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A GARDEN AS LIVING MEMORIAL

Tiffany Williams stands next to a tree planted in memory of her late mother, Dorchester's Jacqualine Williams, last Friday, April 28, in the Dr. Loesch Family Park. The event was part of a community effort with MIT's Poetic Justice group's Black Forest project - a nationwide project kicking off in Dorchester to remember the lives of those lost to Covid-19, particularly people of color.

Seth Daniel photo

Tree plantings recall Covid deaths

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

As Tiffany Williams put the finishing touches on her planting of a tree in Dorchester's Dr. Loesch Family Park on Wainwright Street last Friday, it was an exercise in celebrating a new life, and remembering one lost. For her, adding a tree in the park was about creating a living memorial to her mother, Jacqualine Williams, a Dorchester woman who was one of many who died during the height of

the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.

"I started to think about how I could remember my mom; I figured that if I planted a tree, it would be here a long time - keep her alive in a sense," said Williams. "That was my thought."

Friends and families from Dorchester, as well as volunteers from Speak for the Trees (SFTT), Codman Square Neighborhood Council (CSNC), and MIT's Poetic Justice Black Forest project, came together Friday in one of the first

District 3 field taking shape as signature-gathering begins

GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Since City Councillor Frank Baker's announcement two weeks ago that he won't be running for a seventh term inside City Hall, the field of District 3 candidates has begun to fill in.

Barry Lawton, who has run four times for the Fifth Suffolk House seat, has announced his campaign for the seat. "I want to get to work, I want to hit the streets, I want to be ubiquitous,' he said in an interview, adding that District 3 needs a councillor "who walks the beat, so to speak, is supportive of businesses and all that stuff. Someone who really cares."

The 66-year-old Lawton has experience inside City Hall, where he worked as an aide to onetime Councillor Gareth Saunders. He has also taught school and was an aide to state Rep. Roy Bolling Jr. at the State House.

Lawton said he got to know Baker after the 2011 election, when Baker won the race to succeed retiring Councillor Maureen Feeney. Baker is "authentic," and he always returned a phone call, Lawton said. "Even through the raucous times of City Council, I'd be on the phone with him encouraging him to tone it down," Lawton added, referring to the rhetorical fights Baker

<u>Announced</u> Joel Richards (Fields Corner) Jennifer Johnson (Meetinghouse Hill) Barry Lawton (Savin Hill-Uphams Corner) Patrick O'Brien (Adams Village) Considering **Matt Patton** (Savin Hill)

has waged with fellow councillors.

His unsuccessful campaigns for the House seat in 1988, 1999, 2010, and, most recently, in 2014, set up a rematch of sorts this year with Jennifer Johnson, who announced her run earlier this year, before Baker's announcement. Johnson, (Continued on page 5)

Pine Street adds senior preference, subtracts units in Comfort Inn bid

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

In what was likely the final meeting before their proposal goes before a city board for approval, Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders, the two nonprofits seeking to revamp the Comfort Inn at 900 Morrissey Blvd. into permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless people, pledged this week to use a senior preference approach when enlisting tenants.

Lyndia Downie, president and executive director of Pine Street Inn, said the preferred age factor-62 and older-will be added to the official screening process for applicants to live at 900 Morrissey, which is currently a 131-room hotel.

Before anyone else can



A view of the 900 Morrissey proposal, post-renova-Image courtesy TCB/Pine Street Inn

Street and Community Builders will first have to fully exhaust the list of senior applicants, Downie added, saying,

"There are enough people who are 62 and **led on page 4)** I be tenant-eligible, Pine older that I don't see us

getting much below that, if ever."

Downie made the announcement at a virtual meeting hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (Continued on page 14)



A FITTING SALUTE — Dr. J. Keith and Angela Motley gestured to their friends and family at the dedication of a building named for them. Editorial, Photo courtesy of UMass Boston

PLAN: Mattapan is on the table; BPDA board to take it up next week

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

"PLAN: Mattapan," an effort to remake the neighborhood by allowing backyard residential units and strengthening Mattapan Square as one of the city's economic

hubs, is set to be placed before the Boston Planning and Development Agency's board later this month.

BPDA officials laid out the final version of the plan, the result of five years of community

engagement that builds on previous planning efforts for Mattapan, in an online meeting last Wednesday (April 26). If approved, the plan will function as a guide for developers and resi-(Continued on page 13)



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Police, Courts & Fire

Henderson pupils hospitalized; cannabis-infused edibles cited

Boston Public Schools (BPS) confirmed late Tuesday that four middle school students at the Henderson Upper School on Croftland Avenue had ingested what is believed to have been a cannabis-infused chocolate edible during school on Tuesday.

School Safety Services and Boston Police and all families involved were immediately notified by the school. The students were evaluated by the school nurse and transferred by EMS to a local hospital for further care, police confirmed.

An investigation is ongoing into what happened. In March, three students at the Henderson were hospitalized after ingesting what was believed to be a cannabis "gummie" product.

- SETH DANIEL

At about 1:50 p.m., on Fri., April 28, officers assigned to the District E-13 Drug Control Unit (Jamaica Plain) arrested James Thelwell-Mullen, 30, of Dorchester, on Firearm and Drug Related charges. Officers were conducting an ongoing drug investigation, and the execution of search warrants near 59 Old Morton St. As a result of the search warrants, officers recovered two firearms, multiple firearm accessories, ammunition, and Fentanyl.

Thelwell-Mullen was placed under arrest and charged with numerous firearms violations and Possession of Class A Fentanyl. He is due to be arraigned in Dorchester District Court.

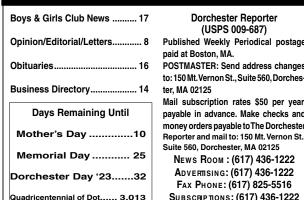
Members of the BPD Youth Violence Strike Force made an onsite warrant arrest of Adedamola Agbedun, 21, of Dorchester, on the evening of April 25 that led to the recovery of a loaded firearm around 26 Hiawatha Rd. in Mattapan. At the time of his arrest, the suspect was wanted on an outstanding straight warrant sought out of Quincy District Court on two counts of attempted larceny.

When the officers approached the suspect and attempted to place him in custody, he actively resisted, leaving officers to suspect he had a firearm in his jacket. On his arrest, they found a loaded .22 caliber Keltec P17 handgun on his person that had one round in the chamber and 15 rounds in a large capacity magazine.

Agbedun faces firearm charges and prosecution for resisting arrest in Dorchester District Court.

Two teens were arrested for assaulting a Red Line commuter last Thursday afternoon at Broadway station. The victim, a 21-year-old woman, told police she was attacked by two teens – an 18-year-old male and 16-year-old female – whom she observed arguing with other teens on an outbound train. The two suspects allegedly pulled the victim's grocery bag from her and threw out items it contained, one of which bloodied her face. The teens were later identified from surveillance cameras and arrested on Friday. The older one, 18-year-old Saul Diaz, has been ordered to home confinement, except on schooldays, until his next court date in June.

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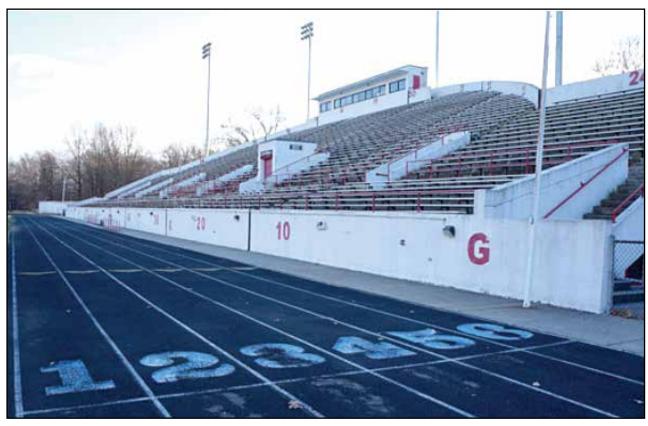
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White Stadium on deck for restoration as a 'treasure'



Franklin Park's White Stadium, above, could get a substantial overhaul if the Wu administration finds a private partner to help remake the facility into a high-quality venue. Reporter file photo

With the announcement last week by city officials of a request for proposals (RFP), Franklin Park's White Stadium, built 78 years ago at a cost of \$2 million as a center for Boston Public Schools athletics programs, is on track for a substantial overhaul.

The Boston Public Schools system schedules soccer, football, and track and field events at the 10,000-seat stadium, which sits in disrepair. A fire decades ago wiped out the interior of the east grandstand, which needs to be replaced. And the west grandstand doesn't meet modern building codes for acces-

The RFP calls for a

help remake the facility into a high-quality venue. Whoever is selected as the city's partner will receive a 10-year lease, and the right to license the use of the field and public areas of the east grandstand annually. Costs of maintaining the field would fall on the city's partner.

The city also wants to build a new eight-lane track for interscholastic competition and install a new "top-tier" grass field, with a new irrigation system, according to the RFP. There is a June 26 deadline for submissions.

Said BPS superintendent Mary Skipper, "We appreciate the city's efforts to reimagine the the stadium to support our student athletes in buildingleadershipskills on and off the field."

City officials say proposals must include a description of community benefits to the local community as well as a preliminary transportation plan for how people will travel to and from and park for stadium events.

Located inside the 500-acre Franklin Park, the stadium, which is named for George Robert White, a philanthropist in late 19th and early 20th century Boston, annually hosts school graduation exercises in June. The facility is most heavily used in the fall for football, soccer, along private sector partner to incredible potential of with cross-country and

cheerleading practices. It has hosted Caribbean community celebrations and served as a vaccination site during the pandemic. In the 1970s, it was the site of Black Panther rallies and a concert that featured Sly and the Family Stone.

"In a championship sports town, our young people deserve to have access to world class facilities and programs for their growth and development," Mayor Wu said in a statement. "This renovation of White Stadium will restore it as a treasure for athletes across the state and will help make Boston the best city in the country to raise a family."

- REPORTER STAFF

Santander Bank's branch in Uphams Corner closing in July

Santander Bank is planning to close its branch in Uphams Corner on July 20 and send its customers to its outlet on Dorchester Avenue in Fields Corner. The bank announced last week that it was going to consolidate its brick-and-mortar branches throughout the region, and in a statement to the Reporter,

the company confirmed that its 585 Columbia Rd. branch comes within the scope of that plan.

"Like many industries, our customers' preferences have changed, with more customers choosing to bank with us online," the statement said. "Therefore, we are reimagining the customer and employee experience by simplifying our processes, refining our branch footprint, and increasing our investment in digital capabilities to align with the evolving needs of our customers."

Santander also has branches on Gallivan Boulevard in Neponset and in Mattapan Square. Those branches were not mentioned with respect to the consolidation moves.

The company also has its regional offices at 2 Morrissey Boulevard, steps from the JFK/ UMass MBTA Station. Santander's property there is a key element in plans for the Dorchester Bay City development.

SETH DANIEL

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Dorchester Day parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m. Participation forms are available on the website dotdayparade.org or email info@dotdayparade.org.

The 27th annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace will be held on Sunday, May 14 beginning at 8 a.m. at Town Field in Fields Corner, Dorchester. See mothersdaywalk-4peace.org for more info on starting a team, donating, or sponsoring the event. After a hugely successful launch last year, the Ashmont-Adams section of Dorchester will host the second annual DorchFest on Sat., June 3. The Dot Day weekend festival will feature live performances on porches

and front-yards at roughly 50 homes in the heavily residential neighborhood between Ashmont Street and Gallivan Boulevard. The free event is organized by volunteers who rely on sponsorships from institutions and local businesses to pay the artists who perform. For more information see dorchfest.com.

The annual Ashmont Hill Garage/Yard Sale will take place on Sat., May 20 starting at 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Ocean Street and surrounding streets. The event typically includes 40-plus homes.

The Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival will be held on Sat., May 20 from 12-4 p.m. at the Playstead, 25 Pierpont Rd., Dorchester.

It's opening day in Franklin Park! Don't miss out on this 50-year-old tradition. Bikes to try for younger kids, make a kite with Kite Team Haiti, buy one, or bring your own. Free bike helmets from Children's Hospital. Food trucks.

The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) s and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) will host a series of event to learn more about the Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action — initiative to redesign Blue Hill Avenue, from Grove Hall to Mattapan Square—in the coming weeks. Planners from the BTD and MBTA will answer your questions and

hear your thoughts at the Grove Hall BPL

on Wednesdays through May 31 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Mattapan hours will be held at the Mattapan branch library on Thursdays through June 1,12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

DotFest, the annual fundraiser for DotHouse Health, takes place on Thurs., May 18 at DotHouse. See dotfest.org for more info.

Dorchester Historical Society hosts an illustrated talk by author Vincent J. Miles on "Transatlantic Train" on Sun., May 21 at 2 p.m. at Pipefitters Local 537, 40 Enterprise St. Dorchester.

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Visionary leaders recalled at groundbreaking for final phase of Olmsted Green development

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

The late Jim Clark Sr. rarely missed a civic meeting in Mattapan, in particular those of the Boston State Hospital Community Advisory Committee (CAC)that he chaired for many years. Last Wednesday (April 26), the momentous groundbreaking for The Preserve at Olmsted Green on the former campus of the hospital was an appropriate occasion for a crowd of his family and friends to celebrate Clark's dedication to Mattapan affairs some 40 months after his death in January 2020.

Calling him "a family man" who loved Mattapan, Clark's wife Dolores noted that "he was on the CAC here and 36 other organizations in the neighborhood ever since we moved up here in 1965. From Mayor White all the way up to Mayor Menino, we were always very involved. I could not slow him down."

Clark's daughter, Lisa Clark-Harvin, said her father was most proud of the Clark Cooper Community Garden that he helped found on the hospital grounds 30 years ago, as well as his work at the equal opportunity division of the MBTA in helping so many in the Mattapan community get high-quality jobs.

"He was always an active community person my entire life," she said. "It was part of who he was. As a kid, I always remember him mentoring people and we always had people



Jim Clark Sr.'s family members came from near and far to help remember all he did for Mattapan, particularly at the former Boston State Hospital site, where the vision of new housing and amenities is now a reality. From left, Gloria Clark, Lisa Clark-Harvin, Dolores Clark, Jordyn Clark, James Clark III, Seth Daniel photos and James Clark II.



Breaking ground for The Preserve at Olmsted Green - the final phase of that project - were state Rep. Russell Holmes, Jessica Boatright of the Mayor's Office of Housing, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, Jerry Rappaport, Jr. of New Boston Fund, Carol Gladstone of the state DCAMM, MassHousing Director Chrystal Kornegay, and Boston Housing Chief Sheila Dillon.

a giant - a gentle giant."

Other members of the family present included his sister Gloria Clark, James Clark

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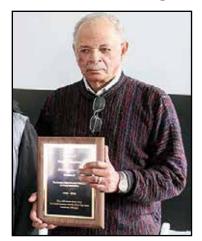
In addition to honoring Clark, the developers honored the late Frank Bispham, another longtime chair of the CAC.

Some 20 years ago, Jerry Rappaport Jr. of New Boston Fund partnered with Lena Park Community Development Corporation (CDC) to begin filling up 38.5 acres of vacant land with new homes. Though there were starts and stops, Olmsted Green has completed 237 units of affordable family housing, 60 market-rate rental units, 29 units of low-income supportive housing for homeless seniors, as well as the new, 3,000-square-foot Gateway Center community space.

The Preserve will begin construction soon on 80 units of mixed-income homeownership opportunities, 63 of them available for affordable and moderate-income units for first-time homebuyers. There will be 49 two-bedroom units available for between \$275,000 to \$420,000 based on income, and 14 three-bedroom units for sale between \$300,000 and \$465,000. The remaining 17 units will be sold at market-rate prices.

"We are all so proud of this tremendous accomplishment that took almost 20 years and many community leaders and public funding village participants to pull off," said Rappaport. "

State Rep. Russell Holmes earned applause for his continuing robust advocacy when the project stalled out during the 2008 recession. He said he was proud to have advocated for the project, but noted that



Royal Bolling, a current member of the CAC, accepted a citation for the late Frank Bispham, who was a long-time member and chair of the CAC.

he was one of many, mentioning Jim Clark Sr.

"I just carried the baton, and that baton was handed to me by stalwarts doing this work," he said, noting he was glad to see that the Preserve will utilize state funding for homeownership, not rentals. "We have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on affordable rentals; it is due time we spend hundreds of millions of dollars on affordable homeownership."

Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll was also in attendance. She applauded the project, noting that "it is not an understatement to say we're in a housing crisis.'

Other speakers and dignitaries included Carol Gladstone of the state Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), Mass-Housing's Chrystal Kornegay, Mayor's Office of Housing Director Sheila Dillon, SVB First Citizens Bank official Peter Holland, and City Councillor Brian Worrell.



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Tree plantings recall Covid deaths

(Continued from page 1) efforts to remember lives lost to Covid in what will be a nationwide project this year.

While a pilot program ran in Detroit last year, the Loesch Park project kicked off a tour that will include plantings in cities like New York City, Miami, Los Angeles, and San Francisco over this year.

In the park off Wainright Street, participants planted 12 trees on April 28, which coincided with Arbor Day, in memory of 14 people connected to the community who passed away in the pandemic.

"There were more than hundreds of thousands of lives lost and we're planting trees for them across the country and we're starting here and now," said Ekene Ijeoma, director of MIT's Poetic Justice group that is carrying out the 'Black Forest' project.

Tiffany Williams said her mother had suffered a stroke in October 2019, and though she got better in early 2020, the family had a hard time providing the extensive care required. So, they enrolled her in a nursing home in February 2020, and not long after she fatally contracted Covid.

Like many in the community – particularly people of color – Covid hit hard and often, leaving families without a lot of closure due to the restrictions in place for funerals and gatherings at the time.

Tiffany has done several things in remembering her mother, such as continuing to care for and nourish plants that were part of her mother's funeral service. While tree plantings are available from the City of Boston in other locations, Loesch Park is close to the family home in Dorchester and it was an event that



Georine Pierre, of the Black Forest project, Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune, Cynthia Loesch Johnson of Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Claire Corcoran of Speak For the Trees, David Meshoulam of Speak For The Trees, and Jerel Ferguson of Speak For The Trees.

Seth Daniel photos



Danielle Wood of MIT, Georine Pierre of the Black Forest project, Ekene Ijeoma of MIT's Poetic Justice group, Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune, David Meshoulam of Speak For The Trees, and Cynthia Loesch Johnson of Codman Square Neighborhood Council.



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David Meshoulam, of Speak For The Trees; Georine Pierre of Black Forest project.



DJ Whysham provided music at the event, along with her dog 'Balenci.'



David Meshoulam, executive director of Speak For The Trees.



Resident Hilani Morales read the names of 14 community members that were lost to COVID-19 and led a moment of silence.



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Tiffany could volunteer at, helping to plant the tree devoted to her mother with her own hands.

"I have her only grandson and I thought this would be a way for him to come back here to a place where he can find her and find out about her when he grows up," she said.

The project includes planting and caring for the trees, yet each one will also carry a QR code that can be scanned with a smart phone. That code will take folks to a phone bank curated by Black Forest to access recordings made by family and friends remembering that specific person. That was comforting, said Dorchester's Melissa Dagher, who planted a tree in honor of her family member, George 'Jojo' Gracia.

"I think to keep his memory alive in a positive way in our family is meaningful," she said. "We have a large family and having him pass away so early has been so hard for us. It's a place his mom could potentially come and visit. It's right near my home as well. It's just nice to have a living tribute that honors him and remembers him after what happened."

CSNC President Cynthia Loesch Johnson said the Black Forest memorial project was very appropriate in the park named after her father – the late Dr. Bill Loesch – who fought for health equity.

"These trees will not just provide shade, they will allow us to remember lives lost in our community," she said. "We will be able to remember our family, our friends and our neighbors who were lost to Covid-19. We know how bad our community was hit, especially because of the health inequities."

Before volunteers and Arborists Harrison McPhee Corp. nestled 12 new trees along the pathway and perimeter of the park, there was a moment of silence and a reading of 14 names of people who will be remembered there.

David Meshoulam, SFTT's director, said it was such an appropriate way to remember loved ones lost amidst the chaos of the pandemic. "We're grateful this project resonates with people in this way," he said. "I don't think there's any more beautiful way to remember people than with trees. They grow and they live a long time. They die every year and then revive every year. It's just very appropriate, especially in this case."

For more information on the Black Forest project, go to media.mit. edu/projects/blackforest/ overview.

District 3 field taking shape as signature-gathering begins

(Continued from page 1) a longtime Meetinghouse Hill activist, was a fellow House candidate in 2014 in a race won by the former prosecutor Evandro Carvalho.

Joel Richards, a Fields Corner pastor and schoolteacher, has been waging his campaign since launching his bid in December. He recently dropped literature highlighting his biography, his wife Madeligne, their two sons, and a pledge to campaign "without taking a dime of developer or corporate PAC money."

Patrick O'Brien, an Army veteran and former State House aide, is also a candidate, having jumped in after Baker's exit. Longtime political operative Jon Daigle is serving as his campaign chair.

"After speaking with community leaders, family, and friends, I am confident that I will be a strong voice for the people of District 3," he said in a statement. "As a lifelong resident of Dorchester, veteran, and public servant, I know how important it is that all of our residents have access to our city's resources, and will work tirelessly to address their needs. Over the next few months I look forward to having conversations with residents on the critical issues we face and working hard to earn their vote.

Savin Hill's Matt Patton, an attorney and a field director in Elizabeth Warren's 2012 Senate run who continues to consider a run, this week announced a fundraising committee, with Keila Barros listed as its chair.

'Many friends, neighbors, and community leaders have reached out these past few weeks urging me to run, and their encouragement has pushed me to seriously consider entering the

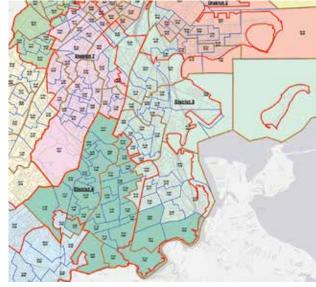
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The final map for District 3. Image via City Council

Megan Costello, a senior adviser with the Boston Public Schools, mulled a run in District 3 but decided against doing so. On Twitter, she said she felt she could have more impact staying with the school system, adding that the City Council has become "defined by the political divisiveness we've watched trickle down from a national conversation void of decorum." It's a dynamic, she said, that "harms democracy and discourages good people with good faith from public services, for fear of the vitriol and toxicity — not just from the voters, but from their own colleagues."

race." Patton said in his own statement to the Reporter. "I'm hearing over and over how important issues like schools, safe streets, and affordable housing are to this community. And I believe our next city councillor must deal with them head on. These conversations in the coming days will inform my final decision."

Megan Costello, a longtime Marty Walsh aide who works as a senior adviser with the Boston Public Schools, said on Twitter that she plans to stay in her current role rather than mount a District 3 campaign. "I come from a family of educators. I know the power a good education can have on a child's life," she wrote. "I am proud of the momentum we're building at BPS.'

She said she could have

more impact within the school system while noting that the City Council has become "defined by the political divisiveness we've watched trickle down from a national conversation void of decorum." That dynamic, she said, "harms democracy and discourages good people with good faith from public services, for fear of the vitriol and toxicity — not just from the voters, but from their own colleagues."

BPD officer considers District 5 campaign

A longtime Boston Police officer is weighing a run in the Council's District 5, which includes Hyde Park and part of Mattapan. Jose Ruiz, a Hyde Park resident who currently works as the chief of public safety for the Boston Public Health Commission, told

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Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P0944EA ESTATE OF:

SUSAN GREER EMMERSON a/k/a: SUSAN G. EMMERSON DATE OF DEATH: 03/17/2023 Petition for Formal Probate of Will with A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gordon R. Emmerson of Milwaukee, WI requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Gordon R. Emmerson of Milwaukee, WI be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate 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 06/09/2023

or Using 2023.

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. I you fail to file a timely written appearance and the state of the state o objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action nay 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. is not required to jill 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.

administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 28, 2023

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the *Reporter* that he has served in the police force since 1994.

 $He\,came\,to\,Boston\,from$ Puerto Rico as a toddler, and grew up in the South End, where his mother, Paula Oyola, helped found the affordable housing development known as Villa Victoria.

"I consider myself a child of Boston." said Ruiz, who moved to Hyde Park in 1997.

He said that he helped found the Latino Law Enforcement Group of Boston (LLEGO), an advocacy group that has been in operation since 2017. Before joining the BPD, he worked in the city's parks department for six years.

"I've always had two passions: politics and community organizing," Ruiz said. "I'm a police officer; I tell people I do that part-time and I community-organize full-time."

He has been active in local politics, donating to Marty Walsh when he was mayor, and to City Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy, state Rep. Rob Consalvo, and Felix G. Arroyo when he was an at-large councillor.

Arroyo's brother Ricardo has been the councillor in District 5 since 2019. An attorney who has worked as a public defender for the Committee for Public Counsel Services, he also lives in Hyde Park. He unsuccessfully ran for Suffolk district attorney in 2022.

"I think races are good for democracy," Arroyo said. "If folks are thinking about running, they should."

The chair of the Council's Government Operations Committee, Arroyo said that as he gears up for another Council run, his office is working on an ordinance that would cut down on food waste whereby supermarkets, some grocery stores, food service providers and distributors, wholesale vendors, hotels and large restaurants, among others, would be required to separate and

donate excess edible food $that \ would \ otherwise \ get$ thrown away.

Low-income, single-parent Black and Hispanic households see higher rates of food insecurity, according to the ordinance filed by Arroyo and District 1 Councillor Gabriella Coletta. "We're going to continue to push to make Boston a more equitable city moving forward," Arroyo said.

Another candidate may be in the mix: Jean-Claude Sanon, a Mattapan resident who has made multiple runs in District 5, has applied to pull papers for a potential campaign. Nomination papers became available on Tuesday this week, with candidates for the nine district seats needing 200 signatures from registered voters to get on the ballot.

The preliminary election is set for Sept. 12 and the final election will take place on Nov. 7.

Moran wins House primary

John Moran, a South End business consultant, won Tuesday's Democratic primary for the Ninth Suffolk House district. A May 30 special election is scheduled, but with no Republican opponent, Moran will almost certainly ease into the seat.

The special election was set up after former state Rep. Jon Santiago left the post to serve as Gov. Maura Healey's veterans' affairs secretary.

The district runs from Copley Square, through the South End and the South Bay shopping plaza, down to Columbia Road in Dorchester.

The only other candidate in the race, Amparo "Chary" Ortiz, suspended her campaign last month. After she dropped out, Moran received a flood of endorsements from local elected officials, including state Sen. Nick Collins and state Rep. Chris Worrell, Mayor Wu, and City Councillors At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune and Michael Flaherty.

Ortiz herself endorsed Moran earlier this week, just before voters headed to the primary polls.

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In its 15th chapter, 'Taste of Dorchester' proves a culinary and fundraising winner

Symone Crawford, a combination culinary vote getter in this year's the executive director of Dorchester-based Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA), and her staff and volunteers welcomed hundreds of residents, housing advocates, and business leaders to a packed IBEW Local 103 union hall last Thursday for the 15th annual "Taste of Dorchester,"

and fundraising event held to boost housing initiatives and first-time homebuyer programs administered by MAHA.

Later, as live jazz from Sleeping Bee played, Crawford told the gathering that the program was the most successful they had put on.

Murl's Kitchen of Four Corners was the top

restaurant category, and Dorchester's Sweet Teez Bakery won in the dessert ranks. Restaurants who have participated in each of the event's 15 years include El Barrio Mexican Grill, The Ice Creamsmith, Irie Jamaican Style Restaurant, Shanti Taste of India, and Tavolo Ristorante.

Other participants

were Bowery Bar, Chill on Park, Comfort Kitchen, DW Brewpub, Family Affair, home.stead bakery and café, Kapow, Lower Mills Tavern, Lucy's American Tavern, Savin Bar + Kitchen, Top Shelf Cookies, and Yellow Door Taqueria.

The Dorchester Reporter was a media sponsor of the event.

Seth Daniel photos



District 3 Council candidate Joel Richards with his campaign manager, Vaden Patterson.



MAHA Executive Director Symone Crawford with Victor Aleman, of Berkshire Bank.



Rep. Russell Holmes.



From First Republic Bank, Cornelius Prioleau, Claudia Russell, and Lucas



Melvin Vieira, past president of the Greater Boston Association of Realtors, Tom Callahan, former MAHA director, and Eileen Callahan.



Johvonne Claybourne and Kai Madyum.



Eleanor Titus-Williams, of Shanti Taste of India, serves up a tasty plate.



dan, Susan Lawlor, and Michael Lawlor. Five Bank.



From Tavolo Ristorante, Tara O'Rior- Vinny Gregory and Mark Zarse from Salem with Councillor Brian Worrell.



Shameeka Moreno and Kathy Brown, of the Boston Tenants Coalition,



Solomon Chowdhury, of Shanti, Josh Wilson, of Dorchester Cares Coalition, and Jack Wu, of home.stead.



Linda Burnett and Elain Miller show off their



From Columbia-Savin Hill, Elizabeth Doyle, Catherine O'Neill, representing Centre Court Partners, and Kristin Hoag.



Karl Renney of Eastern Bank, with Kate Renney, Johanna, and Brian O'Connor.



It was all about a fun night out for this great group of friends: Geri McNair, Bessie Little-Moore, Crystal Thompson, and Doreen Boddie.

Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods



Adnan Mursal and Harun Yasin launch a bucket of hatchery trout into Jamaica Pond as JFK School classmate Marie Bangura looks on. The trio of twelve-year-olds from Dorchester was part of a bucket brigade that transported 1,000 trout down to the water at the April 27 stocking event hosted by Governor Maura Healey and Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods. The state provides the fish for the pond which is overseen by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Jon Seamans photo

Fire Cadet program enlists 15 from Dot and Mattapan

Mayor Wu has announced the members of the Boston Fire Department's inaugural Boston Fire Cadet class, a listing that includes 15 people from Dorchester and Mattapan.

Modeled after the Boston Police Cadet Program, fire cadets hold paid, benefitted, civilian positions within the Boston Fire Department (BFD) and receive cooperative education with classroom and on-the-job training; exposure to firefighting tools and apparatuses; EMS, CPR, and Firefighter I training; and mentorship opportunities across the department.

Local cadets from Dorchester: Omariah Ashley, Caitlin Cooper, Khamal Heade, Kaileen Cotter, Joseph Hosea, Anthony LaMonica, Sean McDonough, Paige McEachern, Martin Mcelroy, Alex Miranda, Tinho Pereira, Mehki Pritchard, and Ryan Rowland. The Mattapan cadets are Ijanea Figgs and Andy Mendez.

In a class totaling 32 individuals, 69 percent – 9 women and 17 people of color come from underrepresented communities. The program launched with three weeks of pre-academy training, which started April 24.

Applicants must be ages 18 to 25, hold a high school diploma or equivalent certificate, currently reside in the city of Boston, maintained residency for the last three years, and possess a valid Massachusetts Driver's License with a good driving record. Cadets were selected following a thorough and rigorous interview process.

BPS names Dot resident as adviser on equity and organizational matters

BPS Supt. Mary Skipper last week announced the appointment of Mariel Novas, of Dorchester, as Senior Advisor of Organizational Development and Equity. In this role, Novas will work with leaders and teams across all facets of BPS to ensure that equity is central to all district policies and actions.

She will also advise Skipper and her leadership team on matters involving organizational development, as well as the district's capacity to lead through an anti-racist lens, elevating the experiences and voices of students, families, staff, and community members who have been historically underserved by the district.

Novas will report directly to the Office of the Superintendent and work closely with the BPS leadership team.

"Equity is central to our mission of making Boston an anti-racist city," she said. "I have dedicated my career to serving and empowering people in our communities and I am proud to be coming back to Boston Public Schools to continue this powerful work."

Novas is an immigrant from the Dominican Republic and a former BPS student and teacher. She previously served as the chief of Learning and Community Engagement at the Museum of Fine



Mariel Novas Onetime BPS student and teacher

Arts, as the transition director for Mayor Wu, and as the Director of Partnerships & Engagement for Massachusetts at The Education Trust, where she convened the Massachusetts Education Equity Partnership.

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Above, Dorchester pals Aria McDonough, Evelyn Callahan, Aidagh McLaughlin, and Frances Linehan enjoy a dip in the Leahy-Holloran Community Center pool during the All-Girls Sports and Wellness Festival hosted by Mayor Wu, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families on April 19. Jon Seamans photo

At left, BCYF youth worker Merry Collins encourages nine-year-old Bridget McLaughlin of Dorchester along the rock wall at the BCYF Leahy-Holloran Community Center during the All-Girls Sports and Wellness Festival hosted by Mayor Wu, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families on April 19.

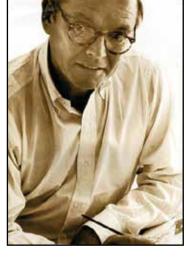
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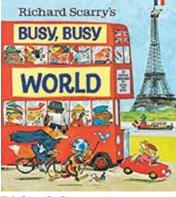
Dorchester Historical Society
The author and illustrator Richard Scarry

Richard Scarry's parents, John and Mary, bought a house at 32 Melville Ave. in 1917. John Scarry operated Scarry's department store in Brookline Village for 45 years and also ran a men's store in Fields Corner. He was at one time president of the Massachusetts Cooperative Bank and also of the Dorchester Board of Trade.

After high school, Richard Scarry enrolled in a business college but dropped out to become a student at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. He was drafted in 1943, his registration card describing him as 6 feet tall, 150



pounds, with a light complexion, brown hair, and brown



Richard Scarry (1919-1994) sold more than 100 million illustrated books published in 20 languages worldwide.

eyes. The Boston Residents Lists note that he lived at 32 Melville until 1946.

Scarry is best known for his "Best Ever" book series, where events took place primarily in the fictional town of Busytown, which was populated by friendly and helpful animals, including Huckle Cat, Lowly Worm, Mr. Frumble. Police Sergeant Murphy, Mr. Fixit, Bananas Gorilla, and Hilda Hippo. His "Busytown" books were adapted into an animated series for television, The Busy World of Richard Scarry, which can be viewed on YouTube.

The books and animated series were produced for a preschool-age audience and espouse themes such as teamwork, friendship, courage, and responsibility.

Scarry illustrated more than 150 books, many of which are still in print. His volumes have sold more than 100 million copies worldwide and published in 20 languages. He died 1994; in 2012, The Society of Illustrators posthumously awarded him a Lifetime Achievement Award.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's historic houses are closed at this time for building repairs.

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Editorial

UMass Boston gives Motleys their due



The first-and-only student resident hall on UMass Boston's Dorchester campus was re-named last week for the former chancellor, Dr. J. Keith Motley, and his wife Angela. The two-hour ceremony was a fitting and overdue tribute to the charismatic couple and drew luminaries from the world of academia, politics, and business to the tent, which was filled to overflow by a crowd that reached into the hundreds.

Motley Hall – as it will now be known – is aptly named. Prior to Dr. Motley's installation as UMass Boston's chancellor, the notion of building a dorm on the Columbia Point peninsula was anathema to many in Dorchester and across the city. Earlier efforts to introduce the idea were rejected out of hand by a succession of civic and political leaders, including the late Boston Mayor Tom Menino, an alumnus of the university. One of Motley's predecessors, Jo Ann Gora, tried to make the case for 2,000 on-campus-beds in the early aughts and was rebuffed so soundly that she left her post soon after.

Motley, who moved to Boston from his native Pittsburgh to attend Northeastern University in the late 1960s, was first appointed to lead the Dorchester campus as interim chancellor after Gora's departure in 2005. In 2007, he was installed permanently when Gora's first full-time replacement, Dr. Michael Collins, left to head up the UMass Medical School in Worcester.

Motley was already a popular figure on campus, having served under Gora as the Dean of Student Life. And he had built an impressive network across the region in previous roles with Northeastern. He came equipped to make the slow, steady case for on-campus housing, along with other building projects on the waterfront campus that are equally part of his tenure's ('07-'17) impressive record. Most remarkably, he led the university's move to acquire the old Bayside Expo Center property, which will fuel campus growth for decades to come.

At Friday's ceremony, the Motleys were saluted by a parade of admirers, including University of Massachusetts President Marty Meehan, who said that "their names and example will inspire UMass Boston students today and forever."

Added Motley's latest successor, the current chancellor, Marcelo Suárez-Orozco: "The naming of this building is a testament to their leadership, making their legacy a permanent honor of their forceful efforts to build our first on-campus living space."

Left unsaid during the event was the fact that the 1,000-person dorm houses a small fraction of UMass Boston's 16,000 students. Hundreds more populate apartment buildings on the peninsula that aren't owned by the university. And the proposed Dorchester Bay City project, which will be built out on land owned by UMass but leased to private developers, does not include any specific plan for student housing. Judging from public statements and a list of priorities laid out in its most recent documents, housing students on its campus seems to be a low priority of the current administration.

Still, the contributions made by both Angela and Keith Motley have been mighty and will have long-term benefits for the campus he led with grace and dignity through a difficult, but transformational decade. We thank them both for their service. - **Bill Forry**

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UMass President Marty Meehan, Dr J. Keith Motley and Angela Motley are shown at last Friday's unveiling ceremony at Motley Hall on the Dorchester campus of UMass Boston. The building, which houses roughly 1,000 students, opened in 2018.



Dr. J. Keith and Angela Motley unveiled the signage on the newly named residence hall alongside UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, Embrace Boston Executive Director Imari K. Paris Jeffries, and others.

Photos courtesy of UMass Boston

Off the Bench

Overheard at the Eire Pub

By James W. Dolan Reporter Columnist

"These are surely strange times we're living in, Mike, with Biden's faculties starting to slip and Trump long over the edge. Do you think we'll ever get back to what was once considered normal?"

"To tell you the truth, Pat, I can't remember when that was. Things are so screwed up today with conflict, drugs, crime, guns, and political stalemate; it seems that whatever was holding us together as a country is slipping. When the last time you felt confident about the future?

"With all the problems we have here at home, how can we be expected to deal sensibly with what's going on with Russia and China. We can't afford to stumble into a conflict leading to a nuclear confrontation. War never was a rational option. With today's weapons, it's insanity.

The 'Troubles' we experienced in the old country were bad enough but insignificant when compared with what we face today."

"I sometimes fear, Mike, that we don't have the capacity to properly assess the consequences of the risks we take or the restraint necessary to avoid conflict. I love Joe Biden even though at 80 he may becoming a little daffy. I'll take daffy over nuts any

day.

"What about today's immigration crisis, Pat? As we know, in the 19th century, our Irish ancestors fled British oppression and the potato famine. How can we overlook the plight of those at the southern border fleeing deprivation and oppression? We can't take them all, but we could at least try to improve conditions in the Latin American countries from which they came.

"Are 'all men created equal; life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; love thy neighbor and the common good' only for a few? Or goals, probably unattainable, that mankind should nevertheless try to achieve."

"It seems to me, Mike, that evolution is a two-way street. What we view as progress often has a down-side, adverse consequences often unanticipated. The fact we can innovate and accomplish more does not necessarily make us better people. We sometimes seem less tolerant and more self-centered."

Hearing this back and forth, Bart joins in: "What are you two fellas talking about, we're here to have a beer and talk some sports and you two sound like Face the Nation. There's enough confusion out there in the real world. We come to the pub to get away from all that and a few to get away from our wives. "If I wanted the news, I'd turn on MSNBC or in a weak moment, Fox. I'm here to forget about all that for a while and I'm having to listen to a seminar on what's wrong with us. I can get that at home.

"Let's be practical. After my last argument with my wife, I came up with a new way to apologize. Instead of asking for forgiveness. I say, with all sincerity, 'I'm sorry that happened.' Sounds like an apology but it isn't. You haven't acknowledged any blame. Works like a charm!"

"Good advice, Bart! I guess me and Pat got carried away. There ain't much we can do to solve the ills of the world, but we sometimes like to think we could do better than those in charge. It's probably hopeless but at the bar we can at least speculate."

"Hey, Jack! Another Guinness for Bart here, so we can raise a glass to futility."

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.

Commentary

Getting ready for the next pandemic

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

I was wondering when we'd start having retrospective discussions on lessons learned from our bout with Covid 19. My first such invitation came from the Boston Public Health Commission for a program on "Advancing Health Equity in Boston: Building on Lessons Learned from the Covid-19 Pandemic" that was held on April 26.

I was curious to see if the end of the pandemic would be acknowledged. It didn't need to be. Of the 150 or so attendees at this forum, almost entirely made up of public health professionals, only eight people wore masks, so I'd say that those in the know have determined that it's over.

I've gone to hundreds of health care forums during my 42-year career in the health field. Though much of the information delivered in this forum is widely known, the speakers provided an excellent contextual framework for understanding why Covid had a greater impact among certain groups, what was done (or not) to improve outcomes, and what needs to happen to improve outcomes next time we face a pandemic. It was a good start for a much broader discussion that would include the science of virology and the medical and social impacts of pandemics.

One of the key findings was that public health reductions in the last few decades at both the state and national level left us unprepared. There were thousands fewer staff left in place to fight a public health emergency like Covid, and the national pandemic office was actually eliminated before the pandemic began. It was disclosed that a national lab set up to deal with Covid was staffed with just three people.

Beyond infrastructure, the economic necessities of a country in crisis caused certain individuals to be classified as essential workers. They tended to be lower income people of color who were

more likely to get the virus because their jobs required them to work in public locations. The result was a far greater impact on those populations.

The forum had presentations on remarkable community efforts in Chelsea, in Roxbury, and in the Haitian community that worked to alleviate the impact of Covid when it was clear that state actions were not sufficiently helping. Leaders in these communities combined political action with providing basic services and built collaborations with medical programs that allowed their communities to trust the services being provided. Their presentations received a standing ovation.

It was also acknowledged that the impact of Covid went far beyond the virus, that we are dealing with a serious mental health crisis across our country and the world, and that students in low-income communities fell far behind in their education, losses that may take years to overcome, if ever.

Did we learn anything that will enable us to better handle our next pandemic?

Those in health care saluted the resilience of our communities, especially lower income communities, and noted that the pandemic opened a door to figuring out how to collaborate with these communities in improving health outcomes. This becomes especially important as we acknowledge the mental health needs across our communities, something that was largely ignored before the pandemic.

The pandemic also gave great credence to the impact of the social and economic determinants of health and created a greater willingness to talk about race and structural racism, the idea of reparations, and equity in housing and education.

Massachusetts benefitted from having a robust system for recording vaccinations, which made it easier to keep track of vaccination rates for Covid. The state also greatly expanded data capability, such as with measuring disease in wastewater to predict viral surges, an essential component for measuring health.

I was impressed with the forum. The speakers gave a clear overview of what they learned from the pandemic, and the issues we still face. These include maintaining and growing public health infrastructure, building on the partnerships and collaborations that allow for better health care in our communities, providing greater access to behavioral health services, and supporting efforts that decrease income inequality as a path to better health in low-income communities.

But talk is, well, just talk, and America seems to forget its lessons learned rather quickly. In the next few months, 300,000 Massachusetts residents currently getting Medicaid will be removed from this insurance, forcing many of them into much poorer and higher costing insurance via the "Connector." Other pandemic benefits such as support of families with children have ended, or soon will. The end of the child tax credit payments last year greatly increased child poverty. And this is happening at a time when Massachusetts is flush with cash. Imagine what will happen when Massachusetts



Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Boston's Commissioner of Public Health, spoke at the health equity conference on March 26.

BPHC photo

finances turn downward.

We don't have to return to the pre-pandemic status quo. The pandemic taught us that we need a new vision for how health care is delivered if we want better health outcomes. Massachusetts needs to evolve our market-based system focused on disease toward a health-based system focused on prevention and collaboration. Let's use the trauma of the pandemic as a call to action. Let's acknowledge that our current system has major problems and begin a process to create a new model of health care focused on community, collaboration, prevention, and equity. I guarantee we'll be better prepared

Bill Walczak is the former president/ CEO of Codman Square Health Center. His column appears regularly in the Reporter.

You can honor our fallen workers by working at protecting others

By GALEN BLANTON SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

In 2021, 5,190 workers died on the job across the United States, including 97 workers in Massachusetts. Each day, 14 people suffer work-related deaths.

These numbers remind us of the dangers many workers face. Behind them are people who mourn each loss. For them, they are their loved ones: parents, children, siblings, relatives, friends, co-workers.

For those left behind, the day on which they lost their loved one becomes a sad anniversary. Graduations, birthdays, anniversaries, and other special times are forever tainted.

To pay tribute to those whose jobs claimed their lives, in Massachusetts and elsewhere, we commemorate Workers Memorial Day on April 28. It gives all of us an opportunity to pause and join those families, friends, and co-workers in recalling those who suffered work-related injuries and illnesses and recognize the grief that their survivors face in the days, months, and years after.

Workers Memorial Day also reminds us that more must be done to prevent workplace deaths and injuries. For those of us at the US Department of Labor

and, specifically, its Occupational Safety and Health Administration, this annual commemoration reinforces our commitment to developing and enforcing standards and initiatives to safeguard workers and guide employers as they work to provide safe workplaces.

Remember, we all have a role to play in making sure that our nation's workplaces do not endanger our safety and health. If you see people exposed to workplace dangers, don't ignore your concerns. Alert the employer or contact your local OSHA office here in Massachusetts or a law enforcement agency.

Demand that the stores you frequent, the companies that get your business, and those you hire don't endanger the people they employ. If they do, take your business to those who respect their workers' rights at a safe and healthy workplace. Don't put profit ahead of the lives of the people who help them

On Workers Memorial Day 2023, we remembered those who didn't return home after work and committed ourselves to making sure that no one is forced to trade a life for a paycheck.

Galen Blanton is the OSHA Regional Administrator in Boston, covering New England.

Looking Up Longfellow Street

Councillors took a walk on residents who asked for help

By Edward M. Cook Special to the Reporter

Just as maddening to residents of our neighborhood is the lack of support by our city government – in this case, the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), district Councillor Frank Baker, and At-large Council members Michael Flaherty, Erin Murphy, Julia Mejia, and Ruthzee Louijeune – in a matter involving a ZBA hearing held to consider the request of a developer to excuse eight zoning violations on his proposal to build a three-family building at No. 17 Longfellow St. This is a property zoned as an abutter's lot, that is, a lot too small to build on.

The city had sold many of these toosmall lots to abutters several decades ago – No. 17 was sold to the owners of No. 19, for example. Abutter's lots were intended for building additions to existing houses on a contiguous lot; for added off-street parking; or for additional yard space for lawns, gardens, etc.

The developer held two zoom meetings with residents of Longfellow Street and the residents held a separate meeting among themselves to consider the proposed development. The clear consensus of the residents was that a three-family house was too large for the lot (as confirmed by the zoning board violations: too little room on the sides, too little space in front and back, too tall in relation to other houses, etc.) And it was zoned for no new building!

The residents as a group were willing to support a one- or two-family house but not a three-family dwelling.

Before the April 12 hearing, the res-

idents conducted a letter writing and phone calling campaign aimed at the city councillors mentioned above. In addition, the Greater Bowdoin/Geneva Neighborhood Association (GBGNA) voted to support the residents and wrote a letter opposing the approval of the variances. The point of these communications was to seek the support of the councillors in opposing the zoning variances sought by the developer.

It is common for councillors or their staffers to speak at ZBA hearings or to write letters in support of or in opposition to requests for variances.

Along with two Longfellow residents, three city councillors—Baker, Flaherty, and Murphy— attended the hearing. None of them spoke on the variances, and the representative of the developer wrongfully claimed that the GBGNA supported the request for variances. One member of the board completely missed the point in dismissing the appeals of the residents, saying, "There are other three-deckers on Longfellow Street already."

Once again, we are left in the lurch. None of the city councillors returned calls or emails other than form-letter responses, saying "we received your email." None showed up to support the residents of Longfellow Street or give a reason for their absence.

One councillor even called one of the residents who attended the ZBA hearing asking for a contribution to her campaign. I felt like I'd been kicked in the stomach. I sent the same message to the ZBA and the five councillors.



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Three approaches in play for Mattapan Square re-design

By Seth Daniel News Editor

City officials are shopping around three conceptual designs for a planned re-configuration of Mattapan Square – including one with center-running bus lanes and parallel parking – and expect to have decisions made by the fall.

In a series of meetings over the last month, held as part of the Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan process, officials have been showing off the design options, one of which includes making no changes to Mattapan Square's existing traffic and parking scheme.

"We'd like to have a good sense by the end of the summer what peoples' thoughts are and the range of opinions and home in on a concept design by the end of the summer," said Charlotte Fleetwood, of the Boston Transportation Department (BTD).

"If we can decide about the parking, and if there's a major change in what we would do with the entire space around that, that would be enough to get us to a concept and then a final design," she added.

The critical elements in the plan include whether to keep the hallmark angle parking situation, which would retain all the existing street parking and the current sidewalk configuration. Another option would be to move to parallel parking and lose some parking spaces but gain more sidewalk space for street trees and amenities like benches and bicycle lanes.



This rendering gives a rough idea of one of three concepts being shopped around the community right now for Mattapan Square. While this rendering includes adding a bus lane and switching to parallel parking, others consist of having no center bus lane and keeping angled parking (existing conditions), or adding a center bus lane and keeping angled parking. The BTD hopes to have a concept consensus formed by the end of the summer to be able to move on with a final design.

Rendering courtesy BTD

Though some parking would be lost, it has been pointed out that two municipal parking lots are located within the square.

A second decision would be whether to add the center-running bus lane, but only in Mattapan Square at this point. The Blue Hill Avenue process is one large project, and center-lane buses are being considered throughout, but Mattapan Square planning has been moving separately with the BTD and Consult LeLa surveying the community about specific plans that are different from the rest of the

Avenue corridor – such as the angled parking.

The square is also separate in that it comes out of a much older process, one that began in 2017 with the city's Age Strong program and focused on pedestrian safety for senior citizens.

In sum, the three options in play include: (a) No bus lane and keep angled parking (existing conditions); (b) Add a center bus lane and keep angled parking; (c) Add a center bus lane and go to parallel parking.

As far as the rest of the corridor goes with the center-lane

bus, BTD officials said they are "committed to a block-by-block strategy." That means there could be a center bus lane in Mattapan Square, but not one farther up by the railroad bridge. There does not have to be a continuous bus lane from Mattapan Square to Grove Hall, they said.

One thing that's certain in the design is the providing of a crosswalk at the southern end of the square from River Street to the Mattapan Station Plaza that would eliminate the need to cross over 16 lanes of traffic and several streets. A second certainty is the elimination of the bus loop that requires buses going southbound into Mattapan Station to traverse a "loop" into Milton and then back into the square. The new design will allow a left turn into the station from southbound Blue Hill Avenue for buses only.

Even if there are no major changes to parking or the center bus lane, the city is committed to an infrastructure project on Blue Hill Avenue that will focus on items like sidewalks, underground utilities, signal timing/phasing, and pedestrian crossing improvements.



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PLAN: Mattapan is front and center; BPDA board to take it up next week

(Continued from page 1) dents in the years ahead.

A key part of the visioning seeks to make it easier for homeowners to add accessory dwelling units (ADUs) to their property, be they small backyard houses or units added to an existing home that can provide extra income or allow for senior housing as part of an intergenerational household.

"Mattapan is a place that is uniquely positioned to be host to a kind of growth, a kind of gentle density that has a possibility of not only unlocking more opportunities for intergenerational living in the neighborhood, but also, through the addition of ADUs, increase the value of Mattapan homeowners' homes," said Arthur Jemison, Mayor Wu's chief of planning and the head of BPDA

Sixty-eight percent of Mattapan residents are Black or African American, and 34 percent of the neighborhood is foreign-born, or not US citizens. Some 43 percent of homes in Mattapan are valued at less than \$400,000, compared to 23percent in Boston overall.

The neighborhood also has a higher owner-occupancy rate, 38 percent, than the citywide average of 35 percent. And Black homeowners make up 36 percent of the neighborhood's owner-occupants, higher than the citywide average of 28 percent.

The plan recommends a zoning feasibility study aimed at learning how to responsibly implement ADUs. Adriana Lasso-Harrier, a planner with the BPDA, sought to underscore that backyard ADUs will not be implemented "from the get-go." The study will look at how they fit into Mattapan backyards, she said at the online meeting.

BPDA officials also will work with counterparts in Mayor Wu's office of housing to develop financial assistance programs for homeowners interested in building an ADU.

PLAN: Mattapan also calls for new crosswalks within the neighborhood to bolster pedestrian safety, and it envisions a "10-minute neighborhood," meaning more businesses and services throughout the area, closer to where people live.

First released last October, the plan recommends more green space and more tree canopy along corridors such as Blue Hill Avenue, and zoning changes that would allow for increased density and mixeduse development in Mattapan Square. During community meetings, residents also called for more frequent removal of trash and snow, and better maintenance of storefronts.

The BPDA board meeting, set to take place online, is currently scheduled for next Thursday (May 11). If the plan is approved, BPDA officials can

implement the recommendations while working with city agencies, as well as outside agencies like the MBTA, to bring the plan to fruition.

Noting that four out of every five Mattapan transit riders use an MBTA bus, Plan: Mattapan calls for more reliable service, with dedicated bus lanes introduced to Blue Hill Avenue, Warren Street, Malcolm X. Boulevard, and Columbus Avenue, which serve routes 28, 29, 31, and routes 30 and 31 upgraded to "high-frequency" service. Additionally, one bus route to run directly between Mattapan Square and the Longwood Medical Area

Since Mattapan sometimes serves as a cut-through for commuter traffic, the plan recommends express bus service between cities and towns south of Boston and the LMA, and an expansion of service between the medical area and JFK/UMass MBTA Station.

"Over 20 percent of vehicles passing through Mattapan Square on weekday mornings are destined for LMA, Jamaica Plain, and Roxbury, areas with job opportunities but limited highway access and poor crosstown bus connectivity," the plan notes.

As for rapid transit, the plan takes a look at the Fairmount Line, a commuter rail track



An example of an accessory dwelling unit, a type of housing that Boston planning officials are hoping to see more of in Mattapan. Image via BPDA

that runs from South Station through Dorchester and Mattapan to Hyde Park. It sees the line as electrified so that it can run trains every 10 to 15 minutes, with stations added at River Street and Columbia Road. A south entrance would also be added to the existing Morton Street Station, along with a new pedestrian bridge.

As for the Mattapan trolley line, which is due for an overhaul of its stations and a shift away from its historic cars to the light rail vehicles now in use on the Green Line, the plan recommends that the MBTA consider extending the Mattapan Line to Readville and perhaps beyond.

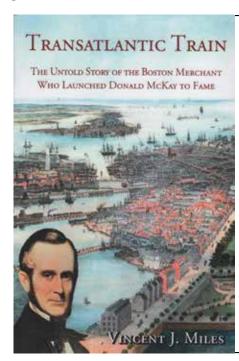
All this is coming into play as several concurrent and related

efforts are underway: • The city's transportation department is undertaking its own "action plan" for the Blue Hill Avenue corridor, which stretches three miles from Mattapan Square to Grove Hall. Design work is planned throughout 2023, with construction set to start in late 2024.

• Cummins Highway, a top location for crashes in the city, is also seeing reconstruction through the addition of shade trees, better street lighting, bike lanes, and sidewalks.

 The Public Works Department is reconstructing River Street's sidewalk, and the Transportation Department has downsized the intersection of Babson Street and Mildred Avenue, close to the K-8 school and the community center, in order to slow down speeding cars and heighten drivers' visibility of pedestrians.

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Pine Street adds senior preference, subtracts units in Comfort Inn bid

(Continued from page 1) (BPDA), which is weighing approval of the project, which could go before the BPDA's board at its May 11 meeting.

She said that the nonprofits have brought the number of units inside the former hotel down to 99, from the initially proposed 105 to 110 units, while noting that the average annual income of each resident would be \$10,776, that there will be background checks to screen out violent and dangerous applicants, and that the facility would have round-theclock security.

About 130 people attended Monday's virtual meeting, one of the half dozen held to date on the proposal. They have been a mix of virtual and in-person, with neighborhood civic associations hosting meetings that attracted large groups of opponents of the project.

At this latest session, opponents appeared un-



A site map prepared by Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders, the two nonprofits seeking to revamp the Comfort Inn at 900 Morrissey Blvd., shows the site in question and the surrounding neighborhood. The proposal could go before the BPDA's board at its next meeting on May 11.

moved by the changes made by the proponents. John Lyons, president of the Port Norfolk Civic Association, said the size of the project remains unprecedented for the area. He noted its proximity to the Murphy K-8

School, Pope John Paul II Academy, Garvey Park, and Tenean Beach. "I just don't think it's appropriate to approve something of this scale," he said. "It's not fair to stick this in this neighborhood."

Supporters pointed out that most Pine Street properties are within 1,500 feet of educational facilities for children and preschoolers and Downie said there have been no issues with any of these institutions with residents of Pine Street facilities.

"Ido appreciate they've come back with a different plan, but I'm not so sure it's going to work,"

said John Schneiderman, president of the Pope's Hill Neighborhood Association.

He also directed comments toward supporters of the project who were at the virtual meeting, including people who live in other parts of Dorchester. He said they had a right to back the project, "but you don't live here. You might feel different if you did live here. I'm not sure, but that's how I feel."

Carl Nagy-Koechlin, an Ashmont-Adams resident who raised money for Pine Street Inn as part of a cross-country bicycle trip he took with his son Josh, was among the supporters at the meeting.

"We have a homeless crisis that is really a national disgrace," he said. "I feel we're part of that disgrace and deserve some responsibility for it if we stop projects like this from moving forward.'

Sheila Dillon, Mayor Wu's chief of housing, stressed at the meeting that the city needs more permanent supportive housing for its homeless population, and that larger projects are underway in Boston's Back Bay and Jamaica Plain. "Your comments are still very important to us and they are shaping this proposal," she said.

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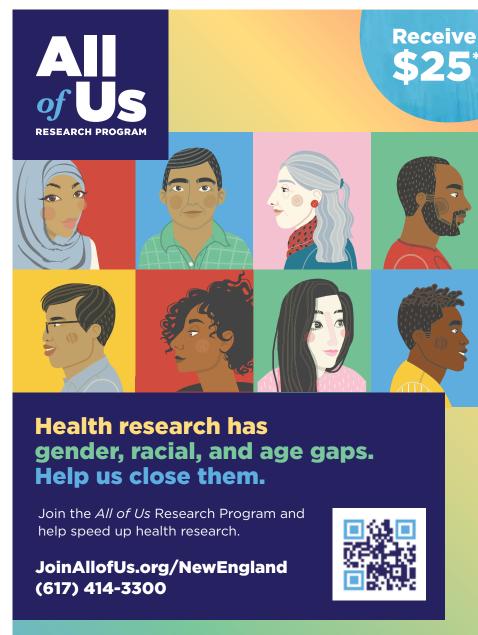






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UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may netting the Court

Denis Kennedy. Mother of Anne Kennedy Speidel and her husband, Robert of Forest, Virginia, Kathleen Kennedy of Toulouse, France, Mary Gabrielle Kennedy and her husband, Brian Kendrew of East Bridgewater, Patrick Kennedy and his wife, Linda of Braintree, Denis Kennedy and his wife, Nana of Newburyport and the late Michael J. Kennedy. Also survived by seven grandchildren as well as many nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends in the U.S., Ireland and England. Donations in memory of Mary may be made to Norwell Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice, 120 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061 or to Quincy Animal Shelter. 440 R East, Squantum St.,



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SERRA, Jean M. (Ochs), 82, of Dorchester. Daighter to the late Mary L. and Raymond F. Ochs. Wife of the late BFD Capt. Anthony "Tony" Serra. Jean is survived by three daughters and one son, Donna Kenney



and her husband Patrick of Milton; Jean Marie Serra and her husband David Connolly of Milton; Lisa M. Cabrera and her husband Peter of Milton; and Anthony J. Serra, Jr., and his wife Jillian of Pembroke; eight grandchildren; two great grandchildren; her sister Geraldine Peterson of E. Bridgewater and brother James Ochs of W. Roxbury; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.



SHURIS, Laura Jean (Egan) of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of Robert A. Shuris. Daughter of the late Joseph and Patricia Egan. Mother of Brianne Kelly (Michael Wolde-Grover) of Braintree and Michael Kelly (Jaime Boucher) of Taunton. "Ma" of 3. Step-mother of Robert Shuris Jr. & Joseph Shuris of Quincy. Laura is also survived by her siblings Jacqueline (Michael) Sullivan of Dorchester, Justine Wedge of Canton, Michael (Joanne) Egan of Braintree, Patricia Toppa of Melbourne, FL, Eileen Ellard (Michael Barnett) of Abington and Brian (JoAnn) Egan of Braintree and the late Joseph Egan Jr., Sharon Egan, John Toppa and Roger Wedge. She was the loving "auntie" to many nieces and nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
FOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET 24 NEW CHARDON STREET
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. SU23P0931GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
DEXTER JONES
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all oth

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Developmental Services of Boston, MA in the above captioned of bostoff, with it the above captioner matter alleging that Dexter Jones is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Dana Jones of (or some other suitable person be appointed as Guardian to serve Withou Surety on the bond.

return date of Us/Iz6/IZ023. In its day is NU in a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance i you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter withou

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person's right to make decisions abou personal affairs or financial affairs or both The above-named person has the right to asl The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this reques 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 of the court of t

Date: April 27, 2023

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.

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 eturn date of 05/26/2023. This day is NO 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.

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named

tne 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.

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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0145CA IN THE MATTER OF: EDWIN PEREZ, JR.

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Edwin Perez, Jr. of Boston, MA request ing that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Edwin Matranga IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for ourposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/24/2023 This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 24, 2023

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0183CA IN THE MATTER OF: AIDAN THEODORE PREW

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Aidan Theodore Prew of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Aidan Theodore Bliss **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for ourposes of objecting to the pe-ition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **05/11/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 12, 2023

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE and FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Docket No. SU21P2226PM
ESTATE OF: EDUARDO HENRY

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settle-ment** has been filed by Public Guardian Services, LLC of Braintree, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Com plete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. 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 returr

atthis Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/18/2023.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 18, 2023

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BGCD April School Vacation No-Bake Cooking Class with Volunteers Judy M. & Aimee S.: See details below.

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No-Bake Cooking Class with
Volunteers Judy M. & Aimee S.:
During the April School Vacation Week,

During the April School Vacation Week, volunteers Judy Marlinski and BGCD Board Member Aimee Southworth stopped by Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester to run a series of No-Bake Cooking Classes with our members.

The participating members created dips, hummus and salsa and utilized fresh vegetables to taste their creations. In addition, each member was supplied a planter, dirt and seeds to create their own flowers/vegetables at home. A big thank you to Judy and Aimee for hosting this class and joining us for the day. Our members love spending time with wonderful volunteers like you! To learn more about volunteering at BGCD, please contact Sarah Senter at ssenter@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: Celebrating 20 Years of BGCD's **Walter Denney Youth Center in** Harbor Point: On April 26th, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester held a community celebration in honor of the 20th Anniversary of the Walter **Denney Youth Center. The Harbor Point** Community came together with BGCD members and staff for a fun evening of activities that included dance performances by BGCD members. creating beautiful flower pots, enjoying some delicious ice cream, and more. Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate, and to all who have supported the Denney Center these past 20 years. We are so excited to be celebrating this milestone and look forward to many more years of growing with you all.

To learn more about the Denney Center, please contact Queenette Santos at qsantos@bgcdorchester.org.



Celebrating 20 Years of BGCD's Walter Denney Youth Center in Harbor Point: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD Gears Up for Summer
Career Prep Program with Youth
Employment & Opportunity Office:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester recently attended the Summer Job Fair hosted by our employment partner, the City of Boston's Youth Employment & Opportunity Office. The Club is currently interviewing the many candidates who have already applied to be part of the Summer Staff in 2023 and we are preparing a full array of training prior to the start of the Summer program.

Many thanks to the Liberty Mutual Foundation for their support of BGCD's Power Forward program.

For more information on the Career Prep Jobs component of the Power Forward program please reach out to Chad Hassey at chassey@ bgcdorchester.org. **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CAI Exhibit Event at MFA
May 12

Elevate Youth Fishing Trip May 13

New England Women's Leadership Awards May 15 Learn more: bgcdorchester.org/NEWLA

Ron Burton Training Village Retreat Day

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Open Streets' shutdowns return to Dorchester on Sept. 17

porarily shut down Dorchester Avenue to

"Open Streets," last traffic and opened it up to year's event that tempedestrians, is scheduled pedestrians, is scheduled to return on Sun., Sept. 17. The shutdown will

stretch a little over a mile between Fields Corner and Ashmont.

City Hall officials have

shortened the length from last year's extent, which ran from Dot Ave. at Freeport Street to

Gallivan Boulevard with activities petering out around Ashmont Station.

The festival will also return to Centre Street in Jamaica Plain on Sun., June 25, and Sat., July 15, along Blue Hill Avenue near the Dorchester/ Roxbury border.

Two more dates and neighborhoods, Allston-Brighton (Sat., Aug. 19, on Harvard and Brighton Avenues) and East Boston (Sun., Oct. 16, on Meridian and Bennington Streets) have been added, too.

The streets will close at 9 a.m., with activities starting at 10 a.m. and lasting until 3:30 p.m.

"You can expect to see, across the board, food trucks, art installations, performances, and fun and games for residents of all ages and generations," Mayor Wu said at an announcement Tuesday of this week in Allston with Jascha Franklin-Hodge, the chief of streets, and Segun Idowu, chief of economic opportunity, by her side..

Face painting, balloon animals, and crafts are among the programs on tap, with Shana Bryant Consulting returning as the implementing contractor for Open Streets.

A separate but similar event, which shuts down Newbury Street in the Back Bay, starts in July

and runs through every Sunday to Oct. 15.

"Open Streets is an exciting opportunity to help residents meet new friends, connect small business owners with new life-long customers, and weave neighborhoods together in a family-friendly celebration for everyone to enjoy," Idowu said.

In a separate event, Dorchester Avenue will also close for a few hours on Sun., June 4, for the annual Dorchester Day Parade. The parade begins at 1 p.m. from Richmond Street in Lower Mills and ends at Columbia Road. Large sections of the roadway are typically closed from roughly 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A road race, which starts and ends at the Blarney Stone in Fields Corner, precedes the parade.

Another event that will close a section of the avenue comes on Sat., July 15. The Boston Little Saigon Cultural District's Night Market (Cho Dem) will be back again this year after a very successful inaugural event in Fields Corner last summer. Festivities will take place from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on blockedoff Dorchester Avenue between Park and Adams streets.

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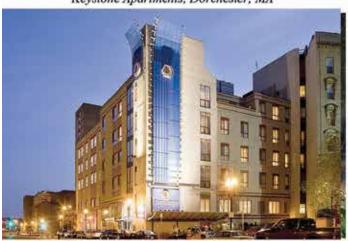
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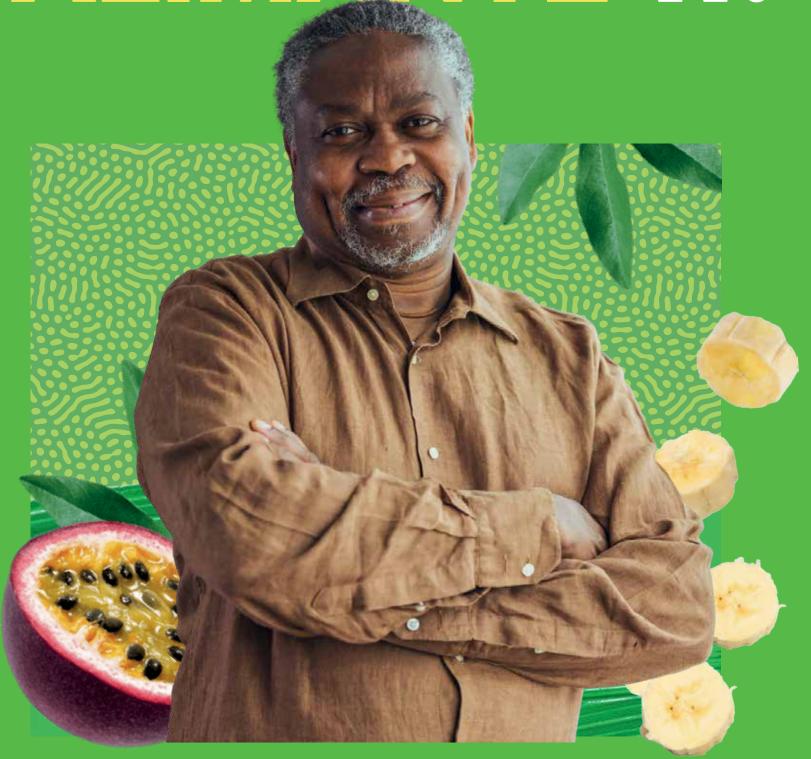
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