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The new Edgewater Food Forest on Burmah Street in Mattapan will feature a community garden, a pavilion/gathering space and even a walnut processing station. *Dan Sheehan photo*

Saturday: Volunteers gather in Mattapan. This week: A garden grows on Burmah St.

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

A new food forest is growing in Mattapan this week, the result of an effort by volunteers who deployed in groups to locations across the city last weekend for projects organized by Rebuilding Together Boston, a community-focused non-profit service organization celebrating

its 30th year of facilitating such events.

On Saturday afternoon, one of the teams was busy transforming what had previously been an unused empty lot at 20 Burmah Street into the new Edgewater Food Forest. Encouraged by warm weather and abundant sunshine, a group composed of volunteers from Boston

College and the local tech company Vern-dale joined members of the Boston Food Forest Coalition (BFFC) in clearing brush from the plot, laying down a stone pathway, and planting seedlings.

The project is some two years in the making. After BFFC, a community land trust, acquired the land from the city, the

Department of Neighborhood Development chipped in funds for a reimagining of the space to realize the vision of Vivien Morris and Jessie Dambreville, two members of the Edgewater Neighborhood Association who were the main drivers of the project.

Dambreville, who grew up just beside the space *(Continued on page 6)*

Following the trail of your trash after it has been taken from the bin

BY ERIN D. CALDWELL
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

I am a shameless garbage picker. It's not uncommon to find me walking my dog on Wednesday nights in Dorchester, leash in one hand, shabby plant stand or bench in need of TLC in the other, or, in some cases, slung over my shoulders.

It's hard not to pick trash occasionally when you look at the abun-



A grapple crane inside a processing facility in Haverhill, Mass. prepares to move waste to the incinerator. *Photo courtesy Covanta*

dance of items on the curb every week, leaving you to wonder: What happens to all that waste, anyway?

In Boston, all residential waste is burned. Eighty percent of it is picked up by Capital Waste and sent to Covanta energy-transfer stations. Dorchester's waste is part of the 110,000 annual tons from Boston that are *(Continued on page 18)*

More limits eased; Baker sets the first of August as date for all to be lifted

BY KATIE LANNAN
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

More than a year into the Covid-19 restrictions that have reshaped much of public life, Massachusetts now has a target date for when its business and capacity limits are set to be lifted: Aug. 1, 2021.

That date could come earlier depending on key public health metrics around vaccination, hospitalizations, and case counts, Gov. Baker said on Tuesday as he detailed a suite of short- and longer-term updates to the state's reopening timeline.

"The light at the end of the tunnel, thanks to the hard work of so many, is getting closer, and we can start to look ahead with real optimism for



Gov. Baker might not need that mask outside come Friday. *Jessica Rinaldi/Boston Globe/Pool photo*

the path forward," he said.

Effective Friday, Massachusetts will relax its outdoor mask mandate to require face coverings outside only when it is not possible to socially distance and when they are otherwise required by sector-specific guidance. Masks will still be required at indoor public *(Continued on page 15)*

White-Hammond: Equity, joy are key to fulfilling my goals

BY MIA MCCARTHY
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, who began her first day as the city's chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space on Monday, wants to infuse her new position with equity and joy.

"It has been a rough year, so I'm excited about sitting at the intersections of racial justice and energy policy and gardening intergenerational connections," she said in an interview with the *Reporter*. "I see so much excitement in our department."

A Mattapan native who grew up in Roxbury and now lives in Dorchester, White-Hammond is an ordained minister and the founder of New Roots AME Church in Dorchester. The daughter of two prominent Bostonians, Rev. Ray Hammond and Dr. Gloria White-Hammond, she has been an activist since high school, when she was a Peer Health Edu-

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The Reverend White-Hammond
Boston's new
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Taste of Dorchester on tap

The 13th annual Taste of Dorchester fundraiser event, organized by Dorchester-based non-profit Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA), will take place in a virtual Zoom format this Thurs., April 29 from 7-8 p.m.

This year's event will include a silent auction featuring items such as a weekend vacation in the Berkshires, golf outings, handbags, and gift baskets/cards from local businesses like Dorchester Brewing, Boston Bowl, Norfolk Hard-



ware, Ashmont Cycles, and more. Bidding closes at 9 p.m. on April 29.

MAHA is encouraging everyone to order takeout from a local Dot eatery with a special incentive: patronize a Dorchester restaurant from April 29th-May 2nd, spend \$50, email your receipt to TOD@mahahome.org and they will send you a free ticket to next year's (hopefully in person) Taste of Dorchester.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit mahahome.org.

Zoning Board approves 44 new housing units near Codman Square

Two-building development

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday approved two buildings that will house a total of 44 affordable apartments along Talbot and New England avenues.

In one project, the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp. will build a 4-story, 19-unit building on part of a former garage and parking lot at Spencer Street and Talbot Avenue. The non-profit is splitting the land with TLee Development, which has its own plans for a 21-unit building right at the corner.

In the other, the non-profit says it will build a 23-unit affordable apartment building at 25 New England Ave., near Mallard Avenue and along the Fairmount Line train tracks.

All units in both buildings will be rented to people making no more than 60 percent of the Boston area median income.

Unlike with a proposed apartment building for



The building planned for Spencer Street at Talbot Avenue.

previously homeless families on Wales Street (See Page 13), nobody spoke against either project, and the board approved them unanimously. The BPDA board had approved the proposals last October.

— REPORTER STAFF

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is offering free golf clinics at the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park for ages 7 to 14 years old. The first-rate Junior Golf Lessons program provides basic instruction in the fundamentals of golf taught by professionals. Equipment is provided, if needed, but you may bring your own clubs. Pre-registration is required. The lessons take place Tuesdays through Thursdays with classes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The series repeats weekly starting from July 6 until August 12. Clinicians are highly qualified golf instructors. To register, go to the "Parks Online Activity Search" link at www.boston.gov/calendar/junior-golf-daily-lessons.

The northwest parking lot of Pope John Paul II Reservation playground in Neponset will be closed through July 7

to accommodate staging for playground repair work, according to the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The lot was closed on Thursday, April 8. The closure will be clearly marked. Visitors are encouraged to use the parking area to the northeast when visiting the park.

SuccessLink — the City of Boston's online tool that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs— is now accepting applications through May 9 for Boston teens aged 15 to 18. The City hopes to provide 5,000 jobs to youth and young adults this summer across more than 170 non-profit, community-based organizations and city agencies. For more information on DYEE's summer employment program and additional youth resources, visit youth.boston.gov. **O'Donnell featured at May 2 annual meeting for NepRWA**— MSNBC host and

Dorchester native Lawrence O'Donnell will be the featured guest speaker at the May 2 annual meeting of the Neponset River Watershed Association. The virtual meeting is a ticketed event (\$50 for regular admission and \$40 for active volunteers) that starts at 6:30 p.m. and includes door prizes. See Neponset.org for more info.

The Saint Mark's Area Civic Association's monthly meetings are held on Zoom on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held monthly except July, August, and December. Members and other neighbors are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend a meeting, please send an email to the civic association at smacadot@msn.com and we will send you a link to the meeting. **Boston teens can now apply for the 2021-2022 Mayor's Youth Council,**

a group of 85 high school-aged youth who are committed to improving their communities and empowering young people in the City of Boston. Applications will be accepted through July 18. To apply to be a neighborhood representative on the Mayor's Youth Council, students must be Boston residents and entering grades 9-12 (or of comparable age). All applicants will participate in a group interview. Due to COVID-19, the 2020-2021 Mayor's Youth Council was fully remote for the entire program. To learn more and to apply online, visit youth.boston.gov.

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In Fields Corner, a rally calling for systemic police reforms

By WBUR REPORTERS
A small crowd of demonstrators gathered in Fields Corner on Saturday to reiterate calls for justice for survivors and families of police violence, just days after a jury's conviction of a former officer in one of the most high-profile murder trials in recent memory.

The April 24 event hosted by a local activist group, Mass Action Against Police Brutality,

drew a few dozen protesters to Doherty Playground in Fields Corner. It began at around 1 p.m.

The demonstration was one of several organized efforts across the US, in places like Chicago, Atlanta, Minneapolis, and elsewhere, that sought to rally people for law enforcement reforms four days after a jury found former Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin guilty of all charges in the murder

of George Floyd.

At the rally, Mass Action for Police Brutality leader Brock Satter addressed the crowd and members of the media, explaining that the rally wasn't just about marking Chauvin's conviction, but expressing that "it's not just one case, one police officer, one bad apple; it's the whole system."

"There's thousands of cases that haven't been prosecuted. Cops like Chauvin that are still

on the force that have to be addressed, and especially the families and communities across the country that are going through the same thing that the Floyd family is going through, that are demanding justice," he said. "And the central issues are prosecution of the police and reopening of all past cases of police brutality."

Earlier in the week, on Wednesday, three groups in Boston

held small events to mark the long-awaited verdict and continue their calls for police accountability. People connected to Mass Action for Police Brutality delivered speeches to a small crowd through heavy downpours at the State House. The group, Violence in Boston, gathered about 100 demonstrators in Nubian Square Wednesday evening who later marched to Boston police headquarters.

"The fact is that whether if it's in the news or not, there is a growing movement — especially among the [affected] families," said Satter, "that is becoming more and more organized and determined."

With reporting from WBUR's Quincy Walters, Laney Ruckstuhl, and Lisa Creamer. WBUR and the Reporter share content through a media partnership.

Janey orders a review of BPD's Internal Affairs process

**By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE**
Boston Mayor Kim Janey will task the incoming director of the city's new Office of Po-

lice Accountability and Transparency (OPAT) with a comprehensive review of how the Boston Police Department handles internal affairs, she said last Thursday.

When she tapped Stephanie Everett last week to lead OPAT's launch, Janey instructed the attorney to examine the case of Patrick Rose, who faced allegations of sexual assault on a child but remained on the force for two decades longer and rose to lead the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association.

Two days after her administration released redacted internal affairs files concerning Rose on April 20, Janey expanded the scope of Everett's mission, calling on her to deliver a plan for "review and reform" of BPD's internal affairs process within the first 45 days of Everett's tenure.

The internal affairs files show that then-Bos-

ton Police Commissioner Paul Evans was informed in 1996 that investigators believed Rose had sexually abused a child, but allowed Rose to return to patrol under pressure from the union. As the Boston Globe reported, Rose would later be accused of abusing five more children before his arrest last year.

"There is nothing more important than ensuring that something like this never happens again," Janey said at a press conference. "The fact that a Boston police officer could be accused of sexually abusing a child, that that accusation would be sustained by the Boston Police Department, that that officer would not be terminated, that that

officer would be accused of abusing other children and still stay on the force for another 20 years and rise through the ranks and become the president of the union is indefensible, and that would not happen under my watch."

[In a statement issued last week, Evans and former BPD chief of internal investigations Ann Marie Doherty argued that the additional files will show that the Boston Police Department did everything it could to hold Rose accountable for child abuse allegations in the 1990s, including an internal affairs investigation that found Rose likely abused a 12-year-old.

"We believed at the time, and we still believe,



Mayor Kim Janey
that everything that could be done by the Boston Police Department was done in this matter to hold Rose accountable," the statement said.]

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Carvalho joins the race to succeed Campbell as District 4’s councillor

Former state Rep. Evandro Carvalho has jumped into the crowded field of candidates hoping to succeed City Councillor Andrea Campbell in District 4. The Fuller Street resident, who represented the Fifth Suffolk district in the Legislature from 2014 to 2019, is the only former elected official currently seeking the district seat, which Campbell will vacate after her run for mayor.



Carvalho, 39, is a former prosecutor who ran for Suffolk County District Attorney in 2019. More recently, he has worked as the executive director of the city of Boston’s Human Rights Commission—an appointment made by former Mayor Martin Walsh. Before leaving the Legislature to seek the DA’s job, Carvalho led on criminal justice

reform legislation and sought to add frequency to the Fairmount Line—two issues that he says remain critical to voters in District 4.

“My voice is that of a proven champion and I know what I can bring to the table,” he told the *Reporter* this week. “I’m coming in with the same drive that I had on Beacon Hill to really take it to the next level.”

Carvalho joins a field of more than 10 men and women who have said they will seek a spot on the ballot. Nomination papers became available this week for distribution on Tuesday. About one-quarter of the precincts in District 4—which includes parts of Mattapan and Dorchester—overlap with sections of his former House district.

“These are communities that I know like the back of my hand. I knocked on these doors. People there know that I show up and I help,” he said.

Carvalho said he considered running for an at-large seat, but opted for D-4 because he thinks it’s the “highest need community in the city of Boston right now.... and I can get

things done for it.”

Still, he said, he has been impressed by the volume of candidates who will be running against him. “I’m encouraged by the engagement, because that’s been an issue in our community. To see that many Black men and women having the courage to step up, I know how hard that is. So, I’m looking forward to engaging with them now and after the election to make sure we work together.”

In addition to pulling papers, Carvalho has already hired a field director — Kelvin Green II—to kick-start his candidacy. Green last worked as a field coordinator for Sen. Elizabeth Warren with a focus on the city of Somerville.

Other candidates who say they plan to seek election for District 4 include William Dickerson III, Nikkia Jean-Charles, Trina Ruffin, Troy Smith, Jacob Urena, Josette Williams, Brian Worrell, Leonard M. Lee, Sr., Joel Richards, Trevor Smith and Deeqo Jibril. Each of them has set up accounts with the state’s Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

...
See you out on the campaign trail! – That’s the word from City Councillor Frank Baker, who made it official last week: He’s a candidate for re-election in District 3.

Baker posted an image showing him applying for nomination papers with a statement that said, in part: “Every day that I serve the residents of District 3 is a privilege and I look forward to continuing my work...My team and I have always done the work with boots on the ground and will continue to do so as I seek another term, with district wide support.”

Baker is facing potential challenges from two people who have said they plan to run in District 3: Stephen McBride and Romilda Pereira.

...
Collins won’t run for mayor—State Sen. Nick Collins, who represents much of Dorchester, Mattapan, and South Boston in the First Suffolk District, is not going to run for mayor. Collins issued a statement on Tuesday morning saying, “After much encouragement and consideration and discussions with family,



Evandro Carvalho

I’ve decided I will not be a candidate for mayor. I remain dedicated to my job in the Massachusetts Senate and working with leadership and my colleagues on our shared priorities to help Boston and the Commonwealth grow and thrive. I look forward to working closely with City Hall to create a better Boston for all.”

...
Ten candidates for mayor and at-large city council are trying to get the signature requirement altered, citing safety concerns due to the pandemic. In a letter addressed to lawmakers and Secretary of State William Galvin, the candidates expressed their concern about gathering thousands of signatures from Boston voters in person this spring.

“The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic renders in-person signature collection dangerous to public health,” the candidates wrote in the letter, which was signed by Acting

Mayor Kim Janey, mayoral candidates John Barros, Councillors Annissa Essaibi George, Andrea Campbell, Michael Flaherty, and Julia Mejia, state Rep. Jon Santiago, Alex Gray, David Halbert, and Kelly Bates.

Currently, each mayoral candidate must gather 3,000 verified signatures in order to make it onto the September primary ballot. At-large city council candidates need to collect 1,500.

The candidates outlined the changes they would like to see made, which include temporarily reducing the number of signatures required and allowing for electronic signatures, which was permitted in 2020.

“Last year, your efforts to allow candidates to collect signatures electronically placed the Commonwealth at the forefront of a movement to ensure our democracy remains fair and accessible during a pandemic,” the candidates wrote. “This year, we hope you will continue that legacy, consistent with the proposals outlined in this letter.”

“The Secretary has no authority to change the signature requirements,” and a change would require a home rule petition, said a spokeswoman for Galvin’s office on Monday.



Virtual Spring Open House

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Volunteers gang up against trash along the Neponset



Despite cold and wet weather conditions, more than 400 volunteers spread out on April 17 across 16 different locations in Canton, Dedham, Dorchester, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Milton, Norwood, and Quincy to help clean up trash and debris along the Neponset River, parks, and trails. The volunteers, who were organized by the Neponset River Watershed Association, collected more than 28 tons of trash in just a three-hour period.

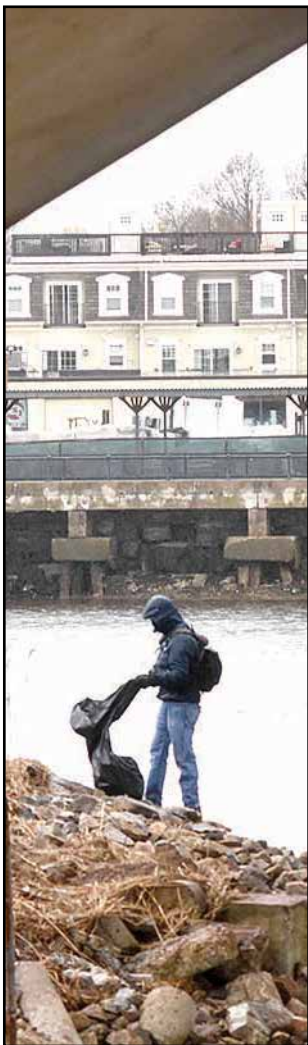
“The enthusiasm and motivation of our volunteers never ceases to amaze me,” said event coordinator Declan Devine. “They were picking up trash and caring for their environment and their community even though it was 40 degrees out and raining; it was awesome!”

Declan offered special thanks to cleanup partners, including the state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Clean Up Boston, Dorchester Running Club, East River Neighborhood Association, Edgewater Neighborhood Association, Friends of the Boston Harbor Walk, Keep Hyde Park Beautiful, Milton DPW, Milton High School Earth Club, Norwood DPW, Norwood Trails Committee, Quincy DPW, Quincycles, and Quincy Asian Resources INC. (QARI) Youth ServiceCorps. The cleanup was sponsored by ENE Systems, Budget Dumpster, Roche Brothers, GZA, Fruit Center Marketplace, Rockland Trust, Fuss & O’Neill, and South Shore Bank

The things they found during the cleaning up

Some of the debris collected included 548 trash bags of litter (bottles, cans, food packaging, plastics, etc.), 300+ nip bottles, 29 tires, 38 hypodermic needles, 4 carpets/area rugs, 1 refrigerator door, 6 car parts, 2 plastic shopping baskets, the base of a light post, 1 tent, 28 large pieces of Styrofoam, 2 docks, 3 buoys, 5 bags of invasive plants, 2 bags of sand, 1 couch frame, 1 small engine block, 1 gas-powered leaf blower engine, 1 mobile basketball backboard/pole/stand, 12 feet of barbed wire, 1 backyard inflatable kiddie pool, 1 car battery, 4 shovels, 4 pairs of sneakers, 1 baseball diamond home plate, 2 shopping carts, 28 feet of steel pipe, 5 trash bags of driftwood, a baseball bat, a plastic lawn chair, a folding chair, a pool cover, a tripod, a blanket, a basketball, a soccer ball, 2 trash barrels, a broom handle, a broom with no handle, 4 car mats, 2 milk crates, a stuffed animal, 2 empty paint cans, a suitcase, 4 plastic gallon bottles, a winter coat, multiple cinder blocks, a metal bed frame, a pair of rubber boots, multiple shoes, a vacuum cleaner, a metal train rail, many ropes, a TV cathode tube.

– REPORTER STAFF





Workers from Gilbane assembled 40 desks at the Carpenters Union last Saturday before donating them to after-school programs in Dot. *Dan Sheehan photo*

Gilbane, Carpenters union double up to build desks for after-school programs

At the New England Carpenters Training Center on Dorchester Avenue on Saturday morning, Gilbane Co. construction workers were hard at work sawing, sanding, and assembling some 40 wooden desks that will be donated in support of after-school programs at Mather Elementary School and the Church of the Nazarene in Dorchester.

Gilbane, which has partnered with Rebuilding Together since its inception 30 years ago, dispatched around 20 workers to the project after the Carpenters union offered its space as a staging area.

“Each year we work together to do at least one project in partnership with Rebuilding Together,” said Der-

ek Ullman, a project manager at Gilbane. “This year we couldn’t go into people’s homes to renovate because of Covid, but we said, ‘Let’s do something.’” Added Steve Duvel, senior vice president at Gilbane: “We’re happy to be involved; this is what Gilbane is about: giving back to the community.”

—DANIEL SHEEHAN

Saturday: Volunteers gather in Mattapan. This week: A garden is growing on Burmah Street

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at the end of Burmah Street, told the *Reporter* that she had long wished for the empty lot to be repurposed.

“Honestly, this was my dream,” she said. “I would use this as a shortcut when I was a kid, but it was always just wasted space. My bedroom is right there, so this will be the first thing I see in the morning and the last thing I see at night. It’s just so exciting; this weekend has been unbelievable.”

Morris, who lives two blocks from the site, said the patch of land has been unused since at least the 1970s. “No one knows of anything ever having been here.” But after the Edgewater Neighborhood Association forged connections with BFFC, Morris saw an opportunity to build greater camaraderie among neighbors and at the same time make improvements to the community.

“The idea with this project is to turn this plot, which has been an eyesore, into something that will be a source of positive interactions among neighbors as well as healthy food,” she explained. “There’s nothing like this right now in Mattapan, so this would be an amazing contribution to the community overall.”

In addition to creating a garden filled with perennials and shrubs, a wooden pavilion for hosting community events, yoga classes, and live music, the project will also preserve a number of black walnut trees indigenous to the neighborhood and even provide a walnut-processing station to help neighbors make the most of that natural resource.

“There are a lot of black walnuts in the neighborhood, and we want people to actually be able to harvest them and learn ways to cook with them; they’re a really good source of protein and fiber,” noted Morris.

Incorporating the trees into the design of the food forest, explained BFFC director Orion Kriegman, is a central principle of permaculture: “to disturb the land as little as possible and use the resources that are on the land as much as possible.”

That approach can be a challenge in urban environments, where green space is scarce and real estate is at a premium. But food forests contain a multitude of positive traits, reasoned Kriegman, such as reconnecting people to the land, reducing the urban heat island effect, and promoting healthier eating habits, as well as the numerous mental health benefits linked to open green space.

Unlocking the potential of these unused parcels around the city that are unfit for housing or commercial development could be key to planning a more climate resilient Boston, he said.

“We’re planting seeds of hope for the future. Yes, the world’s changing, the climate’s chang-

ing, we don’t know exactly what’s going to grow here 10-20 years from now. But that’s the point, we’ve got to get out here and start experimenting, invite young people into the process and say this is the world you’re inheriting, and this is how we’re going to heal it. ... No single food forest is going to solve climate change, but it starts a process where people can move out of their anxiety into action, and after that who knows where it will take them.”

Another impact of the new forest? Changing how Mattapan is perceived by the general public. Dambreville said she hopes initiatives like this will help others discover the natural assets that their neighborhood offers.

“There’s a lot of beauty in Mattapan that people forget about, and I want to help bring it out, and for the whole city to share it. There’s a lot of amazing green space here; I want it to be a destination for the rest of the city.”



The new Edgewater Food Forest on Burmah Street in Mattapan. *Dan Sheehan photo*

Home Rule petitions aimed at improving voter access

District 5 Boston City Councillor Ricardo Arroyo filed two Home Rule petitions this week aimed at reducing obstacles to voting in Boston elections. The petitions, which will need support from his council colleagues, acting Mayor Janey, state lawmakers, and the governor, would allow for same-day voter registration and permanently install mail-in voting for city elections.

“Nationally, voting rights and ballot access are under attack,” Arroyo said on Monday. “Boston has an opportunity to lead with proven policies and practices that serve to further the health of the public and our democracy. That is why we must advocate for and implement these election reforms.”

The petitions, which have the support of the Boston chapter of the NAACP, will likely be referred to the council’s Government Operations Committee.

“The time to act is now. There is much work that can be done right here in Massachusetts to ensure that we have fair, safe and accessible elections,” said Tanisha M. Sullivan, President NAACP Boston Branch. “While the rest of the nation debates this issue, we can get it done.”

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DAP is hosting a “Melanin Owned” flea market

The M.O.B. Vendors Flea Market is a new weekly event at Dorchester Art Project that features “Melanin Owned Businesses” based in the neighborhood and throughout the Greater Boston area. Held each Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. in DAP’s lower-level space, the flea market offers customers a chance to buy food, baked goods, apparel, jewelry, natural health remedies, and other products made by local Black and Brown-owned businesses.

Shakenna Appleberry, founder of the M.O.B. flea market, noted that in addition to giving local vendors a boost in revenue, the weekly market also provides a platform for them to develop and pitch products, network with and meet potential investors, and grow their businesses.



The new M.O.B. flea market hosted at DAP convenes every Saturday afternoon.

“We have a new grand opening every month with a new round of vendors,” said Appleberry, who encourages vendors interested in signing up for one of the May weekly markets to

contact her via the flea market Facebook page or at 2Fruitswellness@gmail.com.

New leadership series launched

Boston Compass Newspaper (BCN), pub-

lished by Dorchester Art Project, announced this month its transition into digital media with a new artist interview series.

“Defining Leadership: The Artist Interview Project” continues BCN’s

dedication to artist-centered endeavors, exploring larger topics within the creative community through in-depth artist interviews. The series creator, Pauline Kaba, describes it as “a series dedicated to presenting the untold story of the untraditional creative, the soul who leads by example and thereby redefines the meaning of leadership, through challenging society’s limitations on creativity.”

The first season will consist of three artist interviews, approximately 25 minutes each, released every other week. Each interview is accompanied by a larger theme which BCN will explore through the chosen artist’s journey and perspective.

In the first installation of the series, released last week, artist Stefanie



Artist Stefanie Belnavis explores creative health in the first episode of BCN’s new interview series.

Belnavis explores the importance of understanding one’s creative self (body, soul, and mind) and how to practice self-care through prioritizing creative health.

For more information, visit BCN’s Youtube page.

– DANIEL SHEEHAN

Peeples, Célestin to fill new roles in Janey’s office



Donte Peeples

Donte Peeples is the new Mattapan liaison for Mayor Kim Janey’s office. Roudnie Célestin, who served as the liaison to Mattapan and the Haitian community for Mayor Walsh, will now focus exclusively on the Haitian community at the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS).

In a statement, Janey said Peeples “brings a

passion for civic engagement that is so necessary in being a successful neighborhood liaison.”

Peeples says he discovered his passion for service while attending the St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church after-school and summer camp programs. He was later employed as a mentor and worked to provide safe and fun activities for the city’s youth.

“I am honored to be a part of the Office of Neighborhood Services working as the Mattapan liaison,” he said. “My family has been longtime residents of Mattapan and it is exciting to be able to collaborate with residents and business owners along with the city to address the needs of the community.”

Célestin, who has been with the Mayor’s Office for three-and-a-half years, was born and raised in Pétion-Ville, Haiti.



The City of Boston Credit Union donated 31 iPads for use by pediatric oncology patients at Tufts Children’s Hospital last week. The iPads have been outfitted with age-appropriate games and apps for patients to use during their treatment. Shown above, l-r: City of Boston Credit Union (CBCU) Board of Director Steve Green, Boston Police Officers from District 4, Tufts Children’s Hospital Child Life Specialist Allison Butler, Bob the Resident Service Dog, CBCU Director Coleman Flaherty, CBCU Director Susan Connolly, City of Boston Credit Union President and CEO Neil Gordon, CBCU Director Brian Gill, and CBCU Director Cecil Jones.

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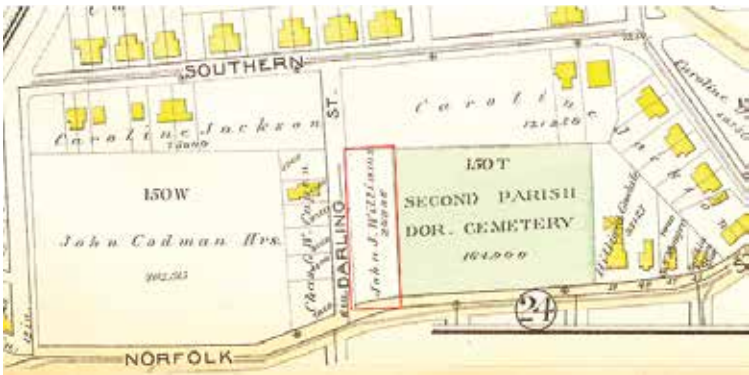
In 1888 Father William Fitzpatrick, pastor of St. Gregory’s parish, bought a lot of land at the corner of Norfolk and Darling (now Darlington) Streets, and two years later opened a temporary church on the site. The map detail from the 1889 atlas shows the parcel of land that was acquired for the church. All property acquired by Catholic Church clergy is owned by the diocese in which it sits; therefore, the title to the Norfolk site was in the name of John Joseph Williams, at that time, the archbishop of Boston.



The original St. Matthew Church on Norfolk Street, Dorchester, circa 1890.

The church opened on Christmas Day, 1890, and remained as a ward of St. Gregory’s until it became officially St. Matthew Parish in 1900.

A new Saint Matthew Church building on Stanton Street was the creation of Father John A. Donnelly and was ready for use in 1923. The most recent



use of that building seems to be as Syria Temple No. 31, Prince Hall, Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org

Terrence Clarke mourned: star on the hardwood who called Dorchester home

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

This week, the Greater Boston basketball community continued to mourn the loss of Terrence Clarke, a bright prospect from Dorchester who passed away in Los Angeles last Thursday at the age of 19 following a car accident.

By all accounts, Clarke was one of the most promising young players to emerge from the city in years. An athletic 6-foot-7, he was a consensus five star player after finishing his high

school career at Brewster Academy in New Hampshire and committing to play college ball at the University of Kentucky, where he was a freshman guard this past season.

A projected lottery pick entering the season, he declared for the NBA draft last month and announced he was signing with Klutch Sports, an agency that represents the likes of LeBron James, Anthony Davis, and Ben Simmons.

In recent years, Clarke had built relationships with some current Celtics stars—Jaylen Brown, Jayson Tatum, and Kemba Walker—who trained with and mentored him in the months leading up to the draft. As news of his death reached social media, Brown and others expressed shock and grief, with Brown urging the NBA to honor Clarke posthumously by “[letting] my lil bro’s name” get called at this year’s draft. He had dreamed of playing in the league for his hometown Boston Celtics.

Last weekend, an impromptu memorial ma-

terialized outside of the Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy in Fields



Terrence Clarke as a freshman at Kentucky last season.

Corner, where Clarke attended middle school. A crowd of hundreds

gathered to pay their respects.

Green Line, safety hires featured in MBTA budget plan

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

The MBTA Board unanimously approved a \$2.35 billion preliminary budget for fiscal 2022 on Monday, advancing a spending plan that fully funds pre-pandemic levels of transit service and hundreds of new positions without fare increases or staff cuts.

The Fiscal and Management Control Board voted 5-0 in support of the budget, which calls for spending about 3 percent more than the

revised \$2.29 billion fiscal 2021 budget as the agency works to juggle massive financial and operational impacts from Covid-19 and the prospect of increasing demand.

The proposed budget does not plan for any fare increases, layoffs or furloughs, nor any reallocation of funding from capital projects to operations. MBTA Chief Financial Officer Mary Ann O'Hara said the budget deploys “very modest expense growth.”

MBTA officials bal-

anced the spending plan by relying on about \$605 million in one-time revenues. About \$240 million of that is federal funding drawn from three different pandemic relief packages, while the other \$365 million will come from an internal savings fund the T built up during the pandemic by cutting costs.

The T, which typically drew about a third of its revenue from fares before the pandemic, has grappled with a severe decline in ridership during the crisis

like many other transit agencies.

Ridership remains low more than a year into the public health crisis at about 26 percent on rapid transit, but it has been trending upward. MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak said the week of April 12 saw the highest ridership since the pandemic began, surpassing the previous peak observed in late September and early October.

MBTA budget-writers forecast collecting \$200 million in fare revenue

in FY22, a 39 percent increase over FY21.

In fiscal year 2019, the last full spending cycle unaffected by the pandemic, the T projected to collect more than \$664 million in fares.

After implementing two rounds of service cuts in January and March, the T is now racing to restore service in response to criticism from the congressional delegation and others. The draft FY22 budget includes enough funding to run pre-Covid service, but MBTA officials say

it will take some time to build the workforce back up to a sufficient level to meet that need after vacated positions went unfilled during the pandemic.

The preliminary budget plan calls for adding more than 900 employees to the MBTA’s depleted workforce, including 166 positions to support the operation of Green Line Extension service in Somerville and Medford when that expansion launches at the end of 2021.

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Ballot check: Whites loom as swing voters in mayoral race

There are six accomplished people— each of them with compelling stories, resumes, and achievements— in this current field of candidates running for mayor of Boston in the fall.

Between them, your mayoral candidates have walked the halls of Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Smith, and Dartmouth. Teamed up, they can sue you and stitch you up and give you counsel and write a law for you in six different languages. Take a step back: This is an impressive field.

It's notable, too, that after centuries of white political dominance in this city, there is to date not a viable white candidate in the mix for mayor. And it looks fairly certain that the ballot will remain that way.

On Tuesday, state Sen. Nick Collins went public with his decision about running for mayor: He's not going to do it. Until this week, Collins was the only white candidate with a reasonable shot of winning who was still publicly mulling a run. With the senator sitting this one out, it's now nearly assured that for the first time since the city was incorporated in 1822, there won't be a white man in the field looking to be mayor of Boston.

What's notable about not having a white contender in this race? It's tempting to say, simply: Not much. Or, 'Who cares?' But that's a cavalier attitude that diminishes the gravity of the moment. We're talking about Boston— a city still caked in the muck of bad-old-days busing imagery in the eyes of much of the nation. The place where ad execs and movie producers can't fathom casting anyone but shamrock-tatted white boys who drop their Rs and pound Sam Adamases while searching for an ahht museum to heist.

Sure, there are probably some old-school white Bostonians who are low-key depressed that none of their blood relatives are on the city ballot for the first time since the Monroe administration. If you know people suffering from this pathetic malaise, tell 'em to cheer up, enjoy the break, and look on the bright side: Your cousin won't be forcing you to walk the Bunker Hill parade this summer. You can take an extra day or two down the Cape.

Jokes aside, there's a dynamic to this race that will be new and fascinating to many of us who've been observers or participants in the Boston political scene. For the first time, white voters will be a swing constituency that could end up tilting the mayor's race in a head-to-head contest in November.

Think back to 2013, when Marty Walsh and John Connolly carved up the predominantly white precincts in the city in the September preliminary. The November battlegrounds were in Ward 14 and 17 and 18— largely Black constituencies. They broke for Walsh, effectively delivering the fifth floor at City Hall to the man who is now the US Labor Secretary.

As we look ahead to the fall run-off, could an inverse scenario play out among the finalists for the '21 mayor's race? Will largely white enclaves in places like Neponset and West Roxbury and Brighton and South Boston be the swing vote? It seems likely from this vantage point that they will. A candidate who covets the Curley desk will need to court these neighborhoods and speak to their issues.

There's a lot of campaigning ahead of us, but all Bostonians should marvel at where we've come from and where we find ourselves at this moment in time. It wasn't long ago that the "Black vote" was the subject of snickers and eye-rolls from politicos in this town. They're not laughing so loud anymore. We've come a long way, baby.

— Bill Forry

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Looking Up Longfellow Street

Who's going to protect our neighborhood from the coming onslaught of fireworks?

By EDWARD M. COOK
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

As we head into fireworks season, I despair that there is no one in city or state government who will protect us from four to six weeks of nightly bombardments of horrific proportions.

Looking up Longfellow Street, I see a street lined with wood framed houses, singles, two, and three family, just like most of the streets in Dorchester. And I know that we are facing a very dry summer, possibly a season of drought. We live in one big tinder box.

Last year, in one of the hundreds of calls that I personally made to the police night-after-night for weeks, I was told that Longfellow Street was in an officially designated “hot zone.” I wonder how many homes will burn as we cower helplessly wondering who will be next? How many friends, like those on Mt. Everett Street, will be forced to find a new home or live in temporary housing for a year while their home is rebuilt after a fireworks attack?

What can be done? Fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts and there are multiple means of enforcement that are not being used in spite of the whining to the contrary of those whose job is to protect us.

- The police can issue fines to people who possess fireworks. A police official told me that in his 15 years on the BPD, he had never heard of that being done, even once. Even though the exact addresses where fireworks were being detonated were given every time that my neighbors and I called in a complaint, we were told repeatedly that nothing could be done unless they caught the perpetrators “red-handed.” But isn't catching criminals red-handed the very definition of the mission of the BPD? Do they really not know how to do that? They were telling us falsely that they are helpless and we are without protection.
- The police cannot be bothered to use undercover officers to sit down the street from known fireworks criminals and catch them “red-handed.” They do not use the pile of spent explosives in front of a house, eyewitnesses, or door-to-door canvassing as probable causes to obtain a warrant to search the property for explosives.
- Informing the insurance company that a building that is the scene of multi all-night fireworks is a “problem property” would put the landlord on notice that insurance premiums will be increased unless

the designation is removed. This is never done.

- If illegal fireworks are found, by whatever means, they were transported across state lines and this is a federal offense. No one is ever charged.
- Advertising the sale of fireworks that are illegal in Massachusetts but can be purchased in New Hampshire or Rhode Island is criminal activity on the part of the fireworks company. Last year, Dorchester was deluged with those advertisements in the mail and on local billboards. The attorney general issued a warning letter to the New Hampshire company to cease those mailings. The reply was a figurative “Bronx Cheer.”
- The Massachusetts State Police have never created a sting operation that followed a car laden with fireworks from the distributor and arrested them as they cross the state line. Last year three vans loaded with fireworks were removed from one home in Malden.
- Last year, I complained to a local elected official about the pathetic police response and was told, “I wouldn't even get out of my cruiser if I was a cop.” Apparently, the BPD operates on the same principle, knowing that they will get no blowback from other officials.
- What if there were a highly publicized press conference where the attorney general and multiple police officials issued a strong warning? How many highly publicized arrests and prosecutions would it take to send a clear deterrent message to fireworks criminals?

The simple truth is that no one who could help us cares about the fireworks that plague minority/majority neighborhoods. Wringing their hands, they brush us off with false protestations of helplessness. The perpetrators know that and laugh up their sleeves.

Meanwhile we face weeks on end of bombardments from sundown until 4 a.m. Some of us have elderly or sick family members, some have infants, others have dogs cowering wide-eyed in a corner, and all of us have pillows over our ears praying for sleep. Yet, there is no one at a city, state, or federal level who will take the lead to protect us by simply using the many existing laws, codes, procedures, and other tools already in their hands.

I say, “Stop wringing your hands and protect us!”
Ed Cook lives in Dorchester.

An invitation to ‘reimagine’ our beaches

The Save the Harbor organization is seeking proposals from organizations and individuals for free beach events to help them “Reimagine the Beach” this summer as part of their Better Beaches Program partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

In 2020, the Better Beaches Program awarded more than \$200,000 in grants to 22 organizations that ran creative and socially distanced summer programs, including virtual circus performances, community music contests, virtual wellness and fitness classes, and virtual youth programs. In 2020, 25 percent of the grants went to providing safety equipment and support as organizations faced the unprecedented challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, as they worked to keep our beaches safe and open.

This year, groups and creatives in Dorchester are invited to respond to the Better Beaches Program's request for proposals for grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. In 2020 Save the Harbor made 34 grants to support free beach events and programs, including “Fire Juggling on the Beach” by the Boston Circus Guild and the “Beats on the Beach” music competition.

Funds to support the program come from a legislative appropriation to the Department of Conservation & Recreation and the proceeds from this year's Virtual Harpoon Shamrock Splash, which raised more than \$50,000 in March.



Last year's Better Beaches Program events included “Fire Juggling on the Beach.”
Photo courtesy Save the Harbor

Part of this year's “Reimagine the Beach” campaign will include an active effort to sponsor beach events organized by and for Boston's residents of color.

“Save the Harbor has recommitment ourselves to equity and anti-racism in our programs and on our beaches and we are excited to see the creative ways organizations and individuals will be activating our beaches this summer,” said Chris Mancini, the organization's executive director. “This year more than \$40,000 in Better Beaches funds will be intentionally awarded to organizations, programs, individuals, and creatives who empower, amplify, and invest in community members of color.”

Whether you are part of an

organization, an artist collective, or are a creative individual, you can help Save the Harbor and DCR bring diversity and activity to the beaches in person or virtually in Boston's waterfront neighborhoods and the region's beachfront communities this year by submitting your proposal online today at savetheharbor.org/better-beaches. Grant applicants can come from any community, as long as the free event or program activates one of the metropolitan region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

Applications are due by May 14, after which Save the Harbor's Better Beaches Grants Committee will review the proposals and announce this year's recipients in early June.

Letter to the Editor

Let’s all protest digital billboards plan for Morrissey Blvd.

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter to encourage Dorchester residents to strongly oppose the request by Bay Colony Associates, Boston Bowl, for two digital billboards on a winged monopole at 820 Morrissey Blvd. The location is next to Interstate 93, directly across from the Neponset River Area of Critical Environmental Concern and highly visible from Tenean Beach, Victory Road Park, Squantum Point Park, the Neponset Greenway, the Dorchester Harborwalk, and large parts of Port Norfolk and Neponset.

I urge my fellow Dorchester residents to oppose it as well. Digital billboards are ugly, visual blight. It is environmentally and socially unjust to allow them to be built in Dorchester.

Digital billboards should not be approved by MassDOT. Its Outdoor Advertising Bureau will be holding a virtual hearing on the matter at 11 a.m. on Thurs., May 13. To register to attend remotely, go to the Bureau’s website’s agenda on Mass.gov for information on how to do so.

There are multiple state regulations that apply to this request. Digital billboards need to be treated as new billboards. There is no conversion rule. They should not be within 500 feet of another billboard. They should not be within 300 feet of a river, reservation, park or trail. They should not be placed in neighborhoods overburdened with signs. The location must be primarily commercial.

Recently, 220 units of new housing were approved by the City of Boston to be built within 500 feet of this proposed billboard. The proponents completely ignored the fact that the Neponset River Reservation is situated



The billboard scene now on US Route 93 at Boston Bowl

within 300 feet, directly on the opposite side of Rte. 93. The estuary would be adversely impacted by artificial light, as would the scenic vista within the harbor, and adjacent Tenean Beach.

There are substantial issues surrounding the underlying zoning appeal process leading to approval of this electronic billboard installation. After five years of multiple deferrals, the proponents filed a new request with no notification to the Port Norfolk Civic Association. The ZBA decision incorrectly cites the Zoning Code. Electronic billboards are forbidden, through Article 11-7, in the entire City of Boston, other than in the Lansdowne Street area, the Theater District, and the Seaport Convention Center Districts. Article 11-9 allows conditional use elsewhere under “exceptional circumstances.”

There is nothing in this appeal, nothing in evidence, and nothing in the decision substantiating a finding of such circumstances. Any layperson watching the video of the hearing can see that the ZBA members themselves were confused about the proposal, the law, and their own decision.

There was no legitimate community process. Rather, multiple letters and signatures were submitted by individuals and businesses, a clear majority of whom are located nowhere near the site. The mayor’s office representative stated that there had been a “robust community process.” The ZBA was told that there was no opposition, despite the fact that at least 15 Dorchester civic associations had signed a letter to the mayor opposing all new billboards and digital billboards

No one disagrees that Boston Bowl

is a good company. Sometimes good people need to consider whether they are really acting like good neighbors. Placing an electronic billboard in this location would be an insult to Dorchester. Although we try to be good neighbors ourselves, in this instance, the answer should be no.

Zoning in general is not meant to be a popularity contest. This proposal is wrong. It is against the public good. Bright, flashing lights will harm the wildlife of the ACEC and irritate the visitors to Tenean Beach, which is known as the “Poor Man’s Beach” where people who can’t afford summer homes or vacations relax. The Greenway extension will go right beside it.

In the 1950s, the Dorchester waterfront was forever scarred by the construction of Interstate 93. Since then, the state, through the Department of Conservation and Recreation, has spent millions of dollars on improvements to the Dorchester waterfront, and is about to spend millions more on the Morrissey Boulevard Greenbelt to decrease flooding, but also to increase neighborhood connections to the waterfront and make it more green. We also have beautiful public parks and trails.

The addition of digital billboards will negatively impact all of this good work done by the state, and increase further the perception of Dorchester as a blighted area. Is this the future we want?

Please join me in sending letters of opposition to the Office of Outdoor Advertising, Attn: John R. Romano, Director; Ten Park Plaza, Room 6141, Boston, MA 02116.

Sincerely,
Maria Lyons
Port Norfolk

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The Dorchester Street Hockey league will host its fifth annual playoffs on Sun., May 2, from noon to 7p.m. at the newly refurbished Garvey Playground in Neponset. Aside from the playoff games, the event will feature food and raffles. The league will stage its semi-final games from 12 to 4, and the championship games at 6 p.m. According to league founder Jack Studley, “The Boston Police Department Hockey team is coming down and taking care of the food for the players. They have also donated some merchandise for raffles. We were fortunate enough to receive a donation and start a partnership with Franklin Sports - and they have donated more raffle prizes.” Above, a scene from one of the street hockey games played last week during school break.

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Zoning board says no to Wales Street homeless housing

Petition sought okay for 23 apartments

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday rejected a proposal by the non-profit Heading Home to replace a crumbling 10-unit apartment building at 37 Wales St. in Dorchester with 23 new apartments rented to families trying to get out of homelessness. Heading Home had planned a building with no parking spaces for residents. The current building has ten.

“Most clients don’t have cars,” Heading Home CEO Danielle Ferrier told the board. Residents would be “transitioning out of homelessness” and allowed to earn no more than 30 percent of the Boston-area median income. But neighbors who testified against the plan said they didn’t believe that new residents wouldn’t promptly fill up the already parking-short Wales Street with cars.

“They’re trying to shove this down our throats,” one resident said. “From 10 [units] to 23 is crazy.” Residents also cited flooding issues caused by failing retaining walls at the site.

In addressing Heading

Home, ZBA Chairwoman Christine Araujo only cited the parking in calling on the group to try to work with neighbors: “Obviously, there are issues that should be addressed,” she said.

Board member Mark Erlich agreed that “10 to 23 is a big jump” and moved to reject the proposal - which the BPDA board had approved in January - without prejudice. The board then voted 6-1 for that, which means Heading Home can file new plans in less than a year.



The plan for 37 Wales Street

A no to Lower Mills condo building

Space now used for parking to remain vacant for a year

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday listened to residents’ concerns and rejected a developer’s proposal to build a three-story, seven-unit condo building at 37 River St., at Old Morton Street in Mattapan. The vote means that the vacant lot owned by Scott Dabney, which people now use for parking, will remain vacant for at least one year.

Residents cited the parking, which Dabney says he doesn’t sanction, along with the gen-

eral upkeep of the lot and the size and modern look of the building, which they said does not fit in with what one called the “historic buildings of Mattapan and Lower Mills,” as reasons for their opposition. One resident said that if Dabney doesn’t take care of the lot now, she couldn’t trust him to build something that would be an improvement for the neighborhood.

Dabney’s attorney, Daniel Toscano, said the proposal



The plan for 37 River St., at Old Morton Street in Mattapan.

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More limits eased; Baker sets Aug. 1 as date for all to be lifted

(Continued from page 1) places, and at indoor and outdoor events.

In about two weeks, on May 10, large venues like stadiums can boost capacity from 12 percent to 25 percent, and amusement parks that submit safety plans to the state can reopen at 50 percent capacity. Road races and singing at indoor venues will be permitted with precautions in place.

More restrictions are set to ease Memorial Day weekend, and Baker's office said those changes are "subject to public health and vaccination data." On May 29, gathering limits are slated to increase to 200 people indoors and 250 outdoors; street festivals, parades and agricultural festivals can return at half-capacity; and bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries can reopen subject to the same rules as restaurants, including a 90-minute table limit.

The state also plans to update its restaurant guidance that day, to increase the maximum party size from six to 10 and eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol.

On Aug. 1, the gathering limit is scheduled to be rescinded, all industry restrictions will be lifted, and 100 percent capacity will again be allowed across all industries.

"We hope that with more vaccines and a continued success in stopping Covid, we can take this step earlier, but it will depend on everyone continuing to get vaccinated and doing the right things," Baker said. Businesses will be "encouraged to continue following best practices," as of Aug. 1, and the DPH "will also continue to issue guidance as needed, including guidance to still require masks indoors," Baker's office said.

Steve Walsh, president and CEO of the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, thanked the administration for what he called a "measured approach to reopening our state" and said there is still "work to do in order to reach a new normal. "Our healthcare organizations are pleased that patients can safely return to the activities that they have missed - many of which are inextricably connected to their mental well-being," Walsh said in a statement. The National Federation of Independent Businesses gave mixed reviews to Baker's timeline, saying his announcement contained "some positive news for bars that have been shuttered for well over a year now" and for wedding and event venues that

will benefit from higher capacity limits.

"However, the fact that Massachusetts will lag behind our neighboring states when it comes to a full reopening of the economy is extremely concerning," NFIB State Director Christopher Carlozzi said. "Seasonal businesses will be negatively impacted if they are forced to wait until Aug. 1st to reach full capacity while states like Connecticut and Rhode Island fully reopen for business by Memorial Day. The real-world impact of waiting until the end of the summer for a full reopening will mean job loss and a slower recovery for many small businesses."

Baker did not lay out a timeline for when he might rescind the state of emergency he declared on March 10, 2020. He said Tuesday that is "one of the things that we will continue to review based on" public health data.

Similarly, he said any future decision about changing indoor mask requirements would be "a function of both the public health and vaccination rates and the ongoing research that is continually occurring."

"We believe the vast majority of the rules that are in place with respect to masks indoors have had a lot to do with helping us manage case counts and hospitalizations, and they've been a good thing," Baker said.

The Aug. 1 target date lands 440 days after Baker first rolled out his gradual economic and social restart plan, which divided businesses and activities into four broad phases, and more than 500 days after the issuance of many of the emergency orders that first imposed restrictions.

On May 18, 2020, the day the reopening plan was released, the Department of Public Health reported 1,042 new cases of Covid-19 and 65 new deaths linked to the respiratory disease. A total of 87,052 cases of had been diagnosed in Massachusetts at that point, with 5,862 deaths. The state's seven-day average positive test rate stood at 10.2 percent, and the three-day average of hospitalized patients was 2,607.

On Monday, the DPH reported 812 new cases of - the lowest daily total since early November -- along with 12 new deaths, 625 hospitalizations and a seven-day positivity rate of 1.72 percent.

The state's cumulative caseload stands at 641,211 since last February, with more than 17,000 confirmed fatalities, and the virus is still circulating in Massachusetts; the DPH estimates there are 29,601 active cases, more than the population of Agawam or Wellesley. Viral variants believed to be more contagious have also

been detected here.

An August easing of restrictions would come ahead of a back-to-school season expected to bring students at all levels into the classrooms again after a full year of pandemic-disrupted and often remote schooling.

Many colleges and universities have announced they're envisioning a return to more normal operations and campus life for the fall semester, in some cases with a requirement that students get vaccinated.

Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeff Riley has

said his department is "planning for a full return in-person" for all K-12 grade levels in the fall. Riley announced Tuesday that high schools, except those that are granted waivers, will be required to repopulate their classrooms by May 17, though families can opt to continue with remote learning for their students through the end of this academic year.

Baker said it was "thanks to the testing, vaccines and everyone's work to get Covid in check in Massachusetts" that high schoolers would

return to classrooms.

Since the state last moved forward in the reopening process - on March 22, the day travel restrictions were rolled back, stadiums were allowed to reopen at 12 percent capacity and gathering limits were raised - Massachusetts has progressed in its efforts to vaccinate its population.

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Tracking your trash

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sent to Lynn, where the garbage is inspected before it's transferred from small to large trucks and hauled to an incinerator in Haverhill.

I recently took a Covid-driven virtual tour of the Haverhill site, courtesy of Covanta area asset manager for the Commonwealth, Mark Van Waldeen. As the large waste trucks come in, they dump their loads on a tip floor, which funnels the waste to a holding pit. A crane then scoops the waste into a chute that feeds it into the boiler, which burns the combustible material at 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit producing steam that powers a massive turbine that generates electricity, enough to power 31,000 homes for a year.

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The leftover ash goes to a monofill, a type of landfill intended for one kind of waste. Covanta

has invested millions in rolling out an ash processing system that washes the ash and extracts even more of the aggregate like glass and sand, but it has not yet rolled that out in the Haverhill facility, which processes 594,000 tons of waste annually.

Brian Coughlin, superintendent of waste reduction for the Boston Department of Public Works, says the city creates about 250,000 tons of residential waste and recycling per year. The Covanta waste-to-energy plant is a decent disposal option, given the alternatives: landfills require a lot of space, and additional hauling, which costs money per mile and adds to the carbon footprint. And there's always Nimbyism to contend with – what community welcomes waste disposal facilities in its backyard?

And that creates a bit of an issue: The number of companies who do waste removal and disposal, including the hauling done by Capitol Waste, is very small. And the disposal options are few.



The Covanta incinerator facility in Haverhill.

Covanta image

“There are only one or two players in the market, so the bidding isn't very competitive,” said Coughlin. “If they were to one day say, ‘I can't take your stuff,’ we're in a lot of trouble.”

Which is why the city is looking at building its own disposal facility within its boundaries, a vision that will require concerted attention from policymakers and residents to become real. Such a facility would create green jobs, bring revenue to the city, and create energy to fuel buildings and charging stations, Coughlin said.

“We could have a future where transportation, buses, schools, and police vehicles could all be net zero carbon emissions,” he noted. “We spend \$50 million a year on waste disposal, and if any of these facilities close, we'd have to pay to haul the trash farther away.”

He added: “Imagine if instead we had the ability to dispose of the waste right here and create energy? We could fuel all city buildings, and there could be whole neighborhoods that don't have to pay for electricity. There could be a lot of benefit to the community.”

Waste disposal costs aren't likely to come down any time soon. Recycling is not a viable alternative, either. According to Coughlin, recycling costs more per

ton than trash disposal. “The recycling market is terrible,” he said. “You have to pay to collect it, and you have to pay the facility to dispose of it.”

A question of safety

Then there is the question of how environmentally safe waste-to-energy plants are. According to Casper Ohm, an environmental scientist based in the U.K. and the founder of Water-Pollution.org, they are our best option.

“Generating electricity from incineration releases less CO₂, SO₂, NO_x, and mercury than coal and oil do,” said Ohm. “Landfill waste is also significantly reduced, and thus the resulting leachate and methane from decomposing landfills are also minimized. Waste is also a fairly reliable source of energy; its production is typically predictable and low-cost whereas fossil fuel prices can fluctuate dramatically.”

Waste-to-energy plants are very popular worldwide, though there are only 86 operating in the US, presumably because there has always been space to dump trash here or export it to third world countries.

“The cost of construction for a new plant often exceeds \$100 million, and larger plants require double or triple that figure to establish,” said Ohm. “In addition, the economic benefits of the investment aren't immediately noticeable. Since the US has a surplus of available land, it can choose to pursue more financially viable options such as land-

fills. The expenses associated with a landfill are far less significant than those associated with a waste-to-energy facility.”

Increasingly, though, other nations have stopped taking our trash – a practice that has been fraught with its own environmental calamities – and space here is becoming more scarce. If a state like Texas, which has available land, will accept trash from New England, we'd still have to haul it there.

“There's no perfect solution when it comes to dealing with solid waste,” said Philip Pedros, senior process engineer at Stantec in Burlington, Mass. “Waste to energy does have a lot of merit, because energy is important, especially in New England in winter, [where] we can't get along without it.”

As you take your bins to the curb this week, try to be more mindful about what you're doing. Could you be reusing any of the items you're tossing away, or putting them up for free on a Buy Nothing Facebook page or Craigslist? Just because waste disposal isn't an itemized line on your tax bill doesn't mean there aren't costs associated with it.

Understanding exactly where our trash goes, and the financial and environmental consequences of its disposal, will help get Boston closer to its goal of being at 80 percent zero waste by 2035.

“We have a lot to do. We need to get going,” said Coughlin.

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Uneven growth creates redistricting challenge across state

By MATT MURPHY
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Massachusetts grew by enough people over the past decade to keep all its nine US House seats as the state’s population climbed to more than 7 million over the past decade, but Secretary of State William Galvin said on Monday that the process of redrawing Congressional districts still will be challenging.

The US Census Bureau released state population totals and Congressional apportionment data on Monday, giving state officials an early glimpse of what might be in store this year as they wait for more specific community-level counts later in the summer. The population totals govern not just how many seats in Congress a state has, but also how trillions of dollars in federal formula funding gets allocated.

The 2020 Census effort, which was rife with political and pandem-

ic challenges, counted 7,029,917 people living in Massachusetts, a 7.4 percent increase over the past decade that outpaced the 4.1 percent average in the Northeast and equaled the growth rate of the country as a whole.

The state may have avoided a fate similar to 10 years ago when it lost a seat, but the growth likely means that western Massachusetts districts represented by US Reps Richard Neal and Jim McGovern may need to be expanded to grab more population, while the footprint of eastern districts close to Boston may need to shrink or shift west, Galvin said.

That task will fall to Assistant House Majority Michael Moran and Senate President Pro Tempore William Brownsberger, who are leading the redistricting effort this year as chairs of the Special Committee on Redistricting.

The committee is plan-

ning a minimum of 10 hearings between now and August, including events in each of the nine districts, to solicit input. Additional hearings will be held after maps are released.

“Today is good news for Massachusetts. Ten years ago we lost a seat in Congress and we lost the influence it provided. Today we know that we will not lose a seat and we will not lose an electoral vote,” Galvin said after the data was released.

Massachusetts did not crack the top 10 of states next in line to gain a seat, but recent redistricting efforts have demonstrated that it doesn’t take gaining or losing a seat to cause disruptions in the political status quo.

In 2011, former US Rep. John Olver opted to retire rather than have his western Massachusetts district redrawn to include another member of the delegation. US Rep. Barney Frank didn’t face the prospect of running against one

of his colleagues, but he, too, opted to retire rather than campaign in a newly configured district that no longer included New Bedford.

And US Rep. William Keating, who represents the Cape and southeastern Massachusetts, moved his full-time res-

idence from Quincy to Bourne in order to avoid a showdown with Lynch.

Members of the current delegation similarly could see their districts reshaped to include new communities, and depending on where the state’s population growth occurred,

they could even wind up drawn into the same district as a colleague.

Galvin said it will be important for Moran, who also helped lead the 2011 redistricting effort, and Brownsberger to retain the 7th District’s majority-minority status.

January homeless count found more are living outside

By LYNN JOLICOEUR
WBUR REPORTER

Data from the city of Boston’s annual homeless census that took place in January show homelessness in the city dropped overall since the start of the pandemic, but the number of people who were unsheltered increased.

The one-night count on Jan. 27 found 1,176 single adults staying in emergency shelters — a 26 percent decrease from a year before, according to the report released last Tuesday. But 170 people were recorded sleeping on the streets — a 26 percent increase over last year’s count of 135 unsheltered individuals. Boston has a relatively small population of people living on the streets compared to most other large cities around the country.

Several factors related to the pandemic helped drive the changes, city officials say. Those include people’s fear of staying in shelters due to Covid, the stepping up of programs that help people find alternatives to shelter — such as staying with family or getting short-term financial assistance, and efforts to continue placing people into housing with support services.

City officials say they and their nonprofit partners have worked together to house more than 700 individuals experiencing homelessness to this point in the pandemic — a slower pace than normal, but a number that has allowed them to avoid a big spike in people seeking beds in

shelters or staying on the streets.

Meanwhile, they opened seven auxiliary shelters, including places like college dorms and rented hotels to follow the CDC’s distancing guidelines and reduce

density at the permanent shelters.

This story was first published by WBUR 90.9FM on April 27. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

HELP WANTED

FAIRMOUNT INDIGO CDC COLLABORATIVE CLIMATE JUSTICE COORDINATOR

The Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative (Dorchester Bay EDC, Codman Square NDC, and Southwest Boston CDC) seeks a Climate Justice Coordinator to implement a three-year action plan that will help mitigate the impact of climate change and build community resilience, engagement and policy change along the Fairmount corridor neighborhoods of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park.

Working closely with Fairmount Collaborative and member Community Development Corporation (CDC) staff, the Climate Justice Coordinator will lead a team of two community organizers to engage grassroots constituents concerned about environmental issues, including green jobs. A broad based effort would also help mobilize support for new City and State legislation focused on Climate Justice, Health Equity, Green Space Conservation, and Green Jobs. The position will require coordination with and across the three CDCs. The Coordinator and organizers will also work with residents to engage city and state officials and their staff, non-profit partners and other key stakeholders to achieve these goals.

The ideal candidate has experience in community organizing with low-income communities of color and a passion for climate justice. The role will require planning and coordination of three organizations, so attention to detail and ability to manage multiple campaigns is an important skill. The ideal candidate will have the ability to analyze policies and concepts that are difficult to understand and then effectively communicate their impacts to a diverse audience. This is a three-year, grant funded position.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 4-5 years’ progressively responsible experience in community organizing/planning with low-income communities of color.
- Demonstrated experience building partnerships between organizations, residents and coalitions.
- Experience and/or education in environmental policy, climate justice, conservation, affordable housing, and/or workforce development
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including active listening.
- Experience supervising staff, including the basic skills and steps of grassroots organizing.
- Strong Microsoft 365 software skills (Word, Excel, Power Point, etc)
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To learn more about the FICC, visit fairmountcollaborative.org.

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White-Hammond: Equity, joy are key to fulfilling my goals

(Continued from page 1) cator and a leader at the local activist group Project HIP-HOP (Highways Into the Past - History, Organizing, and Power). More recently, the graduate of the Winsor School and Stanford University was a Green Justice Coalition fellow and the recipient of a number of local awards, including the Barr Fellowship, Roxbury Founders Day award, and the Boston NAACP Image award.

“Rev. Mariama White-Hammond is an advocate, facilitator, and pastor who has extensive experience in creating a more just, inclusive, and sustainable Boston,” said Mayor Kim Janey in announcing her as a cabinet pick last week. “I am confident that [she] is the right person to accelerate our efforts around environmental justice, while expanding our green jobs pipeline and helping us achieve our goal of carbon neutrality, all of which are critical elements of our recovery and renewal agenda.”

White-Hammond believes that her formative years in Dorchester will help inform her policy guidance for Mayor Janey. “I’ve grown up in some of the most under-resourced parts



Reverend Mariama White-Hammond was introduced as the new Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space for the City of Boston on April 19 at the Nightingale Community Gardens in Dorchester.

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of the city,” she said, “some of the places where those challenges around racial and equity have been very real. I grew up in the Grove Hall area during the height of the violence of the ’90s and I remember the physical and emotional toll it took on us. So I think I have always been cognizant of the ways that decisions affect residents, I hope to bring that [to this position].”

She listed her team’s top three priorities for the next few months as improving food justice,

tackling the summer’s rising temperatures, and creating green jobs for young people.

White-Hammond, whose predecessor, long-time City Hall cabinet member Chris Cook, is now executive director at the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, also oversees the Parks and Recreation and Environment departments. “We are fighting for our right, and ability to survive on this planet. And some days, we don’t really deserve it. Many days, we don’t,” she said. “But I think we can be better. And my hope is that we model that and the way we function in our cabinet.”

White-Hammond owns and tends to her own garden in Dorchester and is part of a Black-owned cooperative farm in New Hampshire.

In a turn to the personal, she mentioned her own concerns about extreme heat for her parents who do not have air conditioning. “I don’t think it is a great idea for them to have no air

conditioning in their house... I also can’t imagine having my parents roasting in their own house,” she said.

“These are very real decisions that people are making and I am sympathetic to the challenges of those decisions and want to figure out how do we— together— allow people to choose the greenest possible option.”

White-Hammond says she intends to listen to residents when discussing solutions.

“How I’ve approached environmental work is really making sure that we do not lose the people in the numbers. ... The decisions we make about energy will affect whether or not our children can survive on this planet. And so how do we make sure that we infuse all of those decisions with a deep sense of humanity. Behind every single one of these decisions is real life effects on people’s ability to thrive, their ability even to just survive and so I try to be aware of that,” she added.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU20P2366EA
ESTATE OF:
BEATRICE F. MUISE
DATE OF DEATH: 11/4/2020
SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Patricia McKay of Whitman, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Patricia McKay of Whitman, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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NOTICE

The Dorchester Historical Society is always looking for photographs and high school yearbooks from Dorchester’s past.

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CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Members Go to Franklin Park Zoo During April Vacation Week: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members from our Walter Denney Youth Center went on their first field trip in over 14 months!

Our members were able to spend a fun-filled day at Franklin Park Zoo during their April School Vacation. After a long year of being inside due to COVID-19 restrictions, our members were so excited to be able to go and enjoy the beautiful spring weather at the zoo.

BGCD would like to give a huge thank you to the Highland Street Foundation and the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation for providing the tickets to this outing. Your support of BGCD and our members is greatly appreciated by all.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Project B.I.N.D. Starts Member & Family Walking Group: BGCD started a Walking Club for our Project B.I.N.D (Boston Inclusion Network for Disabilities) members and families! This group was put together so that members and families could get outside, get exercise, and allow parents to come together and connect about the challenges of the past year. The group will meet once a week for families that are part of Project B.I.N.D., Challenger or any of our inclusion programs. Last week, the Walking Club walked from BGCD to Castle Island in South Boston, and enjoyed a delicious lunch from Sullivan's. Going forward, the club will alternate routes between Castle Island and McConnell Park. If you are interested in learning more about Walking Club or Inclusion Programs, contact Erin at eferrara@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Project B.I.N.D. Starts Member & Family Walking Group: See details below.

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RECENT OBITUARIES



ARNOLD, Linda Mae Patterson, 78, of Dorchester, was born in Lincoln County North Carolina to the late Clyde Patterson and Annie Belle Garland Patterson. She worked at Shane's Cleaners for many years. She was preceded by her husband, Eddie Arnold; brothers William Clyde Patterson, Harry James Patterson and Wayne Patterson. Her children Cheryl Denice Patterson and Karl Jason Howard. She leaves daughter Linda Marlene Patterson, sons Rodney Cardinal

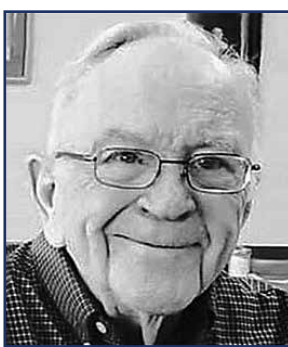
Arnold, Spencer Arnold (Felicia), Dennis Paul Arnold all of Boston. Sisters Joanne Patterson of Dorchester, Robin Patterson Mauney (Michael) and Patricia Love of Gastonia North Carolina. Two sisters in laws Elizabeth Patterson and Mary Patterson of Cherryville North Carolina, Twenty grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends

HALL, Brian W. Sr., 58, of Quincy formerly of Dorchester. Father of Brian W. Hall Jr., of Brighton, Dawn Shreve of Taunton, Linda Reid of Abington and Tracy Clifford of Abington. Former spouse of Cynthia (Mahoney) Hall of Quincy. Companion of Linda Reid. Brother of Ronald Hall of Weymouth, Michael Hall of Randolph, Thomas Hall of Medford, Susan Tarantino of Winthrop and the late Joseph and Sean Hall. Son of Ronald

Hall of Quincy and the late Virginia (Ingalls) Hall. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. 35 plus year employee of the Massachusetts General Hospital.



HICKS, Leroy, 77, of Dorchester. Leroy "PEE Wee" Hicks was the son of the late Joseph Hicks, Sr. and the late Jane (Washington) Hicks. He was married to Edith (Mumford) Hicks and had two children, Darsay Rochell Hicks and Leroy Hicks, Jr. Leroy did a short stint in the Army. In 2002, Leroy married Ramona (Dardy) Hicks and they became a blended family, which included her sons and their wives, David and Denise Dardy, Darryl and Tara Dardy and Sam Dardy. They have been married for eighteen years. Leroy is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Joseph Hicks, Jr. Leroy leaves behind siblings: Barbara (Hicks) Johnson, Pamela (Hicks) Pruitt, and their spouses Stanley Johnson and Tim Pruitt. Daughters: Darsay Rochell Hicks and Jeanine Sequeira, son Leroy Hicks, Jr. Grandfather of 4. Great-grandfather of 2. He is also survived by a host of extended grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



HUNTER, Frederick W., 92, of Avon, native of Dorchester. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was an operations manager at AT&T for many years until retirement. Fred was the husband of Eleanor M. (Farricy) Hunter, father of William Hunter and his wife Katherine of Medford, Robert Hunter and his wife Dena of Manchester, NH, and Carolyn Boyd of Penacook, NH, grandfather of 7, great-grandfather of 6, brother of the late James Hunter, Jeanne Byrnes, and Shirley Chandler, and an uncle of several generations of nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to Brockton VNA, 500 Belmont St., Brockton, MA 02301.



JONES, Johnnie Mae, 80, of Dorchester. Mother of Renee Jones, Tammy Jones, the late Everado Jones Jr., Terrence Jones, Tanya Jones, Melika Jones, Teressa Jones and Byron Jones. Sister of Juanita Knight, Sandra Daise and Jack Adams. She also leaves behind many

VICTOR J. CAMPBELL JR. 1941 - 2021

Duxbury, MA –Victor J. Campbell passed away on March 29, 2021, at the age of 79 following a long illness. He was born in Boston to two public school teachers, Mary Keane Campbell and Victor J. Campbell. Educated in Boston schools, he graduated from Boston Latin in 1959 and Boston College in 1963 with a degree in mathematics. He went on to complete a Master's degree in education at Boston State College and briefly taught at the junior high level. He participated in Army ROTC and during the mid-1960's served for 2 ½ years in army intelligence with the National Security Agency at Fort Mead in Maryland. Vic lived in the DC area for several years after his discharge, working as a Crew Safety Instructor for AMTRAK. He returned to his parents' home in Dorchester in the 1970s and cared for his ailing father until his father's death in 1980. He stayed on as caregiver to his mother during her extended illness until her passing in 1997.

Vic had four great loves in his life: First was his Catholic faith and practice. He and his parents were deeply involved with his local parish, Saint Brendan's, which was nearby to the family home. Vic continued his commitment to his faith and parish throughout his years of illness.

Second was trains and railroad history (from national and international lines to mass transit), from his extensive HO layout as a child to his decades of leadership in Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts (Mass Bay RRE). During his years of volunteer work with Mass Bay RRE, Vic organized hundreds of train excursions and van trips with an almost obsessive level of creativity and complexity, leaving nothing to chance. Vic truly shaped the experience for many in Mass Bay RRE, as a member of the club's trip committee, as production manager for and contributor to the club's newsletter, and as a friend.

A third love was the city of Boston and the Dorchester section in particular. His deep knowledge of local history often left listeners speechless with its detail and accuracy – this then gave Vic a chance to go into even more depth on the subject! He was involved with numerous community and neighborhood organizations over the years which benefitted from his dedication and activism.

And a fourth was the Neponset River and its watershed which he sought to educate the public about and to preserve. Again his knowledge was extensive and quite impressive. His work with MBRRE and with local Dorchester community organizations was often accompanied by his beautiful trademark calligraphy and wonderful drawings which those who knew him will always remember. Most of all we will treasure his dedication, enthusiasm and tireless work for the causes he loved.

He is survived by his cousin William Ellis, who over the years went on many excursions with him and saw his talents directly. He will be buried in the Keane family plot in Arlington and the service will be private in accord with the family's wishes.

Donations in Vic's memory can be made to the Mass Bay RRE Railroad Preservation Fund, P.O. Box 4245 Andover, MA 01810-0814, or on line at www.massbayrre.org

grandchildren and relatives. and nephews, and seven great-grandnieces and nephews.



LEWIS, Marjorie Ann, 89, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Henry and Mary (Duffley) Lewis. Sister of Rosemary Lewis of Milton, the late Edith Lewis, the late John Lewis, the late Helen DesRoches, the late William Lewis, the late Ruth Peshin, the late Marie Lewis, and the late Paul Lewis. Aunt of 17 nieces and nephews, nine grandnieces



TAYLOR, Robert Lee, 65, of Mattapan, after a brief illness. Husband of Sarah Taylor of Mattapan. He was the 4th of 6 children born to Bert and Geneva Taylor. He is also survived by his daughter, Tanya McClurkin of Roxbury, his children of marriage Joseph Bombakka (Dora) of Cincinnati, OH, Celine Josephine Opido (Douglas) of Lowell.



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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU21P0769GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
NORMA FLEMING
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Central Boston Elder Services, Inc. of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Norma Fleming is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Jewish Family & Children's Service of Waltham, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/20/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

Date: April 14, 2021

Published: April 29, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P0495EA
ESTATE OF:
JULIA M. MALONE
DATE OF DEATH: 10/27/2016

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Stephanie J. Charron of Norwell, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Stephanie J. Charron of Norwell, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/02/2021.

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

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 21, 2021
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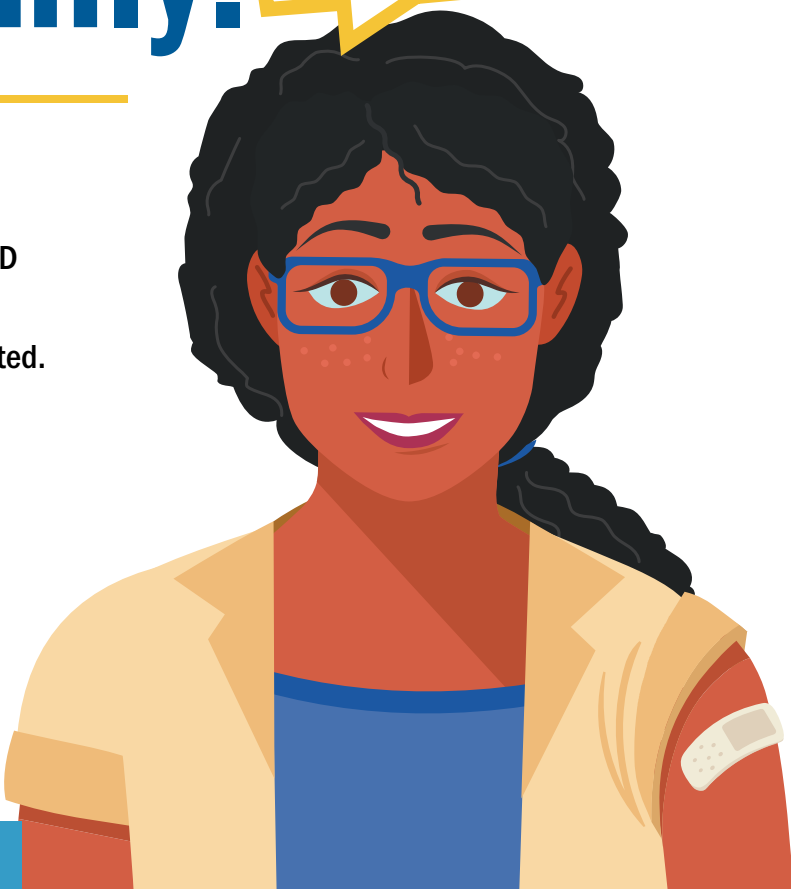
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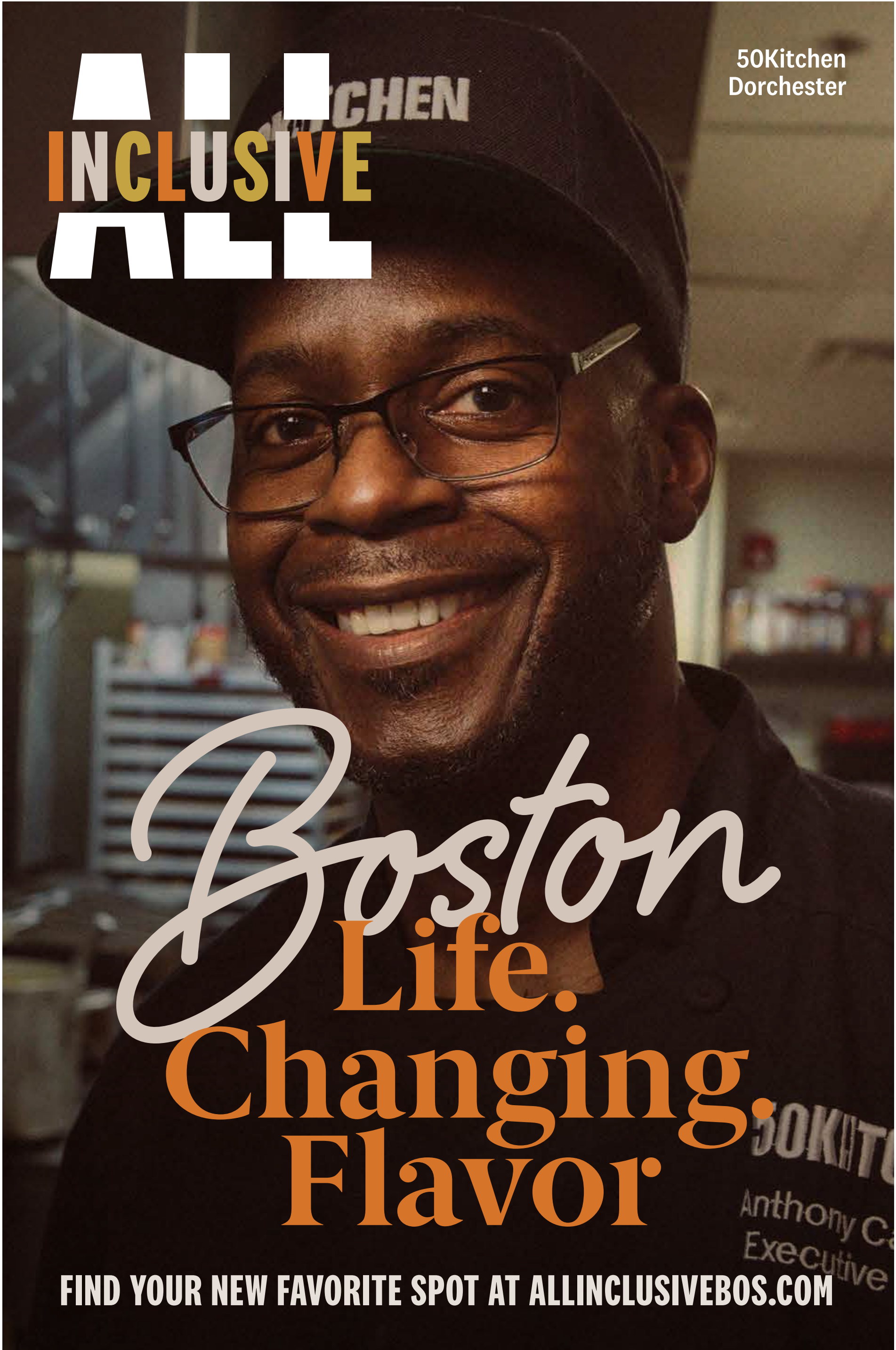


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