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Pediatrician Melissa Nass, center, spoke to a mother and her child as she prepared to assist with a vaccination outside their Dorchester home last week.

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2d push in time of coronavirus: Curbside shots for other diseases

By Martha Bebinger WBUR REPORTER

Heads turn as a shiny red, white, and blue ambulance rolls down a residential street in Dorchester and stops in front of a two-decker. But no one jumps out with a stretcher. Instead, EMT Diego Aparicio emerges with two brown paper bags: one holds diapers and baby wipes, the other has pasta, red sauce, and supplies for the pantry. A nurse inside lays out syringes she'll soon fill with common childhood vaccines.

There is no way to prevent the coronavirus, but there are vaccines for a dozen-plus diseases that threaten children, in particular. And if kids delay or skip their measles, tetanus, whooping cough, and rubella vaccinations, communities in Massachusetts and beyond could find themselves dealing with more than one epidemic.

That was Dr. Eileen Costello's fear last month

when Massachusetts paused elective care and routine visits so that hospitals could focus on patients with COVID-19. "I worried that if families stopped coming to the hospital, we would have a cohort of unvaccinated children and that would increase the risks to the kids of getting illnesses that are far more dangerous for them than COVID-19," said Costello, chief of ambulatory pediatrics at Boston Medical Center, in an interview.

So, working with Tami Chase, BMC's director of ambulatory nursing, she devised a plan: Take the vaccines to the kids. They knew home visits wouldn't work during this period of social isolation, but meeting families outside their homes might. Enter Brewster Ambulance Service.

Brewster's volume is down 40 percent since Gov. Charlie Baker's stay-at-home advisory took effect and hospitals postponed almost all care that isn't

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School shutdown seen as right call; educators wary about the fall Racial, economic gaps in spotlight

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Charlie Baker to keep all public and private schools closed through the end of the academic year drew support from city officials and leaders in the education field, with most viewing the move as the right decision in light of COVID-19 safety concerns while acknowledging worries about negative impacts on learning.

Jessica Tang, president of the Boston Teachers Union, agreed with the governor's call. "We are glad that

Gov. Baker has heeded the calls from educators, health care workweek's decision by Gov. ers, parents, and municipal leaders by recognizing that a return to school in May is not feasible and that learning should continue remotely for the remainder of the academic year," she wrote in a statement.

> She added: "We hope that he will also begin to heed the calls from similar groups to begin more intentionally addressing the statewide racial and economic disparities that this

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Chris 'Tiger' Stockbridge, who has recovered from COVID-19 and hopes antibodies in his blood can be used to help others beat the virus, donated blood last week. His brother, Michael Mackan, has been hospitalized and is also on the road to recovery. Editorial, page 8.

Chris Stockbridge

Governor extends closings to May 18; antibody study is focusing on Dot

By Chris Lisinski and Katie Lannan STATE HOUSENEWS SERVICE

Most public life in Massachusetts will remain shut down until at least May 18, Gov. Charlie Baker an $nounced\,Tuesday, adding\,at\,least\,another\,two\,weeks$ to business closures and a ban on large gatherings as the administration launches an effort to create a roadmap for a "phased reopening."

In Boston, where there were 8,421 recorded cases of and 315 deaths as of Monday, Mayor Walsh announced a partnership with Massachusetts General Hospital to test 1,000 volunteers for both COVID-19 and antibodies to the virus as part of a study to evaluate the true level of exposure in the city.

Outreach to residents for testing began Sunday in East Boston, Roslindale, and within the 02121 and 02125 zip codes in Dorchester.

Centers for Disease Control officials estimate that 25 percent or more of the infected population could show no symptoms of COVID-19 while remaining a risk to transmit the disease to others.

"It is our hope that by conducting this testing, we as a collective city will get a better understanding of the true prevalence of COVID-19 in our community,' (Continued on page 18)

Patricia (Pat) O'Neill, at 80; leader, guiding spirit of the Ashmont Adams community

By KATIE TROJANO AND BILL FORRY REPORTER STAFF

Patricia (Pat) Eleanor O'Neill, formerly Mc-Grath, of Dorchester, passed away on Wed., April 22 in the comfort of her two sons. A lifelong resident of Dorchester and longtime leader of the Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association, she had battled illness in recent months.

Mrs. O'Neill, who was 80, will be remembered by her neighbors for her deep devotion to community service. She organized many wellknown and well-loved events like the Dorchester Chili Cook-Off and tree lightings and was always front and center in community fundraising efforts.

In a statement, Mayor Martin Walsh said last week that he was "deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Pat O'Neill. From the annual Chili



Pat O'Neill: Civic dynamo

Cook-Off to the Peabody Square Holiday Celebrations, she dedicated her life to sharing simple joy with her community. (Continued on page 11)



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Lower Mills Civic convened online

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Mayor Martin Walsh was a special guest as the Lower Mills Civic Association convened Tuesday in a virtual format via Zoom, with dozens of community leaders, elected officials, and residents chiming in through phone or video chat. Walsh acknowledged Dorchester is "number one in the city in as far as confirmed cases," noting that the zip codes of 02122 and 02124 had a combined total of 1,033 cases as of vesterday. The numbers work out to around 128 cases per 10,000 residents in Dorchester.

"We're working on expanding testing sites and increasing the number of tests," said Walsh, who noted the city is expanding testing at Mattapan Community Health Center next. As of now, coronavirus testing is ongoing at Codman Square Health Center, Harvard Street Health Center, Bowdoin Street Health Center, DotHouse Health, and Carney Hospital.

A new pilot antibody tracking test of 1,000 residents included residents from zip codes 02125 and 02121, added Walsh.

Responding to a question about a possible mandatory face mask order, Walsh said he "would prefer not to do that" and that "it should be our responsibility as individuals to wear a mask when we go out in public."

"Quite honestly, our first responders, our police officers can't be running around writing tickets up on every person not wearing a mask," he said.

While Walsh said he noticed some kids not wearing masks in Greenhills Bakery recently - which he called "irresponsible" - he also said that near his house on Butler Street and Richmond Street, "almost everyone" seems to be wearing masks.

"I think in Dorchester, and obviously I'm biased, but I think people are paying more attention to those recommendations than anywhere else in the city."

Walsh expects the stay at home order, which was extended by Governor Baker Tuesday through May 18, will "probably have to be extended again."

City councillor at-large Annissa Essaibi-George, who was on the Zoom call, urged residents to support small businesses to make sure they emerge intact on the other side of the crisis, while Councillor Andrea Campbell called the situation an opportunity to "eradicate inequities that are coming to the surface."

Boston Police C-11 Sergeant Brian Dunford said that while instances of domestic violence have "gone way up," aggravated assaults and residential burglaries are down in the neighborhood.

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While the coronavirus pandemic continues to challenge our communities, many are stepping up to volunteer and help others in need. Over the weekend, Southwest Airlines generously donated over 12,000 snacks to the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry in Dorchester. These snacks would normally be served on their planes. But since many of their planes are grounded, Southwest reached out to the Food Pantry. The Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry, which serves hundreds of local families in need, is funded by private donations and managed by a staff of committed volunteers. Shown, left to right: Nick Vargas, Southwest Airlines, Jim Brett, Zac Deegan, Southwest Airlines, Fr. Doc Conway.

Fire service veteran Dempsey tapped to lead BFD

Jack Dempsey, a Boston firefighter for 35 years, was appointed commissioner of the city's fire service last Friday. Dempsey has served in the interim role since the retirement of former Commissioner Joe Finn last month.

Mayor Walsh said Dempsey "has dedicated his life in his professional career and personal capacity to promoting safety and wellness for firefighters, and I look forward to his continued leadership in this critically important depart-

Dempsey most recently served as Chief of Operations for the department, where he oversaw all divisions of the Boston Fire Department, including the engine company, fire prevention, ladder company, rescue company, safety and special operations, emergency planning and preparedness, training and personnel. Until his promotion to commissioner, he was the highest-ranking uniformed firefighter in the force.

"As a lifelong member of the department, this is a tremendous honor for



Jack Dempsey

me, and I look forward to building on the strong foundations set to ensure the safety and well-being of our firefighters and our community," Dempsey said.

Harvard Street Health expands testing

Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center has expanded its CO-VID-19 testing beyond their patient population to include all qualifying residents through a grant provided by the City of Boston Resiliency Fund and Quest Diagnostic, Harvard Street's partner Blood Laboratory.

Early data suggests that the COVID-19 virus disproportionately affects people of color in Boston.

Harvard Street is open Monday – Friday 8:30a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Anyone seeking testing should call first to schedule an appointment: 617-825-3400.

Police

Career criminal charged in Mattapan shooting on Sunday -A Springfield man was arrested on Sunday afternoon after he allegedly began "actively shooting at a person," but without success, at Gladeside Avenue and Cragmere Terrace in Mattapan. The incident happened shortly before 4 p.m., according to police, who say "officers observed an individual, matching the description of the suspect, running from Cragmere Terrace toward 76 Gladeside Avenue.'

 ${\bf The\, suspect-Deandre}$ Ballard, 25— allegedly tossed his weapon over a fence before he was taken into custody. Police say they "located a gray and black firearm" and "ballistic evidence in front of 15 Cragmere Terrace. A motor vehicle in the area also had ballistic damage. "Ballard has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, unlawful possession of a large-capacity feeding device, carrying a loaded firearm on a public way, discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling, and trespassing, police say.

He was also charged as an armed career criminal, which could mean a longer sentence if he is convicted on the other charges. He and four other men were charged with robbing a Spring-field Dunkin' Donuts at gunpoint in 2014; in 2016, he was sentenced to 3 1/2to 5 years in state prison.

Boston Police say they arrested a 24-year-old Dorchester man for allegedly firing a gun during an early-morning incident on April 19 on Cameron Street in Dorchester. The suspect, identified as Jeffrey Mendes, was arrested by members of the Youth Violence Strike Force in the area of Bird Street.

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tree removal on Dot Ave gets Zoom hearing on May
7— The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will sites for adults, and locations of food pantries and soup kitchens across the city.

Mattapan Food Pantries: BCYF Mattahunt* (Adult Meal Site), 100 Hebron St.; Glad Tidings Food Pantry, 573 d a public hearing via Zoom on Thursday, May 7, at 11 a.m. on a request to remove one public shade tree in Dorchester. The request is for the removal of one Norway maple tree measuring 17 inches diameter at breast height due to a proposed curb cut for a driveway at 1683 Dorchester Avenue. The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden. Written comments or questions may be submitted to parks@boston.gov prior to the hearing. The information for the Zoom hearing is online at DotNews.com. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at 617-635-7275.

Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council — GMNC will host its our monthly meeting via Zoom on Monday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.. This meeting will also be streamed live on Facebook. Guest speakers will be Councillor Andrea Campbell and Councillor Ricardo Arroyo. A link to register in advance for this meeting can be found at DotNews.com. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please share with your neighborhood association members and neighbors. The focus of the conversation will be on our residents who are teens and young adults.

Where to go for food resources in Dot, Mattapan - In response to spikes in food insecurity coinciding with the COVID-19 crisis, the city of Boston has created a map of food resources compiled from information on free breakfast and lunch sites for Boston students, meal

Following is a list of designated food resource locations in Dorchester and Mattapan:

Dorchester Youth Meal Sites: McCormack Middle School, 315 Mt. Vernon St.; Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School, 270 Columbia Rd.; BCYF Holland, 85 Olney St.; BCYF Marshall, 35 Westville St.; VietAID, 42 Charles St.; Community Academy of Science and Health, 11 Charles St.; Faith Christian Church, 301 Harvard St.; Joseph Lee K-8 School, 155 Talbot Ave.; Dorchester YMCA, 776 Washington St.;

Dorchester Food Pantries: USCCB/Blessed Mother Teresa Parish, 800 Columbia Rd.; Salvation Army/Kroc Center Emergency Food Pantry, 650 Dudley St.; St. Mary's Food Pantry, 14 Cushing Ave.; Pilgrim Church Community Lunch, 540 Columbia Rd.; Holy Tabernacle Church, 70 Washington St.; CCAB/Yawkey Center, 185 Columbia Rd.; Dot House, 1353 Dorchester Ave.; Greater Anointing Church Pantry, 20 Charlotte St.; Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, 12 Bicknell St.; Codman Square Health Center, 378-A Washington St.; Eglise Baptiste Haitienne, 1 Dix St.; BCYF Leahy Holloran* (Adult Meal Site), 1 Worrell St.; CSNDC/ Franklin Hill Food Pantry, 1 Shandon Rd.; Faith Pentecostal Church, 301 Harvard St.; Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, 895 Blue Hill Ave.; USCC/ St. Matthew's Church Food Pantry, 33 Stanton St.; HHS/Neponset Health Center Food Pantry, 398 Neponset Ave.

Mattapan Youth Meal Sites: BCYF Gallivan, 61 Woodruff Way; Mildred Ave. Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave.

Norfolk St.; BMC/Healthy Baby, Healthy Child, 213 River St.; Greater Boston Nazarene Compassion Center, 130 River St.

For more information regarding hours of operation, visit boston.gov.

City Hall guidance on operations— All essential City of Boston services such as public safety, public health and maintenance operations including street cleaning, parks maintenance, trash and recycling pick up, etc will continue to be in operation. City Hall is open to the public only on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Public access to 1010 Massachusetts Avenue is limited to the Boston Public Health Commission on the 2nd Floor and residents must be accompanied when entering the building. Everyone entering City Hall, including employees and members of the public, will be required to complete a self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms, including elevated temperature. Residents are required to make appointments if they need to visit any of the essential services offered out of City Hall, and can learn more about the status of city departments and hours of operation at boston.gov. All COVID-19 questions should be directed to the Mayor's Health Line at 617-534-5050 or 311.

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Minority-owned businesses in danger of losing out on US aid, advocates say

By Adrian Ma WBUR REPORTER

Community development groups, along with advocates for black, Latinx, and Asian business owners, are worried that minority-owned small businesses could be left behind in the latest round of federal aid.

A group of nearly 80 organizations, calling itself the Small Business CO-VID-19 Response Coalition, says the federal government's efforts to help small businesses during a time when most have been closed to stem the spread of the coronavirus are not reaching many businesses in communities of color, rural communities, and Gateway Cities.

Joe Kriesberg, president of the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations, will pitch state lawmakers on the funding proposal, which was outlined last week in a letter addressed to $Mass a chusetts\,Governor$ Charlie Baker, Senate President Karen Spilka, and House Speaker Robert DeLeo.

"The programs are poorly targeted and won't help many of the businesses we serve," the letter said. "That is why

we need a state-level strategy that is focused on reaching those who continue to be left behind."

More federal money is on the way for the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which helps small businesses secure a forgivable loan from a local bank in exchange for keeping employees on the payroll. The program reopened on Monday after Congress replenished it with an additional \$310 billion last week. The initial allocation of \$349 billion was depleted in a matter of days.

However, the PPP's first-come, firstserved structure put some business owners at a disadvantage, such as those who did not have a pre-existing relationship with a participating bank, or who are not fluent in English, or who did not have ready access to financial and legal expertise.

Some \$60 billion of the second round of PPP funds are slated to go to smaller banks with less than \$50 billion in assets, in the hope that the money will make its way to smaller businesses. But that is no guarantee.

Language and cultural barriers have also prevented many business owners from obtaining relief through the PPP.

"Many of the businesses were left in the dark," said Rosario Ubiera-Minaya, executive director for the nonprofit Amplify Latinx, which is also in the Coalition. "Many of the businesses thought they didn't qualify because they didn't understand the information."

In 2016, Massachusetts's minority-owned businesses (which the federal government generally defines as being at least 51 percent owned and run by at least one person who identifies as Asian, Black, Hispanic, or Native American) were the source of an estimated 126,000 jobs in the state, according to the US Small Business Administration.

To make sure that these businesses are not left out, Ubiera-Minaya said, funds must be allocated to communitybased organizations that can assist owners in navigating the process, and to the community lending institutions where those owners are most likely to go for a loan or grant.

The Coalition's proposal for spending the requested \$150 million dollars is as follows:

• \$10 million to support

community-based organizations that deliver 'culturally competent and multi-lingual assistance and coaching to small businesses; \$30 Million in emergency relief grants to help businesses cover rent, mortgages and other fixed costs; \$35 million to Community Development Financial Institutions, community development corporations and other community-based lending programs to provide low-interest loans or grants to small business-

es; \$75 million to MGCC for a revolving loan fund to help businesses unable to access SBA financing, with a particular focus on communities of color, immigrant communities, rural towns, and Gateway Cities.

It also calls for a statewide Small Business Assistance Task Force charged with ensuring the effective delivery of support to small businesses during the economic shutdownn.

Idowu acknowledged that such an outlay could put more strain on what is predicted to be a massive shortfall in the state budget, but he argued that fairness and economic concerns support the measure.

"The development of some communities cannot co-exist with the under-development of others," Idowu said.

"But when we're investing in businesses, particularly in communities of color, we are helping to not only grow the local economy there but also to increase the tax base and $the investment \, that \, these$ communities are making in the state coffers.'

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New push during crisis: Curbside shots for other diseases

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urgent. So, the company had some ambulances and EMTs who weren't too busy.

Mark Brewster, the company's president, says he's more than happy to loan an ambulance or two, along with an EMT driver, to BMC for the time-being. "We get to help the pediatric population," he said, "but this also helps me avoid furloughs and layoffs and keep everybody working."

So as of last week, one of the ambulances that arrives at BMC every weekday morning is there to pick up a nurse, a pediatrician, a baby scale, a small cooling unit packed with vaccines, and those brown paper bags of food and supplies. The team will make 10-12 stops a day.

On this Thursday morning, the first curbside patient is a baby boy who has just turned one and is due a slew of vaccines packaged in three shots. Nurse Priscilla Stout, wearing a gown, mask, goggles and gloves, lays baby Juellz onto a stretcher in the back of the ambulance where she'll weigh and measure him.

Pediatrician Melissa Nass squeezes onto the ambulance bench for an abbreviated check of the baby's heart and lungs. And then it's time for the shots. Juellz is quiet for the first two, and then he wails.

Outside the ambulance, while the baby's older brother Anthony gets one shot, mom Karen Agosto says she's not sure how long her boys would have gone without their vac-



BMC nurse Priscilla Stout playfully interacts with a baby during an exam in the back of an ambulance being used by Boston Medical Center to deliver routine care likely interrupted by the coronavirus to children.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

cines if the medicine hadn't come to them. Their pediatrician's office is at Boston Medical Center, and Agosto doesn't want her children inside a hospital during the pandemic.

"Since my kid, well, all my kids have asthma problems, I'd rather not take that chance," she says. "So, it's good that they found a solution."

Some families have been reluctant to come out even to the curb. Stout says parents may be connecting the ambulance to images on TV of COVID-19 patient transports. Stout has

to reassure some parents that the ambulance is clean, that it's not infected.

"This is different, this is new," said Nass, "and people have to put their trust in us that what we're doing is important, which it is."

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, which tracks childhood vaccines, says state-supplied vaccine orders were down 39 percent in March of this year as compared to last and down 68 percent for the first two weeks of April.

A measles outbreak can occur when just 5-10 percent of children in an area aren't vaccinated. It's not clear how quickly communities in Massachusetts and elsewhere might be vulnerable to eruptions of other diseases on top of COVID-19, but Dr. Jose Romero, the chief of pediatric infectious disease at Arkansas Children's Hospital, says there's no time to wait.

"The longer we delay immunizations or delay promoting these routine immunizations, the greater the chances are

that we could have outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases," says Romero, who chairs the CDC's advisory committee on immunization practices.

Arkansas Children's started a drive-through clinic this week for children who are due vaccines. Romero says the Department of Health will push to have school nurses administer vaccines if schools reopen in the fall. He says allowing pharmacists to vaccinate older children is another way to increase access to vaccines.

Back in Dorchester, the ambulance is also making stops to check on babies born to mothers who have the coronavirus so that the mothers don't have to come back into the hospital just for baby visits. Tami Chas mentions one baby who was seen last week and is negative, but the hospital wants to watch the baby closely. "The nursery is incredibly happy that we can do this work for them," she said.

The mobile pediatric crew is helping specialists across the hospital keep tabs on patients — drawing blood, checking blood pressures, monitoring diabetes. "Now that we have figured out how to do the vaccines," Costello says, "this is opening up possibilities for ways that we could engage patients and change the way we deliver care."

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From the Kenny School, a message of hope, resilience in song and dance

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

A new "viral" music video created by students and staff at the Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School with the intention of spreading "a message of joy and positivity" has been making its rounds on the internet since it was first published last Friday. In the video, which was filmed in January and February while school was still in session, Kenny students sing and dance along to "Good & Swell," an educationthemed reimagination of a popular song by Lizzo.

Principal Emily Bryan said the idea for the video hatched from a snow- day video challenge issued by another principal. "We were thinking about things we could do to help

the community see the great things going on at the Kenny school, and at the same time show how loving and talented our students and staff are," explained Bryan, who added she chose a Lizzo tune because of the artist's message of self-acceptance.

"She is a really inspiring entertainer... and she represents this idea of loving yourself no matter who you are or what you look like. She has also written a lot about standing up to bullies, and talked about loving your own image and who you are. That message aligned with a lot of what we stand for at the Kenny."

The original words of the song have been changed to Kennythemed lyrics ("I do mv schoolwork") while keep-



Students at the Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School are shown in a music video called "Good & Swell," a play on a popular song by Lizzo.

ing sentiments of hope and resilience ("Come now dry your eyes/know you're a star, you can touch the sky"). The video even includes a brief cameo from Mayor Martin Walsh, who chimes in on the song's chorus.

While spreading positivity was the initial goal of making the video, Bryan said, the song has taken on a new meaning since the COVID-19 crisis closed schools for the rest of the year. She admitted she "felt nostalgic" while editing the footage of her students and staff.

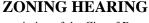
"I struggled with whether or not it was appropriate to release right now because it's very happy, and so many people right now are not 'good and swell'; so many people are suffering. It's even harder for families of students with

disabilities, or those who are dealing with food insecurity or housing insecurity, and that's a huge percentage of our school community.

"So I went back and forth over if we should release it, but decided ultimately that sharing it would remind our community we're strengthened by our love for each other, that we're not alone, we're separated but we're still together

as one...the same message is there, but now it means something different. I think when this is all over, we may come back stronger and closer, and more grateful for each other than when we left off."

The Kenny kids are aiming for a goal of reaching 15,000 people and getting 15,000 likes on social media. You can view the video through Twitter @tjkenny.



LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on May 13, 2020, at 9:15 A.M., in connection with the Fourth Amendment to the Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 67, Olmsted Green ("Fourth Amendment"), filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Said Fourth Amendment would eliminate the originally approved approximately 4.2-acre Urban Farm and Food Retail components on the East Campus and to allow for the creation of restricted open space and recreation component and/or passive recreational space.

This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to bit.ly/2VMjxXO or calling (631) 992-3221 and enter access code 110-901-982. A copy of the Fourth Amendment may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you can also submit written comments or questions to jeffrey.hampton@boston.gov.

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Boston Public Library COVID-19 UPDATE

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

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

All locations closed

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

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

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

Don't worry about due dates

The BPL has waived all library fines through May 1.

In addition, all books will be automatically renewed for an additional 15 weeks, and any

library cards that were to expire in March and April have had their expiration dates extended to October.

Online resources

We are also able to provide you with additional options from books to skill training online at bpl.org.

We invite you to explore our extensive offerings, including the ability to stream and download the diverse content available through applications like Kanopy and Hoopla, or to learn new skills with lynda. com. We can also help you with personalized reading recommendations through Shelf-Service.

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

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

Keep each other safe

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

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



Real estate firm donates supplies to Codman Square Health Center

Helge Capital, a Boston-based real estate firm, has donated medical equipment and supplies to Codman Square Health Center. The health center put out an urgent appeal for help with funding and supplies earlier in the month as it hustles to meet the demands of Boston's coronavirus outbreak. Helge Capital Founder and CEO Oleg Uritsky delivered 70 units of Oximeter Blood Oxygen and Blood Pressure Monitors

and 20 boxes of energy bars and other individually wrapped snacks for Codman staff.

"I believe it's critical for Codman to have enough tools to assess the oxygen and blood pressure levels of CO-VID-19 and other patients and for the scarce medical resources to be used appropriately," said Uritsky. "I know enough about shortages of medical resources that can devastate people's lives."

Helge Capital owns a

residential portfolio of properties in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury and Hyde Park and self-manages its properties through an affiliate, Advanced Property Management. Codman Square Health Center is still in urgent need of donations due to CO-VID-19. To donate, please visit GoFundMe. To learn more about Codman Square Health Center, search Facebook or Twitter@codmanhealth or visit Codman.



Volunteers packaged meals at Oasis restaurant this week.

Dot Dining Digest

The Massachusetts Health Council has started a campaign to help employers and communities by bringing food to the indispensable staff at community health centers, long term care facilities and YMCA childcare centers. So far in Dorchester, the MHC has partnered with Boston Pizza Grill to serve 50 people at the Uphams Corner Health Center on April 10, Pat's Pizza and Catering to serve 60 people at the Boston Home on April 16, and Chipotle (Dorchester) to serve 15 people at the Dorchester YMCA on April 20.

Papa Gino's pizzeria on Gallivan Blvd. has started a new promotion in support of All Dorchester Sports and Leadership (ADSL). Every Monday night from 4-9 p.m., Papa Gino's will donate 20 percent of all sales to ADSL. The promotion is valid for carry-out, online, and delivery orders, and can be activated by entering CODE 19 at the payment screen.

Adams Village restaurant The Industry officially reopened for business Wednesday after being temporarily closed since mid-March. At the moment, The Industry will be open

from 3-9 p.m. for takeout orders, curbside pickup, and delivery through Grubhub, Uber Eats, DoorDash, and Caviar.

Oasis Restaurant on Hancock Street has started a GoFundMe "Feed the Community" fundraiser to support their initiative of donating 200 "wholesome, healthy meals" to neighbors affected by CO-VID-19 each Sunday. So far, the crowdsourcing effort has reached about a fifth of its \$5,000 goal. To contribute to the fundraiser, visit https:// www.gofundme.com/f/ oasis-feed-the-comminuty-fundraiser.

-DANIEL SHEEHAN

Thank your

Helge Capital donated medical equipment and supplies to Codman Square Health Center. Pictured outside Codman are (l-r) Florence Maceus, Licensed Practical Nurse at Codman; Naomie Raymond, 340B Pharmacy Support Specialist at Codman; Eliott Rousseau, grant manager at Codman; and Oleg Uritsky, CEO at Helge Capital.

City Realty donates Chromebooks to Dot teens

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

City Realty, a real estate development company last week donated laptops to the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, which delivered the computers to Dorchester youth who need the materials for

at-home learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stephen Whalen, managing partner of City Realty and founder of their nonprofit organization City Kids, said the donation was also a way to honor the memory of 17-year-old Alissa

King, who was killed last week in a broad-daylight shooting in Dorchester.

Whalen coordinated the effort with Paulo DeBarros, president of the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, who personally delivered the Chromebooks to the homes of five teenagers in Dorchester.

"Paolo and the Cape Verdean Association are working around the clock under extremely difficult circumstances, making sure people are getting food, medical testing and other essential services," said Whalen. "City Kids and City Realty are proud to partner with him to help make it possible for kids to continue to learn and be engaged at home during the CO-VID-19 pandemic."

Each year, City Kids funds and hosts a Surf Campat Hampton Beach to support the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, and St. Peter's Teen Center in Dorchester, which provides after-school programs for a large population of Dorchester's youth and teens.

To learn more and support visit: capeverdean-association of boston.org.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Remembering Walter Humphreys: He died for the Union at Cold Harbor

Walter Humphreys. son of Henry Humphreys and Sarah Clapp Humphreys, was born July 4, 1842. Twenty years and four days later, as the Civil War raged on, he enlisted in Company A of the 13th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, and two years after that, he wrote a letter home dated May 2, 1864, when he was near Mitchell's Station, Virginia:

"I must say that I am ready for the coming contest and hope that victory although it may come with the sacrifice of life and the flow of much precious blood may be the result of our arms—with haste.

Yours in love, Walter." He died one month



later, on June 2, 1864, at Cold Harbor.

*One of the members

of his company, Warren Freeman of West Cambridge, wrote about Walter: "One day last week Walter Humphrey of our company, whom you know, while digging in the trenches was struck in the bowels by a bullet and died the next day. I was going to relieve him and was just on the point of taking his spade when he was struck. He looked at me as he said, "Well this is what we must all expect." We are throwing up a line of rifle pits at this time. Since my last we have lost in the regiment twelve men killed and wounded."

The above is an excerpt from a letter Warren sent to his family that his father published in "Letters from Two Brothers Serving in the War for the Union to Their Family at Home in West Cambridge, Mass." (Cambridge, 1871).

Walter Humphreys's name appears on the

Soldiers Monument on Meeting House Hill. His brother was Richard Clapp Humphreys, who was later president of the Dorchester Historical Society from 1903 until his death in 1912. Richard began work at the grocery store of J. H. Upham & Co., in 1852, and nine years later became a partner in the business, where he remained for 20 years. He then associated himself with Messrs. Holbrook & Fox, real estate dealers, where he remained eight years, after which he retired and became engaged as a trustee of estates, receiving about 50 appointments from the courts as executor, administrator, trustee, or guardian.*

The Battle of Cold Harbor, with Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee on defense and Union Gen. US Grant on the offense, took place from May 31 to June 12, 1864, near Mechanicsville, VA. Grant's forces took a terrible beating (12,378 casualties; 1,845 dead to the Rebels' 5,287 casualties, and 788 killed in action).

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchester historicalsociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) andthe William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Editorial

Positive turn for a stricken neighbor



Mike Mackan, Jo Spencer and Chris Stockbridge

The Reporter office is pretty quiet on Sunday evenings. So, it was a surprise to hear the newsroom phone ringing this past weekend. I picked it up.

"Billy. It's Michael."

Last week, in this space, we passed along worrisome news about Michael Mackan, a well-known Lower Mills resident who was in grave condition with COVID-19 on a respirator and in an induced coma. His brother, Chris Stockbridge, was very concerned that Mike's life was in danger. They had lost their mom, Jo Spencer, from a combination of cancer and coronavirus on April 7 and Stockbridge had also contracted the disease, but in a milder form.

Chris had recovered well enough to get cleared to donate blood. He was hopeful that his extracted antibodies would help someone, perhaps his brother, in battling the virus.

On Friday, following a transfusion of plasma that likely saved his life, Mike had made such progress that doctors and nurses removed him from the ventilator that had kept him breathing over the previous four days.

By Sunday, when he called to check in with the Reporter, Mackan was feeling strong and was eager to be up and out of his hospital bed. On Monday, he took his first walk and made a request for his first meal: a frappe from the Ice Creamsmith.

When we spoke, Mike wanted people in his neighborhood to know how much he appreciated their well-wishes and calls and the food deliveries made to his wife Joyce, who was at home and worried sick about him for more than a week.

He also wanted people to know that he firmly believes that the plasma he received last Thursday saved his life. The 72 hours he spent in an induced coma, Mike said, included "the three wildest nights of dreams I've ever experienced. I was flying around in jet planes. I was in a helicopter flying over Ventura Park and watching bodies stack up. It was craziness."

When he woke up, he found he was sewn into his hospital bed and strapped down to keep him from trying to rip out the tubes that had kept him alive. After he was entubated, he was thrilled to speak to Joyce and hear her voice.

Mackan urgently wants to recover well enough to offer his own blood to patients who are just beginning their own fights.

His brother, Chris, calls it a miracle that he recovered.

"I believe that good people helped me. If you do good in your life, people do good for you," he said.

While Mike's recovery continues, his brother has stepped up his campaign to urge more people who have had coronavirus and survived it to donate what he calls "liquid gold." He appeared in an interview on the topic on Channel 5 on Monday night. Dr. Peter LaCamera, who works for Steward Health Care, was also interviewed.

"Plasma with the antibodies that have been formed from others helps boost that patients immunity," LaCamera said. "And the hope then is that with those additional antibodies in the plasma someone's illness might be a little bit less severe and a little bit shorter."

Stockbridge and LaCamera advise neighbors who qualify to call Arthur Dea or his assistant, Heaven, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital COVID-19 Donor Registry at 617-789-2078. Or go to RedCross.org.—Bill Forry

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Kudos for frontline workers

By Maura Healey

More than 300,000 health care workers and first responders in Massachusetts have stepped up to the frontlines in the battle against COVID-19. They suit up in scrubs or uniforms, leave the comfort of their homes, and put their lives at risk to keep us, our families, friends, and neighbors safe. We have an obligation to do everything we can to make sure they have access to the support they need during a time when they are sacrificing so much. That's why my office has launched FrontlineMA.org—a one-stop shop for frontline workers to get the information on resources they need during this crisis.

From Pittsfield to Provincetown, and from Newburyport to New Bedford, our frontline workers are putting in countless hours to combat this pandemic. Thankfully, many businesses, state agencies, and individuals have stepped up to help provide housing, personal protective equipment (PPE), and meals to make lives easier for them. This website provides a centralized place to get information on those resources.

For health care workers who may be exposed and can't be with their families, we've compiled resources for alternative housing so they can have a place to stay and minimize the risks for their families in case they become infected.

For parents who are working essential jobs and are struggling to find a safe place for their kids, we've put everything in one place to ensure they can continue to access childcare.

And to protect our heroes and honor people like Officer Jose Fontanez, who lost his life to COVID-19 while keeping our communities safe, we're working with stakeholders to secure PPE. I encourage health care facilities and providers, police and fire departments, and state and county agencies to consult the resources we've put together to get first responders and frontline workers the protective gear and information they need.

We've also compiled details on priority testing sites, tips for self-care, guidance on self-isolation and quarantine, and a list of free and discounted meals so that our health care workers, first responders, and their families can stay informed, safe, and healthy.

In addition to providing frontline workers with essential information, we want to make sure they know how much our communities appreciate and support them. That's why we created a Hero Wall where people can post pictures and send messages to thank our heroes and our frontline workers can share



Maura Healey

their own messages. I encourage everyone to post pictures of their sidewalk chalk or window art, or just a kind note, to say thank you to our nurses, doctors, healthcare workers, and first responders. Throughout the site, you'll see opportunities to chip in, by providing a meal or two, providing a safe place for workers to stay in between shifts, volunteering, or donating PPE.

Like all of us, I'm thankful for our frontline workers who bravely show up and risk their lives every day to combat this pandemic and keep us safe.

We're grateful for our partners at HubSpot and IDEO who helped make this website possible, and for the invaluable input from healthcare providers and police and fire associations in making sure this website is the most effective for our frontline. We'll continue to update it as new information becomes available.

To our frontline workers, please use FrontlineMA. org as a resource during this battle. And to everyone else, stay home, stay safe, and thank a hero.

Maura Healey is the attorney general of Massachusetts.

Looking up Longfellow Street

Secretary Galvin, hear my plea

By Edward M. Cook Special to the Reporter

I urgently plead with you to support and implement universal vote-by-mail in the Commonwealth for the September primary and November final elections. By this I mean mailing ballots to *all* registered voters in the state. The case for this action has been made to you repeatedly by greater powers than I, and some of their, and my, arguments follow:

• Given that the danger to voters of COVID 19 will likely continue until at least the fall of this year, in-person voting poses a proven risk to the lives of anyone who votes at a polling location;

• Dorchester is one of the "hot spots" in the state for cases of COVID-19;

• This danger will suppress voting to historically low turnout levels in Dorchester just when we are working to increase voter participation through groups like DotTheVote;

• Voting by mail removes the terrible choice between risking our lives or voting;

• Voting by mail is a proven system and has been used successfully in many other US states, beginning 20 years ago;

 Voting by mail will increase turnout in Ward 15 where I live;

• The virus is a danger to workers who staff the polling sites, from each other and from in-person voters:

• The primary and general elections, important at any time, are of more importance in 2020 than any elections in living memory;

• We do not need another impediment to our voting rights in Dorchester.

Your arguments (as reported in the April 22

Boston Globe) against universal vote by mail are

easily overcome:

- Town and city clerks need to be consulted about tabulating mail in votes;
- Mail-in absentee ballots are already available (but only to those who are out of state on election day, are medically disabled, or have religious objections);
- Keeping in-person voting gives the voters maximum options;
- We need to extend the time for early voting;
- Independent voters will need to request a party ballot for the primaries;
- In-person voting would allow voters to make last minute choices.

All these issues have been addressed by the states that already have universal voting-by-mail: Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, and Utah. "Asked and answered," as they say on televised lawyer shows.

As the call for universal vote-by-mail grows daily, you risk demeaning your role as a leader in state government and its chief elections officer by appearing to be tone-deaf and insensitive to the health and safety of the citizens of Massachusetts.

As someone who has supported you for many years (and not just because you were a few years behind me at St. Mary's High in Waltham), I know that you are a dedicated, experienced, and knowledgeable public servant. I implore you to take immediate action and make universal voting-by-mail the central feature of your legislative package to the Great and General Court.

Edward M. Cook is president of DotTheVote, a non-partisan, non-profit organization whose purpose is to increase voter registration and turnout in Dorchester.

Resiliency Fund balance: \$26m+

The Boston Resiliency Fund for COVID-19 relief has raised more than \$26 million from more than 4,200 individual donors since its March launch. Last week, Mayor Martin Walsh and the fund's steering committee announced the distribution of an additional \$1.7 million in funds to support 20 organizations.

Already, the fund had distributed \$13.8 million in 76 emergency grants to 135 organizations. This latest round of fund distribution, the mayor's office said, "is aimed at providing continued support for

community health centers, individuals experiencing homelessness, persons with disabilities, community-based organizations in neighborhoods experiencing higher rates of COVID-19, and Boston's Muslim community during Ramadan, which begins this week." Walsh's office said 29 percent of the organizations receiving grants Wednesday are led by a person of color and 52 percent are women-led organizations.

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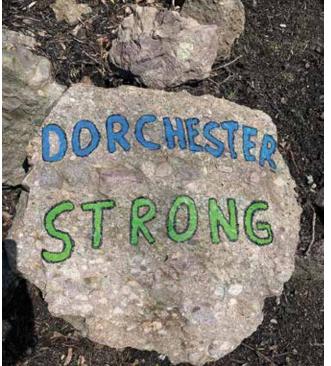
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Dorchester resident and BPS teacher Brianne Gore showed love for the neighborhood this weekend by painting her property's Roxbury Puddingstone with uplifting messages. Gore lives on Meeting House Hill with her husband, Javin, and sons Tabor and Maddox. Gore said her family wanted to paint the puddingstone to "remind my favorite community that we are 'Dorchester Strong' and we will overcome this difficult time."

We will return neighborhood notables to this space when events are rescheduled.

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Msgr. Francis J. McGann dies at 95; parish priest at St. Mark's 1953-1965

By Tom Mulvoy ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Monsignor Francis J. McGann, a priest of the archiocese of Boston for 71 years who spent a dozen years in Dorchester in his early vears of service, died at Massachusetts General Hospital on April 24 of complications related to a COVID-19 infection. He was 95.

Just four years out of the seminary, Rev. McGann joined the team of priests at St. Mark's Parish in Dorchester in 1953 and stayed for a dozen years, a stretch that encompassed the end of the fighting in Korea and the institution

of wide-ranging changes in the protocols of his church in the wake of the Vatican II council in the early 1960s.

To his young parishioners in the parish grammar school and local high schools, the Woburnborn Father McGann was a striking figure. His fellow priests in the rectory, especially the old-school, my-way-only pastor, Msgr. Patrick J. Lydon, were seen as remote figures for the most part; he was an impressive presence on the altar, following ancient ceremonial rubrics with elan while at the same time giving sermons that spoke both theologically

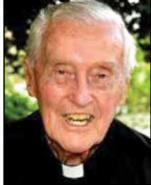
and practically to things on the ground in the lives of his parishioners.

Placed in charge of a very active CYO, the dynamic young priest was always present - for social gatherings, religious discussions, civic observances, plays, and sports, which were mostly played at opponent sites, given St. Mark's lack of an athletic facility. It may seem strange to young Catholics of today, but it was astonishing in the 1950s for kids playing hockey at frozen-over Wainwright Park to look up and see Father McGann maneuvering the puck past them en route to a goal

made up of piles of snow.

But that's the way it was in those days, a picture-postcard scene for Catholics of a certain age today. As testament to his influence over his young parishioners of that era, a large number of them later would not consider their marriages legitimate unless Father McGann was on the altar as celebrant or witness.

But time passed, and so did Father McGann, to a monsignorship and to parish assignments as curate and pastor in Walpole, Cambridge, Hingham, Lynn, and Winchester. He also served the archdiocese on a number of clerical



Monsignor Francis J. McGann

bodies, including the Priests' Senate before retiring in the late 1990s and taking a "senior priest" status at St. Joseph's Parish in Needham, where he actively served for some 20 years, the notion of "senior" being anomalous.

In a message to the parishioners in Needham last Friday, the Rev. Peter L. Stamm wrote

"so thoroughly devoted himself to our parish through the celebration of Mass, hearing confessions, visiting the sick, attending every school play and musical, and simply offering an ear to listen to anyone, at any time of the day or night. He was a mentor, friend, and shining example to so many of his fellow priests, who benefited from his wisdom and camaraderie. He was a spiritual father to all who came in contact with him, pointing with gentleness and joy toward the reality of Jesus's victory over death."

that Msgr. McGann

Funeral services for Msgr. McGann were limited to family members. St. Joseph will hold a remembrance service at a later date.

Patricia (Pat) O'Neill, at 80; leader, guiding spirit of the Ashmont Adams community

Pat was a true force for good. Dorchester and the entire City of Boston will miss your fierce and loving presence."

The oldest of four children of the late Patrick F. McGrath and Eleanor E. (Kaminski), Pat was raised on Harvest Street in Dorchester's Polish Triangle and graduated from Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School in 1957. She worked at Liberty Mutual and at WHDH-TV and eventually at Avon, where she became a sales manager, but it was while she was waitressing at the old Howard Johnson's restaurant in the South End that she met David O'Neill. They were married in 1968 at Saint Margaret Church on Columbia Road.

The couple moved to the Ashmont Adams neighborhood, first to Helena Road and later to a three-decker on Adams Street. Pat was an active member of Saint Ann Parish, where her sons, David and Patrick, went to the grammar school.

"In 1980, the O'Neills moved to Ashmont Street where installation of their in-ground swimming pool soon followed," recalled her close friend Gail Ravgiala. "Though she herself did not swim, she was the gracious host of many pool parties in recent years, most of them thank-you events for neighbors and friends who helped with her many neighborhood endeavors. "

Pat was honored as "Volunteer of the Year" by Boston Main Streets and was cited by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women as one of its "unsung heroes." She was also feted by the Dorchester YMCA at its 2017 gala at Venezia in Port Norfolk.

In 2016, she received UMass Boston's Quinn Award for outstanding community leadership at

(Continued from page 1) the university's annual community breakfast. "For me, community leadership is like being a concierge and stepping up to the plate when you see something isn't right," Pat said at the time. "It is helping people find the avenue to what they need. It is pointing them to the bus stop, not driving the bus. That is what keeps a neighborhood strong."

Deirdre Habershaw, a neighbor who met Pat while working in former City Councillor Maureen Feeney's office, said she was fierce advocate for her neighborhood. "Once I moved to Ashmont Adams, I started to see her more and more in the neighborhood. Pat was... just a great person. She could be really tough. As the president of the group, she definitely held elected officials to task and she was a great advocate for the neighborhood.

"She did so much. She was always hosting pool parties at her house, she organized trips and trolley tours, started the Chili-Cook-Off," said Habershaw. "She was constantly doing a lot of the work that added to a lot of our community rituals."

Della Costello, a friend and neighbor, called Pat a "dynamic" woman with a lot of energy and concern for the community. "She led so many community events, including the Codman Square House Tour which connected Melville Ave. to Ashmont Hill to the

Ashmont Adams area," said Costello. "It really broadened our scope and we got to know a lot of people and had some wonderful times with the tours. She was so dvnamic and very, very good for the neighborhood. She will be greatly

Nancy Anderson, who helped organize the Cook-Off and took annual neighborhood trips with Pat to watch the Pawtucket Red Sox, said of her friend's passing: "It's unbelievably sad. It's hard to imagine that this community, and city, is going to go on without her. She was quite the character. If you had an idea, she'd help you jump into it; that's just what it was like with Pat. I'm sure everyone would agree she was a force of nature. She was so driven, and she always had a smile.

"For every serious thing we had to do – like if there was a big agenda item for Ashmont Adams she'd have us do two fun things," Anderson added with a laugh. "Like a pool party or a pumpkin-carving event."

Although many knew about Pat's work in the community, Anderson said, she often made little contributions in Dorchester that people weren't always aware of.

"Down by Elmer Road and Rundle Park, there's a little sidewalk that cars could drive over," said Anderson. "That always irritated Pat and me, so we went out and bought huge planters to block

the cars. That was just one of the small, qualityof-life things that she often did."

She added: "Pat made the best lemon squares in the city."

Pat is lovingly survived by her sons David X. O'Neill and Patrick J. O'Neill, her grand-children Kane X. O'Neill and Jaxson D. O'Neill and her sister MaryAnn Nourse. In addition to her parents, she was pre-



Gov. Deval Patrick and Pat O'Neill at a Chili Cook-Off event which O'Neill organized.

deceased by her sister, Bridget Olivolo, and her brother, Francis J. Mc-

Grath. Funeral arrangements were private due to Covid-19 restrictions.



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School shutdown seen as right call by educators who are making do for now, but who are anxious about the fall

(Continued from page 1) finalizing plans for repandemic is exacerbating and revealing across the Commonwealth both with regard to health and education." finalizing plans for remote learning for the remainder of the school year," said the mayor. "The next phase of learning from home will start

In a press conference on Monday, Mayor Martin Walsh provided some updates to BPS's ongoing transition to remote learning in noting that the city has already distributed more than 1,200 wi-fi hotspots and more than 33,000 laptops to families who lacked access. Half a million meals have been dished out to students through the city's student meal site program, he added.

"Superintendent Cassellius and BPS are

mote learning for the remainder of the school year," said the mayor. "The next phase of learning from home will start on Mon., May 4. Families will receive additional information from the superintendent later this week about attendance, grading, and scheduling. Schools will be creating individualized learning plans for students with the highest needs to make sure no one falls behind.

A BPS survey aimed at collecting parental feedback is currently soliciting information from families to assess their needs related to financial stability, food security, and childcare services, among other concerns. City Councillor at-large Annissa Essaibi-George told the *Reporter* that continued communication between BPS and parents will be important.

"We have to continue to seek families out, create virtual spaces for the time being where parents can access and influence decisions," she said.

A parent and former BPS teacher herself, Essaibi-George credited educators for their hard work in trying to minimize learning loss during the last several weeks.

"Remote learning has been a learning process for everybody—for families, for kids, for teachers, for districts- and we've spent some time over the last month or so figuring it out, working out kinks in the system," she said. "Some classrooms and some teachers were more ready for it than others, some households were certainly more ready for it than others... as a city councillor and especially as a former teacher, I know that the work our school staff has committed to - making

sure that they are able to reach every child and support every child in our district – has been endless."

In a Monday City Council session held remotely in preparation for a BPS hearing later in the week, Essaibi-George said she emphasized fulfilling BPS's commitment to having a full-time nurse, guidance counselor, and mental health professional in every school building when schools re-open (Many school mental health professionals are checking in with students now by using telehealth, she said), calling the maintenance of socio-emotional support systems for students — which Mayor Walsh alluded to in his press conference -a "huge concern."

She noted that "this is an important time in kids' lives, and especially for kids experiencing homelessness and kids who require Special Ed, things have been turned upside down. So it's up to us, it's up to me as a city councillor to make sure those resources are in place...we know that as kids are separated from their school community, and from the resources

they access from the school community, that those resources in particular are more important than ever."

Fears of students falling behind top of the list of concerns for Latoya Gayle, a Dorchester resident and founder of Boston School Finder, a digital resource outlet that provides information about Boston schools. As a mother of three school-aged children, Gayle occupies a space along the interface of parents, students, and teachers in the Boston education system.

"In general, online learning is great to supplement structures that we have in schools now," said Gayle. "I think when you think about it as the primary mode of learning, it becomes more complicated...educational systems were not prepared to switch to remote instruction and learning.

"My youngest just turned five, and so when I think about all the little kids, we don't want to be in a situation where in three years, everybody's wondering why the third graders are not reading at grade level because they missed the part of the school year where

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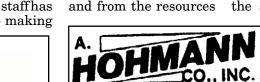
you would be learning these fundamentals of reading and literacy...I worry about my oldest, a high school junior, also a really important year."

In the weeks since schools initially closed due to the coronavirus, Boston School Finder has retooled its website to include a database of COVID-19 related information, providing families with resources and regular updates. It remains unclear if parents will be able to use the site for its original purpose — to match their child with the right-fitting school—by the time the upcoming school year rolls around in September.

Gayle said she was wary about the process by which a solution will be decided on once schools are given the go ahead to reopen. Given the disparities that already existed between certain schools before the crisis began, she knows that students from low-income communities and communities of color are at risk of suffering more than others.

"The impact is not going to be equal on how this is felt," said Gayle. "Some people say, 'Everybody's in the same boat now.' No, we're not all in the same boat, because some people were in a cruise ship before and others were in a dinghy. So we have to really be thinking about how this has magnified the inequalities and inequities that already existed, but also to make sure that parent voice is included when we are thinking about solutions for what is happening now and how it's going to impact our children's future. It's imperative that family voice is included in that, and especially the families who are the most impacted."





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Some hopeful signs from the battlefield

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER CONTRIBUTOR

By the beginning of May, we will be looking at more than one million cases of the coronavirus in the US in just three months. There were 30,000 new cases reported per day during the month of April. Looking at the data, it would appear that plans for re-opening our commonwealth and country are premature, as getting

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control of the virus would seem to be a prerequisite to such a move. The economy won't rebound until people feel safe to resume lives that include being in places with other people nearby. Thankfully, steps toward getting that control and creating that sense of safety have been moving apace.

Eventually, we will get to a place where universal testing will occur. We can then quarantine new cases, and contact trace to find the people who had interacted with the person who tested positive. We're starting to see antibody testing, and we will soon determine whether having had the virus makes you immune to future infection, a step toward so-called "herd immunity."

The ultimate control over the virus will occur when we have a reliable vaccine, but that is not likely to occur before early next year at the least.

Right now, anyone in a risk category looks at the virus as a potential death sentence. But medical science has been as unrelenting as the virus. While we await a vaccine, potential treatments for the virus are being tested around the globe, and there are promising medical interventions on the horizon.

The use of plasma shows great promise. Plasma essentially is blood with the red and white blood cells re-

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ellen W. Dowling of Hillsborough, NJ, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Ellen W. Dowling of Hillsborough, NJ has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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Bill Walczak

moved, leaving proteins and antibodies in the fluid. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced an initiative on March 24 to collect plasma, and the Red Cross started collecting it from recovered Covid-19 patients on March 30, saying it "believes that this effort is necessary and urgent to enable rapid access to potentially lifesaving care for those seriously ill. The Red Cross has been asked by the FDA to help identify prospective donors and manage the distribution of these products to hospitals treating patients in

Information on the effort is at RedCrossBlood. org/plasma4covid.

Dr. Jon Pincus, head of infectious disease at the Codman Square Health Center, said that "while controlled trials are still under way, there are

anecdotal published case series from China reporting clinical improvement using convalescent plasma.

"In one study, 2 out of 3 patients on mechanical ventilation were weaned from ventilators, and in another study, 3 out of 5 were able to be weaned," said Pincus. "The exact mechanism is unclear, but convalescent plasma also appeared to be helpful in treating similar infections like MERS and SARS in the past. It's unclear why it works so well, but there is anecdotal information of dramatic improvement within days" via use of plasma from those cured of Covid-19.

In Paris, researchers have found that the drugtocilizumab greatly reduced the need for mechanical ventilators and lowered the death rate of Covid-19 patients in respiratory failure. They emphasized that more study is needed, but still, it's a sign that we're closer to getting treatments that will lower the mortality rate.

Here in Massachusetts, we may not be in any position to do more than plan a re-opening of the commonwealth, but we have reason to hope that there will be one. In the meantime, with Mayor Walsh saying that

he will mandate wearing masks/face coverings if Bostonians fail to do so themselves, follow his lead. Social distancing and hand washing seem to have taken hold, so keep at that, too. We'll get there quicker if you do

[Editor's Note: When most of a population is immune to an infectious disease, this provides indirect protection—or herd immunity (also called herd protection)—to those who are not immune to the disease, according to specialists at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

For example, they say, "if 80 percent of a population is immune to a virus, four out of every five people who encounter someone with the disease won't get sick (and won't spread the disease any further). In this way, the spread of infectious diseases is kept under control. Depending how contagious an infection is, usually 70 percent to 90 percent of a population needs immunity to achieve herd protection."]

Bill Walczak of Dorchester is the cofounder and former CEO of the Codman Square Health Center. His column appears weekly in the Reporter.



Sen Collins: Community Health Centers key to equitable response and recovery

As policymakers it is our responsibility to respond to the public health challenges before us with urgency while planning the long term recovery of our city, state and nation.

Community health centers have been key to delivering an equitable public health response in the fight against COVID-19, and they will be key to delivering an equitable public health recovery for those who the system has historically left behind.

As early reading data revealed that COVID-19 was having a disparate impact on communities with higher rates of chronic illness and other health disparities, state elected officials and public health officials prioritized emergency funding including:

• \$1.1 billion to support our healthcare system overall

• \$900 million to stabilize hospitals, community health centers, nursing facilities, primary care services, behavioral health supports, long-term care services and frontline workers.

Simultaneously, critical support was issued by the Federal government and soon after locally through Mayor Walsh's Boston Resiliency Fund. While Codman, Whittier Street and East Boston community health centers led the way, Boston Resiliency fund essential resources needed to stand up CO-VID-19 screening at community health centers across Boston.

To continue an equitable response to the impacts of COVID-19 on our most vulnerable communities, the Massachusetts National Guard should be authorized to conduct mobile testing in senior, low income and public housing communities, where the highest rates of chronic illness are most prevalent. This would not only increase the likelihood of an early diagnosis for those currently with barriers to being tested, but in coordination with a community health center, connect uninsured patients to a primary care provider to deliver preventive health care in the long run. An early diagnosis of COVID-19 may save a life, but preventive long term care can alter the track of slow, costly killers- chronic disease.

Although 2006 brought universal access in Massachusetts and Nationally in 2009, a recent Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts study highlights that as of 2017, communities in Boston with the highest rates of chronic illness also had the highest rates of uninsured – over 15 times the community average statewide.

This is a clear indication that mistrust of an old health care system that delivered care via emergency room has persistent in many communities.

These policy changes coupled with increased federal, state and local funding to our community health centers would also ensure we deliver an equitable public health recovery by fulfilling the promise of health care reform: scaling up the system, treating patients through the preventative care model, reducing health disparities and increasing life expectancy rates.

Community health centers have been the biggest asset in delivering an equitable response to COVID-19 outbreak, but also with the proper funding, will be key to ensuring an equitable public health recovery for the over 25,000 uninsured Bostonians and almost 200,000 statewide.

The State recently announced an additional \$130 million investment in our Nursing Homes for staff and PPE to ensure the highest level of care possible in these most vulnerable communities. In order to fulfill the promise of an equitable public health and response to COVID-19, increased funding for our community health centers must remain front and center in the Legislature, as we deliberate upcoming FY2020 Supplemental budget.

This support will provide the resources needed to equip the brave men and women on the front lines of this public health crisis and deliver an equitable public health response and recovery for communities that have suffered from inequities for far too long.

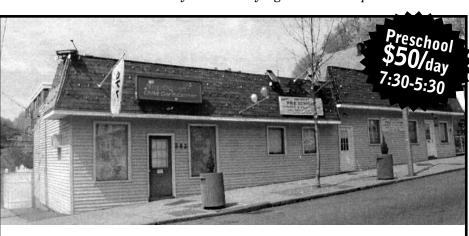
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Senator Collins represents the communities of South Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan and Hyde Park and serves as the Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Health in the Massachusetts Legislature.



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AGNEW, Brown, 88 years of Belton, SC. Husband, devoted father and dedicated chef for Gillette. Brown is survived by his wife Dorothy (Funches) Agnew, children Willie Agnew, Sharon Saunders, Janet Greene, Karen Michelle Greene, Darius Agnew, Verdena Agnew; 23 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren, other family and friends.



ANDERSON, Thomas G. "Tommy" 41, unexpectedly. Tommy was born in 1978 in Dorchester. He was a parishioner of St. Marks Church. He was charismatic and had a personality that was infectious. He was best known for his sense of humor and his storytelling ability. He took great pride in the fact that he was born and raised in Dorchester. He is survived by his mother and father Lorraine and Gerald Anderson of Dorchester, brother Christopher Anderson and wife Kerrie of Walpole, brother John Anderson and wife Heather of Hanson, brother David Anderson and wife Jennifer Dorchester, sister Linda Anderson of Walpole, numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Due to the current health crisis services will be private at this time. There will be a Celebration of Life memorial service at a



BESWICK, William J. "Billy" of Dorchester, after a courageous battle with cancer. Son of the late Dorothy (Mc-Beth) and Woodrow Beswick. Brother of Beverly Stevens of Randolph, Dorothy Silva of Quincy, Theresa Beswick of Dorchester, John Beswick of Quincy, Thomas Beswick of Quincy, and the late Frederick Beswick, Winifred Beswick, and Joseph Beswick. Brother-in-law of Ralph Silva, Diane Beswick, and Pat Deane. Dear friend of Barbara Mc-Donough and her dog Benji. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends at Keystone Apartments. Due to the current health crisis, visitation and services will remain private.

BORDEN, Donald Bobby of Boston, formally of Savannah, GA. Husband of Freda Boden of Dorchester. Donald is survived by a host of loving family and friends.



CALLOWAY, Mary Elizabeth Mahoney, born in 1940, to Maurice Mahoney and Elizabeth Clifford, who united in

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VIRGINIE (MAUMUS) AUGUSTE



Virginie (Maumus) Auguste, 74, affectionately called "Nanne"/"Ninnie," formerly of Mattapan, died peacefully on April 23 in Abington. She is survived by her four children: her daughter Marie Miyonne Dorestant, sons Richard Auguste and wife Sara A. Fernandes, Pierre Auguste

and wife Marie Ruth Auguste and daughter Sadia Auguste Girault, grandchildren: Gregory Dorestant, Pierre Robert Dorestant, Yveline Esna, Rashelle Noncent, Hasadiah Girault, Javen Girault & Evan Auguste, sister: Julienne René and husband Homere René, brother Ernest Anglade and wife Adly Anglade, nieces: Magalie René, Miriam René, Angie Marsin and Stephanie Anglade, sisterin-law: Yella LaPierre, brother-in-law: Charlesira Sadira and eight great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by husband: Vilaire L. Auguste, mother; Isabelly Maumus, brother: Jean Joseph LaPierre, sisters: Anita Sadira & Lyvia Francois and granddaughter Pierrette Dorestant.

Born in Aux Cayes, Haiti, she and her late husband immigrated to Boston in 1970. She worked as a nurse's aide for The Hebrew Rehabilitation & Nursing Home, and most recently, at Fox Hill Village in Westwood. She was a devoted worshipper and volunteer at the Berea SDA and Temple Salem SDA church in Boston, the Bethel French SDA Church in Riviera Beach, FL, and the Ben Emmanuel SDA Church in Randolph. A second mother to many, she was a melodic songbird who loved to worship and entertain in song, a skilled organizer and phenomenal creative, an enchanting host who swooned dinner guests with an unforgettable smile and knack for cuisine. Funeral services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the National Brain Tumor Society.

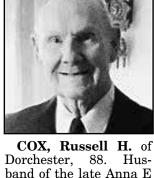
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dependently immigrating from County Kerry, Bantry Bay and Lowistel Ireland. Together they bore three children James Francis Mahoney, Joan Mahoney Davis, and the youngest, Mary Elizabeth Mahoney Calloway. She was a loyal Pharmacy Technician at the Lower Mills Pharmacy for decades. Besides her son, her late husband, Cal, was her best friend. She leaves behind her son, Ty Mahoney of Austin, TX, her daughter-inlaw, Stacey Sheikh-Idris of Dorchester, MA, her stepson, Tyrone Calloway of Dorchester, MA, and 4 grandchildren She also leaves behind sisterin-laws, Catherine Mahoney, Doretha Gillum, and Yvonne Calloway, a host of nieces, nephews, and close friends. A future memorial will be planned, when it is safe to do so.

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CARLSON, Sean B. of Dorchester and Scituate. Friend of Bill and Lois W. and longtime member of the Snug Harbor Group, 71, af-ter an illness. Sean was the longtime program director at the South Shore Recovery Home in Quincy and case worker in the drug unit at the South Bay House of Correction. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in Sean's memory can be made to the Vedanta Centre of Cohasset and the South Shore Recovery Home in Quincy.



band of the late Anna E Cox. Father of Patricia Lombard of Amesbury, MA, Russell Cox of Weymouth, Kevin Cox of Weymouth and the late Richard Cox. Grandfather of 2. Great-grandfather of 4. Russell served in the Korean War from as PVT 1st Class and was a recipient of a Purple Heart medal. He worked for the United States Postal Service and was a member of the McKeon Post #146, Dorchester. Donations to the American Cancer Society directly at https:// www.cancer.org/

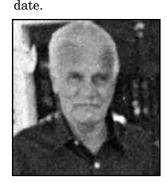
COLLERAN, James J. "Jimbo" originally from Columbia Point, Dorchester, more recently of West Roxbury. Son of the late Arthur and Margaret (Reardon) Colleran. Brother of Robert, Myles, John, Lawrence, Donna, Joyce, and the late Peter, Paul, Timothy, and Theresa. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Due to the pandemic funeral services will be held at a future date.

DAVIS, Rosemary Frances (Davis) of Quincy, 93. Born in Boston, Rosemary was the eldest of six children of the late Michael Joseph "Joe" Davis and Florence (Campbell). A graduate of St. Gregory High School, Rosemary went on to have a long and successful career with the New England Telephone Co. Rosemary was the wife of the late Forrest M. Davis, and the sister of the late Alice Welch (Thomas), Florence Owens (Edward), Margaret Popsie, Joseph Davis (Delores) and Francis Davis (Roberta). Rosemary is survived by many loving nieces and nephews. In light of current circumstances, immediate services will be private. A Memorial Mass in Celebration of Rosemary's Life is planned for a future date. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Rosemary's memory to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen Street, Suite 250, Framingham, MA 01701.



DENNIS, Helen J. (Daniszewska), week short of her 96th birthday. She was the daughter of the late Leo-

cadia and Joseph Daniszewski. Sister of the late John, Josephine, Irene, Stanley, Joseph and Lucy. Aunt of Joseph Daniszewski, Jr. of Paris, Maine, Mary Ann Sweda, Catherine Sweda, Edward Sweda and Robert Sweda, all of Dorchester, and the late Barbara Jean Sweda, Renee Griffin, and Joan Dewsnap. Helen also had many cousins, grandnephews, grandnieces, great-grandnephews, great-grandnieces, and 1 great-great-grandniece. She worked as an assistant manager of the stenographic department at S & W Engineering Corp. for 40 years and as the secretary to loan officers at the State Street Bank for 10 years. Donations in Helen's memory may be sent to Mission Church, 1545 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02120, or to the Catholic Television Network, P.O. Box 9196, Watertown, MA 02471. A Life Celebration Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, South Boston, at a later



DECARIOS, 91, of Dorchester. Born in Pin Port Mourant, Guyana, he was a son of the late George and Subhadra Torrezao. He was the father of Julia Harkess of Dorchester.

DILLON, Anna "Josephine" (Conroy), also lovingly known as "Dody", of Dorchester, formerly of Calla, Co. Galway, Ireland. Wife of Joseph Dillon for 34 years. Daughter of the late Martin and Mary Conroy (King). Sister of the late Teresa O'Connor, Chris Conroy and Ena Conroy. Aunt of eight nieces and nephews. Stepmother of five stepsons and one stepdaughter. Also survived by several great nephews, great nieces, step-grandchildren and step-great grandchildren. Due to the current health crisis, services will remain private. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mark's Church in Dorchester at a later date. Donations can be made to St Mark's Catholic Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA 02124.

DONOVAN, Christopher J. of Dedham, formerly of Dorchester and Co. Cork, Ireland passed from complications of COVID-19. Husband of the late Patricia R. (Sullivan). Father of Kenneth and his wife Glenda of East Bridgewater, Christopher J. "Jimmy" and his wife Janice of Sharon, Deborah Hib-



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bard of Dedham, Margaret "Peggy" and her husband Gerald Silletti of Norfolk, Lisa and her husband Michael Flanagan of Norfolk. Longtime friend and companion of Rita Pray of Dedham. Brother-in-law of Cynthia Sullivan of NH and the late Marguerite Staff and John Paul Sullivan. Grandfather of 10 grandchildren and 3 greatgrandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Bartender at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury for 21 years and a helper of the Dedham Garden Club for many years. Donations may be made in his name to Alzheimer's research at alz.org



DOOLEY, Jean (Ruggiero) Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of John F. "Jack" Dooley. Mother of Tara Teehan and her husband John Teehan Jr. of Dorchester. "Noni" of 2 and her granddog Ralphie. Sister of Mary Ruggiero of Westwood, Lorraine Rotondo and her husband Andrew of Westwood, Helen Getek & her husband Teddy of Randolph, James Rug-giero and his wife Cheryl of Falmouth, and the late Louis Ruggiero. Daughter of the late Louis and Helen Ruggiero. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Longtime employee of the Braintree School System. Due to the current health crisis, services will remain private.

FRANCIS, Donald R., 80, of Norton, formerly of Dedham. Husband of Karen L. (Sabin) Francis. Father of Robert J. Francis and his wife Pamela of Stoughton, Christopher A. Francis and his wife Carol of Middleboro, Matthew J. Francis and his girlfriend Kristen of Abington and the late James L. Francis, who is survived by his wife Julianne of Gardner. Brother of Mary Conkey of Weymouth and the late John "Jack" Francis and William Francis. Also survived by 7 grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and was the son-inlaw of James and Mary Sabin of Hanover. Those wishing, may remember Donald with a donation in his memory made to the charity of one's choice.

GREENBERG, Harvey G. son of Ruth and George Greenberg, after a long illness. Born in Portland, Maine, formerlv of Dorchester, California, and Henderson, Nevada. He leaves his wife Beverly Greenberg, brother Barry Greenberg, and sister-in-law Linda Greenberg, as well as several nieces and nephews.



HALEY, Marina Alvarez, 86, of Newton Centre, died after contracting COVID-19. Her husband of 25 years, Pierce Joseph Haley, predeceased her. She leaves five children and their families: Pierce John and Alison King Haley of Jamaica Plain, Marina Haley Reiser and her husband George Reiser of Lincoln, Lorraine Haley of Newton Centre, Mark Haley of Dorchester and Kathleen Haley of Newton Centre. She is also survived by her three grandchildren; her sister, Carmen Alvarez of San Salvador, El Salvador and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Born in Santa Ana, El Salvador, Marina was the middle daughter of a family doctor and stay-at-home mother. While on the Isle of Capri in Italy, she met her soon-to-be husband, Pierce J. Haley of Newton, who was an officer in the US Navy and on leave for the night. They were happily married with five children until Pierce died suddenly of a heart attack in 1988. She worked at Boston College for 18 years, The family will hold a Memorial Service at a later date when they can celebrate with their family and friends in person.

IGOE, James M. of Dorchester, formerly of Roxbury and South Boston. Husband of Nancy (Watson) Igoe of Dorchester. Son of the late John and Marie (Cornwell) Igoe. Brother of John Igoe and his late wife Madeline of Quincy and Peter and his wife Yvonne of Quincy. Jimmy is survived by seven nieces and nephews, twelve great nieces and nephews and many friends. A celebration of Jimmy's life for all to attend will be announced at a later date.



JEAN-BAPTISTE, Roger. He is survived by Rachelle Jean-Louis and husband. Raud Jean-Louis and grandchildren, Reed and Raeanna Jean-Louis; the family of his long-time companion Madeline Barnes (Eve Strother, Chris Barnes, Gavle and William Baxter); many nieces and nephews Micheline and Lionel Edouard, Guerda Jean-Baptiste, Evita Marie Jean-Baptiste, Lourdes Jean-Baptiste, Mirna and Nesly Beauz-

il, Betty and Raymond Barbe; Dominique Jean-Baptiste; Johanne and Dr. Faublas Joseph, Josaphat and Dr. Syndie Celestin, Rose-Marie Bonometre, Yanick Bonometre; Ketly and Gerard Chantz; Ernst Bonometre and Gislaine Joseph, Hugues Jean-Baptiste, Ronald Jean-Baptiste, Marjorie Jean-Pierre-Line Baptiste, Jean-Baptiste; Sisters In-LawTherese St. Val and Simone Picard Jean-Baptiste; Lisa Gilgeours, Vayola Lindor and Marie-George Labranche and all of their children and families. Roger was born in Jeremie, Haiti. He worked at many New York and Massachusetts factories and shipyards including General Electric in Lynn and the shipyards in Quincy. Please donate to Ethos, 555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130,

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F., 86, of Dorchester.

Coleman was born in

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Ireland and immigrated to Boston in 1967. Upon attending a dance at the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury, he met his beloved wife, Agnes (Hamill) Keane, and the two celebrated 51 years of marriage together. Coleman spent over 40 years with the Local Laborers 223, and was successfully self-employed as a painter. Coleman is survived by his children Stephen Keane of Quincy, Margaret Keane of Quincy, John Keane of Dorchester, Thomas Keane and his wife Samantha of Abington, Gerard Keane and his partner Ashley Corbin of Dorchester, and Laura McSheen her husband Jerea of Dorchester. Grandfather of 6 and great-grandfather of 1. Brother of Thomas and his wife Jamie Keane of Dedham, Uncle to Suzie and her husband Tommy Howard, as well as many nieces and nephews, and his extended family in Coatbridge, Scotland. He is predeceased by his parents, Coleman and Annie Keane, and his sister Mary and her husband Bob Alix. Donations in memory of Coleman can be made to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital spauldingrehab.org or checks can be mailed Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, 125 Nashua St. Boston, MA 02114.



LaFOND, Erene of Mattapan. Wife of Jean Dominique Thomas of Haiti. Daughter of the late Francine Thermonis. Mother of Marie Renee Lucas-Lambert, Jean Patrick Lucas, Molliere Lafond, Farah Dorisme, Henry-Sel Raphael and Jean Dominique Junior Thomas. Cherished grandmother Fhrynee Lambert, Rickey Oriol, Jean Patrick Junior Lucas, Ritchelie Sasha Thomas, Michael Diamond Lafond, Fahyela Raphael, Mahalco Samuel Lafond, Abigaille Djoomie Thomas and Lensley Raphael. Erene was born in Jacmeli, Haiti. She lived in Mattapan for the past ten years with her family. Due to the restrictions of Covid-19 the funeral services for Erene are private.



LEMBO, Joan (Lawless) Of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester, at 90. Wife of Nicholas J. Lembo. Mother of Michael and Linda of Dedham, Mark and Michele of Tampa, FL, Thomas and Lori of Dedham and James and Dr. Cheryl Frye of Albany, NY. Grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of six. Sister of the late Veronica Lawless, Thomas Lawless, Rosemarie Gier and Virginia Clifford. A Mass to celebrate Joan's life will be held at a later date. Please consider donating in Joan's name to Deutsches Altenheim - German Centre, germancentre.org/donate/ St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude. org/donate or Greater Boston Food Bank, gbfb. org/donate



LYNCH, **Joanne** (Joanie) Finnegan of Lincoln. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, John (Jack) Lynch. Joanie attended Boston City Hospital School of Nursing and spent most of her working days in various health care settings. She is survived by her husband Jack, sons Kevin and Tim and daughters Joanne Bauer and Tracey Melchior. She also leaves behind daughters-in-law Susan and Colleen, sonin-law George and her grandchildren: Samantha, James, Katherine, Kerri, Callie, Annika, Finn and Asher. She is also survived by loving siblings and in-laws and a host of long-time friends. Donations may be made in memory of Joanie to: Care Dimensions Hospice House c/o Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan Street, B-102, Danvers, MA 01923 or St. Ann Parish, 15 Rita Road, D



McSHARRY, Doris **M.** (**Skinnion**), 86, of Hanover. She was born in Boston and raised and educated in Dorchester. She was married to Paul M. McSharry, who passed away in 2012, and is survived by her three children, Nancy McSharry Jensen of Seattle, WA, Paul M. Mc-Sharry, Jr. of Hanover, MA, and Peter J. Mc-Sharry of Washington, DC. She was the grandmother of 4, and is survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in Doris' memory may be made to the Alzheimer's

Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452 or to COVID relief efforts.



MILFORT, Marie Montilia of Dorchester. She was born in La Plaine, Haiti. She was the mother of Jean Jackson Janvier, Marie Ilviger Janvier, Jean Reserve Janvier and the late Marieta Janvier and Kettely Janvier. Marie was the grandmother of 14 grandchildren, 11 greatgrandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Marie was woman who was dedicated to her family. She was a talented seamstress and successful business woman. She enjoyed cooking, reading and attending Forever Young Day Program. She will be missed by her family and friends. Due to the restrictions of Covid-19 Marie's funeral services are private.

O'CONNELL, Timothy of Norwood. Born in Cambridge, Tim was raised in Cambridge and graduated from Matignon High School and earned his undergraduate and Masters of Education from Boston State. He was a longtime teacher in the Boston Public Schools, retiring in 2002, having taught at Boston English and Boston High. Tim was a founding member of the Boston Teachers Union. Husband of the late Joan Ann (Callinan) O'Connell. Father of Timothy M. O'Connell and his wife Elizabeth of Arlington, Sean P. O'Connell and Christopher S. O'Connell, both of Norwood. Grandfather of Emma Joan O'Connell. A public service will be announced. Donations in memory may be made to Norwood Little League, 31 Marion Ave. Norwood, MA 02062.

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O'TOOLE, Kathleen T. "Kay" of Brockton, formerly of Falmouth and Naples, FL. Daughter of the late Bartley and Helen T. (Lee) O'Toole. Friend of Mary Ann Silva of East Bridgewater. Sister of Eileen L. Heger and her late husband David of Dorchester, and the late John J. and his wife Rita O'Toole, Mary V. and her husband Edward Glynn, George B. O'Toole, and Francis M. O'Toole. Sister-in-law of Elaine O'Toole of Brockton and Carol O'Toole Milford. Survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Donations in Kay's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place,

Memphis, TN 38105.

PERRY, Frederick
J. Jr. of Woburn. Husband of the late Eileen
(Mellor) Perry. Father
of Frederick J. Perry,
III and his wife Leigh
of Dorchester, Daniel
Perry of Woburn and
his partner Pia Senese,
Brian J. Perry and his
wife Corrine Dupre of
Holland, Eileen B. Gal-

the Honorable Mayor Scott Galvin of Woburn, Pamela A. Connolly and her husband David of Woburn and the late Mark E. Perry. Grandfather of nineteen grandchildren and great-grandfather of 7. Brother of the late Bobby and his wife Pat Perry, James and his wife Cathy Perry, John and his wife Christine Perry, the late Helen and her husband Joseph Dirienzo, Mary and her husband Paul Kelly, and the late Ann McGlashlin, and the late Edwina and George McCarthy. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Due to the current situation we are experiencing with the Coronavirus, arrangements are private. Donations may be made in Mr. Perry's memory to the American Parkinson Disease Association, 72 East Concord Street, Rm C3, Boston, MA 02118.

vin and her husband,

SAMESKI, Eileen P. (Fleming) of West Roxbury, OFD. Wife of the late Michael J. Sameski, III with whom she shared 54 years of marriage. Mother of Mary Mariano and her husband Paul; Robert and his wife Terri; Richard "Sammy"; and Michael and his wife Laurie. Grandmother of 12. Sister of Paul Fleming and the late Leo Fleming, Sr. Mary Fleming, OSF; and Sr. Anne Fleming, SC. Donations in Eileen's memory may be made to The Franciscan Center, 310 N. Perry Ave., Tampa, FL 33603 franciscancentertampa. org or Sisters of Charity Ministry Fund, Sisters of Charity Centre, 215 Seton Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M OC9 Canada schalifax.ca

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SCANTLEBURY, Mona, 94. Wife of Lawson Scantlebury of Dorchester. She is also survived by a loving host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

SHERMAN, Alice G. born in 1923 in Dorchester, the only surviving child of Louis and Ida Shindler, an older brother Nathan predeceasing her in influenza epidemic of 1918. She attended Boston University as a music major where she met Ezra Sherman, embarking on a 63-year marriage to the man she called "her best friend." Working well into her 90, she was a vibrant, talented and opinionated woman who made a distinct impression on everyone she met. She demanded a lot and gave a lot, loved deeply and kept her family close by until her last days, just shy of her 97th birthday. She leaves Stephen and Ann Sherman, Oren Sherman and Richard Miller, Dr. David (of blessed memory) and Eileen Sherman, halfsisters Alana Shindler and Barbara Shindler. Dear grandmother of Geoffrey and Pam Sherman, Matthew Vikki Sherman, san and Lee Wallach,

Ali Sherman-Kadish and Sam Kadish, Noah Sherman, Lauren Sherman, and Chris Adams, and adored great-grandmother of ten greatgrandsons. Out of necessity during the current situation, the funeral and shiva observance will be private for family.



STEINBACH, Marie (Perry) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Russell A. Steinbach Sr. Mother of Russell A. Steinbach Jr. and his wife Donna of Dorchester. Grandmother of 3. Sister of Robert Perry, Patsy Curcio, and the late Jean Buccini, Frank Perry, and Barbara Mikesell. Sisterin-law of Carol Perry. Rita Perry, and the late David Mikesell, and Al Buccini. Loving daughter of the late Frank and Ursula Perry. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Due to the current health crisis, services will remain private. A Celebration of Life service will be planned for a later date. Donations may be made in memory of Marie to the Alzheimer's Association.



SULLIVAN, Brenda Marie (Murphy), 81, after suffering complications of COVID-19. She is survived by her husband of fifty-nine years, Paul Timothy Sullivan. Brenda was born in Dorchester to the late John and Alice Murphy. Brenda and Paul were blessed with four children: Paul M. Sullivan and his wife Lisa Sullivan of Sudbury, Julie Gillis and her husband Joe Gillis of Medfield, Christine Smith and her husband Geoffrey Smith of Holliston, and Carol Svirsky and her husband Michael Svirsky of Holliston. Brenda is survived by her grandchildren. A Memorial Service/Celebration of Life will be announced when the public gathering restrictions are lifted. Donations in Brenda's name can be made to Cape Cod Healthcare Foundation (CCHF).

TAYLOR, Renee of Mattapan. It is with great sadness that the family of Renee Taylor announces her passing at the age of 47. Renee lived a fulfilling life as a mother, sister, and friend. Renee was born in Boston to James Taylor (deceased) and Eloise

Taylor (deceased). She had 7 siblings: Sylvester Taylor (deceased), Marjorie Taylor (deceased), Rochelle Martin, Virginia Taylor, Moreale Taylor, Latisha Taylor, and Aretha Taylor Barnes. She graduated from English High School and attended Northeastern University. She dedicated her life to working in the healthcare field and spent 29 years at Children's Hospital. Renee is survived by her partner, Richard Francis, and children, Ashley Francis, Aiden Francis, and Rashaad Cooke. She is also survived by siblings, nieces and nephews, and a host of other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, Marjorie and Sylvester Taylor. Her legacy will live on in the hearts and minds of everyone with whom she



interacted.

TRAN, Bay T., of Dorchester. She was the wife of Chanh V. Tran whom she married in Saigon, Vietnam. Born in 1932 in Saigon, Vietnam she was a daughter of the late To V. Tran and Dang T. Nguyen. She was the mother of Hoa Xuan Tran and husband Xiem Nguyen of Saigon, Hong Tan Tran and wife Hong Nguyen of Saigon, Christine Tran and husband Francis Tran of Quincy, Hieu Trung Tran and wife Van Le of Saigon, Hien T. Vo and husband Duy Vo of Bellingham, Howard Tran and wife Yvonne Tran of Milford and Bryan Tran and wife Mai Tran of San Jose, CA; also 16 grandchildren and 18

great grandchildren. WALSH, James C. "Gaucho" Of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester, suddenly. Husband of Nancy M. (McKenna) Walsh. Father of James C. Walsh, Jr. and his wife Jane of Weymouth. Son of the late Honorable Joseph B. and Catherine (Manning) Walsh. Brother of Brian C. (Maureen) of Whitman, Joseph and Christopher of Dorchester, Robert (Rose) of Norfolk, and Stephen (Holly) of Pembroke. Brother-inlaw of George and Brian McKenna of Dorchester, Thomas (Betty-Ann), James, and John of Wevmouth, Elaine O'Connor (Charles), Carol Sullivan (John), and Patrice Hanlon (Michael) of Marshfield, Marianne Kelley (Francis) of Milton, and Stephen McKenna (Debbie) of Randolph. Son-in-law of Anne McKenna and the late George McKenna. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Member of Local #589. Longtime employee of the MBTA

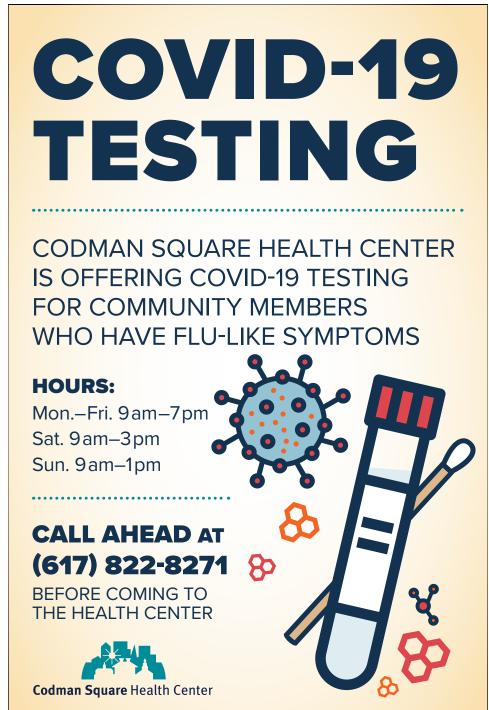
and MCCA. Due to the current health crisis, services will remain private. Donations may be made in James' memory to the American Heart Association.

WALSH, Thomas A. of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester, passed away from complications of COVID-19. Husband of 55 years to Patricia (Sweeney) Walsh. Father of Patricia Huska and her husband Stephen of West Roxbury and Marybeth Chung and her husband David of Wellesley. "Pops" of 4. Brother of his twin Stephen Walsh of Roslindale, Joseph Walsh of Boca Raton, FL and Sr. Barbara Joseph Walsh of Wellesley, and the late Mary Machaby, Michael Walsh, and Ann Walsh. Brother-in-law of William Sweeney of Milton. Tom is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and loval friends. Late 46year employee of Boston Gas and U.S. Army Veteran. Due to the current situation with COVID, Tom's Services will be private. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in Tom's memory may be made to St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre Street, West Rox-



WILLIAMS, Thomas Of Dorchester, formerly of Inish Bearachain, Co. Galway, Ireland. Husband of Mary (Flaherty) Williams. Father of Michael Williams and his wife Pamela of Burlington, Maura Abreu and husband Peter of Braintree, Kevin Williams BFD and his wife Maureen of Dorchester. and Deirdre Williams of Dorchester. "Papa" of 8. Brother of Mary, Annie, Patrick, Sarah, Colm, Theresa, Bernadette, and the late Nora, Michael, Bridget, John, Margaret, and Richard. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Thomas was a proud 50-year member of Laborers Local 223. Due to the current health crisis, services will remain private. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in Thomas' memory may be made to Boston Firefighter's Local 718 Children's Fund, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester, MA 02124.

WITHERSPOON, James E., 84 was an honorable member of the United States Navy. We honor his service. He will be dearly missed by his loving wife, sons, step-daughter, grandchildren and extended family and dear friends.



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BGCD Continues Friday Night "Grab & Go" Food Pick-Up for Families in Need: On Friday night, BGCD hosted our 7th "Grab & Go" Session. Families were able to pick up a bag of groceries that included meat or poultry which were generously donated by Bruce Rodman, the owner of Cambridge Packing Company. Special shout out to our friends at Coppersmith's Restaurant for providing 30 pizzas that were handed out to teens and families to go with the bags of groceries.

We would also like to thank Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Resiliency Fund, the Metropolitan Boston Building Trades Council and Community Servings for providing 500 frozen meal packages that were distributed to families that partake at our three Clubhouses earlier in the week.



BGCD Continues our "DotTalks" Speaker Series with Boston Polic Superintendent Nora Baston: See details below.

<u>DID YOU KNOW:</u> **BGCD Continues "DotTalks" with BPD Superintendent:** BGCD is continuing our speaker series "Dot Talks", where BGCD members can be part of a panel and ask questions

face-to-face with prominent people in our community. Superintendent, Nora Baston of the Boston Police Department, was our second guest in our series. The Q & A session is now available to watch online, so please watch and listen to how the Superintendent is doing and how the BPD is helping to keep us safe.

New episodes will air on our social channels Saturdays at 4pm and Thursdays at 7 pm. In case you missed it, check out our first episode with Mayor Martin J. Walsh on our Facebook page. Please follow us and like our pages to join in the fun!

UPDATES

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

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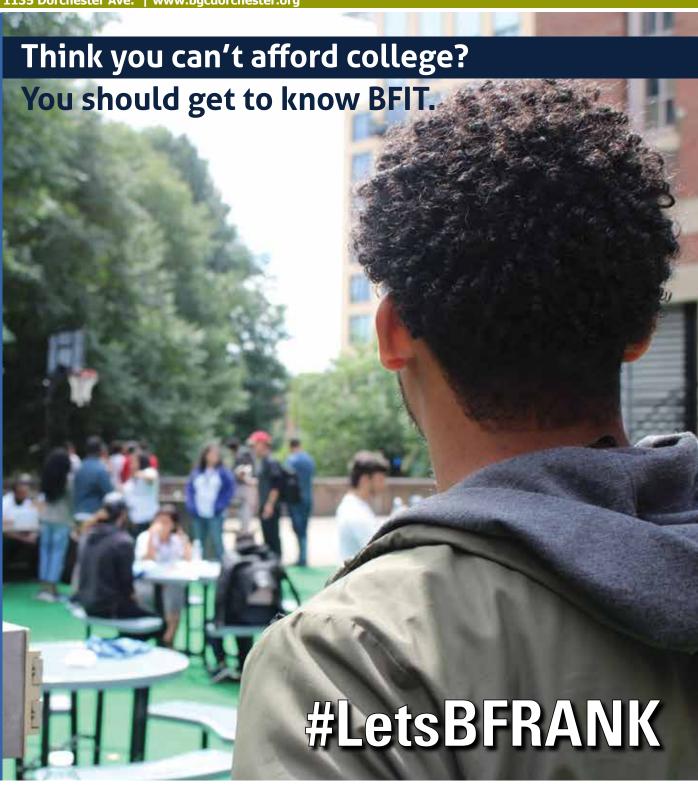
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Governor extends closings to May 18; antibody study is focusing on Dot (Continued from page 1) On Tuesday, Baker exdraft "new rules of the "Iknow p

Walsh said in a statement. "The more we can expand our testing, the more we can learn how to use our medical resources more efficiently, and how we need to focus our current efforts to contain the virus."

Testing for COVID-19 is done with a nasal swab, while antibody testing is done with blood drawn from a finger prick to determine whether the body is responding to infection or has previously fought off the virus. Testing for residents contacted to be a part of the study will be free and on a first-comefirst-serve basis.

tended executive orders requiring non-essential businesses keep their physical businesses closed to workers, customers, and the public, and banning events with more than 10 people, as well as an advisory that residents stay at home for public health safety whenever possible. Without action, the orders were set to expire on May 4.

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, mu-nicipal officials, business leaders, and public health experts will form an advisory board and

road" for how the state can take steps toward reviving economic activities in the coming weeks.

The board will submit recommendations by the May 18 date that the extensions expire, Baker said.

The governor told reporters that he recognizes the shutdowns, which also include physical closure of schools through the end of the academic vear and non-emergency child care closures until June 29, carry a significant economic impact, but described them as necessary steps to save lives during the pandemic.

"I know pushing these dates back a couple of weeks is probably not what everybody wants to hear," he said. "We all look forward to stepping in front of this podium to tell you we're starting to open for business. I know we'll get there soon, but we have to be smart about how we do it and recognize and understand there are risks associated with opening too soon."

Officials in Boston are working on a "recovery framework" that will lay out short, medium, and long-term steps to bounce back from the coronavirus pandemic and the pause it has put on economic activity,

Walsh said this week. He added that "there's never a moment" when officials do not think about the financial hardships people and businesses are facing, but that he has "serious concerns if we start relaxing some of the measures we've taken in Boston and across the commonwealth on May 4. There is no question that [it is] too early."

The recovery framework will include public health interventions aimed at minimizing the spread of COVID-19 until a vaccine or a treatment becomes available, the mayor said. "We are not going to sit back and wait for the coronavirus to go away before we take the next steps, but we are going to approach it very thoughtfully. We should never put ourselves in a position where we move too quickly and undo the progress that's been made."

Boston is "still in the peak of the outbreak,' the mayor said. After urging people to cover their faces in public, Walsh said he'd heard reports of people not wearing masks in grocery stores. "Quite honestly, this is unacceptable," he said. "You're putting other people at risk."

On Monday, the numbers of new COVID-19 deaths and cases were both down to their lowest levels in at least a week, but the death toll in Massachusetts rose above 3,000. Before the latest figures were released, Gov. Charlie Baker said he was beginning to see a plateau in the state's data.

"It seems to have plateaued, depending upon which part of Massachusetts you're in, and then the hope and the expectation is it will start to fall, but it will probably fall slowly the same way it ramped up slowly," he said early Monday afternoon.

In a related matter, MBTA officials said on Monday that the \$827 million in federal funding the transit system is expected to receive probably won't be enough to address the system's budget chasm and future needs.

"I think I'm on safe ground when I say it is unlikely to fund us at the level we would wish," MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said. "It is obviously a significant amount of money, but we're going to have to go through a pretty extensive budget development process to understand just how far that money takes us."

Meanwhile, a group of medical providers, academics, and concerned citizens called on the governor to do more to address the "racial and economic disparities that have become a

defining element of the COVID-19 pandemic" in Massachusetts.

In a press release on Monday, the group said that the state's lack of clear racial or ethnicity data for most of its CO-VID-19 cases has led to a "crisis of inequity in both treatment and in death."

The group, which includes people employed at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston Medical Center, Harvard Medical School, and other institutions. is calling itself Massachusetts Healthcare Workers for Equity.

"It has been weeks, and as physicians and healthcare professionals, we have yet to see a comprehensive plan from Governor Baker that we feel meaningfully addresses the stark COVID-19 disparities that are occurring across Massachusetts," Dr. Lara Jirmanus, a primary care physician in Revere, said. "The governor cannot lead from behind on this topic, and he cannot avoid the fact that the state's response thus far has been totally insufficient for Massachusetts' communities of color.'

The Baker administration has ordered the collection of race and ethnicity data for COV-ID-19 patients, but that information remains missing or unknown for more than half of both the state's cases and deaths.

The administration's initial guidance on CO-VID-19 crisis care standards was criticized by lawmakers and others who thought they did not adequately account for health care disparities among communities of color.

While the Massachusetts Healthcare Workers for Equity group acknowledged actions the Baker administration has taken in Chelsea, which emerged as a hotspot for the virus, it also called on the governor to "rapidly increase testing and treatment in working-class communities of color with high rates of infection such as Randolph and Brockton, and to increase funding for community health centers and hospitals in these communities in order to fight COVID19.'

The coalition's recommendations include "free healthcare for all," massive production of testing and treatment supplies, a suspension of rent and debt collections to help working class people to shelter in place, "bailouts for working people, not banks and big businesses," and "the freeing of all nonviolent prisoners."

Colin A. Young and Matt Murphy of the State House News Service contributed to this report.



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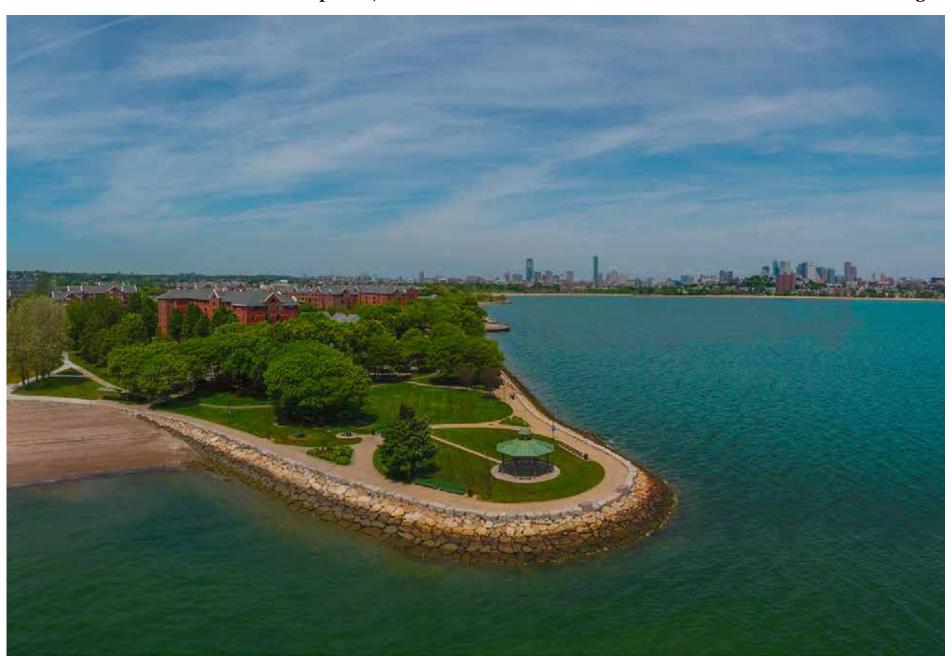


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