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'PLAY BALL'



Hundreds of young people kicked off the Dorchester Baseball Little League and Babe Ruth seasons on Saturday morning with a parade along the boardwalk to McConnell Park where the first pitches were thrown, and a new season got underway. *Seth Daniel photos*

Dorchester Baseball kicks off '24 season

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Sunny skies on Saturday morning greeted hundreds of young hopefuls ready to swing into another season of Dorchester Baseball Little League on the diamonds in the parks around the neighborhood.

From the little ones in the Farm League, to the older boys in the Babe Ruth league, hundreds of players with their gloves in hand marched from Malibu Beach along the boardwalk in Savin Hill to a newly renovated field at McConnell Park. There, they were greeted by league co-presidents Charlie Maneikis and Mike Manning, along with Mayor Wu, City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, District 3 Councillor John FitzGerald and other elected officials.

"Baseball is the sport that led the way in breaking down racial barriers in sports, and at Dorchester (Continued on page 10)



Ryker Rothwell and Cian McCormack, both members of the Farm League, were ecstatic to start their baseball careers on Saturday morning.

An aesthetics center for Adams Village

BY CASSIDY MCNEELEY
REPORTER STAFF

A medical aesthetics center called Boston X will inject itself into the Adams Village business district this month with hopes of meeting clients' needs in a neighborhood of Boston underserved by services like IV hydrations and Botox treatments.

The new enterprise, owned by longtime nurse and Dorchester resident Nicole Flaherty, will be situated on Adams Street between Blasi's Kitchen and Bar and the soon-to-be-open Chubbs Taco and Tequila Bar. Flaherty plans to open on Thurs., May 16.

"Right now, the hospital is a really hard place to be, and there's a lot of burnout," said Flaherty, who



Nicole Flaherty will open her medical aesthetic business, Boston X, in Adams Village on May 16. *Cassidy McNeeley photo*

works at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. "Things changed once Covid happened. As a nurse practitioner, you're giving a lot of bad news and don't always see the happy moments. They call you in when things aren't going well."

Flaherty earned received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Northeastern University and then earned her master's at Boston College. For the past 18 years, she has been at Beth Israel but realized around her 40th birthday that she was ready for some new "X-periences."

Flaherty, who recently received her medical aesthetic certificate from Boston College, said that

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City plots redesign of Columbia Road; bus lane options up for discussion

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

City officials are gearing up to redesign a 2.4 mile stretch of Columbia Road from Kosciuszko Circle to Franklin Park and they say they want the communities along the corridor to be front and center when questions like "bus lane or not?" are being considered.

The conceptual design for the roadway, which Boston Transportation Department (BTD) leaders describe as a "pseudo-highway," calls for more of a tree-lined road with an emphasis on serving those who use the bus.

"Center running or any such dedicated bus lane is on the table if the community wants that," said BTD Project Manager Xavier Lopez.

Vineet Gupta, the agency's director of Transportation Policy, emphasized that a push for any sort of bus lanes – as were introduced in the Blue Hill Avenue redesign this year during a controversial, years-long discussion – would have to come from the community. The city, he said, would not be pressing for them.

"The answer to that is we don't know yet," Gupta said. "We want to make sure it's a collective deci-

Diversions set along Red Line

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Mattahunt center, pool reopen to great acclaim from the neighborhood

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The long-awaited re-opening of the renovated Mattahunt community center and pool drew an enthusiastic crowd of neighbors and officials, including Mayor Wu, to the city-owned facility off of Cummins Highway last Thursday (April 25).

"I don't like how it turned out, I love how it turned out," said Robert Jenkins, a longtime Mattapan resident who was relieved that a four-year wait for the improved center was over.

"It's an awesome feeling to see everyone together from the neighborhood and all the energy that brings," he said. "It's nice to see the collaboration between Boston Public Schools and BCYF (Boston Centers for Youth and Families)."

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Bayside Expo sign belongs to the ages

A 42-year-old Dorchester man was shot and killed near the corner of Blue Hill Avenue and Fremont Street in Mattapan on Saturday morning around 4:45 a.m., according to Boston Police. The victim – later named as George Deeble – was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead. He was the first murder victim in Boston since a woman was killed in a murder-suicide at the Moxy Hotel in the Theater District on Feb. 26, and the third this year. Last year at this point, Boston had had 13 homicides.

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A man who was charged in Dorchester court in March with raping three underage teens was arraigned last week on additional charges, including child rape, videoing the girls in the act, and forcing them to sell drugs for him, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office reports. At his latest arraignment last Thursday in Dorchester Municipal Court, John Jamar Cokley, 38, was ordered held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing this week, the DA's office said. He had been free on \$25,000 bail following his March arraignment in the same court.

According to the DA's office and court records, Cokley was arraigned March 5 in Dorchester on charges of trafficking a person for sexual servitude, aggravated rape of a child, and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. He was released on the \$25k bail on April 16, with conditions that included home confinement except during weekday hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., when he could go to work, a ban on contact with anybody under 18 except his own child and a ban on social-media use.

He was arraigned Thursday on charges stemming from an incident on Feb. 13: Rape of a child with force, three counts of aggravated rape of a child, trafficking of a person for sexual servitude, posing a child in a sexual act, and causing a minor to distribute drugs, court records show.

According to the DA's office, Cokley victimized three teens he met on Instagram before sexually assaulting them in his vehicle, a white Honda Accord. Cokley is alleged to have given two of the teens money and drugs in exchange for sexual activity and encouraged them to sell marijuana to their peers. "Cokley collected and profited from the proceeds," prosecutors said.

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Two letter carriers were held up in Dorchester last Friday morning (April 26), one of them on Mora Street around 11:15 a.m. A second carrier was confronted some ten minutes later a couple of blocks away, on Fuller Street, according to Universal Hub.

In the Mora Street case, the suspect appeared to have a gun. In the other instance, the robber tried to grab the mailman's master mailbox key, but failed to get it. In both cases, the robber got away in a white sedan.



The remaining elements of the Bayside Expo Center sign were dismantled and hauled away from its longtime home on Columbia Point last Thursday (April 25). Workers removed the top of the sign last April, but the three legs that supported the digital billboard were left in place. After complaints from abutters about its appearance and safety issues, its owner – UMass – sent in a crew to finish the job last week. The Expo site was built as a shopping center in 1966 before becoming an exhibition hall in 1982. The sign was erected that same year.

Bill Forry, Seth Daniel photos



DA Hayden fined \$5k for an ethics violation



Kevin Hayden

The state Ethics Commission last week fined Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden \$5,000 for the way his press office released material about his opponent during the 2022 campaign cycle.

In a "disposition agreement" signed by both Commission Executive Director David Wilson

and Hayden, the commission wrote that Hayden was wrong to let his office attack Ricardo Arroyo based on confidential records in the DA's office and wrong again in refusing to retract the statement.

At the time, Hayden was acting DA, having replaced Rachael Rollins after she was appointed US attorney, a position in which she also ran into ethical issues related to her support for Arroyo, which led to her ouster.

The commission said that Hayden should have intervened in his press office's actions, adding that he "knowingly or with reason to know used his official position as Suffolk DA to secure for

himself the substantially valuable unwarranted privilege of the use of the public resources of the DA's Office for his own personal political advantage in the Democratic

primary election."

The agreement concludes that, in addition to the fine, Hayden will not contest the findings in any legal proceedings.

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The 118th Dorchester Day Parade is set for Sun., June 2, at 1 p.m. (rain or shine) on Dorchester Avenue between Richmond Street and Columbia Road. See dotdayparade.org for more info.

DorchFest, Dorchester's version of "porchfest," returns for the third consecutive year on Sat., June 1, in the Ashmont-Adams neighborhood. See dorchfest.com for schedules and locations.

The city of Boston's **Open Streets series launches on Sun., May 5, on Dorchester Avenue** with a 1.1-mile car-free zone between Ashmont Street and Linden Street. The avenue closes at 9 a.m., with activities planned from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Find out more at boston.gov/open-streets.

The **Morrissey Boulevard Commission will meet in person this Thursday (May 2) at 6 p.m.** at BC High, 150 Morrissey Blvd., with virtual participation available via Zoom. This meeting, originally set for April 23, was re-scheduled due to "building maintenance" at the Cristo Rey School. At the meeting,

MassDOT says, "the study team will present a summary of background information being used to develop alternatives for future mobility and climate resiliency in the Morrissey Boulevard corridor." See DotNews.com for more info or visit the study mass.gov/k-circle-morrissey-study.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on recommendations for changes to the Citywide Additional Dwelling Unit (ADU) zoning policies on Wed., May 8, at 6 p.m. See bostonplans.org for details on how to join the meeting.

Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department, and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will host a **community meeting to explore options for the design of a new community center in the Grove Hall section of Dorchester** via Zoom on **Wed., May 15, at 6 p.m.** See Boston.gov/BCYF-Grove-Hall for more info.

The **Dorchester Historical Society and DotOUT present David and St. Russell,**

the "Renovation Husbands," at an in-person event as part of the society's annual meeting on **Sun., May 19, at 2 p.m.** at Boston Collegiate Charter School, 11 Mayhew St., Dorchester.

A **fundraiser at Florian Hall next Monday (May 6) will support Justice for Southwest Georgia**, a political organization that will get out the vote in 2024 in a critical swing state. The host committee is made up of local Democratic ward committees and elected officials past and present and chaired by former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick. The event is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Checks may be made payable to Justice for Southwest Georgia.

DotFest, a community carnival to benefit Dot House Health, will be held on Thurs., May 16, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the DotHouse gymnasium, with honorees Mary Rtuong, Nam Pham, and Jeff Hirsch. Go to DotFest.org to learn more.

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll will deliver the keynote address at UMass Boston's 56th

commencement ceremony on Thurs., May 23, on the UMass Boston Campus Center Lawn. Degrees will be conferred on approximately 3,757 undergraduates, graduate, and doctoral students in the Class of 2024. For more information on commencement, see umb.edu/commencement.

Haitian Heritage month will be celebrated in May with several events, including the annual Unity Parade on Blue Hill Avenue from Mattapan Square to Franklin Field, set for Sun., May 19, at 1 p.m. A flag raising and breakfast, hosted by Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, will be held on City Hall Plaza on May 17 at 10 a.m. And Haitian Americans United, Inc. will host a groundbreaking ceremony on Mon., May 20, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the future home of the Toussaint Louverture Cultural Center at Lovejoy Wharf next to North Station in Boston. See hauinc.org for more info.

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12-unit Gallivan conversion gets Cedar Grove civic okay

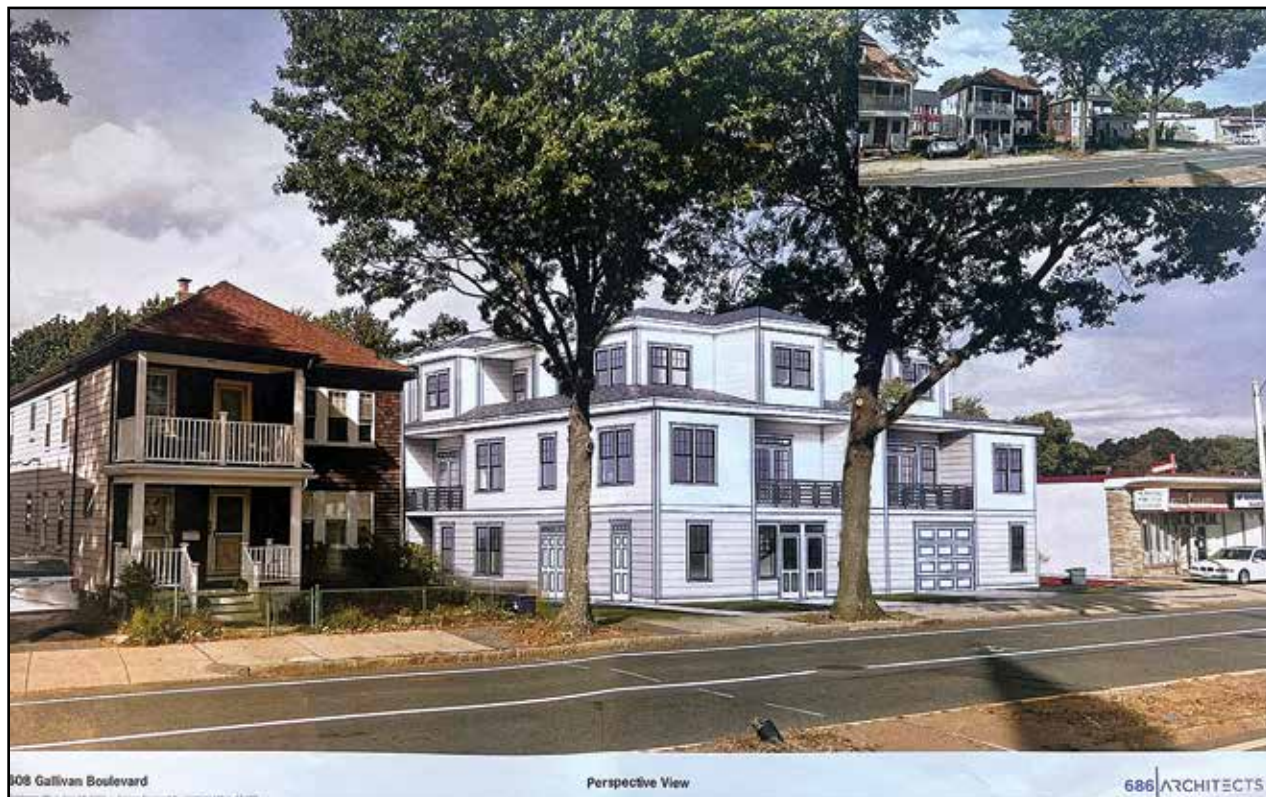
By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Staff

Members of the Cedar Grove Civic Association gave their unanimous approval to a developer's plan to convert an existing single-family house on Gallivan Blvd. into a 12-unit complex during a 55-minute meeting last Wednesday evening (April 24). The re-developed property at 608 Gallivan Blvd. across from St. Brendan's Church will also include green space and 20 basement-level parking spots accessed from a curb cut and entry on Gallivan.

"We understand that the units are going to be for sale, though the developer may hold some as rentals," said Steve Bickerton, Jr., president of the association. "I'm sure that decision will be dictated by market conditions at the time of the completion of the project."

As to the proposed 20 parking spaces, Bickerton called that "realistic given that the project is not transit oriented and it is a bit of a walk to the closest T station. We are aware that BPDA review might want the developer to reduce the number of spaces on site since there is a theory at BPDA that if projects don't have parking, the end users will not have cars.

"In our experience, that is not realistic, and the result ends up being that end users simply park their cars on the street. In this case, where street parking is nonexistent on Gallivan Blvd., the impacts would



Above, a rendering shows a proposed new, three-story, 12-unit building that would replace a single-family house at 608 Gallivan Blvd. Below: A site plan shows the location in relation to nearby Toohig Playground. Images courtesy 686 Architects

be on the surrounding side streets. For this reason, we hope that BPDA allows the developer to move forward with the 20 proposed spaces.

The three-story building will include a pair of two-bedroom units on the first floor, five two-bedroom units and a studio apartment on

the second level, and four two-bedroom units on the third, according to James Christopher of 686 Architects, who made a presentation to the group on behalf of the developer, Cronan Dempsey.

"It's going to take probably about a year to complete the permit and

then we will get into construction," said Christopher. "We're probably a year away."

The meeting was chaired by executive board member Lauren Woods and lasted roughly 55 minutes.

Abutter John O'Toole said that the community and Christopher have come a long way since the project was first pro-

posed. "We were miles and miles apart at the beginning," said O'Toole. "We had many meetings and they listened." He motioned for a vote which was unanimous in favor of going forward.

Executive board member Lauren Woods, who chaired the meeting, reminded Christopher that "if anything drastically changes in terms

of what you showed this neighborhood, you will come back to show everybody." He replied, "I will keep you guys informed; any big changes will come back to you."

O'Toole also offered updates regarding The Friends of St. Brendan group, which is nearing the end of its one-year plan to reinvigorate the congregation through increased attendance, offertory collections, and fundraising.

O'Toole reported that the goals of the 501(c)3 organization are being met thus far and said he is confident that with the 90th anniversary of the original parish approaching, fundraising and attendance will continue to flourish.

"We have new faces and new energy, and the Mass attendance has nearly doubled," O'Toole said.

BPD Officer Michael Keane was on hand to report that crime in the Cedar Grove area has been low recently. District 3 City Councillor John FitzGerald, who was also in attendance, was also on hand to discuss his first four months in office. "We're here to listen and hear from you guys," he told the group.

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Unions warn of impacts from Steward-Carney hospital crisis

Community forum held in St. Gregory's auditorium

By **CASSIDY MCNEELEY**
REPORTER STAFF

About 75 people attended a union-organized community forum about the ongoing crisis involving Steward Health Care and Carney Hospital last Thursday evening (April 26) at St. Gregory's parish auditorium in Lower Mills, where doctors, nurses and other health care professionals, along with patients and neighbors, spoke out about their concerns as the health care system faces the possibility of bankruptcy, a forced sale, or outright failure.

The union-backed coalition that organized the Dorchester event – Our Community-Our Hospital – includes representatives from the Massachusetts Nurses Association and 1199 SEIU. They held seven rallies and forums at or near Steward hospitals during last week.

“One thing many of us have in common is that we are hard-working people but sometimes it seems like hard work is not enough,” said Angel Howell, the associate director of New England United 4 Justice, who led the forum.

He added: “But when we fight...” to which the crowd loudly responded, “We win!”

Many in the audience wore bright purple shirts with the 1199 SEIU logo, and some of them chanted “Keep Carney in community.” Howell told them to chant loudly enough so it could be heard by Steward



Union activists organized a meeting and rally inside St. Gregory's auditorium last Thursday, April 25 to raise concerns about the future of Steward Health Care and Carney Hospital. About 75 people attended the event.
Cassidy McNeeley photo

CEO Ralph de la Torre “on his yacht.”

Asked Howell: “What is more important than our hospital and our health? The loss of another hospital would cause us to go far and lose time. Not only Dorchester but other communities will be affected.”

Dr. Erica Lee, a resident at Cambridge Health Alliance, spoke about how closing hospitals like Carney would affect her practice. “Short-staffing and shrinking bed crisis drastically limit the care my team can provide,” she said. “As a frontline healthcare worker, I am here today to stand with you all – patients, healthcare workers, and community across the commonwealth to demand that these beds stay open.”

Lee went on to explain

that she recently cared for a 14-year-old patient who sat in an emergency room for days after attempting to commit suicide. The lack of care this child received, she said, was a direct result of the lack of hospital beds available across the city.

Lee argued that Massachusetts can't afford to see the number of beds decrease any further. “Private equity and corporate greed have no place in our healthcare system. Healthcare is a public good, it's a human right,” she said. “When these for-profit institutions reach a crisis for their own mismanagement, they hold their entire healthcare system hostage.”

Lee called on the Healey-Driscoll administration to “do

what's right” and keep the hospital open. Many Carney employees, including Maryanne Murphy, who works in the radiology department, also want to see state legislators act.

“We shouldn't let this hospital close. I hope our legislators can do something to help us,” said Murphy. “Help us get your legislators involved so we can help you, so you don't have to go far to get the care you need.”

Murphy grew up across the street from Carney and has spent almost four decades working there. “I come here to work every single day because I want to. I want to make sure the patients are cared for. My co-workers are the best. From nurses to lab techs, to registration, each one of us is here for the community. What a

loss would it be. Where would you go for your healthcare?” she asked.

Another employee who hopes to see Carney stay open is Elaine Graves, a recovery room nurse who started in pediatrics more than 48 years ago.

“I've been at Carney for a long time, and I've taken care of a lot of patients and a lot of families. Where is everyone going to go? It affects everybody in so many ways,” said Graves. “People need to be taken care of and they need to be taken care of properly.”

The potential loss of thousands of union jobs in the Steward system has grabbed the attention of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, whose secretary-treasurer, Kevin Brouseau, attended the forum.

“We are forced here today because of the greed of a few, because of the mismanagement at the top, while all of you did your job,” he said.

Angel Howell then added: “There are a lot of people who have worked in this facility for a long time, who have built their whole livelihood around this and could now possibly lose it all.”

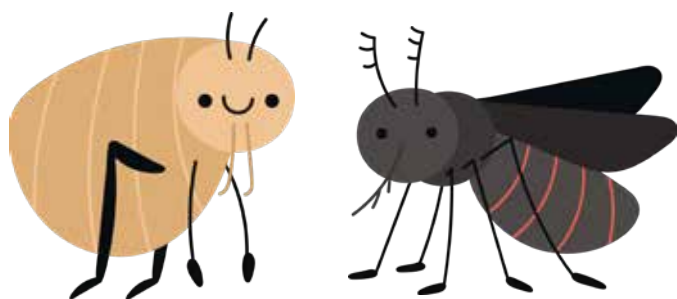
The union workers pointed to an online petition that calls for new ownership of the Steward hospitals. “This is the organism that we can't afford to lose,” said Howell. “Carney is a keystone, and we want to keep Carney in the community.”



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Landmark approval seen sure for Calf Pasture Pumping site

By TAYLOR BROKESH
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Boston Landmarks Commission took a step last week that was years in the making by approving an affirming study report on the Calf Pasture Pumping Station on Columbia Point. All that remains is a vote to officially designate the site, which is owned by the UMass Building Authority, as a Boston landmark.



The iconic Calf Pasture Pumping Station on Columbia Point. Boston Landmarks Commission photo
The iconic Calf Pasture Pumping Station on Columbia Point. Boston Landmarks Commission photo

“I would have to put this study into the category of ‘oldies-but-goodies,’” said commissioner Jeff Gonyeau, a Dorchester resident, at the April 23 hearing. “I think it’s further proof that while something can languish on our list for a while – decades, in some cases – that that does not make it less relevant than it was decades ago.”

The 141-year-old facility, which was in use until 1968, overlooks Dorchester Bay and consists of three buildings that, together, make up one of the country’s first effective sewerage systems. According to the report, which was released at the beginning of April,

the site “represents significant achievements in technology, social reform, and architectural design in the late 19th century.”

“I think this is a great thing that’s occurred,” said Earl Taylor, president of the Dorchester Historical Society. “I was one of the origi-

nal petitioners to get it designated as a Boston landmark.”

UMass Boston has expressed an interest in developing the site for campus use, but any effort in that regard would likely be limited, given the protections that come along with designation as

a Boston landmark.

However, Kathleen Kirleis, a UMass Boston representative who attended the hearing, expressed support for the landmark designation, saying, “we are prepared to be a partner with the Commission in preserving the history of the Calf Pasture Pump Station for the future.”

The university indicated that there will be developments – like a parking lot – on parts of the property.

“I’ve always found the commission to be quite reasonable in terms of accommodation to other plans and priorities,” the Historical Society’s Taylor said. “They don’t want to prevent other priorities from being accomplished. They just need to preserve the significant soil of our history.”

The commission’s approval of the report did not occur without reference to a *Reporter* story about a letter addressed to Mayor Wu on April 9, wherein all 16 volunteer commissioners criticized her for not giving them enough authority to carry out their state law-sanctioned responsibilities. Their long-time executive director, Rosanne Foley, was removed from her post by Wu ten days later.

“I applaud the staff for all their efforts to bring these reports to us and to push these processes forward, even though it could take a really long time, in some cases,” Gonyeau said. “And, were we adequately resourced, it would take a lot less time.”

Dot man given 92 months in murder-for-hire scheme

A federal judge last week sentenced Mohammed Chowdhury, 47, to 92 months in federal prison for trying to hire somebody to kill his wife after she kicked him out of their house and took up with another man - whom he also wanted to have killed.

Chowdhury’s initial killer for hire absconded with the money Chow-

dhury paid him, then contacted the FBI, which sent a trio of undercover agents to persuade Chowdhury to hire them instead.

He did, but only after trying to bargain them down from their initial \$10,000 price for each murder to just \$4,000 apiece, which he told them was all he could afford as a conve-

nience-store clerk. And he wanted to pay on the installment plan.

Chowdhury, a Bangladeshi immigrant who lives in Dorchester, pleaded guilty in January to two counts of using interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire.

In a sentencing memorandum, prosecutors called for a nine-year

sentence, saying that “Chowdhury checked every box necessary to arrange for his ex-wife’s and the new partner’s murders – that is, he satisfied every element of a murder-for-hire that would result in his ex-wife’s and new partner’s actual homicide – and only escaped commission of a capital crime because the contract killer he

hired was actually an undercover federal agent. Put simply, if ever there was a defendant deserving of a 108-month prison sentence, Chowdhury is it.”

Chowdhury’s attorney argued for a sentence of 87 months, saying that his client initially sought to hire the undercover agents merely to beat up his wife and her boy-

friend, and that it was the agents who kept pushing him toward murder.

Prosecutors disagreed, arguing: “Though the victims in this case were not, in fact, killed, the defendant’s conduct was extraordinarily serious, horrifying, and deserving of a significant sentence – specifically, nine years – of incarceration.”

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City plots redesign of Columbia Road; bus lanes options up for discussion

What's happening now – The Columbia Road Re-Design Kick-Off is set for Thurs., May 2, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Grove Hall Library. The setting is open house style.

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sion between the city and the community as we move forward. While we wouldn't yet rule out center-running bus lanes or any bus lanes, we'll let the community decide and if there is an appetite for that, we would consider it. We're not necessarily parachuting in with our own agenda on how Columbia Road looks five years from now."

The budget for the design work is at \$11 million right now, and once a design is finalized next year, the city will come up with a funding strategy that would likely use city, state, and federal resources, he said.

What is known is that in any redesign, a rehabilitated Columbia Road will have less of an emphasis on private vehicles and more of a focus on riders using bus routes 16, 17, and 41, cyclists, and pedestrians.

"Columbia Road now lends itself to private vehicle travel and not cyclists or people taking the 16 bus or even pedestrians walking. It isn't safe for those choosing other modes of transportation," said Lopez.



"There are 6,000 people per day using Route 16...and it will be a new high-frequency route with buses coming every 15 minutes or less seven days a week," he noted. "We want to keep these people taking the bus in mind."

Also on the to-do list: shorter distances for crosswalks and a substantial tree canopy so that

the entire stretch is more green and less concrete.

"Really, we see this as a major tree-lined corridor street and a front yard for folks that live along the corridor," said Lopez.

City Councillor Brian Worrell said he supports the investment and will be monitoring the process to see what the final design includes.

"A redesign and increased investment in Columbia Road are long overdue and I hope the designs ultimately center what residents have long called for, including pedestrian safety measures, beautification of the corridor, and increased tree canopy," he said. "We need to redesign our streets to slow down our cars and make sure

everyone using our streets is safe."

The Toole Design Group has won the contract as lead planning and design firm. Livable Streets Alliance will conduct the engagement process, along with partners like Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation, DS4SI of Uphams Corner, and Greyscale Collaborative. The local artist Jaypix Belmer will be a photographer for the effort.

As to a timeline, project partners will be ramping up through the rest of this year, with design efforts in full swing in the fall and wrapping up in the spring. However, like Blue Hill Avenue's improvement strategy, there will be short-term fixes that will start in late summer and early fall, Gupta said. They will include fixing potholes and crosswalks, targeted street repairs, sidewalk improvements, and streetlight maintenance.

An early action "tactical urbanism" project, likely some sort of art feature, will be community-led and will also come in the late summer or early fall.

Pressley and Rep. Worrell hold coffee chat at First Parish hall

By Taylor Brokesh Reporter Correspondent

US Rep. Ayanna Pressley and 5th Suffolk District state Rep. Chris Worrell hosted a "Coffee with the Congresswoman" event at First Parish Dorchester last Tuesday (April 23) where Pressley shared information about some of the projects she has taken on over her past five years in Congress.

After she was greeted with a standing ovation, Pressley talked about her work on the House Committee of Financial Services holding some of the biggest banks in the country accountable for their promises in 2020 to commit \$32.5 billion to "advance racial equity"



US Rep. Ayanna Pressley addresses the gathering. Taylor Brokesh photo

in the wake of the Black Lives Matter protests. She said she was pleasantly surprised to see that they were making some progress.

"Because banks have played a role in creating the racial wealth gap, I want to hold them accountable for being just as the harm was, in being just as precise in the healing," she said.

One of the main issues Pressley has focused on is housing, calling it "the first, second, and third priority." For a number of reasons, one being the partisanship of the House of Representatives in this current ses-

ion, Pressley said they have only been able to hold two hearings to date on affordable housing.

Pressley used the occasion to note that she was one of the first members of Congress to call for a ceasefire in Gaza and to reiterate her call for instituting a redesignation of temporary protected status to Haitians and provide humanitarian aid to the island nation during this period of political turmoil.

"If you believe Black lives matter, Haitian lives matter, too," Pressley said.


She answered several constituents' questions and promised that she or her staff would follow up with ones she couldn't




State Rep. Chris Worrell Seth Daniel photo

address at the event.

"They've taken away a lot of my in-district time because of the unpredictability and chaos in Congress right now," the congresswoman said. "But just know, you have my attention."



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Reporter's People News about people in and around our Neighborhoods



Calvin Davis's family members, friends, and city officials gathered in front of the medal stand on April 16 at the first annual Calvin Davis Relays. From left, Devon McGregor, Georgette Copeland-McGregor, Latanya Davis, Nisha Davis, Helen Davis, Trevor Garrick, Greg Holly, City's Chief of Operations Dion Irish, BPS Athletic Director Avery Esdaile, and Emanuel Davis-Gore (front).
Photos courtesy Joe Allen

Dot's Olympian hurdler Calvin Davis memorialized with track meet in his name

Boston Public Schools hosted the first Calvin Davis Memorial Relay Meet on April 16 in White Stadium. The inaugural event is named for Boston's Olympian champion, Calvin Davis, who attended the former Dorchester High School, now TechBoston Academy, and won the bronze

medal in the 400m hurdles at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, among his many feats in international and college competition.

He died at his home in Arkansas last year, and a memorial dinner was held in his honor in the Reggie Lewis Track and

Athletic Center last September.

Last month's meet featured a special presentation with his family present at the beginning of the meet. More than a dozen schools from Boston and beyond participated in the first Davis Relays.



Calvin Davis's mother, Helen Davis, showed off her late son's Olympic warm-up jacket from the 1996 Games in Atlanta.



Dorchester's Irene Santos Marroquin (front, right) and Mattapan's Christina Jean-Charles (back, right) both joined other Regis College students over spring break for the Civil Rights Pilgrimage trip to Alabama and Georgia. The two seniors and their classmates visited the historic city of Atlanta, as well as Birmingham, Montgomery, and Selma, Alabama. The group is shown here at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, where Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. presided as pastor for several years.
Photo courtesy Regis College

Marty Walsh joins Make-A-Wish board

Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island recently welcomed Dorchester's Marty Walsh to its board of directors. Walsh, the former mayor of Boston and US labor secretary, is currently executive director of the National Hockey League Players' Association.

"Joy can be incredibly healing," said Walsh. "As a childhood cancer survivor, I've experienced that healing power. Though Make-A-Wish didn't exist when I was sick, I was lucky enough to meet Boston Bruins legend Bobby Orr while

I was going through treatment. To this day I feel the profound joy of that interaction. I'm thrilled to be involved with Make-A-Wish and to have the chance to help grant wishes, providing hope and joy to local children."

Walsh joins Akhil Patel of Medfield, a vice president at Brown Brothers Harriman, as the newest additions to the organization's board, which also includes Dorchester's Linda Dorcena Forry, a former state lawmaker and the co-publisher of the Dorchester Reporter.

"Akhil and Secretary Walsh are valuable additions to our board," said Sean Holleran, CEO of Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island. "The knowledge, expertise, and connections they bring are significant, and they're both individuals who feel a deep connection with our mission and can help us amplify our impact."

To learn more about Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island and find out how you can get involved, visit massri.wish.org.



Stephen Williams, of Dorchester, was one of the lead set designers for Bridgewater State University's Department of Theater production of "Monty Python's Spamlot," lovingly ripped off from the classic comedy "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Performances were held in the Rondileau Student Union Auditorium in late April.
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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Wall-Mounted Fire Grenade



The fire grenade in today's illustration came from a Dorchester home. It was manufactured by the AutoFyrStop Company of Philadelphia, which described its extinguishers as both automatic and decorative.

In the period from the 1870s to the early 20th century, one method of fighting fires that could move quickly through a home due to flammable items like candles, oil lamps, wood and coal for stoves, clothing, and upholstery was the wall-mounted fixture called a "fire grenade," a glass container with a fire-retardant liquid inside.

Earlier in the century, homeowners depended on neighbors to bring leather fire buckets to help pour water on a fire, often without much success. The fire grenade was meant to stop a fire at the start. It would be grabbed from its holder and thrown at the base of the fire. The glass would break, and the contents (water or carbon tetrachloride) would vaporize and help to put out the fire.

Many others were manufactured using blue, yellow, or green glass molded into more shapely oval designs. As you might imagine, the grenades sometimes failed due to the time element. They were most effective when a fire had just broken out.

These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchester-historicalsociety.org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Editorial

A remarkable gift to the Dot Fieldhouse

It's sometimes lost in the shuffle of more controversial projects, but it might actually become Boston's biggest "game-changer" – a brand new indoor sports and youth center that will impact tens of thousands of young lives across the neighborhoods.



Karen and Rob Hale

And last week, the community-led effort to build a state-of-the-art fieldhouse on Columbia Point celebrated a huge victory, thanks to the generosity of a couple who are already big supporters of Dorchester's kids and teens.

Rob Hale and his wife Karen were among the first to pledge \$1 million to help build the Dorchester Fieldhouse, a project led by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester in partnership with the Martin Richard Foundation, two of our neighborhood's most respected and important institutions.

Last week, the couple made a stunning announcement: They were adding \$9 million to their commitment, bringing the total gift to \$10 million, an astonishing and unprecedented contribution that promises to supercharge the campaign to build a first-class facility for city kids in our own backyard.

The news came a few days after Rob completed his first-ever Boston Marathon. In total, the couple have pledged \$26.2 million to 72 local charities in honor of One Boston Day, most of them connected somehow to the marathon route.

"The Boston Marathon is part of the cultural fabric of our great city," Rob said in a statement announcing the gifts. "I was humbled to run it (slowly) today. In celebration of our great city and this powerful event, Karen and I are giving \$26.2M to local charitable organizations.

Rob, the co-founder and president of Granite Telecommunications LLC, and Karen also spread their love and dollars to Zoo New England, Ron Burton Training Village, Wonderfund, Boston Children's Hospital, the Boston Public Library, and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

But the Dorchester project is, by a wide margin, the biggest beneficiary. Rob said the main factor was their admiration for the Richard family, who are forever linked to the marathon, but are grounded here in their home neighborhood.

"We are grateful to Rob and Karen Hale for their generous donation to our Fieldhouse project," said Bill Richard, co-founder of the Martin Richard Foundation. "When we started the foundation in Martin's name just over ten years ago, our goal was to give back to those that supported us and honor the spirit of our son, who included others in all he did regardless of their ability.

"The Fieldhouse project is a much-needed resource in our community for our young people and is designed for all to participate equally regardless of their ability, and this gift provides the critical funds we needed to help make it a reality," said Richard.

The Hales' gift puts the Fieldhouse fundraising campaign at the halfway mark, but it has given the project the momentum that proponents say make its success unstoppable. According to Rob Hale, that was the purpose behind the additional gift.

"We wanted to make that happen to give confidence to others that this project *will* happen," he told the *Reporter* this week. He's spot on.

Watch for news of other major gifts to the effort as the BGCD gear up for the 50th anniversary of their founding in 1974.

– **Bill Forry**

Squares + Streets initiative bringing an exciting opportunity to Dorchester

BY NEVIN LORDEN

Bill Walczak's April 16 column, "Change moves at the speed of trust," takes issue with Mayor Wu's administration's approach to planning and zoning reform. In particular, the piece decries advancing the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) Squares + Streets zoning and planning initiative.

In contrast, we would like to express our enthusiastic support for Squares + Streets and its goals.

We can all agree that the City of Boston's development process is broken, but what often puts community members at odds with each other are the potential fixes to the problem. The existing process for development review is a chaotic one. Almost all of the homes in Boston today would be illegal to build under current zoning. By-right development – that is, proposals that conform to the zoning code and can be permitted after a simple city review process – are exceedingly rare. Builders must carry out an often-lengthy community process and then go before the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) to plead their case for variances. Then, it's anyone's best guess whether the body votes to approve or deny a project. This lack of predictability understandably breeds distrust in, and discontent with, the system.

According to a CommonWealth Beacon article, Boston saw nearly 1,100 applications for zoning variances in 2019. Over a similar time period, New York, a city with 13 times the population of Boston, saw only 50 variance applications. Most of our nation's 25 most populous cities see fewer than 150 variance applications annually. Our disproportionate need for variances is a direct result of our overly restrictive, labyrinthine zoning code, which Professor Sara C. Bronin, describes as "bloated, outdated, inconsistent, and inequitable" in her report, "Reforming the Boston Zoning Code."

To demonstrate this, Bronin analyzed the number of pages of zoning code text per square mile of land mass of cities with similar population sizes to that of Boston. Among the eight cities used for comparison, the average figure was about 3 pages of zoning code text per square mile. Boston comes in at a whopping 80 pages per square mile. It seems no matter which metric you look at, Boston is an extreme outlier.

Worse, the widespread use of overly complicated and restrictive zoning came out of an intentional and admitted desire to segregate and exclude people of color, lower-income households, and immigrants from certain communities, as demonstrated by public policy researcher Amy Dain's 2023 report, "Exclusionary by Design," which documents extensive evidence of this intent throughout Massachusetts over the last 100 years, including planning documents, government reports, and press.

The arduous approval process necessitated by our current zoning code has long brought about calls to undertake rezoning citywide and Squares + Streets is a step in that direction. In this initiative's first stage, BPDA planners developed a series of six new, simplified districts for consideration to be added to the zoning code. They have now been adopted into the zoning code following the approval of the Boston Zoning Commission by a vote of 7-1 after months of the BPDA soliciting public input through meetings, workshops, office hours, surveys, and pop-ups.

Next, for each small area targeted in this initiative, the BPDA will conduct a 6-9 month-long planning process during which agency staff will be embedded

in the community and public input will be paramount as they work to map these districts to specific geographies.

Squares + Streets is built on zoning best practices that have been successful in many other communities. We've long known that concentrating development in areas with transit and commercial amenities limits vehicle trips, takes advantage of existing infrastructure, and brings new customers to our local businesses. The initiative kicked off with Roslindale Square and Hyde Park's Cleary Square, with Dorchester's Fields Corner and Codman Square soon to follow.

The speed with which the Squares + Streets initiative is advancing rightfully meets the moment we find ourselves in – a severe housing crisis. We must act quickly to make the development process more straightforward and predictable. We cannot afford to delay, reduce, or, in some cases, outright kill new housing proposals.

With fewer proposals needing to appear before the ZBA, the need for lengthy community processes in which elected officials, civic organizations, and residents often cause developments to come to a screeching halt will be eliminated. In his column, Bill Walczak states that "Communities often have near unanimity opposing granting variances for developments based on reasonable concerns..." This presumably refers to local neighborhood associations, whose members frequently vote in opposition to proposals for myriad reasons.

These associations, while well-intentioned, do not represent the entire community, and should not have ultimate veto power in development matters. They skew toward a demographic with the time, energy, and resources to devote to showing up for meetings, de facto excluding those with family, work, educational, or other obligations whose schedules make it difficult to take the time to spend an hour in a church basement one weeknight per month. This is hardly a representative cross-section of the communities they are active in. The robust Squares + Streets engagement process is undoubtedly incorporating feedback from a much broader, more diverse audience than attendance of typical development review or neighborhood association meetings.

The hope is that Squares + Streets will set the stage for widespread change in Boston's zoning code, making for a more efficient, predictable, and equitable development process. The small, targeted areas set to undergo rezoning under this initiative will serve as a powerful proof of concept. We must streamline the zoning code to make it easier to not only build more housing, but also to provide the amenities which serve that housing. Squares + Streets seeks to do both by allowing for more density and variety in our vibrant, transit-served, mixed-use districts. It will be a valuable model for eventual citywide rezoning and a key part of addressing our city's severe housing crisis.

We are glad to see the BPDA advancing this with the urgency this moment calls for and we look forward to the much-needed change this will usher in to our communities.

Nevin Lorden serves on the steering committee of Dorchester Growing Together, a civic organization founded in 2018 to advocate for building abundant housing at all price points throughout Dorchester, to alleviate the housing crisis, and to preserve a welcoming diverse community.

Letter to the Editor

Pass single payer Medicare for All

To the Editor:

It was a glitzy occasion in May of 2012 when handsome Dr. Ralph de la Torre looked out over the expanse of white-clothed dining tables at the elegant Quincy Links Restaurant and promised the assembled Quincy politicians and notables, the eager staff of our multi-site community health center, and the specialist physicians who supported our mission, that his innovative for-profit model of care would not only rescue financially flailing Quincy Hospital but also begin a new era of prosperity for the city.

Fresh from his purchase of the Caritas Christi chain of hospitals as well as Quincy Hospital, Dr. de la Torre glowed with confidence, and we all believed him. We needed to believe him.

Quincy hospital had been financially tenuous for years, the Caritas Christi system had already lost one of its hospitals, and the federal and state government had no discernible interest in intervening. The backbone of inpatient care for so many neighborhoods, towns and cities, these community hospitals charged one third as much as the tertiary medical centers for common surgeries but didn't have the muscle to wrestle the insurers for the high reimbursement

rates that the tertiary medical centers were paid.

Though now retired, I still lament the loss of Quincy Medical Center where for the first half of my career most of the babies in Quincy were born and the quality of the Emergency Room was second to none. In retrospect it is clear that Dr. de la Torre is a shyster but we wouldn't have fallen for his schemes had single payer Medicare for All been implemented as described in bills H.1239/S.744. (see masscare.org). The global hospital payments are based on community needs and use patterns rather than insurance funding formulas that favor the large, powerful academic hospitals.

Now the Carney Hospital, another Steward Hospital, is at financial risk. It is time for our health care system to be based on need, not profit. Massachusetts is as big as many countries that have successful and far less expensive nationalized healthcare. Dr. de la Torre was able to convince us that his profits would improve our health because our entire healthcare delivery system is built on extracting profits. Let's protect the Carney and the rest of the Steward hospitals and pass single payer Medicare for All.

Martha Karchere, MD, MPH

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Cleanup days help build community

By **BILL WALCZAK**
REPORTER COLUMNIST

Here's an idea to give a boost to your neighborhood: Hold a community cleanup.

A week ago last Saturday, three sites in Savin Hill saw some community love when 40 residents picked up rakes, shovels, and other implements and gave a few hundred hours of volunteer time. On the menu were Savin Hill Park, Patton's Cove, and the new Wildlife Garden and adjacent highway berm on Savin Hill Avenue.

Though the volunteers faced some pretty cold weather, huge amounts of trash and debris wound up in bags and in areas of Savin Hill Park that have been set aside for compost. Gravel was purchased to cover the stairway along the cliff walk on the south side of Savin Hill Park.

This event, the 40th annual cleanup in Savin Hill, is a product of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association Events Committee and has many community benefits. The obvious one is that parks and open spaces look attractive following a cleanup.

The less obvious one is that long-time neighbors and newcomers get to know one another by working together. Having coffee (courtesy of The Daily) and doughnuts (courtesy of the civic association) for breaks helps build relationships. In addition, volunteers experience how to solicit donations, and how to work with city government.

Our team learned that Home Depot provides some tools for such events and found out who at the Parks Department and the Boston's Love Your Block offices can help with tools and trash removal. Volunteers also saw how ubiquitous single use plastic bottles and Styrofoam are in our environment and why public policy needs to be changed to eliminate these pollutants.

It doesn't take much to organize a cleanup. The Savin Hill event started after I moved into Savin Hill and was

Letter to the Editor

Public must weigh-in on Dorchester Bay planning

To the Editor:

Major changes are coming from multiple directions upon the residents of Dorchester in this time of increasing demands for our attention and decreasing individual free time for reflection and evaluation of priorities. It makes citizens more vulnerable to possible adverse outcomes resulting from city and state agency's limited planning budgets.

While fiscal year objectives are pushing schedules, residents need to be kept informed and can discuss and weigh options together to protect and promote their priorities. Community Visioning is at the heart of neighborhood stability, resiliency, and potential. An example where these dynamics and opportunities are concentrating is within the Savin Hill & Malibu Beach area. Most pressing is the multi-state agency K Circle-Morrissey Boulevard-Neponset Circle Climate Resiliency Project. The planning is being coordinated and led by Mass DOT. A third meeting of the commission will be held on May 2 at Boston College High School.

The Dorchester Bay Basin includes the beach and adjoining McConnell Park, which are valuable public assets for relaxation and recreation. The area needs to be protected and improvements made in public health, safety, and access. Despite the welcome improvements in water quality resulting from the MWRA Deer Island sewerage



Above, the author on gravel duty in Savin Hill Park on April 7. Volunteers at last month's 40th annual cleanup in Savin Hill included, from left, Meg Campbell, Marta Carney, Catherine Hayes-Tierney, Lindsay Aldworth, Eve Fairbanks, and Bill Walczak. *Bill Walczak photos*

at the amount of trash, burnt cars, and glass from broken beer bottles in the park. After giving up on getting the Parks Department of the 1980s to deal with the problem, I started raking up the glass myself.

A neighbor approached me and said that he'd join me if I let him know the next time I was raking. I made up some fliers advertising a cleanup of the park, and fifty people showed up.

The first years of the cleanup focused on the glass and thorn bushes that made much of the park unusable. Volunteers also rebuilt puddingstone walkways and retaining walls and cut down dead trees. They cut the grass of the

two-acre space at the top of the hill for 35 years after the Parks Department said it was an area that didn't require cutting. Super-volunteers keep the park clean during the year, such that we essentially no longer need to pick up much trash as part of cleanup day.

Over the past few years, the cleanup has grown to include Patten's Cove (the

park next to the former Boston Globe headquarters), and the Wildlife Garden (the rocky open space that overlooks the Southeast Expressway).

The movement continues to grow. There will be a Savin Hill Beach Cleanup on Sun., June 9.

There are many reasons for communities to organize these events. They're relatively simple to organize and they give participants the satisfaction of making their public green spaces look better, while strengthening the social fabric of a neighborhood. Not a bad way to spend a Saturday.

Bill Walczak's column appears regularly in the Reporter.

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'PLAY BALL'

Dorchester Baseball kicks off '24 season at McConnell Park



Wowing everyone on the saxophone for the national anthem was Cliff Tette, a retired Boston Public Schools music teacher who taught at the Holmes School in Dorchester for 25 years and was a 'Teacher of the Year' in 2012.



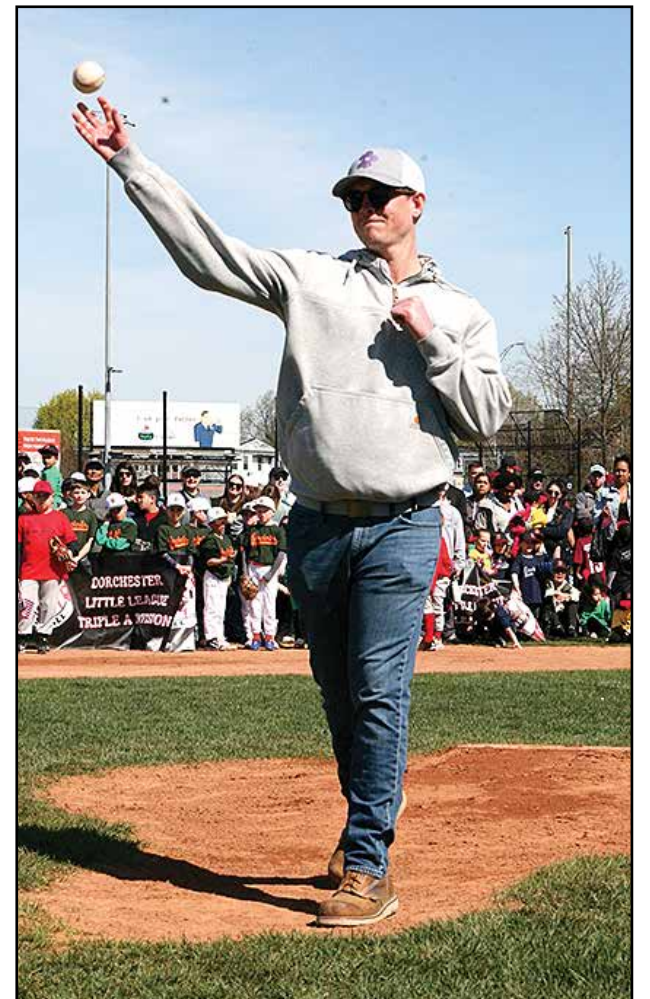
Owen Anastas threw out one of the ceremonial first pitches in honor of his late mother, Karen Anastas, who passed away from cancer in January.

(Continued from page 1) Baseball we honor that and continue it every season," said Maneikis. "Little League Opening Day is a very happy day for everyone, especially in Dorchester for Dorchester Baseball. Have fun this year and be good teammates and respect your coaches."



Teammates from the Kettlers Tee-Ball team couldn't wait to get the action started on Saturday. *Seth Daniel photos*

Mayor Wu advised players to be "great on and off the field as well" and FitzGerald, a coach in Dorchester Baseball where his children play, led off the charge with a



Sam English threw out a ceremonial first pitch in honor of his late father, long-time coach Jim English - who passed away earlier this year.

rousing, "Let's Play Ball!"

The ceremonial first pitches were tossed by Owen Anastas, in memory of his mom—the late, long-time league supporter Karen Anastas – and by Sam English, son of the late Jim English, a beloved coach.

League official Shaun O'Sullivan called both "the neighborhood heroes that get things done behind the scenes."

The national anthem was performed by retired Dorchester Boston Public Schools music instructor Cliff Tette, who wowed the crowd with his version of the anthem on the saxophone.

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Girls' travel softball teams plan sophomore season



Last year's 18U team posing for a photo after a game.



The 10U team last year competed against several teams on the South Shore.

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Have softball bat, will travel. That's the plan from Dorchester's girls softball ranks this summer as coaches Katie Nolan and Charlie Connors look to grow the girls travel league in its second year.

Last year, Nolan, Connors, and other key leaders decided to organize a travel league that would complement the ADSL spring program that has been growing for several years at all age levels. The result was a successful first year and an eagerness to build on it this summer.

"We wanted to build off of ADSL spring softball that ends in June and have summer travel league for girls in



Coaches Charlie Connors and Katie Nolan will stage a second year of Dorchester Travel Softball this summer to piggyback on the growing ADSL spring league. Courtesy photos

Dorchester," said Connors. "With other summer leagues kind of fizzling out, there weren't any opportunities."

Added Nolan: "It's an opportunity to give girls in the city more time to play and experience and

a new opportunity to play summer ball, which the boys have been doing for decades."

Both noted that city summer softball, like the RBI league and CYO league, died out in recent years, leaving a void for

city girls to be able to play in a summer travel league. The Dorchester group did join a South Shore-based league that runs from July to early August and includes ten games (two games per week) with no weekend play, which is important, Connors said, because it allows families to keep their summer plans intact.

Home games and the occasional practice will be held at Toohig Park in Neponset, or McConnell Park in Savin Hill. The Dorchester team features levels 10U, 12U, 14U, and

18U, playing in a division with Milton, Braintree, Quincy, Weymouth, and Abington, so long-distance travel isn't a major concern.

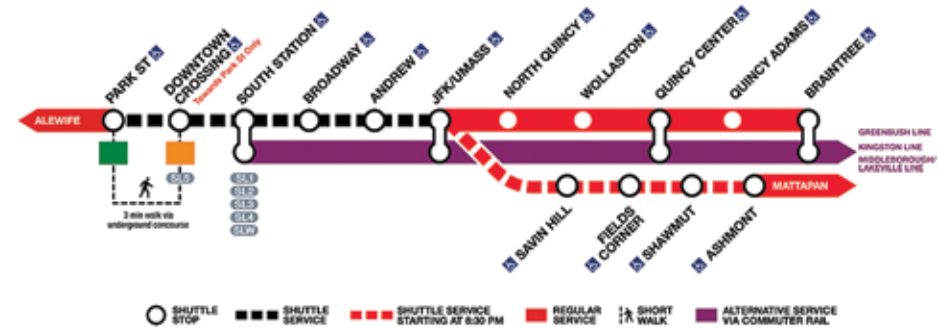
"It's good for the girls to be able to grow and develop as players," said Nolan. "Growing up in Dorchester, I played ADSL and RBI, but I always felt like I had to go to a club team somewhere else to showcase my talents. I wanted to play with my friends in Dorchester instead of finding a club team on the South Shore or North Shore."

Said Connors: "It only benefits ADSL to have us as an option in the summer. It helps the players continue to develop and play more softball and get to the next level."

The league is currently looking for sponsors. It had a robust lineup of sponsors gathered on the fly last year. Now, the hope is that with more time, there will be more this year.

Sign-ups began this week on the website at dorchestertoursoftball.com/ and the cost is estimated to be \$130.

Red Line diversions set this week



The Red Line will be out of service between Park Street and JFK/UMass starting on Thursday of this week (May 2) and continuing until May 10 for track improvement work. The repairs were originally scheduled to begin on Wednesday, but MBTA workers needed to extend work on the Blue Line two more days.

Additionally, T officials said, there will be no Red Line trains after 8:30 p.m. between Ashmont and Park Street from May 2 to May 9, but free shuttle buses will be available.

Rail service on the Red Line will also be suspended between Broadway and North Quincy on the weekend of May 11-12 in order to accommodate demolition work for the Dorchester Avenue Bridge Replacement

Project and the Track Improvement Program. Free shuttle buses will also be available.

The upcoming service changes will be the longest time the Red Line has been shut down since last October, when the entire Ashmont branch was out of service for a 16-day "surge." Most of these shutdowns are aimed at giving work crews time to eliminate "slow zones," areas where the tracks are too weathered for one reason or another to allow travel at high speeds.

During the October surge, MBTA general manager Phillip Eng told the Reporter, "I feel good about the ongoing effort. It's an urgent matter from a public perspective. It's also urgent because this is some of the oldest track infrastructure that

we have. We wanted to accelerate this sooner, but we took more time to plan this properly."

As of April 29, there were a total of 54 speed restrictions on the Red Line. That's about half as many as there were before the October surge, when there were 106. For this upcoming work, the MBTA will "replace tracks and ties to alleviate speed restrictions along the line while crews maximize the outage by performing signal work and station amenity upgrades, including new lighting, painting, tiling, power washing, and more," according to the MBTA's website.

More information on the upcoming service disruptions can be found at mbta.com/RedLine.

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Taste of Dorchester satisfies hungry crowd on Freeport St.

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The 16th annual Taste of Dorchester event organized by the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) rolled out the red carpet last Thursday night (April 25) at the IBEW Union Hall on Freeport Street for a capacity crowd to enjoy a feast featuring some of Dorchester's best restaurants.

Symone Crawford, MAHA's executive director, greeted friends and colleagues throughout the evening and gave special thanks to presenting sponsors Arbella Insurance Foundation and First Citizens Bank.

There were 22 restaurant and bakeries in the house and participants were asked to vote for their favorite food and favorite dessert. A lively silent auction also helped to support the cause.

MAHA, based on Dorchester Avenue, educates and mobilizes communities to work to increase affordable and sustainable homeownership across the state. Since 1985, the organization has helped to secure mortgages for 25,000 homebuyers and advocated for \$10 billion in public and private affordable housing investments. Their popular first-time homebuyer classes have trained 48,000 people.

Participating restaurants included BRED, Chill on Park, Clarke's Cakes & Cookies, DJ's Polish Market, DW Brewpub, El Barrio Mexican Grill, Family Affair, Fresh Food Generation, Irie Jamaican Style Restaurant, Kapow Thai Cuisine, and Lower Mills Tavern.

Also, Lucy's American Tavern, Murl's Kitchen, Shanti Taste of India, Shea Butter Smoothies, Slushy Lady Boston, Sweet Teez Bakery, Tavolo Ristorante, The Bowery Bar, The Ice Creamsmith, Top Shelf Cookies, and Yellow Door Taqueria.

The *Dorchester Reporter* was the media sponsor for the event.



State Rep. Russell Holmes with Shirley Jones, of Meetinghouse Hill, and Laquisa Burke, of the West of Washington Coalition.



Executive Director Symone Crawford, center, with Liz Misero and Karen Jansky, of the Arbella Insurance Foundation, a presenting sponsor.



Beverly Sommerville and Kyle Lewis, both of Dedham Savings.



From DJ's Market and Deli, Dawn Morris, right, and Kyle Sunter served up a polish sausage dish and delicious raspberry Paczkis.



Evandro Carvalho, fresh off running his first marathon, with his children, Evandro Jr., Anaya and Eliana.



Sweet Teez Bakery featured a delicious lemon cake with the Taste of Dorchester logo imprinted on it. Pictured here are owner Teresa Maynard with her husband, Kelvin, and son, Odin.



Tom Roach and Ana Klett enjoyed a dish from Shanti Restaurant.



MAHA Board Chair Ashley Carvalho and MAHA Executive Director Symone Crawford.



MAHA Executive Director Symone Crawford with presenting sponsor First Citizens Bank.

Seth Daniel photos

Move to expand 'Squares + Streets' scope beyond Codman Sq. stirs some resistance

By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

A controversial Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) effort to reimagine zoning and planning in select business districts is on hold, for the moment, in Codman Square as officials seek to expand the pilot project's boundaries to include more of the Washington Street corridor up to Four Corners.

The "Squares + Streets" process for Codman Square was set to launch this coming Saturday (May 4) with an open house at the Great Hall, but that event was put off early in the week.

In a Tuesday email sent by BPDA staff, residents were told that the agency had "postponed the May 4, 2024, launch for Codman Square to broaden the scope of the plan to include Four Corners and Washington Street. During our engagement in Codman Square, we received feedback about the interconnectedness of these areas and the importance of looking at them together."

The decision prompted pushback from activists in Four Corners, who say they were surprised to find that their section was being pulled into the planning initiative without discussion or notice. They convened an emergency meeting on Monday evening at the Codman Square library to air their grievances to a handful of city officials who were in attendance.

"You say that nothing has happened here for a while, and you want to make it better and improve it and to those of us in Four Corners,

that sounds like urban renewal," said Tarshia Green-Williams, of Action 4 Equity, who said she and others only learned of the change last weekend. "We didn't ask for this so what are we going to get out of it?"

She added: "This is one of the only places in the city where you can get an apartment. We want to know who asked for this and what does it mean?"

Said Weezy Waldstein, another resident who is active with Action 4 Equity: "The whole process in Codman Square hasn't been clear and it's been so prescriptive – saying this is going to happen. Then they ask people what they think... The whole framing of it is the cart before the horse."

The Squares + Streets initiative seeks to rezone smaller areas using pre-determined zoning blocks known as 'S' districts – going from 0 to 5. The idea is to quickly build more densely along the small business district corridors like Codman Square, and to simplify the code to make housing projects allowable "as of right" to avoid long planning processes. Codman Square is one of four districts across the city where the process is being rolled out, joining Fields Corner, Hyde Park, and Roslindale.

Four Corners was not part of the study area until just recently, and its inclusion was described by some as "sudden." On Monday, city planners said they see the area as less of a circle and more of a corridor. While it did encompass Washington Street in a circle from Park Street to Ashmont

Street, it now includes the Washington Street corridor from around Talbot Avenue all the way to Erie Street, but does not include the Ashmont-Adams neighborhood south of Codman.

Officials said the change was meant to expand the area to qualify for an influx of city funding and resources. They also said Four Corners was on the original list of areas where Squares + Streets could be implemented, and they saw a natural connection along the corridor with transportation and commerce.

At Monday's meeting, Codman Square and Four Corners leaders sat around the table with BPDA Squares + Streets planners Lamei Zhang and Naoise McDonnell seeking common ground.

Maridena Rojas, of the Talbot Norfolk Triangle Neighborhood Association (TNT), called for the BPDA to agree to a process co-designed, and co-led, with the community.

"In Codman Square, we are all starting at square one," she said. "We want to co-design a process with you. Our communities have been harmed by the BPDA. We're trying to build a bridge together here, not build on top of a broken bridge."

She said that approach could include designing a survey together, getting raw data not interpreted by the BPDA, and assembling focus groups together.

Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, chair of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council (CSNC), said it's up to the BPDA to work on the communi-

ty's terms.

"The CSNC wants this Squares + Streets process in Codman Square to be a success and that can only happen if the city is willing to partner with the community on co-leading the community engagement process," she said.

Green Williams said that people in her neighborhood are wary of being re-zoned.

"Four Corners is one of the few places left that is for families," she said. "Everything that's built is one- or two-bedroom

units and that's not for a family. Look at the school enrollments, they're down. What makes up a community is families. Otherwise, it's just a bunch of anonymous workers coming and going with nothing in common."

Said Saranya Sathanathan: "I already feel burnt out by the process because there are so many things going on. We're kind of tired from all of this and to engage with the city in all these processes takes a lot. I want to make sure

people that live here and that this will affect can engage in a meaningful way without getting tapped out."

The May 4 Squares + Streets kickoff session has now been changed to a "coffee and conversation" meeting in the Great Hall to discuss what it means to have a co-led process, and what it means to now have Four Corners in the study area. BPDA planners hope to reschedule a formal kickoff in June.

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Suspected radio 'pirate' faces \$600k fine from the FCC

Federal authorities, exasperated with a man they say has been running an illegal radio station via transmitters in Mattapan, Randolph, and Brockton for nearly two decades, want to fine him \$597,775 in an attempt to get him to stay off the air.

In a notice of apparent liability for forfeiture, first reported by Inside Radio, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reports that its Boston office tracked programming from Jean Harold Marius's Radio Tele Planet Compas at 89.3 MHz to an address on Walk Hill Street in Mattapan in both June and July of last year, and also followed the same programming to addresses in Randolph and Brockton.

This case is the latest

of periodic attempts by the FCC to shutter low-wattage stations that are generally aimed at Boston-area Haitian and African American communities and go online without an FCC license.

In December, Marius, who focuses on religious programming for the local Haitian community, wrote to the FCC to say he had stopped transmitting on the air. On one recent afternoon, a car radio in Roslindale tuned to 89.3 only picked up a Rhode Island NPR station.

Last year, the FCC set a minimum fine of \$20,000 for pirate radio operators, but the agency said that Marius was more than deserving of a whopping increase, in part because he's been warned – and fined – by

the commission before.

Marius, who lives in Randolph, has 30 days to appeal the proposed fine.

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Moment of Paws

In tick season, prevention is the best weapon

April is National Prevention of Lyme Disease in Dogs Month, and here in New England, another mild winter means another active tick season. As the temperatures get

your pets are at a higher risk of being exposed to Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health reports the major-

occurs between June and August, but prevention should be top of mind for your pet year-round.

Ticks can be found anywhere, from the dog park to your backyard, but wooded areas and tall grasses present the most risk.

If you suspect that a tick may have bitten your furry friend, just keep a close eye on them. As long as they are eating, drinking, and acting normally, have no fear, but if you suspect something is not right, contact your

veterinarian.

If your pet has been bitten by a tick, the insect needs to be removed immediately! Using tweezers, grasp it as close to your dog's skin as possible. Remove it in a slow, steady, and straight motion - don't jerk as anything left behind could cause an infection. Treat the bite wound with antiseptic and monitor the site over the next few days for infection.

Some signs your dog has been infected by a

tick-borne disease include fever, loss of appetite, acute lameness, and swelling in the joints, among others. A blood test will determine if Lyme disease or another tick-borne disease is present, and if it is positive and caught early, a course of antibiotics usually provides effective treatment.

However, given that tick-borne diseases can trigger recurring health issues, it is vital to follow recommendations for on-going follow-up care after diagnosis and treatment.

With ticks seemingly everywhere outdoors, consider the following to help protect your pet:

- Put your pet on a tick preventative. Speak with your veterinarian to determine the best tick preventative to use.

- Consider vaccination. Speak with your veterinarian about the Lyme disease vaccine.

- Avoid outdoor areas where ticks are known to

inhabit. After spending time outdoors, whether in the backyard or after a hike, check both yourself and your pet for ticks. For dogs, pay particular attention to their ears, eyelids, between toes, genital area, and around the collar.

- Maintain your yard. Keep the lawn mowed and shrubbery trimmed around your home.

Despite the forecast for another above-average tick season, it's simply a matter of being aware and being vigilant to protect both yourself and your pet. Make these measures part of your routine and it will become one less thing to think about!

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He holds a doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

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Mattahunt center, pool re-open to acclaim from neighborhood



Mattahunt Staffer Christina Silva greets Pastor Keke Fleurissant.



Mayor Wu greets youngsters from the Mattahunt School at the new community center on Thursday.



Lisa Guscott, assistant director of Public Facilities, with Fatima Ali-Salaam, chair of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC).



Earl Faulk, Erica Butler, Edna Hall, Councillor Enrique Pepen, and Officer Derek Greene.



City Councillor Enrique Pepen.



BCYF Director Marta Rivera.



Children from the Mattahunt School join city officials and Principal Walter Henderson in cutting the ribbon on the long-awaited renovated community center last Thursday.

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Added neighbor Earl Faulk, a member of the Colorado Street Neighborhood Association: "It's a life and death story. I think they brought what was dead back to life here."

Faulk recalled moving into the neighborhood in the 1970s when others were fleeing and urban blight was taking hold. "We fought for lights back here and couldn't get them," he said. "We have now seen such a transformation. When they opened the Mildred Avenue Community Center, they took everything away from us. They closed this down, and we lost a slew of children, even though the Mildred is on the other side of Blue Hill Avenue. To see it coming back in this way is inspiring."

As she pointed out the new windows and doors, new locker rooms, a renovated gym, a functioning pool, a renovated multi-purpose room/stage, and a colorful, spacious lobby, the mayor shared that in her first language – Chinese – the characters for 'home' and 'family' are interchangeable. She said she hoped that same 'home' and 'family' concept will be present at the Mattahunt in the future.

"This has been a home for a very long time al-

ready," she noted. "It brings every generation together and lets your dreams grow and from what I saw – the new pool, the recording studios, the teen room, and the 'collaboratorium' – we are going to see a lot more dreams growing here and a lot more people becoming part of our family," said Wu. "I can't wait to see what our young people and community members of every generation do with this space," she added, "from the sports in the

gym and creative opportunities on the stage and the many important community conversations that will happen here."

The renovation project,

which was started at the height of the pandemic in June 2020, was slowed by supply chain and contract issues.

Ray Heath, Jr., who has been hired to run the center for BCYF, said he planned to kick things off immediately with programming and sports activities.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU24D0335DR
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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.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 16, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esquire
Register of Probate
Published: May 2, 2024

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT 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. SU24P0879EA
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A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Vinson W. Givans of Watertown, 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: Vinson W. Givans of Watertown, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
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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 **05/28/2024**.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 24, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: May 2, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT 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. SU24P0838EA
ESTATE OF: MARY A. MCFADDEN
DATE OF DEATH: 09/15/2022
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A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Cathy Lyons of Quincy, 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: Cathy Lyons of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 19, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: May 2, 2024

ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on May 22, 2024, at 9:00 A.M., in connection with Text Amendment Application No. 525 and Map Amendment Application No. 781, filed by the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

Said map amendment establishes new Squares + Streets zoning districts that are regulated by the new Article 26 and associated "Base Code" articles within Mattapan. Said text amendment clarifies the applicability of Article 80 Small and Large Project Review in Squares + Streets Districts; remove the community commercial subdistricts, Gateway Development Area Overlay Districts, and Residential Development Incentives to reflect where Squares + Streets zoning will replace existing Article 60 subdistricts.

This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to https://bit.ly/BZC_May222024. Copies of the petition, the Development Plan, and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to zoningcommission@boston.gov.

Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: zoningcommission@boston.gov or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024. Please request interpreting services **no later than May 15, 2024**.

For the Commission
Jeffrey M. Hampton
Executive Secretary

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER



BGCD Keystone Club Volunteers at Room to Grow: See details below.



BGCD Hosts New Inclusion Rugby Program with New England Free Jacks: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:

BGCD Keystone Club Volunteers with Room to Grow: This past weekend, a group of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Keystone Club members took part in a service project with the Room to Grow program. Keystone members traveled to the Room to Grow warehouse to help sort and prepare donated items to be distributed to families.

The Room to Grow Program combines three proven forms of family support: personalized parent coaching, free baby and toddler items, and connections to community resources.

Keystone Club tries to build leadership skills while serving the community through a variety of Club and community based service projects. For more information on BGCD's Keystone Club, please contact Declan Hall at dhall@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:

BGCD Hosts New Inclusion Rugby Program with New England Free Jacks: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is excited to share highlights from the new inclusion Rugby program being offered in partnership with the New England Free Jacks. The fully immersive program is designed to teach the basics of rugby to youth with physical and developmental disabilities over an 8-week period. Participants are building a base knowledge of the sport by learning and drilling new skills and competing in games.

The Rugby program is part of BGCD's Project BIND Inclusion programming and is being held on Wednesdays at 6pm for youth ages 8-14. For more information on BGCD's Inclusion programming, please contact Erin Ferrara at eferrara@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW:

BGCD Alumni Reunion to be Held on June 1st: BGCD's Alumni Association is hosting a Reunion event on Saturday, June 1st to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Club! The day will consist of food, raffles, our 3rd Annual Bruce Seals 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and other family fun activities. Our Committee asks for everyone to fill out a form via Google Forms to register for our Alumni Association and the Reunion event. The form can be filled out via the QR Code under Upcoming Events. We'll keep those who have registered up to date on plans for the event. We look forward to a great celebration and to see so many familiar faces. Alumni are a vital group of supporters made up of past members, parents and staff who are dedicated to supporting the efforts and programming at BGCD. For more information, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Keystone Judge Baker Center 5k
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May 11

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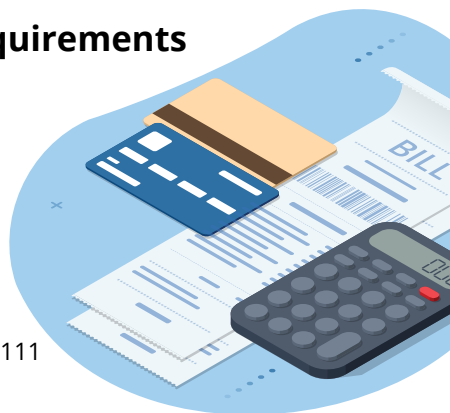
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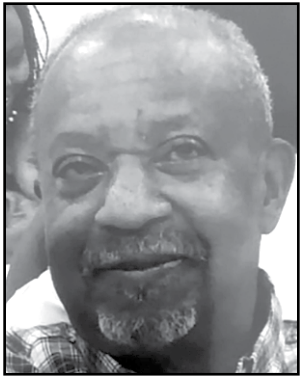
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RECENT OBITUARIES



BOGUES, Daniel Octavious, 75, of Dorchester, originally of Elizabeth City, NC. Son to the late Thelma "Marie" Spellman and Karrie Bogues. Husband of Barbara Hughes. Father of Stephanie and Michelle, Lakisha and daughter (deceased). He worked at Honeywell for 29 years and Dean Foods for 10 years until he retired.

COSTELLO, Helen M. (Bromley), 81, of South Boston, former-



ly of Dorchester Wife of the late James M. Costello. Mother of Michelle and her husband John Harrington of South Boston, Claudia Costello of Quincy, Tara Anton of Quincy, and the late Kathleen "Katy" Donovan. Mother-in-law of William Donovan of South Boston. "Grandma" of 7. Great-grandmother of 1. Sister of John and his wife Cynthia Bromley of Mendon, and the late Laura Sever, Pliny Bromley, Rich-

ard Bromley, Rosemary Moore, and William Bromley. Helen is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Helen was a former secretary at St. William's Church in Dorchester for many years and a longtime Eucharistic Minister at St. Brigid Church. Donations in Helen's memory may be made to Project Ellie at projectellie.org, to benefit those experiencing homelessness.

FIX, Stephen E., 71, of Williamstown, formerly of Dorchester and Quincy. He was a graduate of Boston College High School, Boston College and later, earned his PhD in English from Cornell University in 1979. He was a Professor of English at Williams College for over forty years. Brother of Mary Ann Skjold of Hingham. Uncle of Suzanne Skjold and her husband, Robert Nichols and Christine Skjold. Donations in Stephen's memory may be

made to Boston College High School Scholarship Fund, 150 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125 or by visiting bchigh.edu/give

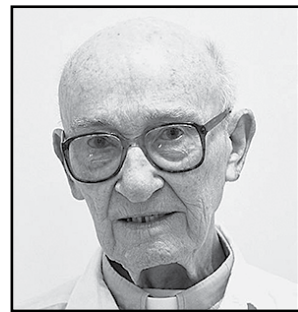


HART, Janice, 88, of North Quincy, formerly of Sandwich and Dorchester. Daughter of the Maurice and Mary "Molly" (Buckley) Hart. Sister of her twin brother, the late Frank Hart, and his surviving wife Pat Hart, the late Jack Hart and his wife Roseanne, the late Maurice Hart and his surviving wife Joan, the late Joan Hayes and her late husband John, and the late Leo Hart and his surviving wife Mary Ann. Janice is also survived by 25 nieces and nephews and 59 grand-nieces and nephews. She entered the Sisters of the Cenacle in Ronkonkoma, New York in 1954. She worked as a sister and a nurse in Philadelphia, Ronkonkoma, New York, and New York City. In 1975, Janice left the convent, and began nursing at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, which became Brigham and Women's Hospital and where she worked until her retirement. Please make donations in honor of Janice to the work being done in Osteoporosis Research at Mass General Hospital. Checks should be made out to Mass General Hospital and sent to Krista McCabe Cruz at 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114 or at giving.mass-general.org.

NGUYEN, Du Thi, 93, matriarch of the Son family of Dorchester. For decades, Ms. Du's presence enriched the lives of all who knew her. A

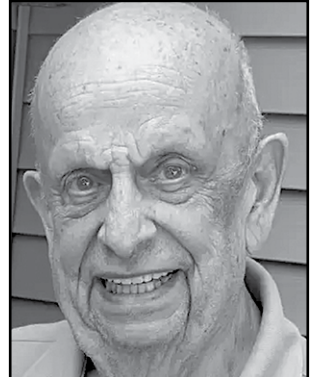


dedicated sister, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Ms. Du was the cornerstone of her family, raising nine children with love and wisdom. Ms. Du's legacy was not confined to her biological family. She touched the lives of many who affectionately called her sister 9, mom, aunt 9, grandma, and great-grandma. Please make a donation to VietAID in Dorchester, Massachusetts. <https://www.vietaid.org/>



RYAN, Rev. Francis J., SJ of Weston. Son of the late John and Mary Ann (Connelly) Ryan. Brother of the late Rev. Lawrence Ryan, SJ, John Ryan, Henry Ryan, Rev. Joseph Ryan, SJ, Thomas Ryan, Rev. Martin Ryan, SJ and Mary Ryan. Father is survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as his many Jesuit brothers. Reposing at Campion Center, 319 Concord Rd., Weston, MA. Donations may be made to Jesuit Community, Campion Center, 319 Concord Rd., Weston, MA 02493.

SANSONE, William P. "Willy", 86, of Dorchester formerly of Hawthorne, NJ and Whiting, NJ. Son of the late Serafino and Josephine (Locicero) Sansone. Husband of Dora Yvonne Sansone. Father of Carol Terwilliger of



Lakeland FL, William Sansone and his wife Beth of Dorchester, Robert Sansone and his wife Heidi of Woodstock, GA, and late son John Sansone. Willy is also survived by daughter-in-law Patricia of Whiting NJ. Grandfather of 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Brother of Edward Sansone of Ridgewood, NJ. He was pre-deceased by 4 siblings. US Army veteran. Willy worked as an auto body painter, house painter, bowling alley mechanic at GMC Lanes and finished his career as a supervisor with the Okonite Cable Company. The family requests that donations be made in Willy's name to: Katherine's Team to Fight Autism and checks can be sent to 23 Belton Street in Dorchester, MA 02124.



WALSH, William H., 87, of Ft. Myers Beach, FL, a former resident of Franklin and Dorchester. Husband of Helen V. (Houghton) Walsh. Son of the late Henry J. and Lillian C. (Malaguti) Walsh. In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by his daughters, Patti A. Walsh of Franklin, Jeanne M. Walsh of Taunton and Nancy E. Brown and her husband Steven of Franklin, and a sister Ellen (Leo) Heaney of Leesburg, Virginia. Also surviving are his 5 grandchildren, and a great grandson. US Marine Corps veteran. Donations in his memory may be sent to Random Smile Project P.O. Box 13 Franklin, MA 02038 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude place Memphis, TN 38105.

VALDEZ, Carol J. (Harcourt), 87, of Randolph, formerly Dorchester. Carol is survived by her family, including her husband Carlos Valdez; her children, William O'Neil and his wife Helen, Susan Ford, Janet Carter and her husband Jim, and Scott Valdez and his wife Joanne; and her 2 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her sister Peggy Eagan. Donations may be made to a charity of your choosing, in her memory.



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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT 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. SU24P0718EA ESTATE OF: MICHAEL FRANCIS O'CONNOR DATE OF DEATH: 03/03/2024

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sean A. Hagan 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: Sean A. Hagan 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 05/14/2024.

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 2, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

Published: May 2, 2024

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. 24P0618 ESTATE OF: MAURA MCAVOY a/k/a: MAURA MARGARET MCAVOY DATE OF DEATH: December 8, 2023 SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Tara McAvoy of Hope, RI, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Tara McAvoy of Hope, RI 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 2, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU24P0693EA ESTATE OF: JUDITH R. BLAU a/k/a: JUDITH BLAU DATE OF DEATH: February 21, 2024 SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Reva T. Blau of Wellfleet, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Reva T. Blau of Wellfleet, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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“over the past year or two years, I’ve done Botox and stuff on the side. Doing this, and people giving me feedback made me feel really great and I think that’s when I decided to pivot,” she said.

The location is ideal for Flaherty and her family. “I was tossing the idea to my husband,” she said, “and then he was getting our car sticker right across the street at the gas station. He saw the commercial space available and texted me the picture.” On seeing it, she immediately felt that the vacant space at 756 Adams St. was a sign that everything was meant to be.

Soon after she contacted property owner Kenny Blasi and got to work. Like the Blasi family, she is excited being able to enhance her community through her business.

“I’m going to be serving the people that I am surrounded by,” said Flaherty, who has lived in the neighborhood since her early twenties. “My main goal for my business is to make people feel good and then to see them around. I’m really invested in the clients. I want the feedback and I want them to come back, that’s my number one concern.”

She added, “We live right next to St. Brendan



Nicole Flaherty.

Church, so we are active churchgoers, and our kids go to St. Brendan’s School. They all play four million sports and we’re just at every event,” said the mother of three.

As she is anticipating the opening, Flaherty is keeping busy working with a contractor, ordering products, and decorating the space with Boston-based interior designer Justene Spitz.

When the behind-the-scenes work is complete and the doors are open, she and her team of nurses will offer neurotoxins, Sculptra, Latisse, IV hydration, fillers, and vitamin injections inside. All of which can be booked

Cassidy McNeeley photo

for appointment online at thebostonx.com.

“I’ve done a lot of market research and I have a lot of experience with

Botox pricing,” Flaherty said. “In downtown Boston is usually \$14 to \$15 a unit, which is pretty pricey. Right now, I’m going to be offering \$12 a unit because I want to keep it competitive and bring the clients in.”

Those unfamiliar with Flaherty’s services are encouraged to book a free consultation online or visit in person. At the initial appointment, experts suggest treatments that can help customers amplify their beauty and transform them into their most confident selves.

“The sky is the limit. I’m hoping that we’ll need a lot of employees and more locations,” Flaherty said. “This is going to be great. I’m so excited to get people in and looking and feeling their best.”

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ZONING HEARING

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Said text amendment would add one (1) new Open Space subdistrict to Article 33. The Stadium Open Space (OS-S) subdistrict would create a new stadium and public amphitheater zoning district, in order to enable greater investment and enable more amenities in appropriate areas of the city’s current and future open spaces. It would also make minor changes that add reference to the Stadium Open Space subdistrict in Article 3, Establishment of Zoning Districts; Article 33-1: Preamble; Article 33-2, Statement of Purpose; Article 33-5, Establishment of Open Space Subdistrict Categories; Article 33-6 Land Eligible for Open Space Designation. Out-of-date language referring to organizations that have reformed or been renamed, such as the Boston Natural Area Fund and Metropolitan District Commission, have also been updated. Said map amendment would map the newly created OS-S subdistrict in East Boston (East Boston Memorial Stadium) and Mattapan (White Stadium) neighborhoods.

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