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The Boston City Council's 13 members took the oath of office administered by Mayor Wu in Faneuil Hall on Monday, Jan. 1. The newly seated council includes four new members elected in November.

Chris Lovett photo

Louijeune centers goals on 'equity'

Seeks to bridge divides

BY CHRIS LOVETT
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Boston City Councilors began their new term on Monday morning, Jan. 1, with a punctual bow to tradition, salutes to revolutionary change, and an offer to partake of "jou mou," a favorite Haitian soup made with squash and a medley of other vegetables.

In the historic setting of Faneuil Hall, the thirteen councillors and Mayor Michelle Wu made a processional entry, accompanied by a recording of the prelude to Richard Wagner's opera "Die Meistersinger." But, even before the oath of office ritual got un-



Council President Ruthzee Louijeune took the gavel after her unanimous election on Monday afternoon.

Chris Lovett photo

derway, a different tone had already been set by Reginald Reed, Jr., who stood alone on the hall's platform with his alto sax to play "Body and Soul."

Once the councillors were seated, Wu explained the rule, unaltered for more than 200 years, that their new

terms must begin on the first Monday in January, regardless of the date or how late people may have been celebrating the night before. But she lost little time in going from institutional constant to the spirit of change. "It's a reminder that, in many ways, our presence

here, these councillors' presence here, is revolutionary," said the mayor. "And it can be traced back to a group of people deciding to stand up for the freedom we enjoy today. Last month, we commemorated the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, the embodiment of the fact that democracy is action."

About two hours later, in City Hall, councillors acted by unanimously voting to make the body's first Haitian-American member, Ruthzee Louijeune, their new president. After she was nominated, there were cheers from the packed galleries in the council chamber, which was well stocked with family members and supporters, many of them dressed in red and blue, the same colors that some held up and waved on

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City speeding up efforts to slow down the traffic

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Efforts to slow down driving in Dorchester have increased in intensity over the last few months with speed hump installation being prioritized across the neighborhood. Bowdoin-Geneva and the Hancock Street Triangle are the latest named as key areas where a new program will focus on quick fixes and long-term changes to enhance safety for drivers and pedestrians.

Over the past month, speed humps have been installed on streets across Bowdoin-Geneva as the first implants in a long process known as the Bowdoin-Geneva Transportation Action Plan, and humps are expected as soon as this month for streets in the Hancock Triangle. They will be followed by more long-term changes to side streets and thoroughfares like Westville and Hancock streets in early 2024.

This push involves the largest swath of neighborhood streets and arteries tackled by the city to date in its Safety Surge program (formerly dubbed Neigh-)

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Local retailer family aiming to build bigger in Uphams Corner

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The Salzberg family, long-time retailers in Uphams Corner, filed plans last month to redevelop a key commercial building on Dudley Street by converting it from the one-story Rainbow Fashions clothing shop to a six-story, mixed-use, 48-unit building on the corner of Virginia Street.

Brothers Mark and Stuart Salzberg have been in the retail business in Uphams Corner for decades, owning and operating the building at 749-755

Dudley St. for over 30 years, and previously with their late father. They also own the building on the other side of Virginia Street, 745 Dudley, which houses a large school uniform store that Mark runs. The family has owned that building for upwards of 50 years, he said.

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A rendering of the building from the Virginia Street side.

BPDA graphic

White Stadium rehab faces vetting on Jan. 11 call

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A series of Boston Planning and Development Agency meetings about the proposed renovation of White Stadium for a proposed National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) team will continue online next Thursday at 6 p.m. – with construction proposed to begin, if permitted, in the second quarter of the year.

On Wednesday of this

week, an Impact Advisory Group (IAG) kicked off the official meetings – which were preceded last summer by informal listening sessions put together by the team owners, Boston Unity Soccer Partners, who in collaboration with the city, filed the project with the BPDA on Dec. 18.

"The Proponent is excited to commit to the City's vision of restoring White Stadium as

a central hub for BPS athletics, and enhancing and complementing the City's athletic offerings with new resources that will create a world class facility for Boston's new National Women's Soccer League team," read the filing.

"These resources will improve BPS's ability to use the stadium for sports across the spring, summer, and fall seasons, school day games, and

graduation ceremonies, and provide a vastly improved first rate venue for all participants."

The soccer team owners will make the largest improvements on the facility's West grandstand, where they will keep the distinctive clamshell white wall but demolish the seating and the superstructure. The new configuration would allow for 5,000 stadium bucket

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Police, Courts & Fire

2 murdered over weekend on Bowdoin-Geneva streets

A man was found with fatal gunshot wounds outside 34 High St. on Dorchester’s Meetinghouse Hill around 5:30 on Monday morning, New Year’s Day. He was pronounced dead at the scene, according to a Boston Police account. No one has been arrested or charged in the killing. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Boston Police Homicide Unit at 617-343-4470.

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On Saturday, 41-year-old Curtis Effee, who had been shot in the chest at 417 Geneva Ave. around 12:50 a.m., was declared dead at the scene. As many as 11 shots in total may have been fired, according to Boston Police, who reported that around 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, they arrested Tyreese Robinson, 19, of Randolph, and Dasahn Crowder, 21, of Quincy, at 380 Talbot Ave. in Codman Square on murder charges in Effee’s death.

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Police in Dorchester’s C-11 district are investigating another armed robbery targeting a postal worker in Dorchester. According to a police account, a postal employee was approached by a man with a handgun around 5:40 p.m. last Thursday (Dec. 28) near the 02124 postal annex on Talbot Avenue near the corner of Talbot and Welles avenues.

As in earlier incidents in Boston and other communities, the robber stole the worker’s postal key, which is used to access mailboxes. He was described in the report as a “light-skinned Hispanic male, late teens-early 20’s, thin build, wearing a dark colored hooded sweater, gray sweatpants, and a black ski mask who fled on Talbot Ave. toward Washington St.”

Letter carriers were targeted last year on at least two occasions in Dorchester and Mattapan. Last August, a mail carrier was robbed at gunpoint, allegedly for his keys and the mail he was carrying, on Whitfield Street near Codman Square. In October, another carrier was robbed at gunpoint on Stonecrest Road. The United States Postal Inspection Service is offering rewards worth up to \$150,000 for information that leads to the arrest of a suspect in that case.

Anyone with information in the Dec. 28 incident is asked to contact District C-11 Detectives at 617-343-4335.

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A fire at an apartment building in the Fairlawn Estates development in Mattapan on Saturday (Dec. 30) led to the arrest of a man who allegedly opened fire on firefighters who arrived to put out the blaze. The incident began around 11:30 a.m. at 50 Fairlawn Ave. near Cummins Highway. According to Boston



25 News, the fire started in a first-floor unit and a Boston Police SWAT team arrested a male suspect, who has not yet been named. No injuries to first responders were reported.

Paul Burke, the city’s fire commission said the incident “heightened the danger level” to first responders, adding: “The multi-agency cooperation was a role model of how a coordinated response should work and undoubtedly saved lives.”

Bluebikes to add 750 e-bikes to its fleet in Massachusetts

REPORTER STAFF

Boston and four other municipalities have announced plans with Lyft to integrate 750 next-generation electric bikes into the Bluebikes program while also noting the renewal of Blue Cross’s title sponsorship,

which was launched in 2018, through May 2031.

The rollout began with 50 e-bikes hitting the street last week; the additional 700 will join the fleet in the new year.

The new agreement between Blue Cross and the municipal owners

further cements a public-private partnership for urban transportation. Blue Cross will continue its commitment to promoting the well-being of Massachusetts residents by supporting initiatives including station expansions, system enhancements, and the integration of e-bikes.

“Today marks an exciting milestone as we usher in the next wave of transportation in Greater Boston with the introduction of state-of-the-art e-bikes,” Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said. “Partnerships such as our Bluebikes alliance with Blue Cross are crucial in ensuring our residents have access to healthier, more sus-

tainable, and affordable transportation options. We look forward to continued collaboration with Blue Cross and all our municipal partners as we elevate our bike share system.”

The addition of e-bikes is expected to grow the overall Bluebikes fleet to 5,000 bikes across 500 stations by next summer. Funding for the initial purchase of the e-bikes came from a combination of municipal investment from Boston and Cambridge, state funding, federal funding by the Boston Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and support from Blue Cross’s sponsorship of the bikeshare system.

Together, Boston, Cam-

bridge, Somerville, and Blue Cross will provide support for affordable user costs of e-bikes for Bluebikes members.

Lyft’s e-bike features a long-lasting battery with a 60-mile range, a user-friendly interface LCD screen, a smoother ride, and numerous safety upgrades. Massachusetts legalized Class 1 e-bikes, which have no throttle and a maximum speed of 20 mph, as part of the Transportation Bond Bill last year. Unlike traditional pedal bikes, e-bikes aren’t permitted on sidewalks, but they can be used on shared paths and bike lanes. Riders must follow all traffic laws and regulations, bike in the same direction of

traffic except on specially marked street, always yield to pedestrians, and maintain safe speeds.

The municipal owners have prioritized access and affordability for the new Bluebikes e-bikes, which will be available at \$0.10 per minute for Bluebikes members, \$0.25 per minute for Adventure Pass holders, and \$0.07 per minute for low-income residents enrolled in Bluebikes’ Income-Eligible Program.

Earlier this year, Boston also announced the Boston Bikes Pass, which is a Bluebikes membership offered only to City of Boston residents at a reduced annual cost of \$60.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Happy Holidays
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The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., Jan. 11, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to discuss the proposed White Stadium project featuring a presentation by Boston Unity Soccer Partners, LLC and the new Women’s Soccer League team in Boston. See ad on Page 3 for information on logging in.

Mayor Michelle Wu will deliver her second annual State of the City Address at MGM Music Hall at Fenway on Tues., Jan. 9. Programming will begin at 7 p.m. with the mayor’s remarks beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m. The City of Boston Cable Office will stream the entire program live on boston.gov/SOTC from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CivicSummit, an event focused on uniting neighbors, civic leaders, and non-profit

advocates featuring panels will be held on Sat., Jan.13, at the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground at Boston University. This event will feature a fireside chat with Mayor Wu, a networking tea hour, and five additional sessions hosted by community leaders. Up to 200 community members can register for the free event here: boston.gov/civic-engagement/civic-summit-2024. Featured sessions include: “Empowering Change: How to Fund Your Inspiration,” led by Eric Leslie, Founder and Lead Organizer of Union Capital. “Becoming a Civic Leader - Training the Next Generation of Leaders,” featuring panelists Lee Pelton, president and CEO of The Boston Foundation; Matthew Broude, co-founder of The Queer Neighborhood Council; Kristen

McCosh, the Disability Commissioner for the City of Boston; Brianna Bourne, Boston University Class of 2024. “EmpowerED: Leveraging Social Media for Community Impact,” led by Emily Schario, head of content for Boston Globe’s B-Side, and “Sustainable Cities: Empowering Communities for a Greener Future,” a fireside chat with Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Boston’s first Green New Deal Director and a cabinet-level senior advisor to Mayor Michelle Wu, and Jaye Meakem, Boston Harbor Now’s Community Engagement Manager. Boston University is the lead partner of the Civic Summit. Boston University and The Boston Foundation are event supporters.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Bos-

ton Public Health Commission (BPHC), has announced the launch of the 2024 Boston Parks Winter Fitness Series. This program is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and offers free virtual classes from Jan. 7 through April 6. Certified fitness instructors will offer a range of winter classes, including Afrobeats Dance, Cardio Kickboxing, Chair Yoga, Dance Fit, Strength and Balance, Strength and Conditioning, Yoga, and Zumba. Class descriptions, dates, and times have been posted on the winter fitness website: boston.gov/fitness.

Franklin Park Zoo will offer free admission on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 15.

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Boston’s voting expansion proposal faces an uphill climb on Beacon Hill

By **SAM DRYSDALE**
STATE HOUSE
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A bid to allow Boston residents who are not US citizens to vote in municipal elections may make its way up to Beacon Hill — where at least one supporter expects it would “essentially die with other home rule petitions.”

The Boston City Council voted earlier this month to approve a petition for a special law to allow all legal residents of Boston, regardless of their citizenship status, to vote in city elections.

“Immigrants with ‘legal status’ constitute over 28 percent of the city population, pay on average 2.3 billion dollars in taxes annually, hold roughly 6 billion dollars in collective spending power,” the petition reads. “The disenfranchisement of any taxpayer from the electoral process is inconsistent with the fundamental American principle of ‘No taxation without representation’ and undermines our City’s ideological foundation.”

The petition would expand voting access to “non-citizens or immigrants with legal status,” explained Councillor

Ricardo Arroyo at the Dec. 13 meeting. Arroyo chairs the Committee on Government Operations that brought the petition forward.

Immigrants who reside in the US legally but without citizenship could include those with parole status, applicants for asylum, or immigrants granted temporary protected status from the federal government. Thousands of new immigrants from South America have come into Massachusetts over the past year with permission from the federal government.

“The process to obtain full citizenship carries many financial and time-related barriers, and while this process moves slowly, new Bostonians are unable to vote for the municipal representatives who are making policy decisions that affect their everyday lives,” the petition says.

City councillors passed the petition by an 8-4 vote, with Councillors Frank Baker, Michael Flaherty, Ed Flynn and Erin Murphy voting against it. Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson was absent.

Mayor Wu would need to sign the home rule

petition to send it up to the State House, where lawmakers could either choose to take it up for vote and debate or leave it to languish. State legislators often leave controversial home rule petitions, such as significantly expanding voting rights or allowing local-option rent control, in committees where they reach a dead end.

“I want to be real about what comes next after this vote for my community,” Coletta said before she voted in favor of the petition. “What we’re about to sign off on will go to the mayor for her view. She may or may not sign it, and then up to the State House to essentially die with other home rule petitions that don’t have broad support or have legal ambiguities.”

Similar home rule petitions have been passed by Cambridge, Somerville, and Newton, Arroyo said. The Somerville bill was referred to the committee on House rules in early 2023 and has not received a hearing or been moved out of that committee; and broader bills (H 671 and H 712) seeking to extend voting rights to non-citizens statewide were heard at a June hearing and

haven’t emerged since.

Coletta said she voted in favor of the petition because she supports expanding voting rights, but that the process of creating the petition should have involved more stakeholders, including Secretary of State William Galvin’s office.

“A lot of neighbors of mine in East Boston are legal permanent residents. They are TPS holders and Dreamers, they pay taxes, are business owners and community leaders. They are city employees. They are my friends and chosen family,” Coletta said.

She continued, “I generally agree with the idea of legal, taxpaying, law-abiding Bostonians to have their voices heard at its most fundamental level. When looking at what’s been filed, as well as taking stock of recent conversations we’ve had within the last week, there are voices that I would have liked to hear from to help craft an even better piece of legislation.”

Arroyo said this home rule petition is similar to one his father, former Boston City Councillor Felix D. Arroyo, put forward almost two decades

ago. It failed, 7-6. It was then updated to include provisions related to mail-in voting and early voting and was amended to take effect one election cycle from its passage to give the Election Division more time to prepare.

Since the original petition failed nearly 20 years ago, voters have filled almost half of the council with immigrants or children of immigrants.

Councillor Kendra Lara, the lead sponsor of the petition, is the daughter of immigrants from the Dominican Republic. Lara spoke about her dad on the council floor before the vote.

Despite living in Boston legally for 30 years, he is not a citizen and could not cast a vote for Lara in the election that brought her to the city council, she said.

“His story is the story of thousands of legal residents in the city of Boston who work, pay taxes, raise their children and participate in every way in strengthening the fabric of our city, yet cannot cast a ballot for the representatives who are making decisions about their daily lives,” Lara said.


Arroyo said Lawyers for Civil Rights told the council that the courts would likely look to precedent set by other nearby states in the event of any legal challenges to voting expansion.

Earlier this year, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled in favor of non-citizen voting in municipal elections in the state’s capital city of Montpelier, upholding the local law. Meanwhile in New York, last year a Supreme Court judge threw out a New York City law that allowed non-citizens to vote in local elections.

Flaherty, who voted against the petition, said he had legal concerns about the move.

“Non-citizens voting in municipal elections may have unintended consequences,” Flaherty said. “They may mistakenly register to vote and, or vote in federal or state elections, which would seriously jeopardize their opportunity to become a legal citizen. I don’t know anything more devastating ... for me that’s just still too great of a risk to take at this point.”

He said he agreed with Coletta that more voices needed to be heard on the issue.



Virtual Public Meeting

White Stadium

JANUARY


11

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/48rqcKJ

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 187 4753



Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the proposed White Stadium project. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A. In partnership with the City of Boston and the Boston Public Schools, Boston Unity Soccer Partners, LLC proposes to rehabilitate White Stadium, centering its renovation efforts on the “West Grandstand” and improvements to the “Grove Area”. The revitalized White Stadium will serve as an improved facility for BPS students, community events, and gatherings, and as the home pitch and venue for Boston’s new National Women’s Soccer League team. Please use the following link to register for the meeting: bit.ly/48rqcKJ Meeting ID: 160 187 4753 Toll-Free Call- in Number: (833) 568 - 8864.

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Mechanical failures halted Mattapan trolley service

Service on the Mattapan Hi-Speed trolley line was restored on Tuesday after a series of malfunctions brought the railway to a halt on the morning of New Year's Day. The trouble began on just before 7 a.m., when one of the 1940s-era Presidential Conference Cars (PCC) broke down at Butler Street station.

"Two trolleys were sent to assist the first disabled trolley, but were unable to push the train to the yard to be fixed," said a spokesperson for the MBTA. "These two also



PCC trolley cars are stored and maintained in a facility at the Mattapan Station, shown here in 2019. *Yukun Zhang photo for the Reporter*

subsequently became disabled." The cars were eventually moved to the car house in Mattapan Square to be investigated and repaired. They remained offline until Tuesday at 2 p.m.

"While these trolleys are unavailable, shuttle buses are currently replacing Mattapan Line service," the spokesperson said. "Maintenance crews are working to repair the trolleys as safely and quickly as possible. The MBTA apologizes for this unanticipated change in Mattapan Line service."

The T has plans to phase out the orange-colored trolleys, which have been rebuilt a few times since they were introduced into service after World War II. They would be replaced with eight "Type 9" vehicles currently running on the Green Line, which can carry more passengers. The newer vehicles must be refurbished before putting them on Ashmont-Mattapan loop, which must also see upgrades to support the different type of vehicles. On weekdays at this time, the trolley line transports an average of 3,823 people, down from a pre-pandemic number of 6,580.

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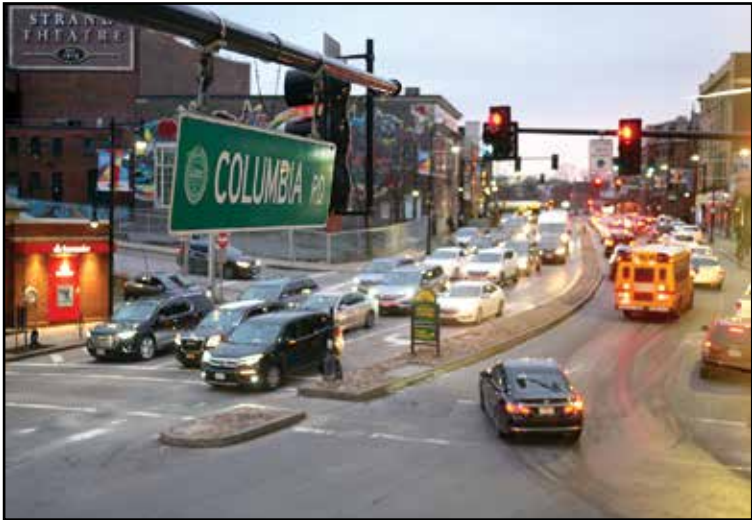
Historical panel advances Uphams Corner district bid

**BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

The Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) voted in favor of establishing a Historic District in Uphams Corner during a meeting on Dec. 13, sending the matter to the National Park Service for final review and implementation.

Ben Haley of MHC presented the petition, which was brought by Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation to the commissioners in order, he said, to enter into the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit program for renovations done to the Pierce Building.

However, he noted, the district would be much more than the Pierce Building; it would comprise 35 resources in an area centered on Columbia



A view of Uphams Corner from a second-floor office space in the Pierce building on Columbia Road. *Seth Daniel photo*

Road—south of Annabel Street and north of Bird Street. "We are excited about the

mission and look forward to the formal National Register designation by the National Park Service," said Susan Chu, director of real estate at DBEDC.

"The Historic District branding will shine a spotlight of attention on Uphams Corner, which is poised for significant growth and investment. This designation would bring more foot traffic and customers to our small businesses, boost our local economy, and bring benefits to property owners, business owners, and residents alike."

Haley noted that Uphams Corner emerged as one of the most important commercial and retail centers outside of downtown Boston in the late 1800s—with the original Amos Uphams Market initiating commerce in the area some 100 years earlier. "Uphams Corner is the only major business district in the northern half of Dorchester and is considered the marketplace in Dorchester," he said.

Several municipal buildings that have been added to the area, like the circa 1925 fire station on Columbia Road, are considered important assets in the district.

Columbia Road, which was originally labeled the Dorchesterway, "was the final piece laid out by Frederick Law Olmsted in the Emerald Necklace Plan."

If approved, as expected, by the Park Service, the new historic district would be added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Local retailer family looking to build bigger in Uphams Corner

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Now, Mark says, is the time for Uphams Corner to grow and they remain fully invested in making that happen in the neighborhood.

"I've been working retail in that area since I was 14 and it's always been a great place to live and work," he said. "Why [growth] now? Because Uphams Corner is getting paid attention to. There is a need for housing in the area. The city wants to see housing."

"We've only had positive experiences in Uphams Corner," he said. "There are challenges like anywhere else, but we believe it's on the upswing and it's the right time to develop."

The brothers' filing indicates they intend to capitalize on density, retail, and the proximity of the Fairmount Line station two blocks away. They maintain that as a transit-oriented development, it will supply much-needed additional housing to the Dorchester neighborhood, and as well as help to achieve the city's 2030 housing Plan.

According to their filing with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), "the proposed project addresses the shortage of market-rate and affordable housing



The current Salzberg building at 749-755 Dudley St. currently houses Rainbow Fashions in a one-story retail building. The Salzberg family has owned and operated the building for more than 30 years.



A rendering of the proposed building at 749-755 Dudley St. where Rainbow Fashions now exists from a vantage point on Dudley Street. *Renderings and photos courtesy of BPDA*

by complying with the City's Inclusionary Development Policy for creation of on-site income-restricted affordable units."

The building would contain almost 3,300 square feet of retail space at the ground level and 48 units of housing—mostly market rate—above the retail. There would be 26 studios, 3 one-bedrooms, 17 two-bedrooms, and 2 three-bedrooms. The project would meet the city's current affordable housing unit requirement and propose to keep them on-site.

While 52 bike parking spots would be available on the ground level, 9 vehicle parking spots would be created for the building—accessible from a new Virginia Street entrance. The Salzbergs' filing also noted that "it is expected that due to the availability of public transportation and the walkability of the surrounding neighborhood, the proposed

mixed-use project will rely more heavily on more non-vehicular modes of transportation to access the site."

In terms of architecture, they lean heavily toward the look of the Monadnock Apartments about one block down Dudley Street.

"The Monadnock building is a traditional, masonry, Italianate, tripartite design building from which this modern design emanates," reads the filing. "We proposed a brick first floor and a terra cotta tile finish of different colors on the upper floors, referencing a shared masonry vernacular. The proposed building massing creates a rhythm with the other larger buildings on and across the street, including those towards the intersection of Dudley Street and Columbia Road."

The proposal also includes balconies on some units, and a large roof deck space for all in the building to use.

The Salzberg plan joins several building proposals in the local pipeline. Others are under construction or have been completed recently. Smaller retail buildings on Dudley Street have already been converted to larger, mixed-use buildings and hundreds more units are planned for the Columbia Road corridor.

The comment period for the Salzberg filing will close on Jan. 23.

IN MEMORIAM

2023

By TOM MULVOY
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They were among the many who said goodbye during the last 12 months. Some served in government. Some served the interests of their neighborhoods in public settings while others did so from home. Some offered spiritual direction. Some built things, and some taught others how to do so. And some suffered before they died.

For all that, they had one thing in common: A significant connection to Dorchester or Mattapan during their lives.

Politics & Government

Brian Donnelly, of St. Gregory’s parish, served in Congress for 14 years after representing Dorchester in the Massachusetts Legislature, and later served as President Clinton’s ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago. He played the key role in the passage by Congress of the so-called “Donnelly visa” program that enabled large numbers of the Irish people to legally emigrate to the United States.

Mukiya Baker-Gomez, a onetime Mattapan resident, played pivotal roles in Boston political campaigns for five decades in Mattapan. She was active in the campaigns of many leaders over the years, including former state Sen. Dianne Wilkerson, former City Councillor Charles Yancey, the late City Councillor Chuck Turner, and the late state Rep. Mel King.

John Walsh, of Lower Mills, was a brilliant political organizer who devoted his talents to electing people of color, women, and leaders committed to uplifting underserved communities. John loved underdogs, and they loved him back.

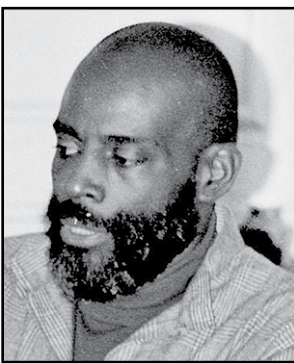
Mel King, who called Boston’s South End his home for 94 years, had an impact far beyond its boundaries on the lives of the city’s Black residents as a highly prominent activist and politician. He was elected to the Massachusetts House in 1973 and 10 years later made history with his “rainbow coalition” campaign for mayor against the eventual winner, Ray Flynn. Over the next 40 years, his voice and his influence on civil rights issues held strong.

Long Timers

Virginia Howes White died at 100 years old in December 2022. A proper, yet independent Bostonian woman, she lived in the house of her birth near Shawmut Station for the entire 100 years of her life. A Home Economics graduate from Framingham Teacher’s College, she spent her career as an educator. To her last days, her former students remained in contact with her. ... **Willie Arnett Brown**, of Mattapan, was 100 at her death. She is survived by her three children, Beverly Brown-Carter, Rudolph Brown, Jr. (Terra) and Janice Brown; 4 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and 13 great-great grandchildren. ... **Gertrude M. “Gertie” (Binda) Whelan** enjoyed a long (99 years) happy life with her large family and many friends. She grew up in Dorchester and raised her family in Saint Mark’s parish for close to 60 years before moving to Braintree. Gertie worked at General Radio assembling parts for the war during World War II. She married her husband Tom and raised eight children as her full-time job. She leaves them, their 12 children, and their 11 great grandchildren. ... **Eileen M. Cuncliffe**, 89 at her death, grew up in a Welles Avenue home that sat adjacent to the Red Line tunnel cap leading from Ashmont to Shawmut Station. Her father was Capt. John Cuncliffe (BPD) and he presided over a large, active St. Mark’s family. Miss Cuncliffe spent 20 years as a Sister of Notre Dame de Namur before leaving the convent for a position as an educator in Seabrook, N.H.

Personalities

Richard Finnegan, OFD, and a BC High graduate, spent five decades at Stonehill College as a student and professor, establishing an international reputation as scholar with a special interest in Irish Studies. In honor of his outstanding tenure, the college established the Richard B. Finnegan Distinguished Chair of Political Science and International Relations. ... **Lou Pasquale**, a US Army veteran who was wounded while serving on Okinawa in 1945, was a longtime manager at the Phillips Family Properties on Morrissey Boulevard, including Boston Bowl and the now-closed Old Colony House. His specialties included mentoring young people, advising politicians, and giving generously to causes far and wide, but particularly in Dorchester, his adopted home. ... **Ann M. (Desmond) Gillis-Kearns** used dulcet tones over decades to soothe thousands of mourners gathered in St. Mark’s Church for funerals of loved ones. ... **Frank O’Brien** spent a career documenting the triumphs and downtimes of Boston’s storied sports teams for the *Globe* in an award-winning career that spanned more than four decades. He leaves behind an impressive body of work and legions of friends



From left: **Brian Donnelly**, a Dorchester political fixture for decades, served the families of his Irish constituents with his Donnelly Visa Program legislation; **Mel King** stepped onto the city’s political stage 40 years ago as a mayoral candidate and made his distinctive presence known as legislator and activist over the following four decades of civic discussion; **Lou Pasquale** was for many years virtually

and relatives, many of them still deeply rooted in his home neighborhood, the slopes of Pope’s Hill and the side streets that splinter off Minot and Chickatawbut. ... **Calvin Davis**, who won a bronze medal for the United States at the 1996 Olympic Games, died in May at age 51. He was a former track and football star at the former Dorchester High School. ... **Pierre E. Auguste**, born and raised in Mattapan and schooled at St. Gregory’s Elementary School, died of pancreatic cancer on Dec. 27. Pierre was a longtime friend to the Reporter’s family and worked for the Reporter in a finance role in recent years. ... **Richardson Innocent**, who died in September after a sudden illness at age 50, was a former Dorchester resident who worked for the Reporter’s sister publication, the Boston Haitian Reporter, and was a survivor of the 2010 earthquake in his native Haiti. ... **Kevin Walsh (OFD)** was a reporter for the *Globe* in the 1960s before departing Boston to serve as information officer for the Hartford Whalers/ of the National Hockey League, a job he held for many years before the team headed to the Carolinas as the Hurricanes. ... **James F. “Jim” Mawn** was a special needs administrator for thousands of Boston Public Schools students over 42 years with the system ... **Sgt. Christine McKenna** served with the Boston Police Department for 32 years ... **Officer Brian J. MacLean**, 49, gave the department 17 years of service. ... **Paul. E. O’Connor** took immense pride in helping others during his many years spent as the owner of the John J. O’Connor & Son Funeral Home. ... **Gerard E. O’Connor**, a Vietnam veteran, was administrative director at Boston State Hospital, and then Director of Facilities Management and Capital Development at UMass Boston. He also volunteered as a president of the Board of Directors at the Col. Daniel J. Marr Boys & Girls Club in Dorchester. ... **Dennis Doherty**, a Clam Point native who was a nurse and father of two, died at 46 on Feb. 12. He is the son of former Reporter staff member Denise Doherty.

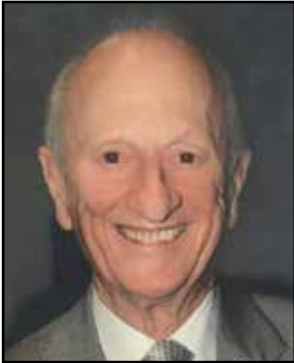
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Though not of Dorchester, **Joseph F. Leary’s** passion for all things Irish contributed greatly to the welfare of the large Irish community in Dorchester and to their families on the island of Ireland itself. In 1988, he was named president and CEO of the Irish American Partnership, where he served until his retirement in 2016. Under his guidance and beyond, The Partnership has raised more than \$50 million in support of educational and community organizations within Ireland.

Religious Community

Rev. Thomas F. Oates, a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston for 60 years, was the pastor of St. William parish in Dorchester from 1986 to 1994, after which he spent 20 years in South America with the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle. He served in Bolivia for 8 years and in Ecuador for 12 years.

Sister Mary (Anna Marie) Mulligan SND de Namur, served with her community for 73 years. After teaching at St. Gregory’s School in Dorchester and St.

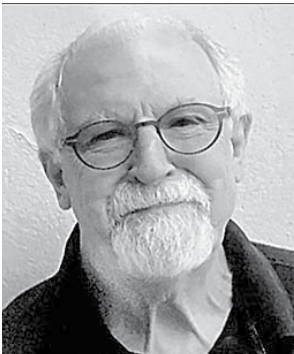


a geographic fixture along the stretch of Morrissey Blvd. where people, and politicians, flocked to the former Old Colony House and Boston Bowl; **Tyler Lawrence**, 13, a Norwood boy who came into Mattapan to visit with his grandparents in Mattapan, was murdered on a street, allegedly by a 34-year-old man who fired five fatal shots at him. His was one of 37 murders in the city in 2023.

Mary’s High School in Cambridge, she was missioned to her alma mater, Cardinal Cushing Central High (CCCH), first as English teacher, then as principal. For several years, Mary assisted at the St. Peter & Paul Parish’s CCD program helping children with special needs prepare for their first Holy Communion. ... **Sister Grace McColgan** (Sister Maria Robert), of the Sisters of Charity, Halifax, for 67 years, served as a business course teacher at Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School in Dorchester for 30 years, until it closed in 2003. In her last formal assignment, Sister Grace served as an administrative assistant at Elizabeth Seton Academy in Dorchester. ... **Sister Anne Fahey** (Sister Leo Kevin), of the Sisters of Charity, Halifax, was a founding member of the Board of Directors and an Advancement Associate at Elizabeth Seton Academy in Dorchester. ... **Sister Patricia Murphy** (Sister Maria Bernhard), of the Sisters of Charity, Halifax, taught primary school at Saint Peter School, Dorchester, among her many assignments over 73 years in the order. ... **Sister Mary Elizabeth Coleman** (Sister Daniel Patrice), of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, was a guidance counselor at St. Gregory Elementary School, Dorchester, during her 58 years with the order.

Violent Deaths, Way Too Soon

Tyler Lawrence, a Norwood boy visiting his grandparents in Mattapan, was shot dead near the corner of Babson and Fremont streets in that neighborhood at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 29. The 34-year-old man alleged to be the individual who fired five shots into the 13-year-old victim was charged with homicide eight days after the killing. Tyler Lawrence’s death was one of 37 murders recorded in Boston in 2023, according to Boston Police statistics. Other victims of fatal shootings in the neighborhood included Mattapan father **Jymaal Cox**, 33, killed in a New Year’s Day shooting in Mattapan Square; **Paris Quilter**, 31 of Dorchester, shot and killed on Feb. 13 on Dewey Street; Sharon resident **Duva Ayuso**, 33, killed on Feb. 18 on Fermoy Heights Ave.; **Mario Santos**, 21, shot to death on Wilrose Street on Feb. 21; **Gavyn Henry**, 37 of Mattapan, shot and killed on Wildwood Street in Mattapan on May 6; **Naytham Matos**, 32 of Providence, RI, shot on Centre Street on May 6; **Daniel Mayers**, 33, of Haverhill, shot to death on Columbia Road on May 22; **Tywon Meek**, 19, shot on Leyland Street on May 6; 12-year-old **Savion Ellis**, shot in his home on Fessenden Street in Mattapan on July 13; **Jackson Beausejour**, 33, shot to death in Grove Hall on July 30; **Xavier Rivas**, 22 of Roxbury, shot on Old Road on Sept. 2; **Princess Charles**, 29, of Quincy, shot to death at 12 Greenock St. on Sept. 9; **James Jones**, 30 of Dorchester, shot to death on Corona Street on Oct. 13; **Kalil Jackson**, 25 of Dorchester, shot outside 1194 Blue Hill Ave. on Oct. 14; **Jean Cassues**, 78, stabbed to death at his home on Rugby Road in Mattapan on Oct. 19. On Dec. 30, **Curtis Effee**, 41, was shot and killed on Geneva Avenue around 12:50 a.m. in what was apparently the year’s final homicide.



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Hospital staff celebrated with the family, from left, dad Roberto and mom Margarita cuddling daughter Selena Margarita; Brigham and Women's Hospital Labor & Delivery nurses Tracey Holland, RN and Presley Silva, RN; Joan Hier, MD; and Kathleen Koenigs, MD. Photo courtesy Brigham & Women's Hospital

Deadline delivery: Dot baby girl checks in at stroke of the new year

As the city rang in 2024, the first babies of the new year to be born at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center arrived, with a Dorchester girl being one of three born at exactly 00:00, Jan. 1, 2024.

Baby Selena, of Dorchester, was born at Brigham and Women's to mom Margarita and dad Roberto. She weighed in at 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and all were resting together comfortably.

The two other babies who checked in at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center with the same exquisite timing are from Quincy and Canton.

Each year, the Public Affairs offices at Massa-

chusetts General Hospital, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston Medical Center, Tufts Medical Center, and St. Elizabeth's Medical Center stay in touch at year's end to determine which Boston hospital earned the honor of welcoming the first baby into the new year.

— SETH DANIEL



The Knights of Columbus Dorchester Council 107 held a toy drive for Saint Martin De Porres Parish at Landmark Public House on Wed., Dec. 13, 2023. Members of the Council are shown here with some of the toys collected, and special guest Santa Claus – who stopped by ahead of Christmas to lend his support. Photo courtesy of Knights of Columbus

Dot native Linehan named CEO at U of Rochester (NY) Medical Center

Dorchester native Dr. David C. Linehan has been named as the next CEO of the University Rochester Medical Center (URMC) in Rochester, NY. A graduate of St. Brendan Elementary, BC High, Dartmouth College, and UMass Medical Center, Linehan will begin his new duties on Feb. 1. He is currently the dean of URMC's School of Medicine and Dentistry, and senior vice president for health sciences.

"Dr. Linehan has distinguished himself as one of the true stars of our clinical enterprise," said University President Sarah Mangelsdorf. "He brings to the role of CEO and dean a vision for advancing the Medical Center, including the School of Medicine and Dentistry and School of Nursing, that draws on his outstanding track record of leadership and



Dr. David Linehan will be the CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center, dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry, and senior vice president for health sciences next year.
University of Rochester photo / Matt Wittmeyer

expertise as a physician, surgeon, researcher, and academic administrator. He is well-poised to lead our world-class clinical operations and our nationally recognized medical school into the next chapters of success."

A surgical oncologist internationally re-

nowned for his clinical innovation and research into new treatments for pancreatic cancer, Dr. Linehan joined the University of Rochester in 2014 as chair of the Department of Surgery at URMC, recruited from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

Dr. Linehan is the younger brother of Dorchester's Joyce Linehan. He completed his internship and residency at Deaconess-Harvard Surgical Service in Boston. He was chief resident in surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and completed a research fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He was then the Kristin Ann Carr Fellow in Surgical Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

—REPORTER STAFF

Arts Academy will honor Miller, Pina at March event

The Boston Arts Academy Foundation will recognize two people with local roots – Dr. Aisha Miller and Hector Piña – with their Champion Award at a reception on March 21 at the House of Blues on Lansdowne Street.

The event will be followed by the opening night of the all-student-led performance of "Simply The Best! The Life and Legacy of Tina Turner" as told through song and dance. This reception, which will be chaired by Dylan Leavitt, founder of Studio Dylan, is one of several annual events that raise critical funds for Boston Arts Academy.

Dr. Miller of Mattapan is currently the Vice



Dr. Aisha Miller
President of Permitting, Community, and Corporate Engagement at Related Beal. She has a diverse professional background, including serving as Boston's Chief of Civic Engagement and holding positions in the Boston Inspectional Services Department.

In addition, she has worked as a Suffolk County Probation Officer, was the Regional Steward for Suffolk

County Probation Officers, and has served as an aide to political figures. Dr. Miller has received numerous leadership and community service awards, most recently the 2023 Girls' LEAP Empowerment Champion Award.

Hector Piña, the CEO and President of Tres Islas Group Corporation and a leader in Boston's culinary scene, and his wife, Nivia Piña, have launched several acclaimed eateries including Merengue on Blue Hill Avenue in Dorchester. He actively serves on BAAF Board of Directors and has received numerous awards for his leadership and impact on Boston's Latino community.

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James Jessup's Carriage Shop

James Jessup was in England in 1828 and immigrated to the United States, where he set up a carriage shop in Dorchester on Bowdoin Street near Geneva Avenue. This photograph of his crew is from around 1870. Jessup died in 1901 in his adopted town. He is identified in the Boston Directory, which was first published in 1789, as a carriage and sign painter. The Directory listed merchants, traders, doctors, and public officials.



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

Editorial

Long live Pierre

“Jesus” died last week.

Not the historic Jesus of Nazareth, the man who, Christians believe, died and then rose from his grave a few days later. I write rather of the 12-year-old “Jesus” of the Morton Street projects, the Haitian American child actor who won the lead role in the musical “Godspell” that was staged at the old St. Gregory’s Elementary School back in May 1985.

That fictionalized Messiah, the one who later became my college roommate, best man, loyal friend of forty years – and uncle, confidante, and protector to my children –was played by Pierre Auguste, who succumbed to a virulent cancer of the pancreas and liver last Wednesday night. He was 50 years old and seemed the picture of health as recently as July Fourth. He leaves behind his wife Ruth and their son, Evan, who is 12.

Pierre was many things in his far-too-short lifetime: a son, a brother, an uncle, a husband, and a father. He was a proud Black man with a distinctly Haitian sensibility infused with a heavy dose of Dorchester and Mattapan. He was a Boston Tech alumnus and a Boston College Eagle, a finance guru, a scholar, a music lover, a flirt, a hip-hop junkie, a Boston sports fan, a dreamer, and a dramatist.

So enamored of the stage and screen was he that at age 31 he left a cozy post at a big-name trading desk, packed up his car, and moved with his wife to Hollywood to pursue his passion. He got a Screen Actors Guild card and auditioned and had small parts on TV shows and commercials. He stayed in California for seven years before coming home with his family.

A part of Pierre never left that stage in the St. Greg’s gym back in 1985. It propelled his dreams and opened up new horizons and friendships, including the one that he and I have enjoyed through the decades.

Pierre’s untimely, unexpected demise is a crushing blow to many here in Dorchester, in particular to his friends and former colleagues at *The Reporter*. Ruth was a longtime contributor to our sister publication, the *Boston Haitian Reporter*. And in 2020, when Covid was still a grave and unknown menace to the health and well-being of small businesses like this one, Pierre stepped in to offer his expertise in finance. It was Pierre who made sure *The Reporter* got essential “payroll protection” assistance and other grants— and in doing so, helped to keep this newspaper alive— even as he grieved the loss of his mom, who died during the pandemic’s earliest days.

His premature death feels like a grave injustice, one of many that we endure in this world. When Pierre portrayed Jesus back in 1985, the original script called for his death on the cross— and then a curtain drop. But this was a Catholic school productio, after all. St. Greg’s pastor, Msgr. Paul Ryan, insisted that it end on a more upbeat note. Our solution: Pierre’s Jesus was resurrected amid a chorus of his choked-up classmates singing “Long live God.” That’s our prayer this week for our friend: “Long live Pierre.”

Funeral services for Pierre E. Auguste will be held this Friday (Jan. 5) at Temple Salem Seventh Day Adventist Church, 222 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Donations to a Go Fund Me account to assist his family are welcome in lieu of flowers.

–Bill Forry



State House News Service Turns 130

Founded Jan. 1, 1894 amid ‘bustle, confusion’ in legislative affairs

It was 130 years ago. New Year’s Day, 1894, and Charles Mann was perched in the reporters’ gallery, jotting down the latest intel on the unfolding start to a new term. As court officers and lawmakers busily prepared for the dawn of the 115th General Court, and Gov. Frederic Greenhalge prepared to give his inaugural address, Mann was launching a new enterprise.

The 36-year-old recent Malden transplant left the stability of a fulltime job to start up a novel small business, covering the Legislature for newspapers who couldn’t staff each and every session with their own reporters, and selling copies of his notes for publication.

Mann was a Natick native, raised in Lynn, who dropped out of school and as a boy learned to craft the English language at his home away from home, the Lynn Public Library. He later penned books on local history such as the story of Dogtown, a village on Cape Ann, and worked in a printing shop before setting out as a news reporter. After a brief career at the Boston dailies, including as a State House reporter for the Boston Advertiser and Record, Mann saw the need for a reliable, detail-oriented news service covering policy and politics on Beacon Hill.

Republished here for the first time in 130 years is the State House News Service’s first piece of copy, Mann’s “State House Letter” from Jan. 1, 1894. It was printed by the News Service’s inaugural subscriber, the Lynn Daily Item, in the paper’s Jan. 2 issue. We see that Beacon Hill was abuzz over committee assignments, prospects of a city charter bill for Beverly (which was indeed incorporated as a city later that year), the coming state census, and how the chief of the state Bureau of Statistics had acquired a “new counting machine” to speed up census tabulations.

As we take this fond look back, we also look ahead to 2024 with all our best wishes to you, our subscribers, for a happy and healthy new year.

STATE HOUSE LETTER.

- Probabilities of Receiving the Beverly Petition.
- A Valuable Labor Report to Come Soon.
- A Chairmanship for Senator Sawyer.

[SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENCE.]

BOSTON, Jan. 1, 1894. — All is bustle and confusion on Beacon hill to-day. The large extra corps of assistant doorkeepers and messengers reported for duty to Sergeant-at-Arms Adams early this morning. Everything will be in readiness for business by Wednesday. The General Court will meet at 11 o’clock on that day. Senator Butler, of New Bedford, will call the Senate to order, and Representative Thomas E. St. John, of Haverhill, will perform a like service for the House. Each is senior member in his branch. Mr. Butler will be unanimously elected President of the Senate, and Representative George V. L. Meyer, of Boston, having previously received a majority, if not a unanimous, vote in the Republican caucus, will be elected Speaker of the House. Only a very unexpected breaking of slates can prevent this programme from being carried out.

A question some of the Representatives will have to decide before the caucus meets -- probably tomorrow night -- is whether there shall be any opposition to Mr. Meyer. Mr. Wellman, of Malden, is the only one of his rivals likely to remain in the field, and even he may withdraw. Some Wellman men yet hope that a change in sentiment may give the prize to their favorite, but this seems very doubtful. All the remaining officials of the two branches will be re-chosen.

To-day is the last today for the filing of those petitions to the General Court which require publication -- that is, those which affect the rights of the general public. At noon 44 of the 47 had arrived. Those belated were the Worcester and Millbury street railway, a water supply measure from Uxbridge, and Col. T. L. Livermore’s Cape Cod canal petition. There is a good deal of gossip around Boston to the effect that the Beverly city charter petition cannot get before the Legislature, because it has not been advertised according to law. It is true that Speaker Barrett Ruled Out a Beverly Division petition in 1892, but the reason there was no opposition was because nobody then cared to fight it. Almost the first contest this year will be on the suspension of the ninth joint rule, to admit the Beverly petition. If Beverly can get a two-thirds vote it can be done. The probabilities are that she can.

A grist of reports from boards and commissions are already in the hands of the Governor and Secretary



Charles E. Mann (center), founder of the State House News Service, is pictured in 1903 with colleagues from the State House press corps on the occasion of his departure from the news business. Courtesy/Historic New England

of State, ready to be transmitted to the Legislature. The Governor has the report of the Boston Board of Police, the Topographical Survey Commission and the State House Construction Commission. The Adjutant General’s report is yet to come.

The State House report will give the committee on that subject plenty of matter to work upon. The new Legislature must decide how much of the present structure, built nearly a century ago, shall be left by the remodelling. A strong attempt will be made to practically rebuild the whole fabric. Great interest therefore centres in the composition of the committee. Its chairman will undoubtedly be Senator Blanchard, of Boston, and Senator Berry, of Salem, can return to it if he wishes. Gossip credits the latter gentleman with no chairmanship ambitions whatever, although this committee, Harbors, Prisons and possibly Street Railways have been within his grasp.

The Secretary of State has in his keeping the following reports: Registration of births, marriages and deaths, Labor Bureau, State Primary and Reform Schools, Danvers, Northampton, Taunton, Worcester and Westboro insane retreats, the State farm at Bridgewater and the Tewksbury Almshouse, the Perkins Institution for the Blind, Agricultural College, State Board of Health, statistics of manufactures, Dipsomaniac Hospital and one or two others. The report of the Metropolitan Park Commission is in the printer’s hands. Its popularity last year indicates that there will be a rush for it when it appears.

The labor report is for last year. Very early in the session a new report may be looked for, giving valuable statistics regarding the number of unemployed in the State. It is safe to say that this will be more valuable than the police census of the unemployed in Boston, which allows this city less of that class than have applied for work at headquarters. Later in the year will come a volume on the distribution of wealth, which Chief Wadlin and his assistants have long been preparing.

State Census.

Next year the census will be taken. The United States has not yet finished the publication of the result of its census of 1890. Chief Wadlin intends to have every bit of his work published by Dec. 1, 1896. He has introduced a new counting machine, with a capacity of 15,000 an hour, and with this and three relays of clerks thinks he can present to the public the count of population, with sex, age, color, race, and related matter within 30 days of May 1, when the count begins.

There is a well-defined rumor that the next Chairman of the Street Railway Committee will be Senator Sawyer, of Danvers. If he gets it, Senator Blanchard will probably take the Public Charities Committee.

There is a pretty fight for the place of Democratic member of the Railroad Committee. Senator Leary, of Boston, has got it away from Senator Cronan, of the same town, but Senator Buckley, of Holyoke, has set up his ebenezer and says he is going to have it, so there! President Butler will settle the problem.

Last week Representatives Moriarty, of Worcester, and Rosnosky, of Boston, received circulars, asking them if they favored an Australian ballot in the Republican caucuses. As loyal Democrats they refused to heed this gentle invitation to go over to the enemy.

Representative Rugg, of New Bedford, seems sure of the House Chairmanship of Railroads. Mr. Mellen, of Worcester, is sure to return to it, it is said.

The rumor that parishes and religious societies would bear the names of Messrs. Mellen, Moriarty, Rosnosky and Casey is said to be incorrect.

Senator Smith of Gloucester can go on Railroads, if he wants to, it is said. The feeling is that he would much prefer Fisheries, which he can head. He will also go on Harbors.

The Chairmanship of Public Health is between Senators Bessom, of Lynn, Frothingham, of Haverhill, and Harvey, of Westboro. Each is sure of a good place, as Chairman of an important committee, anyway.

Manufactures seems to be mortgaged by Senator Lyford, of Springfield, who designed the bill which broke the back of the gas monopoly.

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Commentary

A recipe for neighborhood cohesion: civic group grants, engaged City Hall

Ingredients are variable, plentiful

By Bill Walczak
Reporter Columnist

Community civic associations in the Boston area have recently become the recipients of grants from commercial entities doing business in the neighborhoods the civic groups represent. A strategic infusion of funds to build stronger communities and neighborhood groups offers a rare opportunity and one we should welcome. The money can also serve as a springboard for bringing neighborhood groups together to strengthen Dorchester as a whole.

Many of the civic associations we have today in Boston have been around since the early 1960s, when the federal government became more engaged in urban development, and City Hall needed community entities that could work with them on how grants were spent. These associations have had staying power as neighborhoods have used them to advocate for city and state services, and for having input on how their neighborhoods get developed.

I recently threw my hat into the race for president of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association (CSHCA) and was elected to a term that begins this month. I had been president before – 40 years ago – and I launched my 1983-84 agenda “as a series of issues, some of which need to be immediately addressed, and some of which have been perennial matters of concern.” This approach coincided with the election of a new mayor, Ray Flynn, who took office in January 1984 with a populist message and a promise to bring the city together.

With new leadership in City Hall, I urged residents to join the association and work on key issues, identified as public safety, bar closing times, the relationship of UMass with the community, and the creation of crime watches. Other issues sound familiar today, such as demanding that the highway department maintain its property and expressing the desire to work with the Boston Parks Department on park cleanups and graffiti removal.

The big issue of my term was the Savin Hill Flyover. When it was determined that the MBTA interchange that brought the Braintree and Ashmont lines together before the Andrew Square tunnel needed replacement, the Civic Association demanded that it be rebuilt south of Savin Hill station, so that the Braintree trains would stop at Savin Hill and JFK/UMass stations, thus doubling the amount of service to the Dorchester community. We did not prevail.

Other topics covered in the civic agenda during this period included the rebuilding of the Southeast Expressway, the Fair Housing Bill, the creation of Neighborhood Councils by the Flynn Administration, the development of a Columbia-Savin Hill community strategic plan, the launch of cable television, resident parking, rat control, the development of the Dorchester waterfront, City Council redistricting, the establishment of a Dorchester Avenue Commission, lead paint concerns, and the birth of the All

Dorchester Sports League, which started to bring Black and White kids together in sports, following the racial turmoil of the previous decade.

Development issues in the ‘80s included rent control, permitting for condominium conversion, expanded “homesteading” of abandoned houses and vacant lots, and a Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) that made decisions the neighborhood found objectionable.

As I begin my 2024 term, the issues that are similar to what we faced in the 1980s include poor city and state services, and a transportation system that needs a complete overhaul. We also have a Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and ZBA that ignore the need for comprehensive planning at a neighborhood level. The BPDA operates on a parcel-by-parcel basis for development, sending most projects to the ZBA, a process that essentially makes our zoning code irrelevant.

Over the past few years, CSHCA, in reviewing the plans of developers, has determined that just the ones we know of would add more than 10,000 units of housing, and 7 million square feet of commercial space in our section of Boston. While the civic association has supported the developments that follow the guidelines established by the community (Dorchester Bay City and Center Court developments), it will not support any additional large-scale development without a comprehensive plan that takes into account the impact of all of the planned developments and the need for open space and parks, a balance of family and small unit housing, reliable transportation, daycare and school requirements, and other infrastructure needs.

Then and now, there has been the desire to work collaboratively with City Hall on these issues, and I’m reminded by the passing of Steve Coyle, the BRA’s director during the Flynn administration, that it is possible to work together if City Hall makes it a priority.

A major difference between my first engagements as a civic activist and now is the cohesiveness of the neighborhoods. In the ‘70s and ‘80s, many of Dorchester’s neighborhoods were more homogeneous and organized around Roman Catholic parishes and local schools. As a result, residents in those communities had more opportunities to get to know one another, a situation that was reinforced by civic associations (boundaries were identical to parish boundaries) and housing patterns (advertising for apartments was done by parish in the *Boston Globe*).

The parishes also connected people to political systems and jobs. As an outsider coming into Dorchester in 1972 (I’m originally from New Jersey), I found it difficult to break into these multi-generational cohorts, but I was able to thanks to the relationships I developed through civic associations.

With the breakdown of homogeneous neighborhoods, the loss of dominant churches, and the end of local schooling, much of that neighborhood cohesiveness has also broken down. I was shocked a few years ago in a discussion at my home regarding residency parking stickers when a person from a nearby block informed our well-organized street that he didn’t know any of his neighbors. This is not uncommon in our neighborhoods.

Civic associations are among the few local organizations that can help build neighborhood cohesion. CSHCA has committees that assist in bringing people together through annual events, such as a Halloween parade, the Savin Hill Music Festival, holiday caroling, yard sales, an annual picnic, and other events. It also has a public safety committee working on slowing down traffic and a well-organized planning committee that focuses on development in the area. CSHCA is also in the process of developing a strategic plan, a vision for what the residents want the future of our community to look like.

Imagine what could be done with significant financial support behind this initiative. Civic associations could help build stronger neighborhoods in the following ways:

- We could expand events to include block parties and neighborhood celebrations. As an example, the Codman Square Neighborhood Council has an annual awards event that celebrates “heroes and sheroes” who help the neighborhood function and add to its character.
- We could organize residents with experience in dealing with what can be arcane processes – applying for admission to school or replacing heating systems, to name a couple – to help those who need to do so.
- We could assist residents in making the community environmentally sustainable, establish crime watches, and ensure that youth and their families are aware of educational and employment opportunities.
- We could work with our Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, and local health centers to develop family sports and fitness groups.
- We could create a welcome wagon program for new residents.
- We could encourage community agencies to host events and invite neighbors to see what goes on inside our schools, historic buildings and museums, health centers, CDCs, community centers, churches, and businesses.
- We could support Dorchester-wide efforts to develop an arts council, support events such as Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Association’s *DorchFest*, and build a robust relationship with UMass Boston.
- We could re-create a civic entity that brings together the civic groups of all of Dorchester.

Finally, we could create an effective communication network to alert all residents of opportunities and events.

This is just a sampling of ideas that the community could mull over should it receive that significant financial support. They are ingredients in building cohesive neighborhoods in which residents can be civically engaged and better able to participate in the opportunities of living in Boston. As the city continues to reinvent itself, building strong neighborhoods should be a goal of City Hall. With resources and leadership, civic associations can play a major role in making this happen.



Bill Walczak

State budget allows for expanded health coverage affordability for all

By Audrey Morse Gasteier
Special to The Reporter

Over the past years, both during and following the pandemic, Massachusetts residents have made major changes to adapt to our new social and economic landscapes. This means more people have been changing jobs, moving, and following their dreams of working for themselves. Significant numbers of residents are also transitioning from MassHealth coverage following the end of federal Covid-19 protections.

These changes can be stressful, especially when it comes to lining up affordable health coverage. However, Massachusetts, which led the nation on the creation of universal health care reform in 2006, has again moved to address the evolving needs of our residents.

This past fall, the Healey-Driscoll Administration launched the largest state-financed expansion in health care affordability since the Health Connector was first created 17 years ago.

Under the leadership of Gov. Healey and the Legislature, a two-year pilot expansion of the Health Connector’s flagship ConnectorCare program was included in the Fiscal Year 2024 state budget. This expansion lowers monthly premium costs and eliminates deductibles for more residents than ever before, allowing for thousands of dollars in savings on health care costs for those who newly qualify.

The new standards increase income eligibility limits

from 300 to 500 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. This means an individual making up to \$72,900, or a family of four, making up to \$150,000 may now become eligible for ConnectorCare. This expansion will provide new cost savings to more than 50,000 people, on top of the 156,000 residents currently in the program benefiting from federal and state subsidies. These subsidies also mean ConnectorCare coverage doesn’t have deductibles.

What does this mean for regular people with changing circumstances, particularly in a community like Dorchester, which historically has been one of the largest ConnectorCare communities in the state? On a visit to Upham’s Community Care in Dorchester, I met Andre Gomes, a local resident in need of affordable coverage.

Gomes did not receive coverage through an employer and did not think he had time in his busy schedule to research options for reliable, affordable plans. Thankfully, Gomes connected with Juan Carlos Santana, a local Navigator at Upham’s Community Care, who provided the personal attention and care needed to quickly get him through the process. Now newly insured with ConnectorCare, Gomes says that will allow him to continue to pursue his dream with the peace of mind that comes from being covered.

“The Navigators I worked with at Upham’s always welcome everyone with warmth and are here to help,” said Gomes. “Even if I came in late, or didn’t have

the right paperwork, they were always willing to help, with a smile on their face. My monthly payment isn’t bad, either.”

People without health insurance, including those no longer eligible for MassHealth through the state’s Medicaid redetermination process, can access the newly expanded ConnectorCare plans during Open Enrollment, which is happening now, through Jan. 23.

This year for the first time, all major carriers participating in the Marketplace are offering ConnectorCare plans, so there is both more affordability help and more plan choices than ever before. People can apply for ConnectorCare or other Health Connector coverage at [MAhealthconnector.org](https://mahealthconnector.org), or can contact the Health Connector at 1-877-MA-ENROLL.

Whether you are pursuing your dream of working independently, just moved to Massachusetts, are transitioning from MassHealth, or are just shopping around for more affordable coverage for the new year, I encourage everyone to take advantage of our expanded ConnectorCare program.

No matter your reason, or how you’re making your living, there is no better time to find health coverage than right now.

Audrey Morse Gasteier is executive director of the Massachusetts Health Connector.

Louijeune centers new council’s goals on ‘equity’

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Haitian flags. That prompted one more nod to history, this time from Louijeune. “January first is Haitian Independence Day,” she noted, “where we’re celebrating the first free Black republic in the western hemisphere — the only country in the world founded from a slave revolt. That’s a big deal.” And the New Year’ Day event in the council chamber was a big deal for one of Louijeune’s community supporters, Dr. Geralde V. Gabeau, founder and executive director of the Immigrant Family Services Institute. While waiting for a chance to be photographed with the council’s new president, she said, “It shows that the fight continues for us to be represented everywhere.” Commemorating the history with a red dress, along with Haitian-American and City Council pins, Louijeune, like other council presidents, used part of her speech from the rostrum as a mission statement. “We’ve got to work to build a city that is affordable for our working-class families, that responds to the potholes and trash issues and the lights that we need in our parks, that centers repairing past harm, works on enhancing community safety and school environments where each student can thrive and realize their limitless potential,” she said.

“Under my leadership, we will continue to center equity in everything we do here in the city of Boston, knowing that the task is a daunting one given our historical failures to show up for those who our governments have marginalized like people of color, immigrants, our LGBTQ-plus neighbors, those who are disabled and differently abled, our veterans, our returning citizens.”

The agenda ranged from housing needs to education gaps, access to city contracts and liquor licenses. But, after a term of heightened friction among councillors, Louijeune also spoke of bridging divides.

“I reject the old and new dichotomy. I believe in a true Boston, one that has always had the richness of cultures and races and backgrounds that we see now in the halls of power,” said Louijeune, adding, “I unequivocally reject any zero-sum mentality...that suggests that for one group to succeed, another must lose.”

During the previous term’s acrimony over redistricting, District 9 (Allston-Brighton) Councillor Liz Breadon was confronted with a localized reminder of sectarian conflict in her native Northern Ireland. As the current



Mayor Wu conferred with Councillor-at-Large Ruthzee Louijeune in Faneuil Hall before Monday’s swearing-in ceremony.



At-Large Councillor Henry Santana

council’s senior member, she opened the meeting by reading a poem written by a fellow Northern Ireland native, Seamus Heaney, “The Cure at Troy.” Torn between strife and hope, the poem made its own nod to history –as possibility:

*History says, don’t hope
On this side of the grave.
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up,
And hope and history rhyme.*

With the elections of four newcomers – John FitzGerald, Enrique Pepén,



District 3 Councillor John FitzGerald

Henry Santana, and Ben Weber, the council currently has as many members of Irish background as with roots in the Caribbean island shared, not always amicably, by Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The history and geography were well known to Louijeune and some of her colleagues.

“Are there any Dominicans in the room now?” she asked from the rostrum. “Are there any Haitians in the room now?” From the galleries, one loud cheer was followed by another.

Then she asked, “Can I hear from both the Haitians and the Dominicans in the room?” As two loud cheers swelled



Council President Louijeune took the gavel after a unanimous vote of her colleagues. Chris Lovett photos

in unison, the new president beamed, “I love it. That is possibility that there’s unity. Our island, which is often referred to as Hispaniola, we reclaim our tiny name of it, and we work together. Yes, and we won’t do it alone.”

Louijeune assumes Council presidency stressing ‘equity’ ... ‘shared prosperity’

By MICHAEL P. NORTON
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At-Large City Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune was elected president of the Boston City Council Monday, succeeding Councillor Ed Flynn in that post and pledging to make equity a guiding principle while aspiring to “bring everyone along” in the city.

The daughter of immigrants from Haiti, Louijeune was born and raised in Mattapan and Hyde Park and attended Boston Public Schools. An attorney, she graduated from Columbia University, Harvard Law School, and Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, and is trilingual with French and Haitian Creole.

Louijeune served as senior counsel for US Sen. Elizabeth Warren’s 2020 presidential campaign, previously worked as a lawyer at Perkins Coie LLP, and recently started her own legal and advocacy business, The Opening PLLC.

“I believe in all of us and I believe in Boston,” Louijeune said following her election. “One thing to know about me is that I unequivocally reject any zero-sum mentality that suggests

that for one group to succeed, another must lose. We can walk and chew gum at the same time. We can address historic inequities and continue to bring everyone along.”

Saying her parents “laid the foundation for all that it’s possible for me today,” Louijeune added, “They came to this country from Haiti – poor, Black, not speaking the language, and sacrificed so much for me and my three sisters and our entire extended family. They are our pillar.”

During remarks in the council chamber, Louijeune, who was warmly greeted by Mayor Wu, outlined many priorities: rooting out housing discrimination, fighting “cost prohibitive” upfront rental costs, working with community land trusts on alternative models of ownership that prevent displacement, addressing neighborhood waste and trash pickup issues, making it easier to build affordable housing, combating “deeply rooted economic inequality” by expanding access to city contracts, space and land, and liquor licenses, and working with unions “to make sure that Boston remains a union town where we put the needs of the collective people

before profit.”

Prior to her election, Flynn had nominated Councilor Julia Mejia to serve as president, but she declined the nomination. “I think that it’s important for us to recognize that this moment, in this body, requires us to really bring everyone together, regardless of our political differences,” Mejia said.

Councillor Gabriela Coletta introduced Louijeune as the first Haitian American to serve on the council and noted her election as president came on Haitian Independence Day. In her remarks, Louijeune referenced new arrivals from Haiti seeking refuge here, and noted Haiti’s distinction as “the first free Black Republic in the Western Hemisphere, and the only country in the world founded from a slave revolt.”

“Today we continue the march toward true liberation as insecurity plagues our island nation, but we remain committed to our people abroad and here,” said Louijeune, who said Boston is home to the third largest Haitian diaspora in the country.

She said she’ll keep pushing for “shared prosperity” and using the city’s strengths to lift working class residents.

“Our city boasts some of the best institutions from universities to hospitals to life sciences,” she said. “We have a strong AAA bond rating, strengths we can be using more to build schools and to build housing. We have the strength of diversity of our neighborhoods, but at times the education gaps, the housing crisis and disparities in health and wealth outcomes can make us feel like there are two different Bostons. Our work is to combat that, and to combat that together.”

Louijeune also rejected the “old and new dichotomy” that she said some use to try to divide Boston based on its leadership changes. “I believe in a true Boston, one that has always had the riches of cultures and races and backgrounds that we see now in the halls of power,” she said, “one that embraces the rich Irish-American and the rich Italian-American and the rich African-American histories of our city, that celebrates the Latino community and the Asian community and the Somali community, and says to our LGBTQ plus siblings that we will always reject people and transphobic acts that work to threaten to make you feel unsafe.”

Presidential primary ballot order set through luck of draw

By SAM DORAN
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

The names of Democrat Congressman Dean Phillips, Republican former Gov. Chris Christie, and Libertarian lawyer Jacob Hornberger will appear at the top of their parties' presidential primary ballots in Massachusetts on March 5.

To organize the names of three Democrats, seven Republicans, and five Libertarians in the order they will appear on ballots, the candidate names were sealed in blank envelopes, and Secretary William Galvin spun them around in a golden tombola in the State Library, then picked the envelopes out one at a time.

Who makes the cut to get their name thrown into the metal drum is initially determined by the state parties, but the state secretary has an opportunity to add names independently.

The Massachusetts Democratic Party forwarded just one name to Galvin's office – President Biden's. The secretary added Phillips and the author Marianne Williamson into the mix. The Brighton Democrat "determined that they are nationally recognized candidates," his office said on New Year's Day, "[i]n accordance with

state law." Describing the criteria by which he can add names that have been "left out" by the parties, Galvin cited Williamson's prior campaign for president in 2020, when the state party included her name on the list for the ballot.

"She has been persistent and consistent in her activities throughout the country. We don't make this decision based on who's going to win, or who might win. Is this a person who's trying to be a national candidate? And I felt, based on the criteria that she's on already in a number of states, placed on the ballot here last time by the Democratic state party, it was appropriate to include her again," Galvin said.

As for Phillips, a Minnesota Congressman who announced his campaign last fall, Galvin called him "nationally recognized," and pointed to "significant" campaign spending levels and "extensive reportage on his positions" in national media outlets.

Galvin left the state Republican Party's list of choices as is, including the name of former President Donald Trump, whose inclusion on primary ballots has been challenged in other states.

"I think there's been a lot of confusion be-

tween the ballot access issue and the issue of eligibility. The real issue presented by the 14th Amendment is eligibility to be president," Galvin told reporters after the name-drawing ceremony, adding that he hoped to see a "decisive decision" from the US Supreme Court on Trump's eligibility.

The secretary said his office has heard from "a number of Democratic activists" recently on the topic, and he recalled telling some of them that Trump could still win the state Republican primary as a write-in candidate even if his name were not printed on ballots.

"I said, what do you suggest I should do if people write him in? Well, they said, don't count him. I said, are you serious? ... Elections and primaries are about voters. They're not about candidates, they're not about offices, they're about voters. It's the opportunity to make a decision the voters have. We're not going to deprive voters of the right to cast a ballot. A lot of people have said this is about defending democracy. And as a citizen, I might agree with that. But I think the best way to defend democracy is to participate in democracy. And that opportunity's here for everyone in Massachusetts," Galvin said.

The Reconstruction-era Constitutional amendment includes a prohibition on certain previous officeholders who "have engaged in insurrection" subsequently holding "any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State."

Bay Staters must be registered to vote by Feb. 24 to participate in a March 5 presidential primary. This election's vote-by-mail application deadline is Feb. 27. An early voting period will open Sat., Feb. 24, and run through Fri., March 1.

Here are the three party ballots for Super Tuesday in Massachusetts, in the order the names emerged from the spinning tombola:

Democratic Party	Libertarian Party
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dean Phillips• Joseph Biden• Marianne Williamson	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jacob Hornberger• Michael Rectenwald• Chase Oliver• Michael Ter Maat• Lars Damian Mapstead
Republican Party	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris Christie• Ryan Binkley• Vivek Ramaswamy• Asa Hutchinson• Donald Trump• Ron DeSantis• Nikki Haley	<p>"This is obviously a very important election. We've had record turnouts in the last two presidential elections here in Massachusetts. I certainly expect that that will be the case again," Galvin said.</p>

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City speeding up efforts to slow down the traffic

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borhood Slow Streets), and it will serve to refine how to bring in improvements at a faster pace.

In addition to the push in Dorchester, two zones in South Boston and one in East Fenway had speed humps installed over the last few months, with “lots more” in design.

“We’re really trying to move away from the (Neighborhood Slow Streets) model where the lucky few get safety improvements,” said Jascha Franklin-Hodge, chief of streets for the city. “I believe the zone in question under the Bowdoin-Geneva Action Plan is larger by a significant amount than any Neighborhood Slow Streets program so far. It is the first time we’ve done a neighborhood-wide plan this large that combines the quicker improvements like the speed humps and the larger, more robust improvements as well.”

It was surprising that the humps began to appear in November and December throughout the Bowdoin-Geneva corridor and in September in the St. Brendan’s neighborhood. They weren’t expected in either place until the new year and beyond, but Franklin-Hodge said, the city had re-tooled its plans.

He noted that humps are in such demand in the neighborhoods that qualify for them (they cannot be set on a major thoroughfare or one with an MBTA bus route) that the long-term plan wasn’t realistic. So, the city quickly pivoted to more speed humps, with plans to follow for long-term improvement like raised crosswalks, curb bump outs, and intersection rebuilds.

“We took the speed hump zones for the Safety Surge out,” he said, “and brought it forward faster and got it done this year and in 2024 we will go forward with the start of the reconstruction plans,” pointing to Bowdoin-Geneva as the first to follow that pattern.

“We’ve engaged two dedicated contractors only for speed humps,” noted Franklin-Hodge. “They’ve built 144 speed humps and can build dozens a day. They can do more over the winter as long as they can get an asphalt plant to stay open.”

Residents have taken notice of the safety surge with satisfaction.

Ted Loska, of the Greater Bowdoin Geneva Neighborhood Association (GBGNA), said they found speed humps on Larchmont Street a very welcome addition. “We are very pleased to have our street included in the traffic calming program,” he said.

Bowdoin-Geneva was chosen for the rollout because there was an existing road map for changes, and implementation was key.

Davida Andelman has been involved since the city began talking about the plan in 2019, watching it grow from a \$100,000 study of the intersection of Bowdoin Street and Geneva Avenue to a comprehensive plan all the way up Hancock Street. She said the association had told the city from the start that it needed to be a more comprehensive plan with more voices and more neighborhoods.

While some residents were surprised, even concerned seeing things expand all the way to Four Corners, then through Hancock Street, the rewards were noted with smiles when speed humps recently were installed on Hamilton Street.

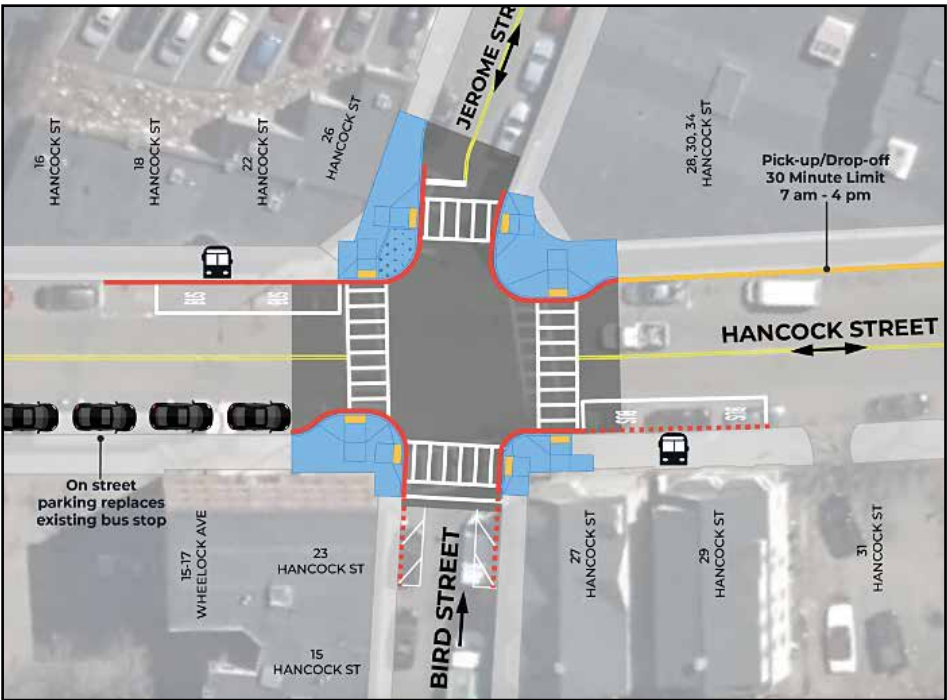
“The bigger work needs to be done still, but overall, I think everyone is pleased this thing is up and visible and doing something,” said Andelman. “The feedback I’m getting from neighbors and my own unofficial survey...is for the most part that people are thrilled. There are those folks to our chagrin who don’t think it will do anything. Other people say we need more of them in other locations. Bottom line is it really does make a difference and we’re very happy about that.”

She noted that one piece hasn’t yet been figured out: enforcement. “There just aren’t enough people in the Police Department to really enforce the way traffic laws need to be enforced in the



Ted and Linda Loska show off the new speed hump near their home on Larchmont Street. Larchmont is one of many streets in the Bowdoin-Geneva area that has benefitted from a quicker plan to install speed humps ahead of larger street improvements in the city’s Safety Surge program. The Bowdoin-Geneva and Hancock Triangle program represents the largest street safety undertaking yet for the city.

Seth Daniel photos



A city of Boston graphic outlines proposed traffic calming measures in the works for Hancock Street.

city.”
There are about 30 streets in Bowdoin-Geneva, from Park/Claybourne streets across to Columbia Road/Quincy Street that have gotten speed humps already or will soon get them. In the Hancock Triangle, there are approximately 17 streets that will see speed humps installed as early as January and into the spring – stretching from Meetinghouse Hill to Uphams Corner and connected to the Bowdoin-Geneva plan by Quincy Street.

For the bigger work on Bowdoin-Geneva, Franklin-Hodge said, a car crash death in July 2022 on Tonawanda and Greenbrier streets has elevated that area’s priority within the Bowdoin-Geneva planning area.

“There are a couple of pressing areas, one is Tonawanda Street coming into Mother’s Rest Park and around UP Academy and the Marshall Community Center at Westville and Dakota,” he said, citing the 2022 crash.

“Any time we’re pouring concrete and digging we know it’s a much more difficult project; any time we have a project like that, we’ll prioritize,” he said. “It’s one of the challenges we have with doing these safety projects. With a residential street, we can put speed humps, but with our larger intersections

we want to do more.

“Our arteries like Hancock are the real challenges because we need them to function as arteries, but we need them to be safe as well, so it’s a little balance.”

Plans are very detailed for the Hancock Triangle area – with safety improvements like raised crosswalks and curb bump outs planned for the Hancock Street corridor at Bird Street, Trull Street, Rill Street, and in front of the Conservatory Lab Charter Lower School. Meanwhile, major attention is also being paid to the convergence of Bellevue, Stanley, Ronan, and Trull Streets on top of the hill behind Uphams Health – a very confusing intersection with two parks, a school, and the health center in close proximity.

The plan is to add curb extensions to several parts of the intersection, particularly in front of Stanley-Bellevue Park, and a raised crosswalk between Ronan and Trull Streets. There will also be new parking restrictions along Bellevue, Stanley, Trull, and the curb at Ronan. The final piece is to convert Bellevue Street between Quincy and Ronan Streets to a one-way toward Ronan. It will run in the opposite direction of Stanley Street.

These are mechanisms, Franklin-Hodge said, to address input that

they got about crosswalk crowding, blocked sight lines, and cars parking too close to the curb – things that are already illegal but not easily enforced.

“Some of it is really only making sure the existing rules are followed,” he said. “Sometimes it is the parking that is the safety problem. We want to be thoughtful and judicious about where we need to block it off in the residential areas.”

Having Bowdoin-Geneva and the Hancock Triangle addressed for street calming now brings a huge portion of Dorchester into a unified program. Since 2017, adjacent neighborhoods like Talbot-Norfolk-Triangle, West of Washington, Dorchester Unified East and West (Norfolk Street corridor), Redefining Our Community (ROC), West Selden Street, Washington-Harvard-Norwell, Grove Hall Quincy Corridor, and St. Brendan’s have been built out.

Franklin-Hodge said the city hopes those measures will bring about a new norm in how people drive when navigating neighborhoods. “The goal is to have a future where you don’t know you’re in a special zone because you get into a neighborhood that’s safer and slower. We hope all our neighborhoods look like that in the future. We hope the default becomes that you operate slower and more respectfully once in a neighborhood context... That’s a broader attitude shift around neighborhood street driving.”

For more information on the projects, visit the city’s project pages for Bowdoin-Geneva Transportation Action Plan and the Hancock Street Triangle.

Traffic light issues are getting attention – and federal funding

Another piece of the neighborhood street safety puzzle involves traffic signals and lights around the city, particularly in Dorchester and Mattapan where there are high-crash corridors and dated signal equipment that is beyond obsolete.

The city’s chief of streets, Jascha Franklin-Hodge, said that it is part of an overall plan to address street safety within the existing Safety Surge program that was given a boost last month when the city scored a \$14.4 million federal grant from the Safe Streets and Roads for All program funded by the US Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed in late 2021. That money will complement \$9 million received in an earlier funding round and already spent, as well as city dollars to address the signals and intersections.

All told, there is \$19 million now available to address the mix of changes that, Franklin-Hodge said, range from adjusting signal times and adding a lead pedestrian crossing signal – costing around \$10,000 – to things like a \$1 million total intersection rebuild. He said they have identified the areas that need the most work, and many are in Dorchester – such as the Washington Street corridor and the intersection of Blue Hill Avenue and American Legion Highway.

“We have a lot of high-crash corridors,” he said. “Washington Street in Dorchester is like that at almost every intersection. Every intersection needs lead pedestrian intervals and major signal upgrades.”

A challenging part of this puzzle is that Boston is said to have some of the most antiquated traffic signal equipment in the country. Franklin-Hodge didn’t go that far but he did say the challenge is that making simple safety changes often requires major investment to replace outdated equipment.

“We know where we need to do work and we’re trying to pull the resources and money together to focus on places where we know we can do the most good,” he said. “We have some very old signal equipment, and it limits what we can do. Even to do simple stuff like a lead pedestrian signal can’t be done on some of them because they don’t have computer equipment to make that change.”

Dorchester Brewing Co. sets up deal with Somerville’s Aeronaut

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Correspondent

Dorchester Brewing Co. and Somerville-based Aeronaut Brewing Company have crafted a plan to align their expertise under one parent entity to be called Tasty Liquid Alliance.

While the brands will function independently and continue to produce their own beer, they will also provide contract services for a combined total of 20 regional and national brands. By marshalling their shared resources under one umbrella, the breweries say they hope to strengthen their positions in the highly competitive craft beer industry.

“There’s a lot of shared synergies,” said Matt Malloy, co-founder and CEO of Dorchester Brewing Co., and an Ashmont



Somerville’s Aeronaut and Dorchester Brewing Co. will team up this year for a new venture, Tasty Liquid Alliance. It will mean a busier production schedule at Dorchester Brewing’s Mass Ave facility. *Image courtesy Dorchester Brewing*

diversity, whether it be Black, White, straight, or gay, name it.”

Dorchester Brewing and Aeronaut co-founders Ronn Friedlander and Daniel Rassi expect to close in the latter half of this year. “There’s a lot of knowledge sharing for how we run our taproom and production so I think that can be really helpful,” said Friedlander. “Overall, it’s going to bring costs down for everyone. So that will allow us to be more competitive by price point.”

Once the merge is complete, Aeronaut’s Everett production site is expected to cease operations. The Somerville location, however, will continue to produce small batch-

es of beer for its brand. With the consolidation of Aeronaut’s locations, the majority of production will be completed at Dorchester Brewing Co.’s facility on Mass. Ave.

The partnership will result in some layoffs, Malloy said, while noting that the combined workforce will still be robust—roughly 90 employees.

“I would say that the only really sad thing is that you have to let some people go,” Malloy said. “The reality is, we need to do this to continue to

survive and thrive. It’s better to employ 90 than none.”

Overall, Malloy and Friedlander believe their alliance will have a positive impact on both communities.

“We see a lot of similarities between our different taprooms and the communities we serve,” said Friedlander, who lives in Wakefield. “I know from how they run things at Dorchester [that] there are a lot of community activities and meet-ups and things similar to what we do in Somerville. I think it’s great to have another community that we can engage in that has, a lot

of diversity, a lot of interesting cultural elements, artists, musicians, things like that.”

“More resources mean more ability to give back,” said Malloy. “More social gatherings here, more celebration of diversity, more donations, more staff engagement as it relates to going out and doing even more stuff within the community. For us, it’s about community engagement. It’s about outreach events. It’s about speaking. We’re going to be able to have more resources and bigger teams to do this, both here and at Aeronaut.”

Dot Pee Wees celebrate their Mayor’s Cup victory



Dorchester’s Youth Hockey’s Pee Wee ‘Red’ team won the 30th annual Mayor’s Cup ice hockey tournament. *Photo courtesy DYH*

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Correspondent

Dorchester’s Youth Hockey’s Pee Wee A team won the 30th annual Mayor’s Cup ice hockey tournament, which was held over two weeks in December. More than 1,000 players from 7 Boston neighborhoods took the ice in 136 games, culminating with the finale on Dec. 30 at Boston College’s Conte Forum.

The Pee Wee team defeated Parkway 5-1 for the championship in a re-match against their city rivals, who defeated the Pee Wee A’s in the second round of play, 2-1. The Dorchester squad also beat Charlestown and S.C.O.R.E Boston to make it to the finals.

Other teams represented in the tourney included Allston-Brighton, Hyde Park, and South Boston.

The Dorchester Pee Wee A’s, coached by Ryan Spitz and Shaun O’Sullivan, include Liam and Luke Franey, Jake Lucas, Caleb Murphy, Maxx Rainey, Kyle Rudy, Jackson Spitz, Sandro Sullivan, Andrew Thompson, Cian Tobin, and Jack G. O’Brien.

“We only have 11 players, so that means one goalie and exactly two shifts of defensemen and forwards,” said Spitz. “If we’re short a

guy, it’s kind of tough.”

Despite having a smaller roster than most teams, Spitz’s squad started the tournament off strong, beating Charlestown in their opening game. On the morning before Christmas Eve, Dorchester played against Parkway and had even fewer players than usual.

“We had one boy traveling and another that was sick, so we were down to seven people, including our goalie,” the coach explained. “Our kids were leading the entire game 1-0 until the third period. They were exhausted and we ended up losing that game 2-1.”

Spitz then reminded his players that the rest of the tournament would be defined by the effort they put into their next games. He also told them to have fun, and that’s exactly what they did in winning their third game, against S.C.O.R.E Boston.

That win then advanced the team to the championship game where both the players and Spitz could earn redemption against Parkway.

“We played against the same team who beat us 2-1. But now we had pretty much a full squad,” said Spitz, whose championship title was celebrated with a banner and hats.

“It’s bragging rights

when you’re at school with your friends that play in different neighborhoods and you have that hat on,” said Spitz. “Our whole team had that hat, and they haven’t taken them off since. They think they’re the coolest kids around and I think that self-esteem-wise that gives them a big boost.”

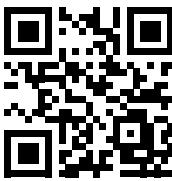
“There’s a big impact from this tournament. They look forward to it because it’s during a vacation break and the crowds that show up are unbelievable,” said the coach. “The attendance and support these kids see definitely has an impact.”

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Fiscal considerations may weigh on Beacon Hill priorities

Investment agenda impacted by slowdown in state tax collections

**By CHRIS LISINSKI
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NEWS SERVICE**

Lawmakers are on the eve of kicking off the traditionally busier second year of their two-year session, and the top House Democrat suggested a need for “fiscal prudence” that could color debate on a host of policy priorities during this election year.

House Speaker Ron Mariano, who alongside Senate President Karen Spilka has engineered major increases in state spending, signaled concern Tuesday about the state’s financial footing amid a period of lackluster tax revenues, exploding emergency shelter costs, and the implementation of long-awaited but costly tax relief.

“On health care and other significant issues, the House is committed to addressing a number of pressing challenges during the second year of this legislative session, all while emphasizing a focus on fiscal prudence,” Mariano said in a statement.

Business leaders recently implored the state to pump the brakes on new spending after years of surging tax collections and free-flowing outlays, warning that “the drastic increase in government spending over the past five years is a growing concern for our future competitiveness and may detrimentally impact the long-term fiscal health of Massachusetts.”

Beacon Hill power players might now be hunkering down for a more fallow period of tight margins and difficult decisions.

Tax collections and federal aid exploded during the pandemic, handing budget-writers massive surpluses, but the trend has trailed off. Revenues fell short of expectations in each of the first five months of fiscal year 2024, putting year-to-date collections about \$627 million short of the estimates used to craft the annual state budget, but not actually lower than the same stretch last year despite Mariano’s reference to “declining tax revenues.”

Other wildcards could swing the pendulum back in the other direction, like a new voter-approved surtax on high earners to fund education and transportation, or inflict even more financial pressure on policymakers.

Mariano, who has served in the House for more than three decades and through several economic and budget swings, in October said he plans to run for reelection and another term as speaker, and Spilka told GBH News she intends to do the same.

In 2021, while Beacon Hill’s coffers were overflowing, Mariano said his “biggest problem” as speaker was “spending money. Take a look around,” he said at the time, gesturing to portraits of House speakers. “None of these guys spent that much money. Maybe if you add up, take these walls over here and add up all the money they ever spent as speakers, they never spent as much as the Senate president and I have spent in this [American Rescue Plan Act] budget. So it is something to think about, it’s a pretty interesting little dynamic.”

The Healey administration expects record demand on the emergency shelter system will cost nearly \$1 billion this year and next year, and it’s still not clear

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if Massachusetts will need to repay the federal government some or all of the \$2.5 billion it erroneously spent on unemployment aid.

If the unsteady footing morphs into a full budget crisis, it could consume the oxygen – and dollars – needed for other priorities.

In a post outlining her 2024 goals, Spilka said she wants to expand free community college and reform the early education and care sector. Both of those areas have already received significant state investment, and the reforms some Democrats have been weighing could require substantially more.

Legislative leaders over the years have shown less concern about borrowing money than spending it outright. A pair of wide-ranging bond bills Healey filed, one seeking investment in much-needed housing development and the other financing economic development initiatives, are likely to receive action in the coming months.

Mariano and Spilka in recent years have driven spending to record levels, mostly with the support of former Republican Gov. Charlie Baker and Democrat Gov. Maura Healey. The current \$56 billion fiscal 2024 budget is about \$8 billion, or 16 percent, larger than the spending plan for fiscal 2022, which was the first with Mariano wielding the gavel.

Business groups sounded the alarm in November about state

expenditures increasing at “breakneck speed,” urging legislative leaders to limit their new spending growth to the inflation rate.

Healey must file her fiscal 2025 budget proposal by Jan. 24. The House usually unveils and debates its version of the spending plan in April, followed by the Senate in May. The Legislature typically misses its deadline to have a budget in place by July 1, and budget woes could test relations between House and Senate Democrats, who under Mariano and Spilka have a record of being slow to compromise.

Lawmakers have just a bit less than seven months to tackle all of their remaining controversial priorities for the two-year term before July 31, which legislative rules set as the final day for formal sessions.

In addition to early education and care reforms and free community college, Spilka said, she remains interested

in sending Healey a prescription drug cost control bill “that will save lives and help people in our state who desperately need lower costs for their medications.”

She will need help from the House to accomplish that goal. The Senate approved prescription drug legislation in November for the third session in a row. Neither of the previous two iterations received a vote in the House.

Mariano, meanwhile, suggested that his chamber could pursue multiple bills to tackle several pressure points in the health care industry.

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family,” Mariano said. “The House will address these issues in separate, comprehensive legislation in the second year of the session.”

The speaker said his chamber “will soon hold a floor vote on legislation to address teen sexting and image-based sexual assault,” as Politico first reported Tuesday. Lawmakers sought to crack down on so-called revenge porn last year amid a sustained campaign for reforms by Baker and former Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, but senators did not leave themselves enough time to get the measure fully across the

finish line.

In October, the Judiciary Committee advanced a new version of a “revenge porn” enforcement bill that also proposes reforms to rein in coercive control and criminal harassment. That bill is pending before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Another topic likely to return to the spotlight in 2024 is the state’s constellation of gun laws. A Spilka spokesperson said on Tuesday that she still expects Senate Democrats to release their proposal for new reforms by the end of January.

The topic prompted public sparring between House and Senate Democrats last year, when they could not agree on the process to review and advance a sweeping gun bill authored by Mariano deputy Rep. Michael Day. The House ultimately circumvented the traditional joint committee process and approved its legislation without any Senate involvement.

That bill (H 4139) still has not been sent to any Senate committee for review, and it’s unclear what legislative path the Senate’s gun legislation will take.

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‘We, not me’ family-oriented approach energizes owners of 19 McDonald’s sites

Immigrant from India started as walk-in applicant some 41 years ago



Vijay Selhi is shown with his sons Cherag and Anurag at the counter of the Gallivan Boulevard McDonald’s location, which re-opened last year after a major renovation project.

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Correspondent

Forty years ago, Vijay Selhi, who was born and raised in India, started working at a McDonald’s restaurant in Somerville for \$3 an hour. Today, he and his sons Cherag and Anurag own and operate 19 McDonald’s locations in greater Boston, including three in Dorchester. For the Selhis, this accumulation of riches is less about selling tens of millions of Big Macs and French fries over the years than it is about providing support for families living the way he did during his days as a minimum wage worker. “I’ve learned a lot from McDonald’s about how to serve my community,” said Vijay. “I was able to send both my kids to college and have a house to live in and feed my family. If I can do this, I can help other people do the same thing.”

Vijay arrived in Boston in 1983 and finding work under the Golden Arches was not the typical route immigrants took, said son Cherag, now 30. “Our family back home is from a village in India. A lot of people who were immigrating at the time were not going into jobs such as McDonald’s. Seeing that Vijay was doing something different from the greater part of our community was rewarding.” After graduating from Suffolk University, the sons began working at the Somerville location as crew members then progressed to managerial roles and eventually took over ownership. Cherag and Anurag had shown that they were good fits as business partners with their father. In an interview with the *Reporter*, they spoke easily, almost interchangeably, about how

they go about their business day to day. “We’re all kind of wearing different hats and we’re managing different parts of the business, but that’s how we can stick around as a family and be successful,” said Cherag. For his part, the 27-year-old Anurag identified their roles as being on the ground at the restaurants. “The best part is that you’ll see us in the stores a lot, we’re more in the stores than at the office. The employees see us and it’s great to know everybody by their first name,” he said. The Selhis don’t just know their employees’ names, they say they care deeply about them as well and think of them as family members. “When we walk into the store, we’re not necessarily asking about numbers and performance,” said Cherag. “The first things we ask [are questions like] ‘How

is your daughter doing? How is your son? I know your mother just got here from El Salvador, how is she doing adjusting?’ Our conversation always starts with family and then we can talk business after.” Added Vijay: “We are there every week, every day in the store and meeting with the customers and our employees. We don’t call them the crew or anything like that; just ‘our people.’ We are all together.” Anurag suggested that their “we, not me” mentality is what allows the Selhis to successfully own and operate 19 restaurants. “We are very proud of the brand and the arches, but internally we operate like any mom-and-pop shop does because each store has its own profile. We curate a family type of energy to the stores with our crew and managers.” Family members continually stress the word “support in conversation. They say the family-like work atmosphere is a result of the support they provide their employees. One example is their incentive program for their busiest time at their locations. It’s called “100 Days of Summer.” Beginning in June, they team up with local supermarkets to provide food staples such as fruit, rice, and beans to “our people.” Going the extra mile is the Selhi family way, they say. Whether it’s delivering food on Fridays or having Christmas parties for employees, being with the staff is the kind of work that Anurag enjoys. “When your feet are on the ground, you put yourself in other people’s shoes,” he said. “It goes a long way that people do appreciate.”



The Selhis outside the Gallivan Boulevard McDonald’s, one of three that the family manages and owns in Dorchester. Vijay Selhi immigrated to the United States from India in 1983 and started working as a minimum wage employee at a McDonald’s in Somerville. Cassidy McNeeley photos

Showing up and being on the job working at the locations on a regular basis means the Selhis are working with a widely diverse group of people. “Every store in the company is like a melting pot, like America,” said Vijay. “You may find 20 different nationalities in one store. Anybody can come to this country; anybody can have a dream like I had a dream. We will work with their needs.” Cherag believes their locations in Dorchester have a positive impact on the entire community. “All of the Dorchester locations prior to us buying them had shorter closing times. For us to extend the permit for the stores became an opportunity where we could provide more hours to the employees and we could serve food to the Dorchester community at a later hour,” he explained. “Being that a lot of the community works one, two, or three jobs, having dinner together is not easy. Because there is the platform of convenience and delivery and ready-on-arrival pickup with McDonald’s, we’re able to extend those hours for the commu-

nity.” Vijay, whose first purchase was the McDonald’s in Codman Square, added that “four or five years ago, employees who worked for us were used to having multiple jobs but now we apply them really good wages. They can live on one job, and they can make a good and healthy paycheck.” While they know that Vijay appreciates the value of all of the family’s stores, his sons recognize how meaningful it was for him to become owner of the Somerville location. “I think the one from a success perspective,” said Cherag, “was when he ended up buying the Somerville location where [many years before] he had walked in and essentially said, ‘You don’t need to pay me, let me show you what I can do.’ It was a full circle moment for him in that’s where we all started.” What does the future hold for the Selhis and their enterprise? Vijay said he won’t be stopping anytime soon. “I will stay until I can’t walk. People think McDonald’s is only a hamburger business. This is a family business.”

Harvard Street Health closes on theatre property purchase

By Seth Daniel
News Editor

The Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center (HSNHC) has closed on the purchase of the former Spirit and Truth Baptist Church building (the old Franklin Park Theatre) at 616-624 Blue Hill Ave. and will redevelop the property in a future phase of the Center’s renovation plans. The property was purchased by HSNHC at auction earlier this year via a court-appointed receiver. After review, the sale for \$1.1 million was approved and executed within the last 30 days. “Harvard Street looks forward to partner-



A rendering shows the how the new Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center facility would be situated in a view from Blue Hill Avenue looking southeast. The health center and its partner The Community Builders also plan new housing on the site of its current building and a neighboring church that it has acquired. Image courtesy Isgenuity Architects

ing with The Community Builders to build much-needed affordable housing on the site,” said HSNHC President Charley Murphy, who added that they will now include the theatre building within Phase 2 of their overall campus renovation plans, with Phase 1 being a medical building on Old Road located behind the existing health center. That project was approved earlier this year by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). Phase 2 is at least two to three years away, he said, and would include demolishing the existing health center on Blue Hill

Avenue and the theatre building. The Community Builders would construct mixed use buildings of about five stories each, with the first floors devoted to the medical center, and the upper floors owned and operated as affordable housing. It is estimated the buildings would accommodate a total of around 100 new units. He said the three existing retail businesses in the theatre building – including a Dominican sandwich shop, a hair salon, and a printer – have been offered two-year leases to remain there until Phase 2 begins.



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Happy New Year from BGCD! Celebrate the Joy of New Beginnings: As we bid farewell to 2023 we can reflect on what an amazing year we've had thanks to our staff, community partners and everyone who has been a part of our success. We welcome the limitless possibilities for the future so let's come together to create a year filled with growth, laughter, and endless opportunities. 2024 is not just another year; it's a canvas waiting to be painted with the vibrant colors of hope, kindness, and community. Your involvement makes a difference. Whether you volunteer your time, contribute to our programs, or spread the word about our mission, you are an essential part of our family. Together, we can create a positive impact that ripples through the lives of children and families we serve. Let's make it a year of endless possibilities!

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
Dell EMC Volunteers Help Host Annual BGCD Gingerbread Making Event: Right before the Holidays, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester partnered with our friends at Dell EMC to host our Annual Gingerbread House making event for over 75 of our members. It was a night full of holiday fun and laughter for all who participated.

Over 30 Dell EMC volunteers helped our members use a variety of frostings and candies to create their very own special holiday themed house that they were able to take home after. Thanks to our friends at Dell EMC for making this annual event possible. You help make this holiday season brighter for our members!

For more information on BGCD membership programming, please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org.



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DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD Keystone Club Visits Chris Kimball's Milk Street: Right before the Winter Recess, a group of Teens in our Keystone Club at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester were able to make a trip to visit our long-time program partner, Christopher Kimball's Milk Street at their kitchen in Boston.

Our teens had the opportunity to work with staff from Milk Street to create nearly 200 delicious muffins for other members to enjoy at the Holiday Party!

BGCD would like to thank the team at Christopher Kimball's Milk Street and we look forward to collaborating on additional Cooking Classes in the New Year!

For more information on partnering with BGCD, please contact Sr. VP of Operations, Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

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- Challenger Basketball Resumes
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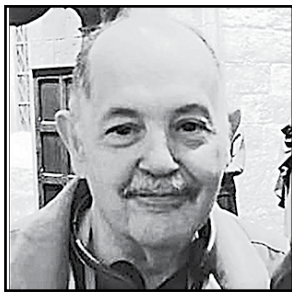
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RECENT OBITUARIES



ALABRARO, Louis “Buddy”, 78, of Gorham, ME, formerly of Dorchester. He was the husband of Theresa Calabraro. Son of late Anthony and Olive (Hedberg) Calabraro. US Army veteran. Please consider making a donation to The Michael J. Fox Foundation.



GROUT, Mary Elizabeth (McPherson), 68, of Middleborough. Wife of William Grout. Mother of Alyson Zukowski and her husband Michael of Milton, Joanne Mylett of Dorchester and William Grout and his wife Shioban of Abington. Mary is also survived by 7 grandchildren. Daughter of the late John and Ethel (Tobin) McPherson, of Dorchester. Sister of John (Jack) McPherson and his wife, Oz, of Punta Gorda, Florida, William (Bill) McPherson and his wife, Louise, of Abington, Robert (Bob) McPherson and his wife, Judy, of Ashland, NH, the late Patricia McInnis and her late husband James, Joanne Doolley and her late husband, James, of Dorchester, the late Michael McPherson,

Theresa Burnley and her husband Christopher, of Amherst, NH, Kathleen Stern and her husband Allan, of Sharon, MA, and Christine Donovan and her husband Michael, of Newburyport, MA. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Donations in her memory may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.



JENKINS, William K. “Billy”, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Owner and Operator of Jenkins Plumbing & Heating. Billy was the husband of the late Janice E. (Maher). He was father to Scott Jenkins and his wife Colleen of Mansfield and Keith Jenkins and his wife Kathleen of Hanover. Grandfather of 7. Brother to Edward Jenkins of Marshfield and Gregory Jenkins of Milton.



MAHONEY, Paul F., 82, of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Barbara (O’Brien) Mahoney. Father of John and his wife Mary of Braintree, Michael of Quincy, Kathleen Carvalho and

her husband Claudio of Weymouth, William and his wife Kristine of Norton, James and his wife Michelle of Abington, and Richard of Norton. Son of the late John and Elizabeth Mahoney. Brother of Joseph Mahoney of Chelsea, Catherine Bielewa of West Roxbury and the late Marie McManus. Papa of 15 including the late Michael. Great Papa to 4. Please consider making a donation in memory of Paul to the Alzheimer’s Association.



McAVOY, Maura Margaret, 79. She is survived by her two daughters and their spouses, Heather (Greg) McAvoy-Jensen and Tara (Effie) McAvoy; as well as her eight grandchildren.



MONAHAN, Charles “Chuck” Joseph Jr., 77, of Pembroke, formerly of Dorchester. Chuck was a 56-year member of Local 103 I.B.E.W., Chuck leaves behind his wife Diane O’Keefe of Halifax; his daughter, Stacey Monahan of Westwood; his son, Michael Monahan of Portland, OR; his sister, Margaret Roffey (Tommy) of Marshfield; and his brother, Hughie Monahan (Kathy) of Hanson; and his 3 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Charles J Monahan and Margaret (Faulkner); and his sister, Patricia Shafto. Donations can be made to the Alzheimers Assn., MA Chapter, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452, Norwell VNA and Hospice, 120 Longwater Drive, Norwell, MA 02061 or A Place for Mom, 530 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10036.



NORTON, Karen Theresa, 76, of Boston, formerly of Dorchester. Sister of Judith Norton and brother-in-law, John Leavitt of Newton; her niece and her husband, Lydia Leavitt Cox and Brandon Cox of Maine; her nephew, Christopher Leavitt of Lisbon, Portugal and a host of relatives and friends. Memorial dona-

tions can be made to the Boston Public Library in Karen’s name.



OFFLEY, Charles Arthur III, 85, of Brockton, formerly of Dorchester. He was the son of the late Charles A. Jr. and Charlotte (Booker) Offley. US Air Force veteran. Husband of Alma M. (Hall) Offley; father of Tyrone Lewis of GA, Charita Offley of AL, Domita Offley of Brockton, Tyra Offley of Charlotte NC, Charles Offley IV (and Tiffany) of Brockton, Sean Offley of AL, Nicole Connolly (and Robert) of Brockton, Cherise Hicks (and Francois) of Upper Marlboro MD, Charles Ferguson (and Danielle) of Easton and the late Nova Hirsch; grandfather of 25 grandchildren and great-grandfather of 11 great-grandchildren; brother of Carole Brewster of Brockton, Robert Offley (and Eleanor) of Quincy, Raymond Offley (and Sandra) of Boston, Russell Offley (and Lisa) of RI, Ronald Offley of Boston, and the late Yvonne Booker and Charlotte Carroll; and an uncle of many nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts can be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at stjude.org/donate



ROWAN, Louise M. (Cooper), of Dorchester, formerly of Cambridge. Former wife of the late Edward J. Rowan Jr. Mother of Ann Rowan of Quincy, Edward J. Rowan of Quincy, and Kathleen Burke BPD and her husband Kevin Burke of Dorchester. “Nana” of 5. Great-nana of 6. Sister of Anna Raymond of Florida, Joanne McCarthy of Kingston, and the late William Cooper, Edward Cooper, Jacquelyn McKay, and Peter Santasky. Survived by many nieces and nephews.



VAUGHN, Michael D., “Mike”, 67 in Dorchester, MA. Son of the late Arthur J. Vaughn Jr. and Jean R. (Davison), and brother to

Pierre E. Auguste, at 50; earned master’s in finance, pursued acting as avocation

Pierre E. Auguste, a Dorchester native, died on Dec. 27, 2023 in Boston at the age of 50. He leaves his wife, Marie Ruth Auguste, and his son, Evan Louis Auguste; his sister Miyonne Dorestant, his brother Richard Auguste and his wife, Sara A. Fernandes, and his sister Sadia Auguste Girault, along with his nephews and nieces Gregory Dorestant, Pierre Robert Dorestant, Yveline Esna, Rashelle Noncent, Hasadiah Girault, and Javen Girault.



He was preceded in death by his father, Vilaine L. Auguste, and his mother Virginia (Maumus) Auguste.

Pierre was born in Boston in 1973 to parents who immigrated to the United States from Haiti. He and his family were devout members of the congregation at Temple Salem Seventh Day Adventist Church in Dorchester, where he enjoyed participating in the Pathfinders Club.

He attended Berea SDA School and later St. Gregory Elementary School in Dorchester’s Lower Mills neighborhood, where he won acclaim as a student and as an actor, performing in student musical productions of “Something’s Afoot,” “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” and “Godspell,” in which he played the lead role of Jesus. He graduated from Boston Technical High School and Boston College, where he earned a bachelor of science in Business Management, and later a master’s degree in Finance.

Pierre married his lifelong love, Marie Ruth (Baudouin) Auguste in 1999 as he launched a successful career in finance with State Street Global Advisors, where he eventually rose to a senior role in the foreign currency exchange desk. But he never lost his passion for performing that he unleashed as a young actor in Dorchester, and, in 2005, he and Ruth re-located to Los Angeles, CA, where he joined the Screen Actors Guild and pursued a career in acting.

The Augustes welcomed their son Evan in 2011 and he became Pierre’s and Ruth’s top priority and greatest joy. In 2015, they returned to his native Massachusetts and settled in Newton. He brought his financial skills to bear for several different businesses, including XL Fleet, the Reporter Newspapers, and PowerFund Partners.

Funeral services will be held this Friday (Jan. 5) at Temple Salem Seventh Day Adventist Church, 222 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Donations to Pierre’s GOFUNDME campaign in lieu of flowers are welcomed.

Jean Vaughn of Quincy and the late Dr. Arthur J. Vaughn III of Jacksonville, FL. Uncle to Casey Eberle and her husband Thomas of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and Victoria Rodriguez and her husband Fernando of Orlando, FL. Mike worked as a laborer for the Department of Public Works for the City of Boston.



WHITE, Selma (Weiner), 93, of Newton, formerly of Mattapan. Daughter to Benjamin and Minnie Weiner. Selma was the wife of the late John. Mother of Ellen, Edward (Karen Murphy and her children, Casey and Kelly), Abby and the late Paul White. Remembrances may be made to The Southern Poverty Law Center (splcenter.org) or Perkins School for the Blind (perkins.org) in Selma’s memory.

WIENERS, Robert F. (Ret. BFD) of Dorchester

formerly of South Boston. Father of Caren Ann Sartori and her late husband Michael of Quincy, Christine Sceppa and her husband John of Brockton, Annmarie Bobst and her husband Keith of TN, Nancyjean Wieners of SC, and the late Robert F. Wieners Jr., Barbara Lyon and William Wieners. Father-in-law of Kerri Wieners of Brockton, Lenny Lyon of VT and Cheryl Wieners of Plymouth. Son of the late Albert and Mary (Walsh) Wieners. Also survived by 13 grandchildren and many great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. USMC Veteran and late member of Old Dorchester Post #65 American Legion. Donations in memory of Mr. Wieners may be made to the Boston Fire Dept Relief Fund 115 Southampton Street Boston, MA 02118.



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Long-time Dot Little League coach, friend to all Jim English dies at 70

By SETH DANIEL
News Editor

It was during a particularly intense early summer Little League game in the former Cedar Grove baseball league when A’s coach Jim English called a timeout to calm his young pitcher, who was getting flustered as the opposing team rallied. English ran out to the mound and began talking with the young hurler, and soon the boy was smiling and firing strikes, recalled English’s long-time friend and co-coach, Shaun O’Sullivan.

“What did you say to him?” O’Sullivan recalled asking. “I asked him what kind of ice cream he liked – what flavor – vanilla or chocolate,” English told him. “You did what?” O’Sullivan replied. “I told him the sooner he gets this kid out, the sooner he and everyone will get their favorite flavor of ice cream because I’m taking everyone out for ice cream after the game,” English replied.

Said O’Sullivan this week: “The kid could do nothing but smile after that. That’s what Jim did – he put everyone at ease and always put out fires. In difficult circumstances during pressure moments in games like that he had a sense of



An English Family photo shows, from left, Christopher, Emily, Caroline, Moira, Jim, and Sam. Photo courtesy of the English family

purpose, but he also had a sense of humor, and everyone loved to be around him because of that, and in baseball kids loved to play for him because of that.”

Mr. English died on Dec. 28 at age 70 after a long illness. He leaves his wife Moira (the co-founder of Minot Mudhouse), four children, Christopher, Emily, Caroline, and Sam, and one granddaughter, Grace. Beyond family and friends, his passing will be mourned by hundreds of Little League players whom he coached over his 30 years of being there for them.

“He got into coaching when his kids were grow-

ing up and even when they stopped playing, he continued to coach,” said his son-in-law, John Finn, speaking for the family to the Reporter. “A lot of kids wanted to play for Jim because after the games he would take them to Wendy’s. That was a favorite spot, and everyone knew Mr. E would take them there after the game.”

Jim English was raised in Port Norfolk, a self-described “Port Rat” who grew up in the 1960s and 1970s with five other siblings attending St. Ann’s Church on Neponset Avenue, where he was a parishioner and a lector. Over the last 10 years

he attended services at St. Cecilia’s Church in the Back Bay where his friend, Father John Unni, was the pastor.

He attended Boston Latin School, and graduated in 1974 from UMass Amherst before embarking on a career in development. He retired recently as a senior vice president at Suffolk Construction.

“We lost another neighborhood hero,” said O’Sullivan. “Jim was part of the old guard who always took time out with neighbors and people in the community – kids especially.”

Finn noted that while Mr. English played baseball in Dorchester as a

kid, he really got into the game by watching the Red Sox. “His father had season tickets to the Red Sox, and he would go with him to the games. He worked at Fenway Park as a vendor too. He loved baseball and really loved all sports.”

Jim loved his home of the last 30 years or so in the 400 block of Adams Street and found friends wherever he went. Finn noted that he became close friends with a Vietnamese woman who collected cans in the neighborhood to help bring her siblings to the United States, and was always ready to assist her, said Finn who recalled

that “she came by about a year ago to thank him,” said Finn. “It was kind of funny to his family, but that was just Jim... People were drawn to him, and he was always trying to help them... He didn’t look down on anyone.”

It was the same posture that he assumed with legions of young people in Cedar Grove baseball, and later Dorchester Baseball, and with the folks he considered friends at McDonald’s where he would stop frequently to get a Diet Coke.

“A good friend of mine said many years ago that if he could look at the world the way Jim English did, he would be a very happier man – and he was not unhappy,” said Finn. “Jim always looked at things in a positive way; the glass was always half full. He could have an arrow through his head, and he’d give you his standard answer of ‘Never Better’ if you asked.”

A visitation will be at John J. O’Connor & Son Funeral Home at 740 Adams St., Dorchester, on Thurs., Jan. 4, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A funeral Mass said by Father Unni will be held the next day at 10 a.m. in St. Cecilia church in the Back Bay.



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