

Above the grassroots level, truly tackling the homeownership gap will require systemic policy changes, according to local housing experts.



René Mardones, DSNP’s director of community organizing, at a site for four new housing units on Magnolia Street. Robin Lubbock/WBUR photo

Barry Bluestone, a professor emeritus at Northeastern University, proposes one such strategy: build more housing for the thousands of students who compete for dwellings each year.

He says that if graduate students can be moved out of three-deckers and duplexes into their own housing, “that would be appropriate for them, that housing — which was built as homeownership housing originally and family housing with multiple bedrooms and multiple baths — would become available once again for working families,” Bluestone said.

Zoning rules are another important factor in the homeownership gap, some experts say. These rules often limit the type of housing that can be built in a community, which then restricts who can afford the homes that are available, according to Karina Oliver-Milchman, chief of housing and neighborhood development at MAPC.

“Through zoning today, we continue to see patterns of exclusion that say this type of person can live here, and this type of person can’t,” Oliver-Milchman said.

She said much of the region is zoned for single-family housing, which is expensive, but changing zoning rules to allow for more multi-family housing would help increase homeownership opportunities.

Boston has a goal to build thousands of units of housing that would be more affordable for residents over the next decade. And the state Legislature has approved spending \$180 million of federal COVID relief money on efforts to help first-time home buyers and spur construction of homes that are affordable, with a focus on communities of color.

Such efforts will help, experts say, but will not

solve the homeownership gap overnight. Some housing policy experts argue action from the federal government is needed to hold financial institutions accountable for disparities in mortgage lending. They propose steps such as strengthening the Community Reinvestment Act to get financial institutions to lend more broadly, particularly in communities of color.

Meanwhile, homebuyers like Dixon are doing their best to navigate Boston’s housing market.

After losing out on several bids last year, Dixon worried she might have to give up her dream of owning a home in the city. “It really disheartened me,” Dixon said. “I really prayed really hard, and said, ‘You know, God, I just, you know my desire is I want to buy a home, I want to buy a home in Boston.’ ”

Her prayers were answered. Her agent told her the financing had fallen through for the buyer of that two-family home in Dorchester she had fallen in love with. The sellers wanted to know if she was still interested.

“I was like, ‘Yeah, of course!’ ” Dixon said.

And so, on a Saturday afternoon, Dixon stood outside her house, beaming.

“I’m just so excited,” Dixon said. “And I’m seeing... birthday parties, little cookouts here. I’m just excited to see how everything is going to come together.

So, Dixon, who has spent her life bouncing between rentals, beat the odds and got a home.

“It’s not just about me,” said Dixon. “It’s about my family and about having something stable. Something that can last for generations to come.”

From baby bonds and tougher banking regulations to city zoning policies and individual homebuyer assistance, the range of ideas out there to help close the racial homeownership gap underscores just how vast and complex the problem is. And yet, many housing advocates and experts remain optimistic that homeownership and lending disparities can be fixed.

“Of course, they can be fixed. You know why? Because they are man-made problems,” said Chrystal Kornegay, who heads up MassHousing, which supports affordable housing development around the state.

“These are problems that we created as a society. And so we can solve them as a society.”

WBUR’s Saurabh Datar contributed reporting to this article.

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Sorrys abound as MBTA gets trolley projects back on track

(Continued from page 1)

ously, are the Presidential Conference Committee (PCC) trolley car refurbishment program, a multi-million-dollar effort that will restore the existing fleet of orange-colored trolley cars for short-term use, and a more involved \$114 million transformation project will rebuild all eight stations, lay new track infrastructure, upgrade signals, shore up bridges, and bring online new Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) to replace the old trolley cars. The new cars are of the type being used on the Green Line now.

Last week’s meeting was scheduled as a means to address the latter work and to get it started again in earnest.

Part of earning that “trust” that the T’s Tanner spoke about is the bringing on of a design team, HNTB, and the completion of the survey of the existing conditions of the line in 2021. Additionally, to keep the community informed, the MBTA team pledged to have public meetings every six months. Hearing that, some residents were still skeptical of the project and wondered what was different this time – aside from the



A recent photograph of one of the PCC trolleys heading down the Mattapan trolley line.

apologies issued at the start of the meeting. “What has changed this time is we have HNTB contracted to do a 100 percent design of the project and I think that shows the T is very committed to moving forward and completing this,” said Tanner. “We have \$114 million in funding already...The

funding is there, and the design contract is there, and we’re committed to moving it forward. “We understand the T has not done the best job engaging with the community and we’re trying our best now to right that wrong with the community,” he added. Elected officials from Dorchester, Mattapan,

and Milton attended the virtual meeting and all seemed upbeat about the work done with the MBTA since the delays were unearthed last year. “We’ve been in continued conversations with the T and I’m grateful we’re finally having this meeting,” said state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley.

Restored trolleys will be added to line one by one every five months, T says

After many delays, the MBTA put the first restored PCC trolley into service on the Mattapan line last month. Then, last week, the agency said last week it would be rolling out more restored vehicles in the coming months.

“Every five months a new car will be entered into the fleet through the refurbishment program,” said T official Angel Donahue.

He said the team on that refurbishment project has requested \$12.2 million within the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that is currently



A photo of the first restored PCC trolley implemented in March, a replica of the LRVs (Type 9) that will be on the Mattapan line in the future and are currently used on the Green Line. Photos courtesy MBTA

being discussed publicly. That would be a \$4 million increase in funding and would allow a group of workers to be dedicated solely to refurbishing

the trolley cars. The results of that request will be known later this spring when the CIP is released. Public comment on the CIP

is being taken through April 25. One contact point: an email to cipengagement@mbta.com.

– SETH DANIEL

“I’m looking forward to bringing the community up to date and being transparent about any delays and making sure you deliver what you promise.” Said state Rep. Russell Holmes: “We want to make sure you deliver this time. The trust will come when you do these small things right and you deliver these trolleys on time.”

Much of the details of the project are still to be determined, T officials said. For one example, rehabbing some of the stations and at-grade crossings along the line is quite complicated and bringing them to a level of ADA accessibility and safety will take time to figure out. Officials said they are currently analyzing each of the eight stations on the line with HNTB to see how they might approach them – while committing to the fact that all eight will be brand new and fully accessible. That approach includes the Ashmont and Mattapan Square terminus stations.

Two particular sore spots with the ridership are the frequent disruption of service, disruptions and stop closures, especially in the snow. At one time long ago, the Mattapan line could operate in heavy snow by employing train plows, but those days are long gone, said T officials, who noted that that problem was one of the main reasons why they lobbied in 2019 during community meetings for the LRVs (in 2019, the MBTA presented the community with several vehicle options, and the LRVs that are now used on the Green Line were chosen as the best replacement for the historic trolley cars).

“The PCC vehicles are from the 1940s and that vehicle has aged, and even with refurbishing them we can only hope to extend their lives another nine or ten years,”

said the MBTA’s Angel Donahue. “When we get a certain amount of snow, we will still have to take them out of service because they don’t run. The implementation of the LRVs is meant to keep that from happening anymore. Until the LRVs come, we will still probably see the PCC vehicles go out of service.”

On that note, several residents suggested that in the interim, the MBTA needed to do a better job of informing residents of service disruptions and needed to do a much better job with the efficiency and frequency of replacement buses.

The switch to the LRVs will be a major change for residents along the historic Mattapan line – the only neighborhood trolley system left in the MBTA system.

Kenya Beaman, a lifelong Mattapan resident, said she has taken the trolley from Mattapan Square to Ashmont all her life.

“Although I love the old style and the way our trolley looks now, I also know this style of trolley car will be phased out due to lack of parts to fix them,” she said. “I get that in the future we have to get new trolleys and as a Mattapan resident, I am okay with that.”

The next step in the project will be to bring the design up to the 15 percent milestone, work estimated to take 15 to 20 months. The MBTA has said they will hold another public meeting in the summer.

An email for the project has been established at trolley@mbta.com, and a phone hotline has been established at 617-222-3030.

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pandemic pause. Property owner Adam Sarbaugh and longtime market proprietor Peter McGee briefed civic members last week on their plan to seek a license to sell beer and wine.

The 959 Dorchester Ave. project includes a renovated market and new proposed restaurant space on the first floor of the building near East Cottage Street. The four upper floors will contain 38 residential units.

Initial plans did not include a beer and wine permit, Sarbaugh said, but in discussing the expectations for a modern market it became clear to him and McGee that customers want the option to get their meal essentials in one trip.

He compared the vision – a wine case and craft beer fridge alongside fresh produce and the butcher's counter – to the DeLuca's market on Newbury Street.



A rendering shows what a completed Dorchester Market project might look like at the corner of Dorchester Avenue and East Cottage Street.

McGee said the new space is “gonna have it all,” mostly food with some home essentials and “minimal” amounts of alcohol. They do not intend to operate as a package store, but the ability to sell a bottle of wine with other groceries is “a huge part of a market these days,” he said.

Sarbaugh said at the Tuesday night civic meeting that the final concrete pour would be the next day and that construction will continue from there. The application for the alcohol license has been submitted, he said.

So Sabe Catering is applying for a retail license for its 996 Dorchester Ave. shop, so passersby tempted by their Cape Verdean and Portuguese-inspired treats can stop in and buy some food to go.

Owner Julia Evora sought and received support from the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association's planning committee this month for their grab-and-go expansion plans. Their current permit is for catering and retail, Evora said, and this extension would help the small

business to “sustain and stay active. It's a small space, so we would have accommodation for warmers and a bakery display,” she said, but “no room for tables and chairs.”

The to-go offerings would include their current assortment of sweet and savory bites, along with coffee and tea and perhaps some small sandwiches – “very light stuff,” Evora said.

She expects the shop to be open serving breakfast roughly 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends.

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Students, Police, DA Hayden, and others gather at center court following the game.

Police revisit outreach to youth: Hoops and dance at TechBoston



TechBoston’s Kervenslee Blanc slams the ball home to put his just two points behind with 16 seconds left.

(Continued from page 1) Boston Dance Team and the Boston Police Dance Team. At center court – after a choreographed routine by the TechBoston team – Boston Police officers did “battle” by dance. It was a revelation to most of the young people to see police officers dressed in full uniform matching them move for move – understanding that many of the officers weren’t that much older than them, nor that much different, either. That was fabulous precursor for the TechBoston vs. Boston Police basketball game featuring middle school, junior varsity, and some varsity TechBoston players. Baston said she had put out the call for officers to play against the kids, expecting only a few to come from the local districts, but officers from all over the city were

interested – including several who had played in a police vs. youth summer league in the South End prior to the pandemic. The game was no joke, but rather a real nail-biter. The TechBoston team came out with some quick baskets inside and then from three-point range, but the police soon got their footing and surged ahead of the young people. That was a surprise for some of the TechBoston players – who said they expected a bunch of old guys who couldn’t move fast or play that well. “I was surprised they were this good,” said Kervenslee Blanc, a 6-6 junior on the celebrated TechBoston varsity team. “They were making shots and getting all of the rebounds.” Added Yves Conde,



TechBoston player Jarell Ellerbe drives the lane.



Members of the TechBoston Dance Team engage in a “dance battle” with the Boston Police Dance Team prior to the game last Wednesday.

a junior varsity player, “They really had a good team, and I didn’t expect that.” Athalthtime, DA Hayden – who had been excitedly watching during the first half – spoke to the team and to the students in attendance. Having

responded to the school following the shooting last month, he said he wanted the kids to stay positive and to know adults had not forgotten about them. “There are some truths in this life that are just what they are,” he said.



Officer Danny Griffin makes a move at the top of the key.

“It’s like gravity. When you jump, it’s going to pull you down whether you like it or not...Only good can overcome evil. That’s the truth whether you like it or not. I want you to stay positive, and I’ll be back to see you again.” After halftime, the police team, led by Manny Canuto, Danny Griffin and Ciaran Murphy, began to take control of the game and built up a double-digit lead. However, TechBoston teams are known for defense first and foremost, and with about eight minutes left, the kids stormed back after several defensive stops. With just 16 seconds left on the clock, Blanc got behind the defense and fielded a perfect pass that left him all alone for a two-hand slam. That brought the home team to within two points, 66-64. An ensuing foul and

two free to put the game away for the visitors, 68-64. It was all smiles in the post-game handshake, and any strain between the young people and the police had evaporated – at least on that afternoon. “It’s a positive event first, but it shows we’re also ready to rebuild relationships that were on pause during Covid, and so what better way to do it than with basketball like we used to,” said Baston. “We need these relationships built here today so when things do happen, we have the relationships that are already there...If we don’t know each other, we don’t trust each other when it matters most.” Added TechBoston player Jarell Ellerbe, “I want a rematch. I think we can beat them.”



Officer Manny Canuto at the free throw line during the first half.



DA Kevin Hayden spoke at halftime to the students and the players about staying positive.



Police Supt. Nora Baston, Vahsaun Givans and Claude Pritchard, of the Three Point Foundation, and Deputy James Chin. Seth Daniel photos



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Team BGCD Crosses the Finish Line at 2022 Boston Marathon: See details below.

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BGCD Early Ed Holds "Spring Fling" for Easter Celebration: On April 15th, BGCD's Family Engagement and Early Education & Care programs teamed up to host a "Spring Fling" Day to celebrate the Easter holiday at all 3 our Marr, McLaughlin and Denney Center Clubhouses. Members and families enjoyed a light breakfast and mingling while preparing for the upcoming festivities. During the event, members created arts & crafts, took part in an egg hunt, and many more fun activities. At the end of the day, members were in for a huge surprise when the Easter bunny came to BGCD and visited them all! Thank you to our Family Engagement team and our Early Education teachers for putting on such a fun event for our members. To learn more about BGCD's Early Education & Care Program, please contact Mary Kinsella-Scannell at mkinsella@bgcdorchester.org.



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RECENT OBITUARIES



BARRY, Margaret “Peggy” (Lally), 73, of Norton, formerly of Easton and Dorchester. Wife of Brian G. Barry. Daughter to the late James F. and Margaret (McClain) Lally. In addition to her husband, Peggy is survived by two daughters, Kaitlyn Barry Brown and her husband Brian of Bridgewater, and Lauren Robinson and her husband Adam of West Bridgewater; two brothers, Thomas Lally of Canton and James Lally of Hanover, NH; two grandchildren; and sev-

eral nieces and nephews. She was also the mother of the late Christopher Cushing; and sister of the late Diane Lally Colarusso.



BROPHY, Mary J. (Sampson) of Milton, formerly of Dorchester, passed away peacefully. Wife of the late Patrick J. Brophy. Mother of Elizabeth Little and her husband John, Carol Long, and Kathy Brophy. Grandmother of 2; great-grandmother of 2. Sister of Paul, and the late Nicholas, Joseph,

Stanley, Eleanor, and Francis. Special friend of Jackie Pomeroy and Peter Stevens. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, both here and in Newfoundland, Canada. Please consider making a donation in memory of Mary to Old Colony Hospice in Bridgewater, MA.



LENNON, Francis J. “Frank” of Dorchester,. Son of the late Thomas F. and Mary E. (Cunniff). Brother of Edward C. Lennon and his wife Lorraine Lennon, and the late Alfred J. “Al” Lennon, and Mary Louise Welch. Uncle of 8. Also survived by many grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces, and great-grandnephews. US Army veteran. Please consider making a donation to either Boston Children’s Hospital or to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Frank.



MCCALL, Claudette, 53, of Dorchester. Mother of Chamaree and

Cheyenne McCall both of Dorchester. Daughter of Ruby McCall. Sister of Eric McCall, John Christopher Nembhard and Tazai Nembhard.



McDONNELL, Anthony T., 62, of Quincy formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late James and Mary McDonnell. Husband of Arlene J. McDonnell (Simpson). Brother of Maureen McDonnell of Hull and James McDonnell of Breezewood, PA. Stepfather of Lea Saari of FL, Raeann Saari of Milton, and Julie Saari of Bridgewater. Donations may be made in his memory to St. Jude Children’s Hospital at stjude.org or to the Boston Shriner’s Children’s Hospital at shrinerschildrens.org.



PENDARVIS, Douglas N., 74, of Dorchester, Known as “The Godfather of Boxing.” He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Pendarvis, wife, Charlotte Pendarvis and daughter, Germaine Stokes (Michael). Father of Dwaila Nozil, Sakeena Piersaint (Adler), Sadika Pendarvis, Antone

Paiva Pendarvis (Rosie) and Douglas Pendarvis Walker. He was the son of Marie Pendarvis. Brother of Haroon Rashid, Cynthia Pendarvis, Virgil Pendarvis, Kenard Pendarvis and Joe Pendarvis. He is also survived by thirteen (13) grandchildren, eight (8) great grandchildren, and an extended family and a host of friends.



RYNER, Josephine of Mattapan, formerly of Roxbury. Daughter of the late Olivia and George Ryner. Sister of Beatrice Ryner of Boston. Aunt of Drew Ryner of Dallas, TX and Veronica Stewart of N. Brunswick, NJ. She is survived by extended family, a loving church family, and a host of friends.



SENGHOR, Khal-fani Orgi, 60, formerly known as Ronald L. Poindexter, originally from Chelsea, to Ronald L. and Marsha (Smith) Poindexter. He would become a lifelong resident of Roxbury. US Army veteran. Husband of Amani (Nande Harris); father of sons Kamau, Ajamu (Shante), and Sekani; 2 granddaughters; sister Nadine Poindexter-Riggs; and niece Montanna; and a host of relatives and friends.



SHEEHAN, Robert Louis of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Jelka (Pogacnik) Sheehan. Son of the late Francis X. and Mary K. (McK-

eon) Sheehan. Brother of the late Carroll P. Sheehan, Francis X., Jr., Marion, Richard F., Philomene K. McHugh, and Thomas A. Sheehan. Survived by several nieces and nephews. WWII Veteran. Please consider making a donation in memory of Robert to The Philomene McCue Music Fund at Boston College, or to the Francis X. Sheehan, Jr. Scholarship Fund at Norwood High School.



QUEENEY, Richard “Dickie” of Abington, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Kathleen (Hurley) Queeney of Abington. Son of the late Arthur J. (ret. B.P.D.) and his wife Helen (Murphy) Queeney. Brother of Jerry T. Queeney (ret. Q.P.D.) of Dorchester, Patricia A. Queeney-Donovan of Quincy, and Robert J. “Bo” Queeney (ret. N.C.S.O.) of Dorchester. Step-father of Amy, Joseph, and Beth. Dickie will be dearly missed by many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.



VEGNANI, Arlene “Lee” J. (McCarthy) of Dorchester. Mother of Maria Hughes and her husband Doug of Dorchester, Mark Vegnani and his wife Maureen of Norton, Steven Vegnani of Dorchester, Gregg Vegnani of Dorchester, and Susan Vegnani of Dorchester. Nana of 5; and great-nana of 1. Sister of Daniel McCarthy, Patricia Travers, and the late Robert McCarthy. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and longtime friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Lee to CareDimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923.



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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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vs.
HERNAN JEREZ**
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Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed against you in the above action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: ABSOLUTE DIVORCE.
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This 7th day of April, 2022
LEE. E. BRITT
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 33
Jacksonville, NC 28541
Telephone: (910) 968-0031
Published: April 7, 2022

TRUST CITATION
Docket No. SU22P0196PO
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**
27 WHITRIDGE STREET TRUST
IN THE MATTER OF:
To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: Joanne Schare of Milton, MA requesting To Appoint A Successor Trustee. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 05/16/2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 11, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: April 21, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P2660EA
**ESTATE OF:
JOHN ROMULUS**
DATE OF DEATH: 12/20/2020
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jessica Romulus of Quincy, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Jessica Romulus of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/23/2022.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU22P0333EA
**ESTATE OF:
GERALD ALSTON, SR.**
DATE OF DEATH: 11/04/2021
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Marshall Alston of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 13, 2022
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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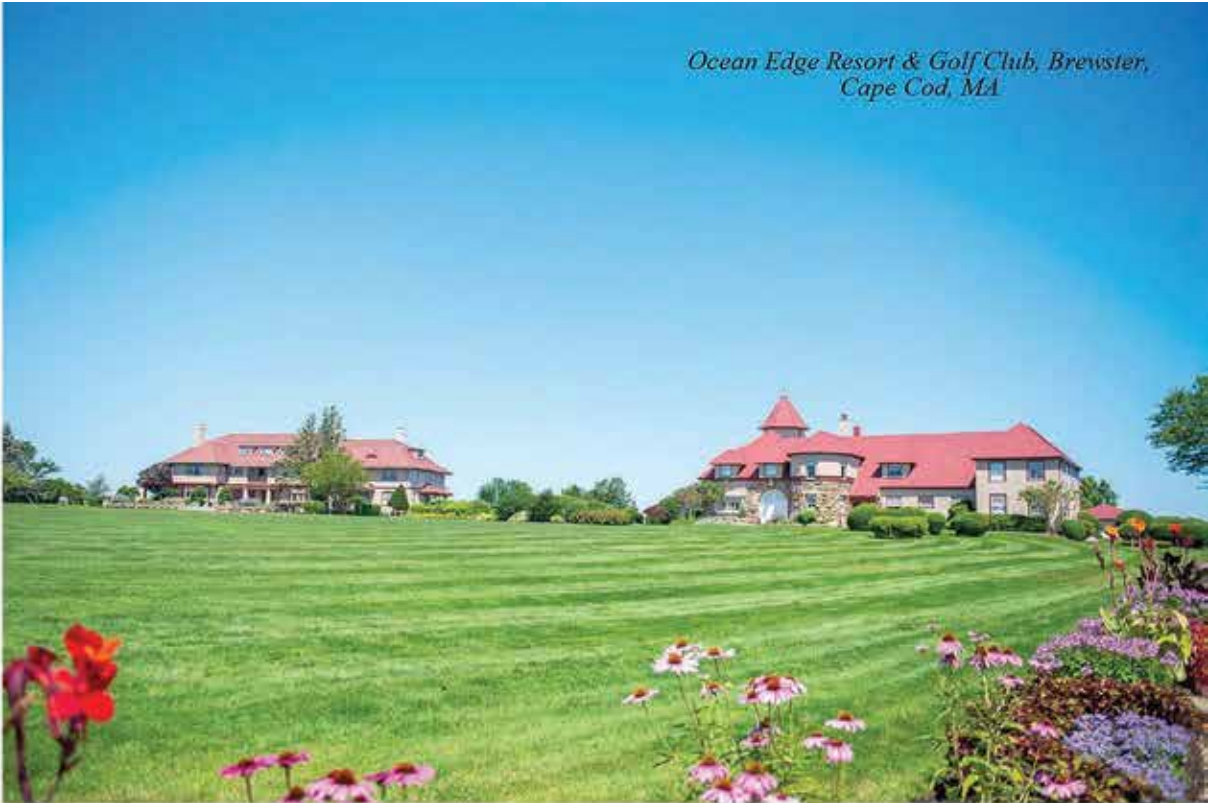
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