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Madison Park students celebrated the opening of a new gift shop that they will run on Dec. 18. From left, Ann-Laurie Desilus, Ginet Castillo, Sara Herrera, Gerald Santana, Ayanna Brice, Irani Perez, Samantha

Unions to help Madison Park students create and maintain their own business

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

It was all business at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School last month when union representatives from District Council 35 and The Paint and Glass Association of New England joined with students and faculty to celebrate the grand opening of the high school's new gift shop.

The store, which is being funded

thanks to a \$10,000 donation from the Dorchester-based painters union, will provide Madison Park students studying business and marketing a chance to create and maintain a business plan, perform financial and accounting tasks, and receive hands-on training in a retail setting.

Greg Schuman, a marketing teacher who developed the idea for the gift shop along with fellow teacher Francisco Torres. said in an interview that "the vision for the store is always about how we can get the students to show their knowledge about business and marketing and make money for themselves. He added that the collaboration between trade union representatives and a vocational school was a natural fit.

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Walsh says new ordinance will boost the city's wetlands resilience

By KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF

Asserting that "climate change is the defining challenge of our time," Mayor Martin Walsh signed the Local Wetland Ordinance during a visit to Roslindale last week. It's an initiative, he said, that "gives us greater power to protect our wetlands in the face of a changing climate.

We're using natural green space to protect our neighborhoods from storms, floods, and heat waves. .. and this ordinance shows what we can accomplish when we work together," he added, "securing a strong, resilient future for Boston. This work has been a priority for my administration, and I'm proud to sign this important ordinance with our partners.' The mayor also noted that the ordinance is stricter than statewide standards.

The City Council unanimously approved the law early last month. It protects flood-prone areas and adjoining upland areas across the city. It also directs the Boston Conservation Commission to consider future climate impacts like rising sea levels in applications for new developments, construction, or special events.

"As a coastal city, Boston is extremely vulnerable to the threat of climate change with rising sea levels," said City Councillor Matt O'Malley, chairman of the Environment, Sustainability and Parks

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It's 'Shirley's Pantry' now



Rep. Ayanna Pressley, at left. and Mayor Walsh were on hand with Rep. Russell Holmes, behind the mayor, to help surprise Shirley Shillingford by re-naming a Mattapan food pantry that she runs, "Shirley's Pantry."

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Renaming honors longtime manager of Mattapan facility

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

On Dec. 23, Mayor Martin Walsh, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, and neighbors joined the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) at its Healthy Baby, Health Food Pantry on River Street for a surprise announcement, the renaming of the facility as "Shirley's Pantry" in honor of

Shirley Shillingford, a longtime city employee who has run the facility for the last 15 years.

"This renaming—we just made it official, but it's really always been Shirley's Pantry," said Pressley. "Thank you for laboring and love, thank you for the innumerous personal sacrifices you have made. You can't stop being a service leader because it is in your DNA.

Added the mayor: "Shirley Shillingford, you are amazing. The real heroes in our community are the people who come into a building like this and make sure families that walk through the doors get what they need. It's our honor to do this, because the people that come here are the most needy that we have in our society, and I

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Reviewing the arts scene in Dot: 2019

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Dorchester artists were busy last year. From an arts standpoint, the neighborhood was prolific as musicians, artists, and performers churned out material and organized events that showed the rest of the city just how active the local scene has become. Here are some of the moments that defined the arts in Dorchester in 2019:

Boston Answering: One of the most memorable events of the year was Boston Answering, a grassroots music festival organized by HipStory — a media and production company started by the rapper and filmmaker Cliff Notez — as a "cultural response" to a Boston Calling festival that largely shunned local hip hop artists when it announced its lineup of performers.

Hosted on May 25 at the legendary Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner, the festival succeeded in (Continued on page 12)



Five-term City Councillor Chuck Turner died last week at age 79. Story, Page 2; commentary, Page 8.



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DOT BY THE DAY

Jan. 3 - 20, 2020
A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Friday (3rd) - METCO, the state-funded program that places Boston students of color into predominantly white suburban school districts is now accepting 2020-2021 applications for its revised assignment system, which will select students by lottery for the first time. The deadline to enter the lottery is today. Parents must now apply online at metcoinc.org or go to the METCO office at 40 Dimock St. in Roxbury.

Saturday (4th) – 21st annual Haitian Independence Day gala will be held at Lantana's, 43 Scanlon Dr., Randolph., 7 p.m. Admission \$85 per person. RSVP to 617-417-8421 or unity@hauinc.org.

Monday (6th) - Students return to school in City of Boston.

Tuesday (7th) – Boston Mayor Martin Walsh plans to deliver his State of the City address at 6 p.m. at Boston Symphony Hall.

• City of Boston offers winter fitness strength training at BCYF Gallivan Community Center, 61 Woodruff Way, Mattapan at 11 a.m.

Thursday (9th) - Nina Ott Quartet performs in concert at Peabody Hall, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester as part of the Dot Jazz Series. 7:30 p.m. \$15 tickets at dotjazz.org. Kids under 18 are free.

Friday (10th) - The city of Boston and Haitian Artists Assembly of Boston present "Still Arts Rise," a commemorative exhibition in memory of the victims of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Reception: 4:30 p.m. at Scollay Square Gallery in Boston City Hall.

Monday (20th) - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday.

• JFK Library presents a free program for children and families- Benkadi Drum and Dance, 10:30 a.m. featuring traditional West African rhythms and movements. See jfklibrary.org.



Benkadi Drum and Dance

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Chuck Turner, former city councillor, dies at 79

WBUR News Staff

Chuck Turner, a longtime community activist and Boston city councillor who served prison time for a bribery scandal, died last week. He was 79.

Mr. Turner served on the council for five terms after he was elected in 1999. He focused on equity in the jobs market, racial equality, and fought against gentrification and displacement both as an activist and later as an elected official.

Councilor Kim Janey confirmed Mr. Turner's death on Dec. 25.

"He has 50-plus years of organizing for this city," Janey told the Boston Globe. "Transformational changes have been made because of Chuck Turner. Lives have been changed."

Mr. Turner represented District 7, which includes Roxbury, Lower Roxbury and parts of Fenway, the South End. and Dorchester.

In a statement issued on Dec. 27 through Mr. Turner's friend and former aide, Darrin Howell, the family said: "We are in the process of planning a public memorial service so that those who had the pleasure of knowing and working alongside Chuck can come together to celebrate his life and legacy. In the coming days, we hope our friends and neighbors will reflect and draw inspiration from the work that brought meaning to Chuck's life: helping others and improving the quality of life in marginalized communities.'

Tito Jackson, who succeeded Mr. Turner in the District 7 seat, called him "the lion of organizing and fighting for the people, for equity, for justice. He spent hours with me transitioning over issues in our district and preparing my team to take over," Jackson said. "The character of Chuck and how legendary he

is in his leadership - we will always miss him for the work that he did, the battles that he fought, and his integrity, and the love that he had for the people in his community.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh called Mr. Turner "a staunch advocate for the people of Boston, who over the course of his lifetime helped bring about so much good for our city.

Mr. Turner was the first Boston city councillor ever removed from office after he was found guilty in 2010 of taking a \$1,000 bribe and later lying to federal agents about accepting the money. He served 28 months in federal prison. In 2013, he received a \$106,000 settlement from the city after a court ruled the council had overstepped by ousting Councillor Turner before he was sentenced to prison.

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Home sales across state took a dive in November

Home sales in November tumbled by 11.9 percent compared to November 2018 and sales over the first 11 months of 2019 are down 2.3 percent compared to the same period last year, the Warren Group reported on Dec. 26.

"It's not uncommon for single-family home sales to take a dip towards the end of the year, but a near 12 percent decline is unprecedented," said Tim Warren, CEO of the firm, adding, "the last time November Massachusetts single-family home sales declined by a larger percent was nine years ago, in November 2010, when sales plummeted almost 30 percent."

The median home sale price last month was \$390,000, a record high for November, and the median home sale price of \$400,000 year to date is up 3.9 percent. Yearto-date, there have been 22,426 condo sales in Massachusetts – a 1.5 percent decrease – with a median sale price of \$380,000, a 4.1 percent increase from the first 11 months of 2018.

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Minimum wage hike in effect

Some 60 percent of the people scheduled to benefit from this week's minimum wage increase are women, 40 percent are people of color, and nearly 90 percent are adults, according to a new analysis, which pegs the collective impact of the wage increase at \$410 million.

At \$12.75 an hour, up from \$12, the Massachusetts minimum wage on Jan. 1, 2020 will trail the wage floors in California (\$13) and Washington (\$13.50), the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center reported.

The wage hike will affect 420,600 workers, including many who are employed in the food service and retail sectors. Under current law, the minimum wage in Massachusetts will also rise by 75-cent increments on

New Year's Day in 2021, 2022, and 2023, when it is scheduled to reach \$15 an hour.

The center's analysis concluded that 44 percent of workers who will benefit from the wage increase are between 16 and 24 years old; 19 percent are working parents; and 79 percent have attained at least a high school education.

- SHNS

Police

Man stabbed in Sunday incident on Dot **Ave.** – The police were called in on Sunday night (Dec. 29) after a man was stabbed in the stomach inside a residence at 1593 Dorchester Ave., according to a department report. A second man was also injured in the incident, which took place around 10:45 p.m. A third man, the suspect, suffered minor facial injuries and was detained at the scene before being transported to a local hospital.

B-3 police arrested three juveniles on Friday (Dec. 27) for allegedly trying to rob an Uber driver who was transporting them along Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan. The driver, who told the would-be robbers that he did not carry cash, said they then pressured him to drive to an ATM. Instead, he flagged down a passing BPD cruiser, which gave chase to the four occupants, who bailed out and took off on foot. Three of the four were captured and arrested.

A 19-year-old Dorchester man was arrested during a traffic stop in Roxbury on Dec. 29 for allegedly carrying an illegal weapon. Police issued the following report: "Jordan Young was a passenger in a car that was pulled over around 1:23 a.m. near Harold Street. Based on his behavior, officers believed that Mr. Young may be armed with a weapon. He was found to be carrying a "Sig Sauer Model P320, with 1 live round in the chamber and 14 rounds in the magazine." He was expected to be arraigned in Roxbury District Court.

A 17-year-old juvenile was arrested on Dec. 20 for allegedly carrying a loaded .38 special Smith & Wesson revolver in a "fanny pack." The suspect, a Hyde Park resident, was a rear seat passenger in a car that was stopped near Norfolk Street around 9:50 p.m.

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Public meeting on 150 River St. project – A public meeting to review a proposal to build a 30-unit affordable rental building for elders at 150 River St. will be held on Wed., Jan. 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Great Room inside 249 River St., Mattapan. The BPDA will host the meeting. Contact Ebony DaRosa at 617-918-4419 or ebony.darosa@boston.gov for more info.

Codman Sq. cannabis shop meeting on Jan. 6 - A public meeting convened by the City of Boston will be held on Mon., Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester to discuss a proposed cannabis establishment for 571B Washington St. in Codman Square. Contact Christine Brandao with questions at Christine.brandao@ boston.gov or 617-635-1880.

Greater Mattapan Council to meet on Jan. 6 - The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its scheduled monthly meeting on Mon., Jan. 6, from 6:30 -8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Center. Speakers will include Chief Resilience Officer Lori Nelson and Star Laws, DND. The agenda will include a review of an upcoming disposition of city-owned parcels. Residents are encouraged to attend.

Doherty-Gibson playground community meeting on Jan. 7 – The Parks Department will host a community meeting on Tues., Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fields Corner BPL, 1520 Dorchester Ave. for the first in series of meetings on improvements to the Doherty-Gibson Playground. For more information call Annie Blair at 617-961-3028 or ann. frickblair@boston.gov.

BPDA meeting on Morrissey Boulevard retail proposal - The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) will host a public meeting on Tues., Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a proposal to open a Floor & Décor store at 729 Morrissey Blvd., formerly National Wholesale Liquidators. proponent proposes substantial renovations to the interior and façade of the existing building and reconfiguration of on-site parking. The meeting will be held at Work INC., 25 Beach St., Dorchester. For more info, contact Stephen Harvey with the BPDA at 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

Hancock Street Civic Association meets Jan. 7 - The Hancock Street Civic Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Uphams Crossing, 530 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Meeting time is 7– 8:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$5; please contact hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com with any questions you may have. The next meeting is on Jan. 7.

Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Assoc. meets on Feb. 6 -The Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer's Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. There is no January meeting. The next meeting is on Thurs., Feb. 6. Contact Pat O'Neill at pattiashmont@gmail.com.

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets on Jan. 6 - Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

Fields Corner Civic Assoc. meets Jan. 7 – The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info. contact V. Girard, chair at: vivian8120@gmail.com.

McCormack Civic Association meets on Jan. 21 - The McCormack Civic Association meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall in basement of Saint Margaret Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. More online at McCormackCivic.org. Dues are \$5 or \$10. If you have any questions, please e-mail McCormackCivic@ gmail.com.

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Menino family's toy drive maintains Christmas tradition at teen center on Bowdoin St.

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Nearly 300 families made their way to St. Peter's Teen Center on Christmas Eve to receive gifts at the Menino Family and Catholic Charities of Boston's annual holiday toy drive. Teen Center staff joined the Menino Family and Cardinal Seán O'Malley in the gym to distribute the presents.

The late Mayor Thomas Menino established the holiday toy drive 26 years ago, and his widow, Angela Menino, his children, Susan and Tommy Menino, and his grandchildren have kept it going. Over a thousand gifts are given out to families in need each year through the event.

Menino's granddaughter, Samantha Menino, volunteered at this year's toy drive and said that she's happy to help keep the tradition alive. "Ever since I can remember, I've been coming here with my grandfather and we would pass out toys, walk Bowdoin Street, and just make sure that everyone had some food on the table for Christmas, a toy under the tree,

whatever they needed," she told *the Reporter*.

"He would make a list, or call his people and say, 'I need a ham at this person's house,' or 'I need a toy at this person's house," she said. St. Peter's was one of his favorite places to be on Christmas Eve and once he passed on, we knew that we had to continue the legacy."

The staff at the Teen Center start collecting forms from families in November — recording how many children will be needing gifts, and what each child might like as a present — and send the requests to the Menino family.

Funding for the event was donated by the Mayor Thomas M. Menino Fund for Boston, the City of Boston Credit Union, and Ena Liquors. The Boston Police Department donated bike helmets for the 70 bicycles that were purchased.

Volunteers and families gathered in the Teen Center basement to hear from Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Police Commissioner William Gross, and Mayor Walsh before the event commenced.

"This is such a wonderful day," said O'Malley.
"We're so grateful for this celebration that reminds us how much our God loves us. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and thank all of the organizers for their hard work."

Said Walsh: "This is a tradition that Mayor Menino loved. He'd do a walk through the neighborhood, down Bowdoin Street, and we've kept that tradition alive. I want to thank everyone who put this together and I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas."

He then led volunteers and C-11 Boston Police officers on a walk along Bowdoin Street, stopping in at businesses along the street, and passing out toys and gift cards to children and families in the area.

"It's a neighborhood that we put a lot of attention into. It's a great place," Walsh told the Reporter during the walk. "There are a lot of families and kids. We have a lot of toy drives and events going on today in the city. This is about walking around and wishing everyone a little Christmas joy."



Volunteers and members of the Menino gathered in the St. Peter's Teen Center on Christmas Eve for an annual toy give-away that carries on a tradition started by the late Boston mayor 26 years ago.

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It's 'Shirley's Pantry' now

Renaming honors longtime manager of Mattapan facility

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want them to know when they come in here, that the person who this food pantry is named after cares for them more than they'll ever know."

The honoree was stunned by the news. "Words cannot express to everyone how grateful I am, and I never thought that anybody could keep any secret from me," she joked.

Shillingford said she has often asked for help from elected officials, employees, and community members to help keep the pantry up and running — securing everything from new refrigerators, kitchen appliances, and food to keep those in need fed.

"If you don't ask, you don't get – the Bible tells you that and I'm a firm believer," said Shillingford through tears. "I started this pantry in 1992, and we did not have any resources. My mother and father taught me in Jamaica to appreciate and love those who don't have. I never knew that my life was going to be carved out this way, but this is what I do. I get satisfaction out of serving. I believe everyone needs support and everyone needs help, and that is what I enjoy doing every day of my life. I am very grateful to everyone who is here."

The Health Commission's Interim Deputy Director, Gerry Thomas, highlighted some of the difficulties that Shillingford has overcome to



Mayor Walsh and Shirley Shillingford check out the new name on the wall at Shirley's Pantry on River St., Mattapan.

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keep the food pantry open and stable.

"Sadly, Mattapan has one of the highest rates of food insecurity in all of Boston," he said. "The food pantry service is a vital resource for this hardworking community. Shirley is a champion in ensuring that the residents of Mattapan have equal access to nutritious food; it's safe to say that without Shirley there would be no food pantry

"I've known Shirley for decades and can recall our early days when the food pantry was housed in a small room in a municipal building basement in Hyde Park. The guarantee of the food pantry operating has not always been promised or secured," Thomas said. "There have been challenges and

ruts over the years [to secure] everything from funding, to space, to resources. Regardless of the challenges, Shirley never wavered in her commitment to the community. She has advocated for the ongoing needed support of the food pantry."



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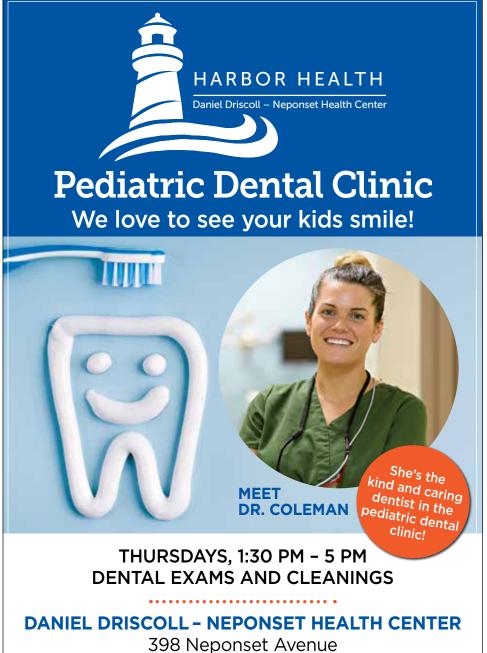
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MAHA homebuyer helper reflects on 557 classes and 10,791 graduates in 18 years

By KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF

Jorge Casas has been helping Bostonians buy their own homes since 2001 first as a volunteer and later as an employee at the Dorchester-based Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA). He worked most recently as the agency's HomeSafe program manager before retiring after 18 years with the organization. The Reporter caught up with him last month as he was wrapping up his final homebuying class.

Q. What had you been doing before you joined up with the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance?

A. I started working with MAHA in 2001. At the time I was working with the Building Materials Resource Center (now Boston Building Resources) helping homeowners fix up their homes through a reuse/ recycle program of building materials. While there, I started volunteering doing the homeowner education classes at MAHA with my mentor, the late John Rowse. who taught me the basics about teaching a home maintenance class to new homeowners. After a while MAHA started a search for a coordinator for their post-purchase classes, I applied and the rest is history.

Q. What has your work been like?

A. It has been a great experience. I coordinated the post- purchase classes which have three main parts: 1. General introduction about the importance of



Jorge Casas, center, is shown with his final class of prospective homebuyers at Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance headquarters on Dorchester Avenue last November. Casas retired from the agency last month. MAHA photo

homeownership, safety and security, property management and maintenance, and insurance; 2. Money management/ foreclosure prevention; and 3. Legal issues for landlords or condo owners. When I started working at MAHA they only had landlord training classes but with time and the changes in the real estate market and the popularity of condominiums, it was clear to me that we needed a specific class for condo owners. So now MAHA offers a landlord training class as well as a condo owner training class.

Q. How did your work at Boston Building Resource help with at MAHA?

A. My work with Urban Edge and BMRC (now Boston Building Resources) was very technical about building housing and helping homeowners repair and maintain their homes. I incorporated all that technical knowledge into a series of workshops that also include information about homeowners insurance and the financial and legal aspects of owning prop-

Q. How have things changed over the 18 years you have been with MAHA?

A. One of the most important changes that was incorporated in the classes was education about energy conservation with the introduction of state programs that do free energy audits and give away energy efficient products like LED bulbs, programmable thermostats, power strips, shower heads and faucet aerators that save water, etc. Once you do the energy audit you can find out if your house can use solar panels, efficient minisplit heating & cooling systems and other ways of saving energy and therefore saving money.

Q. How does the Alance help people to secure affordable and sustainable homeownership?

A. MAHA runs campaigns to "expand the pie" of housing resources to increase affordable homeownership opportunities in Boston and throughout the state. We have been leading efforts to increase Boston's linkage fee, increase enforcement of the city's payment-inlieu-of-taxes program, and establish a transfer tax on real estate transactions over \$2 million.

MAHA also enforces the Community Reinvestment Act, which requires banks, credit unions, and mortgage companies to meet the credit needs of low-tomoderate income households. Our signature achievement is the creation and expansion of the ONE Mortgage program which has helped 22,000 first-time homebuyers, over half being households of color.

Q. What do you think has been achieved through MAHA's workshops?

A. An awareness by people of the importance of the maintenance of the property as a way to save on major repair expenses in the future and at the same time enhance the value of the property.

Q. Are there tools in the pipeline that will help Bostonians buy their first homes?

A. Given the very high home prices in Dorchester and throughout the neighborhoods, MAHA and GBIO (Greater Boston Interfaith Organization) teamed up to ask the city of Boston to fund an enhanced mortgage program for first-time homebuvers. We have been using funds from the Community Preser-2016, and starting soon, homebuyers will be able to access the ONE Plus Boston mortgage that features interest rates up to 1 percent below current rates and enhanced down payment assistance. We can't wave a magic wand and lower prices, but this will make it a little easier to afford, and keep, a home in Boston for some

Q. What do you think you have accomplished with MAHA?

A. During my 18 years at MAHA, I coordinated 557 classes with a total of 10,791 graduates. I retire feeling very good about what I was able to accomplish at MAHA and, more importantly, very satisfied and proud that I was able to help so many people fulfill their homeownership dreams. Coming Up at the Boston Public Library **Adams Street**

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Fri., Jan. 3, 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. Mon., Jan. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTÚ Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Community Game Night. **Tues., Jan. 7**, 10:30 a.m. – Unleash the Amazing Quilter in You; 11 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories; 3:30 p.m. - Homework Help. Wed., **Jan. 8,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Thurs., Jan. 9,** 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 10, 11 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories. Sat., Jan. 11, 1 p.m. - United States Census 2020. **Mon., Jan. 13**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Community Game Night. **Tues., Jan. 14**, 10:30 a.m. - Unleash the Amazing Quilter in You; 11 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories; 3:30 p.m. - Homework Help. Wed., Jan. 15, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 2, 10:30 a.m. - Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Help. **Fri., Jan. 3**, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time. **Sat., Jan. 4**, 11 a.m. – Drag Queen Story Hour. Mon., Jan. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., Jan 7, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help. Wed., Jan. 8, 10 a.m. – Adult Stress Relief Coloring; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., Jan. 9, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time. Sat., Jan. 11, 11 a.m. - Bilingual Vietnamese Storytime

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Fri., Jan. 3, 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. Sat., Jan. 4, 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Workshop. Mon., Jan. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Tues., Jan. 7**, 3 p.m. - Chess Club; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Wed., Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., Jan. 9, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 4 p.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. Fri., Jan. 10, 2:30 p.m. Teen Gaming.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Fri., Jan. 3, 1 p.m. – Judy Garland Film Series. **Mon.**, **Jan.** 6, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTÚ Homework Help. **Tues., Jan. 7**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Technology Help. Wed., **Jan. 8**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime & Craft; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Thurs.**, **Jan. 9** – 3:30 p.m. - Homework Help; 4 p.m. - BTU Homework vation Act that passed in Help. Fri., Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wigglers'

Lapsit; 1 p.m. – Judy Garland Film Series.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 2, 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. - Family Board Game Night. Fri., Jan. 3, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Crafternoons. Sat., Jan. 4, 10 a.m. – STEAM Saturdays; Computer Basics Class. Mon., Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m. -Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Pokemon Club; 3:30 p.m. - Homework Help. **Tues., Jan. 7**, 12 p.m. - Tech Goes Home to Mattapan; 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; All-ages Noncontact Kickboxing; 4 p.m. - Tinker Time. Wed., Jan. 8, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 12:30 p.m. – Tai Chi; 3 p.m. – Full STEAM Ahead; Homework Help. Thurs., Jan. 9, 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. - Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. - Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Sleepy Story Time; 6:30 p.m. Gentle Yoga. **Fri., Jan. 10**, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Crafternoons. Sat., Jan. 11, 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library; 1 p.m. – Mattapan Finance Series.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 2, 3 p.m. - Cornell Coley Drum Circle. Mon., Jan. 6, 10:30 a.m. - Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. - Make It Mondays: Science. Tues., Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Wed., Jan. 8**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Teen Sewing Class. **Thurs., Jan. 9**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. BTU Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 10, 3:30 p.m. LEGO Builders.



The Dorchester Historical Society announces new items for the gift shop. Priced at \$10 each these wooden ornaments capture iconic Dorchester views of a three decker and of the gas tank.



William Clapp House, 195 Boston Street Lemuel Clap House, 199 Boston Street James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road

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Unions join forces to support BGCD

Painters Union District Council 35 and Painting and Glass Employers Association of New England donated \$2,500 and multiple bags of toys for the children of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) last month. See photo at right. The donation will help fund more than 200 programs offered by the club to over 4,000 children in the community.

Jeff Sullivan, Business Manager of IUPAT DC 35, and John Ferrante, Associate Director of PFEANE/GEANE presented the donation to Mike Joyce, Vice President of Programming at BGCD.

"The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester is doing an amazing job at providing the community with innovative programs that benefit the youth and the children," said Jeff Sullivan, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer of IUPAT DC 35. "Safe and stable environments like this club are essential for the growth of our communities and we're proud to partner with PFEANE/GEANE to support the club and their services."

"Through this annual donation, we want to emphasize the great work done by the club. Their constant hard work and dedication are essential in shaping the future of our community," said Michael Lafferty, Business Representative of IUPAT DC 35 and a Dorchester resident.





State Senator Nick Collins of South Boston was the recipient of the 2019 John "Jack" Brett Champions Award at Special Olympics Massachusetts's Celebration of Inclusion on Dec. 9 at the Seaport Hotel. Each year, an individual who has demonstrated extraordinary contributions to the disability community is given this prestigious recognition. The award is named for Jack Brett, the oldest brother in Dorchester's Brett family. Shown here, left to right: Harry Brett, Jim Brett, State Senator Nick Collins, Bill Brett.

Photo courtesy New England Council

Artists sought for City Residency Program

The city of Boston is now taking applications from experienced artists for a fourth round of residency awards, which foster alternative approaches as a way to make stronger connections between people and the programs and initiatives offered by government.

The city is investing \$250,000 in the Boston AIR program, as well \$200,000 in grant-making programs for individual artists. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and the deadline for entries is Jan. 22. "Boston AIR encourages city departments to take risks and think creatively about their programs and policies, as well as integrate creative expression into municipal work," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, the city's chief of arts and culture. "When we integrate artists into civic work we find ways to make Boston a better city for every resident."

The city has financed 20 artists-in-residence since 2017. - STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This week's illustration shows, at the top, the old Shawmut Station building at the end of its service on the Shawmut Branch Railroad in 1926. The new station, below, was opened in September 1928.

In 1872, the Old Colony Railroad took over the Shawmut Branch Railroad, which branched off the main line at Harrison Square and ran through Dorchester to Milton. The branch line originally included stations at Melville Avenue and Centre Street, just one-quarter mile apart, which were consolidated in 1884 into Shawmut Station, located between Mather and Centre streets on the east side of the tracks.

The New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad acquired the Old Colony and took over its operations in 1893. In 1924, the Boston Elevated Railway bought the Shawmut Branch Railroad and part of the Milton Branch in preparation for extending the Cambridge-Dorchester Line into Milton although New Haven trains ran on the line until the two-year electrification project on the Shawmut Branch began at the end of 1926. The next year, the Shawmut Branch reopened as a rapid transit extension from Cambridge in two sections: to Fields Corner (with intermediate stops along the Old Colony main line at Columbia and Savin Hill), then, on Sept. 1, 1928, to Ashmont with an intermediate stop at the new Shawmut Station.

By that time, a tunnel had been placed over the Shawmut section of the line, from just north of Melville Avenue to just short of Ashmont Station to the south. The "high speed" trolley car extension from Ashmont to Mattapan Square was not finished as an electrified line until 1929. Part of it had been previously known as the "Dorchester and Milton Branch Railroad," a steam railway that



Shawmut Station and the Shawmut Branch Railroad

ran from Mattapan to Neponset, where it joined the regular Old Colony Line.

In 1965, the MBTA designated the Cambridge-to-Mattapan transit and trolley track run the Red Line, a nod to crimson, Harvard University's school color.

As the 21st century approached, MBTA clients from Dorchester began raising a concerted fuss with legislators and MBTA officials about the service and conditions along the neighborhood's Red Line stations. In the fall of 2000, the Legislature approved some \$66 million in a transportation bond bill to renovate and rebuild the Ashmont, Shawmut, Fields Corner, and Savin Hill stations, and ground was broken for work on three of the three stops, with a price tag of \$67 million, in October 2003.

In June 2005, a modernized Savin Hill station reopened. Two months later, a contract was awarded for a complete reconstruction and modernization at Ashmont Station, bringing the total cost of Dorchester Red Line rehab over the \$100 million mark. Demolition began in July 2006, and the work



was mostly completed by the end of 2009.

In 2008, with rehab work at the station below close to finished, a ceremony marked the introduction of Shawmut Garden, a replacement for what the Reporter called "the foreboding" tunnel cap above the station below. The rehabilitated Fields Corner station was dedicated that same year.

During the close to a decade that this work was being done, all four stations remained open for business.

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

Dorchester Reporter staff contributed material to this article.

Editorial

Five local stories to watch for in 2020

Cranes on the near horizon – 2020 will be the year of pile drivers and cranes as major projects—long in the planning stages—finally go into construction mode. Leading the pack will be Dot Block, the massive apartment and retail complex planned for Glover's Corner. The site is now cleared and ready for work and the development team tells the *Reporter* that actual building work should commence early in the new year. It will result in a \$200 million, 488-unit campus on what was once a maze of warehouses that walled off a long stretch of Dot Ave.

DotBlock is a giant piece of the development puzzle, but it won't be the only big-ticket item in play in the new year. We'll be watching for more concrete plans to emerge for the tallest-ever residential towers in Dorchester (on Morrissey Blvd.); a potential breakthrough to build housing and a new marina in Port Norfolk; and a resolution of long-delayed apartments plans in Lower Mills.

What does the future hold for Bayside?—The team of developers that has bought the rights to build out the old Bayside Expo site in Columbia Point is expected to unveil the firm's initial vision for the 20-acre property in early 2020. The plan will then go through a community review process, in concert with City Hall, that is likely to result in some changes. Look for a fully baked project proposal to be in the pipeline by the end of the year, with actual construction unlikely until the following year.

New leadership for UMass Boston?—The new year could bring a permanent leader for the UMass Boston campus, if a search committee succeeds in its mission — now under way. (Full disclosure: the Hon. Linda Dorcena Forry, my wife, sits on that committee.) It's not yet clear if the current UMass interim chancellor, Dr. Katherine Newman, will be a contender. The decision, which will ultimately be made by UMass president Martin Meehan, could be in place by summer.

Electoral machinations – It's a presidential election year and that will clearly dominate the national discussion. In March, Massachusetts voters will get our chance to help pick a challenger to the current president, who is almost a lock to be the GOP choice, unless he gets bounced through impeachment— an improbability at this stage.

But there's also plenty to watch for on the hyper-local front. Our Congressional delegation may see challengers. Sen. Ed Markey is facing a contest from within his own delegation from US Rep. Joe Kennedy. And there will likely be a robust campaign for State House seats locally. Rep. Dan Cullinane (12th Suffolk) will likely face two challengers, for example. But even with all this activity, it will also be a pivotal set-up year for what could be a competitive mayoral election in 2021.

Red Line Revolution – The spring will see the introduction of the first new train cars to enter service on the Red Line in decades. Coupled with repairs made to signals and other infrastructure, T officials say that 2020 will be a "big year for the T." The new trains, in particular, will offer wider doors and more room for passengers. Once all the new trains are on track by 2023, T officials say, passengers on the Ashmont and Braintree branches can expect six-minute wait times between trains during rush hour.

- Bill Forry

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Appreciating Chuck Turner's life, work

By Lew Finfer Special to the Reporter

"Bold. Bright. Bald." That was Chuck Turner's campaign slogan when he ran successfully for Boston City Council in 1999. All true. You had to appreciate the wryness of the third part of the slogan from a man who in public always had a serious face. On Christmas Day, he passed away at age 79.

On April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King was assassinated, sparking riots of despair in Boston and across the country. On April 8, Chuck helped to organize 5,000 mostly African-Americans for a rally at White Stadium in Franklin Park at which were issued 21 demands around community control of the economy and the politics in the black community. In an immediate sense, the demands were unwinnable due to a lack of enough organized African-American power in Boston at the time. But Chuck Turner spent the next 50 years working to make them winnable.

In the late 1960s, he led Roxbury residents as part of a metropolitan campaign to stop the ten-lane I-95/Inner Belt highway expansion from being built through Boston, Cambridge, Somerville, Dedham, and Canton. Because it was viewed as representing progress, highway expansion had never before been brought to a halt. Chuck helped to organize yet another rally, this time at the State House in January 1969, where some 1,000 gathered to demand that the highway construction be stopped and alternatives considered. Then-Gov. Francis W. Sargent appointed him to co-chair a task force to review the state's policy here and the panelists ended up recommending against it being built. A month later, Sargent put a moratorium on the highway construction, with the result that many, many homes and small businesses were saved from demolition. Additionally, the funds slated for that highway were used instead to build the new Orange Line.

A large commemorative display of that successful campaign sits right outside of Roxbury Crossing MBTA Station where the highway would have passed through.

Also in the late 1960s, Chuck took up a rest-of-hislife campaign to ensure that African -American and Latino workers received a fair share of construction jobs in Boston, a city where construction unions, for one reason or another, had very few members of color. Chuck organized the United Community Construction Workers, who protested that disparity at construction sites. In response, on May 29, 1976, some 2,000 white construction union members rallied at City Hall against "harassment" by minority groups demanding jobs.

Chuck then came up with an innovative winning strategy. "I realized," he said at the time, "that we were both fighting for the same thing: jobs. All we had to do was unite the two groups under the employment umbrella of residences to break the power my life to organizing."

of the suburbs, [which necessitated] an alliance between communities of color and white communities of Boston." The upshot after some organizing by Chuck and others: the Boston Jobs Coalition, a multi-racial, multi-neighborhood campaign for a Resident Jobs policy in the city.

In the 1979 mayoral election primary, incumbent Kevin H. White faced state Senator Joe Timilty, whom he'd narrowly defeated in 1975, and state Rep. Mel King, who ran on the resident jobs issue. Shortly before the primary, White came out in favor of it, too, instituting a policy mandating that 50 percent of the jobs on private and public development projects go to Boston residents, 25 percent to people of color, and 10 percent to women.

The contractors and construction workers unions challenged the law in court in 1981, winning a state Supreme Judicial Court decision against it. But the US Supreme Court later ruled that the city government had the power to set up such a policy, and it was passed again in 1983.

Years later, another jobs situation appealed to Chuck's sense of justice. One consequence of the war on drugs in the 1980s and 1990s was passage of punitive and lengthy mandatory minimum sentences for drug convictions. This led to a 400 percent increase in imprisonment in Massachusetts. But once out, most of the released prisoners couldn't get jobs because employers, who could check through the State CORI data base, refused to hire people with criminal records.

Chuck organized a campaign that won passage of a city ordinance he sponsored to enable former prisoners to get city jobs and positions with companies that had won city contracts. This activity spurred later campaigns at the state level that have brought down the time employers can view CORI records from 15 years for felonies and 10 years for misdemeanors down to 7 years and 3 years, respectively.

Chuck Turner himself served time after he was convicted of bribery for accepting \$1,000 for supporting an application for a liquor license. The whole case seemed murky; it seemed unlikely that he would sell out his integrity for \$1,000. But he was convicted.

But when he got out, he did not fade away as his detractors assumed he would. He again continued to work with community groups on enforcement of the Resident Jobs policy and on ensuring that the massive Encore casino would meet its goals for hiring people of color. Much progress was made on that situation.

Why did Chuck Turner spend over 50 years in organizing for justice? He had a ready answer for that question: "While I found organizing to be challenging, demanding, and often frustrating, I realized there would be no more fulfilling way of repaying my debt to my ancestors than devoting my life to organizing."

Defining Boston's economy in the 2010s

By Adrian Ma WBUR Reporter

Boston's economy during the 2010s was characterized by steady growth but also persistent challenges. Using publicly available data, staff at Boston Indicators, the research center at the Boston Foundation, picked several key Bostonarea economic trends that began at the turn of the decade and looked at how they unfolded during the last decade.

1. Greater Boston's economy recovered from the Great Recession – From 2009 to 2018, Boston's GDP (the total value of goods and services) rebounded, increasing about 27 percent from the depths of the recession. However, the benefits of that growth have not been shared by everyone, which brings us to the next trend.

2. Real wages have decreased for many Boston area residents – After accounting for inflation, only Bostonians with college degrees saw meaningful wage growth over approximately the last decade. Those with lower levels of education, and even many with graduate degrees, saw declines in real wages. "For people with less than a college degree ... they aren't seeing the benefits of that growth in terms of increases their paycheck," said Luc Schuster, director at Boston Indicators.

3. Boston became more racially diverse – Between 2009 and 2017, Greater Boston grew by nearly 250,000 people. That growth was driven by communities of color, particularly immigrants.

4. The number of refugees admitted into Massachusetts has fallen – According to Boston Indicator's analysis of US State Department data, the Bay State welcomed 1,931 refugees in fiscal year 2010, and 516 in fiscal year 2019. That decline has been driven primarily by the Trump administration's decision to lower the cap on refugee

admissions, Schuster said.

5. Home prices climbed 66 percent over the past decade – This is "simultaneously a good story and a really troubling story," Schuster said. It's good in that it shows people want to live here, and homeowners are building wealth. But it also speaks to the lack of housing supply in and around Greater Boston, despite the city upping efforts to permit new construction.

But it's bad for the approximately two-thirds of Bostonians who are renters. "For them, when home values go up that fast, it almost always means that your rent is increasing," Schuster said.

Another consequence of rising home values has been what Schuster calls "the hollowing out of the city's middle class. We've seen some growth in the number of low-income families living in Boston, and that's because the city has made a real commitment to building income-restricted housing," he said. "But it's really been moderate-income people just above the cut-off for eligibility for subsidized housing who have increasingly been leaving the city of Boston" for more affordable housing options.

6. Our commutes got longer – For both road and public transit commuters, the trip to work has gotten longer. Between 2007 and 2017, the average one-way commute in Greater Boston increased from 29 minutes to 31.7 minutes. Also during that period, the number of commuters whose one-way commute time was over an hour increased by 50 percent.

7. Violent crime rates in Boston have dropped – According to FBI data, incidents of violent crime in Boston fell by about 30 percent between 2009 and 2018.

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Immigration stories to watch in the new year

By Shannon Dooling WBUR REPORTER

The pace of change in immigration policy over the last three years can feel staggering, even for those of us tasked with reporting and understanding those changes. So, we've compiled a short list of some of the most pressing topics we'll be watching in 2020, both nationally and in Massachusetts.

 The legislation would limit interaction between local police and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Among other things, it ends what are known as 287g partnerships in the state, which deputize local law

Safe Communities

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enforcement agents to perform some duties of a federal immigration official. It would also prohibit law enforcement and court personnel from asking people about their immigration status.

The bill is sure to be hotly contested among state representatives and senators. Even if the Safe Communities Act were to reach Governor Charlie Baker's desk, he's said he'd likely veto the measure. Baker has repeatedly said he believes state officials need to collaborate with ICE in cases of violent criminals. Because of that, he does not support a so-called sanctuary state policy. Instead, he believes communities should decide their own policies at the local level.

Status for Haiti, Honduras and El Salvador - There are an estimated 12,000 Temporary Protected Status holders living and working in Massachusetts. Citizens of El Salvador and Haiti make up two of the largest communities of TPS recipients in the state, followed by nearly 1,000 protected Hondurans.

Earlier this year, a federal judge in California temporarily blocked the Trump administration from ending TPS until he rules on the merits of a case. After appealing that decision, the US Department of Homeland Security automatically extended protections for TPS holders from El Salvador, Haiti, and Honduras through Jan. 4, 2021. A decision out of California is expected in the coming year.

DACA at the US Supreme Court - In September 2017, the Trump administration announced the end of the Obama-era program known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Under DACA, eligible young people whose parents brought them to the US without authorization are afforded temporary and limited protections from deportation. Since

the program was started, 800,000 recipients nationwide have been able to study and work in the US under this temporary status — in-

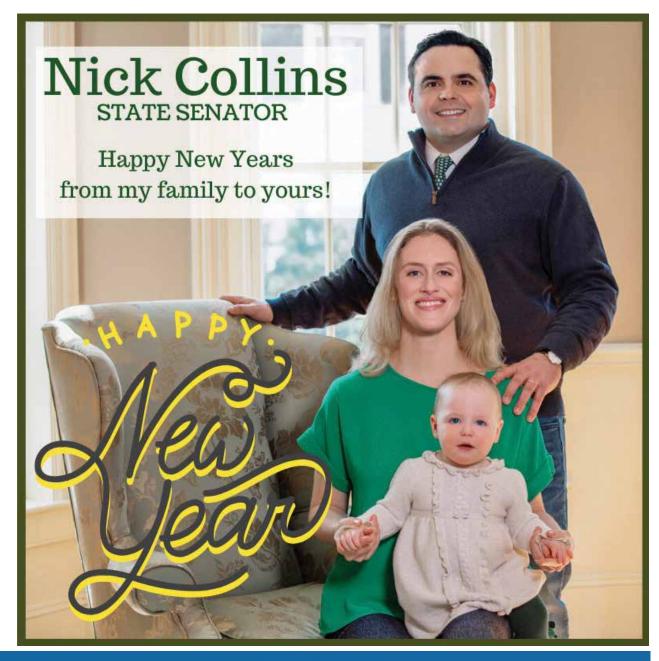
Massachusetts and close to 15,000 throughout New England.

 $The \, battle \, over \, DACA \hbox{'s}$ future made it all the way

cluding about 8,000 in to the Supreme Court published by WBUR of the United States in November. We should see a decision from the court sometime in the spring.

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The Dorchester Chiefs were greeted by Mayor Martin Walsh last Friday, Dec. 27 before their game in the Mayor's Cup youth hockey tournament at the Warrior Ice Arena in Brighton. The tournament finals will take place all day at Boston College on Sunday, Jan. 5. Jeremiah Robinson/Mayor's Office photo

L STREET BROWNIES TAKE THE NEW YEAR'S DAY PLUNGE

One of Boston's oldest traditions will continue with an estimated 600 people plunging into Boston Harbor for the annual "L Street Brownies" New Year's Day Swim at 12 p.m. The swim is hosted by the L Street Brownies at the BCYF Curley Community Center, 1663 Columbia Rd. in South Boston, "M" Street entrance. Due to the tide schedule, it will start at noon, but doors open at 11 a.m. and close at 1 p.m. Participants should arrive dressed for the water as the men's and women's locker and shower rooms will not be available until after the swim. Lifeguards will be on duty; participants must be age 16 and older.

DOHERTY-GIBSON PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY MEETING ON JAN. 16

The Parks Department will host a community meeting on Thurs., Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the VietAID Community Center, 42 Charles St. for the first in series of meetings on improvements to the Doherty-Gibson Playground. For more information call Annie Blair at 617-961-3028 or ann.frickblair@boston.gov.

BPDA MEETING ON MORRISSEY BOULEVARD RETAIL PROPOSAL

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) will host a public meeting on Tues., Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a proposal to open a Floor & Décor store at 729 Morrissey Blvd., formerly National Wholesale Liquidators. The proponent proposes

substantial renovations to the interior and façade of the existing building and reconfiguration of on-site parking. The meeting will be held at Work INC., 25 Beach St., Dorchester. For more info, contact Stephen Harvey with the BPDA at 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

CODMAN SQ. CANNABIS SHOP MEETING ON JAN. 6

A public meeting convened by the City of Boston will be held on Mon., Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester to discuss a proposed cannabis establishment for 571B Washington St. in Codman Square. Contact Christine Brandao with questions at Christine.brandao@boston.gov or 617-635-1880.

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Beacon Hill takes tentative tack towards sports betting

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE **News Service**

It's a question of when, not if, Massachusetts legalizes sports betting and MGM Springfield will be ready to take the action within weeks, the president of the western Massachusetts casino said last week.

During an appearance last Wednesday on 98.5 The Sports Hub, MGM Springfield President Mike Mathis said it's time for lawmakers on Beacon Hill to pick up the pace on a sports betting bill because customers and revenue are leaving for surrounding states that are ahead of Massachusetts.

Bills authorizing sports betting have been pending all year, but remain under committee

"The Legislature has been studying it. As you know, your Legislature is pretty deliberate. It took us a while to get the casino industry in here so sports betting is the next one to go," Mathis told afternoon drive co-hosts Michael Felger and Tony Massarotti. He added, "It's just a matter of getting it on the priority list. And there's a lot of important things the state is tackling. So we've been patient, but really what we've got to watch out

for is these surrounding states are really getting aggressive.'

The US Supreme Court last year granted states permission to legalize an activity that had previously been mostly sequestered to Nevada and illegal operations. Beacon Hill legislative leaders then expressed interest in tackling sports betting early in this session. But as other states raced forward, the Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies began to dig into the issues that would come $with the \, implementation$ of sports betting, and the issue was moved to the back burner at the State House.

Lawmakers previously suggested they could address the expanding scope of the gaming universe – including sports betting, daily fantasy sports and other forms of gaming and wagering - in the spring of 2020. Sports betting is already legal in Rhode Island and New Hampshire has authorized it to begin in the coming weeks.

"It's very much an active part of the committee's focus and the committee's conversations, and it's something that we're continuing to study and prepare," Sen. Eric Lesser, Senate chair of the Economic Development Committee, said Thursday of a sports betting bill.

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Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante, the House cochair of the Economic Development Committee, did not respond to News Service requests for an interview Thurs-

Gov. Charlie Baker filed his betting bill (H 68) in January with the hope that it would pass in time for the start of the NFL season in September. The Economic Development Committee held two days of hearings in May and the governor's bill remains in that committee, as do other similar proposals.

Lesser told the News Service that his assumption is that "that if something is proposed, it will take some of the best elements of each idea." He said the rough outline of what any bill would need to address is pretty consistent: "There would need to be a strong ability to close the black market and bring the practice into the sunlight and regulate it, and ensure very robust consumer protections and ensure it is properly taxed."

The governor's bill, which would allow the state's casinos and online-only operators like DraftKings or FanDuel to take bets on profes-

sional games, projects collect an estimated \$35 from sports betting. that the state would million in new revenue



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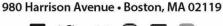




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NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

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others.

Reviewing the arts scene in Dot: 2019

(Continued from page 1) amplifying the talent of Dorchester-based artists like Red Shaydez, while providing an affordable alternative to the pricey Boston Calling. It will surely serve as a blueprint for communityorganized, Dorchestercentered music events in the future.

Albums: Days before Cousin Stizz's album "Trying to Find My Next Thrill" dropped in August, his face could be seen staring down from a billboard in Fields Corner. The rapper's physical presence in his home neighborhood was inspiring for Dorchester rappers familiar with his rise to stardom and his success in representing Boston on a national scale.



Fields Corner native Cousin Stizz dropped a big album in June.



Red Shaydez moved the Strand crowd during "Boston Answering" in May.

But Stizz was far from the only Dorchester rapper to release a project last year. Red Shaydez kicked things off early in the year with "The Chilling in the Shade EP," in which she touts love and self care while also allowing listeners glimpses into her artistic struggle; after a creative hiatus, Dorchester native Latrell James released a digestible, re-playable 5-track EP, "Still," in July. The project shows James coming into his own, and its strong bars and infectious beats indicate there are even bigger things to come from the wordsmith/producer;

Cliff Notez followed up his critically acclaimed "Where the Sidewalk

Ends" with a new album, "Why the Wild Things Are," an eclectic collec-

tion that shows Notez



The Dot Jazz Series helped put Dorchester on the map as a regular venue.

beginning to address and move past the pain and trauma he probed in

reps Dorchester and announces her place in a new wave of female MCs

which she consistently

tearing up the scene. **DAP:** Dorchester Art Project cemented its status as a nexus of Dorchester art in 2019, hosting a nonstop stream of shows and exhibitions at its gallery/black box space in Fields Corner on its way to earning a Boston Music Award for Best Intimate Live Venue. In addition to the institution's successful monthly Open Mic night, which regularly draws high-profile and up-and-coming talent from the neighborhood's rap circles, DAP also provided an important platform for a number of local visual artists, painters, and photographers.

A few notable shows that came to the gallery last year included the "Vanguard Retrospective Exhibition," curated by founder of the underground arts zine and Fields Corner native Aiden Nguyen, highlighted artwork from the LGBTQ Vietnamese community in Dorchester and around the world; "Staged: New Visions of Boston Music



Photography" trained a lens on the city's dynamic music scene and allowed those behind the camera a chance to shine; and "Tender/Feral," a show curated by Boston-based artists Kenn Crestwell and Mithsuca Berry, explored "the duality of blackness" through the medium of color.

Dot Jazz: The Dot Jazz Series continued to grow as a community fixture in 2019, providing one of the only regular platforms for live jazz in the neighborhood. Now entering its fourth year, Mark Redmond's jazz series proved its legitimacy in 2019 by drawing giants of the Boston jazz scene like Jason Palmer and Jerry Bergonzi. But maybe the most special iteration of the series came in May, when saxophonist Kurtis Rivers and guitarist Alain Pacowski, two musicians who played in a yearslong residency at the Ramsay/Toy VFW Post on Woodrow Avenue, reunited for a concert at All Saints' Peabody Hall, showing that jazz is still alive and well in Dorchester.

BAMS Fest: The Boston Arts and Music Soul Fest returned bigger and better in its second iteration this past summer. The arts festival in Franklin Park drew applications from more than 2,000 artists this past year, with 19 performers from Boston, New England, and around the country making the cut. With a mission of creating a "diverse and inclusive commonplace" for Boston artists of color, the nonprofit behind the



Brandie Blaze's "Late Bloomer" album reps Dot heavy.

ceeded in bringing the community together for an all-ages event and celebrating its thriving African-American artistic circles. In 2020, BAMS Fest is poised to continue to grow and add more stages and more performers, and projects to entertain thousands more attendees when it returns to Franklin Park in June.



The Dorchester Art Project earned respect as a destination in 2019.









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The BAM Fest in Franklin Park.

Community Health News

Inmates' access to addiction treatment temporarily reinstated

By Katie Lannan STATE HOUSE News Service

Two prisoners will be able to continue receiving addiction treatment medication and a third will have his medication reinstated until a January hearing, under an agreement reached in federal court on Dec. 23.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and the law firm Goodwin Procter LLP had filed suit against the Department of Correction the week before alleging that the three plaintiffs had been receiving prescribed daily doses of buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder, but learned from prison medical providers that that course of treatment would end after 90 days because of the department's "compulsorywithdrawal policy."

The lawsuit, Sclafani v. Mici, argues that the department is violating the Eighth Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment, as well as protections afforded under the Americans with Disabilities

According to the ACLU, the department had already discontinued Joseph Sclafani's buprenorphine prescription and had plans to discontinue treatment for the other two plaintiffs – around Dec. 30 for Bret Cappola and around Jan. 6 for Michael Feinstein. Sclafani is currently incarcerated at MCI Norfolk and Cappola and Feinstein are being held at MCI Cedar Junction in Walpole.

Lawyers from both sides appeared before US District Court Judge Indira Talwani, where they agreed to maintain Cappola and Feinstein's treatment at their current doses until a preliminary injunction hearing scheduled for January, and to start the induction process to put Sclafani back on medication-assisted treatment after an evaluation. If the dosage needed to be changed for medical reasons, the Department of Correction was to notify the plaintiffs' counsel immediately.

'We're relieved to hear that our clients are going to be maintained, or in the case of Mr. Sclafani, put back on their prescribed buprenorphine treatment," ACLU staff attorney Jessie Rossman told reporters after the hearing. "What happened today was a temporary relief, and we're looking forward to continuing the conversation in court in the middle of January."

Philip Silva, the counsel for the Department of Correction, declined to be interviewed after the hearing.

A law Gov. Charlie Baker signed in August 2018 included language

to ensure prisoners and detainees in some Department of Correction facilities could continue receiving medicationassisted treatment while behind bars if they'd been already prescribed it, and establishing a medication-assisted treatment pilot program in county jails.

In court filings, the ACLU, which has previously filed other lawsuits related to medicationassisted treatment access in Massachusetts correctional facilities, cited a 2017 Department of Public Health study showing that the opioid overdose death rate is 120 times higher for those recently released from incarceration compared to the rest of the adult population.

This case, of course, is on behalf of our three plaintiffs, but we certainly hope it encourages the Department of Corrections to make sure that everyone has access to their medication," Rossman said. "Addiction is a disease, and we need to treat it as such, with health care.'

ACLU of Massachusetts executive director Carol Rose said in a statement that the organization hopes "that jails and prisons everywhere change their policies to ensure people in their custody suffering from opioid use disorder have access to medically prescribed treatment.

Carney earns 'top teaching hospital' ranking

Carney Hospital has once again been named a "top teaching hospital" by The Leapfrog Group, national watchdog organization of employers and other purchasers focused on health care safety and quality. The award comes following the hospital's "A" Hospital Safety Grade,



also from The Leapfrog

"Carney Hospital is proud to be recognized by The Leapfrog Group for two distinct and prestigious awards." said Tom Sands, president of Carney Hospital. "The Top Hospital and Grade "A" recognitions further demonstrate Carney's dedication to providing safe, quality

care to our patients."

About 2,100 hospitals were considered for the award. Among those, Carney Hospital received a Top Teaching Hospital distinction.

We are pleased to recognize Carney Hospital as a 2019 Leapfrog Top Hospital," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "This demonstrates extraordinary dedication to patients and to the Dorchester community. We congratulate the board, staff and clinicians whose efforts made this honor possible and know they share pride in this achievement."

To qualify for the Top Hospitals distinction, hospitals must rank top among peers in the

2019 Leapfrog Hospital Survey, which assesses hospital performance on the highest known standards for quality and patient safety, and achieve top performance in its category. To see the full list of institutions honored as 2019 Top Hospitals, visit leapfroggroup.org/tophospitals. -STAFF

First Night preparers setting up; Mayor Walsh: Be safe and have fun

BY MATT MURPHY STATE HOUSE **News Service**

The city of Boston is set to welcome tens of thousands of New Year's Everevelers with preparations for First Night celebrations well underway on Monday and public officials, including Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, urging visitors to be safe and have fun.

"It's a great fun way to ring in the new year," Walsh said at a press conference Monday afternoon. He added that there would be a "strong public safety presence" downtown and in the city's neighborhoods on Tuesday night, and he urged people to "dress appropriately" even though the forecast does not call for the freezing temperatures that have marked some past First Night celebrations.

Walsh also said that this year's festivities would have "a little bit of a cloud over it" after 34-year-old Brandon McSweeney of Sherborn was killed on Saturday working to set up for First Night when a ballast to be used as the base for a light tower fell on him.

"This was a horrible, tragic accident and I want ask people to continue to keep Brandon's family in your thoughts and prayers, and his co-

workers in your thought and prayers," Walsh said.

Walsh was joined at City Hall by the heads of the city's first responder agencies, and First Night organizer Dusty Rhodes, who repeatedly stressed that people of all ages should feel welcome at the festivities.

"Remember, please, that this is a family event. A family event. So we don't need anyone drinking alcohol in public, smoking marijuana in public. Do it at home. Please. For the safety of every one," Boston Police Chief William Gross urged.

"No flying drones as well," he reminded.

Gross also said that his officers would not just be downtown in plain clothes and uniform, but fully staffed throughout the city.

"You're first responder family will be out there in abundance, not only downtown but we want vou to know that the neighborhoods are covered as well," Gross said.

The festivities are expected to include concerts, light shows, ice sculptures and a parade down Boylston Street from Copley Square to Boston Common though the rain will force the ice sculptures to be kept inside until noon.

There will be over 100

performances by over 50 different performers, fireworks on the Common at 7 p.m. for children and two more displays—one off the roof of the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel and another at midnight over Boston Harbor.

And there will Olympic-style ice skating on Frog Pond and dueling stages in Copley with musical acts playing 'non-stop" until midnight, Rhodes said.

"It's free. It's fun. And it's for family," Rhodes

Officials also urged revelers to use public transit, if possible.

The city will begin towing vehicles from closed streets beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and the Twill have additional late-night service with trains running at rush-hour levels from 3 p.m. until 2 a.m.

The commuter rail will also have late-night service with many lines running a final train from Boston at around 1 a.m., though scheduled may vary.

The forecast calls for light rain, clouds, and temperatures in the low 40s. The weather could affect turnout, officials said, and though there are no projections for crowd size Rhodes said about 250,000 turned out to celebrate the start of 2019 last year.



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150 River Street

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Neighborhood Notables

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GREATER MATTAPAN COUNCIL TO MEET

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its scheduled monthly meeting on Mon., Jan. 6, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Center. Speakers will include Chief Resilience Officer Lori Nelson and Star Laws, DND. The agenda will include a review of an upcoming disposition of city-owned parcels. Residents are encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC MEETING ON 150 RIVER ST. PROJECT

A public meeting to review a proposal to build a 30-unit affordable rental building for elders at 150 River St. will be held on Wed., Jan. 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Great Room inside 249 River St., Mattapan. The BPDA will host the meeting. Contact Ebony DaRosa at 617-918-4419 or ebony.darosa@boston. gov for more info.

BOSTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS MLK CONCERT

Now in its 17th year, BCC's signature concert honoring Dr. King will be held on Monday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at Symphony Hall, Boston. Featuring pieces by composers like Florence Price, Undine Smith Moore, and Rosephanye Powell. Contact alujares@ bostonchildrenschorus.org for more info.

BOSTON COMMON MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE ON JAN. 15

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of the Public Garden will host an open house to discuss the Boston Common Master Plan on Wed., Jan. 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Josiah Quincy School Auditorium, 152 Arlington St. Attendees will hear an overview of the Boston Common Master Plan project and receive an update on the work that has been accomplished to date, hear a summary of the extensive public feedback that has been received, hear a discussion about user needs and infrastructure needs, consider initial concepts for improving the Common, and learn about next steps. Park users, abutters, and other stakeholders

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BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK

Boston Public Library's free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher's Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl. org/homework.

POLICE DISTRICT C-11

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POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

For info, call B-3's Community Service Office at 617-343-4711.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

The Hancock Street Civic Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Uphams Crossing, 530 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Meeting time is 7-8:30p.m. Annual dues are \$5; please contact hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com with any questions you may have. The next meeting is on Jan. 7.

WELLINGTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Wellington Hill Neighborhood Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library. Updates can be found on Facebook page: @wellingtonhillneighbors. Or Google Group: wellingtonhill@ googlegroups.com

RIVER STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan.

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ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer's Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O'Neill at pattiashmont@ gmail.com.

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP

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ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

Cedar Grove Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at Fr. Lane Hall, St. Brendan Church, 15 Rita Rd. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD

COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSOC.

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@gmail.com.

FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.

The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info. contact V. Girard, chair, at: vivian8120@gmail.com.

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A legislative aide talks of his odyssey to a State House desk Devin Edwards serves in state Rep. Holmes's office

BY RACHEL ROCK SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

On a hot August evening, Devin Edwards stopped in at an elderly neighbor's house on his way home from work. That morning, Edwards had received this woman's frantic call reporting a dead squirrel on her electrical wire. Upon arrival, he found her sitting in her garden, eyes locked on the dangling rodent. Though small in stature with a slight build, Edwards made several attempts hurling rocks and sticks to knock the rodent to the ground. Then, his better judgment told him to go through the proper channels. He uploaded photos to Boston's 311 service request system and discovered that the line was jointly owned by the electric company and a local cable provider. He left the house, confident that he had set a solution

The 25-year-old Edwards is a legislative aide to Massachusetts state Rep. Russell Holmes and solving constituents' problems is the bread and butter of his work. Holmes represents the state's' Sixth Suffolk District, which includes parts of Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan and Jamaica Plain, and some of Boston's poorest streets. He has taught Edwards to see the community in which he was raised as his boss.

"My phone rings a lot. 'Hey, Devin, I need a job.' 'Hey, Devin, I need help finding a place to live.' 'Hey, Devin, my house is being foreclosed,'" Edwards says, sitting at his tidy desk in the corner of Holmes's small office on the second floor of the Massachusetts State House.

He projects confidence in his role as an advocate and guide for his community. He takes all requests seriously, from housing issues to dangling dead squirrels. "I $get\,up\,every\,\bar{day}\,because$ it's a passion and there's a certain feeling in my heart that I definitely get from being able to service my community, give back to my community," he says with his signature smile.

Edwards's squirrelremoval efforts paid off. Several days later, his neighbor called to thank him for showing her that she was important to him. She told him that Rep. Holmes had gained a "forever supporter."

Winning over supporters is at the core of Edwards's life story, even though reaching his position of influence in the Massachusetts legislative process was hardly predestined and even against the odds.



Devin Edwards, legislative aide to Rep Russell Holmes, speaking with constituents about a pending bill in Holmes's State House office in October.

Rachel Rock photo

He grew up with a deep distrust of government as an agent of positive social change, taking a view that had been passed down through the generations in his community.

"I never believed in local government. I always thought they were against me and my people," he says. "But then when I started to work for the city of Boston, I started to realize what these folks in local government wanted to do to affect our lives and how important it was."

In addition to being unlikely, the route Edwards took to Holmes's office was littered with obstacles and pain. Yet it's that lived experience that gives him credibility – and, by extension, Holmes – with his community.

"He brings a life experience that most folks don't see at the State House," said Holmes. "And it's important for people to see that when they call into the State House, when they arrive and have never been into the building, they say, 'Whoa, who's this young man who actually has this amount of influence?"

In 2012, just before Edwards's 18th birthday, his father died after a long battle with sickle cell anemia. Grieving and angry, he dropped out of high school, began running the streets of Boston and dealing drugs. Finally recognizing that his life had spun out of control. Edwards left to live with his aunt and uncle in Florida. Two years later, he returned to Boston, determined to get his life back on track.

"For a long time, I showed my little brother and sister the wrong way to be," Edwards says. "My mom was a great mother and instilled in me great mannerisms.



Devin Edwards at a 2018 family holiday celebration in Dorchester. $Photo\ courtesy\ Devin\ Edwards$

She put me through good schooling, and I didn't follow the path she had for me."

A neighborhood street worker steered him toward what would become a second-chance journey by suggesting that he enroll in a paid internship with Resilient Coders, a tech training program offered with support and mentoring through Youth Options Unlimited (YOU). Jonathan Makrez, then-YOU program director, said that Edwards stood out from the beginning.

"His personality and social skills were special. I thought, 'Who is this kid?" said Makrez. "He was always asking for constructive criticism and ways to improve." Now, years later, Makrez considers Edwards a colleague and recognizes the potency of his demonstrated ability to connect the dots for others like him.

Says Edwards: "I tell other brothers, 'If I can do it, so can you.' I try to teach them the importance of local government and of just trying

to make sure you can do things on a straight and narrow. But I also try not to be a hypocrite. That's a life which I came from. I'm not going to speak down on it."

This life remains the backdrop of his days and his source of comfort. With little free time available because of work and attending college classes at night Edwards hangs out with family and friends, tries to work out, and dines out at a one of his two favorite restaurants, Oriental De Cuba, in Jamaica Plain or, Green Tea, in Lynn. On Fridays, he goes to see his barber for either a haircut or a shape-up. And every other week, in search of solace, Edwards goes to the gravesite of his best friend, who was killed by street violence in 2016.

He embraces his status as a role model, nurtured in part by Conan Harris, one of his most influential mentors. Harris, formerly Boston's deputy public safety director, is a force of nature with his mission to raise up young men of color. To Harris,

Edwards is emblematic of the many young men in Boston who need believers rather than saviors to unlock their power.

"I told him that public service is not about being self-important," Harris says. "No, first it's about being an example to your family and friends. Second, it's about reaching back and pulling other brothers up."

Harris met Edwards as a student at Resilient Coders and saw in him a potential young leader in Boston's efforts to open up access to opportunity for all citizens. "I recognized that Devin had a yearning and humility," said Harris. "I placed him in the newly created Professional Pathways program that paid interns to work in the city hall offices of department chiefs and gain exposure to a wider range of job possibilities."

His work at City Hall was just the start of Edwards's expanding world view. He joined Harris to meet President Barack Obama at an event in December 2016 in North Carolina for Obama's national initiative, My Brother's Keeper (MBK). Despite being a "nervous wreck," Edwards went to the microphone and asked the president, "What do you see MBK continuing to provide for brothers like myself who come through violent neighborhoods and troubling upbringings?"

Obama, who had met Edwards before the event, acknowledged the road Edwards had traveled and spoke of his plans to reach more individuals like him.

On a recent afternoon, Edwards listened carefully as Tiffany Vassell lobbied him for support of a bill in the Legislature that would expand Medicaid coverage to include doula (childbirth) services. Wearing a gray suit and an open necked purple shirt, Edwards read over the legislative fact sheet, his right elbow on a desk chair. On his jacket lapel is a small gold pin with the emblem of the House of Representatives.

Vassell and Edwards both live in Holmes's district and know that what she was advocating for would save lives in a community where black and brown women suffer much higher rates of pregnancy-related complications.

"There are pockets of opposition to this bill, so just work the building," Edwards tells Vassell. "Come find me later if I can be of help!"

Over the past few years of working inside local and state government offices, Edwards has developed his capacity to help people. He described a recent situation where he spent hours with a constituent in a basement office of the State House helping resolve an issue related to child support payments.

"I sat there, kind of like incognito, to see what the experience was like and it wasn't great. I felt as though the state employee was in a very overwhelming position, but I also knew that she wasn't helping my constituent do what she needed him to do," explained Edwards. "As it became contentious, I stepped forward to say that I represent him at the state level. At that moment I guess my presence and how I approached this situation... she brought it down...he brought it down. They were able to communicate with each other and figure things out."

In that moment, Edwards stepped into the potential that Harris saw within him years earlier. "I felt as though this is why I'm here and that's why I'm part of the work, to bring my experience and bring everybody else's experience so we can make these systems work a little bit better for both sides."

Edwards wants his life over the past four years to demonstrate to others with similar backgrounds that the city of Boston and society have not given up on them. Second chances do exist.

"I try to tell the youth what I've been through, but I also tell them they have to be ready for a certain change in life," says Edwards. "It's kind of that analogy that you can bring a horse to water. The horse has to want to drink."

Rachel Rock is a graduate student in Boston University's journalism program.

Walsh says new ordinance will boost the city's wetlands resilience

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Committee. "Policies such as this one ensure that we are protecting our current natural resource areas and local wetlands, while reducing impacts of global climate change."

Previously, the Conservation Commission has followed the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, which requires that any work proposed in a wetland resource area or within 100 feet of those areas be reviewed and issued a permit by the panel. The new law protects isolated vegetated wetlands, vernal pools, and vernal pool habitat. It also establishes a Waterfront Area that will serve as a buffer zone and allow for the implementation of the Resilient Boston Harbor Plan, as well as allow for the creation of Flood Resilience Zones expected to be aligned with the Boston Planning & Development Agency's flood overlay district.

'This ordinance is a big step toward regulating development to match the scale and urgency of our climate vulnerability. Boston should be taking every possible action to fight climate change, and I'm proud to have worked with community leaders to advance progress for climate justice," said Boston City Councillor At-Large Michelle Wu.

The Friends of Allandale Coalition called the ordinance "a positive step forward in the efforts to address Climate Change and protect natural resources in all neighborhoods of the city." The coalition, which includes a large number of city-wide civic associations and other groups, also pointed out some areas where they say there is room for improvement.

"One, the future of our coastal marshes, primarily Belle Isle in East Boston and Neponset Estuary - which extends basically from Venezia past Port Norfolk and Cedar Grove up to Lower Mills. Two, there is a need to integrate early environmental assessment - indeed assessment of all disparate impacts - within the overall project review. Notwithstanding these points, Friends of Allandale and the entire coalition is in strong support of the ordinance as amended."

The new law also allows the Conservation Commission to develop standards for projects in the floodplain to ensure that future residents are protected from flooding, and expressly



Mayor Martin Walsh signed the Local Wetland Ordinance during a visit to Roslindale last Isabel Leon/Mayor's Office photo

directs the panel to consider climate change, sea level rise, and climate resiliency in reviewing applications, and develop performance standards to ensure the city is adequately protected from those effects.

"Boston is viewed nationally and internationally as a leader in addressing the effects of climate change, and the new local wetlands ordinance is an important tool in protecting and enhancing the city's valuable wetlands resource areas, which serve as important protections against sea level rise," said Michael Parker, chair of the Conversation Commission.

He added: "The city is already seeing the effects of climate change and the ordinance will advance the goals of Climate Ready Boston by defending against sea level rise and strengthening floodplain protections. The Conservation Commission is eager to integrate the new ordinance into this important work."

The creation of Flood Resilience Zones adds a layer of protection that will be established through the ordinance, which will require projects within the zones to go through Conservation Commission review. They are expected to be aligned with the Boston Planning & Development Agency and the 2070 Climate Ready Boston maps.

"Wetlands are a critically important component of this because they store and filter groundwater while acting as a buffer against storms and floods. With this ordinance, we are that much closer to achieving a connected and protective waterfront," said Chris Cook, the city's chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space.

Added Kathy Abbott, President and CEO of Boston Harbor Now: "The ordinance provides a critical foundation for protecting and mimicking natural systems as we develop coastal protection around the city and absorb the precipitation from increasingly intense storms. These consistent and forward- looking regulations assure that our wetlands and wildlands are our first line of defense against climate change and continue to help keep our citizens safe."

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The Council sponsored a Toy Drive for our Club members and families. Members of our Early Education and Care Program were able to pick a present and thank the representatives in person for their kind donation.

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FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: 99 Restaurants Partners with Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester for October Campaign: After the October campaign for Boys & Girls Clubs concluded, 99 Restaurants presented the Club with a generous donation.

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Thank you to Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County for presenting this important workshop to our members.

Also thank you to Yawkey Foundations for funding and supporting BGCD's year round emotional wellness programs, such as this workshop.

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Harrington and her fiancé Gregory Speicher of Holbrook, Thomas W. Crowe of Canton, John J. Crowe and his wife Tammy of Merrimack, NH and Mary J. Crowe of Dorchester. Grandmother of the late Anthony W. Crowe. Great-Nana to Miles

(Crowe) Curtis, Salvatore (Crowe) Curtis and Eleanor (Crowe) Curtis of Canton. If desired, contributions in Ann's memory may be sent to St. Gregory's Church, 2215 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124.

CROKE, Edward F. "Bud" of Milton. Husband for 72 years of June M. (Flaherty). Father of June M. Buckley and her husband Keith of Braintree, Peter T. Croke and his wife Jean of Marshfield, and Elizabeth L. "Betsy" Comproni and her partner Kent Stiritz of Dorchester. Grandfather of Katelyn and Timothy Buckley, and Christopher, Shauna, and Olivia Croke. He was a proud Army Veteran, WWII. Donations may be made in his memory to St. Elizabeth's Church, 359 Reedsdale Rd., Milton, MA 02186.

DRAPER, Marjorie L. "Margie" (Dunbar) in Dorchester. Wife of the late Richard Draper and Joseph E. Mc-Intyre. Mother of John M. and his wife Karen McIntyre of North Carolina, Linda M. Buckley

and her late husband John Buckley of Quincy, Shirley A. and her husband John Husak of Brockton, and the late Mickey McIntyre. "Nana" of Monica Gentry, John McIntyre, Jr., Ian McIntyre, Jason Buckley, Eric Buckley, Margie Crowley, Michael Buckley, David Buckley, Charles Husak, and Natalie Husak-Westgate. Survived by 18 great-grandchildren. Margie was a former secretary at St. Margaret Church and a longtime parishioner. She was also a member of the "K" Club for many years. Donations in

Margie's memory may be made to St. Margaret Church. Elizabeth EISAN, "Betty" (Harrington)in Brockton, formerly of Weymouth and Dorchester. Wife of Harry B. Eisan for 63 years. Mother of Cheryl and her husband Alfred Arnold of Pembroke, Gary and his wife Debby Eisan of Pembroke, David and his wife Michelle Eisan-Smith of Holliston, and Beth "Buffy" and her husband Eric Gagnon of Old Orchard Beach, Maine. Sister of Barbara Thorwaldson of Hingham, her twin brother Robert Harrington of Milton, Carol Remington of Weymouth, and the late Ruby Henderson, Marge Henderson, and Clinton Harrington Jr. She is survived by 9 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Donations in Betty's memory may be made to the American Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60601 or the First Baptist Church, 401 Ashmont Dorchester, MA St...

HACKETT, Barbara **J.** (**Phillips**) Born in Cornwall, England of Dorchester. Wife of the late Lawrence J. Hackett. Mother of Patricia Dennehy of Dorchester, Patrick Michael Hackett of Jacksonville, FL, Jeanne Wilson of Norwell, Wendy Hosmer of South Boston and the late Daniel Hackett, Michael Patrick Hackett, Annette Walker and David Paul Hackett. Also survived by 15 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren and her dear care giver, Brazia Gomes of

Quincy HEBARD, Lucy T. (Foley), 92. Born in Brookline, Lucy lived in Mattapan, Milton and West Yarmouth before moving to Dorchester. A graduate of Laboure College, Lucy trained and worked as a Registered Nurse at Marian Manor, Carney Hospital, Neponset Health Center and a number of nursing homes. Her lifedefining roles were as a dedicated wife, mother of eleven, and grand-mother of fifteen. Wife of the late H. Noel Hebard, Lucy was loved and cherished by her children, Christopher and wife Barbara of Melrose, Jerome (retired B.P.D.) and his late wife Linda Joy of Bridgewater, William and wife Jeanne of Needham, Grace and husband Paul Barry, Margaret Hamilton and husband Edward (retired B.P.D.) and H. John, all of Dorchester, Edmund and wife Mariana of Framingham, Theresa Lynch and husband Paul and Mary, all of Quincy, Anne Duduch and husband Christopher of Marshfield, and Hugh and wife Eileen of Westwood; her grandchildren Allyson, Edward, Joseph, Kevin,

Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU19P2771EA ESTATE OF: ANTONIO A. MARINO

DATE OF DEATH: 03/29/2019

A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by Marie R. Saia of Burlington, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for

enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Peti-tion. The Petitioner requests that: Marie R. Saia of Burlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an

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written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **01/08/2020**.

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Ryan, Olivia, David, Stephen, MaryKate, Timothy, Christopher, Ronan, Lucy, Grace and Mairead; and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Fr. John I. Foley, Fr. Hugh Foley (CM), William Foley, and Sr. Mary Dolores Foley (CSJ). Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph, c/o Mission Advancement, 637 Cambridge St., Brighton, MA 02135, or donate online at csjboston.org/ support-our-sisters HOWARD, Fran-

ces V. (Barauskas) of Dorchester, originally from South Boston, 93. Predeceased by her husband, Victor A. Howard. Mother of Frances McGeough of Quincy, Patricia Devine and her husband Thomas of Moraga, CA, Phyllis Howard and her partner Barbara Jarvis of Dorchester and Victor J. Howard and his wife Nancy of Newport, RI. Proud grandmother and great-grandmother Jessica Sherlock and her husband Christopher and daughters Samantha and Victoria, Emily Donadini and her fiance George Novo and her daughter Kelsey Devlin, Phillip Donadini and his daughter Teegan Rose, Patrick Devine, Ryan Devine and his wife Holly, Rory DeShazer and her husband Tyler and children Owen and Riley, Andrew How-James Sherrod ard, and his wife Bridget and daughter Emma, and Amanda Repp and her husband Eric and daughters Kennedy and Dakota. Lovingly called "sissy" by her siblings, Stella Demsky, Nellie Fratic, Anna Starsiak, and John and Joseph Barauskas, and many nieces and nephews. She worked for 30 years as a paraprofessional at the Emerson and Condon Schools within the Boston Public School system. Contributions can be made to Castle Island Association, P.O. Box 342 South Boston, MA 02127, or St. Joseph's Indian School, 1301 North Main St., Chamberlain SD 5'

THROCKMORTON, Catherine A. (Donovan), 84, of Mansfield, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late John C. Throckmorton. Mother of James R. Throckmorton and his wife JoAnne of Plainville and the late Jane M. Throckmorton. Grandmother of Kaitlin N. Throckmorton and Bridget M. Throckmorton, both of Plainville. Sister of Phyllis DiMarzio and her husband William of Concord, Virginia Grinley and her husband Thomas of Florida and the late Mary Coombs. Contributions in Catherine's memory may be made to the Perkins School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472.

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU19P2789GD IN THE MATTER OF: MARK DEMONE of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT

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Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filed
by Department of Mental Health (Boston of
Westborough, MA) in the above captioned
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Surety on the bond.

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

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24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU19P2835EA ESTATE OF: AUGUSTINE MARINO

02124.

Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Marie R. Saia of Burlington MA requesting that the Court enter a forma Decree and Order and for such other relie as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Marie R. Saia of Burlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative (so said estate to serve Without Surety of the bond in an unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 20, 2019

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court. Date: December 11, 2019

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Unions to help Madison Park students create and maintain their own business

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"The good part about a vocational school is that you can decide: Do you want to go to college or do you want to go right into work? If you have a union behind you like this," he said, "some of these kids can go to college ten years later, make a lot of money and then pay for it themselves.

"We've got RoxMAPP [Roxbury Dual Enrollment/Early College Program], which takes you right from high school and puts you in a college while you're in high school, and we also have the unions that are working with us now. So it's like the best of both worlds."

Gerald Santana, 18, of Dorchester is one of those students currently participating in the school's early college program, whereby he takes classes as a senior at Madison Park while he's also enrolled as a freshman at Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, where he studies business. Santana worked as store manager last year during a trial run of the gift shop model, an experience that let him "make connections" between the classroom and the retail space. Santana said that run-

"a lot of communication skills. You need to be able to communicate with people." But he also learned valuable lessons about leadership and delegating responsibility, he said. "As manager I didn't make a decision by myself; I actually consulted with the other students on the team. Like, if I wanted to move a table or change something, I told them why I'm doing it, instead of just giving an order." Tony King, a Dorchester native and owner of Beantown USA, a clothes printing shop in Adams Village, helped facilitate the connection between Madison Park and District Council 35 after learning that Schuman, an old friend of his from South Boston. was behind the project. And for good measure, King decided to design a t-shirt commemorating the collaboration. "I'm a signatory of DC35, so when we asked them to do the donation here,

I wanted to make a collaboration shirt for it."

he explained. "So I just

took [Madison Park's]

crest and kind of incor-

porated the values of

the DC 35 Painters and Allied Trades, Paint-

ers and Glaziers, and the union logo there." Through the donation, King and his outside sales manager, Joe Rufo, hope the gift shop model can develop and expand its services with the purchase of a heat printing press, store mannequins, and other display items that improve the customer's retail experience. "I'm just trying to help this grow," he said. "My main goal is union work, not necessarily in school stores, but the correlation I made is, you know, I want to help them here and tie my union contacts in with them. Let's get them some of this

union money that's so prosperous...the future of this is me giving them a business plan to actually have their students be able to print their own stuff in here and sell it as is, or customize it on the spot in front of the customer."





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