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Promoting 'hope' after 'trauma'

Isaura Mendes marks 20 years of pushing for peace in Dot

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
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For Isaura Mendes, this Saturday will mark two decades of providing programming and support to victims and survivors of street violence in Dorchester. She established her non-profit organization, The Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy, after her son Bobby was murdered in 1995. Her resolve to continue her work was bolstered in 2006 when another son, Matthew, was killed in a drive-by shooting in Uphams Corner.

Mendes will mark the 20th anniversary of the Peace Legacy on Saturday evening at First Parish Dorchester on Meeting House Hill at an awards dinner that will feature the presentation



"I'm looking forward to walking again this year with my bullhorn, screaming for peace and forgiveness," says Isaura Mendes. Chris Lovett photo from 2018

of \$1,000 scholarships in the form of "Matthew Courage" awards to seven students, most of them from Dorchester's Boston International School.

Mendes explained

that the scholarship recipients were chosen by teachers through an essay contest that prompted the students to write about courage.

Through the Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy,

Mendes has organized annual events like "Christmas with Bobby," a holiday gift-giving celebration for neighborhood families, Back to School Barbecues, which

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Interview time for BPS finalists

'Realistic' Florida educator is first up

From the Midwest: Wary of high-stakes testing

STORIES BY MAX LARKIN, WBUR REPORTER

Boston school leaders and community members will be interviewing three finalists—Marie Izquierdo, Brenda Cassellius, and Oscar Santos—for the position of Boston Public Schools superintendent this week.

On Monday, Izquierdo—the chief academic officer of Miami-Dade County Public Schools—became the first of the three to submit to full-day public interviews for the job.

The daughter of immigrants and a first-generation college graduate, Izquierdo put herself forward as a fierce and experienced advocate for students, especially those who have historically been marginalized. But she also evoked skepticism from advocates who felt she described her view of public education as "corporate."

Here are four top-line takeaways on Marie Izquierdo.

- Izquierdo says she's "realistic"—and not shy. For a candidate, she was notably candid. (She said

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Tuesday was Day 2 of the final phase of the search for the new superintendent of Boston Public Schools, and the floor belonged to Dr. Brenda Cassellius, a 51-year-old career educator and administrator. She was Minnesota's commissioner of education until last January, when Mark Dayton, the governor who appointed her, stepped down. She said she decided to pursue this position because she has been looking for "a district that's ready to move the agenda for vulnerable kids"—and Boston could be that district.

But she's also a finalist for the top education job in Michigan, and she interviewed for that post on Monday.

While Cassellius's resume shows that she has held numerous educational positions, she has not been superintendent of a large urban district—despite being a finalist in the search for the Minneapolis superintendency in 2016. Following are four takes from her day to answer questions:

- She said she's tough (and can handle the politics).

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Marie Izquierdo



Brenda Cassellius

Roads, firehouses, parks, libraries in line for \$2.78b bite out of city budget

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Mayor Martin Walsh has dedicated \$2.78 billion to more than 300 projects in the city of Boston's proposed Fiscal Year 2020 capital budget, which was officially rolled out Tuesday afternoon. A raft of new projects involve updating or creating branch libraries throughout the city, revamping and improving parks, and investing in transit corridors.

These investments, which target specific projects throughout the city, are separate from the \$3.48 billion operating budget, which addresses annual expenses. The City Council has already begun hearings on the proposed budgets.

Citywide, the capital plan slots \$30 million for the Boston Housing Authority. Climate preparedness also took a front seat: Two Climate Ready Boston phases have studies underway,

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Wu in push for resident parking fees

By JENNIFER SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Residential parking can be a puzzle for drivers and a nightmare for would-be-visitors to Boston neighborhoods. Unlike neighboring municipalities like Somerville and Cambridge, the city charges no fees for resident parking permits, does not have visitor parking permits, and does not cap the number of parking permits per household.

City Councillor Michelle Wu hopes to change that with a graduated resident parking fee that would start at \$25 and increase by \$25 for each subsequent car. So, a household's first permit would be \$25, second \$50, third \$75, and so on.

"What's clear is our resident parking system

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Aerial view of Fallon pier on Columbia Point.

Roadmap to ferry

A new report by the non-profit group Boston Harbor Now points the way towards a first-ever ferry service connecting Boston's "inner harbor" with Quincy and Dorchester. **Page 10.**



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DOT BY THE DAY

April 25 - May 9, 2019

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

Thursday (25th) – The annual meeting of the proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery will be held on Thurs., April 25 at 3 p.m. in the office of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams St. The purpose of the Meeting is to elect Trustees and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. The Reports of the Treasurer and the Auditor will also be presented. The Annual Report of the Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 will be available at the Cemetery office.

Saturday (27th) – Neponset River Spring Cleanup is co-sponsored by DCR and NepRWA, 9 a.m.- noon at various sites, including Tenean Beach. Contact Andres Ripley at ripley@neponset.org or 781-575-0354 x306 if you know of a site that could use some help. More on the DCR website, mass.gov/service-details/volunteers-in-the-parks.

• The Urban Farming Institute of Boston invites you to learn about “Growing Food Without a Garden” on Sat., April 27 from 1-4 p.m. at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan. Bring a creative container. The institute will provide the know-how and seeds to get you started. Donation \$20. RSVP to 617-989-9920 or ldpalm4@gmail.com. More online at urbanfarminginstitute.org.

• Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy dinner and scholarship presentation is Sat., April 27 from 6:30-11 p.m. at First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St., Dorchester. Dinner catered by Restaurante Cesaria. Music and dancing. Tickets \$50. For more info, call Isaura at 617-372-1588. Or see bmpl.org.

Thursday (2nd) – Codman Square Health Center hosts a workshop on Teen Substance Use risks, trends and resources in the community from 6-8 p.m. at the Black Box Theatre at 14 Epping St., Dorchester. Food and refreshments from Juice and Jazz Cafe. Register at teen.substances.eventbrite.com.

Tuesday (7th) – Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department host the 20th Annual Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Martin Playground, 95 Myrtlebank Ave., Dorchester.

Thursday (9th) – Dot Jazz Series’ final show of the 2018-2019 season features a quartet led by longtime musical partners alto saxophonist Kurtis Rivers and guitarist Alain Pacowski. They will be joined by bassist Paul Dilley and drummer Miki Matsuki, the wonderful rhythm section from their years-long residency at Dorchester’s Ramsay/Toy VFW Post. Venue is Peabody Hall at All Saints Church. Doors open at 7 p.m., music starts at 7:30. The \$15 ticket, at the door or at dotjazz.org.

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A rendering supplied by the development team shows how the existing Manse House — once part of the First Parish Church campus atop Meeting House Hill— might look if a proposed 60-unit condo complex is built. Image courtesy J Peter Vanko/Vanko Studio

Meeting House Hill Civic members are told of development plan for First Parish manse property

By YUKUN ZHANG
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The owners and developers of the former First Parish Dorchester manse on 29 High Street unveiled their proposal to turn the property into a 60-unit condo at last Wednesday’s meeting of the Meeting House Hill Civic Association (MHCA).

If approved after the usual civic process, the restored 19th-century manse will serve as a community space linked to the residential building by a vestibule. The new building will be designed for 32 studios (464 square feet), 16 larger studios (601-638 square feet), eight one-

bedroom units (725-760 square feet), and four two-bedroom units (959 and 994 square feet), said Peter Vanko, the project’s architect.

George Morancy, the attorney for the developers, said eight units will be affordable ones. Plans call for about 30 underground parking spaces; Vanko said his team believes that many of the potential buyers will not own cars. But there will be three to four electric cars, owned by the condo association, for residents to use, and solar panels could be installed on the roof, he added.

In response, Jennifer Johnson, vice president of the MHCA, said that

although the size of the project might work for a thoroughfare such as Dorchester Avenue, it is too big for a residential street. Approving this project, she said, will set “a bad precedent not only for this neighborhood, but also for Dorchester and probably the entire city of Boston.”

Geoff Doerre, a board member of MHCA, also questioned the density of the project and brought up the expansion of the planning for the nearby Dot Block development.

Fernando Dalfior of Dalfior Development Inc., the owner and developer of the property, said the development team sought feedback from

realtors, and found that there aren’t many single-unit condos for purchase in Dorchester. “Now that condos are so expensive, we are trying to make the units smaller so that first-time homebuyers and empty nesters are able to own a condo,” said Brad Cangiamila of Boston Common Holdings, another owner and developer.

Vanko noted that he has worked on projects turning single-family units into multi-family condos, but the scale of this project is “unheard of.”

More meetings will be scheduled, Morancy told the attendees.

Friday ceremony to mark Peabody Sq.’s latest rehab

City officials and community leaders will gather in Peabody Square on Friday at 11 a.m. for a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the official completion of the renovation and revitalization of the square’s east and west plazas.

Greater Ashmont Main Streets (GAMS) initiated the project to revitalize the public spaces last year. The group led a crowd-funding campaign and secured matching donations from MassDevelopment and other institutional donors to raise a total of \$96,430.

That money was used to improve green spaces in the square and add picnic tables, benches, and other features to make the square safer and more accessible for cyclists and pedestrians.

According to Jenn Cartee of Greater Ashmont Main Streets, those efforts, which included



Ongoing work in Peabody Square last November. GAMS photo

installing new stonework and planting a sycamore tree, were about “reclaiming an area that was part of a congested intersection into a space for community interaction.”

With its new look and pedestrian-friendly layout, the protected green space at Peabody Square

is equipped to serve as a site for public art and performances, realizing its potential as a “people’s plaza.”

Friday’s ceremony will be held in front of Ashmont Grill, across the street from the Ashmont MBTA station.

– DANIEL SHEEHAN

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 12

MAHA’s Taste of Dorchester event on April 25 – MAHA will host its 11th annual Taste of Dorchester — showcasing the neighborhood’s finest restaurants all under one roof— on Thurs., April 25 from 6-8p.m. at Local 103 IBEW, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Tickets: \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Go to tasteofdorchester.org or call 617-822-9100.

Meeting on new Blue Hill Ave. building set for May 15 – A proposal to build a new, six-story mixed-used building at 1297-1305 Blue Hill Ave. in Mattapan will be discussed at a public meeting on Wed., May 15 at 6 p.m. at the Mattapan BPL branch, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. The BPDA-sponsored meeting will feature a presentation by the development team led by Diarmaid McGregor, who hopes to get support for the building, which would house 44 units and three ground-level retail spaces. More info: contact Aisling Kerr at 617-918-4212 or aisling.kerr@boston.gov.

BPDA Glover’s Corner workshop on May 1 – The BPDA invites the public is to attend a PLAN: Glover’s Corner workshop on Wed., May 1 to review and give feedback on draft plan document recommendations. The meeting will be held at DotHouse Health, 1353 Dorchester Ave. from 6-7:30 p.m. This work is a synthesis of the planning recommendations

created through over fifty public engagements over the course of a two-year planning process. While all content has previously been presented in public workshops, your feedback is requested to ensure that staff have correctly translated the findings of earlier workshops for the draft plan document. If you’re unable to attend, please visit: <http://bit.ly/PlanGlovers>, email ted.schwartzberg@boston.gov, or call 617-918-4230 to stay involved.

May 2 meeting on Westville Street proposal – A proposed 4 story residential building at 141 Westville St. will be discussed at a public meeting sponsored by the BPDA on Thurs., May 2 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Vietnamese American Community Center, 42 Charles St. The proposed building consists of 14 Compact Living studio apartments with a floor area between 260 and 280-square-feet. For more information, see bostonplans.org or contact Tim Czerwienski at 617-918-5303.

Earth Day Celebration in Codman Square – A group of organizations is sponsoring a block party in the Codman Square Park on Sat., April 27 with free food and music, a park clean-up and children’s parade, and Nightingale Community Garden Tour. The event begins with a clean-up from 9 -11 a.m. with

activities beginning at 10 a.m. Co-sponsors include Allinenergy, Dorchester Food Co-op, Greenovate Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Square Health Center, Resonant Energy, Boston Affordable Energy Coalition, Love Your Block Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC) Dorchester Art Project BRAIN Arts Organization. This event is funded in part by the Pat Cooke Fund, Resonant Energy and Codman Square Health Center. If your organization is interested in tabling or supporting this event please contact cody@resonant.energy at 413-992-7743.

BPDA hosts public meeting on IDP update – The city of Boston’s policy that requires market-rate housing developments with tewn or more units to assist in the creation of affordable units will be discussed at a public meeting on Tues., May 7 at 6 p.m. at the Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., in Mattapan. For more information, contact Tim Davis at 617-918—4302 or tim.davis@boston.gov.

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Still unannounced, Biden, in Dot, promotes labor’s cause

By MATT MURPHY
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NEWS SERVICE

Hundreds of striking Stop & Shop workers and friends in the labor community received a pep talk last Thursday (April 18) from former Vice President Joe Biden, who visited Dorchester to lend his support to the workers fighting proposed reductions in health care and retirement benefits.

Biden, a Delaware Democrat and likely presidential candidate, headlined a spirited rally outside the South Bay Center Stop & Shop where striking workers marched in a picket line outside the grocery store. Hundreds of supporters, including many from other unions, gathered to hear from prominent labor and political leaders.

On Sunday, the company and union announced that they had come to a tentative agreement and employees returned to work on Monday at many stores.

Arriving under a light rain more than an hour into the rally, Biden spoke from the back of a Teamsters Local 25 flatbed, telling the pro-union crowd that he’s seen examples across the country of workers not being treated with the respect and dignity they deserve.

“I know you’re used to hearing political speeches and I’m a politician, I get it. But this is way beyond that, guys. This is way beyond that,” Biden said. “This is wrong. This is morally wrong, what’s going

on around this country, and I’ve had enough of it. I’m sick of it. And so are you.”

Biden faulted the parent company of Stop & Shop, Ahold Delhaize, for seeking concessions from workers after netting nearly \$4 billion in profits over two years and getting what he said was a \$250 million tax cut “through that scam that the president put through.”

He also questioned the move by the company to buy back billions worth of stock to increase the value of remaining shares to the benefit of shareholders and top executives.

“Let me get something straight with you all. Wall Street bankers and CEOs did not build America. You built America,” Biden said. “Middle-class people built America.”

“And you know who built the middle class? Unions,” Biden said.

The rally at the tail end of school-vacation week also drew a crowd of state lawmakers, including Sens. Nick Collins, Marc Pacheco and Walter Timilty, and Reps. Claire Cronin, John Rogers, Stephan Hay, David Robertson, Patrick Kearney, Elizabeth Malia, David Biele, Michelle DuBois and Tommy Vitolo.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh introduced Biden at the rally that also included speeches from labor leaders like AFL-CIO of Massachusetts President Steve Tolman and officeholders like State Treasurer Deb Goldberg.



Former Vice President Joe Biden speaks at a rally outside the South Bay Stop & Shop in Dorchester last Thursday.
Sam Doran/SHNS photo

Lynch: If Biden’s in, I’m with him

By COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE
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On the same day that one of his Massachusetts colleagues threw his hat into the 2020 presidential campaign ring, US Rep. Stephen Lynch tossed his support behind Joe Biden, who has yet to make his candidacy official.

Lynch is the first member of the state’s congressional delegation to endorse a presidential candidate other than Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

On Boston Herald Radio, the South Boston Democrat said he will be with Biden if or when the former vice president officially announces

he is running. “If Joe Biden is in, I’m with Joe Biden. We have a personal relationship, he’s a friend. But also, for us, I believe he has the best chance of defeating Donald Trump.”

“We need a candidate who can win in Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, and as I look at the field, other than [Ohio Congressman] Tim Ryan who has a base there in Ohio, I’m not sure. Maybe [Minnesota’s US Sen. Amy] Klobuchar, she’s a possibility, but I think Joe has the best chance of winning against Trump. That’s the bottom line for me.”

Other members of the delegation – US Sen. Ed

Markey and US Reps. Lori Trahan, Joseph Kennedy III, and James McGovern – have thrown their support behind Warren’s candidacy.

“I love Liz and I love Seth Moulton; they’re friends of mine, they’re colleagues,” Lynch said. “But look what’s at stake here. I think I would be doing a disservice if I did not choose the person that I thought had the best chance of winning the election.”

Lynch said he will support the Democratic nominee regardless of who it ends up being, and predicted “a long, rough road” for any Democrat running against Trump.

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Roads, firehouses, parks, libraries in line for \$2.78b bite out of city budget

(Continued from page 1) with a third phase budgeted for \$1 million to assess climate resilience in neighborhoods and municipal facilities.

A related new project is the implementation of a \$2 million master plan for Moakley Park, which straddles the Dorchester and South Boston waterfront where rising waters and heavy storms could inflict inland flooding without additional resilience measures.

Fire stations from Roxbury to Back Bay to Dorchester are budgeted for new facilities and upgrades. A single fire station, Engine 17 is still ballparked at \$24.7 million for a new facility on or near the existing site atop Meeting House Hill. (See related story on this page.)

Some of the larger local investments involve library projects, which are slated for about \$130 million in the newly released budget. Seventeen branches of the Boston Public Library are in line for startups, upgrades, or overhauls.

In considering the proposed budget, City Councillor Frank Baker recalled a push starting under the late mayor Thomas Menino to get the ball rolling on a new Adams Corner library, which finally made it onto the capital budget about four years ago under Walsh. Now in the final design phase, the library is authorized for

\$18.3 million.

Also on the horizon is a new library in Uphams Corner, Baker notes, which is in the Request For Proposals phase. Some \$18 million is authorized, and “that’s a pretty good chunk of change for us to work on there,” he said.

Several new library projects are included in this year’s capital plan. Codman Square and the West End branch would each receive \$100,000 for a facility assessment and building program, with the ultimate goal to design and construct new branch libraries. Chinatown is budgeted for \$1 million to “design and construct the fit-out for a new branch library.”

More broadly, the budget proposes \$200,000 for a planning study for the storage, preservation, and security of the BPL’s research collections.

Baker also highlighted park investments. Design is underway for a \$3.8 million renovation at McConnell Playground in Savin Hill and a \$5 million renovation at Garvey Playground is under construction.

The capital plan adds several park projects, including Harambee Park’s third phase, which would bring improvements to the football field, sports lighting, a pedestrian pathway network throughout the park, and public safety. It also includes a feasibility study of parking and

bus accommodation.

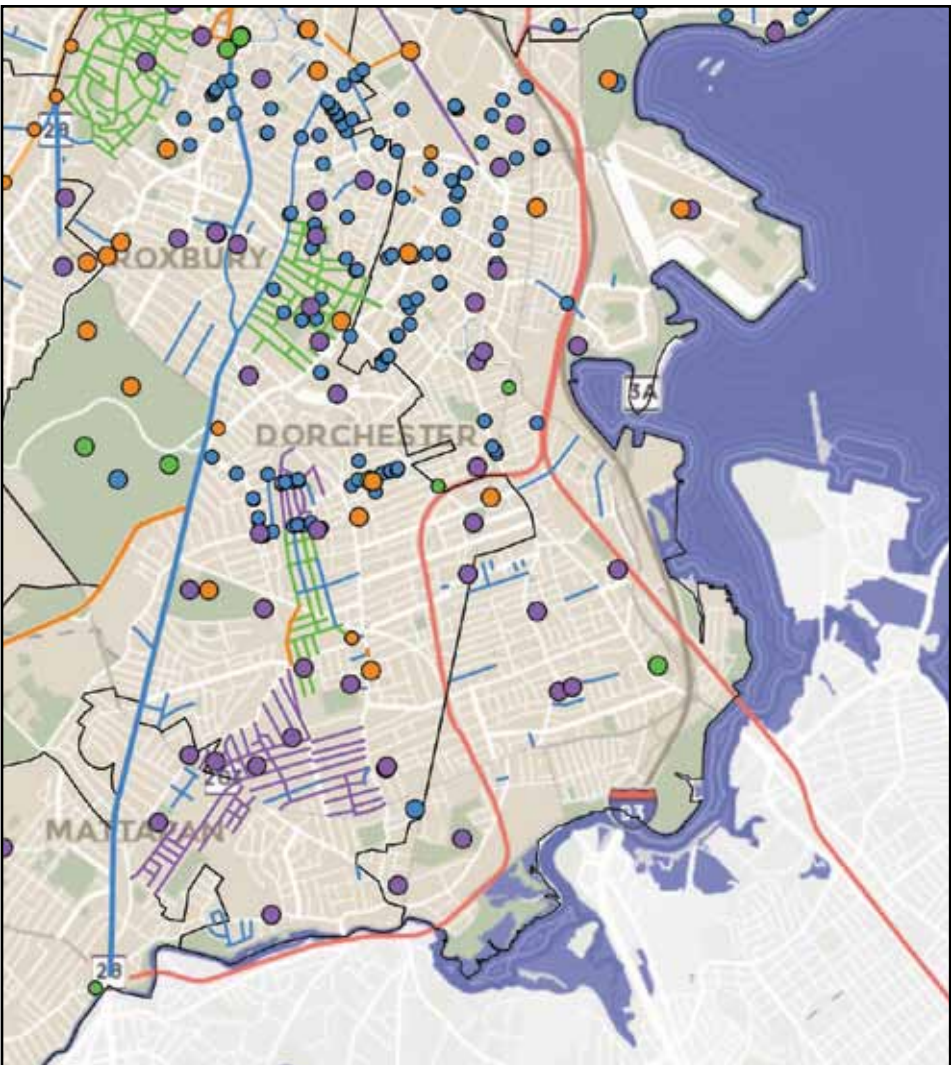
Mother’s Rest at Four Corners would receive \$200,000 and the Ryan Play Area on Dorchester Avenue would receive \$225,000, both for designing “comprehensive park improvements including play area and passive areas,” according to the budget.

The budget also includes \$23 million to kick off a Franklin Park master plan, which “will enhance historic Franklin Park as a keystone park in the geographical heart of the City.”

City Council President Andrea Campbell praised the park and library investments and highlighted the Blue Hill Avenue Corridor plan as a critical project.

“I’m happy to see the city continue to invest in our neighborhood’s largest parks, Harambee Park and Franklin Park, as well as our neighborhood libraries, Codman Square, Fields Corner, and Lower Mills,” she said in a statement. “A new investment that I’m most excited about is the \$300,000 for a Blue Hill Ave Transit Corridor Plan, which is long overdue. This will begin a community outreach and planning process to ensure Blue Hill Ave is safer and more efficient for our commuters, pedestrians, and cyclists.”

Roadway improvements pepper the budget, including \$96 million for



A City of Boston map shows the distribution of proposed capital spending projects across Dorchester, Mattapan and parts of Roxbury.

perennial fixes like road resurfacing and sidewalk improvements. But new investments would add connectors like a bike lane from Columbia Road in Dorchester to Melnea Cass in Roxbury/South End. Only one new project is designated specifically for Mattapan: a \$500,000 redesign of Mattapan Square to create a direct crossing of Blue Hill Avenue between Mattapan Station and River Street/Cummins Highway, including a bus/bike lane from Mattapan Station to Babson Street along

Blue Hill Avenue.

Councillor at-large Annissa Essaibi-George is “paying close attention to mental health and substance abuse,” she said. Repairs are proposed for several Boston shelters and treatment facilities and the operating budget includes additional funds for social service connections. “I’m doing my best to make sure that resources continue,” Essaibi-George said, adding that she is also focused on family support services, particularly for low-income families and single mothers, “to break

the cycle of poverty, which serves the Greater Boston region.”

Education is always a major chunk of the budget, with \$152.7 million in the 2020 proposal earmarked through an annual program as a reserve for future BuildBPS projects, and \$20 million similarly allocated for various repairs. About \$15 million is still slated for repairs at the Russell, East Boston High, O’Donnell, Sumner, and Tobin buildings, and UP Academy Dorchester.

New firehouse on Meeting House Hill still in budget plan

By JENNIFER SMITH
News Editor

Approved last year for \$24.7 million, a new Meeting House Hill fire station is still the Fire Department’s single biggest ticket item in the city’s Capital Plan, and still at the 2018 number.

The Engine 17 station — home to one of the city’s busiest fire companies — has been situated on Parish Street for most of the past century. Fire officials have said for years that the facility, like many in Boston, is in need of an upgrade.

This need is in part due to the station’s angle of entry onto Parish Street, facing the Mather



The Engine 17 fire station atop Meeting House Hill has been in line for replacement for several years. Its expected cost: \$24.7 million.

Elementary school and the historic First Parish church that gives the street its name.

The Fiscal Year 2020 Capital Plan “calls for a complete reconstruction of the existing facility,” according to a city spokesperson, which “will feature innovative design elements that force potentially harmful contaminants away from living and training areas. This is accomplished, in part, by slight air pressure variations produced by the building’s HVAC systems.”

In July 2016, when the station was budgeted for \$13 million, Fire Commissioner Joe Finn said, “We are talking with

First Parish for the land that abuts the firehouse property and getting it appraised.”

The planned appraisal would include a geological study of the site, since there is a large Puddingstone formation on the hilltop. The new firehouse might then be built closer to the intersection with Winter Street — facing out onto Rev. Allen Park — on what is now a vacant lot owned by the church.

The firehouse was budgeted for \$19 million across five years in the Fiscal Year 2017 capital plan and in 2018, the number was raised to \$24.7 million. Fire officials have now declined

for two years to comment on the budget increase, and it is unclear where negotiations stand.

Other fire stations are in line for upgrades or entirely new facilities in the capital plan, including the ongoing reconstruction of Roxbury’s Engine 42 station, budgeted for \$23.6 million.

“This budget keeps people safe by giving our first responders the tools and training they deserve,” Mayor Martin Walsh said in a statement. “I’m proud that we will be making key investments at Engine 17, and ensuring Boston continues to support all neighborhoods with the resources they need.”

Lawmaker pitches pay cut for UMass Boston brass

By KATIE LANNAN
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A Quincy lawmaker is eyeing the salaries of top University of Massachusetts Boston officials as a potential source of savings at the financially strapped campus.

Rep. Tackey Chan, a Democrat who co-chairs the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee, has offered an amendment to next

year’s budget that would add language to the UMass system line item requiring “that annual salaries and benefits shall be reduced by ten percent ... for all provosts, associate provosts, deans, and chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston.”

“We’ve been hearing about UMass Boston having budget issues - there’s many stories written already about the different situations - so as part of exploring how to address the budget

issue, I’m putting the suggestion out there that they perhaps should look at their executive pay as part of their overall discussion associated with controlling the UMass Boston budget,” Chan said. “I’m throwing an idea at them. We’ll see what they say.”

Two other lawmakers, Reps. Mike Connolly of Cambridge and Christine Barber of Somerville, had signed on to Chan’s amendment (1087) by last Friday afternoon. Asked if he’d spoken

to UMass officials about the idea, Chan said he was hoping there would be “ongoing conversations forthcoming.”

UMass Boston representatives did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Separately, Chan has also offered an amendment (1086) that would earmark \$5 million for funding of UMass Boston’s centers and institutes, many of which he said conduct research relating to underrepresented and under-studied demographics.

Councillor Wu in push for residential parking fees

(Continued from page 1) isn't working now for residents," she said in a conversation with the *Reporter*, describing drivers circling blocks for over an hour looking for spaces. A change in permitting could lead to people valuing on-street parking differently, she said, as well as generate revenue for roadway improvements like signage and crosswalks.

Wu has talked about this issue with the Walsh administration for about three years, she estimates, and she filed a hearing order last term to discuss the residential parking pickle.

One of the most-raised topics from those hearings involved visitor permits, Wu said. The ordinance proposes a \$10 visitor parking permit that can be issued for households. Cars with these permits would have to be moved at least every day and expire after 72 hours.

"This is the starting point to the conversation," she said. "There will be lots of hearings and public meetings, because every family situation is different and the parking situation in each neighborhood or sub-neighborhood is different."

As things stand now, residential parking restrictions can be added to a street if 51 percent of residents petition the city and go through a small community process. Anyone with a neighborhood parking sticker can park anywhere else in the neighborhood, even if they live on a non-resident-parking street or on the opposite end of the neighborhood.

Wu said that her office first considered trying out a pilot program in

small areas and rolling it out more broadly later, but thought a general and consistent plan would be a better way to go. What the city needs first and foremost, Wu said, is good data.

There is no central list of resident-only parking streets, or a map of Boston neighborhoods marking them. Some villages produce makeshift hyper-local maps, as the Greater Ashmont Main Streets organization did, but that relies on neighbors informing a central mapper about any changes to the surrounding streets.

The city has been working on its Boston Parking Atlas and Rules Census (BPARC) for a few years now. In 2017, during its early stages, Boston Transportation Department spokesperson Tracey Ganiatsos said the census is meant to "build a comprehensive, accurate, easily updatable database of parking regulations on City of Boston streets. The purpose of the project is to collect data to be used as a decision-making tool in managing existing programs and designing new parking plans."

More than two years later, there is still no publicly available sense of where the resident-only streets are clustered or how heavily their parking spots are used. Wu's ordinance includes a requirement that the city complete the census and provide yearly reports to the council, including the number of permits issued by neighborhood, the number of cars and visitor permits registered per household, and the amount and allocation of fees generated through permits.

Safe streets activists seeking merger of two city agencies

By COLIN A. YOUNG
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With key City Hall posts vacant or soon to be vacant, safe streets activists think now is the perfect time for Boston's city government to consolidate two departments into one and to more fully embrace the "Vision Zero" movement that is seeking to eliminate traffic, pedestrian and bicyclist crashes that result in severe injuries or fatalities.

In its annual progress report, the Massachusetts Vision Zero Coalition said Boston has made good progress to reduce traffic fatalities — to the point that having "zero fatalities by 2030 is achievable" — but has seen a rise in crashes causing injuries and must do more to

protect bicyclists and pedestrians.

The coalition noted that the city's commissioner of public works job is currently vacant and Transportation Commissioner Gina Fiandaca is due to depart for a job in Texas next week. They proposed that Mayor Martin Walsh "combine the Public Works and Transportation Departments into one, integrated agency."

Citing the need for better intragovernmental cooperation between the city's transportation, public works, public health, and police departments, the coalition noted that "there are still clear gaps in the integration of Vision Zero across departments, and this is slowing down the city's ability to act swiftly and efficiently on its Vision Zero goals."

"We do need detailed information and the data on the parking census," Wu said. "Where do the street designations exist currently? How many spots exist on all of those streets? Is there a gap between permits issued and spots by neighborhood?"

"But to a larger point: When we don't put any value on our streets as public spaces, for people to be able to use them in different ways, and only let them be a storage space for cars, it does change how people think

about their cars and how they travel around the city." Cambridge charges \$40 for a residential permit.

City transportation chief Gina Fiandaca — who is leaving Boston next month for a new post in Texas — said at a budget roundtable this month that her agency is not presently looking at any changes to resident parking.

Mayor Martin Walsh, whose proposed operating budget proposes a flat \$2 commercial parking fee that would rise in the

busiest areas, noted that the city is already looking to raise money for transportation through parking fees, like more meters and increased fines for illegal parking.

"We're asking homeowners and residents that pay taxes, that pay mortgages, that pay rents, we're going to charge you now to park on the street in front of the house that you pay for?" he said. "I just think we need to take a little bit of vetting of what we mean there."

The mayor said he

has already heard from people upset about the idea that they have to pay for a parking sticker. "I just get a little concerned about what level do we over-tax, and over-fee, the residents of the city."

To the commercial fee point, Wu said, "They are raising metered parking because it has been working — it better matches the value of spots with the demand for them."

Her ordinance, she said, would attempt to do the same on a residential block.

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Tuesday, May 7 • 6:30 p.m.

Adrian Walker, columnist at *The Boston Globe*, moderates a discussion on how government leaders and other stakeholders are working to address the need for affordable housing in the Commonwealth.

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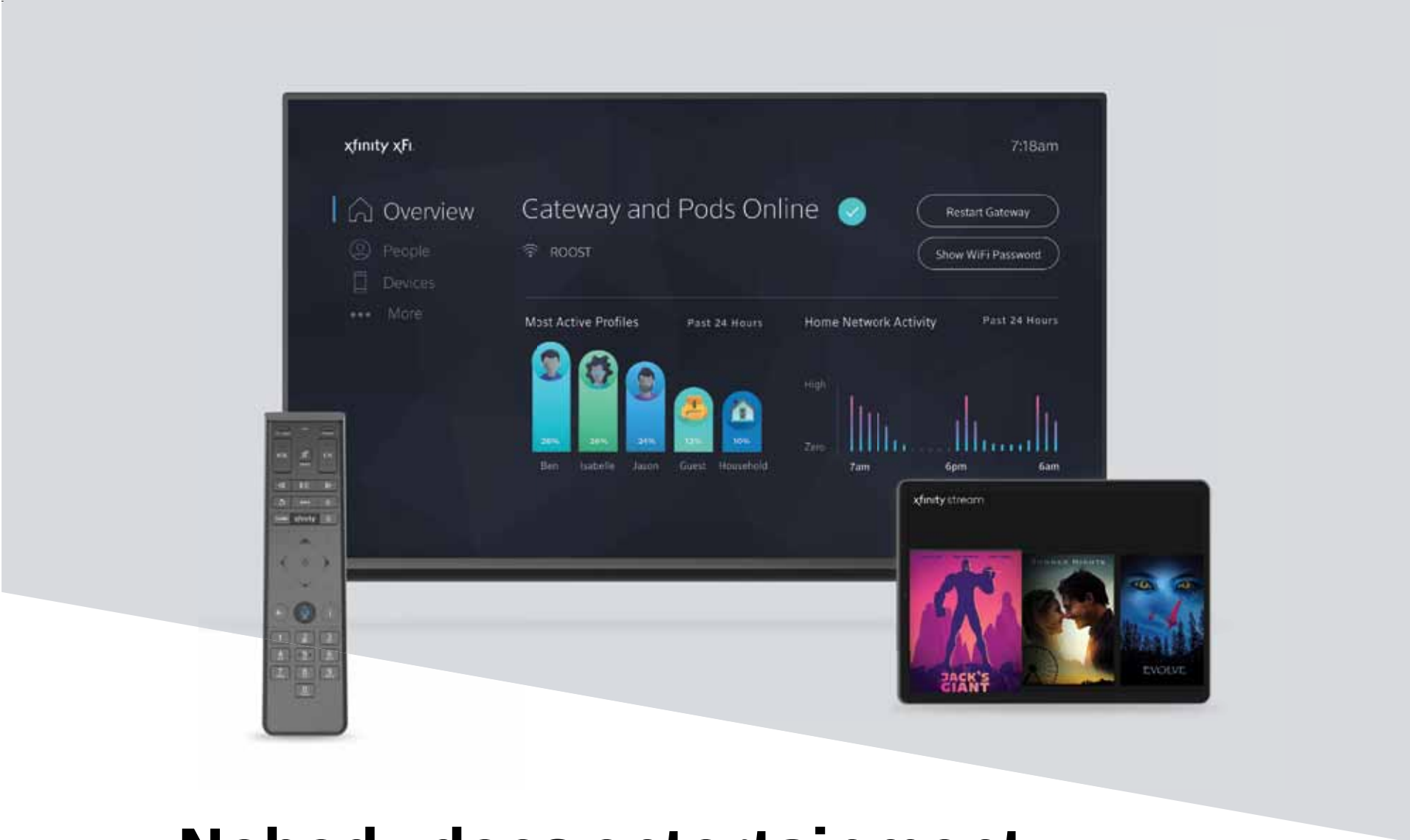
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Markey promotes Green New Deal in Dot visits

By YUKUN ZHANG
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT
About 160 people gathered in a UMass Boston auditorium on Monday to hear US Sen. Ed Markey discuss proposed “Green New Deal” legislation that he has championed along with US Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY).

Markey had stopped by the IBEW Local 103 union hall on Freeport Street earlier in the day to help the union launch a new \$1 million investment into “green technology and green job training.”

The proposal by Markey and Ocasio-Cortez sets a bold vision of transitioning to 100 percent clean, renewable and zero-emission energy and the upgrading of all US buildings and infrastructure for energy efficiency within 10 years.

In his remarks at UMass, the senator directed aim at President Trump, saying that if he “gets a second term, it’s almost like a death sentence for the planet.” He added, “In eight weeks, the Green New Deal has caused the debate on climate change that we have not had in ten years” while noting that all 2020 presidential candidates will be asked about their plans for climate change.

Katherine Newman, interim UMass Boston chancellor, introduced Markey and David Cash, dean of the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies moderated a discussion and a question-and-answer period.



US Senator Ed Markey, right, answered questions posed to him from David Cash, left, the Dean of the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at UMass Boston on Monday afternoon.
Yukun Zhang photo

Markey said he is optimistic about clean energy, as Bureau of Labor statistics show that solar panel installer and wind turbine service technician are the fastest growing jobs in 12 states right now. He said the ridicule and claims that the Green New Deal is too costly came from the Koch brothers, whose fossil fuel business is threatened by dealing with the threat of climate change.

“The pollution of our planet is matched only by the pollution of our political process,” said Markey. “And that is what ultimately is stopping us from implementing all these changes.” He asserted that the goals in the Green New Deal

initiative can be achieved with new technology. Increasing fuel efficiency in cars “is not a mission to the moon,” he said. “This is auto mechanics.”

Responding to a question from Cash, Markey said workers in the fossil fuel industry must be provided with health care benefits and job training to move on to the booming renewable energy industry.

When asked how people can persuade climate change deniers, Markey answered that Pope Francis and science are “on our side.”

UMass Boston students and faculty members who talked to the *Reporter* were positive about what Markey

said. “I think this talk is very important in spreading awareness about what is happening in our environment,” said Keidon London, a freshman from Connecticut. “I think there are a lot of people who are misinformed about what’s going on, and Senator Markey was able to open that bridge and help people understand how the Green New Deal works.”

Alyssa Drake, a senior in political science, said Markey “did an excellent job communicating the challenges that this country is facing and touched on a lot of issues that will come up in the 2020 election.”

Douglas Zook, who teaches

global ecology, said “the positives are clear,” but added that more emphasis could be put on “respect for nature,” such as supporting forests.

Rita Kiki Edozie, a political science professor, said she’s a big supporter of Markey’s proposal, but wished the talk had focused more on the actual implementation of the policies, the concerns of the working class, and the global impact of the Green New Deal.

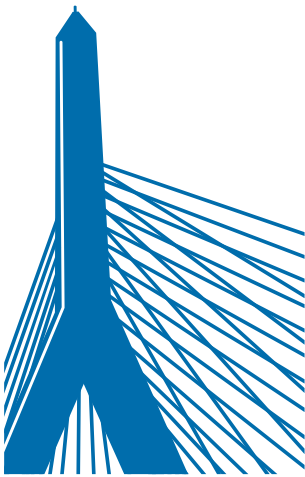
“A great start to a great discussion. We need to have him back or maybe we need to have AOC,” said Edozie, referring to Ocasio-Cortez.

In his visit to the IBEW hall, Markey toured the campus with City Councillor-at-Large Michelle Wu and the union local’s business manager and financial secretary, Lou Antonellis, who called the new, \$1 million dollar investment in its property the next step in the union’s commitment to a sustainable future. Investments include more than \$800,000 in cutting-edge renewable energy technology and more than 250,000 hours of corresponding green job training for the union’s apprentices this year. “In addition to preserving our resources and reducing emissions, job training is a crucial investment we need to make right now,” Antonellis said. “We believe we owe it to our members, and to our communities, to train a workforce that is ready to meet the growing demand for renewable energy.”

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At Grove Hall Library, ‘The Breaks’ gives power to the young via hip-hop

By ARIELLE GRAY
WBUR PRODUCER

On the second floor of Grove Hall Library in Dorchester, kids stand in line, eager for a chance to try their hand at a turntable. DJ Armando the Truth watches, guiding them as they learn how to “scratch” and blend records together.

This lesson on DJing is a part of a pilot program called “The Breaks,” which teaches young people of color about the history of hip-hop and how it has shaped and influenced culture. Every day last week, during school vacation, kids between the ages of 9 and 12 were trying out DJing and breakdancing, while learning about hip-hop culture. There were workshops led by local DJs and the Floor Lords Crew, which identifies itself as the oldest break-dancing group in Boston.

“Self-awareness and knowledge of self is key to hip-hop, so let’s start there,” said the program’s founder, Kyara Andrade. “My intention for it as a whole is for it to be a supplement to the information that they’re receiving at school and then also to teach them about hip-hop history.”

Andrade drew upon her experiences grow-

ing up as a person of color in Dorchester. As a musically inclined kid, she didn’t have access to programs like the one she created with “The Breaks.” She wasn’t able to truly invest in her love of hip-hop until she took DJing classes in college. “Throughout my time in college, it was on my mind that is was such a long process to get access to DJing classes,” Andrade said. “And the classes aren’t cheap, they cost a lot of money. Access is an issue.”

While in college, Andrade became a peer educator and began to develop what would eventually become the curriculum for “The Breaks,” combining lessons about wellness with the history and tenets of hip-hop. Now an educator and DJ (known as DJ Troy Frost), Andrade hopes to spread awareness about hip-hop, not only as a music genre but also as a way of life.

Education is a core part of the program. As each workshop progresses, key elements of hip-hop are broken down. “The way I’ve been explaining it is that there are five pillars and nine elements total,” Andrade said. “So the way we talked about pillars is that it’s what holds the house together, it keeps it sturdy.”



Floor Lords Crew dancer Alex Diaz shows students a few moves during “The Breaks” at Grove Hall Library.

Some of these pillars extend past music. Aspects like entrepreneurship and self-awareness were heavily emphasized throughout the week as the kids were encouraged to define what these terms mean, in relation to their individual experiences.

“The goal is for the kids to walk away feeling empowered to talk about hip-hop in its entirety,” said co-facilitator Jamila Batts Capitman. She’s a part of Visions Inc., the nonprofit that worked with Andrade to execute “The Breaks.”

Capitman mentored Andrade as a youth and now, the two are working together to pass their skills down to younger generations. “When I was growing up in the ‘80s, hip-hop was taught as a part of black liberation and culture,” explained Capitman. “We’re trying to bring that back.”

As the youth answered and asked questions about hip-hop pioneers like Doug E. Fresh and Biz Markie, it became clear that they were gaining insight into a history they may not normally have access to. For 11-year-old Jerome Wells III, this program is different from others that don’t speak to his cultural history. “My mom signed me up for this because she knows I love hip-hop,” he said. “I rap and she really wanted me to learn about hip-hop’s history.”

Even at the age of 11, Wells shows a determination to become a rapper when he gets older. He’s already writing his own lyrics and “The Breaks” is giving him context when it comes to hip-hop and its progenitors. “I learned about DJ Kool Herc,” Wells pointed out, eager to display some of his new knowledge. “If it wasn’t for DJ Kool Herc, there wouldn’t be switching songs in DJing and using the two turntables.”

While academia is now embracing hip-hop, the genre traditionally has a reputation of being a negative influence, on children in particular. In the decades since its creation, the genre has been criminalized and demonized, becoming closely associated with violence and drug use.

“I think that hip hop is a scapegoat for a lot of people’s frustrations with the world,” Andrade said. “The ills of capitalism and patriarchy and racism, they all get blamed on hip-hop.”

With hip-hop’s growing prominence in American culture, it’s increasingly important that youth are exposed to more than what they see about the genre in the media, says Andrade. For her, hip-hop is a cultural legacy and inheritance.

“In the long term, my hope is that they feel more confident in themselves and in their communities,” she said. “And more invested and that they will be able to tap into that power with respect and love for the people created it and who are maintaining it.”

This segment aired on April 19 on WBUR 90.9FM, Boston’s NPR News Station. The Reporter and WBUR share content and resources through an ongoing partnership.

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CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Thurs., April 25, 12:30 p.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. – HISET/GED Prep Class; 7 p.m. – Rozzie Reads Poetry and Open Mic. **Fri., April 26**, 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Sat., April 27**, 9:30 a.m. – Citizenship Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Mon., April 29**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. – HISET/GED Prep Class. **Tues., April 30**, 10:30 a.m. – Free Quilting Classes; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; 1:30 p.m. – ESOL Conversation Group; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., May 1**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., May 2**, 12:30 p.m. – Artful Adventures with the MFA; 5:45 p.m. – HISET/GED Prep Class.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Fri., April 26, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time. **Wed., May 1**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. **Fri., May 3**, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thurs., April 25, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – Open Mic Night; 7 p.m. – Rossie Reads Poetry and Open Mic. **Fri., April 26**, 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. **Sat., April 27**, 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building. **Mon., April 29**, 11 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., April 30**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., May 1**, 3 p.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., May 2**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., April 25, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club. **Fri., April 26**, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wiggles’ Lapsit. **Mon., April 29**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Sleepy Story Time. **Tues., April 30**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., May 1**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., May 2**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., April 25, 3 p.m. – Afternoon Movies; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. – Writing from Memory; 6:30 p.m. – Free Gentle Yoga; 7 p.m. – Rozzie Reads Poetry and Open Mic. **Fri., April 26**, 10:30 a.m. – Smart from the Start Story Hour; 3 p.m. – Crafternoon; 3rd Annual Ice Cream Social. **Sat., April 27**, 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library; 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class. **Mon., April 29**, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., April 30**, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time. **Wed., May 1**, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Poetry vs. Hop Hop. **Thurs., May 2**, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. – Afternoon Movies; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. – Writing from Memory; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. **Fri., May 3**, 10:30 a.m. – Smart From the Start Story Hour; 3 p.m. – Crafternoon. **Sat., May 4**, 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., April 25, – 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Financial Literacy Program. **Mon., April 29**, 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Fashion Sewing Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Make It Mondays. **Tues., April 30**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., May 1**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., May 2**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., May 3**, 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness Storytime.

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Sean Thimas, 7, of Dorchester joins friends Amelia Madden, 1, and Thea Brooks, 2, of Jamaica Plain at the April 18 Fairy House Building event hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at Schoolmaster Hill in Franklin Park. Inset: Seven-year-old Aza Bernard of Mattapan enjoyed the face painting. Children were provided with natural materials and encouraged to make homes for magical woodland creatures at the whimsical family event.

Photo courtesy Jon Seamans/City of Boston



Lynch nominates Dorchester's Emma Tobin for Naval Academy

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch has nominated Emma Tobin of Dorchester for appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

Tobin, the daughter of Jeffrey Tobin and Patricia Cavanaugh, is a senior at Boston Latin School.

As part of his congressional duties, Lynch nominates exemplary candidates to the service academies each year.

“These candidates are the best of the best, and I am proud of their desire to serve our country,” said Lynch. “The academies graduate leaders who will guide our nation into the future and the men and women who attend the academies are entrusted with the greatest responsibility – to serve and protect the United States of America.”

Tobin was highly recommended by her teachers at Boston Latin School.

“She is a remarkable young woman, and we are fortunate that young people like Emma are willing to serve our nation,” Lynch said.

Lynch and his congressional liaison to the United States service academies, Bob Fowkes, examined each candidate’s record of academic, athletic, and service achievements in addition to evaluating letters of recommendation. After an extensive review process and a personal interview, Tobin was selected as someone whose scholastic record and community contributions elevated her to the top of a list of well-qualified candidates.

“There were many impressive candidates this year for the United States Naval Academy,” Lynch said. “Emma stood out as a young woman of keen intelligence and strong character. She is a wonderful reflection of her parents, Jeffrey and Patricia. The Tobin family, the City of Boston, and the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts should be proud of Emma in this achievement.”

Students interested in attending one of the United States service academies should contact Fowkes in Congressman Lynch’s Boston office at 617-428-2000.



Janelle Woods-McNish was honored on April 4 with the “Woman of Distinction” award from Woodward School for Girls in Quincy. Woods-McNish, a Dorchester resident, was applauded for her fight against human trafficking and child exploitation. She wears the crown of Mrs. New England International 2019, the latest honor in a pageantry series that gives her a voice for world-wide advocacy on issues that call out for positive change.

“I am honored to be chosen for this award from the renowned Woodward School for Girls, a school recognized over three centuries now for its commitment to encouraging the academic and personal growth of every student in an environment that builds self-confidence and inspires young women to fulfill their dreams and give back to society,” said Woods-McNish.



Dorchester resident Zayas Tavares Fernandes (left), whose heritage is Cape Verdean, joined with new friend Jonah Kelbanov (right) and teacher Jessica Green from the Boston Workmen’s Circle Shule as the boys explain to an audience of 200 the special Seder plate that is on each table at the 14th Annual Cape Verdean-Jewish Passover Seder at Hibernian Hall in Roxbury. The unique Seder – held on April 10– brings together people of the two cultures with many friends and supporters for a joyful celebration. State Representative Liz Miranda was keynote speaker for the event, emphasizing the bond between the two cultures and praising their work for peace and unity. The group was entertained by celebrated Cape Verdean recording artist Bino Barros, a Dorchester resident, and heard haunting Sephardic Jewish music performed by Guy Mendilow, Sofia Tosello and Andy Bergman. Terrence Dowdye photo

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Introducing Global Boston, Dorchester section

This week, instead of the usual illustration, I want to recommend a new website that is all about immigration in our city and region. Global Boston is a digital project chronicling the history of immigration to greater Boston since the early nineteenth century. Examining different time periods and ethnic groups, the site features capsule histories, photographs, maps, documents, and oral histories chronicling the history of a municipality where immigrants have long been a vital force in shaping economic, social, and political life. The Dorchester section of Global Boston has gone live with four feature items. See link below.

- EARL TAYLOR

From Northern Italy to Dorchester: Explore an example of Italian immigration through the life of a building. Built by Giacomo Varnerin in the mid-1890s, a three-decker at 321 Norfolk Avenue became the crucible of a small northern Italian community in Dorchester. Read about its history and the immigrant families who lived there.

Welcoming the Diaspora: Restaurant Cesaria: Explore an example of Cape Verdean immigration through a business. Established in 2002, Restaurant Cesaria is one of the oldest Cape Verdean restaurants in Boston and a pillar of the local and global Cape Verdean community.

Empowering Haitian Women: Explore an example of Haitian immigration through a community group. Beginning with a small gathering of Haitian women in 1988, the Association of Haitian



Women in Dorchester has become a pillar of the community with its work on domestic violence, housing, and youth and community services.

Blue Hill Avenue: Jewish Main Street: Explore an example of Jewish immigration through the story of a street. Once a rural byway connecting Roxbury to the village of Mattapan, Blue Hill Avenue became the central artery of Jewish life in Boston in the mid-20th century.

See globalboston.bc.edu/index.php/home/

immigrant-places/dorchester.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. Please Note: The Society’s historic houses are open on the third Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661); Lemuel Clap House, 199 Boston Street (1712 and remodeled 1765); William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806).

Report shows viable path to ferry service

The advocacy group Boston Harbor Now this week laid out a roadmap for bringing the first-ever ferry service to Dorchester. On Tuesday, the non-profit organization released a “business plan” for a new water transportation system that it says could connect the “inner harbor” at Long Wharf with Quincy’s Squantum Point and, eventually, Dorchester’s Columbia Point.

A timetable for actually launching the “Quincy and Columbia Point ferry” remains uncertain. Boston Harbor Now is not in the ferry business and they do not propose to operate the service. But they have contributed mightily to the public’s understanding of how such an enterprise could work — if city, state, and private interests align to take it on.

The report recommends that the existing Fallon Pier near the JFK Library be retrofitted and improved to accommodate a ferry terminal. The budget for the work is just over \$5 million, with the scope to include new ramps and gangways, a passenger shelter, and safety equipment. The idea has already attracted significant institutional support on the peninsula. Last February, UMass Boston secured a \$150,000 grant to study the Fallon Pier project.

Fox Point, the other existing dock maintained by UMass Boston that faces Savin Hill, has been ruled out as an alternate ferry terminal because it would require significant dredging in Dorchester Bay to make it viable, according to the study. Fallon Pier, which is owned by the state’s Dept. of Conservation and Recreation on land owned by the federal government (via the Kennedy Library) and managed by UMass, is accessible from the JFK Library and the Dorchester Harborwalk path and is an easy walk to and from the UMass Boston campus center.

The Boston Harbor Now report is significant because it provides detailed information on how a ferry operation could function and sustain itself financially. It would begin with a direct link between Squantum and Long Wharf, phasing in a connection to Columbia Point later, once the pier is completed. According to the State House News Service, “the group said it modeled its service assuming annual ridership levels ranging between 190,000 passengers for weekend service to 412,000 passengers for weekday service, and with fare options of both \$6.50 and \$10 per trip.” Service would run every 40 minutes during peak periods on weekdays and every hour on weekends (from 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.)

The report — which runs financial projections over a 20-year window — notes that the Quincy-Columbia Point service is not likely to turn a profit.

“Whether it is operated by the public sector, the private sector, or as a public-private partnership, an operating subsidy would be needed to sustain the service at any of the price points studied based on the projected ridership,” the report reads. That, however, does not mean that it cannot be deemed successful as part of a larger, integrated regional transportation system.

MassDOT and Massport, which helped to fund the report, are eager to find new ways to get commuters out of cars and buses. And institutions like UMass and JFK Library, for instance, want new ways to get students and visitors to their front door. Dorchester residents, for certain, would love to see less traffic on Morrissey Boulevard, Mt. Vernon Street, and the hopelessly jammed Kosciuszko Circle.

There’s a long voyage ahead for those yearning for an alternative to the traffic maze that confronts us daily. A sensible waterfront connection is worth the investment of time — and, potentially, government dollars — to unlock a new route to and from an increasingly dense and desirable Columbia Point.

– Bill Forry

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Buttigieg for President!

By Edward M. Cook
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

I have a very visceral reaction to Peter Buttigieg running for president. In March 1985, I moved back to Dorchester, my childhood home, and on June 20 I was elected the co-chair of the Dorchester Gay & Lesbian Alliance (GALA). By the end of that fall I had resigned my teaching job and taken over as the campaign manager for an openly gay candidate for state Senate, Kevin McFadden. Mind you, this was two years before Barney Frank came out.

Kevin gave us the chance to take the fight to the enemy: He was running against Senator Joe Walsh, a 16-year incumbent whom we regarded as a hater, racist, misogynist, and homophobe of the rankest order. Walsh was the-then Senate President Billy Bulger’s ally and surrogate who would carry Bulger’s water whenever he did not want his hands to get dirty.

Today, Buttigieg is offering to oppose Trump, an incumbent with all of the attributes of Joe Walsh.

When he was deciding to run, Kevin was generally unknown, except in what we then called G/L circles and to some Dorchester community activists. He had no money, and no organization. But he was a real candidate. During the campaign, he was endorsed by every newspaper in the district, even some that had never before endorsed a candidate, and he was the only candidate, other than Joe Kennedy, who was endorsed by both the *Globe* and *Herald*.

He was also endorsed by the Massachusetts Teachers Association, Americans for Democratic Action, and other major organizations. He raised \$85,000 (real money in those days). His campaign slogan, “You’re Included,” brought together Irish laborers, Vietnamese, Latino, and African-American voters, newcomers, and third generation residents. And, of course, Kevin mobilized the LGBTQ community.

In the end, he lost the election. But because of

the scandals that his campaign unearthed about Walsh, the senator received the highest fine ever levied on a politician by the state’s Office of Campaign and Political finance and never ran again.

That campaign changed politics in Dorchester forever. The LGBTQ+ community became a power in the minds of Dorchester’s political class. And that campaign changed me forever.

Pete Buttigieg’s candidacy has so many parallels to Kevin McFadden’s campaign that it moves me deeply. Most notably, he’s gay. He is the mayor of South Bend, in (ruby red) Indiana, a Navy veteran, and a progressive Democrat. Neither McFadden nor Buttigieg began as well-known candidates. Both were/are seeking high office for the first time. Both campaigns were conducted in homophobic political atmospheres.

And yet Buttigieg is attracting outsized attention. He is running third in Iowa behind Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders. He is running third in fundraising behind Bernie and Kamala Harris. He has already qualified for the debate cycle. In a powerful Democratic field of nineteen, he is being covered by all the national media outlets. He is wowing progressive voters with his articulate reflections on issues. All that before he formally declared.

I can only imagine Buttigieg becoming the Democratic candidate. But I want him to. I want him to take the fight to the worst and most dangerous enemy that we have ever faced in the history of the Republic. I want him to fight for all Americans, saying “You’re included!” I just sent him \$250 and I will support him for as long as he is viable, because I want him to change politics forever, as Kevin McFadden did.

Edward M. Cook is a former co-chair of Dorchester Gay and Lesbian Alliance, co-founder of DotOut, former executive director of the Greater Boston Gay and Lesbian Political Alliance, and co-chair of the Ward 15 Democratic Party Committee.

Teens bring new lens to debate on how to curb violence in city

By Jessica Pierre
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Gun violence in Boston’s neighborhoods continues to take a heavy toll, with a disproportionate share falling on Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury.

According to the Boston Public Health Commission, the homicide rate for young black males in our city is more than 32 times the rate for young white males.

Like their peers across the country, young adults and teens in Boston are stepping up to take a leadership role in the policy debate about how to address the violence. One of the organizations leading the way is the Teen Empowerment Center (TEC), which is based in Roxbury and Dorchester, with an office on Balfour Street.

“Our organization is unique because we focus on not just community issues but how the power of the community shows up through the lens of young people,” explains Jaquell Smith, TEC’s Boston director. The group is the sponsor of this Saturday’s 27th annual Youth Peace Conference at Emerson College’s Paramount Center.

Arianna Constant-Patton, 16, of Mattapan, joined TEC as a youth worker where she runs group discussions. She has developed a fierce passion for advocating for her peers after watching her stepmom cope with losing two of her brothers to gun violence last summer. The trauma of dealing with their violent deaths has been profound.

“Every time I’m out, my mom is constantly calling to check up on me to make sure I’m okay,” she said. “The reality is that shootings happen to innocent kids and innocent people. Gun violence in our community is a very real thing.”

Arianna was among the group of students who interrupted a high-profile WBUR forum last month that was geared toward highlighting the state’s strides in curbing gun violence. The program featured elected officials like Gov. Charlie Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey, and House Speaker Robert DeLeo and academics speaking about the progress our state has made in confronting violence by guns.

Frustrated at the lack of representation from Boston’s neighborhoods on the panel, Arianna joined community activist Monica Cannon-Grant to express their concerns.

“They called black and brown communities, ‘urban communities,’ but they weren’t talking about the real issues in these communities which is what caused us to speak out,” Constant-Patton said.



Arianna Constant-Patton: Wants talk about “real issues.”

“They need to dive deeper into the statistics, not just downtown, to really figure out what is going on in our communities and give us what we need to end the violence.”

Her work at the Teen Empowerment Center includes hosting events like movie-screenings followed by discussions, including direct conversations about race and racism. Often times, she said, police officers are encouraged to join them. But her impression is that there has been a decline in engagement on the police department’s side.

“Last year we noticed that the police would attend our events more out of obligation than willingness,” she said. “They would come just to take pictures instead of actually trying to build relationships with us. So, we’ve slowed down on being so police heavy and we’re trying to find a new genuine way to engage with them again.”

Saturday’s conference will feature an original stage production — “A Dangerous Pattern” — that TEC youth created themselves. The show includes music, dance, and spoken word testimonies performed by teens exploring a myriad of issues specific to racism in Boston including violence, gentrification, trauma, and mental health.

Frederick Douglass once said, “It’s easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.” To support this organization and the young activists that they empower, join them for this powerful evening of youth-led art and advocacy by purchasing a ticket (starting at just \$5) at paramountboston.org.

A first-year teacher clashed with a student; then she learned where he was coming from

By Carrie Jung
WBUR Edify Reporter

When 9th grade humanities teacher Sydney Chaffee decided she wanted to become a teacher she admits her expectations were wildly idealistic. “This is the path that was meant for me,” she remembered thinking. “I’m going to go in there and I’m going to save all the children.”

But those unrealistic expectations — and savior complex — didn’t last long.

Like many new teachers, in 2007, Chaffee struggled through her first year in the classroom at Codman Academy Charter Public School. She said that while all of her papers and lesson plans were in order each day, she had a hard time adjusting to the reality of heading up a classroom: from keeping her students’ attention to forming connections.

She learned a lot that year. But the biggest lesson came just a few months after school started. Chaffee — who is white — got into in a seemingly straightforward altercation with 12th grader Tyrell Brewster — who is black.

Chaffee was helping Brewster’s younger brother study after school. Tyrell opened the door, came into the classroom and asked what they were doing. At the time, Chaffee thought the interruption was rude. She thought Brewster should have knocked on the door and said, “Excuse me.” That’s why she made the split-second decision to ignore him.

Brewster lost his temper. “My natural reaction was just to blow up,” he said. “I don’t remember verbatim what I said, but I was cussing.”

Chaffee froze. “Nothing in my work to become a teacher had prepared me for a moment like this,” she said. “We talk a lot about lesson planning. We talk a lot about pedagogy. We don’t really talk about what you do when a



Sydney Chaffee, a 9th-grade humanities teacher, and Tyrell Brewster, an upper school math teacher, at Codman Academy Charter Public School.

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student blows up at you.”

That night, Chaffee called her boss, Head of School Thabiti Brown, in tears as she shared her side of the story. Brown had a lot of classroom experience under his belt and had been working at Codman since its founding in 2001. He also had a good relationship with Brewster, and Chaffee’s recounting of the story felt out of character for the 17-year-old.

Rather than taking sides, Brown set up a mediation. Chaffee remembered heading into that meeting thinking she was totally in the right and this would be her chance to say something back to Brewster. But that’s not how the meeting went. When they got together, Brewster revealed that when Chaffee ignored him, he felt disrespected. “I think anyone feels disrespected when you are talking to someone clearly and they ignore you,” he said. “You just want a response.”

But it wasn’t just a matter of respect. What felt like a simple story of “he said/she said” was more complex, particularly when race is taken into

account. Behind a lot of Brewster’s frustration in that moment was a feeling that the school he loved was changing into something he didn’t recognize.

In 2007, all but one of the 112 students enrolled in Codman were black or latinx. Of the 13 staff: three were black and the rest were white. When the school opened in 2001, four of the five founding teachers were black. “I didn’t think much of the staff reflected the student body here,” Brewster said. “And at the time there were a lot of staff coming in that were not people of color.”

That unsettled him. He had attended other schools before enrolling in Codman in 2003. At those schools, learning was a chore and school was not a positive place to be. “I didn’t enjoy those schools because it felt like the teachers were just there to get a check,” he said. “It was very hands off and I didn’t feel supported.”

But Codman Academy felt different. When he got there as a freshman, he felt like learning was fun. Then, when he saw more white teachers being

hired at the school, Brewster was concerned. “I was worried about that shift — that Codman wasn’t going to be fun anymore,” he recalled.

Hearing that explanation was eye-opening for Chaffee. She realized she had not considered his perspective or the many ways that race factored into how their interaction played out. “There were layers to that [moment] that I was not critical about because I was so new to it,” she said. “I hadn’t thought about those things. I hadn’t been exposed to those ideas, which is my white privilege in action.”

Today, Brewster is back in the halls of Codman Academy, this time as a high school math teacher. “When Tyrell came back to work here, it was the first thing that I thought of,” Chaffee said. “Like, ‘Does he remember when I really messed up? Does he think of me as the ignorant white teacher who doesn’t get it?’”

But Brewster didn’t hold a grudge. He said his perspective of Chaffee changed a lot over the last 12 years. Now, he thinks of her as a role-model teacher. In fact, that incident has informed how he handles similar situations in his classroom. “It’s helpful to have been through those things. Just because I can speak of it first hand and the students really respect that,” he said.

For Chaffee the incident taught her about patience and consideration of the nuanced ways that racial differences can play into everyday interactions. “I have a ton of learning that I’m still doing in my growth as a white teacher” she said. “Both in the context of this school, but also in general.”

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BPDA GLOVER'S CORNER WORKSHOP ON MAY 1
The BPDA invites the public is to attend a PLAN: Glover's Corner workshop on Wed., May 1 to review and give feedback on draft plan document recommendations. The meeting will be held at DotHouse Health, 1353 Dorchester Ave. from 6-7:30 p.m. This work is a synthesis of the planning recommendations created through over fifty public engagements over the course of a two-year planning process. While all content has previously been presented in public workshops, your feedback is requested to ensure that staff have correctly translated the findings of earlier workshops for the draft plan document. If you're unable to attend, please visit: <http://bit.ly/PlanGlovers>, email ted.schwartzberg@boston.gov, or call 617-918-4230 to stay involved.

TEEN SUBSTANCE USE WORKSHOP AT CODMAN
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MAY 2 MEETING ON WESTVILLE STREET PROPOSAL
A proposed 4 story residential building at 141 Westville St. will be discussed at a public meeting sponsored by the BPDA on Thurs., May 2 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at the Vietnamese American Community Center, 42 Charles St. The



Brookview House in Dorchester, which provides safe housing and support programs onsite to women and children experiencing homelessness, held its fourth annual ‘Power of the Purse’ fundraising luncheon on April 11. The event featured Cecile Richards, national women’s rights activist and author of ‘Make Trouble: Stand Up, Speak Out and Find the Courage to Lead (Gallery),’ as the event’s featured guest. Shown above (l-r): Shirley Leung of the Boston Globe, Ivy Jack of NorthStar Asset Management, Cecile Richards, Deborah Hughes of Brookview House and Boston City Councillor Annissa Essaibi George.

proposed building consists of 14 Compact Living studio apartments with a floor area between 260 and 280-square-feet. For more information, see bostonplans.org or contact Tim Czerwinski at 617-918-5303.

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JAZZ QUARTET PERFORMS AT ALL SAINTS ON MAY 9
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‘Realistic’ Miami-Dade County educator is first up

(Continued from page 1) she has “a pretty big mouth — and I tend to use it when I need it.”) In a morning panel, she lightly rapped the district for touting its rising graduation rates even as they ought to know that many poor and minority BPS graduates don’t necessarily thrive in college, as the Boston Foundation has found.

Izquierdo described the idea of all students going on to college as unrealistic. Instead, she said she’d like to offer BPS students “multiple pathways” to happy lives after high school, including a means to get industry credentials through work with area businesses.

• She would tighten budgets now, and try to grow them later. Izquierdo said she has learned how to lobby — for more funding and less testing — in Florida’s capital of Tallahassee. She described the state’s long-term disinvestment in Boston schools as “criminal,” and said as superintendent, she’d be prepared to support the PROMISE Act, the ambitious funding bill with Walsh’s stamp of approval.

But she also endorsed Walsh’s ten-year structural plan for the district, called “BuildBPS.” By now, that plan will involve closing at least three schools and displacing two more down the road. She even went further than current officials typically do, saying that the district’s physical plant — 125 schools for 53,000 or so students — is simply “too big.”

She noted that the district has lost 13,000 or so students to the charter sector, and the only way to win them back is to improve the “portfolio” of schools by consolidation, cost-cutting, and “lots of branding.”

• She’s a fan of data. Izquierdo sold herself as a data-driven leader on both academic and operational questions. It’s something of a catchphrase of hers in Miami-Dade: “data is our superpower.” She described how, under her supervision, Miami-Dade set up a hierarchy to better target resources at those that were, in her word, “fragile.” And she credited that system with the slow eradication of schools in the county graded as “failing” by Florida state officials.


Using similar tools, Izquierdo said she imagined a future in which Boston, “the city that birthed public education, [could become] the first urban school district to effectively close the achievement gap” between rich and poor students, or white students and students of color.

That is a tall order, given that one recent report found that nationally, those gaps have barely budged in a half-century — but this is, after all, a job interview.

Izquierdo’s data-first approach put off some observers, including Monty Neill, a long-time anti-testing activist and expert who attended the morning meeting. Izquierdo did not speak in support of performance-based assessment, which some see as a more targeted and humane form of student evaluation. Neill described Izquierdo’s pitch as “very corporate and job-oriented,” adding “I don’t think she has a program to enable students to grow into fully-engaged citizens.”

• She may not be from here — but she says she’s determined to learn. Izquierdo described this position as not a “plum job,” but as the challenge of a lifetime. (That’s why she’d be willing to move her family out of Miami’s warm weather, she joked.) But she promised that, if chosen, she’d try to learn a new city. Not an easy task for a city as clannish as Boston. In her closing statement Monday morning, Izquierdo said that though she would take certain lessons from her time in Florida, “I won’t come with pre-conceived solutions. I will listen to you, I will learn, and I will lead.”

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Santos: Homegrown finalist

Boston has named three finalists in the search for the next leader of the city’s schools. They are Marie Izquierdo, chief academic officer for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Florida; Dr. Brenda Cassellius, former Minnesota education commissioner; and Dr. Oscar Santos, head of school for the Cathedral High School in Boston’s South End.

Each faced a full day of public interviews this week: Izquierdo on April 22, Cassellius on April 23 and Santos on April 24, (Santos was interviewed after the Reporter went to press. A report on his interview will appear in next week’s edition and online at DotNews.com.)

All three finalists are people of color, and all began their careers in education in the classroom. Santos is a Boston College graduate who began teaching at English High in Jamaica Plain in 1996. After years as a headmaster and a superintendent of Randolph Public Schools, Santos was named the head



Oscar Santos

of school at Cathedral High, a private Catholic school in the South End in 2013.

Most of Cathedral’s students are black or Latino, and Santos has faced student criticism — even protests — for failing to hire more diverse faculty and staff.

“It baffles me how this man is of Latino descent and does not see the importance of diversifying,” said Amel Viaud, who graduated from Cathedral two years ago. “If he couldn’t do that before, I do not think he could execute [it] now.”

Growing teacher diversity is one of the

goals put forward in the recently updated job description for the BPS superintendent.

That said, Santos has overseen academic successes, including an uptick in test scores in an increasingly diverse Randolph and a continued trend of sending 100 percent of Cathedral graduates onto college.

There have been calls for more transparency and community engagement after the surprise exit of Tommy Chang and the hurried appointment of Laura Perille as interim superintendent last summer.


At times, Chang had struggled to win support for his more ambitious or consequential plans, like the closure of the Mattahunt Elementary School in 2016 and a systemwide reshuffle of school start times in late 2017. The district abandoned that plan after parents pushed back against the disruption of their families’ schedules.

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‘Minnesota nice,’ but with ‘really tough skin’

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She said she has been told that her “warm and fuzzy” act won’t work outside the Midwest—only to find out that it does win people over to her side. But beneath the “Minnesota nice” appearance, she said, is the “really thick skin” you’d expect from a passionate amateur hockey player.

In response to questions about Boston Mayor Marty Walsh’s influence over the district policy, Cassellius made reference to the fact that her most recent job experience was an eight-year political appointment. As education commissioner, Cassellius worked with Dayton on a number of initiatives, including building teacher diversity (that’s still very much a work in progress) and expanding pre-kindergarten. She also sparred with Republican lawmakers in 2017 as she tried to pass a plan that de-emphasized standardized testing in judgments of school quality. It’s proof, she said, that she can work within a political context and still pursue her own goals of helping vulnerable students.

- She’s down on high-stakes testing. For an education official, Cassellius spoke frankly—and negatively—about

standardized tests. “If it doesn’t help students learn better, or teachers teach better, I say don’t do it.” Cassellius is not alone in deciding, in her words, that test-based accountability “hasn’t worked.” But she was unusually vociferous, saying that “I don’t think that tests ought to be used for individual, high-stakes [decisions] for children - ever.”

That said, Cassellius acknowledged that state officials, not district superintendents, set testing priorities, and collaborative leadership involves “agreeing to things you don’t agree with.”

- In her view, public education has more responsibilities than we might think. Related to her skepticism of tests is her notion that schools represent more than just educational day care, especially in poor and urban communities. “Historically, we’ve co-ordinated the academic pieces,” she said, “but we haven’t really taken the responsibility to co-ordinate all of the other social services pieces.”
- Rather than come in with a detailed plan, she’s electing to keep an open mind. Cassellius conceded that her passions lie in “adaptive” work—reasoning out

problems, collaborating, making compromises—as opposed to operational details, like getting transportation costs under control. But she said she’s learned a great deal in the past eight years about handling procedural problems.

But there was some ambiguity—even vagueness—in some of her answers. Asked about

the controversial decision to close schools as part of Mayor Walsh’s BuildBPS initiative, she described it as a “trade-off” that families should decide: Do they prefer small schools or larger schools with more rigorous and diverse programming? She didn’t express an opinion of her own. And though Cassellius did describe herself

as a “strong proponent of middle schools,” she said she could endorse Boston’s move away from stand-alone middle schools if it meant “less transitions” between schools for students.

But some parent-activists saw that ambiguity as a promising sign of Cassellius’s open-mindedness. Mary Battenfeld, a member of the Boston

parent group QUEST, said, “Her willingness to genuinely listen to the community—it bodes well.”

The third and only local finalist, Oscar Santos, faced interviews on Wednesday, after the Reporter’s deadline. The story on his interview will appear next week and online at DotNews.com.

Goldberg: Lottery’s new HQ is ‘fantastic’

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday celebrating the official opening of the Massachusetts Lottery’s new Columbia Point headquarters, State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg called the move from Braintree “an exciting new chapter” in the lottery’s history.

“The location is fantastic,” she said, citing the proximity of the JFK/UMass MBTA station to the new headquarters, which are housed in the Corcoran Jennison building at 150 Mt. Vernon St.

She also noted that students from nearby UMass Boston could play a big role in the agency’s continuing efforts to modernize and diversify. “We hope to involve them in many partnerships going forward, includ-



Treasurer Deborah Goldberg cut the ribbon on Tuesday outside the Mass Lottery’s new office space located in the Bayside Office Center on Dorchester’s Columbia Point.


Daniel Sheehan photo

ing having students as interns,” she said. Before its recent move to Dorchester, the Lot-

tery had been located in Braintree since the mid-’90s. Officials noted that the company will

“maintain a footprint” on the South Shore.

– DANIEL SHEEHAN

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IDP Update Information Session

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The Inclusionary Development Policy (the “IDP”), first created in 2000, requires that market-rate housing developments with ten or more units and in need of zoning relief support the creation of income-restricted housing. Over the life of the program, developers have directly created 2,599 income-restricted units, and IDP funds have created 1,414 income restricted units.


The Boston Planning & Development Agency (“BPDA”) is currently reviewing the policy and will be making recommendations for changes to the policy. As part of this process, the BPDA is reaching out to housing advocates, non-profit housing agencies, private housing developers, and Boston residents to get input not just on how much we should require of developers, but how the program should be implemented.

If you cannot attend this event, you can submit comments to the BPDA. Go to www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/inclusionary-development-policy-2019-update for more information.


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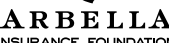
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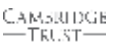
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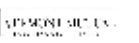
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Neighborhood Notables

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ASHMONT HILL YARD SALE ON MAY 18
Ashmont Hill Yard Sale- now in its 40th year-returns on Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at locations throughout the neighborhood. Cost to participate is still \$20 per location, plus \$10 for each additional household. There are special “kids-only” rates, and family or friends are welcome to join you. Contact Joe Gildea at 617-288-6626 or cadmanjoe@aol.com to sign up to sell. Sign-up and payment deadline is Saturday, May 11.

REPORTER HISTORY EXPLORED AT DHS ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 19
Ed Forry and Bill Forry are the featured speakers at the Dorchester Historical Society’s Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. The father/son duo, Associate Publisher and Publisher/Editor, respectively, of the Dorchester Reporter, will tell the story of their family-owned newspaper, from its founding in 1983, through nearly four decades of challenges and successes, to its vital role in our community today. The Annual Meeting and all monthly DHS programs—generally held at DHS headquarters, 195 Boston St.—are open to the public and free of charge.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION IN CODMAN SQUARE
A group of organizations is sponsoring a block party in the Codman Square Park on Sat., April 27 with free food and music, a park clean-up and children’s parade, and Nightingale Community Garden Tour. The event begins with a clean-up from 9-11 a.m. with activities beginning at 10 a.m.Co-sponsors include Allinenergy, Dorchester Food Co-op, Greenovate Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Square Health Center, Resonant Energy, Boston Affordable Energy Coalition, Love Your Block Boston, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC) Dorchester Art Project BRAIN Arts Organization.This event is funded in part by the Pat Cooke Fund, Resonant Energy and Codman Square Health Center. If your organization is interested in tabling or supporting this event please contact cody@resonant.energy at 413-992-7743.

CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 25
The annual meeting of the proprietors of Cedar

Grove Cemetery will be held on Thurs., April 25 at 3 p.m.in the office of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams St. The purpose of the Meeting is to elect Trustees and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting. The Reports of the Treasurer and the Auditor will also be presented. The Annual Report of the Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 will be available at the Cemetery office.

BOBBY MENDES PEACE LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy dinner and scholarship presentation is Sat., April 27 from 6:30-11 p.m. at First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St., Dorchester. Dinner catered by Restaurante Cesaria. Music and dancing. Tickets \$50. For more info, call Isaura at 617-372-1588. Or see bmpl.org.

MARTIN RICHARD FOUNDATION SPRING SERVICE DAY

The Martin Richard Foundation will bring families and communities together in service at our annual Spring Service Day on Sunday, May 19. The theme for this year’s Spring Service Day is creating a better world for young people. For the first time, the Service Village portion of our Spring Service Day will be hosted at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate on Columbia Point, with several satellite projects throughout Dorchester including Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, St. Ambrose, Codman Square Library. To sign up, go to: martinrichardfoundation2.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/

PARK SERVE DAY ON APRIL 27

Neponset River Watershed sponsors a clean-up at Tenean Beach and along the Neponset on Sat., April 27. Sign up on DCR website, mass.gov/service-details/volunteers-in-the-parks.

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

Project D.E.E.P.’s Student and Volunteer Recognition Night is Mon., May 13 at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. See projectdeep.org for more info.

WARD 18 DEMOCRATS CAUCUS ON MAY 11

Registered Democrats in Boston’s Ward 18 — which includes parts of Mattapan—will hold a caucus on Sat., May 11, at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal

Building, 1179 River St. to elect delegates and alternates to the 2019 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. Pre-registered Democrats who will be 16 by May 11 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Boston’s Ward 18 can elect 53 delegates and 8 alternates to the Convention. Those interested in getting involved with Boston’s Ward 18 Democratic Town Committee should contact Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair, ward18boston@gmail.com.

BNBL SIGN-UPS NOW UNDERWAY

Registration is now open for the 50th annual season of Boston’s favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL), kicking off on Monday, July 8. BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under.BNBL is played at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August. To register online for BNBL go tohttps://apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/Activity_Search. BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Pee Wee BNBL is done on-site at the Pee Wee locations. For more information, please email Charlie Connors at Charles.Connors@boston.gov or call 617-961-3093.

FRANKLIN PARK KITE & BIKE FEST ON MAY 18

The annual Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival will be held on Sat., May 18 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Playstead in Franklin Park, 25 Pierpont Rd. The spring celebration will include kite-flying, games and activities led by Playworks and Appalachian Mountain Club’s Outdoors RX, along with face-painting, music and performances. Bike with Kids Group Ride, a first annual ride starting in Dudley Square and ending at the Kite & Bike Festival, is also planned. To register for the rider visit roxburyway.com. The rain date is Sun., May 19 from 1-5 p.m. Sponsors are needed. For further information, please visit franklinparkcoalition.org/kitefest. Vendors and food trucks are welcome to apply for a spot. Contact janna@franklinparkcoalition.org for more information.

DOT DAY 5K ON JUNE 2

The annual Project D.E.E.P. and Blarney Stone Dot Day 5k will be held before the parade on Sunday, June 2 with registration at 11 a.m. from 1505 Dorchester Ave. Register at projectdeep.org.

MOTHER’S WALK FOR PEACE ON MAY 12

The Mother’s Day Walk for Peace — a benefit event for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute—from Fields Corner to City Hall on Mother’s Day. It begins at 8 a.m. at Town Field, 1520 Dorchester Ave. Visit mothersdaywalk4peace.org for more info.

DORCHESTER DAY CHIEF MARSHAL’S DINNER ON MAY 31

An evening to honor the 2019 Dorchester Day Parade chief marshal and mayor of Dorchester will be held on Friday, May 31 at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. To purchase tickets call 857-756-3675. Not available at the door.

MAYOR WALSH COFFEE HOUR SERIES

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 20th Annual Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in local parks citywide from April 30 to June 19. All coffee hours will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. For more information and updates on possible weather cancellations, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505.



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Dot Pot street hockey tourney to benefit Bobby Collins

**BY ELANA AURISE
REPORTER STAFF**

Now in its fifth year, the Dot Pot street hockey tournament — set to take place at Neponset’s Garvey Park on the weekend of May 25-27— is growing to include more teams. Two dozen clubs — each with 5 skaters and a goalie— will play in the charity event, which this year will benefit Dot’s own Bobby Collins, a coach and father of two who is battling terminal kidney failure and melanoma.

A trio of Dot natives— Peter Cahill, Timmy Galvin, and Ryan Sweeney — organized the first tournament in 2015 to benefit 43-year-old Carl Hosea, the father of one of their friends who had been recently diagnosed with cancer. Hosea passed away shortly after the tournament. Each year since the tournament’s genesis, the trio has honored a local community member in need.

“Despite his condition, Bobby remains a source of inspiration to us all; especially his wife, Helen, daughter, Merry, and son, Robert,” they explained. “Even with so much stacked against his family and him, he has



A scene from last year’s Dot Pot street hockey tournament at Garvey Playground in Neponset. This year’s event— set for the weekend of May 24-26— will be open to even more teams.

Photo courtesy Dot Pot

remained in positive spirits. and neighbor of Dorchester, 25 years to coaching Cedar Mr. Collins is a dear friend having volunteered over Grove baseball. The road to

recovery is a steep one, and it is going to take all hands-on deck to ensure a healthy recovery, which is why we need your help.”

The goalies play free of charge and skaters pay \$50 each, so each team will donate, in total, \$250 to play. Dot Pot is looking for sponsors to help raise enough money to purchase the shirts for this year’s tournament that are worn by the players and sold to fans. Sponsors will have their names printed on the back of each shirt. To become a t-shirt sponsor, all that’s asked is a donation of \$125.

Donations to Dot Pot can be made through the Venmo application (@dotpotV) and cash or checks can be dropped off at the Galvin Group Office, 375 Neponset Ave. Donations like coolers, sunscreen, and water are also welcome.

If you or someone you know would like to sponsor, donate, or put a team in, please contact one of the organizers: Peter Cahill, pjc3@williams.edu, 617-921-3855; Timmy Galvin, timmygalvindot@gmail.com, 617-913-8230; Ryan Sweeney, ryansweeney@umass.edu, 617-694-4666.

Prep ongoing for Dot Day’s May events, June 2 parade

**BY ELANA AURISE
REPORTER STAFF**

Preparations for the annual Dorchester Day Parade on Sun., June 2, are well under way as a committee of volunteers is meeting monthly to plan the event and related fundraisers. This year’s parade is the 115th in Dorchester Day history, according to Kelly Walsh, the Dorchester Day Committee president.

The panel meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month in the breakfast room

of the Ramada Inn at 800 Morrissey Blvd. The meetings are open to all, and the committee invites people to stop by and support kits efforts. Of course, donations are always welcome.

The parade will start as usual at 1 p.m. in Lower Mills at the corner of Washington Street and Dorchester Avenue and proceed up the avenue to Columbia Road.

The Mayor of Dorchester contest— which helps the committee generate funds for

the parade— is still accepting candidates, according to Walsh. One hopeful — Gretchen Haase — is already raising campaign funds. Anyone interested in participating should contact Kelly Walsh at kellywalsh@dotdayparade.com.

An evening to hail this year’s parade’s chief marshal, John Schneiderman, the president of Pope’s Hill Neighborhood Association, will be held on Fri., May 31, at Florian Hall with cocktails at 6 p.m.

and dinner at 7. Tickets, at \$40, will not be available at the door, but can be purchased by calling 888-734-2356. There is no \$10k drawing event planned this year, according to Walsh.

Earlier events— including a bowling event last December, a character breakfast, and the annual Dorchester Chili Cook-Off last month at the IBEW Local 103 Hall have raised about \$10,000 for the parade.

The Little Miss & Young Miss Dorchester Contests will held

on Sat., May 18, at First Parish Church in Dorchester. Little Miss Contestants must be aged 7-9 years and Young Miss Contestants aged 10-12 on the day of the contest. Applications are available on the Parade website, dotdayparade.com. For additional information, please contact the Committee via email at littlemiss@dotdayparade.com.

The Dot Day Parade of Seniors Luncheon will be held on Thurs., May 16, from noon to 3 p.m. at

Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St. Those interested in attending must apply as seating is limited. Please contact the parade committee by phone (888-734-2356) or email (info@dotdayparade.com). Attendees must have received a ticket in advance. There is plenty of free parking and the facility is handicap accessible. This event is made possible thanks to Edens, the owners of South Bay, who have donated \$2,500 to sponsor the seniors lunch.

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Isaura Mendes’s mission: Promote ‘hope’ after ‘trauma’

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provide local kids with school supplies each August, and a series of “Peace Walks.” All of her work, she said, is guided by what she calls the “Seven Principles of Peace” – Unity, Justice, Forgiveness, Courage, Hope, Faith, and Love.

“The Seven Principles of Peace is a way survivors deal with their pain; we try to live those principles. It’s not easy, but we try to live it,” she said.

“My son Matthew was one of the principles; he was the principle of courage. After he was murdered, I started to live through those principles.”

The number seven is symbolic for Mendes; for the last decade she has volunteered at seven state prisons, spreading her message of peace and forgiveness to inmates. And there are the seven area kids who’ll receive the scholarships at the Saturday dinner.

While the awards will provide a foundation for the students’ academic futures,



Isaura Mendes, left, hosts a Back to School BBQ each year to provide backpacks and school supplies to kids who need them. Photo courtesy BMPL

Mendes said, they are also meant to provide other types of support. “Our goal is to give the survivors’ family a scholarship, but our scholarship is not just for school. A lot of time young people are working and trying to make a difference, but can no longer work because of trauma. I want to reach out to people with trauma and give them hope.”

Mendes recognizes that trauma affects everyone in the vicinity of gun violence, including the victims’ families, the offenders’ families, and innocent bystanders. “Every child who lives in Dorchester is a survivor,” she insists. “Because they hear the gunshots, and they live with trauma, and understand that [danger]. Or even have a dream about it.”

In the Peace Legacy’s 20th year, Mendes is poised to expand her organization in new directions, thanks to state funding secured by former State Rep. Evandro Carvalho that will help launch

the nonprofit’s website and make it easier for Mendes to reach out to survivors.

But as long as violence persists in her neighborhood, so will her work for peace. After Saturday’s event, where John Barros, the city’s chief of economic development, will be the keynote speaker and state Rep. Liz Miranda will offer remarks, Mendes will turn her attention to the Peace Walk that will be held later this spring in honor of all those affected by street violence in the past year.

She will march on, she says, for “children that were shot and become paralyzed, for people that live with a bullet in their body every day, for people who I see born and grow up and end up in prison. ... I’m looking forward to walking again this year with my bullhorn, screaming for peace and forgiveness.”

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BGCD Partners with the Boston Police Department for Teen Boot Camp: BGCD's April Vacation Week featured activities for our teen members in the afternoon into evening. In addition to field trips to the movies, laser quest, bowling and rock climbing, the teens took part in a Boot Camp program with our friends from the Boston Police Department.

Each evening the BPD officers put the members through an hour-long circuit training workout prior to open gym activities. Our thanks to the Boston Police Department for your continued partnership.

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By YUKUN ZHANG
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT
US Representative Ayanna Pressley and state Sen. Jamie Eldridge of Acton joined a coalition of activists in calling for less military spending and more funding for education, health care, and affordable housing at a ‘Tax Day Rally’ held in Dorchester last Wednesday.

About 80 people gathered in front of Uphams Corner Health Center on a sunny afternoon for the rally, sponsored by Dorchester People for Peace and other organizations. Legislators and members of civic organizations spoke to a gathering of protesters holding signs, cheering, and recording with smartphones.

Rep. Pressley was emotional. “Every day I am reminded of the crossroad we find ourselves at and the gravity of our challenges,” she said, “while the occupant of this White House would rather fund endless wars than invest in endless peace and prosperity and the health of our families and communities.

“We live in a nation where we have health insurance, but not health care,” she added. “We live in a nation where our infrastructure is crumbling, where our schools are understaffed and underfunded, where people don’t have the peace of mind to feel safe in their community, where it is barely affordable to rent a home much less for the dream of home ownership to be within reach.”

Repeatedly, Pressley said she would “never forget the people,” and that the fight is for



US Rep. Ayanna Pressley addressed a Tax Day rally held in front of the Uphams Corner Health Center on Columbia Road in Dorchester on April 17, 2019. Below, participants in the rally made their feelings known with signs as they marched along Columbia Road. Yukun Zhang photos



justice, equity, and the people.

One after another, speakers talked about eviction, public housing, fossil fuels, the Green New Deal, lack of health care, individuals paying more taxes than big corporations, and money for

war funneled to defense contractors.

Hayat Imam, a Muslim feminist-activist of Bangladeshi origin, said people experience “state-sponsored Islamophobia and racism” under the Trump administration. President Trump’s pro-

posed budget for 2020 made our hearts sink,” she said. “He is proposing cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, food assistance, student loan programs, public housing, Head Start, energy assistance to low-income families.

This attack on the poor is in stark contrast to the huge \$1.5 trillion tax cut passed by the Republicans in 2018.”

Imam also pointed out that the president’s proposed budget would increase the defense budget by five percent from

last year, and that the US spends more money on military than the total amount spent by the next seven defense-spenders in the world.

Said Vignesh Ramachandran, digital organizer of the Better Future Project, an environmental organization: “As a young person, I cannot remember a year since I was born that the United States has not been in an endless war.”

Sen. Eldridge of Acton, chair of the Senate Progressive Caucus, said the problems could be fixed by “The People’s Budget,” an alternative to the federal budget, which is part of a bill he co-sponsored.

“We can fix it by raising taxes on the wealthy in Massachusetts,” he said. “We can focus on not just reducing health care costs, but actually moving to a single payer system right here in Massachusetts. We don’t have to wait for the federal government to pass Medicare for all, we can do our own version of Medicare for all here in Massachusetts.

“And we don’t have to wait for the federal government to come back and make college more affordable, we can pass debt-free college here in Massachusetts in the Legislature,” he said.

The march was accompanied by the Boston Area Brigade of Activist Musicians Marching Band. The protesters, young and old, of all ethnicities, carried signs and flags down Columbia Road, making two stops and offering more speeches before arriving at St. Mary’s Church on Cushing Avenue for dinner and more speeches.

“We are marching today so we can have a future and our children can have a future, on a planet that hasn’t burned to a cinder,” said Jeff Klein of Dorchester People for Peace.

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Docket No. SU19P0677GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
LOUVINIA SMALL
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Carmaine Y. Small of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Louvinia Small is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Carmaine Y. Small of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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New MBTA fare system deemed ‘unfair’ by activists

By YUKUN ZHANG
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The words in the strips on the board stated the case for the discussion. “No cash accepted on this bus! Go find a machine,” said the figurative MBTA driver to two people trying to get on the bus. “But there isn’t one nearby,” said one of them in the next panel. In another box, others said, “I don’t have a debit card; The next bus doesn’t come for an hour; I have to go to work.”

This imagined scenario seems more like a reality that worries a few community members about AFC 2.0, the MBTA’s proposed system to let riders pay their fares with new CharlieCards, a smartphone app, or by tapping contactless credit and debit cards on fare readers on the vehicle.

A few community members and transit advocates and city councilor Michelle Wu met at Erie-Ellington Community Center recently to discuss what some see as equity issues around the new fare system.

Mela Miles, lead organizer of Greater Four Corners Action Coalition (GFCAC) and the organizer of the meeting, and her two interns presented a story board illustrating the



Mela Miles makes a point during a meeting she convened in Four Corners this month to discuss concerns around the MBTA’s AFC 2.0 payment system. Yukun Zhang photo

helplessness of cash users in the new system: Cash will not be accepted onboard, and cash users will have to load their MBTA accounts at fare vending machines, which the MBTA says it will install more of, or at retail sales locations. Meeting members said the “cashless system” is unfair to people living in communities where fare vending machines or CharlieCard retail locations are not easily accessible.

“There aren’t enough machines around,” said Marvin Martin, president of Action for Regional Equity, a Boston organization. “If you are an elderly person and live on Gaylord Street, you got to walk to Codman Square or

Grove Hall to put money on your card.” Miles said cash users already pay the surcharge to ride the bus, and the “cashless system” about to be installed is “inequities glaring in your face.” She modeled a “fare vending machine” with cardboards and stuck paper on the four sides saying “no \$ accepted on T vehicles” or explaining fare evasion fines. MBTA regulations say the first offense of fare evasion leads to a fine of \$100. The second and the third offences result in \$300 and \$600, respectively. Unpaid fines could lead to a license suspension. Miles worries that the new fare system would make it more likely for

the MBTA to enforce the fare evasion regulations. She also wants to make sure that when cards are checked for payment, there wouldn’t be racial profiling. If a new CharlieCard will cost \$5, as some are saying, it could create an illegal market, said Bob Vance, executive board

member of Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation. On that point, MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo said the agency has made no decision on the cost of the new card. The new fare system would also make it more difficult for immigrants with language barriers and undocumented immigrants without credit cards to use public transit, attendees said. Joyce Harvey, a community member of the GFCAC, said community members need to get the Legislature and the unions more involved to support their cause. Wu added that the T should commit to fair policy changes, and that if the term of the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board were to be extended in 2020, the voice of riders and the city should be part of the

budget process. Pesaturo said AFC 2.0 is not “a cashless system,” as cash will be accepted at stations and fare vending machines. “The MBTA is still working to develop a policy on the enforcement of fare collection under AFC 2.0,” he said about fare-evasion fines. “Relevant policies have not been finalized nor has an operational plan been put in place.”

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AUSTIN, Shirley, 86, of Lowell. She was a longtime resident of both Tewksbury and Bedford. Born in Boston in 1933, she was a daughter of the late William and Theresa (Keefe) Austin. She was predeceased by her 8 siblings; Evelyn Flaherty and husband John; Virginia Austin;

Mildred McNeil and husband James; Bernadette Kennedy and husband Harold; Theresa E. Austin; Arthur Austin and wife Marguerite; William Austin and wife Joan; and Donald Austin. She grew up in Dorchester and Charlestown, graduating from Charlestown High

School in 1950. Prior to her retirement, she was an administrative assistant for the United States Air Force through Dynamics Research Corporation. She is survived by a son, John G. Jaillet and his wife Jacqueline of Greenfield, NH; a daughter, Jodi Jaillet and her husband Theodore O. Windt, III of Lowell; grandchildren, Michael Jaillet, John P. Jaillet, Kristina Kortisses; step-grandchildren, Stephen Godfroy, Kheredine Tamedi; great-grandchildren, Jacob, Mariah, Jack and Logan; stepgreat-grandchild, Caleb Kortisses; sister-in-law, Patricia Austin; many nieces, nephews, and devoted friends.

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PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU19P0838GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
EMILY BLAKE
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Joan M. Blake of Dorchester, MA; Leah M. McKetty of Brockton, MA; Maurice L. Blake of Brockton, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Emily Blake is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Leah M. McKetty of Brockton, MA; Maurice L. Blake of Brockton, MA; Joan M. Blake of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
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Jr., 76, of Medway. Late Vietnam War Marine veteran. Husband of the late Cynthia A. (Boczanowski) Davis. Father of Mary Freeman and her husband Wayne of Springfield, Shawn Davis and his wife Allyson of Medway and Frankie Davis of Southbridge. Also survived by his granddaughter Cynthia Freeman. Brother of the late Dorothea Grondin. Expression of sympathy to the Spirit of Adventure Council, BSA, 600 West Cummings Park Drive Road, Suite 2750, Woburn, MA 01801.

DOHERTY, John J., 81, of Duxbury. Husband of Laura (Ricketson) Doherty. Father to Laura and her husband Paul Taberner, Heather and her husband Michael Comerford, and Alison and her husband Scott Estabrooks. Son of the late Dorothy and John Doherty. Brother to Dorothy Kenny and her husband the late Gerald Kenny and brother to the late David Doherty and his wife the late Catherine Doherty. Brother-in-law to Stephanie Mendelson. Cherished grandfather to Chase, Austin, Hope, Aidan, Molly, Kameron, Cody, Connor, and Christopher. John is also survived by many nieces and nephews. John spent all of his life living less than a mile from the sea - first in Dorchester, then Hingham, Cohasset, Sandwich, and finally in Duxbury. John graduated from Boston University. He worked over thirty years at Boston Edison Company as an engineer. Donations may be made in John's name to the Duxbury Senior Center and/or South Shore Hospital.

DUFFY, Katherine T. (McDonough) of Stoughton, formerly of Dorchester, 93. Wife of the late John Francis Duffy. Mother of Louise A. Soto of Stoughton. Daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (McMillan) McDonough. Sister of the late Francis McDonough, Charles McDonough, Virginia Collins and Claire Gerstel. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations in Katherine's memory may be made to the American Macular Degeneration Society, POB 515, Northampton, MA 01061.

HILL, Evelyn V., 100, of Quincy. Daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (Clasby) Campbell. Wife of the late Carlyle T. Mother of Priscilla "Chris" Jordan (Richard) and Rosemary Bailey, all of South Boston, Gail Howie (David) and Daryl Lacey (Edward), all of Braintree. Survived by 7 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Sister of the late Eileen Ryan, Lillian Taylor and Ruth McPherson. Gratitude to her dear

friend, Donna Keddy. Donations may be made in her memory to Beat N.B. (Childhood Cancer), P.O. Box 850310, Braintree, MA 02184.

LAWLOR, Crosbie J., 89, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Mary C. (Ridge) Lawlor. Father of Joseph A. Lawlor and his wife Susan of Marshfield, Maureen M. and her late husband Walter Carr of Milton, Anthony F. Lawlor of Milton, Eileen M. Lawlor and her husband Paul DeBonis of Quincy, Jerome C. Lawlor and his wife Jean of Quincy and Cecelia M. Lawlor and her husband Joseph Callahan of Norwell. Grandfather of 9. Great-grandfather of 1. Brother of Thomas Lawlor of Quincy and the late John Emmett, Joseph P. and Helen Lawlor. Brother in-law of the late Sr. Cecelia Ridge, MFIC. Donations in Crosbie's memory may be made to Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, 790 Centre Street, Newton, MA 02458.

Mc GILLOWAY, James P. He was the husband of the late Doris L. (Ward) McGilloy. Born in Boston in 1930, he was the son of the late John and Sarah A. (McGonigle) McGilloy. He was a graduate of Dorchester High School 1948 and has resided in Beverly since 1962. A veteran of the Korean War, he proudly served as Radio Communications Operator, with a Rank or Corporal in the U.S. Army. Jim was employed as a typesetter at Addison-Wesley Publishing for many years before his retirement in 1997. He was also once employed as a typesetter for The Boston Globe and Salem News. He is survived by his two sons, Jim McGilloy and his wife, Diane Middendorf of Boxford and Jack McGilloy and his wife, Tina (Abate) of Beverly; two daughters, Brenda White and her husband, Richard of Windham, NH and Susan Sokol and her husband, Stefan of Tewksbury; 7 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Sally LaRusso and many nieces and nephews. He was also predeceased by four brothers, Johnny, Hugh, Danny and Edward McGilloy and four sisters, Rita Kelly, Margaret Fitch, Mary McCarey and Ann Higgins. Contributions may be made in his memory to the National Alzheimer's Foundation at alzfdn.org

RANDALL, Anna M. (Cann), 101, of Franklin. She was the wife of the late Robert E. Randall. Born in 1918, in Boston, a daughter of the late Robert J. and Geneva (Webb) Cann, she was a former resident of Hyde Park and East Falmouth, for 53

years, before moving to Franklin 3 years ago. She was raised and educated in Dorchester and worked as a clerk for the American Mutual Insurance Company. She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Geneva Doherty of Franklin, Margaret Robertson of Illinois, Dorothy Rose of Wrentham, Edward Murray of Norwood, George Rose of Arkansas and Lawrence Bushey of Florida. She was the sister of the late Wanita Rose, Lottie Murray and George Cann. Also surviving are many grandchildren and nephews. Donations in her memory may be sent to a charity of one's choice

ROLLO, Rose "Rosie" (Paglia) Rosie, born from Italian immigrants grew up Boston. Rosie worked for Fay Foto for over 50 years, the largest commercial photography studio in Boston. Rose was the wife of William Thomas Rollo, and mother to Diane Rollo and the late Paul Rollo. Please make donations to Dorchester Youth Hockey at <http://dorchesteryouthhockey.com/EmailMember.asp?ID=554800&AssocID=2179&org=DORCHESTERYOUTHHOCKEY.COM> or Boston Ballet's City Dance <https://www.bostonballet.org/Home/Education/Program/Youth-8-18/Citydance.aspx>

SANIUK, Helen S. (Kaminski) of South Boston. Wife of the late John T Saniuk. Mother of Genevieve "Genia" Saniuk Heinig of Dorchester, Peter Saniuk of Newton, NH, Stephen S. Saniuk of Shrewsbury, Chester S. Saniuk of Milford and Theresa Houck of Hudson. Daughter of the late Antoni and Alexandra (Oniszczyk) Kaminski. Sister of the late Wanda Kucich, Walter Kaminski, and Henry Kaminski. Also survived by 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Donations in memory of Helen may be made to Marian Manor, 130 Dorchester St., South Boston, MA 02127, or Season's Hospice 20 Burlington Mall Rd. #450, Burlington, MA 01803.

TATEOSIAN, Marion (Tutunjian) of Bedford, formerly of Dorchester, 84. Wife of the late Charles Tateosian. Mother of David Tateosian and his wife Nicola and Julie Campos and her husband John. Grandmother of 3. Predeceased by her brother Robert G. Tutunjian and his wife Alice, and her sister Queeney Boghosian and her husband Harry. Aunt of Bob Tutunjian, Ron Tutunjian, Bruce Boghosian, Carla Dacey and Sandra Eknaian. Memorial gifts may be made to Saint Stephen's Armenian Church or the Bedford Garden Club.



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