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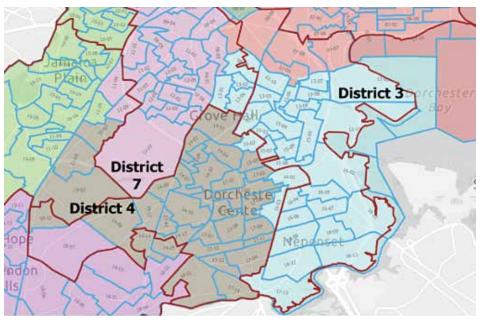
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As deadline looms, council weighs new district maps



Above, a section of a map released by Mayor Wu's office on May 12 shows her proposed revisions to the district city council boundaries. Wu's proposed map is one of several that will be considered as the council debates how to respond to a judge's order to revise district lines in time for elections later this year.

Rival proposals stack up for review; election schedule could be delayed

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Facing a May 30 deadline to pass a new map of the nine City Council district boundaries, councillors this week squabbled over the next steps as Mayor Michelle Wu urged them to move quickly and laid out her own map, which unites neighborhoods across the city, including Dorchester's Neponset, Fields Corner, Uphams Corner, Bowdoin Geneva and Adams Village within District 3.

Councillors struggled to come to consensus at a Monday meeting of its Civil Rights Committee, which effectively became the new map-drawing committee after an 8-4 vote last week sent it there. That move came days after a federal court order demanding they draw new lines.

The move put Councillor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune in charge of the second attempt at a redistricting process. She offered her own map early this week, putting it on the table with the Wu map, and one from District 6 Councillor Kendra Lara, who represents Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury.

But councillors on Monday opted not to discuss any maps, since they would not be formally introduced to the body until Wednesday's meeting of the full council. Instead, they focused on what they'd like to see and quarreled over whether Louijeune's committee was the right place to handle the process new maps, while District 3 Councillor Frank Baker of Dorchester continued to rage about last fall's redistricting process, despite winning the court order (Continued on page 16)

PLAN: Mattapan okayed as City Hall shifts gears in neighborhood planning

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

PLAN: Mattapan, a five-year neighborhood development effort that calls for additional dwelling units in backyards and re-zoning Mattapan Square to allow for more mixed-use development, last week received the approval of the board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

The plan aims at creating generational wealth in an area whose residents are 68 percent Black or African American, and transform it into a neighborhood where retail, parks, and transit are a 10-minute walk from every Mattapan resident's home.

But PLAN: Mattapan may also be among the last of its kind, as city officials say they're shifting away from that style of planning and attempting to remake the way developers and residents interact with City

Hall. Mayor Michelle Wu last year picked as her chief of planning, and BPDA director, Arthur Jemison, a federal housing official who had moved back to his former Ashmont neighborhood.

"We need more predictability, we need a clear sense of what the rules are, so it's not a frustrating, counterproductive, and exhausting process to see how your neighborhood grows, and we also need to incorporate standards for affordability and transportation access and all of the other quality of life needs that the development process is supposed to really deliver for communities," Wu told Reporter editors in a sit-down inside City Hall last week, days before the BPDA vote on Mattapan.

The neighborhood-by-neighborhood planning process is "not the best vehicle" to get to that point, she

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Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission. WBUR photo

Health officials urge more screenings in Dot and Mattapan

By Seth Daniel News Editor

People living in Dorchester and Mattapan are disproportionately impacted by cancer, heart disease, and diabetes compared to other parts of Boston, according to a new report prepared by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), which hopes to get more people screened and treated for conditions that can lead to preventabl early deaths.

Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, executive director of the BPHC and a Dorchester resident, said that while there were some very positive health trends citywide, there were "persistent disparities between demographic groups and neighborhoods" like Dorchester and Mattapan.

"Overall, things like cancer mortality rates citywide have decreased by the numbers, but when you zoom in and look at race and ethnicity, that's where you

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BPDA approves Comfort Inn conversion to homeless housing

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

The Boston Planning and Development Agency's board last Thursday unanimously signed off on a proposal to convert the Comfort Inn at 900 Morrissey Blvd. into permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless people.

The controversial project will break down the 131-room hotel into 99 units, down from an earlier plan that called for 110 units. On-site support staff and round-the-clock security will be on hand once the residents are settled in.

At multiple meetings hosted by the BPDA and at other gatherings held by local civic associations, neighborhood residents objected to the proposal, saying they did not want formerly homeless people living in the neighborhood. But other neighbors expressed support for the plan, citing the region's lack of housing supply amid high demand.



A rendering of the proposed Pine Street Inn facility on Morrissey Blvd. Courtesy Pine Street Inn

After the BPDA's public comment period ended on Thursday night, Ted Landsmark, one of the development agency's board members, said he was "very moved" by the comments from supporters.

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Horrific ending on search for 4-year-old autistic boy

The search for a 4-year-old boy from South Boston who went missing on Sunday terminated in a nightmare on Monday, as State Police discovered his body on the shore of Spectacle Island. Mohamed Abou Fofana, who was autistic and nonverbal, went missing Sunday night at Castle Island. Spectacle Island sits directly across the water from the South Boston park.

"Troopers from the MSP Special Emergency Response Team and State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County were ferried to the island by the Marine Unit, and they have confirmed the body to be Mohamed," state police spokesman Dave Procopio said in a statement. "State Police Crime Scene Services also responded to document the scene of the recovery."

State police, the Coast Guard, and several specialized local police and fire units took part in a massive search for the boy Sunday night, bringing to bear boats, helicopters, sonar, drones, and dogs. They scanned the shore and waters from Deer Island in the north down to Hull on the South Shore, searching well into the evening before pausing overnight and resuming early Monday morning. Divers fanned out 150 yards offshore from the Castle Island sea wall.

Fofana's body will next go to the Office of the Medical Examiner as state police begin a death investigation.

- WBUR

Boston firefighters, some of them on a fireboat, responded to Dorchester Bay around 10:15 p.m. on Monday after a report of a flashing light about 15 feet off North Point Drive in Harbor Point. They discovered and retrieved a drone that had crashed into the water. At first, the fire commander on scene had divers continue to respond in case somebody had gone into the water to retrieve the thing and not come back up. But before they arrived on scene, firefighters found the owner on land.

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Boston firefighters knocked down a fire at a three-family home at 15 Capen St. in Dorchester early Tuesday morning. The overnight fire displaced 10 people and four dogs, who were assisted by the Red Cross. The cause of the fire is under investigation, according to BFD.

Boston Police arrested a 23-year-old Dorchester man on Monday morning after he allegedly brandished a gun near Blue Hill Avenue and Woodrow Avenue. Police say the suspect— Luis Morales— was taken into custody after a brief foot chase during which he allegedly tossed a backpack that was found to contain a loaded .45 caliber gun. Morales was wanted on an outstanding warrant out of Taunton District Court. He was set to be arraigned in Dorchester court this week.

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The 27th annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace took to the streets of Dorchester last Sunday morning in support of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's work to assist survivors of homicide and to advocate for xwho joined the walk was US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, shown above as the walk made its way up Dorchester Avenue near Town Field. This year's event followed a route through Fields Corner, Four Corners, Codman Square, and back to Town Field.

Photo courtesy Rep. Pressley

Haitian pride takes center stage on Blue Hill Avenue on Sunday

Blue Hill Avenue will be fluttering with the familiar red and blue flag of Haiti this Sunday (May 21) as the 21st annual Haitian American United (HAU) Unity Parade, featuring floats from the Haitian Consulate, Haitian businesses, churches, and other organizations, marches from Mattapan Square to Talbot Avenue and Harambee Park to celebrate Haitian Heritage Month and Haitian Flag Day.

Wilner Auguste of HAU said they will start the Unity Parade at 1 p.m. sharp. The grand marshal will be Ruthzee Louijeune – the first Haitian American to sit on the City Council in Boston. The march will conclude at Harambee Park in Franklin Field, where there will be a food, performances, and the presentation of the L'Ouverture Scholarship.

"Ît's a tremendous honor to be the grand marshal because this was a parade I attended every year as a kid and to be at



The 21st annual Haitian American United (HAU) Unity Parade will take place on Sunday, May 21, at 1 p.m. starting in Mattapan Square and concluding at Harambee Park in Franklin Field. Last year (shown here), the kick off of the Unity Parade represented a return to in-person parades in Boston after a two-year Covid hiatus.

the head of that parade now is so cool and such an honor" said Louisume

honor," said Louijeune.
"It's an incredible weight to be responsive to all the needs of our community, but it's also so meaningful to celebrate by marching up Blue Hill Avenue in my community where the Haitian community is firmly planted. Even with such crisis and chaos in Haiti now, there is still room to celebrate Haiti, its flag, and what it means to Black liberation worldwide...We are grounded in hone as the

only option."

Other events planned for Haitian Heritage Month:

•Thurs., May 18 (Haitian Flag Day). A public Haitian flag-raising ceremony in front of Boston City Hall sponsored by HAU. That follows the invitation-only breakfast at City Hall.

From noon to 2 p.m., there will be a Day of Solidarity with Haiti rally adjacent to City Hall in front of the JFK Federal Building. The event seeks to draw attention to the

violence, insecurity, and inaction ongoing in Haiti right now. It is being organized by Pastor Keke Fleurissaint and Dr. Geralde Gabeau.

•On Fri., May 19, at 9 a.m. a Haitian Heritage Celebration will be held at the Mattahunt Elementary School in Mattapan, which hosts the Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy.

•On Sat., May 20, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., there will be a Haitian American Business Expo and Job Fair at the Mildred Avenue Community Center in Mattapan. More than 600 attendees are expected throughout the day.

From 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., there will be a Haitian Health Conference at the Codman Square Health Center, 14 Epping St., with the Haitian Mental Health Network and other providers.

•Sat., May 27, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. IFSE's Got Talent cabaret show at Mildred Avenue Community Center.

- SETH DANIEI

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Ward 15 Democratic Party Committee will elect delegates to the annual Mass Dems Convention on Sat., May 20, 10 a.m. via Zoom. The state convention is, Sept. 23 in Lowell. All Democrats living in Ward 15 are eligible to be delegates. See the Ward 15 Facebook page for link.

The Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association Beautification Committee hosts its annual Neighborhood Plant Sale on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cristo Rey High School, 100 Savin Hill Ave. Rain date: 5/21. Annuals, herbs and baskets for sale. Plant swap, bake sale and raffles. All proceeds go to neighborhood improvements. See columbiasavinhillcivic.org for more info.

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

After a hugely successful launch last year, the Ashmont-Adams section of Dorchester will host the second annual DorchFest on Sat., June 3. The Dot Day weekend festival will feature live performances on porches and front-yards at roughly 50 homes in the heavily residential neighborhood between Ashmont Street and Gallivan Boulevard. The free event is organized by volunteers who rely on sponsorships from institutions and local businesses to pay the artists who perform. For more information see dorchfest.com.

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

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

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

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

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., May 25 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal by City North Development, LLC to build 41 new residential units at 1420 Dorchester Ave., which is currently a convenience store and parking lot. See bostonplans.org for more info.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., May 24 at 6 p.m. to discuss design options for its Resilient Dorchester Waterfront Project at Tenean Beach/

Conley Street. For more info, go to bit.ly/ Dorchester-resilient-waterfront-project.

The BPDA will host a virtual meeting on Tues., June 6 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal to build a five-story, 90-unit mixed-use building at 115-121 Boston St., Dorchester. See ad on page 13 for more details on how to join the meeting.

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) is sponsoring a Neponset Day festival on Sat., June 3 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at DCR Neponset II Park in Dorchester. This free, public, family-friendly event will include boating with Paddle Boston, kids' crafts and games, music, food trucks, environmental exhibits, and more. See Neponset.org/neponsetday for more info.

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Wu bullish on new building for a Shaw-Taylor merger

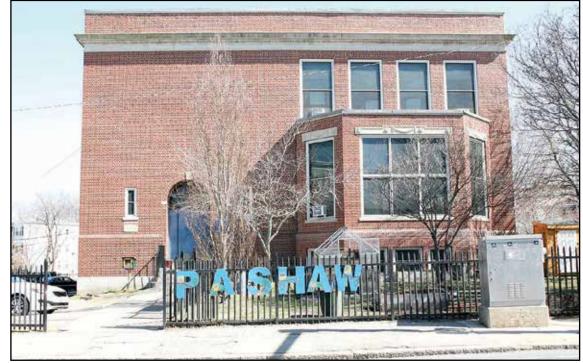
By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

Mayor Wu told Reporter editors in a wide-ranging interview this month that her legacy will hinge on how the Boston Public Schools (BPS) improve during her administration, including the likelihood of consolidating small school communities that dominate the side streets and neighborhoods throughout Dorchester and Mattapan.

She spoke at length about the proposed merger of the Pauline A. Shaw and the Charles Taylor schools in Mattapan, which is expected to be approved by the School Committee in a vote this week. The current plan calls for a new building to house the merged institution.

Wu said that as enrollment numbers have continued to decrease over the last few years, it will make more sense to consolidate schools and invest in new buildings for larger school communities -with modern conveniences and more beyond-classroom amenities.

On facilities alone, it is really important that every student, every educator, has a space that matches what they need," Wu said. "Some of this conversation is acknowledging what we're already seeing playing out in enrollment patterns around the city, and that we need to both invest in the brand-new buildings, but make sure they are of the size and the design and have the offerings that will actually connect with what students need."



The PA Shaw school is a single-strand school (meaning it only has general education classrooms and no inclusion classrooms) limited to grades K-3 and having fewer than 200 students. Reporter file photo

There are 32 school communities in Dorchester and Mattapan, and a large number of them have small brick buildings with unique architectural styles in mature sub-neighborhoods and on side streets. Many are over 100 years old and have not been adequately maintained over the years. The buildings are a mixed lot, with 25 of them some combination of elementary school grades, 16 of them brick buildings from the early 1900s, 5 are from the Urban Renewal era of the 1960s, and 4 are newer buildings like Mildred Avenue K-8 in Mattapan. The rest are high schools or free-standing middle schools - like the Lilla Frederick Pilot School that serves grades 6-8.

As to the Shaw-Taylor merger, there are now 358 students at the Taylor and 187 at the Shaw. As the two communities debate the merits of a merger, Wu said that for her, success is all about bringing facilities up to modern standards.

"I know from my kids' experience," she said, "how they do in school very much relates to how much they feel like the bathrooms are clean, usable. It's just something that we take for granted in so many buildings across the city – but are not at that level in our schools."

BPS has applied to the state Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for funding for a new Shaw-Taylor facility, but BPS hasn't been all that successful in securing funding for new schools in the last several years. While the Carter School in the South End has been approved, and the new Josiah Quincy School in Chinatown is under construction, others, like the Blackstone K-8 in the South End and the McKay Elementary in East Boston, were turned down last



Mayor Wu sat down with the Reporter earlier this month for a wide-ranging interview. In one portion of the interview, she noted that smaller school communities that dominate the landscape of Dorchester and Mattapan elementary school life will likely need to be streamlined into new, larger buildings.

Seth Daniel photo

year by the MSBA - requiring them to begin the application process again.

Wu said she thinks it will be different for the Shaw-Taylor proposal. She and her team have met with the MSBA several times in an effort to understand their decision-making and how they fund schools statewide.

"We are really trying to highlight the urgency, and I think we have a good sense of what the MSBA is looking for, and that this would be a really good fit," she said.

Wu concluded by reiterating her opening remarks: "I'm going to put the legacy of our administration on how we serve our young people and the Boston Public Schools, and so the facilities are a huge part of that."



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City teachers union supports a split from Greater Boston Labor Council

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Members of the Dorchester-based Boston Teachers Union (BTU) last week voted in support of breaking away from the Greater Boston Labor Council (GBLC), a union umbrella group with 100,000 members.

The teachers' union has more than 8,000 members, making it the largest city of Boston union. The split, if finalized, would mean the GBLC would no longer receive BTU dues, and could no longer count the BTU as part of its membership.

The Labor Council website lists Jessica Tang, the BTU's leader since 2017, as its vice president. When contacted by the *Reporter* on Friday, Tang declined to comment.

The reasons behind the potential break were not immediately clear on Friday, and union leaders in both camps rebuffed calls for information.

But discussions focused on expanding the number of GBLC leadership positions have been ongoing. If that happens, it potentially would dilute BTU's power within the umbrella union.

The potential split also

comes as a municipal election cycle is revving up, with City Council seats on the ballot. Unions have clashed behind the scenes in past election cycles over various endorsements. Candidates covet union endorsements when they come in the form of campaign cash and union members who knock doors and pull voters to the polls.

The vote to authorize a split came last Wednesday, when BTU members gathered at the teachers union's Mount Vernon Street headquarters as part of their regular membership meeting.

There are additional procedural steps to be taken before a split can be finalized, and there is always a chance for a reconciliation between the two camps.

The BTU vote did not affect its affiliation with the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) of Massachusetts, which represents teachers from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade, school support staff, librarians, and higher education educators.

The GBLC's executive board includes representatives from the pipefitters union, Boston



Jessica Tang has headed up the Boston Teachers Union since 2017.

Jeremiah Robinson/Mayor's Office photo

Firefighters Local 718, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, the machinists union, Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, IBEW Local 103, SEIU 509, the Teamsters and 32BJ SEIU, among others.

Decals at some bus stops, busways allow free access to BPL materials

City officials announced last week that riders at 20 bus stops across Boston – four of them in Dorchester and Mattapan – will be able to access free digital content this spring and summer provided by a Boston Public Library (BPL) pilot program called "Browse, Borrow, Board."

While waiting for the bus, riders can use a QR code to browse and borrow audiobooks, eBooks, e-newspapers, and e-magazines for all ages before enjoying their reading materials on the go. Library cards are not required to use this service and readers don't need to download an app. The city's primary goal with this



New slip-proof decals have been placed at four bus stops and busways in Dorchester and Mattapan, as well as at 16 other locations around the city, that allow riders to access Boston Public Library materials for free using a scanned OR code

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pilot is to introduce riders to the Library's offerings, making resources through the BPL more accessible and convenient for families.

The local stops and stations include:

• Fields Corner Station Busway, Dorchester.

• Ashmont Station Busway, Dorchester.

• Mattapan Station Busway, lattapan.

•1624 Blue Hill Ave. Bus Stop, Mattapan.

"Our investment in our city's public transit riders has taken a variety of forms, from eliminating fares for three crucial bus routes to expanding the bus lane network," Mayor Wu said in a statement. "This pilot program builds on our efforts to make public transportation more enjoyable, while also connecting our residents to the resources the Boston Public Library already offers. Thank you to the BPL and the MBTA for their continued

From now through the end of August, blue slip-proof decals will be on sidewalks at the bus stops and MBTA-owned busways throughout the city. The decals, which were installed last week, have a QR code for riders to scan and get to the digital pop-up library website. Patrons may check out up to five titles at a time for two-week durations.

After two weeks, patrons can scan the QR code again to re-register and check out new materials. The BPL will be adding new offerings to the site throughout the summer.

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Don't junk that broken toaster just yet; 'Fix-it' clinics planned for Dot libraries

By Cassidy McNeeley Special to the Reporter

When you re-read a book, the ending never changes, but this summer, Dorchester residents will have the opportunity to rewrite the story of time-challenged clocks, toasters, and toys, with volunteer help amid the shelves of romance, thrillers, and sci-fi novels at local libraries.

Members of the community have been invited to bring damaged items to the first of three local 'Fix-It' clinics on Sat., May 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fields Corner branch of the Boston Public Library, where they can work collaboratively with coaches to repair them for free.

The two other workshops are scheduled for the same hour on Sat., June 24, at the library in Grove Hall and Sat., Aug. 26, at the Lower Mills library branch.

The events are aimed at promoting Zero Waste Boston, the city's effort to reduce trash and promote recycling. Fix-It coach and clinic organizer Jonathan Krones hopes the programs will inspire neighbors to improve their waste management and move away from disposable society status.

"We are prioritizing the experience of when something is broken developing the confidence to say, 'Okay, let's try to diagnose what's wrong with this,'" said Krones, who teaches at Boston College and specializes in the study of sus-



Jonathan Krones, center in hat, helped to repair damaged items at a Fix-It Clinic held at the Jamaica Plain Branch of the Boston Public Library last month. *Photo by Sarah Freeman*

tainable materials.

"Let's look around, see how we can open it up, and once it's open, try to figure out what is going wrong and develop a plan for fixing it."

The clinics will be staffed by volunteers (45 Bostonians who have signed up to be coaches), most of whom work professionally in various trades while others have a passion for restoring damaged materials and choose to dedicate their personal time to better the neighborhood.

Broken items can include but are not limited to jewelry, toys, bikes, and electronics. And since the clinics are volunteer-run, participants must bring in items themselves, which means that larger appliances like refrigerators and washing machines are not part of the program.

Even if coaches may not know how to fix items on the spot, they will work with participants to find a solution together. This is how Krones approached fixing a toaster earlier in his career.

"I didn't really understand how a toaster worked, even though I was, quote unquote, the coach. I was learning about the electromagnetic mechanism that holds the plunger down. We were all learning together," he said.

And while some might attend a clinic for the chance to get a free repair, Krones said the motivating idea behind the clinics is to change our mindset about household items that might otherwise get tossed in the trash.

"This is the mentality that you're going to have to learn some skills to learn how to repair your items. This isn't just like free repair service. This is about building a culture of repair in our community," he said.

While it may be hard to measure the actual change in the mass of trash in the city, Krones is confident that these events will be successful in encouraging community members to manage their materials and keep repairability in mind.

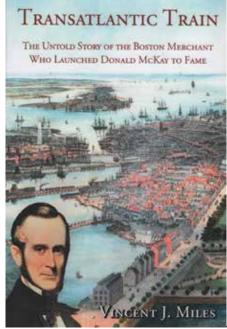
When it comes to repair, it is not the skill that residents lack, but rather the confidence, he said. Coaches hope that by working with residents, they can pump up their ability to fix items rather than dispose of them.

"Everybody uses stuff, everybody's stuff breaks," said Krones. "And people have skills from their whole lives that they can bring to bear on these tasks. And it's such a great experience getting to work together to bring things that people value back to life."

Even though the community repair events are full of diligent volunteers who repair around 50 percent of the items, some objects are essentially unfixable. This is not a failure, said Krones

"Even if the repair attempt ends up being unsuccessful, it's a fun couple of hours to spend with your neighbors, making an impact on waste and on climate building connections and, hopefully, building some momentum toward the development of a nice culture of repair here in Boston," he said.





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Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

Yawkey Baseball League hails new 'Hall of Famers'

Nine people were inducted into the Yawkey Baseball League's Hall of Fame during a dinner held at Milton's Common Market last Saturday (May 13). The men's baseball league, which started in the 1970s, included many Dorchester teams over the years, including St. Margaret's, Mill Stream, the McKay Club, Meeting House Hill, Hagan Square Royals, Dorchester Kings, McKeon Post, Dorchester Jets, Boston Padres, ADSL, and Savin Hill.

In 1990, the Yawkey Foundation sponsored the 16-team league, which increased its game schedule to 32 games under the leadership of Dorchester's Dave McK-



The scene at Common Market last weekend as Yawkey Baseball legends convened: From left, Mike Barbuto, Chili Davis, Joe O'Hara, Kevin George, Franz Strassmann, Dave McKay, Paul Grammer, AJ Bucciarelli, Dave Treska, Mike Powers, Russ Grant, Tony Iaffolo. Photo courtesy Kevin George

ay, who organized All Star games at Fenway Park against the US Military All Star Teams and Coors Light Silver Bullets.

The nine inductees last weekend included AJ 'Booch' Bucciarelli of the Revere Rockies, umpire Dominic Dimare, Sean

Gildea of Medford Maddogs, Russell Grant of Roslindale Parkway, Tony Iaffola of the Brighton Brewers, John Smokev

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– KEVIN GEORGE

Get the story behind Train Street's namesake Historical Society presentation Sunday at Pipefitters Local 537

By Uendi Biba SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Do you think that Train Street in Dorchester is named after a locomotive? Well, think again, says the Dorchester Historical Society (DHS). The roadway, which runs across the top of Pope's Hill between Ashmont Street and Victory Road, takes its name from Enoch Train, a 19th century merchant who played a significant role in that era's profitable transatlantic trade and the continuing development of the two-century-old town of Dorchester that he called home for more than 30 years.

Train will be the sub-



Enoch Train

ject of a special illustrated talk planned by the DHS this Sunday (May 21) at 2 p.m., at Pipefitters Local 537, located at 40 Enterprise St., Dorchester, where Vincent J. Miles, the author of a recently published history entitled "Transatlantic Train," will lead the discussion.

His book presents a unique look at the cultural exchanges between America and Europe during the 19th century and highlights the roles that Boston, Cambridge, and Dorchester played in the back and forth.

"It will offer insights into important issues of the times that affected Dorchester, Boston, and beyond, from the Great Famine in Ireland to the California Gold Rush to the rising tensions between North and South over slavery," said Vicki Rugo, the director of the

Train, who died in 1868 at age 67, lived in a sizable property on Centre Street in Dorchester from roughly 1830 until 1863. He played a key role in enabling the legendary Donald McKay to build his clipper ships in the early 1850s. During that time before steam-powered vessels, clipper ships proved essential to international trade.

While McKay is a renowned figure in maritime history, with the Donald McKay House in East Boston serving as a Boston landmark, Train, despite his prominence during his lifetime, has not received comparable recognition in contemporary times.

"Enoch Train is a fas-

cinating character, and Vincent Miles is a great storyteller who has put together a rich and detailed account of Train's life and times," said DHS President Earl Taylor. "We at the Historical Society have done some research into Train's time in Dorchester that we will also be sharing. And we are delighted to be able to reveal where Train Street got its name! We are looking forward to a great event and encourage everyone to attend."

In addition to Saturday's talk, attendees will have the opportunity to purchase the book and have it signed by the author.



Dr. Bernard Franklin, above, who serves as managing director of Boston Uncornered's efforts in Bowdoin-Geneva has joined the advisory board of the Center for Law, Brain & Behavior (CLBB), which provides responsible, ethical translation of neuroscience to the legal arena. "I am excited to join the CLBB advisory board," said Franklin. "Their work on the impact of complex trauma and how young people who come from hard places can grow and change is critical to reforming the legal system for the young people we serve."



Cristo Rey banks \$1.1m-plus in spring fundraising campaign

Cristo Rey Boston High School in Dorchester raised over \$1.1 million during its spring fundraising campaign, which finished up at the school's Academic Signing Day on May 3.

Nairi Norigian, Vice President of Operations at O'Neill & Associates, who has been an enthusiastic advocate for Cristo Rev Boston's students, was honored during the event. Dr. Gerald Sheehan and June Cuomo, both longstanding volunteers at Cristo Rev Boston, were also recognized.

Cristo Rey serves 220 students, predominantly from Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury. Said President Rosemary Powers: "We are incredibly proud of our students, often the first in their families to attend college. Despite challenges, our students persevere and graduate from college at three times the rate of their peers in comparable socio-economic demographics.'

Shown above: Rosnely Mordan-Troncoso CRB '23, Kati Fernandez CRB '11, Dr. Gerald Sheehan, Alexander Bonano CRB '13, Ms. June Cuomo, President Rosemary J. Powers, Principal Dr. Thomas Ryan.

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Francis Patrick Sheehan 1884-1953

Francis Patrick Sheehan was a middle-distance runner and member of the St. Alphonsus Athletic Club, the South Boston Athletic Club, the Boston Athletic Association (BAA), and the Boston Irish-American Athletic Club.

In 1907, he broke the 880-yard record at the Amateur Athletic Union junior championship games at the Jamestown Exposition in Norfolk, Virginia. The next year he was a member of the 1908 US Olympic Team, competing in London, where he made it to the semi-finals. It was not easy for him to get there for the competition. He didn't have a sponsor, so he paid for the trip back and forth himself.

Sheehan later became deputy superintendent of the Department of School Buildings in Boston. He lived on Savin Hill Avenue before moving to Tuttle Street. He had a long affiliation with the Boston Athletic Association, working as an official at track meets.

 $The\ archive\ of\ these\ historical\ posts$ can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society.org. The Dorchester Historical Society's William Clapp House and James Blake House are



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Editorial

Dot's McDonough brings Whitey back — on Wilbur stage

Dorchester native Neal McDonough, an acclaimed actor best known for his work in HBO's Band of Brothers and Yellowstone, took the stage at Boston's Wilbur Theatre on Tuesday night to portray one of our city's most notorious and well-known characters of the last century, James "Whitey" Bulger.

McDonough, 57, was born in Dorchester to Irishborn parents who lived on Percival Street next to St. Peter's Church before the family moved to Hyannis. He now lives in Los Angeles, where his acting career

continues to thrive.



On Tuesday, as he made final preparations to take the Wilbur stage, Mc-Donough (at left) told the Reporter that he hopes the "one-night-only" performance at the Wilbur will be well received and revived for longer engagements in theatres, and possibly a television

"It's a dream come true," he said. "I always

wanted to come back and do something like this in my hometown and I'm really looking forward to see how the audience reacts. It's so entertaining.

The show is an adaptation of the book "Hunting Whitey" by Dave Wedge and Casey Sherman, two veteran Boston reporters who focus on Bulger's later life and death in prison.

"Playing someone like this, I feel like my career to date has been a warm-up for this moment. What a character Whitey is— hated by so many, loved by so many.'

Wedge, who is also co-producer of the show, said McDonough is perfect for the role.

With all due respect to Johnny Depp and others, Neal is such an accomplished actor who has played tough villains. But he also looks like Whitey, with the beard and those piercing blue eyes. Plus, being from here, he really understands the impact Whitey had on the community and the lore behind it," said Wedge, who covered the Bulger case as a reporter for the Boston Herald.

"Casey and I never thought about doing a Whitey Bulger book. We both covered the story off and on. The Herald sent me to Tenean Beach and Florian Hall when bodies were discovered. I watched all the great reporters write all the books, but thought: That's well-tread territory. But then Whitey got killed in prison [in 2018]. So, we told the story about his life on the run, and then how he got caught. That's what this show is about: the aging gangster running from the law," said Wedge.

"Long term, we want to have this back to Boston and bring it to other cities, Los Angeles, maybe New York and London as a stage show. The long-term goal is to turn it into a series.

McDonough noted that he has never done a Boston-based project and said he's excited to rediscover his old stomping grounds and show his five children around Ronan Park and Bowdoin Street, where he has memories of playing stickball. He hasn't been "home" since his father, Frank, passed away seven

"It was such an amazing place to grow up. I'm really looking forward to what this project will mean for all of us." - Bill Forry

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At left: West of Washington (WOW) neighbors held a clean-up and luncheon in the park on Sat., May 6. Volunteers from the Oliver Wendell Holmes School, B-3 Police, and Councillor **Brian Worrell's Office** joined in as neighbors cleaned up several streets with a focus on the future park on Norwell Street (shown here). The Parks Department is working on official plans to convert the space into a park next year. Seth Daniel photo

Back Bay to Nubian Square: 2 miles and a life expectancy gap of 23 years

By Martha Bebinger **WBUR**

In Boston, a two-mile difference in where you live may mean a 23-year difference in life expectancy. That startling analysis from the Boston Public Health Commission shows the longest average life expectancy for residents in a section of the Back Bay is nearly 92 years. For their part, residents near Nubian Square in Roxbury have the shortest expected life span, just under 69 years.

"It's really disturbing," said Boston's Public Health Commissioner, Dr. Bisola Ojikutu. "So much work has gone into improving life expectancy for individuals.

It feels discouraging.

The two neighborhoods, highlighted in a report released on May 12, are vastly different in many ways. The median household income of the census tract within Roxbury is \$42,211, versus \$141,250 in the Back Bay tract. Rates of homeownership in the Back Bay are more than double those in Roxbury.

A vast majority, some 91 percent, of Back Bay residents over the age of 25 have a college degree, compared to 44 percent in Roxbury. And 82 percent of residents in the Back Bay tract are white, while 87 percent in the Roxbury tract are people of color, predominantly Black or Latinx, the report said.

All of these factors play a role in life expectancy. Ojikutu said the stress of trying to live on low wages and combat racism, sometimes in substandard hous-

ing while not feeling safe, erodes health.
"Chronic stress leads to higher blood pressure and an increased risk for cardiovascular disease," she said. Chronic stress can also increase levels of the hormone cortisol, which can "increase your risk of weight gain, obesity, and diabetes. "I think all of these things are interconnected," she added.

Some researchers called the impact of chronic stress 'weathering," an analogy to the wear and tear of steady storms to describe how stress can age a body.

Covid-19 contributed to a decrease in life expectancy for all Boston residents, but the impact varied by race. Life expectancy dropped by about one year for white residents, compared to three years for Asian and Black residents, and four years for Latinx residents, the report said.

The commission's finding of a gap in average life expectancy in Boston as large as 23 years was unsurprising to those who live or work near Nubian Square.

Just hearing the number is weathering for me. I've heard about these health gaps for years," said Rev. Jeffrey Brown, associate pastor at the Twelfth Baptist Church in Roxbury. "The struggle to find ways to make it better is wearying."

Brown said he can offer church members spiritual relief, but government must deal with the underlying problems: poor schools, unemployment or underemployment, and failed housing policies.

With housing, Brown described a paradox. Roxbury residents have few opportunities for home ownership and the upward mobility it offers because so much of the area's housing is designated affordable and not available for sale.

Boston City Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, who represents residents near Nubian Square, echoed Brown's concern. She's investigating rent-to-own housing options. She often cites a 2012 report from the Center on Human Needs at Virginia Commonwealth University that showed a 33-year life expectancy gap between similar census tracts in Boston. Anderson said she wonders if another report will make any difference.

"How many people will pay attention to it, I don't know," she said. "I just want us to be sincere and actually prioritize the most vulnerable in our society."

The new report shows an improvement in the

estimate for lowest average expected life span, from 59 years in 2003-2007, to 69 years in 2015-2021. The estimate for the highest life expectancy remained nearly unchanged.

Ojikutu said the earlier report did spur action. She's not sure if the gap has narrowed because of those actions, demographic shifts, or other complex factors. But she said that a program launched by $Whittier Street \, Health \, Center \, \bar{in} \, Roxbury \, has \, helped.$

The center's Boston Health Equity Program includes outreach to residents who are reluctant to seek care. Patients are screened and prioritized based on their health risks. Case managers link patients to housing, food assistance, and other social needs. The health center has a food pantry, a teaching kitchen, and a gym for patients who don't feel safe exercising outdoors.

"It started with the tale of two cities and seeing how unfair policies and systemic issues have been," said Frederica Williams, president and CEO of Whittier, referring to the disparities between Roxbury and the Back Bay. "We all have to change that if we have the will and interest."

Members of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay call the 23-year life span difference distressing and shocking. "It's too big a difference," said the association's board chair Elliott Laffer. "That's why you want to make the whole city grow and prosper and not just chunks of it."

Laffer said it's time to bring neighborhood groups $together \, and \, end \, the \, perception \, that \, Nubian \, Square$ and Copley Square are miles apart. "It's a half hour walk for this 74-year-old guy," Laffer said.

Laffer and some neighborhood residents said they want the Back Bay to be more economically diverse.

Elisabeth Morris, a board member at the neighborhood association, said the group recently helped ensure that a major building renovation project on Clarendon St. included affordable and supportive housing. Morris said she is hopeful that Boston Mayor Michelle Wu's plan to increase the portion of developments for lower income renters will add more options in the Back Bay and across the city.

'It's our responsibility to work as hard as we can to make housing affordable," Morris said.

David Williams, a leading researcher on health disparities at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health, said the life expectancy gap in Boston is the result of limited chances to learn, work, and thrive. "It really begins with educational opportunity," he said.

"What's the quality of education that kids going to those local schools are getting? What prep are they getting to be competitive in today's contemporary labor market?" Williams asked. "We also need apprenticeship programs for those who've been through the schools and are not prepared to be competitive."

Ojikutu said the Boston Public Health Commission is doing more research into the variables that affect life expectancy. She envisions major investments in the Nubian Square area and other parts of the city, beyond development plans already in the works. She said city officials could pool funds from hospitals, other non-profits, employers, and the government to fund these projects.

"In this incredibly resource-rich city, we still have these persistent challenges. We have people dying before they should. We should all care about this, Ojikutu said. "The only way that we will make a difference is if we do something that really is radically different, and we work together to change these dynamics."

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Health officials urge more screenings in Dot and Mattapan

(Continued from page 1) see these disparities," she told the Reporter.

The report zeroes in on indicators of health citywide, demographically, and in each neighborhood. Chronic conditions like asthma, cancer, diabetes, heart disease, along with life expectancy and mortality rates are included in the study.

Ojikutu noted that most causes of premature mortality – defined as a death before age 65 –were overdoses, cancer, heart disease, Covid-19, and diabetes.

"In 2021, premature mortality rates were two times as high in those living in zip codes in Dorchester versus those living in Back Bay/Downtown/Beacon Hill, which are all three measured together," Ojikutu told the Reporter. "The mortality rates are more than two times higher in Mattapan."

While overdoses were the number one cause of early deaths citywide, Ojikutu said, that data has not yet been broken down by specific neighborhood. But many of the conditions, she said, could be prevented with a return to regular screenings and better access to health care.

"Covid separated so many people from the health care system and

re-integrating them into the system is so important now," she noted. "There are a lot of people who need to catch up on screenings, things like colonoscopies and prostate cancer checks. We have ground to cover in re-engaging people, particularly people who may have already been marginalized before Covid by factors like socio-economic status or a being in a large immigrant population that isn't familiar with the US healthcare system."

According to BPHC data, Mattapan's top cause of early death in 2020 was Covid-19. "In all previous years, it was also cancer," Ojikutu said. "In 2021, it switched back and cancer was again the leading cause of mortality in Mattapan...Ithink what I would focus on is the pieces related to cancer mortality because that's someplace where we could potentially intervene.'

She emphasized again that it is crucial to get residents in the neighborhoods connected to community health centers for screenings and preventative care.

"A lot of these cancers are preventable," she said, noting prostate, lung, liver, and colon cancer. "I try not to point the finger at any one thing. It's complicated but we want to make sure we have people armed with the knowledge of how to prevent these cancers and how to get access to screenings."

Charley Murphy, director of the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center on Blue Hill Avenue, called Ojikutu's comments "spot on." Harvard Street has seen a similar drop-off in screenings, testing, and preventative care since Covid-19. To remedy that, they have instituted weekly patient outreach.

"It starts to get out of peoples' routine," he said. "We've been making an effort to do active outreach to patients and people we usually see, especially chronic care folks like patients with diabetes...It has to be a consistent and concerted effort and we're making that effort with outgoing phone calls at least once a week."

Murphy said their numbers also confirm what the BPHC is seeing, a drop off in preventative care. But in recent months, the reminders have produced an uptick in patients returning for screenings and physicals.

"It can't be a one-off; we are doing this every week," he said.

Like with cancer, the same story was true for diabetes and heart disease in the BPHC report. Mattapan had the highest age-adjusted heart disease mortality rate and Back Bay had the lowest. For diabetes in particular, Dorchester and Mattapan were in the top five citywide for prevalence of diabetes in the population. For age-adjusted diabetes hospitalization rates, Mattapan was the highest in the city, and Dorchester's 02122 and 02124 zip codes were second and third. Mortality rates for diabetes were also highest in Mattapan, and Dorchester's zip codes were third and

fourth highest.
Citywide, diabetes mortality rates for Black women were 3.3 times higher than for white women, and 2.8 times higher for Black men than white men.

Ojikutu said there are a lot of things that can be done from a medical perspective, like helping to maintain a healthy body weight, avoiding sugars and saturated fats, and increasing physical activity. However, there are also non-medical factors at play in neighborhoods like Dorchester and Mattapan that work against these measures.

"It's not just that the

space is there to use for physical activity, but that people need to feel comfortable that going out there won't cause them harm in other ways," she said. "It really is these neighborhoods factors that predict mortality and premature mortality and life expectancy across Boston and our country as well."

She said asthma is a

particular challenge for young people in Dorchester and Mattapan. Emergency room visits for asthma were highest in Mattapan, with Roxbury and Dorchester right behind. West Roxbury had the lowest asthma rates in the city (15 per 10,000)residents) and Mattapan had the highest rates (144.1 per 10,000). Additionally, Asian and LatinX Boston Public Schools (BPS) students were 30 percent more likely to visit the emergency room for asthma, and Black students were 28 percent more likely, than white students enrolled in BPS.

Ojikutu said people often point exclusively to environmental pollution when it comes to asthma rates, but she noted there is more to consider.

"Asthma is complicated," she said. "It certainly can be about the external environment, but it's also about our

living environment – old rugs, indoor air quality, mold and other things like pests and rodents that also can trigger asthma reactions."

She said there are programs like the Asthma Home Visit Program to help mitigate triggers inside the home, and the Breath Easy at Home program that works with landlords to make repairs that will improve conditions inside apartments for those with asthma. Finally, she said, older adults need to re-engage in social circles and be in contact with people again. So many, she said, have become very isolated and that has a direct result on life expectancy for older adults.

"For older adults, some can't physically get out, and some of them may not want to leave and that may be something to look at regarding depression and anxiety," she said. "I think connecting with community health workers and community health centers is important to re-engage people in social environments so they can talk to people or just be around people...I advise all of my older patients and even my parents to get out and socialize."



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Wu launches 'Coffee Hour' tour in Fields Corner

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

Mayor Wu and a cadre of city leaders visited Town Field in Fields Corner last Friday morning for the launch of her 2023 Neighborhood Coffee Hour event and used the occasion to officially cut the ribbon at the park's recently renovated Gibson Playground.

As residents sipped their coffee from Dunkin' Donuts and collected their home-grown potted plants from the Parks Department, the mayor took

a different approach from last year, when the rancor of megaphone catcalls and protesters' arrests dominated several of her neighborhood events: She announced some news with the Office of Neighborhood Services coordinators and answered two pre-submitted questions.

The first question was on pedestrian and traffic safety, and the second, about potential overdevelopment of new housing in Dorchester, drew great interest from

"Every generation has to make tough decisions about tradeoffs and whether spaces remain open space or become badly needed affordable housing or some other uses like a school," Wu said. "This is not a process that can be a conversation with me in my head at City Hall... This has to be built on planning."

For those in the crowd of 150 adults and youngsters who were lobbying the mayor specifically

against the apartment building project proposed for 150 Centre St. on the Fitzpatrick Bros. property, this statement raised more than a few eyebrows, particularly among those who are in favor of family-style housing for the abutting Epiphany School, many of whom were passing out and wearing stickers that read, "Mayor Wu I support building homes for families NOT rentals for Investors."

The mayor joined Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods for the playground's ribbon cutting for the \$1.5 million rebuild that was officially opened to the public on Friday. A new padded surface has been put in place along with a nice splash pad water feature for keeping cool, and state-of-the-art play structures that resemble tree houses.



Annie Lee of Celtic Daycare was all about dancing up a storm and eating a healthy orange slice on Friday.



Paulo Debarros, of the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, and C-11 Capt. Shawn Burns.



LaToya Gayle and Shirley A. Jones, of Meetinghouse

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City plans fixes to Moakley Park's Saunders Stadium

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

The city's Parks and Recreation Department intends to renovate Moakley Park's Saunders Stadium this year in advance of a larger effort to transform and add climate resiliency features to the overall parkland.

Saunders includes an artificial turf field that hosts high school football, lacrosse and soccer, the Boston Youth Lacrosse League, adult soccer, a women's rugby club, and a popular summertime track-and-field program for city kids.

Ryan Woods, the city's parks commissioner, said the fixes there can't wait on the larger Moakley project.

"This is not part of the overall Moakley plan," he said. "It's just so heavily used that it has outlived its useful life. ... When the larger Moakley project gets started, it would be a 10-year construction cycle with 4 or 5 phases, with 1.5 years in each phase.

"We'll do this project at Saunders and work our way around Moakley Park...This is just to let kids play for the next five or 10 years until the stadium is an actual project."

Moakley Park was pegged for a massive re-design in 2019 that would update amenities and provide a flood pro-



tection barrier for South Boston, Dorchester, and the South End. Last year, federal officials delivered \$2.2 million in earmark funds to get the project prep work started. Indications are that work would begin on the northern side of Moakley by Preble Circle. In the current Moakley plan, Saunders would be eliminated, and a new field and track facility would be built in the

The Saunders renovation project was approved by the Conservation Commission this month. Woods said they would be ripping up the old turf field, which is about 12 years old, introducing a new drainage system, and installing new turf.

Preble Circle area.

Likewise, they will be repairing the track and laying down a new synthetic surface. Finally, they will set up the four light banks (of eight) that haven't yet been replaced.

Woods said they plan to put the project out to bid in June and hope to have pricing by the end of the month, allowing a contractor to get on board. Nothing will likely start until September. A key to timeliness will be pre-ordering the turf field, a product that is plagued with supply chain delays. He noted other fields have taken 5 to 12 weeks for delivery.

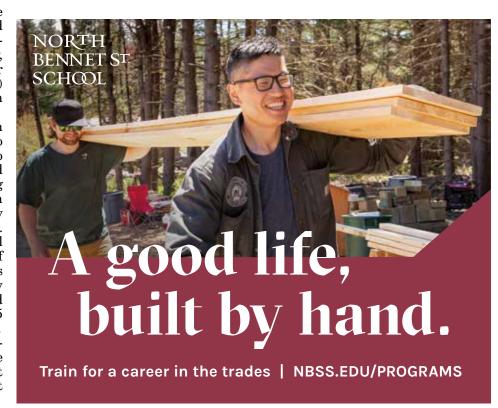
"There will be no fences going up until we have the turf ready. We won't tear up the field and wait

Saunders Stadium on the South Boston-Dorchester line is slated for a renovation project this fall to replace the turf field, the track surface, and some of the light banks.

Seth Daniel photo

six weeks to install the turf."

Other work, he said, will be dictated by the weather. If it is too cold to lay down the track surface, they will leave the new asphalt surface in place and return in the spring to finish the track. The construction period is expected to last two months.



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PLAN: Mattapan okayed as City Hall shifts gears in neighborhood planning

(Continued from page 1) said. "To get a neighborhood planning process right takes two to five to seven years, depending on which neighborhood you're talking about. And it's at a scale where by the time you're done with that neighborhood, multiple things have shifted, and, in fact, you'll never get back around to the entire city being comprehensively connected."

That means taking the existing neighborhood planning processes launched in recent years aside from Mattapan, which just wrapped up, Newmarket, East Bos-

ton, Downtown, and Menino, as executive Charlestown are underway - and letting them finish. Wu noted that they kicked off in response to people in those communities, as residents said the process by which developers were asking for variances to build out their proposals, was creating "uneven and chaotic, haphazard results for our neighborhoods."

Those efforts will be finalized on different timetables as the Wu administration strives to shift planning and overhaul the BPDA. Wu recently hired Katharine Lusk, a former adviser to the late Mayor Thomas

director of the Planning Advisory Council, which she created through an executive order and tasked with creating a "central authority for initiating, reviewing, and implementing citywide planning." The council includes various Wu cabinet officials, from housing, parks, and arts to transportation.

"That will help us establish a citywide but much more surgical approach to planning," said Wu, "where we'll focus on areas like squares and corridors, where there's already need for foot traffic for small businesses to be supported and you start to see the impact of that redevelopment in adding some housing in places that make sense and meet communities' needs, rather than one gigantic neighborhood at a time where everyone's waiting their turn in perpetuity."

Wu defined the goals as "a smaller scale but citywide open space planning, a citywide neighborhood design process, so that each neighborhood will have its individual and unique design aspects that will be required in the development process, in squares and corridors, so we can then codify this in zoning and set real rules.'

Organizational changes have also been underway. Planning staff at the BPDA had been spending 50 percent of their time reviewing developments, but the Wu administration has dedicating planning staff focusing on long-range plans, and "not getting pulled into every individual proposal that comes along."

Wu said it can be difficult to make "hard and fast" rules for one area. "The size of neighborhoods is so different that Plan: Bay Village, for example, is very different than saying Plan: Dorchester," she noted. "But by and large we're moving away from the large-scale neighborhood planning processes because it's not at the right scale of specificity or urgency for what is needed.

"I do hear very much from community members. Things are happening in the planning, some of it was interrupted from Covid, some of it just has been slower but the development has continued and continued and continued without that defined plan. So, we want to try to catch up as much as possible citywide."

In the meantime, implementation of PLAN: Mattapan is underway. As part of their efforts to ease the ability of Mattapan homeowners to build accessory dwelling units (ADUs), city officials plan a parcel-level study that is expected to provide insight into the best ones that can house ADUs.

"This is not going to add significant time to the implementation,' Jemison told the Reporter.

The zoning changes for Mattapan are expected to come before the city's zoning commission in $the \, fourth \, quarter \, of \, this \,$ year, and city officials believe many of them will be in place by 2024.

As for Mattapan Square, Jemison said there is the potential for the area to see more development like the Loop, a new six-story building at the trolley station with 135 affordable units and a nonprofit grocery store chain in the first-floor commercial space.

"I think Mattapan Square has the chance to seize its position even more firmly as a growing mixed-use, mixed income square, a major destination in the city," he said.



BPDA approves Comfort Inn conversion to homeless housing

He noted that even with "very vocal" neighborhood opposition, "it's clear there's great community support to address the issue that goes beyond this individual neighborhood and really affects the entire city and region. We all have a responsibility to step forward to support our neighbors and family members who find themselves in this situation and who are trying to access the kind of supports that the proponents in this case have put forward."

Two nonprofits, Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders, are behind the proposal. The five-story Comfort Inn, which was built in 1985, is surrounded

(Continued from page 1) by a Stop & Shop, the Murphy K-8 School, a Dunkin, Extra Space Storage, and Jiffy Lube.

The nonprofits have committed to offering the units to individuals who are 62 and older. Pine Street manages 850 similar units across the city, and the average age of their residents is 57.

The project is expected to cost \$49.2 million, according to a board memo from a BPDA staffer. The project's funding sources are likely to come from investor equity raised through the sale of federal and state low-income tax credits, and financing from the Mayor's Office of Housing and the state Department of Housing and Community Development.

The development oversight agency has found that the project will "constitute a public use and benefit," due the renovation of the underused Comfort Inn, the creation of construction jobs and low-income housing, the rebuilding of the Conley Street sidewalk, and the removal of curb cuts on Morrissey Boulevard, according to the BPDA memo.

District 3 Councillor Frank Baker was among the elected officials who logged onto Thursday night's BPDA board meeting to register their opposition. "I'm standing with my community with this one," he said, noting neighborhood sentiment against the proposal.

State Sen. Nick Col-

lins, who represents South Boston and Dorchester, asked BPDA board members to table the proposal and instead consider a study on converting US Navy properties into affordable housing.

But Dorchester resident Molly Ryan said tabling would be the wrong move. "Having permanent supportive housing for elders and older adults who need it, that sounds amazing to me," she said, joining a sizable number of people who spoke in favor of the project before the vote.

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In Fields Corner, talks begin on fixes to parking woes

By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

A discussion about changes to parking enforcement, including the possible installation of meters in the Fields Corner business district and permit parking for residents, drew mixed reviews at a meeting of the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) last Tuesday (May 2).

The in-person session, the first open forum on the traffic situation with residents and business owners, was held at Bay Cove/Kit Clark Center and attracted about 25 neighbors. The topic was the recent request of the city by Fields Corner Main Streets to help businesses struggling with commuter parking and lack of enforcement against overstays in the existing two-hour parking zones.

The civic's leaders $stressed\,that\,nothing\,has$ been decided, that the conversation was a first step in gauging support for a traffic study.

FCCA President Jim Doyle told the attendees that Fields Corner Main Streets, FCCA officers, and other stakeholders

had met with Matthew Warfield, who works for City Hall's "Streets Cabinet," earlier that day to talk over the situation and maybe set up a formal study of the issues.

"The idea is to look at how to alleviate some of the parking that happens with people coming to our train station and leaving their cars in front of businesses all day, eight or nine hours," he said. "They suggested things like 15-minute parking, two-hour parking signs, even parking meters. If that happens, it would result in the parking being pushed into the neighborhoods. There are problems on both ends of this situation. There are people already with commuters parking in front of their houses all day. That would probably mean it would become resident permit parking.'

Commuter parking for the Red Line station is not a new problem, but one that has grown after the pandemic within an increasingly thriving business district.

"Civics and residents collectively put themselves in a position to support the businesses, but not at the expense of residents," said Hiep Chu, FCCA's treasurer. "Clearly traffic and parking was very different 10 years ago. There are more people. Hopefully, we can get some system in place to cater to more people and not just more people, more cars, and more traffic...It's all up to us. What do we want the city to do?'

Chu, who was at the earlier meeting with the city, said they suggested that a study would kick things off and would include everything within a quarter-mile radius of Fields Corner. After the study, there would be immediate actions suggested, such as more signage and more enforcement. Were they to introduce meters, it would be later, and they could be removed if there was great discontent. Any such action, if ever taken, would be a shortterm test.

But, he added, the city "clearly indicated that meter parking is a lot easier to enforce" than two-hour postings. Nothing would happen, he stressed, unless the community and businesses decide they would like to start with the traffic study.

As to the attendees, Faulkner Street resident Fred Zayas said he has been fighting for years to get the city to do something about commuter parking and tractor-trailers coming down his street.

"We have tractor-trailers going down there at 6:30 a.m. and city sweepers going there, too," he said. "The parking issue is haywire...Businesses have a need and I understand that. I believe that residential parking and enhanced signage on Dorchester Avenue will help both parties."

Junior Pena, a resident who owns multiple businesses in Fields Corner, said he and other business owners brought the issue to the city because their livelihood is being threatened.

"The businesses are not proposing meter parking," he said. "The businesses have been complaining about the non-enforcement situation...This is not a new problem, but we're more vocal about it. We hear all the time about parking and customers get \$90

parking tickets. That customer will not come back because a \$30 meal became a \$120 meal.'

Pena said there needs to be a change to the existing free-for-all. "At the end of the day, if we do nothing, we suffer in silence," he said. "The city is open to identifying what possible solutions could be offered in different areas."

FCCA Secretary Tran Le said if anything is done, they should look at a wider area.

"People advocate for what they are immediately impacted by, but we need a comprehensive study because if you do something in one area, it will then affect another area," she said.

The FCCA and neighbors agreed to continue the discussion, and perhaps have city officials come back to discuss the resident parking program in more detail. Doyle said the length of a study and implementation could be two years.

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• C-11 officers reported that at 8 p.m. on April 14, an argument among four people in the parking lot of the Fields Corner Mall between McDonalds and Mad Rag clothing store resulted in one man running off and three men fired guns at the man as he ran toward Park Street. Officers found 13 shell casings near the scene. No one was hit by bullets, and no arrests were made.

In a second instance,

officers were directed to a construction site at 1463 Dorchester Ave. early in the morning of April 15 to check on reports of a burglar inside with a flashlight. On arrival, the officers found the man pushing a large generator off the site. When confronted, a man identified as Mack Graham, 56, of Dorchester, said he needed to sell it to buy crack cocaine. He was charged with several felonies.

 Several residents noted that the MBTA Red Line bridge that runs over Dorchester Avenue is in alarmingly poor condition, with concrete falling off and cracks in the structure in every direction. One neighbor said workers had temporarily shored up the steel beams last year, but the consensus of the group was that its condition now is a "huge red flag."

• There will be a Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) online meeting on Thurs., May 18, to begin the review of the proposed 41-unit development at 1420 Dorchester Ave., the site of the former 7/11 store (now Richdale Food Shops).

•The Boston Little Saigon Night Market (Cho Dem) will take place on July 15 in Fields Corner with Dorchester Avenue shut down between Park and Adams streets. Streets will begin closing at noon that day. Organizers are looking for volunteers from the $community \,to\,assist\,with$ the event.

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State panel: Too many still feel 'unwelcome' at public beaches

By Michael P. Norton State House News Service

After taking feedback for 18 months, a state commission concluded in a new report that many people of color, individuals with disabilities, and non-native English-speaking people feel "unwelcome and uncomfortable" at the string of public beaches that line the coast in and around Boston.

The Metropolitan Beaches Commission last Friday released its report on their work, which features calls for stronger leadership from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation and significant investments to address an "enormous backlog" of maintenance projects that also compromises equitable access to beaches.

We found that our beaches have increasingly drawn residents who represent the rich diversity of our region,' commission leaders, including Sen. Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Rep. Adrian Madaro of East Boston, wrote. "However, more progress is needed before we can say they are truly inclusive. For many people of color, there is much work to be done before they will feel embraced, valued, and safe when they spend time at these important public amenities.'

The commission said its report was based on input gathered in recent months from people from the city of Boston, the region's beachfront communities, and experts on environmental justice, disability resource infrastructure, and public education and communication.

"These hearings and listening sessions confirmed and deepened our understanding of what we have seen and experienced in each of our communities: people's perceptions of their beaches are shaped by their personal experiences and those of their friends and families," the report said.

"For people of color, people with disabilities and non-native English speakers, this has often meant feeling unwelcome and uncomfortable on their beaches, which are spectacular public resources that belong to them and their communities."

With six commissioners in the past eight years, the Department of Conservation and Recreation "has lacked leadership continuity, clear direction, and accountability at the top, with DCR Commissioners too often making commitments that they may not be around to keep," the report said.

Gov. Maura Healey



Brian Arrigo DCR Commissioner

last month named Brian Arrigo as DCR commissioner. The former mayor of coastal Revere is familiar with the role of public beaches, and the commission reported that it is counting on Healey "to set policy and hold the agency, and not just the Commissioner, accountable over time."

The report's authors cited a 2021 report on DCR by the UMass Donahue Institute which concluded that Massachusetts state and local government per capita spending on parks and recreation was the lowest in the country and only 58 percent of the national average.

DCR is being targeted for significant investments in the current and ongoing state budget cycle, with a final budget for fiscal 2024 due by July 1.

The commission rec-

ommends that at its next public meeting, DCR share a list of its planned capital investments in the region's public beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull.

Recommendations dating back to 2014 and even 2007 also need to be fully implemented, the commission said, including establishing a baseline budget for metropolitan beaches and DCR, and scheduling capital investments that were authorized in an environmental bond law but never executed.

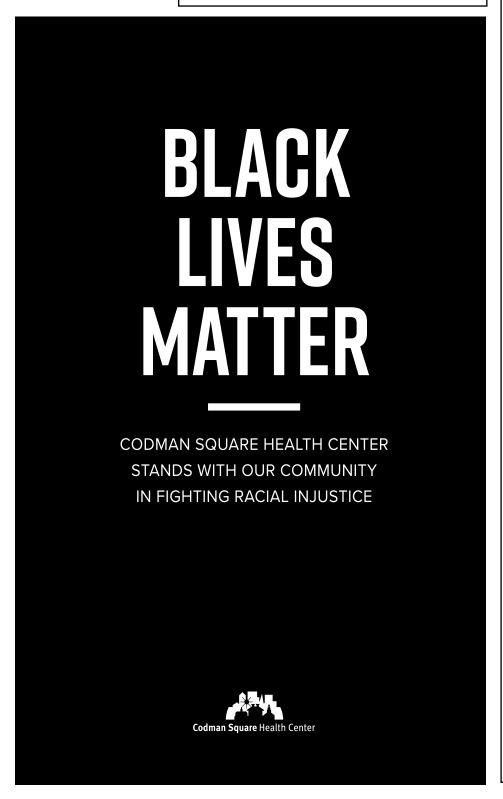
Other recommendations include a report from DCR on increasing diversity within the agency, continuing to solicit feedback on beach policies and procedures, translating outreach materials into languages spoken by non-English speakers, creating a guide on getting to public beaches using public transportation, funding free shuttles from public transit to and along larger beaches, and ensuring access to public hearings for people with disabilities.

Commission members also want DCR to report by this summer on ways to make permitting for beach events, programs and vendors more equitable and transparent, so new people and organizations can more easily participate. And commissioners want DCR to report soon on an "accessibility audit" of parking, ramps, walkways, and bathrooms on each of its metropolitan beaches, and plans to make those beaches fully accessible to people with disabilities.

The commission, which was created by the Legislature in 2006, also floated the idea of creating another similar commission with a focus on urban parks.



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Wu pushes her own map for revised districts

(Continued from page 1) cus on self-preservation he and others sought and obtained last week.

Baker is among the councillors who are funding the lawsuit, sending thousands of dollars to attorneys for plaintiffs who oppose last fall's map, now blocked from use after US Judge Patti Saris found the plaintiffs had a likelihood of success in their legal challenge.

The lawsuit primarily alleged that race had wrongly predominated in last fall's redistricting process as councillors carved up Adams Village and Neponset, and moved white conservative super-voters from District 3 to District 4, a Dorchester-Mattapan seat held by Brian Wor-

Redistricting occurs every ten years, after the US Census. This round hinges on a population boom in South Boston-based District 2, represented by Council President Ed Flynn, and a population loss in District 3. The nine Council districts must be equally balanced in population.

Redistricting cycles are typically fraught, as incumbent councillors foand are loath to give up precincts that treat them well in elections.

Under the now-defunct map, Baker and Flynn lost some of their best precincts and Baker was particularly vocal, arguing that the new map destroyed District 3.

This week, District 5 Councillor Ricardo Arroyo (Hyde Park and Mattapan) echoed Baker's language while criticizing the mayor's map. It "decimates" Jamaica Plain, he claimed, adding that he also disagreed with moving Mission Hill to District 6 from District 8, which is currently without a councillor as Kenzie Bok recently took the top job with the Boston Housing Authority.

"Redistricting is always one of the most contentious matters that a legislative body has to do," Louijeune said. A lawyer and redistricting expert, she said she believes independent commissions should handle redistricting, because elected officials acting as map-drawers have too much self-interest and conflicts of interest.

But she remained optimistic about the Council's prospects of adopting a second attempt at redistricting. "I do believe this Council can come together and pass a map," she said. May 30 is the key date

for the Council, since the Wu administration says it's the latest possible date that allows the city's elections department to conduct a process for candidates to gather voter signatures needed to get on the ballot and mail ballots in time to conduct the planned Sept. 12 preliminary.

A Wu spokesperson said that Monday's hearing indicated that "there is still much work ahead" to pass a map. Due to the tight timelines, the spokesperson added, Wu has been encouraging Flynn to set dates for special Council meetings in addition to the two remaining full Council meetings before May 30 so that "the Council can be prepared to accept revisions and take additional votes as necessary."

Before Monday's meeting, Wu's map took heavy fire from a coalition that includes NAACP Boston and other voting rights groups. The coalition said her map "threatens



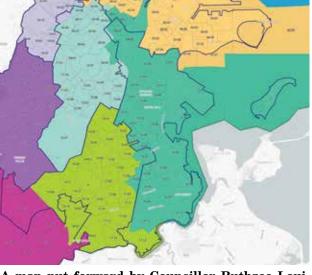
Councillor Louijeune

decades of progress" and invoked a version of former president Donald Trump's campaign slogan, saying it is a map that seeks to "Make Boston Great Again." The Wu administration called the rhetoric "inaccurate and incendiary."

Amid the crossfire, District 6's Lara submitted a map that moved around just 13 precincts, saying, "I used a scalpel, not a hammer." She keeps Cedar Grove and Adams Village in District 3.

But to correct for the population imbalance, her map sends District 3 up into the South End, adding Villa Victoria, home to a Puerto Rican community. She also keeps Mission Hill in District 8.

Efforts to keep Adams Village and Neponset together within one district, as the plaintiffs' lawsuit seeks, are causing



A map put forward by Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune is one of three expected to be considered by the council.

ripple effects in all of the proposed maps, and more focus falls on Mattapan, which is split between Districts 4 and 5. For example, Louijeune's map would hand over several Mattapan precincts along Walk Hill Street to District 4 from District 5.

The lawsuit's plaintiffs, among them local civic groups and residents like Maureen Feeney, the former councillor and city clerk, are also monitoring the proceedings, and ready to go back to court. The coalition of voting rights groups also appears ready to launch its own lawsuit if they find a map not to their liking.

In a letter to City Hall attorneys, a lawyer for the plaintiffs said they believe the Council appears "more divisive and combative" since the judge's order. The attorney said they were aware that councillors were trying to intimidate Flynn by threatening to strip him of his Council presidency. The letter reiterated their desires, including keeping Ward 16 entirely within District 3, and for councillors to "pay attention" to Wu's map.

"This is not rocket science following the court order to get this done," the letter said.

Rollins to resign as US attorney

US Attorney for Massachusetts Rachael Rollins announced through her attorney on Tuesday that she will resign her post at the end of the day on Friday. Her top assistant, Joshua Levy, will likely run the office until a replacement is appointed by the White House and confirmed in the US Senate.

Her move comes in the wake of news that a report by the Justice Department on the results of investigations by federal agencies into possible ethics irregularities stemming from, among other things, alleged activities of partisan activism during her year-and-a-half in office is in the offing.

Throughout her public life, Rollins has been applauded by some as a crusader for justice and criticized by others for reforms she put in place as Suffolk County district attorney and then as the top federal prosecutor in Massachusetts.

Rollins broached her resignation decision with her office staff Tuesday afternoon, the Boston Globe reported. "My presence has become a distraction and the work you do is far too important to be overshadowed," she wrote, restating her platform to represent a community that "does not see themselves reflected in our office or in much of the affirmative work we do," the newspaper said.

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BGCD Keystone Club Takes Part in Beach Clean Up Event with Hydrow: See details below.

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The event was organized through the Massachusetts Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs and our Corporate Partner for the day was Hydrow. BGCD was joined by the West End House BGC and the South Boston BGC for the day which included trash removal and education on the ecosystem for the River.

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To learn more about BGCD's Keystone Club, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Partners with Fresh Films for Teen Programming: With 3 weeks remaining, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Fresh Films program is preparing to close out the school year program with a Premier event on June 1st. The Fresh Films program has been meeting weekly throughout the year to work on a variety of projects such as: Recreating a Movie Scene, making a Music Video, creating a Competition Show, a Documentary and a Short Film. From here several students will take part in a summer intensive component that will take a deeper dive into filmmaking as

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CADY, Josephine (Malfa) "Joyce" of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Francis "Fran" Cady. Mother of Joseph Cady and his wife, Amanda Nelson, of New York City. Sister of Rose Anne Malfa of Wallingford, CT, and Antoinette "Toni" Malfa of Weymouth. Grandmother of 2. Memorial donations may be made to Immaculate Conception Parish in Weymouth; or

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P0978GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
JEAN FEI IX JEAN FELIX
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Alleged incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been
filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston,
MA in the above captioned matter alleging
that Jean Felix is in need of a Guardian
and requesting that for some other suitable

and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/15/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorner mustfile a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limi or completely take away the above-name person's right to make decisions abou persons in gint to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both The above-named person has the right to asl for a lawyer. Anyone may make this reques on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

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Date: May 4, 2023

of this Court.

late Samuel Gondelman. Remembrances may be made to Temple Beth Elohim, Wellesley.



HENDRICKS, Raphael Olanzo, 81, of Dorchester. He was born to the late Constancia (Vanterpool) and Frederico Hendricks in the British Virgin Islands. Husband of Bereneice Hendricks. Father of Andrea and Michael. Brother of Morales Hendricks and Carlton Hendricks. Grandfather of 2. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews, extended relatives and many friends.

HÖWITT, Andrew J. "Andy," 91 of Westwood, formerly of Mattapan. Predeceased by his brothers, Thomas and John; his wife, Jane (Walsh); and his son, A. Wilson.

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PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
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Docket No. SU23P0750EA
ESTATE OF:
LOIS BUTT
DATE OF DEATH: November 05, 2022

SUFFOLK DIVISION
To all persons interested in the

above captioned estate, by Petitior of Petitioner Ralph Butt of Quincy MA. Jessie Demetro of Dedham MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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THE TRIAL COURT
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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
DOCTON MA 02314 BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE
BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Docket No. SU20P0017EA
ESTATE OF:
RUPERT BESLEY
Date of Death: 05/04/2017
To all interested persons:

To all interested persons:
A Petition For Sale of Real Estate
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to sell the decedent's real estate at a

to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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a.m. on the return day of 06/05/2023.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

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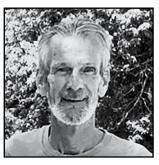


Survived by his daughter, Cynthia (Will) Sellers of East Falmouth, MA; and son David Howitt of Everett, WA; and many nieces and nephews. Donations in Andrew's name can be made to Tufts Athletics/Track & Field/Cross Country (M), https://give.tufts. edu/campaigns/21277/donations/new?a=4717172



KELLEY, Antoine Q., 44, of Dorchester. Son of Roxie Ann Kelley and Floyd Johnson: He leaves his mother Roxie Ann Kelley, his fathers: Floyd Johnson, Johnnie Evans, his sons: Antoine Kelley Jr., Antonio Kelley, Antavion Kelley, his daughters: Mali Kelley, Antazia Kelley, Roxie Kelley. His siblings: Tina Holley, Antoinette

Johnson, Johnetta Kelley, Lashaunda Kelley, Markeisha Kelley, Jen-na Evans, Christopher Odom, Terry Holley. He is also survived by a loving host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and dear friends.



NEE, John D. of Dorchester. Son of Barbara Roe (Sweeney-Nee) of Sharon, the late Thomas Nee; and stepson of the late William J. Roe. Brother of the late Thomas Nee Jr. and his wife, Mary Ellen; the late Kathleen Abban and her husband, David; the late Richard Nee; Helen Silva of Weymouth; Michael Nee of South Boston; and Eileen Mahoney of South Boston; Joseph Nee of Kingston; James Nee and his wife, Adele of Canton; Mary-Ellen Dota of Billerica; Phillip Roe and his wife, Deborah of Hamlin, NY; Stephen Roe and his wife, Pamela of Hyde Park. Survived by many nieces and nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, as well as many friends.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU23D0767DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING TARVIS LAMONS ROGERS

EDVALDINA LOPES DA LOMBA To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

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PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU23D0784DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING SANDRA A. ARAUJO BABOSA MCNEILL

vs.
RAMON ANTHONY MCNEILL

the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Cruel and Abusive Treatment. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Sandra A. Araujo Babosa McNeill, 23 Gaston St., Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02114 your answer, if any, on or before 06/20/2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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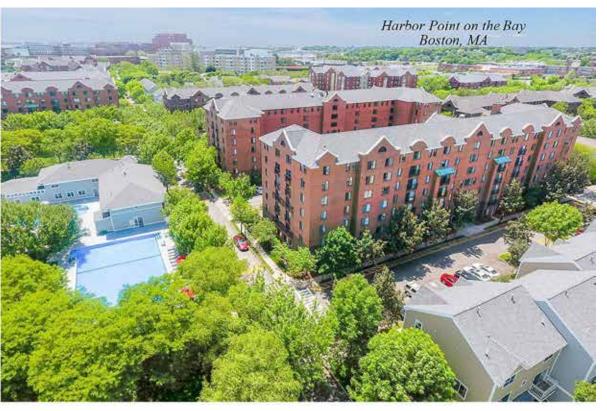
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