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Hundreds of BGCD members rallied in support of long-time mentor Mike Joyce on Monday afternoon at the Club’s Deer Street building. The secret send-off was quite a surprise to Joyce, who had been kept in the dark about the rally.

Seth Daniel photox

‘We Like Mike’ resounds at BGCD Club stalwart Joyce picked for national service award

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

Hundreds of young members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) gathered secretly in the gym at the Deer Street building Monday afternoon to stage a high-energy surprise send off to long-time club leader Mike Joyce, who is travelling to Chicago this week to accept a national award. With homemade signs reading

things like ‘We love you Mike,’ and chants of “We like Mike,” the children encouraged a mentor who has shaped thousands of young people in Dorchester over the past four decades. “BGCD has been my home for 40 years and it’s a great home and a great organization,” said Joyce. “I couldn’t see myself working anywhere else. I still love waking up every day and coming to work.

The one thing about the Club family is there are a lot of just good people you come in contact with, whether parents, staff members or people who just want to do good for the kids.” Joyce will attend the Boys & Girls Clubs of America 2022 National Conference in Chicago this week and receive the National Professional Service Award. He

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Freeport St. dispensary a first for Dot; familiar faces called key to its opening

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

The first recreational cannabis dispensary to open in Dorchester, High Profile x Budega on Freeport Street, has a familiar face behind the operations, particularly for anyone who has spent any time around Fields Corner. The High Profile x Budega store opened in mid-March and has been doing good business so far, said co-owner Brian Chavez – whose family has been active in Fields



Key players at High Profile + Budega: Assistant manager Angelica Morales and long-time Fields Corner businessman and dispensary co-owner Brian Chavez.

Seth Daniel photo

Corner commercial circles for at least 30 years. “We are the first recreational dispensary in Dorchester and we’re proud of it,” said Chavez, who also operates Antonio’s Hi-Fi Pizza with his brother in Fields Corner. “I feel like what we’ve seen so far are that about 50 percent of our customers are local and others come from other neighborhoods, or they work in the area and stop in for their cannabis products after

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Arts Academy students rally, call for reform of safety policies

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

Lily Handy entered her freshman year at Boston Arts Academy (BAA), which has been in Fields Corner on Charles Street for the last several years, with the highest of expectations three years ago. The most recent in a long line of family members who had attended the district’s only arts-focused school, she dreamed of perfecting her dance routines amongst other budding student artists. But, at a rally outside the school last Friday morning, where BAA students had gathered to demand reforms, she told a story far removed from her dreams. Last October, she said, one of those fellow budding artists nearly cut off her ear in a violent attack in the school. Her ear was lacerated, and she was taken by ambulance to the hospital, where a surgeon



During a protest rally in Fields Corner on Friday morning outside the Boston Arts Academy, Lily Handy, a junior, told how her ear was nearly cut off by another student last October.

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Council OK’s \$27m for preservation projects \$3.1m for housing in Dot

**By JENNIFER SMITH
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More than \$27 million of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds got the go-ahead from the Boston City Council last month toward green-lighting affordable housing projects, historic restorations, and outdoor spaces. Multiple councillors commented during the hearing that the city should take active steps to ensure that projects are proposed,

selected, and approved equitably. The slate of 52 projects includes \$14.6 million in affordable housing, \$6.1 million in historic preservations, and \$6.4 million in recreational use and open space. The CPA funding comes from an annual property tax surcharge that dedicates money exclusively to those categories, which are awarded to particular projects on a rolling basis.

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Wayland Street fire leaves 8 displaced, 2 dogs dead



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A fire last Thursday evening (April 28) at a house at 42 Wayland St. in Dorchester displaced eight people and killed two dogs, according to the Boston Fire Department. Firefighters were called to the scene around 6:40 p.m. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation.

Two young teens were ordered held in lieu of bail at their arraignments on Monday in connection with a series of attacks in Downtown Crossing and Roxbury and on the Common, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office reports. The two were allegedly part of a pack in which an 11-year-old did much of the pummeling, but she can't be charged because she's too young under state law. One of the juveniles was charged with 14 counts from 9 incidents and ordered held on \$5,000 bail. The other was charged with 9 counts from 5 incidents and ordered held on

\$3,500 bail.

A two-alarm fire on Saturday (April 30) caused extensive damage to a house at 21 Leedsville St. before jumping to houses on either side of it. Firefighters were called to the scene around 9:45 p.m. Two firefighters were taken to the hospital with minor injuries. All residents were able to escape safely.

Boston Police arrested a 41-year-old man last Wednesday (April 27) on drug distribution charges after they executed a search warrant at 348 Adams St. in Dorchester and found quantities of heroin, methamphetamine, and Oxycodone pills. The suspect—Bryan Disangro—also faces charges of illegal possession of ammunition. Police say the raid came after an investigation by officers assigned to the C11 (Dorchester) and C6 (South Boston) Drug Control Units.

Safety Board: Door safety system failed in fatal incident on Red Line

By CHRIS LISINSKI
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NEWS SERVICE

A Red Line train's door safety system failed when a passenger became trapped in a fatal accident last month, federal investigators announced Monday. In its preliminary investigation report, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said the rider — whom the T previously identified as Robinson Lalin — was attempting to exit a Red Line train at Broadway Station around 12:30 a.m. on April 10 when his right arm got caught in a closing door.

MBTA trains are designed not to move when any passenger door is obstructed, but when NTSB investigators examined the car where Lalin became trapped, they found a "fault in a local door control system that enabled the train to move with the door obstructed." The train departed Broadway, fatally dragging Lalin more than 100 feet along the platform and the ground near the tracks, the NTSB said.

"The MBTA immediately initiated a fleet inspection looking for the identified fault in other railcars to prevent reoccurrence," NTSB wrote in its report. "The MBTA reported that no other similar faults were found during the inspection."

A T spokesperson said the federal agency's findings "confirmed the MBTA's initial assessment of



This Red Line train is the focus of the NTSB probe.

a short circuit in the car's wiring that allowed the train to begin moving while Mr. Lalin was attempting to exit through the closing doors."

"Immediately following the accident, the door systems throughout the Red Line fleet were tested for this specific problem, and MBTA personnel found all components performed as designed and did not identify any additional instances of the circuitry problem the incident car experienced," the spokesperson said in a statement. "During rigorous testing, the problem with the incident car could not be duplicated in any of the other Red Line cars of the same make and model."

The train car involved in the accident was part of the "Type 1"

series, which started running in 1969 and 1970 and were rebuilt between 1985 and 1988, according to a spokesperson. The current Red Line fleet has 70 other Type 1 cars.

The T is in the midst of a years-long project to replace the entire Red and Orange Line fleets with new vehicles. Some new trains for both lines are already in service, and after a previous delay, the MBTA now expects delivery of the final Orange Line cars by April 2023 and the final Red Line cars by September 2024.

NTSB officials said the agency's investigation is ongoing and will focus on "the MBTA's passenger train equipment and operating procedures." Workers at the T will also perform additional tests on top of "existing door inspection protocols," the T said.

In 2019, an independent panel concluded after a months-long review that "safety is not the priority at the T." Its members cited fiscal belt-tightening, insufficient maintenance staff, and a lack of trust in leadership as key factors.

Since that report, the MBTA has hired hundreds of additional safety-related workers and continued a Baker-era trend of increasing annual capital spending, though the agency continues to face major operating budget pressure and expects a shortfall of hundreds of millions of dollars to hit next year.

DA Hayden outlines an expansion of 'Mass. and Cass' diversion program

By DEBORAH BECKER
WBUR REPORTER

The Suffolk County district attorney is outlining an expanded effort to address crime in the so-called "Mass. and Cass" area of Boston that would allow some people to get drug treatment and potentially avoid prosecution.

Kevin Hayden announced Monday that his office will expand an adult drug diversion program for people struggling with substance use and mental health disorders who are arrested in an area near the intersection of Mas-

sachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard. Several drug programs provide services in the area to those who are unhoused and those with addiction and mental health issues. The area is considered the center of the region's opioid epidemic and was the site of a large homeless tent encampment that city officials removed in January. However, crowds of people still frequent the area. Last week, after reports of five stabbings in three days, the city closed off nearby Atkinson Street and a city-run center cre-

ated to offer people food, showers, and referrals to social services. Hayden said he will use \$400,000 from his office's civil forfeiture fund, which contains assets from illegal drug seizures, to cover costs for the expansion of the office's so-called "Services Over Sentences" program.

It will allow people arrested for crimes related to drug use and mental health problems in the Mass. and Cass area to opt into treatment instead of being prosecuted. Hayden called it "a fitting use of assets seized from drug dealers

to directly address the most visible and problematic drug-related geographic area in Massachusetts today."

The district attorney said his office will decide who is eligible for the program and only nonviolent offenders may participate. Those deemed eligible for the program after arraignment could use their participation to mitigate their sentences, he said.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

A portion of the Neponset Greenway trail will be closed during night time hours beginning Sunday, May 1 at 8 p.m. to "accommodate work on the Neponset Rail Trail Bridge" between Butler Street and Milton MBTA stations on the Mattapan line. The closures will happen between 8 p.m.- 5 a.m. through May 12, with the exception of Friday and Saturday nights, according to the Department of Conservation and Recreation. "Pedestrian patterns will be clearly marked, and a work crew will be onsite," the agency said.
Savin Hill Park Tour Take a walk with Noah McKenna through Savin Hill Park and learn about the trees, flora, and the health of the park on Sunday, May 15, at 3p.m. (Re-scheduled from May 1.) Meet at the bottom of the hill by Grampian Way. More info: savinhibllevnts@gmail.com
A virtual public meeting will be held on Thurs., May 5 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed 72-unit mixed-use building at 554-562 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. The project includes the renovation of the four-story

Fox Hall building and the construction of a six-story addition. See bostonplans.org for more information or contact Stephen Harvey, 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.
A virtual public meeting will be held on Tues., May 10 at 6p.m. to discuss a proposed 25-unit, four-story building at **26 Coffey St., Dorchester.** See bostonplans.org for more information or contact Nick Carter, 617-803-4009 or nick.carter@boston.gov.
Historical Society program on 'Nazis of Copley Square' on Sunday, May 15 at 2 p.m.— The Dorchester Historical Society presents a Zoom discussion with Charles R. Gallagher, SJ, associate professor of History at Boston College to discuss his new book about American terrorists based in Boston who conspired to form an alliance with Hitler in the run-up to World War II. The presentation will follow a brief DHS annual meeting. Register at dorchester-historicalsociety.org.
Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival - Saturday, May 14th from 12 noon to 4p.m. A

spring family tradition since 1969 features kite-making tables and kites for sale, bicycle activities for elementary-age children with Countdown to Kindergarten, helmet giveaways, a bike repair station, food trucks, and community vendors.
Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. On the Franklin Park Playstead ballfields - bus #16 from Forest Hills Orange Line station or JFK on the Red Line. For more information and directions: franklincoalition.org.
The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., May 19 to discuss a proposal for a five-story building with 25 residential units at 120 Bowdoin St. in Dorchester. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. via Zoom. See ad on page 8 for more info on joining the meeting.
Free registration is now open for the **Eversource Walk for Boston Children's Hospital**, happening on Sunday, June 12 at 9 a.m. Now in its 20th year, the event offer participants the ability to gather and walk along the Charles River Esplanade in

Boston or join virtually from anywhere in the world. Organizers for this year's event are hoping to register 5,000 participants and raise \$1.7 million.
To register, go to bostonchildrens.org/walk. Participants who raise over \$150 by April 29 will receive a Walk t-shirt ahead of the walk on June 12.
Whittier Street Health Center will hold its Community Garden opening on Thurs., May 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at 1290 Tremont St. in Roxbury. In keeping with the garden's theme "Plant Love, Harvest Hope," the community-based project makes it possible for many people who may not have the land of their own to experience the pleasures of gardening. For more information, contact Ashley Baril at 617-989-3179.

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Commuter rail gets back on track as workers return to the office

By DARRYL C. MURPHY
WBUR REPORTER

Weekday ridership on the commuter rail continued to rise in April, to a little more than half of what it was before the pandemic, MBTA data show. The increase is an encouraging sign that commuter rail service may have turned a corner. Riders are coming back in significant numbers now that pandemic worries are fading. The higher numbers are driven in part by higher gas prices and workers returning to their offices. That includes people like Patrick Smith of West Roxbury, who works at a non-profit in Fort Point and uses the commuter rail to get there.

“Right now, it’s usually about two to four days a week, just depending on events,” said Smith. “We’re still working with kind of a hybrid schedule, working from home a little bit and then coming into the office.”

The T introduced a new schedule last year aimed at accommodating workers like Smith, who now have more flexibility in when — and how often — they head to the office. Trains are spread through the midday instead of clustered around peak commuting hours, which provides more options throughout the day.

That helps Ray Odlum of Hyde Park get home to rest after working an early shift at a construction site. He gets off at around 1:45 p.m. and catches a 2:45 p.m. train.



An MBTA commuter rail train on the Haverhill line travels through Andover.
Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

“After work and after being up at 3:30 in the morning, I’m ready to go home and go to sleep, man,” he said.

While overall ridership has increased, the demand for monthly commuter rail passes remains well below pre-pandemic levels. The T rolled out a five-day FlexPass in 2020 that offers five one-day passes good for 30 days. The bundle is available on the T’s mTicket app, and offers a 10 percent discount for riders who don’t plan to take the

train every day.

The adjustments seem to be helping. According to the T, the agency has sold 53,000 FlexPasses since they were rolled out, generating \$4.2 million. Commuter rail ridership swelled after the T introduced the new schedule. It dipped significantly during the winter, as the highly infectious omicron variant spread through the region, but riders returned again as the surge subsided.

Michael Muller, executive

director of commuter rail for the MBTA, said he’s not ready to celebrate the rebound, yet — especially with a new subvariant of omicron pushing Covid numbers higher.

“If it weren’t for this subvariant, I think we all felt like we had really turned a corner,” said Muller. “We’re just cautiously optimistic given what’s going on with Covid right now.”

Muller hopes that after the summer, the commuter rail will begin to look more like

it did before the coronavirus kept riders away from the system.

“After this latest iteration of Covid is behind us, after summer vacations are behind us, it’ll be interesting to stop and look at where we are then,” he said.

The system is running out of time to regain more riders. The commuter rail accounted for nearly a third of the T’s operating revenue in 2019. Now, the agency anticipates a budget gap projected to reach \$236 million before July of 2024.

Transit advocates said the new schedule doesn’t go far enough. Jarred Johnson, executive director of the advocacy group TransitMatters, said the commuter rail needs to run even more frequently: every 7 minutes on some lines and no more than 30 minutes between trains on others.

“If you lower the barriers to using the system, then ridership grows,” said Johnson. “We really need our rail network, our suburban, our regional rail network to be more relevant for more folks and for a wider variety of more trips.”

The T said it’s working toward transforming the system into a regional rail service, which includes more frequent and electrified trains. The new schedule is the first step in that plan.

This segment aired on May 2, 2022. Audio will be available soon.

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Council OK's \$27m for preservation projects

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Dorchester's three affordable housing projects – DMH Housing Harvard Commons, Hamilton at Mt. Everett, and Talbot Commons II – will collectively receive about \$3.1 million. This money will partly fund households below 60 percent Area Median Income, with the Harvard Commons project serving Department of Mental Health clients and the Hamilton project aimed at individuals and couples over 62 years or age.

The neighborhood is also in line for about \$1.5 million in open space and recreational use funding. The Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester received Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approval last month for its Dorchester Fieldhouse on Columbia Point in partnership with the Martin Richard Foundation, and now the project has been allotted \$500,000 in CPA money to “develop a fun and vibrant park-like setting around a new 75,000 square-foot state-of-the-art youth development fieldhouse that will include gardens, playscapes, exercise and event space, trees, and permanent plantings.”

About \$95,000 will go to continuing construction in Uphams Corner for a new community garden, lawn, perennial beds, and children's garden. The Codman Burial Ground will receive \$350,000 to rehabilitate underused greenspace and create a neighborhood park. Also in Dorchester, the Oasis on Ballou community farm was awarded \$500,000 for growth and access improvements.

Mattapan's two CPA projects this year are both in the open space category. The Edgewater Food Forest has been granted \$104,369 for a “new community food forest” of a vacant 11,816 square-foot lot, featuring “active and passive recreational use including the development of a community garden, trails, and park space.” The Cote Village housing development has been awarded \$226,808 for a new public playground.

Religious buildings are set to receive millions of CPA dollars in this round through the Historic Preservation category, which also includes funding for theaters,

museums, and even the Nantucket Lightship LV-112.

Noting that the council vote took place during Holy Week, at-large councillor Michael Flaherty said that “the prayers of the ministers and pastors in the congregation of a lot of churches were answered by the CPA this week.”

In Dorchester, the Global Ministries Christian Church, an 1889 shingle-style building, will receive \$200,000 for roofing and drainage repairs and construction of a new accessible entrance. The Greater Love Tabernacle Church, a 1924 masonry structure, has been allotted \$449,107 for exterior rehabilitation and entrance accessibility.

Church and synagogue projects in Allston-Brighton, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Jamaica Plain, and Roxbury also made the historic preservation list.

Flaherty, who chairs the council's Community Preservation Act committee, congratulated the recipients, adding, “this is also a call to other organizations and groups and churches out there to take a long hard look at the CPA, get the word out there.”

Some \$61,000 has also been set aside for the William Clapp House in Dorchester.

Councillor Julia Mejia said at the council's April 13 meeting that she was “excited” to see the projects listed, with one note: “The only thing I just want to point out is that in the affordable housing line, most of these projects are just earmarked to Dorchester, Roxbury, or Jamaica Plain, which I think is great and I'm glad to see more affordable housing,” Mejia said. “But I think as we continue to move through these conversations in the future, we'd love to see affordable housing being spread across the entire city.”

The council voted unanimously to approve this year's batch of projects, though Mejia in a final comment asserted that “as written and as doled out does not really reflect equity.”

District 8 Councillor Kenzie Bok, who co-chairs the committee, thanked the Wu administration for explaining its project selection process and considering how to equitably support “parts of our community that have amazing historic assets but don't necessarily have an endowment or board or whatever organized around them.”

District 3 Councillor Frank Baker asked for clarification on the cycle of disbursing and replenishing CPA funds, which Bok explained as a rolling cycle. The deadline for filing for the next round of CPA funding is in August, she said. Through the fall, the city considers projects and proposes a slate of them in the winter.

Councillors Liz Breadon and Kendra Lara highlighted the advocacy and technical work needed to bring project proposals forward. Lara called for more public awareness and resources for communities that may not have existing historical preservation or housing groups pursuing CPA funding.

Councillors Ruthzee Louijeune and Tania Fernandes Anderson also called for attentiveness to underrepresented communities not just in CPA discussions but also in broader budget planning.

“When we're out and about looking at what could need upgrades, I want us to pay particular attention to our immigrant communities,” Louijeune said, “because when we look at the distribution of who receive these funds, I don't see a lot of representation from immigrant congregations from folks who may not have access to city hall in ways that others do.”

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Freeport St. dispensary a first for Dot; familiar faces called key to its opening

(Continued from page 1) work. Freeport Street is a very transient street and so there is a mix of local people and people from other neighborhoods.”

High Profile x Budega is one of three in the works for Chavez. There is another at 561 Dudley St. near Uphams Corner, and a third in Roslindale. While the Freeport Street site was the third of the three to get fully licensed, construction schedules put it to the top of the list in getting to an opening.

During the licensing process, Chavez said, he was introduced to Michigan-based C3 Industries and learned of their cannabis successes in Oregon, Michigan, and Missouri. The company also has a cultivation facility in Franklin, Mass., to grow and distribute their ‘Cloud Cover’ brand of cannabis strains. What intrigued Chavez is that C3 is built on an ownership where two of the three founders, Ankur and Vishal Rungta, are brothers.

“I feel like every situation and partnership is unique,” he said. “When we first started the process, we started licensing two locations... and we decided to partner up with them on this... I like that they are run by two brothers and it’s a family operation, much like my own situation... The family dynamic of them working together is something I can relate to with my family. I work a lot with family members and with my brother at the pizza shop. I know that unique dynamic of working with family.”

The Chavez family has been very active in the Fields Corner area for quite some time. Brian said his parents came to Boston from the Dominican Republic and his father is well known for operating Hannibal Auto Repair on Adams Street and on Victory Road – and now at the former Steinbach’s Auto site at the corner of Adams and Gibson Streets.

“My father has ties in the community for more than 30 years operating his business,” he said. “After I got out of college, I wanted to follow in my father’s footsteps as a small business owner and entrepreneur in this community.”

In 2015, Chavez and



The Freeport Street dispensary boasts a large parking lot and very easy T-accessibility.



Assistant manager Angelica Morales and long-time Fields Corner businessman and dispensary co-owner Brian Chavez. Seth Daniel photos

his brother took over the landmark Hi-Fi Pizza shop in Fields Corner and transformed it into Antonio’s Hi-Fi – which has re-grounded the popular shop as an anchor in Fields Corner. A few years later, across the street, he introduced the BOS Burger concept, which he said he closed last year as part of what was just a good business decision.

Those experiences introduced him to the cannabis industry, where he got a foothold and got through a complicated and constantly changing process rather quickly.

Having a familiar face had a lot to do with winning community approval amongst neighbors in Fields Corner and Columbia-Savin Hill, he said. Given that he is a known personality in the

neighborhood, even residents who weren’t happy

about cannabis businesses were less skeptical of his involvement in the business.

“I think that was a big factor in the community being open to us here,” he said. “Even people who were against cannabis recognized me and my father and the work we’ve done and investment we’ve made in the community... It made it hard to say ‘no’ and I’m grateful and fortunate that the community has embraced the opening of this store.”

At the Freeport dispensary, assistant manager Angelica Morales helps run a tight and organized ship. The store and back-of-house

operations are clean and run like clockwork. She said they offer everything from flower (cannabis buds) to edibles to oils to vapes and pills, among other things. The difference between them and others is the experience of the staff and the way in which cannabis is sold.

“We are one of the only stores that offers deli-style bud, which is one of the big things that makes us unique,” she said. “When someone wants to purchase from one gram up to one ounce – which is the legal limit – they can compare and smell and see what product they would like, and even mix

and match up to eight strains. Other dispensaries have everything pre-packaged, but here we offer the deli-style selection, which you cannot get everywhere.”

Chavez said an expansive parking lot and a T accessible location, as well as an emphasis on local hiring, has also made a difference initially.

“The Freeport building was empty for a lot of years,” he said. “If a business located here, it wouldn’t last. The dispensary opening here has really changed that dynamic on this block.”

The parking lot and the facility are covered with security cameras and security employees, leading to an even safer environment in that area than prior to their arrival, both Morales and Chavez noted. In the end, though, being first on the block doesn’t necessarily allow a business to throw caution to the wind. Like the pizza or burger business, Chavez said it’s all about the customer experience.

“It’s like most other retail businesses – quality of product and customer service have to be prominent,” he said. “Making the customer feel important and being able to engage with the staff goes a long way. It can be the difference between coming here or driving 30 minutes to another location.”

High Profile x Budega cannabis store is open every day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 43 Freeport St., Dorchester.

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Tony Paciulli

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Celebrating 25 years, Riverdance returns to Boston (May 10-15)

R.J. DONOVAN, SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Dublin native Padraic Moyles is executive producer/director of “Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show.” Fans know him best for his dynamic work as the show’s former lead dancer, playing more than 5,000 performances internationally. He’s also course director of the Riverdance Academy, which happens each summer in Dublin and Boston.

We last spoke exactly two years ago when “Riverdance” was weeks away from opening at Boston’s Wang Theatre. Then Covid struck, the tour was cancelled, and life came to abrupt halt for us all.

Happily, the show’s anniversary tour is back, returning to the Wang from May 10 to May 15. Padraic and I recently caught up via a Zoom call from his home in Dublin. Following are excerpts from our conversation.

Q. So where were you all when the 25th anni-



Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show, Wang Theatre, May 10-15. BochCenter.org

versary tour was cancelled in 2020?

A. At Radio City Music Hall in New York. We opened Tuesday. We had Wednesday night. And then Thursday night, as we were dancing the show, there were meetings being held in the background where it was being decided. We gathered the company on stage at Intermission to let them know *that* would be their final show for what we thought would be a week or two.

Q. You travel with a

cast and crew of 51. Being so far from home and loved ones, how did you secure everyone?

A. Through terrific organizational skills from our company managers and our team here in Dublin... Pretty much by the weekend we realized it wasn’t going to be just a week or so. We said to ourselves, let’s get everybody home and just wait this out. But we didn’t think two years!

In a moment like that, compassion becomes the most important aspect.

And patience. Our company manager and our leaders on the road, they were the epitome of all of that. They understood that the artists were scared. They understood that every single day, in fact every hour, things were changing. And with that came fear. And with that fear came a sense of anxiety for everybody involved. I have to give a huge amount of credit to the cast as well. They were consoling each other.

Q. And now you’re all back. What’s new for this tour? How have you revitalized the production?

A. There’s a lot new in this one. The set’s completely new, it’s very different from any set we’ve had in the past. All the backdrops, every piece of visual content that we’ve ever had in the show, is now new. It moves with the choreography at times... Is it absolutely stunning. Primarily because of the technology around the lights -- the number

of lights that we’re now fitting on the stage that we didn’t carry with us in the past. It gives it a whole new sense of life.

Q. Do you address the enormous history of the show?

A. One of the special things, and I think you’ll enjoy this, at the very beginning of the show, we have paid homage and give thanks and respect to those who have gone before us over the course of 25 years. In the span of two minutes, at the very, very beginning, there is footage played on the screen introduced by Gabriel Byrne, and he kind of covers “Riverdance” across 25 years, from Michael Flatley and Jean Butler... in terms of the leads, myself, and all the cast members, the various Russian troupes, all the cities we’ve played in. And in the end, director John McColgan’s voice comes in, effectively saying, “25 years of joyous performance,” and it leads into today’s 25th anniversary production

of “Riverdance.”

Boston Irish: *Your run here in Boston is one of the tour’s longer engagements. I know from our past conversations that Boston remains very special to you all.*

Padraic Moyles: We have trust and faith in Boston. We will always deliver there and Boston will always deliver for us. And that comes down to our relationships at the Wang. (President/CEO) Joe Spaulding was one of the first people to bring us over to the U.S. He showed a sense of trust in us that we were going to be able to deliver at a very early stage... It’s a terrific experience to be in that venue and be surrounded by those people and that culture... To say Boston is a special place for “Riverdance” is no understatement, I’ll tell you that... Plus, as you know, I first auditioned for the show myself in Boston... That’s where it all started for me.

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‘We Like Mike’ resounds at BGCD



Evana Williams and little Eeve Martinez were ready to surprise Mike Joyce on Monday afternoon at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester as he prepared to leave for Chicago to receive a prestigious national award.



Leonana Addo-Fung spoke at the rally, saying Joyce has been like a “second dad” to her, always knowing exactly what to say to make her feel better on a challenging day.



Hundreds of BGCD members rallied in support of long-time mentor Mike Joyce on Monday afternoon at the Club’s Deer Street building. *Seth Daniel photos*



BGCD’s Mary Scannell introduced Mike Joyce in the gym as members went crazy for Mike.



BGCD President Bob Scannell said Joyce is an unmatched advocate for the youth in Boston – both past and present.

(Continued from page 1) was selected nationally out of 56,000 adult professional staffers from over 4,300 Club locations across the country. The prestigious award is given to a Boys & Girls Club staff member who

has provided exceptionally devoted service to the organization.

“Mike has been for me like a second dad – always kind and caring,” said Leonana Addo-Fung, who has been at BGCD since she was

6 years old. “He always knew exactly how I felt and what to say to make me feel better. Thank you, Mike, for all you do.”

Added BGCD President Bob Scannell, “You can’t put into words all that Mike Joyce has done in Dorchester. He is absolutely a legend...I don’t know any person in my lifetime who has done more for Dorchester families than Mike Joyce.”

Joyce, now senior vice president of operations, began working at the Club in 1979. A Dorchester native, he has also served as vice president of programming, program director, and athletic director.

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Bach Project will wrap up Ashmont Hill series May 15

On Sun., May 15, at 4 p.m., at All Saints' Church (209 Ashmont St.), Ashmont Hill Chamber Music will conclude its 2021-2022 season with a special Bach Project concert featuring the full choral and orchestral ensemble. This will be the first time that the full ensemble has performed together since before the onset of the pandemic.

All the music on the program was written by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), and includes a wide variety of his music, both instrumental and vocal.

The professional vocal ensemble of eight singers will join forces with a



Frances Fitch



Andrew Sheranian



The All Saints' Choir of Men and Boys will perform at the May 15 concert.
Images courtesy Parish of All Saints

chamber orchestra of eleven players, as well as the boys of the All Saints' Choir, in two multi-movement pieces of sacred choral music, *O heiliges Geist- und Wasserbad* (BWV 165), and *Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied* (BWV 225).

The instrumental ensemble will perform Bach's *Concerto for Harpsichord & Strings in A major* (BWV 1055) with Frances Conover Fitch as the harpsichord soloist; and, to remind the audience that J.S. Bach was first and foremost an organist, Andrew Sheranian will play a major work for pipe organ, the *Prelude &*

Fugue in C major (BWV 547).
The Bach Project (Andrew Sheranian, director) is a collaborative endeavor between the music program at the Parish of All Saints, Ashmont, and Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. Now in its fifth season, the Project exists to bring the music of Bach to audiences in Dorchester through live performances at All Saints' Church.
For tickets and more information please visit the website: ahchambermusic.org. Tickets: Adults, \$25; students: \$18; EBT Card Holder: \$3, children under 13 free.

Labouré names scholarship for Dot's 'Lovely Nurse' Doherty

Milton-based Labouré College of Healthcare this week announced a new memorial scholarship named for the late Carole A. Doherty, RN, created by the Doherty family in memory of their mother, a Labouré-educated nurse. The scholarship will be awarded to single mothers working toward a career in nursing.

The Doherty family and Labouré will kick off a fundraising effort to endow the fund with the Labouré Care Awards,



Carole A. Doherty, RN in 2019, left, and at her graduation from Labouré.

an event to be held at Granite Links on Wed., June 29. Doherty, who lived in




Savin Hill, spent much of her career at the former Little House Health Center on Dorchester

Avenue. A single mother of six children, she graduated from Labouré in 1984. She passed away in 2020 from Covid-19.
"Our mother would introduce herself as 'Carole, the lovely nurse,'" says Tom Doherty. She was great with the elderly, and she was naturally great with kids. She would sing silly, funny songs to them and they always left feeling better than they came after seeing Mom."
Carole's granddaughter, Erin, is currently

a student in Labouré nursing program.
"I have a picture of her on my desk that I look at when I do schoolwork, and it's a nice way to remember that she's watching over me," she said. One day I'll be just like her - a nurse from Labouré."
Said Lyn Clark, Nurse Doherty's daughter: "My mother would be so proud of this scholarship. To help people that are walking in her shoes. Nothing could make her prouder."

Labouré and the Doherty family hope to raise over \$100,000 to fully endow the scholarship fund. If you would like to support the effort, mail donations to the Carole A. Doherty, RN Memorial Fund to Labouré College, 303 Adams Street, Milton, MA 02186, or give online at laboure.edu/giving. Please indicate that the donation is for the Carole Doherty scholarship fund. Tickets for the awards event on June 29 are available at laboure.edu.



Virtual Public Meeting

120 Bowdoin Street

Thursday, May 19
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/35WSOR4
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 488 7658


Project Description:
The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 120 Bowdoin St project located in Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the SPRA. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the public. This is the rescheduled meeting date following the previous postponement.

The proposed project consists of a 5-story building with residential 35 units, 117 bicycle parking spaces, and 3 electronic car parking spaces.

At this time, the BPDA is continuing to host public meetings in a virtual setting for the health, safety, and accessibility of Boston residents. For more information and updates, visit bostonplans.org.

The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a Boston resident, and stakeholder. Interpreting services are available at no cost. If you require translation services, please contact quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov. The meeting is scheduled for 5/19/2022. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.


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An appearance by The Bubble Guy was one of the highlights of the April 21 Fairy House Building Workshop hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at Franklin Park's Schoolmaster Hill.



Dorchester residents Jacob Duchatelier-Chery, 9, and his mom, Tanisha Duchatelier, enjoy a morning of beautiful spring weather during the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's April 21 Fairy House Building Workshop at Franklin Park.

Jon Seamans photos



Sisters Cecily, 5, and Hattie McCann, 2, of Dorchester and their nanny Molly Hurley were among the attendees at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Fairy House Building Workshop at Franklin Park's Schoolmaster Hill on April 21. The whimsical annual event encourages youngsters to create miniature homes for fairies, sprites, and other fantastical woodland creatures using natural materials gathered by the artists of the Mayor's Mural Crew.

Dot's Luisi

is retiring from
North End health
center post

Dorchester resident James E. Luisi, a local and national leader in the community health field, is retiring after 34 years as CEO of the community health center North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health), which has sites in the North End and Charlestown. He will formally step down on June 30.



James E. Luisi

Vincenzo Scibelli, the center's chief operations officer, will serve as interim CEO while a successor is recruited.

Luisi began his health center career as a college student in the late 1970s when the facility had one location with 25 employees and a budget of \$400,000. He advanced through senior leadership to the CEO role with the goal of providing the highest quality care to the most vulnerable residents of the North End, the Waterfront, Charlestown, and surrounding areas.

Today, NEW Health has three locations and a staff of 175 with a yearly budget of over \$25 million.

"While we have faced many challenges over the years, this job has brought me so much joy and satisfaction knowing the difference we have made in people's lives," said Luisi. "As long as we continue to empower people to self-care while contributing to their health and well-being, community health centers will continue to be the model for health care in this country."

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz has known Luisi since childhood

when he visited his father, who worked as an obstetrician-gynecologist at NEW Health.

"Jim and the health center have always been the cornerstone of the community – not just in health care but in taking care of many social needs of our residents like food insecurity and housing. During the height of the pandemic, NEW Health also provided crucial testing and vaccination. Jim's leadership will be missed by us all," he said.

When asked about his tenure, Luisi said he is most proud of establishing health centers at Charlestown High School and in the Bunker Hill Housing Development.

"People living in the development had to go across town to Boston Medical Center because no other providers in the area accepted their insurances. Against all odds and with help from Sister Nancy Citro, a nun from St. Catherine's Church, we were able to convince the Boston Planning and Development Agency to give us a zoning variance to open in the old St. Catherine's School in 2015."

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The Gardner House

Henry Gardner was born at Stow, Massachusetts Bay, in mid-November of 1731, a son of Rev. John Gardner and Mary (Baxter) Gardner. By the early 1770s, he was a lawyer sympathetic to the cause of the Sons of Liberty and soon found himself the treasurer for the rebellious Colonials, gathering Massachusetts Bay taxes and fees that would otherwise have gone to the Crown. In October 1774, he was elected as Receiver-General of the Massachusetts Provincial Congress. In September of 1778, Gardner married Hannah Clapp of Dorchester, daughter of Colonel Ebenezer Clapp and



The Gardner House was located at the bottom of Jones Hill at the corner of Pleasant Street and Sawyer Avenue.

Elizabeth (Hall) Clapp, and the couple ultimately made Dorchester their home. His death, at age 50, was recorded at Dorchester but reported both there, and in neighboring Boston, in the early fall of 1782.

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Searching for information: The photograph at right shows a building labeled Prontera's Wharf, offering yacht trips and deep sea fishing. The notation on the back says this is the location of the Port Norfolk Yacht Club in the 1930s. Do any readers have any knowledge of this location? Does anyone have a history of the Port



Norfolk Yacht Club or other photographs from the 1930s?

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

Editorial

Mother’s Day Walk returns to city streets

It started back in 1996 as one mother’s defiant response to the senseless gun violence that robbed her of her 15-year-old son Louis, who was killed in the crossfire of gang gunplay on Geneva Avenue in December 1993. This Sunday, more than a quarter-century after Tina Chéry and a few hundred participants stepped off for a 3.5 mile stroll through the neighborhood, the Mother’s Day Walk for Peace will hit Boston’s streets yet again – and in-person for the first time in three years.



The walk has evolved into a much bigger undertaking, with a longer route that loops from Town Field to Madison Park in Roxbury and back to Fields Corner. And there are now thousands who typically join the ranks for some or all of the journey.

But at its roots, this is still very much a Dorchester-centric event, energized by the activism of our neighbors and their allies.

The walk-a-thon is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, the Fields Corner-based non-profit that works with families victimized by homicides. The objective this year is to raise \$600,000— a sum that will power the Peace Institute’s programming and outreach in our city and beyond.

The institute is now led by two co-directors: Rachel Rodrigues and Alexandra Chéry Dorrelus, along with its first-ever all-female board of directors. Like most of the people involved in the organization’s day-to-day work, Chéry Dorrelus is a survivor. She is the younger sister of Louis D. Brown.

“The growth of the organization and what we’re offering today has been grounded in all of the staff’s experiences, because a good number of us are survivors ourselves,” she told the *Reporter* last year. “In listening to the survivor community and in listening to each other, we’ve built a foundation on serving others.”

Interrupting the cycle of dysfunction and trauma that fuels much of the violence in our city has long been at the center of the Peace Institute’s work. And in a nation that is once again experiencing a surge in violent crime and homicides, the mission is critical.

The Peace Institute is one of the reasons that Boston has — so far— been an outlier in the troubling national spike. Statistics from the Boston Police Department released this week show that Boston has recorded nine murders since the beginning of 2022— three fewer than in the same span of time in 2021, and 11 fewer than the five-year average of 2020.

But, as we know too well, gun violence is never eliminated from city streets. Far from it. There have been 46 people shot in Boston so far this year, according to the BPD. And 179 people have been arrested for carrying an illegal gun in the first four months of the year.

There’s no vaccine to end violence in Boston or America. But institutions like our own Peace Institute are essential to serving impacted families and curbing the cycle of violence. We are proud to support them yet again this year as a media sponsor. To register for the walk, which starts at 8 a.m. from Town Field, go to mothersdaywalk4peace.org.
– Bill Forry



Boston City Councillor Brian Worrell hosted a redefined job fair in Codman Square Park last Saturday afternoon, April 30, with more than 30 employers on site to interview residents and review positions they have available right now. Worrell said he wanted to make the event fun, and offered food, music and games at the park alongside the job fair. He hopes to stage additional job fairs in the coming months. Above, Councillor Worrell (second from right) is shown with officials from SNAPchef, a company based in Four Corners that provided food for the day and featured open job opportunities as well.

Photo courtesy SNAPchef

Looking up Longfellow Street

We Are The Many

By Edward M. Cook
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Gov. Greg Abbot of Texas makes it a crime for parents and medical personnel to help children navigate gender transition, which help he defines as child abuse. Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida forbids discussion of sexual orientation in kindergarten through third grade under penalty of law. Both Texas and Florida are beds of homophobic rhetoric, violence, and discrimination. Florida was where the singer Anita Bryant spewed her homophobia in in the 1970s. Both states are leading the attack on a woman’s right to choose. Both states are controlled by white men who bluster about keeping the government out of our homes. These are states that are also in the forefront of racist voter suppression.

If you add together women, people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, most people under 30, transsexuals and their families and friends, what you come up with is a large majority of Americans. (Even a majority of Republicans favor the precedent of *Roe v. Wade*.) What we all have in common is that we are the targets of a movement to limit our control of our bodies and our rights.

An attack on transsexual Americans is an attack on women, on the LGBTQ+ community, on people of color, on all of our allies. An attack on abortion rights is an attack on women and all others whose bodies the state might control. Georgia telling black voters that after a reduction in the number of polling places that will cause long lines at election time they can be arrested for offering a bottle of water to someone waiting in line for hours to vote is an attack from the same source. And so are anti-Asian

insults hurled at the home of a Chinese American mayor. The source is hate.

This is not a slippery slope, but rather a landslide. But things can get better. When I came out to family, friends, and colleagues in the early 1980s, the most common reaction was fear for my safety, for my career, for my rights. I have been a leader in the LGBTQ+ community in Dorchester. I managed the campaign for an openly gay state senate candidate. I successfully lobbied a state senator to change his vote to favor gay marriage. The more “out” I became, the more friends I have found. Resist being intimidated, silenced, and isolated, and you will find allies surrounding you. Take strength and courage from knowing that we are the many, the majority.

I am not a woman, or a transsexual, or a person of color, or a lesbian, or, God help me, a youth. But I am afraid. I remember the words of anti-Nazi Pastor Martin Niemöller: “First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out – because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out – because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out – because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak for me.”

I urge like-minded people to fight against the haters. Send a contribution to an anti-hate candidate for governor or legislator in a red state. Call out to people that you know in red states, as well as to your neighbors, families and friends, to heed the call to fight hate. Do everything and anything that you can. I resurrect the words that we used at the height of the AIDS epidemic, “Silence equals death.”

Letter to the Editor

It’s everyone’s responsibility to speed up turn to clean energy

To the Editor:

Re your recent (April 28) front-page article on EV charging stations:

The onus of providing car chargers throughout the country is on the federal government. But actually, it often takes wealthier philanthropists to sometimes circumvent government and do the right thing-more quickly. That’s how the Guinea Worm has been nearly eradicated and sanitation systems built where needed. That’s how schools for girls came to exist, how sustainable meats and vegetables grow, and how water flows in communities, and why access to medications for millions of AIDS victims has been made available. These examples of persons who have the wherewithal to help others, without governmental debate, are impressive but how we all contribute to government efforts matters.

Are we being hampered by the thought that we all just need to patiently wait for the government to install car chargers across the country? I think so, and that’s not good since greenhouse gases accumulate in the Earth’s atmosphere and CO2 drops

into the ocean. One car dealership advertises \$500 for a home-installed car charger to anyone who purchases one of their EVs. Great idea! Charging at home overnight couldn’t be more convenient but not everyone has a home that would facilitate that. No matter what, we still need chargers all over the place. Could businesses that are profitable, despite the pandemic, install chargers outside their businesses? Would it help their business?

Some EV owners may worry that they will not be able to charge their cars in a power outage. Could car dealerships with their huge roofs install solar-hybrid systems to charge EVs? These systems for homes and large energy plants are connected to the grid along with a battery bank. Could dealerships offer vehicle charging even in a power outage?

What can private citizens, businesses, and the government do to speed up the transition to clean energy? Take charge!

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Say it loud, say it clear: ‘No More Dirty Dot!’

By BILL WALCZAK
REPORTER COLUMNIST
Dirty Dot. That was a common slur for Dorchester when I moved here 50 years ago. The streets were dirty, hundreds of vacant lots were filled with trash, graffiti everywhere, and our T stations were decrepit.

Commentary

You don't hear Dorchester being referred to that way today. Street sweeping is a regular service and tickets for parking in areas to be swept have worked. The vacant lots have mostly been turned into new housing, and the T stations have been rebuilt.

But Dorchester is still filthy – just in certain areas. Those areas tend to be places owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Last year, I wrote a scathing column about the Highway Department failing to clean Southeast Expressway land that is clearly visible to the Dorchester community. To be fair to the Highway Department, they responded once to a small area with horrifying amounts of trash in the Tenean Beach area. But most of the trash was not picked up along the Expressway, and it is still an ugly mess.

I wasn't going to write another column about the disgraceful lack of cleanliness maintenance of the Expressway in Dorchester until I took a trip down to the Cape, and saw Highway Department staff picking up trash along both Route 24 in the Brockton area, and Route 495 in Middleborough. The cleanup crew was putting the very limited amount of trash into yellow bags along the median strip and shoulders for later pickup. The bags were gone the next day.

It's outrageous that our state Highway Department and the MBTA show no respect for the Dorchester neighborhoods they traverse by ignoring the maintenance of their property. It's worse than that. The Expressway spews out tremendous amounts of noise and air pollution 24 hours a day. There have been numerous studies on the impact of air pollution on developing brains of children and health effects on adults, especially those with conditions.

The agreed-upon remedy is planting trees, especially evergreens, along the edges of the highways to ameliorate the impact. Along our Expressway, trees are cut down if they impact billboards. Other highways in far less populated areas are surrounded by forests. It's as if we've been redlined for maintenance and trees, as well as a decades-old broken



A view of the Southeast expressway looking toward Sydney Street shows the state of the sound barrier wall, which is covered in graffiti.
Bill Walczak photo

promise to install sound barriers.

Enough already! Much of the Expressway in Dorchester is on embankments. Perhaps this makes it difficult to pick up, let alone see, trash thrown from moving cars. Last year, we learned that there are only four Highway Department staff deployed for the district, which includes Milton. If the department is unwilling to sufficiently staff a crew to keep their land clean, part of the solution would be to install sound barriers.

In one of the few locations with a sound barrier, a very small section between Savin Hill Avenue and The Beat (former Globe) parking lot, the visible trash begins where the barrier ends. The Beat is planning the use of outdoor space that looks at the Expressway. Those who use it will see lots of trash on the embankment below the highway. No matter where you are in Dorchester, if you look at the Expressway, you'll see trash.

It's not our residents who are tossing refuse on the embankment. It's the thousands of commuters and intercity travelers who are doing so as they speed through our community, polluting our land and our air, and it's the responsibility of the Highway Department to maintain its property, just like they do on highways outside of Boston.

We also need a plan to plant evergreens along the Expressway. This is a public health issue. And we need the MBTA to deal with its graffiti problem. Regarding the graffiti along Sydney Street above the Red Line tracks, Joe Pesaturo of the MBTA said last year that a planned suspension in service last spring (that's 2021) "will present the next opportunity for painting work to take place."

It's time for our state elected officials to de-

mand a level of service that the Dorchester community needs and deserves. If the problem is the Highway Department's definition of responsibilities, they need to redefine those responsibilities and staff accordingly. Dorchester needs the sound barriers that were promised decades ago to be built along the highway, and the evergreens planted. And, until that's done, the highway shoulders should be cleaned up and the graffiti removed. Regarding the graffitied barriers along the Red Line: High quality murals by visual artists are generally respected and not vandalized. As the most diverse community in Boston, a vibrant showcase of art would be a welcome change.

It should be embar-

rassing for the state to have trash along its main highway into Bos-

ton from the south and graffiti marring its public



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Fixes to signature Uphams Corner building set for fall finish

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

The rounded, iconic brick façade of the Pierce Building says “Uphams Corner” like no other structure, but the 19th Century gem also has been screaming to be restored to its glory days for decades. That restoration is now rounding the homestretch toward an October finish, and its owners couldn’t be happier.

The Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation (EDC) has a lot of “irons in the fire,” as they often say in the development world, but no current project on their agenda has more historic and personal value than the ongoing rehabbing of the Pierce Building.

“When you’re coming down Columbia Road or Stoughton Street, this building is what you see when you come into Uphams Corner,” said Beth O’Donnell, director of real estate for Dorchester Bay. “It is very much what many people think of when they think of Uphams Corner.”

“We’re really seeing it as a milestone in the organization and the community,” she continued. “That’s how we put it into context... We need for it to have a much bigger impact than just



Dorchester Bay officials Kimberly Lyle, Chanie Infante, and Beth O’Donnell say they couldn’t be happier to see the iconic Pierce Building in Uphams Corner get new life.
Seth Daniel photo

building out our offices. We believe it is going to be transformative for Uphams Corner.”

The Pierce Building, according to a 2011 report by the Boston Preservation Alliance, was built around 1905 by J. Homer Pierce, who was a major developer in Dorchester at the time. He named it after family member Samuel Pierce and it always has been used as retail on the ground floor and offices above.

By 1975, the building had hit hard times and was vacant. In the early 1980s, Dorchester Bay took control of the property after a foreclosure. There was significant work done in the 1990s, but, O’Donnell said, it wasn’t the full rehabilitation it needed.

However, an incident several years ago sparked some different thinking about the building.

“We’ve been working toward this renovation for 10 years,” she said. “There was a catalyst event, though, when we realized we needed to get this done – a small piece of stone fell off the façade. We knew then that it was a serious issue.”

The project began two years ago with extensive work to the façade, including repointing the brick, sealing up the envelope, and restoring historic architectural elements. Last summer, the contractor moved the focus to the inside of the 15,000 square-foot building.

Once complete, it will once again become the home of Dorchester Bay EDC, which uses the third and fourth floors as its headquarters. They temporarily have their offices at the old Citizen’s Bank building up the street.

The second floor is being fitted-out as well, but no tenant has been identified. The office space with sweeping views of the Corner could host one to three tenants, said O’Donnell.

The first floor, once the home to Rix Drug Store, and more recently Payless Shoes, is also being renovated. “The windows were boarded up with murals on them, but we’re opening that back up,” said O’Donnell. “We anticipate having a retail tenant on the first floor. It’s not leased yet, but it’s a great retail space with visibility and presence.”

Beyond the more visible work, Dorchester Bay EDC’s Chanie Infante added, some of the less visible items will professionalize the spaces. For instance, all new ADA

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The first floor will return to retail, but this time with sweeping windows in a highly visible location. There is not tenant yet, but all said it was a very “special space.”

compliant bathrooms have been added to each floor, and there are all new systems put in place – meaning no more air conditioners hanging out the windows on hot summer days. Likewise, for Dorchester Bay, having a kitchen and staff room will be a major upgrade for the organization.

“Before we had no place to gather and eat or come together,” she said.

The restoration project has been made possible with the funding support of The Life Initiative, LISC, City of Boston Community Preservation Act funds, and the Henderson Foundation.

Dorchester Bay EDC notebook

Beyond the restoration of the iconic Pierce Building, the EDC has several things on the burner right now:

•Current CEO Perry Newman announced his retirement last year. He will officially step down in June, and officials said an announcement on his successor can be expected soon – maybe even this month.

•O’Donnell said Dorchester Bay plans to file a Project Notification Form (PNF) with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to get their Article 80 community review started on the Columbia Crossing project. That project, in the old Citizens Bank building at 572 Columbia Rd., will create new construction on the site with 62 income-restricted units, more than 15,000 square feet of civic/arts space, and below-market commercial space. It is in partnership with Bos-

ton-based Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. (POAH).

•Construction has started on Uphams Corner’s first affordable senior housing development at 9 Leyland St., in conjunction with Hebrew SeniorLife – the region’s largest provider of senior health care and living communities. It will contain 43 affordable units for seniors and is expected to be completed next year.

•Finally, Dorchester Bay was the only respondent to the city’s Request for Proposals (RFP) at the Hamlet Street parking lot in Uphams Corner. While they haven’t been designated yet, they will present their initial plans for the lot this month at a community meeting.

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Taste of Dorchester is back, alive and well

The annual Taste of Dorchester event, put on by the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA), was back in full force last Thursday night, April 28, after two years of postponement due to Covid-19 restrictions. Last week's event brought out the best of the neighborhood's restaurants – both the tried-and-true favorites and some new gems that have opened. Highlights ranged from savory meatballs to smoky brisket to spicy jerk Mac 'n Cheese - with tasty cupcakes and all kinds of ice cream offerings. The event was well-attended at the IBEW Hall on Freeport Street, and a success for MAHA and its sponsors. *Photos by Seth Daniel*



Kenyetta Thurston and Tara Curry enjoy some of the offerings from MAHA's Taste of Dorchester event on April 28.



Dorchester resident Idella Payne, shown here with her daughter, Jacquelyn Payne. Idella, 92, is a retired Boston Police Officer and a member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG), having appeared in the award-winning film 'Amistad.'



From Silicon Valley Bank were Diana Carvajal-Hirsch, Attorney Steven Bloom, and Anny Sanchez.



MAHA CEO Symone Crawford (center) welcomes Meredith Hessler and Daniel Albrecht, of Main Street Home Loans, to MAHA's Taste of Dorchester event on April 28.



Live music was back on stage for the event, with musicians playing all evening long.



Elisa and Vivian Girard, Fields Corner residents.



Nicole Martin and Herb Chambers of the Herb Chambers Companies.



Enjoying some desserts were Steve Borgerson of East West Mortgage; Steve Palombi of Rockland Trust; Steven Roussel; Frank Penzo of Rockland Trust; and Renee Owens of The Cooperative Bank (TCB).



Sampling the various food items were Paul Losordo Jr., Dominique Chouteau, Paul Losordo of the Herb Chambers Companies, Mary and Bob Scannell of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester. *Seth Daniel photos*

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In the spring of 1989, Ann Walsh and Jack Cunningham, both avid runners, tried but failed to fit one more t-shirt into any one of three different closets. That crisis was the motivating factor for creating RossCommon Quilts, a unique cottage industry that makes beautiful quilts from t-shirts. RossCommon started with running t-shirt quilts but soon branched out and now makes quilts for Harley-Davidson fanatics, or from BC High football jerseys, or memorial quilts from the flannel work shirts of departed laborers or from Crown Royal velvet bags. Let your imagination run wild.

Thirty-two years later Ann and Jack are still running and still making quilts.

Jack's illustrious career as the pilot of Marine Corps One, flying President Johnson, and then an American Air-



Here is the quilt made from Ann and Jack's Mt. Washington Road races.

lines pilot for 25 years, brought him to countries far and wide and all over the United States, and he has a t-shirt for every one of those trips.

Meanwhile Ann, a retired prosecutor for Suffolk County and well known as the local tutor for all things scientific, ran The Boston Marathon in 2016 at the ripe old age of 69 after a 20-year layoff from marathons. Her daughter, At-Large City Councilor Erin Murphy, ran over the finish line with her after completing her own marathon hours before. And of course, a new quilt was necessary to memorialize the occasion.

For both Jack and Ann, RossCommon Quilts has “Kept their Memories Warm” by preserving their t-shirts in beloved quilts that adorn every room in their rambling Victorian. They craft

the quilts in their home right here in Dorchester and they both still work on them to ensure that the quilts are professionally made but with a personal touch.

RossCommon, in collaboration with another local business, College Hype, made a Boston Strong Quilt after the Marathon Bombings that was auctioned with the proceeds donated to the MR8 Foundation. They also made Jeff Bingham's memory quilt on the TV series "Rules of Engagement." With a commitment to social justice and community, RossCommon is a true Dorchester asset.

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Ann Walsh crossing the Boston Marathon finish line with her daughter At-Large City Councillor Erin Murphy in 2016.

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Boston Arts Academy students call for major reforms in Fields Corner rally

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treated her.

Then, she added, just three weeks ago, on April 13, she was jumped as she came out of the bathroom by another group of troubled, and, she said, increasingly violent, students at the school.

That was the end of the line for their family legacy, said her mother, Anita Handy, who told the *Reporter* that she will remove Lily from BAA.

The greater problem, however, was something Lily, her mother, and about 70 other students detailed at the rally—there is no accountability for those behaving badly.

“My only dream for high school was to attend Boston Arts Academy,” Lily said. “Little did I know my junior year would be my last year. No longer is being a student at BAA a pathway to a career in the arts. I wouldn’t have come here if I’d have known. I’m the victim here, but yet I’m the one punished, and I’m the one who has to leave, and the perpetrators have no accountability.”

She added that the student who she says slashed her ear still goes

to the school and can still perform in school productions. “I get my ear sliced by a boy and nothing really happened in the end. I have to take classes with him now and face him.”

Added her mother: “We didn’t want to, but we sought a safety transfer. She didn’t feel safe, and we didn’t feel safe here.”

Jennifer Lopez, who has been active as a school parent at BAA, said the situation has broken her heart. Her daughter, Laura Lopez, said she came into the school with high hopes and started out with straight “As,” but has been bullied and harassed so aggressively over the years that her grades are lagging, and she is struggling to graduate. In tears, she said she now hates coming to school.

“The victims at this school are not being heard and the bullies are being protected,” said her mother. “My main message is that talking to these students works. You just have to do it, and they’re not.”

One-by-one, students chronicled what they said was a culture of

permissiveness for some students who are prone to violence, bullying, and other bad behavior, but suffer few repercussions.

Student Eko Gonzalez talked about the time when a boy several times put his body too close and forcefully lay on top of Gonzalez despite efforts to get him off. Gonzalez and a friend, Ivan Diaz, both said they are trying to get a resolution to this incident but to no avail.

“The student said they were experiencing mental illness and couldn’t control it,” said Gonzalez. “We’ve seen this student do some obscure things. The adults here say they don’t want to do anything because the student is mentally ill and so nothing happens, and we’ve told them about this several times.”

Added Diaz: “We don’t feel safe in our own school, and we can’t even count on our teachers to have our backs. You just want the adults to act like adults.”

Time after time during the rally, students voiced their opinions about teachers/administrators needing to be more professional, about accountability for those who are hurting and harassing others, and about the lack of proper discipline and safety.

Councillor Erin Murphy, who has been holding Council hearings on schools and school safety, applauded the students and family members “for being brave enough to make the space available for everyone to speak up because they felt they weren’t being heard inside the school.”

Murphy added: “I’ve said it all along, we can’t make any changes if we’re hiding the data – whether that is social-emotional, wellness or violence in the schools.”

Councillor Frank Baker agreed.

“It shouldn’t be a situation where 10 or 15 kids within a school of 400 are able to run roughshod over everyone else,” said Baker. “It’s the same principle as in a neighborhood... You need safety first before anything else will work.”

Councillor Brian Worrell told the *Reporter*: “There is no place for bullying or violence anywhere, especially in our schools. I have had parents and students reach out to my office about unsafe school environments, and I am working closely with them to ensure that every child feels safe while accessing the incredible education and opportunities BPS has to offer.”

BAA Principal Anne Clark and a handful of administrators and teachers were in attendance and she acknowledged that there are problems at the school. She said she wanted to hear the students out.

BAA has been located in Fields Corner for several years while a new \$125 million facility is being built in the Fenway across from Fenway Park on Ipswich Street. The school enjoys a long-standing reputation of cultivating artists and being one of the better educational facilities in the system – but the students on Friday disagreed about that reputation now, noting there is more being done to protect the reputation than preserve it.

BAA enjoys a very public and active alumni association and foundation that has raised large sums of money to help pay for the new school, and for the many extras that will go into the new building when it opens next fall.

Friday’s protest came on the heels of a scath-



Parent Jennifer Lopez says victims are ignored.
Seth Daniel photo

ing report last week that detailed allegations of horrendous student-on-student abuse at the Mission Hill School K-8 in Jamaica Plain. The allegations and findings in that report were so bad, according to Supt. Brenda Cassellius, that the school community was “beyond repair.” She has called for the School Committee to close that school in June.

Boston Public Schools (BPS) told the *Reporter* that the system has a Code of Conduct, and that it has been applied by the administrative team at BAA when appropriate. They said that proper discipline was administered in several cases at BAA.

However, they also said that they had to be careful not to quickly expel or suspend students and go overboard, as that is what previously caused the school-to-prison pipeline in the past. That is something they said that they keep in mind and try to steer away from, making sure one instance does not ruin a student’s life.

For students and parents on Friday, the situation was about a small group of students who have been emboldened because they can cause

trouble while avoiding punishment, and about a group of teachers and administrators who, they said, were not able or willing to stand up to these students.

“It’s clear what students get favoritism and get no consequences and get away with anything,” said student leader Makeyla Lopez.

“The fact that students had to get physically hurt and we had to come outside and stage a protest to get action is very wrong,” she continued. “We came in as freshmen excited to be artists. We can’t stand to even go through the doors now... If I could go somewhere else, I would.”

Added student Latavia (who did not give her last name), “They made us feel like this was going to be singing and dancing and all ‘High School Musical,’ but this place is just ghetto.”

BPS officials and BAA school leaders did agree to a set of next steps at the end of the protest, which included follow up meetings between administrators and family council members this week— as well a school community meeting with students and administrators as soon as possible.

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Poll: Student mental health, academics issues for schools' Covid recovery plans

Parental majority supports ongoing mitigation measures

By Reporter Staff

As the pandemic continues to hold society in a limbo of sorts medically, culturally, and scholastically, school parents are of many minds about how best to monitor their childrens' mental health, academics, and safety as schools across the state work on their Covid recovery plans.

That uncertainty is mirrored in the results of a new statewide poll released on Monday by The MassINC Polling Group.

The academic, mental health, and security concerns about students who, with their families, entered into a strange new world when the coronavirus surged in March 2020, remain daunting today as step by staggered step, society is moving toward a kind of normality in daily life. The poll found that 48 percent of parents remain at least somewhat concerned about their child getting infected at school, with a majority supporting for testing programs and other mitigation measures.

There has been some diminution in some areas of concern, the survey shows. While from 60 percent of parents expressed worry about their childrens' mental health in February 2021, that number had dropped to 48 percent in this poll. Still, among parents concerned about the issue, just 48 percent say they were offered help by their schools.

In other areas, the polling showed:

- 22 percent of parents believe their children are still behind grade level. That's unchanged

Wilkerson may join race for an open Senate seat

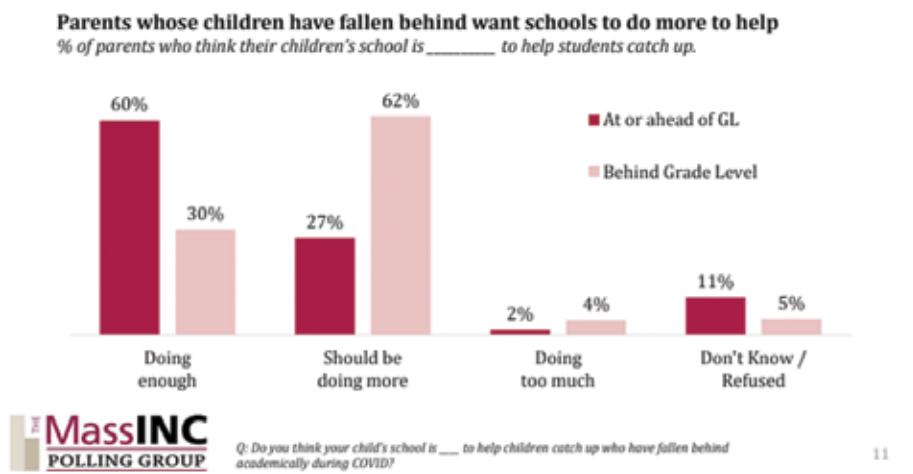
More than a decade after she resigned from her state Senate seat, pleaded guilty to federal corruption charges, and then found a new role in the activism world, Dianne Wilkerson appears to be eyeing a seat on Beacon Hill once again.

A spokesperson for Secretary of State William Galvin's office confirmed last week that someone pulled nomination papers on Wilkerson's behalf on April 15. Wilkerson told a POLITICO reporter that she plans to run for the Second Suffolk District in the Senate, which she represented from 1993 to 2008.

Wilkerson left the Senate while facing federal charges alleging she accepted \$23,500 in bribes to help developers and businessmen secure

Help needed for students falling behind

- Among parents who see their children as behind, most (62%) think the school is not doing enough to help them.



Parents revise expectations of in-person school year

% of parents who think their child is / expected their child would be _____

	Nov 2021: Expected by end of year	Now
At grade level	51%	53%
Behind grade level	9%	22%
Ahead of grade level	35%	23%
Don't Know / Refused	5%	2%

MassINC POLLING GROUP

Note: "Expected by end of year" come from the Fall of 2021 wave of this series.
Q: Prior to the coronavirus crisis, do you think your child's academics were at / behind / ahead of grade level? How about now?
Q: By the end of this academic year, do you expect your child to be at / behind / ahead of grade level?

since an October 2021 survey by the MassINC Group, and far more than thought so pre-pandemic.

- Among parents who believe their kids are behind, 62 percent think schools should be doing more than they are to help students catch up. When asked what would be most useful, parents cited the need for a range of academic and classroom supports.

- Mental health concerns are very often in-

tertwined with academic hurdles. In all, 74 percent of parents who see their children as behind grade level *also* reported mental health concerns, far higher than parents of those with fewer academic challenges (41 percent). Mental health concerns were also greater among parents of English learners (63 percent) and students with Individual Education Plans (61 percent).

- There are sharp differences in how parents

view the pandemic itself. About half (52 percent) say "we should accept more risk in general so our children can have full experiences in school and activities," while 40 percent believe "we

should generally limit risk, so our children are better protected from infection."

- The more risk tolerant view is most prevalent among white (56 percent), Asian American (57 percent), and upper income parents (58 percent). Others are less likely to share this view including Latino parents (37 percent), Black parents (42 percent) and those in lower income households (37 percent).

- Black parents are most concerned about infection at school, with 69 percent somewhat or very concerned compared to 45 percent of white parents. Across race groups, lower income parents are more concerned about infection than are upper income parents.

- 80 percent of Black parents support a mask mandate, compared to 50 percent of white parents. Asian American parents support the full range of mitigation measures, with at least 70 percent support for each. Two thirds or more of Latino parents are on board with each measure other than a student vaccine mandate.

- Vaccination rates for students of all ages are lagging, particularly among younger and lower income children, a result that meshes with

state statistics. Vaccination mandates are less popular than other mitigation measures, with 61 percent support for a teacher/staff vaccine mandate and 54 percent for students.

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About the poll: The results are based on a survey of 1,469 parents of K-12 students in Massachusetts. Live telephone interviews and online interviewing were conducted in English and Spanish from March 17 – April 11, 2022. Telephone respondents were reached by both landline and cell phone. Oversamples of Black, Latino, and Asian respondents were obtained to bring the total interview count up to at least 250 for each group for the base sample. Results within race and ethnicity were weighted to age, gender, geography, and education level for each group. Groups were then combined and weighted to the population parameters by race for the state as a whole. The poll was sponsored by The Barr Foundation with major project input and assistance from the Education Trust.

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Dianne Wilkerson

liquor licenses and state land in her district. She pleaded guilty in 2010 to attempted extortion and served several years in prison.

In recent years, she has reemerged as a community activist, helping to lead the Black Boston Covid-19 Coalition and the WAKANDA II coalition.

If she does jump into the race, Wilkerson — who has not yet filed paperwork with the

Office of Campaign and Political Finance — would face off against Democrat state Reps. Liz Miranda and Nika Elugardo as well as Rev. Miniard Culpepper, who is also a Democrat.

District and county office candidates had until Tuesday of this week (May 3) to submit nomination papers to local election officials for certification of signatures. Senate hopefuls need to collect signatures from 300 registered voters to qualify for the ballot.

Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, who defeated Wilkerson in the 2008 election, currently represents the Second Suffolk District but is running for governor rather than seeking reelection.

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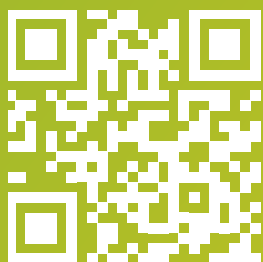


Our first honoree, **Dr. Thea James**, holds several roles at Boston Medical Center (BMC) and the Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM). She is the Vice President for Mission at BMC. Dr. James recognizes the impact, intersections and risks that health injustice, health and wealth, and other structural determinants of health pose to patients. She has dedicated her career to closing these gaps, improving health equity through social emergency medicine, and making sure that patients and communities of all backgrounds have opportunities to alter their life course trajectory and to thrive.

Our second honoree, **Jamison Cloud**, is one of many local organizers for the Dorchester Community Fridge; a mutual aid effort in Fields Corner providing free food for the community through donations, contributions, crowd-sourcing, food rescue, and community involvement. The Dorchester Community Fridge has broadened pathways for access to food and further sparked conversations into actions around food equity in Boston. Additionally, Mr. Cloud is a Boston-based interdisciplinary artist, volunteers in the local arts community, and serves on the board of Fields Corner Main Street.



Our last honoree, **Megan Sonderegger, RN**, joined the DotHouse Health Board of Directors in June 2015 and currently serves as the Chair. As a Registered Nurse, Ms. Sonderegger has the privilege of assisting some of the strongest and most resilient people on their journey toward recovery from substance use disorders. She has served as a nurse to people experiencing homelessness in Boston’s Mass. & Cass. intersection and recently joined Eliot Community Human Services as a nurse manger to work with people moving into permanent housing. Within Dorchester, she has served as president of Meeting House Hill Civic Association and as a board member of Bowdoin Geneva Main Streets.



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BGCD Members Attend Boston Bruins Game Thanks to Building Trades Employers' Association Program & Friends: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Members Attend Boston Bruins Game Thanks to Building Trades Employers' Association Program & Friends: This past week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members were treated to a special night out as the Building Trades Employers' Association program, Painting & Finishing Employers Association of New England, the Glass Employers Association of New England & the International Union of Painters & Allied Trades DC 35 Labor Management Fund hosted a special group at the Bruins game. Our members enjoyed dinner and a view from a suite as the Bruins closed out their regular season schedule with a victory.

Thanks to all our friends for their generosity and for making this opportunity possible for our members.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Education Program Hosts Chess Club with BPD Bureau of Community Engagement: As part of the Spring Enrichment activity schedule at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, the Education program is offering a Chess Club on Monday evenings. Members are learning the rules of play while enjoying friendly competitions against one another.

Special thank you to our friends at the Boston Police Department's Bureau of Community Engagement for providing a volunteer Officer each week. BGCD's very own alum, Officer Wilson, volunteers his time back to BGCD many different ways, this time teaching members the ways of chess.

For more information on our Education Programming, please contact Education Director, Joel Figueroa at jfigueroa@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Sends off Mike Joyce to BGCA National Conference for National Contribution to the Profession Award: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD Sends off Mike Joyce to BGCA National Conference for National Contribution to the Profession Award: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members and staff came together to celebrate Senior Vice President of Operations, Mike Joyce with a pep rally with homemade signs, balloons and music. The pep rally was a send off as the Club's beloved mentor and staff leader prepared to receive the National Contribution to the Profession Award at this year's BGCA National Conference in Chicago. The prestigious award is given to a Boys & Girls Club staff member who has provided exceptionally devoted service to the organization. Mike was selected nationally out of 56,000 adult professional staffers from over 4,300 Club locations across the country. We are so proud of Mike and cannot thank him enough for everything he's done for BGCD. Congratulations Mike!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Elevate Youth Hike
May 14
- New England Women's Leadership Awards
May 16
www.bgcdorchester.org/NEWLA
- IBEW Local 103 Red Sox Bullpen Buddies Game
May 17
- Ron Burton Boys Training Village
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RECENT OBITUARIES



BARBOZA, Mary (Miranda), 97, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Louis Barboza Sr. Mother of Cheryl Barboza (Oscar) of Allston, Diane Daye, (Peter) of Georgia, Kevin Barboza, (Andre) of Dorchester and the late Louis Barboza, Jr. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and devoted family friend, Michael Blakely. Sister of Ruth Silva of Brockton, Linda Jones of Middleboro, John Miranda Jr. of Middleboro, Richard Miranda of Middleboro, two step-sisters, Alice Rose and Shirley Soares both of New Bedford and two step-brothers, Stanley Peters (Sonny) of Pennsylvania and Ronald Peters of New Bedford. She is also survived by a host of extended relatives and many friends. She is preceded in death by her siblings: Inez Rose, Olive Silva, Doris Monteiro, Barbara Voz, Ernest Peters, and 1 grandson: Kevin Michael Brewington. Donations may be made in her memory to the Sister Mary Hart Children's Program. Donations can be made online at stkdparish.org and select fund for Sister Mary Hart Children's Program or at Venmo. [com/srmaryhart](https://www.venmo.com/srmaryhart).

CROWLEY, Mary Ann "Mackey," 66, of Dorchester. Daughter

of the late Stephen J. and Louise G. Sister of her Stephen D. Mackey requested donations to: Carmelite Monastery, 61 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Roxbury, MA 02119.



D'AGNELLO, Arrighino of Dorchester. Husband of Matilde (De Giacomo); and the father of Elisa D'Agello of England and Giovanna D'Agello of Georgia. Brother of Giuliano D'Agello of Italy, and the late Alfredina and Cesarina. Grandfather of 4.

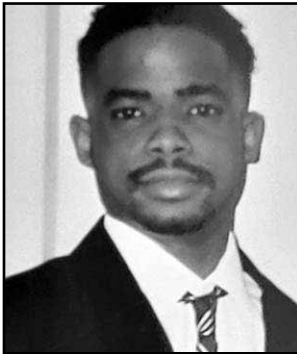


DANILECKI, Henry J., 92, of Dorchester, formerly of Newburyport. Husband of Helen P. (Nee) Danilecki of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Father of John Danilecki, Cpt. BPD and his wife Patricia of Boston, and Brian Danilecki and his wife Marcia of Quincy. Grandfather of 4. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. US Air Force serving in the Korean War. Please consider making a donation in memory of Henry to the

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, or to Dorchester Youth Hockey c/o Phil Olsen, 38 Laban Pratt Rd., Dorchester, MA 02122.

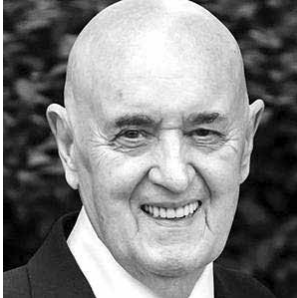


DiPIETRO, Sandra M. (Harris) of Belmont, formerly of Watertown. Daughter of the late Donald K. Harris and Dorothy (Lightizer) Harris. Wife of Louis DiPietro. Mother of Linda McMaster of Stoneham, Andrea Regan and her husband Tom of Dorchester, Anthony Corazzini of Plymouth, and her predeceased daughters Donna Brandt and Janice Corazzini. Sister of Bonnie Lunardi of FL. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandson. Donations can be made to the Dementia Society of America.



DIXON, Delvin Benjamin, 47, of Boston, formerly of Dorchester. Son of Delvin P. Dixon of Rotan, Honduras and the late Celia D. Dixon of La Ceiba, Honduras. Brother to Cecilia, Willmore, Kervin, Noel and Rosa

Dixon of Boston. Former husband of Darline Dixon, father of Brittney and Delshawna Dixon. Father of Delvin Jacob "DJ" Dixon from his former longtime relationship with Jennifer McDonald. He leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends who will miss him dearly.

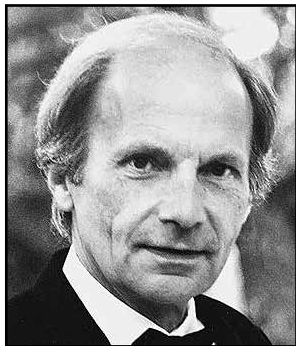


HYNES, Michael S., 82, of Scituate, formerly of Dorchester and Co. Galway, Ireland. Son to the late John and Margaret (Reaney) Hynes. Michael was the former husband of Margaret E. (Brady) Hynes of Dorchester. Father of Sean M. Hynes and his late wife Patricia M. "Tricia" (Finnigan) Hynes of Scituate, Lisa M. Hynes and her partner Thomas Hoadley of Scituate, Stephanie M. and her husband Patrick Drummond of Dorchester, and Laurie S. and her husband James Muldowney of Cohasset. "Grandpa" to 5. Brother of Maire and her husband Michael Walsh, Thomas and his wife Beryl Hynes, Jude and her husband Colm Beatty, Andy and his wife Bridget Hynes, Ellen and her husband Patrick Mannion, Martin and his wife Pauline Hynes, all of Ireland, Stephen and his wife Ann Hynes of Weymouth, Bartley and wife Maura Hynes, and Coleman Hynes, all of Ireland, and the late John Hynes and Pdraig Hynes. Michael is also survived by many nieces,

nephews, cousins and Godchildren. Donations in Michael's memory may be made to the American Lung Association at action.lung.org.



MCGUIRE, Joan T. (Gearin), 91, formerly of Dorchester and Marshfield. Wife of the late Andrew J. McGuire. Mother of Joanne Oldrich of Pembroke, Gail Sullivan and her husband Kevin of Fairhaven, Andrea Williams and her husband Alex of Maryland, George McGuire and his wife Julie of East Boston and Ruth McGuire of Duxbury. Grandmother of 4. Also survived by her 6 cherished great-grandchildren. Donations in memory of Joan may be made to Beacon Hospice Care., 182 N. Main St., Fall River, MA 02720.



O'BRIEN, Maurice J., 87, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. US Air Force veteran, Korean War. Husband of Barbara H. (Bouley) O'Brien. Father of Robert O'Brien and his

wife Brenda of Brockton, Stephen O'Brien and his wife Valeria of Braintree, Jeffrey O'Brien and his wife Jamie of Kennebunkport, ME, Karen Collins of Braintree, Gregory O'Brien and his wife Jennifer of Plymouth and Suzanne Jonasson and her husband Anders of Norwell. Grandfather of 11. Great-grandfather of 4. Brother of Frances Hoefel, William O'Brien and the late Kathleen Walker. Maurice is also survived by nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Memorial contributions may be made in Maurice's name to the Marge Crispin Center, c/o Ann Toland, 46 Lincoln St., Braintree, MA 02184.



O'NEILL, Eileen T. (O'Donoghue) of Jamaica Plain, formerly of Killarney, Ireland. Wife to the late Hugh A. O'Neill. Mother of Hugh B. O'Neill and his wife Marci of Milton, Sean M. O'Neill and his wife Lisa of Mansfield, Owen P. O'Neill and his partner Jennifer Ford of Billerica, and the late Rose Roulier. She is also survived by her son-in-law Paul R. Roulier of Rehobeth. Grandmother of 9. Great-grandmother of 1. She is also survived by 3 sisters. Donations may be made in her name to St. Anthony Shrine, 100 Arch Street, Boston, Ma 02110 or at stanthonyshrine.org.



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PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P1908EA
ESTATE OF:
PETRONILA RODRIGUEZ
DATE OF DEATH: 02/28/2021
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dayci Rodriguez of Dorchester, MA and Dickson Alonzo of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Dayci Rodriguez of Dorchester, MA and Dickson Alonzo of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/06/2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 25, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: May 5, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU22P0669EA
ESTATE OF:
ROBERT LOUIS BAKER
A/K/A: R LOUIS BAKER, LOUIS BAKER
DATE OF DEATH: 11/11/2020
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by MaryAnn Baker of Morrill, ME requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: MaryAnn Baker of Morrill, ME be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/18/2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 27, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: May 5, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU21P0903EA
ESTATE OF:
KY DINH VU
DATE OF DEATH: March 3, 2021
SUFFOLK DIVISION
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kenneth Vu of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Kenneth Vu of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
Published: May 5, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU21D1808DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
JOSE ROBERTA DOS SANTOS
vs.
CATARINA CORREIA DOS SANTOS
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jose Roberta Dos Santos, 16 Stella Street, Mattapan, MA 02126 your answer, if any, on or before 06/20/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 17, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: May 5, 2022

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T poised to drive up its spending ahead of ‘fiscal cliff’

By Chris Lisinski
State House
News Service

MBTA overseers have stamped their approval on a \$2.55 billion fiscal 2023 budget draft that adds nearly 150 new positions to address safety needs, avoids fare hikes and service cuts, and drives up agency spending by 8 percent at a time when T revenues face a precarious future.

As they prepare once again to dip into a fast-dwindling pot of emergency federal aid, and while they simultaneously give the green light to expanding bus service and ramping up spending on maintenance projects, the transit agency’s board voiced growing concerns about a looming financial crisis that could imperil efforts to expand fare-free services, a goal of many elected officials and transportation advocates.

With a budget deficit of several hundred millions of dollars forecast for fiscal 2024, the MBTA Board of Directors should welcome “every suggestion on how we might raise additional revenues from any source imaginable in order to help deal with this problem,” board chair Betsy Taylor said last Thursday when the draft budget was approved by a 6-0 vote.

“People should not look to prospective cuts to safety or maintenance in order to balance the budget should there be a deficit by this time next spring,” Taylor said before voting in favor of the draft. “I’m hoping that some of it will be offset by returning ridership, but should there be such a deficit, we will have to look elsewhere from safety or basic maintenance in order to balance that budget. I fear that might leave services as one of the few remaining items.”

The budget calls for a \$199 million increase in spending or 8 percent more than in fiscal 2022. The MBTA Advisory Board, an independent group that represents



Commuters board an MBTA bus bound for Mattapan Square.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

cities and towns whose tax dollars help fund the system, will now review the proposal before T overseers take up a final proposal later this spring.

New spending in the proposal includes a total of 330 new employee positions, about 5 percent more than in the fiscal 2022 budget. Of those, 148 would focus specifically on safety needs such as equipment and station inspections, rail yard safety, testing new Red and Orange Line cars, and signal maintenance.

The budget also calls for \$5.5 million in new spending on a Quality Management System Program to address elevator and escalator quality assurance, inspecting stairs across the system, examining rail track and more.

Officials have been working to staff up safety-related positions at the T after an independent panel in 2019 concluded that financial cutbacks, lapses in maintenance, and leadership issues created a “questionable” approach to safety.

MBTA Chief Financial Officer Mary Ann O’Hara said the suggested spending plan does not raise fares on riders nor trim any planned bus, train, ferry or paratran-

sit service, even though projected revenues again fall short of spending.

Instead, the T will use \$316 million in one-time federal funding to close the gap. Officials previously said that transfer amount would leave just \$100 million of the nearly \$2 billion in Covid relief money remaining for fiscal year 2024, which will likely be insufficient to produce a balanced budget.

“Beginning in fiscal year ‘24 and continuing thereafter, without additional, sustainable, recurring revenue, the MBTA will face a series of challenging decisions to maintain service levels and the enhanced staffing reflected in this proposal and in recent budgets,” O’Hara told the board. “One-time revenues and one-time fixes will not durably balance the MBTA’s budget.”

While the MBTA has long struggled with a structural gap between available revenues and spending goals, the pandemic has exacerbated its financial struggles.

More than two years after the virus first upended public life, the rebound in ridership has only clawed back a part of the fare revenue the T once counted on to form roughly one-third of its budget. And because

fewer people are driving to stations or seeing posters along platforms, revenue from parking and advertising shrunk 62 percent and 44 percent, respectively, from FY19 to FY21, according to O’Hara.

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said that ridership is hovering around 50 percent of pre-COVID levels on the subway, 70 percent on buses, and 55 percent on the commuter rail.

If the current rate of return continues, the T will likely face a budget gap of \$236 million in FY24, according to the agency projections; that swells to \$421 million when applying a more pessimistic projection to ridership trends.

“It’s very sobering to look at the future beyond next year,” MBTA board member Mary Beth Mello said during last Thursday’s meeting. “It would be my preference, should revenues be higher than expected, that we start preserving those in the operating category for future years.”

While Taylor, the new board’s chair, said she wants her colleagues to consider revenue from “any source imaginable,” the MBTA historically has been hesitant to ask Beacon Hill to rethink how the state funds the transit agency.

in currently available funding away from the operating side -- which forecasts to have a gap of hundreds of millions of dollars next year -- and spend it immediately on a string of projects including electric bus infrastructure, safety improvements, and workforce retention.

When he outlined the plan in January, Poftak said his team felt it important to use available one-time funds to target behind-the-scenes improvements at an agency where budget shortfalls are a familiar affair.

“If you’re out on the system, visually, you know there’s a number of additional investments that we need to make,” Poftak said at a Jan. 27 board meeting. “We also know that we are facing a shortage of capital funds that is particularly acute in the middle of the upcoming decade. This \$500 million allows us to at least begin addressing some of that shortfall, and it allows us to make some important investments across safety, in our workforce, and on some important projects, particularly in bus.”

Asked by board members last Thursday how the agency would balance additional projects in the pipeline with the impending “fiscal cliff,” Poftak said that “there is a bit of a feedback loop between what is the cause and what is the effect.”

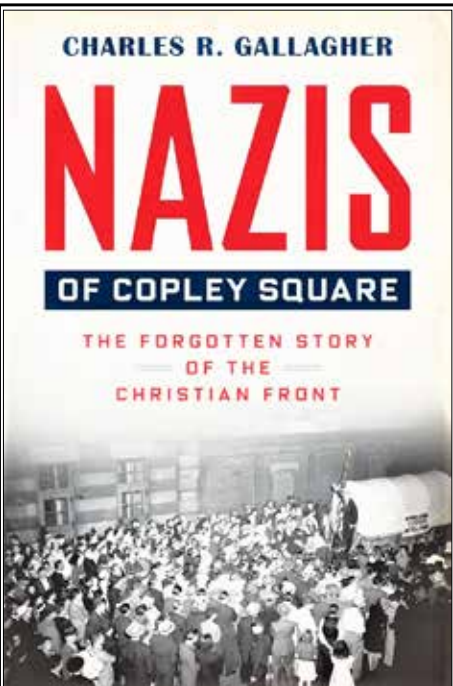
“We will be challenged to incorporate large costly initiatives absent some additional source of revenue, and I think that’s been part of the discussion around means-tested fares,” he said.

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BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU22P0815GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
ALAN BAISLEY
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Alan Baisley is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Department of Mental Health of Westborough, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/17/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Date: April 25, 2022
Published: May 5, 2022

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
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BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU21D1417DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
MARIA BARBOSA
vs.
FELIX OZUNE BERAS
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Maria Barbosa, 14 Glendale St., Boston, MA your answer, if any, on or before 06/30/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 11, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
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The Dorchester Historical Society presents

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Associate Professor of History, Boston College

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HAPPY TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

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Ann Kennedy
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Christine Curran
Elizabeth Nguyen
Erin Hurley
Gabrielle Choquette
Isabelle Choquette
Jessica Martin
Jocelyn Sammy
Jordan Polson
Julius Herrera
Katie Calcagno

Lauren Kostka
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Mackenzie Vlachos
Marisa Ferrara
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Olivia Scannell
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Mary Kinsella Scannell

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Caregiver Solutions

with Meg Hogan, CEO of Boston Senior Home Care

Are you managing a career, caring for a parent, and raising children? Welcome to the “Sandwich Generation.”

The term refers to people in their 40s or 50s, who are “sandwiched” between the caregiving responsibilities of a multigenerational household. Today, this type of caregiving has become increasingly common as the aging population continues to grow and requires support and assistance.


Multigenerational caregiving has many advantages including a deeper, more respectful grandparent-grandchild relationship that can bring joy to everyone. Yet, it is also demanding. Both children and aging parents require lots of time, which can leave caregivers feeling pulled in different directions as they balance the many responsibilities of providing care. And it can be isolating. Caregiver Solutions, a program offered by Boston Senior Home Care at no charge, can help.

Designed to support your unique caregiving journey, Caregiver Solutions empowers you with valuable information, resources, services and supports to help you provide exceptional care while taking care of your own needs and wellbeing. Finding support can be a source of encouragement and it is vital to the mental and physical health of caregivers. **For more information and to enroll in our program, visit bshcinfo.org or call 617-292-6211.**


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