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## HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH



New migrant arrivals from Haiti blend in with longtime worshippers at a recent weekend service held in Haitian Kreyol at Mattapan's Parkway United Methodist Church. *Vanessa Lee photo*

## In Haitian community migrant crisis brings pride of heritage to the fore

By Abby Van Selous and Vanessa Lee  
Special to the Reporter

On Sunday mornings, congregants at Total Health Christian Ministry meet for early worship in the fellowship hall of the Parkway United Methodist Church in Mattapan. They enter the hall, filling in the two columns of 120 red, blue, and green plastic chairs, each column six chairs wide and ten chairs deep. The service is meant to start at 8 a.m., but by 7:54, some are already on their feet, singing in Haitian Creole and swaying to the music.

As they sing, most of the worshippers read the lyrics from a paper bulletin or from a TV screen on the left side of the room. "Gloire, gloire à l'Éternel! Qu'un cantique solennel de nos cœurs monte à son trône." In English: "Glory, glory to the eternal. Let a solemn song from our hearts rise to its throne."

Whether they have been in the United States for decades or just a few months, every member of the church is a Haitian migrant.

The migrant crisis has strained Massachusetts resources and tested the resolve of many, but it is also drawing an already close Haitian American



Pastor Dieufort 'Keke' Fleurissant fields a call during a visit to a migrant center in Franklin, MA. *Vanessa Lee photo*

community in Boston even closer. Many of the new Haitian migrants have been sent by bus or plane to Massachusetts, where they have found their way to the church in Mattapan, a neighborhood that is *(Continued on page 4)*

## Sunday parade fetes Haitian American unity

By Seth Daniel  
News Editor

Haitian American Heritage Month is in full swing this week with a series of events upcoming, highlighted by Sunday's annual Unity Parade on Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan and Dorchester.

The 22nd annual parade kicks off at 1 p.m. sharp in Mattapan Square and follows a route to Harambee Park at Talbot Avenue. Haitian American United (HAU), the group that organizes the parade, announced this week that Donald Alexis, the affordable housing developer and executive director of Caribbean

Integration Community Development (CICD), will serve as the grand marshal.

"I think the parade is one of the things that brings the Haitian American community together from all over the diaspora, and it's one way to celebrate home," Alexis said. "To be chosen is a great honor as a Haitian American. Obviously, they could have chosen anyone from among the 50,000 to 75,000 Haitian Americans here, but they chose me, and it shows they trust me to represent the community in a positive manner." *(Continued on page 6)*

## Post-busing, parents fret over unmet needs

By Chris Lovett  
Reporter Correspondent

Almost half a century after the start of desegregation in the Boston Public Schools, City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune could point to a model of inclusive learning in Mattapan, at the Mattahunt Elementary School. With its pioneering dual language program in Haitian Creole and English, it was her choice for referring students newly arrived from Haiti. "I'm always trying to refer a new arrival to see if they can [be enrolled], and there just aren't enough seats," said Louijeune, a BPS graduate and daughter of Haitian immigrants.



City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune. *Chris Lovett photo*

Her exchange with BPS officials, at an April 29 City Council Ways

and Means Committee budget hearing, signaled progress for the school system, but also one more struggle over policy and resources. After decades of demographic change, followed by a recent surge in new immigrants coming to Boston, the debate over equity in the BPS had shifted, with more focus on multilingual learners and students with disabilities, who were also disproportionately people of color. But, for some parents and leaders, the debate had also shifted beyond the BPS and city limits – even beyond education. The debate also takes place when the struggle over desegregation, *(Continued on page 14)*

## Latest plans for White Stadium include more open space, BPS access

By Seth Daniel  
News Editor

City officials and architects involved in the planned renovation of White Stadium last week proposed several significant changes that incorporate suggestions from the public as they work to gather more support for the controversial project that would transform the city-owned facility inside Franklin Park.

The updates – which include changes to the playing field and amenities outside the structure – were first revealed by the Reporter last week before a public meeting last Wednesday (May 8). They will also be discussed at a public meeting set for next Tuesday (May 21) at 5:30 p.m. at the Bolling Building in Roxbury.

One of the most significant changes would eliminate what was known as the "bean building," a one-story structure that would have been added alongside "the Grove," an open space at the south end of the stadium and below the park's historic Overlook section. The building was to serve as a year-round concession area, storage area, and team store for a professional women's soccer team that will use the facility as part of a deal with the city.

"Doing that allowed us to provide better original views for the Overlook," said Diana Fernandez, of the Boston Planning and Development Agency's urban design department. The Overlook, she said, is the only original "key promontory" designed by the park's creator, Frederick Law Olmsted. The new design allows for more open space with tie-ins to existing pathways and added trees to preserve the Overlook's natural feel.

In addition, permanent fencing around the Grove has been eliminated to make it feel more open and less exclusive, said Morgan McDaniel, a city official

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## Chubbs Taco & Tequila Bar opens in the Village

By Cassidy McNeeley  
Reporter Staff

In Adams Village, residents can enjoy Italian pasta and sandwiches, Irish baked goods and sausage rolls, Chinese dinner plates and classic American bar food.

Now, with the opening of Chubbs Taco & Tequila Bar, they can add tacos, quesadillas, and tequila to their list of options.

Located at 750 Adams St. in what used to be the Industry Bar & Grill, Chubbs opened its doors to the public last Tuesday (May 7). The restaurant is part of a group owned by Maverick Hospitality, which also operates the nearby Lucy's American Tavern and the Bowery in Lower Mills.

"Chubbs is your new neighborhood taqueria. When you step in, we want you to feel warm and welcomed, but also, we are fun, hip, and a little funky," said Katelyn Langgill, director of marketing for Maverick Hospitality. "Our food is the classic flavors of Mexico with a fresh modern spin."

The restaurant's name has stirred conversation but that seems to be just the point. "We thought it was fun and catchy and it sort of an endearing name for

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Opening week fare at Chubbs on Adams St.

*Courtesy Maverick Group*

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Police, Courts & Fire



Mayor Wu and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley led a group of marchers who stepped off from Town Field on Sunday morning for the annual Mother's Walk for Peace to benefit the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Isabel Leon/Mayor's Office photo

2 shot in leg on Fuller St.; gunfire probed on River St.

Two people were shot, both in the leg, inside 87 Fuller St. off Washington Street, in Dorchester, around 9:25 p.m. last Wednesday (May 8), according to Universal Hub. Due to the severity of at least one victim's injuries, the homicide unit was called in, but no fatality was reported.

Boston Police responded to River Street and Edgewater Drive in Mattapan on a report of at least four rounds fired around 9:20 p.m. last Tuesday (May 7). Arriving officers found that two cars had crashed there, although it was not clear if it was related to the gunfire or a coincidence. One person was taken to a local hospital with crash-related injuries.

Police did not find any gunshot victims, but they found a gun on River Street and took one person into custody. They also found a live round on the front porch of a house on River Street near Marcy Road and additional live rounds and shell casings on the road itself.

A 31-year-old New Hampshire man was arrested early Sunday morning on gun and drug charges, according to Boston Police, who say officers stopped a vehicle on Gallivan Boulevard after noticing that it had an expired registration. The man arrested—Christopher Joseph of Nashua, NH—was a rear-seat occupant in the car, according to the BPD account of the arrest. Police say Joseph was found to be carrying a loaded 9mm handgun and bags containing cocaine and marijuana. He was charged with "unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, unlawful possession of a large capacity feeding device, and possession of class B."

Dorchfest returns on Sat., June 1

BY CASSIDY MCNEELEY REPORTER CORRESPONDENT Dorchester's porch fest-style celebration, Dorchfest, returns for a third year on Sat., June 1, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Ashmont-Adams section of the neighborhood. Over 30 bands will perform at 20 locations—mainly porches, patios, parking lots, and yards.

While other celebra-

tions of this type exist throughout the city, Dorchfest is unique because the performers are paid. In addition to compensating artists, the Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association and Greater Ashmont Main Streets work diligently to be the most diverse porch fest in all of Boston.

This year's acts include hip-hop from Daniel Lau-

rent and Jeff 2x, Blues with the Willie J. Laws Band, traditional West African Music from Sidy Maiga, and lo-fi indie rock from Ivydale.

Dorchfest is free and open to all, but attendees can donate online to help defray the costs of paying the performers. Those interested in volunteering for at least 30 minutes on June 1 can sign up at



dorchfest.com. The site has all the info you need to plan your day, including notes on performance times and locations.

Boston Polish Fest ready to polka on Sunday

BY SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

From kielbasa to polka to centuries-old traditional dance, the Boston Polish Festival is preparing to feature the best of the Polish culture in Dorchester's Polish Triangle next Sunday (May 19).

The annual street festival on Boston Street adjacent to the Polish American Citizens Club began in 2015 as a kielbasa cook-off, but now, says Erica Manczuk Stocks of the Polish American Citizens Club, "It has become so much more and evolved into a cool neighborhood street festival party that focuses on the Polish culture, the Polish Triangle, and Dorchester in general.

"You don't have to be Polish to participate. We make it a community event for everyone, but we want to showcase ourselves, too. Sometimes we say the Polish Triangle, and nobody knows what we're talking about. It

was the center of the Polish community for a long, long time.

"Things have changed here," she noted, "but there are a lot of people who came to the country from Poland and settled in the Triangle and started businesses and lives here, and many who are still here."

There will be plenty of food, including kielbasa, pierogi, and paczki, and a beer garden with many different Polish beer choices – as well as neighborhood favorites.

"Food is how a lot of people stay rooted in the Polish culture," said Stocks. "They may not speak the language anymore, but they hold on to the food their grandmother made and it's a taste of something that feels familiar to them."

The Krakowiak Polish Dancers of Boston, established in 1937, will be performing, as will their children's troupe. There will also be a live Polka

band on site.

The street will be blocked off on Boston Street for the day, with the party starting at noon.

Schedule of Events

• Noon to 6 p.m. on Boston Street – J Mariusz Wierzbicki, food stalls, street market.

• 12:30 to 4 p.m. – Kids Korner – face-painting from Sully Paints, and balloon twisting from Mr. Twister.

• 1 p.m. – Opening ceremony inside the Pol-

ish Club Function Hall, 2nd floor.

• 2 p.m. – Dance performance from Krakowiak Polish Dancers of Boston and the Lajkonika, Polish Children's Dance Troupe in the Polish Club Function Hall, 2nd floor.

• 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. – The Baltic Boys Polka Band in the Polish Club Function Hall, 2nd floor.

For more information, go to bostonpolishfest.com/schedule/.

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The 44th annual Ashmont Hill Yard Sale takes place on Sat., May 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shoppers will find everything from furniture to potted plants, toys to household items, books to collectables, and more – all at clean-out-the-attic/basement/carriage house prices. Stroll through the neighborhood to enjoy the Victorian architecture and lush gardens that distinguish this pocket of Dorchester. Participating houses will have maps showing all selling locations. Ashmont Hill is located between Peabody Square/Ashmont Station and Codman Square. Info: 617-288-6626 or cadmanjoe@aol.com.

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

North Station in Boston. See hauinc.org for more info.

The Lower Mills Civic Association will meet in St. Gregory's auditorium on Tues., May 21, at 7 p.m. Discussion about the Dorchester Park Pathways project and election of officers are on the agenda.

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic plans its annual plant sale on Sat., May 18, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. at Cristo Rey School, 100 Savin Hill Ave. Annuals, herbs, and baskets for sale, plus a plant swap, bake sale and raffles. Proceeds go to neighborhood improvements. See columbiasavinhillcivic.org for more.

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

DorchFest, Dorchester's version of "porchfest," returns for the third consecutive year on Sat., June 1, in the Ashmont-Adams neighborhood. See dorchfest.com for schedules and locations. A pair of public meetings – one virtual, the other in-person – will be held this month to kick off the Fields Corner "Streets+Squares" zoning initiative. The

virtual meeting was held on Tuesday of this week, May 14. The in-person meeting is this Saturday, May 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at VietAID, 42 Charles St., Dorchester. RSVP at bit.ly/RSVP-FieldsCorner.

The Dorchester Historical Society and DotOUT present David and St. Russell, the "Renovation Husbands," at an in-person event as part of the society's annual meeting on Sun., May 19, at 2 p.m. at Boston Collegiate Charter School, 11 Mayhew St., Dorchester.

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

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll will deliver the keynote address at UMass Boston's 56th commencement ceremony on Thurs., May 23, on the Campus Center Lawn. Degrees will be conferred on approximately 3,757 undergraduates, graduate, and doctoral students in the Class of 2024. For more information, see umb.edu/commencement.

The Alzheimer's Association will host a free forum to discuss the disproportionate impact of Alzheimer's and dementia on communities of color on Thurs., May 16, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Codman Square Health Center in Dorchester. Speakers participating include Carl Hill, the chief diversity, equity & inclusion officer of the Alzheimer's Association; Bisola Ojikutu, executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission; Tia Hall, project manager at the Center for Alzheimer Research and Treatment; and Rev. Dr. Gregory Groover, Charles Street AME Church. The forum will include a provided lunch. Please register at tinyurl.com/twicetherisk.

The City of Boston hosts a Zero Waste Day drop-off for mercury products like thermometers and fluorescent lamps on Sat., May 18, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at DPW facility, 400 Frontage Rd., Boston. Proof of Boston residency required. See boston.gov/hazardous-waste.

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## Former Venice pizza space in Savin Hill remains vacant; owners see 'opportunity'

By **SETH DANIEL**  
NEWS EDITOR

The corner space in Savin Hill where Venice Pizza long operated has been vacant since it closed abruptly last year, and owners of the building say it has been hard to land a new tenant.

Joe Wagner, a broker with Boston Realty Advisors, has been marketing the space at 39 Savin Hill Ave. for owner

The Broadway Company, based in the Back Bay and headed by Jason Weissman.

"The previous tenant that operated as Venice Pizza is no longer there," Wagner confirmed. "We've had some good interest and we've had a couple of groups that we were very excited that got far along but due to their own headwinds could not move forward.

These are deals we would have signed, and they're the ones that walked away from us."

Wagner said they believe the space is a "great opportunity." While it can be any type of retail offering, he said, a food operator makes the most sense as it is built out for kitchen needs and was updated in 2021.

"The food business is tough," Wagner con-

ceded, "so we need the right team to come in and be able to handle a new project. It is a little baffling it has sat so long without a tenant to sign, but a little of that is just being unlucky, too."

Venice Pizza operated in the spot for decades before closing in 2019. A re-boot of Venice by Joshua Winer, Todd Winer, and John Taxiarchis emerged in 2021, but

**The former Venice Pizza location at 39 Savin Hill Ave. has remained closed and vacant for nearly a year, despite being a prime commercial location on Dorchester Avenue. Seth Daniel photo**



closed abruptly in 2023 with only a sign on the window noting that repairs were being made to equipment.

Wagner said they are not in negotiations with

any potential tenant now and welcome any inquiries from tenants who are ready to operate. He can be reached at [jwagner@bradvisors.com](mailto:jwagner@bradvisors.com).

## Chubbs Taco & Tequila Bar opens in Adams Village

(Continued from page 1) a place you know and love and that's what we want Chubbs to be," Langill said. "You don't forget a name like Chubbs."

Langill and the eatery's team hope that their menu is also unforgettable. "It's our fresh modern spin on the flavors you know and love from Mexican cuisine with a few fun surprises," she said.

The taqueria offers a variety of tacos all served on fresh homemade corn tortillas. Typical orders include the Carne Asada taco and the Drunken Fish taco while one of the more unusual options is the Ancho Buffalo Chicken taco. This is made with *masa* fried chicken, celery *pico de*

*gallo*, shredded iceberg, and *queso fresco* ranch.

In addition to tacos, the restaurant's large menu includes burritos, fajitas, salads, bowls, and more. While there are many meals to try, so far the Crunchwrap, made with ground beef, *oaxaca*, pepper jack, *pico de gallo*, serrano peppers, shredded lettuce, crispy corn tortilla, flour tortilla, and lime cream, has proven to be a go-to.

"Everything is so thoughtful, from the décor down to the menu and it really shows when you come in and taste the food and sit at our bar and take it all in," Langill said.

The restaurant, constructed of dark wood and exposed brick walls,

is meant to offer an inviting atmosphere for all ages. Lantern-like lights and greenery hang above the tables complemented by natural light that pours in from the floor-to-ceiling garage-style doors at the front of the building.

On warm-weather days like last Tuesday, the doors will swing open to allow guests to enjoy the fresh air and the streetscape along busy Adams Street. Chubbs will also be adding outdoor seating shortly as they were recently approved to build out a patio.

Said Langill: "I think in our neighborhood there is a lot of late 20s into early 40s and young families. The grand opening was such a blend of folks

who came from work to meet up for drinks and then families. It was so nice to see such a range."

The restaurant currently serves lunch and dinner and brunch on weekends. Langill recommends to those who come Saturday or Sunday mornings that they order the Berry Masa Pancakes or the Chilaquiles, which is essentially a take on breakfast nachos. "Our beverage menu is just a beautiful, curated offering of margaritas and wonderful cocktails with fresh juices and house-infused tequila and hand-selected liquors," she noted.

One custom cocktail currently being served is the Nada, Nada, Limonada, which can be made

with tequila or vodka mixed with pineapple and basil limeade and soda water. This drink is part of Maverick's Cocktail-for-a-Cause program.

"We create a custom cocktail and for every cocktail served we will donate two dollars back to the organization," said Langill. "This a great way for us to get to know the organizations in our community and shed light on them."

For each Nada, Nada, Limonada sold, \$2 will be given to One Mission, a pediatric cancer charity out of Westborough, one of the charities the organization supports.

"Giving back to the community is one of our core values as an

organization," said Langill. "Dorchester means so much to us and when this opportunity came about, we felt like there was a need for a cuisine like this and what better place to do it than where we got our start."

On Monday this week, Chubbs switched to its permanent hours of food operations: opening at 11:30 a.m. and closing at 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, the bar will stay open until 1 a.m.

For more information regarding hours of operation, reservations, and the menu visit [chubbstacos.com](http://chubbstacos.com) or [eatchubbstacos](https://www.instagram.com/eatchubbstacos) on Instagram.



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## HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

## Migrant crisis draws the Haitian American community even closer

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home to the largest Haitian American community in the state. They come by word of mouth or through the advocacy of the church's leader, Pastor Dieufort 'Keke' Fleurissant.

Here they connect with people who speak their language and share familiar experiences. That bond was evident at the Parkway church on a recent Sunday. Throughout the service, worshippers took turns keeping babies and young children calm and quiet. A boy not yet old enough to crawl is handed off across the center aisle. A girl wearing a golden yellow dress walked away from her mother and ran across the front of the hall until she was scooped up by a congregant on the other side of the room.

The service is held in English and in Haitian Creole. Fleurissant, who goes by the nickname Pastor Keke, stands on stage in front of a large white banner bearing the church's name. The pastor, who immigrated from Haiti in 1981 and has his own special story of perseverance, is wearing his usual suit and tie, with a red pen clipped to his breast pocket. Microphone in hand, he steps forward when the signing pauses to deliver his sermon.

He preaches in English while another man translates in Haitian Creole about reaching salvation, staying healthy, and embracing the universality of grace. "Open your hearts to love to forgive others," he says, ending his sermon as his listeners clap.

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Since 2022, Boston has seen the arrival of thousands of Haitian immigrants, leading to the current crisis. Many of the migrants walked through dangerous conditions in South and Central

America and arrived along the Texas border – only to be moved on by state officials there to Massachusetts, which guarantees shelter to every individual. That law has ensured that anyone, particularly those eligible for emergency assistance, can find refuge in the Bay State, which has been a right-to-shelter state for the last 40 years, said Stephanie Rosario Rodriguez, senior director of programs at the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), which was founded in 1987.

Beginning in 2021, after the United States hastily withdrew from Afghanistan and instability was rising in Central and South American countries, the state started seeing an increase in migrants, Rodriguez said, many of whom were Haitians who had originally migrated a decade ago from Haiti to countries such as Mexico and Chile following the catastrophic earthquake of January 2010.

"The largest population seen in shelters right now are Haitian migrants," she said.

Dealing with the humanitarian crisis is part of Pastor Keke's mission as founder of True Alliance Center, Inc., a Haitian American-led organization established to advocate for the Haitian community on issues like housing inequities. He helps migrants find temporary housing and, in some cases, jobs.

People learn about him through the network of families his nonprofit and church have assisted through the years. "As a pastor, as a leader, this is my duty to assist and support the immigrant community," he said. It's also part of his mission, he added. "You should see the joy that filled their faces, to be able to speak to someone who cared about them."

Those who have worshiped with him said they are inspired by the outpouring of support they received from the pastor, his church, and the larger Haitian American community in the Boston area.

"This is a space with love," said Jean Leon Beauboeuf, who has been attending the Mattapan church since he arrived in Boston from Haiti two years ago. "To be here is to please God, to share with our brothers and sisters in our relationship with God."

Bauboeuf's daughter, Anne Jolin, also finds a deep connection at the church and the larger community. While she doesn't attend services every week, she said she knows there is a strong relationship between congregants.

"We know what other people's struggles are, even if we don't know each other or what we're really living through," said Jolin, who had left Haiti seven years ago and moved to France to work. She immigrated to the United States in March 2023.

Pastor Keke said he founded the True Alliance Center in 2010 to "collaborate with other immigration partner organizations to make sure that people have access to resources." He was among the many local Haitian Americans who rallied to support people in Haiti following the deadly 7.0 magnitude earthquake in 2010. Many migrants sought refuge in Massachusetts and were granted temporary protective status (TPS) by the federal government. They still regularly worship with Pastor Keke.

Recently, widespread gang violence in Port-au-Prince has resulted in more migrants arriving in the United States. Many of those who have fled that scene also make their way to Keke's Mattapan church.

"I was scared for my life, and I wanted to live," said one female worshiper who fled Haiti four months ago. She spoke in Haitian Creole while a church member translated in English. "Living here feels better than living in Haiti," the woman said.

Pastor Keke said these families are fleeing dangerous conditions in their homeland, such as political instability and natural disasters, and seeking things like housing, employment, education, and healthcare in Boston. These are young, energetic people who are eager to work," he said. "They wouldn't mind doing two to three jobs to provide for their immediate families here, as well as for their extended families living in Haiti."

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Because many migrants are housed in hotels and shelters all over the state, Pastor Keke's work often leads him outside the confines of his Mattapan church. On a recent weekday, he sat in a room full of migrant families at Hotel Best Western Plus in Franklin, Massachusetts, where individuals lined up to talk to him about their issues. Everyone in the room was comfortable with his presence, engaging in friendly conversations in Haitian Creole. Some approached him not just out of necessity, but to simply chat about their days.

A woman with two babies in a stroller wanted to talk to him about her children. A man asked the pastor how his day was going. "God bless you," he said to them.

Pastor Keke and Enrique Keith Amara, an intern at the True Alliance Center, drive to Franklin every Tuesday. The hotel is a temporary residency for many Haitian migrants, whose issues vary from enrolling in English classes to downloading apps to file taxes to applying for work authorization and, ultimately, to finding employment.

The pastor stresses three key priorities for these migrants — learning English, securing housing, and gaining work authorization to get a job. "We're trying to help them integrate into the

US system," he said. "If we know that their job is stable, we can connect them with housing opportunities, and so on."

Amara, the intern, was born in Boston to Haitian parents who had received help from Pastor Keke in the past. He helped them file taxes when they arrived in the country, and eventually, it became Amara's turn to support the pastor. "My aunt connected me to Pastor Keke, saying he needed help with his work," he said.

Amara, a computer science student at Wentworth Institute of Technology, is using what he's learning in college to help Haitian migrants improve their technological and computer skills. "I want to give back to my community," he says.

"Sometimes, they approach me with a cracked phone screen, to ask me to help fix it," Amara said, chuckling. "Unfortunately, I can't help with that. But I can help them with other things, like enrolling them into English classes and applying for work authorization."

While Pastor Keke he goes to the hotel in Franklin every Tuesday, on Thursdays his day involves travelling to the Hampton Inn & Suites in Stoughton, where the notice on the door reads "Closed until further notice." The hotel shut down its business operations in December to become a shelter after it became clear that most of the guests were Haitian migrants who needed help adjusting to American life, Pastor Keke said.

People come and go, and he sits in a booth, welcoming them with their questions about health insurance assistance and housing. One woman urged him to help her after she shared her ordeal in seeking health insurance for a year and not getting anywhere, despite filling out the proper paperwork.

As the day unfolds inside the Stoughton hotel, the children's show 'Paw Patrol' plays on a flat-screen TV hanging on the wall beside the main entrance. A commercial for Barbie dolls interrupts the episode.

As a group of girls walk through the hotel's sliding glass doors into the lobby, Pastor Keke calls out to them, inviting them to a workshop series hosted by Young Queens Rising that was designed for girls ages 14 to 18 to talk about self-discovery, self-love, and preserving culture.

Most of the other organizations that help migrants host legal clinics for people applying for asylum. But they don't often help them fill out paperwork or help with technical details, which is why the shelters are important, Pastor Keke said. "If migrants also face trauma, we can help them cope," he said. "That's not something clinics do."

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On Sunday mornings, the migrants and the pastor put their worries, and their paperwork, aside. It is then that the community comes together. At the fellowship hall in Mattapan, the congregants are back on their feet, singing one final hymn before the service ends at 9:30.

"Nanpwen lòt Sali pou lèzòm Jodi a," they sing. "Vin chache sekou li anvan li twò ta." In English: "Another salvation for man today. Come to her rescue before it's too late."

Then, without instruction, the worshippers stack the plastic chairs, organized by color, and push them to the perimeters of the hall. They say their good-byes and leave for home, some by foot to housing nearby, others waiting for an Uber to drive them back to one of the area hotels serving as a Haitian migrant shelter.

Abby Van Selous and Vanessa Lee are students at Boston University and study journalism under the guidance of Meghan Irons, a former Boston Globe reporter. Lee has worked as an intern at the Reporter this semester.

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## HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

## Humanitarian parole offers hope to Haitians waiting to flee violence

By SIMÓN RIOS  
WBUR

Keren Cezar was out having dinner with friends in Boston last month when she got a terrifying call from Haiti. Her mother was on the phone in a panic: Local gangsters were rampaging close to her home and had burned down a nearby police station.

“It was this kind of goodbye call, when you’re calling somebody and you’re not sure that you’re ever going to have the chance to talk to them again,” said Cezar, 20, who came to Boston from Haiti last year.

Cezar’s mom and sisters were okay that day. But they fear the next time violence erupts in Port-au-Prince, they might not be so lucky. That’s why they’ve applied to travel to the United States under what’s known as humanitarian parole. It’s the same program that allowed Cezar to come here and has helped thousands of immigrants seeking refuge from war-torn countries.

But approval can take time. Nearly a year after applying — unable to live their normal lives because of the violence consuming the Haitian capital — all Cezar’s family can do is wait. “I hope, I’m praying, really praying, for that to happen,” Cezar said, sitting in her uncle’s living room in Dorchester. “You kind of feel guilty in a way because I’m here, I’m not with them. And you cannot do anything to change that.”

Cezar’s uncle, Hananiah Pierre-Louis, nodded in agreement: “She’s describing my sentiment for the past 25 years.” Even with the natural disasters and deadly unrest in recent years in Haiti, Pierre-Louis said, there was never a path for him to bring relatives here — until now.

Early last year, the Biden admin-



**Hananiah John Pierre-Louis and Keren Cezar at their home in Dorchester.**  
*Jesse Costa/WBUR photo*

istration rolled out a policy to allow temporary entry for up to 30,000 people a month from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. To qualify, people need a clear background check and a US sponsor who pledges to support them financially. If approved, humanitarian parole status allows them to live and work in this country for two years.

So far, roughly 400,000 people from the four countries (known in government shorthand as CHNV) have received parole status, including 154,000 Haitians, according to federal immigration officials. Massachusetts is home to the third-largest Haitian immigrant community in the country, and is receiving a portion of these new arrivals, though federal officials would not provide data indicating how many.

Pierre-Louis said the Biden program has answered his prayers. His own road to America was very different. Orphaned at age 5 when his parents died, he was adopted by the family’s pastor, who brought him to Massachusetts when he was 15.

Pierre-Louis said his adoptive siblings were rejected entry into the US because they were adults, leaving him with a sense of guilt that remains decades later. “It was always a burning desire of mine to have a route to bring my family over

because of the constant turmoil and instability in Haiti,” Pierre-Louis said, “mainly to give them a chance to survive and pursue their goals.”

Days after the Biden program launched, Pierre-Louis applied to sponsor Cezar and two other relatives. With money he’d saved from working as an operating-room nurse at Boston Medical Center, he bought his first home in Dorchester, big enough to host new arrivals from Haiti until they could find places of their own.

“I took it seriously because you are vowing that you will provide housing for them and also support them to get settled,” he said.

Within four months of applying, Pierre-Louis got word that three of his relatives had been granted parole. Cezar is enrolled at Roxbury Community College and works at an assisted living facility in Dedham. Another niece, Rode, is now studying English and serves burritos at a Chipotle. Pierre-Louis’ cousin Peter works at an Amazon facility in Woburn.

Advocates say their story shows how immigration policy can allow people from war-torn places to take refuge in this country, while also contributing to the communities hosting them. The program dates back to the 1950s and has been used by presidents from both parties to respond to an array of international crises. The Biden administration first used it to assist migrants from Ukraine and Afghanistan, before expanding it to include Haiti and the other three countries.

Defenders of the program say if anything qualifies as an urgent humanitarian situation, it’s what Haitians are living through. The nonprofit International Rescue Committee includes Haiti among the countries facing the

worst humanitarian crises in the world and suggests that one in five women surveyed in Haiti’s capital say they’ve been victims of rape.

A recent United Nations report blames corruption, poor governance, and gang violence for bringing the Haitian state “close to collapse.”

For Boston-based immigration lawyer Julio Henriquez, the program addresses the old question about why immigrants don’t just “get in line. The people claiming that others should have come by legal means don’t realize that there were no legal means — that there was never a line to stand on,” Henriquez said. Now, that line does exist, he said.

But for many, the line seems to get longer and longer. Keren Cezar’s mother, Maxdala, is holed up with her two other children in Port-au-Prince. In April, Maxdala got word of something else she’d feared: the US rejected her application. It appears the government needs more information about her supporter in America, according to a copy of the notice reviewed by WBUR. Maxdala said she feels trapped in Haiti and doesn’t know what will come next. And she knows her daughter in Boston worries about her.

“I’m glad that Keren is not here to live this situation, but I know that there is still a part of her that stayed here with us and that she’s suffering,” she said.

Even for those who’ve made it here, there’s uncertainty. Their stay here is permitted only for two years. Whether they’ll be allowed to stay longer — and whether the Biden program even continues — could depend on who wins the White House this November.

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**HAPPY HAITIAN FLAG DAY**

*Ruthzee Louijeune*

**HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

(Continued from page 1)

The parade, which will prompt detours and closures along the avenue on Sunday, is the biggest in a series of celebratory events through to month's end. They include:

- Mattapan's Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy at Mattahunt Elementary School will hold a Haitian flag raising ceremony at 7:30 a.m. on Friday this week. Later in the day, City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune will host the annual Haitian Heritage Breakfast on City Hall at 10 a.m., followed by the 28th annual City of Boston Haitian Flag Raising ceremony at noon, hosted by Mayor Wu.

- The 6th annual Haitian American Business Expo and Job Fair will begin at noon on Saturday in the Boston Prep Charter School, 885 River St., Hyde Park. The event is hosted by the US Haitian Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

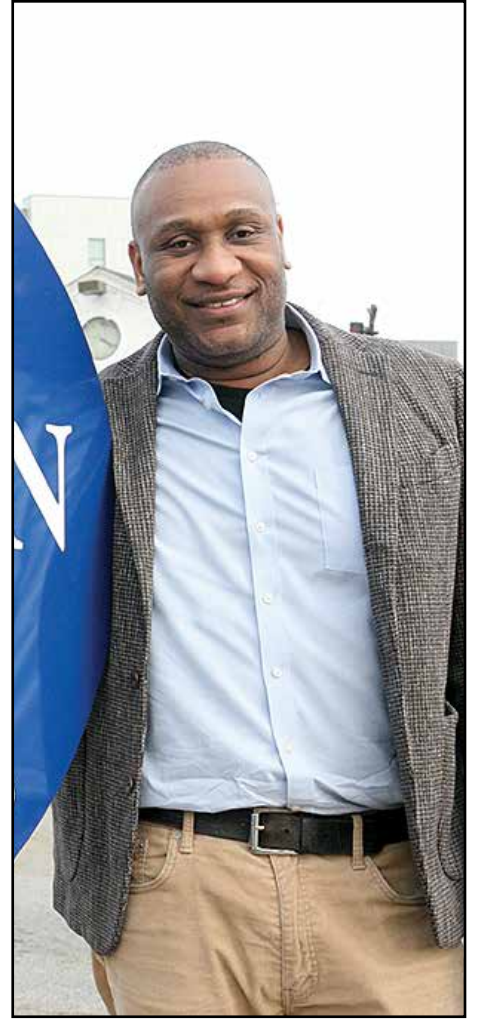
- Next Monday (May 20) will see people gathering for a kickoff ceremony in the shadows of the Zakim Bridge next to TD Garden from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. highlighting the Toussaint L'Ouverture Cultural Center, which is scheduled to open later this year at Lovejoy Wharf. Story, Page 7.

- On Tuesday (May 21), the storyteller Charlot Lucien will present a special Haitian-themed event at the Mattapan Library at 6 p.m.

- The Mattahunt School's Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy will host a Haitian Heritage Month celebration on Fri., May 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. That same day, the Boston Red Sox, with Ruthzee Louijeune, will host the first-ever Haitian Cultural Night at Fenway Park with a 7:10 p.m. start. The event will include Haitian music at the ballpark and a commemorative Red Sox jersey.

- On Sun., May 26, the Immigrant Family Service Institute (IFSI) will present a patriotic concert with the sounds of Haiti at New Mission High School, 655 Metropolitan Ave., Hyde Park, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- State Sen. Liz Miranda will host the 17th annual Haitian Heritage Month celebration at the State House on Fri., May 31, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



**Don Alexis: The parade "is one way to celebrate home." Seth Daniel photo**

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# HAPPY HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH

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**HAITIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

# Expectations are high for opening of first-ever Haitian cultural center

**By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR**  
Haitian Americans will gather in the shadows of the Zakim Bridge next to TD Garden next Monday (May 20) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a kickoff ceremony for the new cultural center named for Haiti's revolutionary hero, Toussaint Louverture. The center, which will occupy a 2,000-square-foot ground level space at Lovejoy Wharf, is a milestone for the Haitian community in Greater Boston.

Monday's event comes in the middle of Haitian Heritage Month and one day after the Haitian Unity Parade in Mattapan and Dorchester. It is also marks Louverture's 281st birthday.

"We've been talking about this a long time and now here it is - we're just about there," said Wilner Auguste, president of Haitian Americans United (HAU). "I feel very glad and have to thank the Haitian community for writing so many letters of support to the committee last year to make sure we were chosen over three other very good proposals."

The Haitian-themed center won a competitive bid to lease the space through the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) last September. A volunteer committee formed by HAU is still in the planning and fundraising stages and hope the event on May 20 will super-charge a campaign to open the center this year.

"We have identified an architect and have the

design in mind, but now we're really focused on securing our contractor," said Dr. Elizabeth Farrah. "It's a groundbreaking and not a grand opening, which we believe will be later this year."

The event will feature key members of the Haitian American community from Boston, Everett, Worcester, Randolph, and other areas. Leaders of other ethnic cultural centers will also be in attendance, as will elected officials. The gathering is seen as a chance to spread the story of Louverture and Haitian history and culture.

Killion Mokwete, an architect from the Social Impact Collective, will talk about the concept and the design of the center. There will be a

walk-through to preview ideas for the unfinished space, located on the ground floor of a building constructed by Related Beal a few years ago.

The center space, believed to be the first of its kind in the US, abuts commercial tenants like Alcove Restaurant, Night Shift Brewery, and the Converse world headquarters, and faces the water on Lovejoy Wharf, steps from the Orange Line and TD Garden.

"This will be the first Toussaint Louverture Center in New England for sure," said Farrah Louis, a member of the committee. "I think it's an incredible time to do this because we can show the different ways Haitians have contributed so much to the areas of

American history." HAU's proposal came with a \$50,000 stipend to help with the build-out and a 25-year rent-free lease, which is good start, but just a first step.

The center will act first as a year-round, daily tourist visitor's center open to the public, but will also serve as a cultural center with programming, exhibitions, a library, a gift shop, and other amenities celebrating the Haitian culture - with Greater Boston boasting the third largest Haitian community outside of the island nation.

Part of the business plan includes the Haitian Artists Assembly to promote Haitian art, poetry, and dance exhibitions - which are now often placed in odd locations



**Toussaint Louverture: Born 281 years ago**

like Logan Airport, and to have private rentals in the evening to assist the revenue stream. Success will also be found in hiring an executive director who can excel at private fundraising.

That is the task now, to get enough money to

build out the dream that has long just been talk. For many, the ceremony on May 20 puts an end to the talk, and the beginning of something real.

"It's a beacon for Boston and the region as well," said Louis.



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**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT**  
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RESPONDENT  
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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of Probate & Family Court, that the **First** account(s) of Christopher C. Dunn of Boston, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

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Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.  
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# Mayor's Coffee Hour tour stops by Mattapan's Walker Playground

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

Mayor Wu's Coffee Hour series returned to Walker Playground on Wed., May 1. Though a bit raw weatherwise, neighbors came out to get their potted plants and chat with the mayor and other city officials.

"Our job as an administration every day is to make sure we are making Boston a home for everyone – every generation, every walk of life, and we don't just mean a place to go to sleep at night though housing affordability is the first step in that," Wu said.

"Home for me is where you have everything you need. Home is where your dreams can grow. And home is where you're with the people you love."

She also noted that public safety has been successful lately, with fewer acts of violence reported.

"We've been getting a lot of attention over the past couple years around the country; we are known as the safest major city in America," she said.

Patricia Whitehead had a question about trash that is left in the street by rubbish collection companies on trash day, known generally as "pillage" and Dennis



Anne Marie Kennedy Horton with Police Commissioner Michael Cox.



Azan Reid, Felix Diaz with the Mattapan Community Health Center, and Jean Jordan, a regular attendee of the Mildred Avenue Seniors.



Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods welcomed everyone to Walker Playground. The Coffee Hour was last at the playground in 2022.



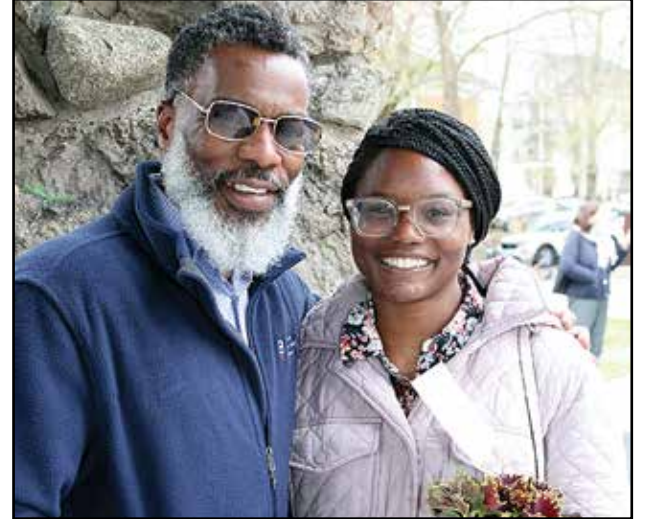
Firefighter Michael Searcy and Mick Brunache, president of the Mattapan Patriots youth football and cheer program.

and most of the time they do it. On occasion it may not happen...If this is happening in your neighborhood, please report it on 311. We'll send an inspector immediately and get it taken care of."

Other elected officials in attendance included

District 5 Councillor Enrique Pepen, Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, and state Rep. Russell Holmes. Wu's liaison to Mattapan Eric James was the host of the event.

Other upcoming coffee hours stops include Dorchester's McConnell



Hans Bastien, of the City's Small Business Development division, and Shavel'le Olivier, executive director of the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition. Seth Daniel photos

Park on Denny Street on May 23 and Mother's Rest in Four Corners on

June 26. Both will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., weather permitting.



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

## Mildred Avenue Seniors celebrate Mother's Day

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

The Mildred Avenue Seniors went all out for mothers on Thurs., May 9, ahead of Mother's Day with a celebration of the many mothers at the center and their talents. More than 100 showed up for the special day and the luncheon, which also served as a showcase for the one-year-old drop-in program at the community center.

"I enjoy the painting and I like it here because there are no requirements to be here," said Barbara Howard, who had a painting on display. "You can just drop in for a few hours if you have something to do, or if you're busy, or you can be here the whole day. There's no pressure."

Mothers at the center enjoyed a gallery show with a display of paint-



Looking their best for the luncheon were Linda and Patricia Phoenix with Rev. Ruthenia Tukes (standing).

Right: Hazel Bynoe was very happy to attend the luncheon on Thursday.

ings they have done, pieces from a stained glass workshop, and jewelry-making pieces from a class taught by one of the seniors. Mean-



Café Juice Up on Blue Hill Avenue owner Denise O'Marde, far right, provided a fresh fruit boat for the mothers at the Mildred Avenue drop-in on Thursday. She's shown with helpers Ted Klee Bernadin, Alpha Poyser, and Zulimar Burgos. Seth Daniel photos

while, musical trivia and karaoke kept everyone entertained and moving, and fresh fruit was provided by Café Juice Up

on Blue Hill Avenue. And a balloon photo booth got everyone posing for snapshots. The Mildred Avenue

Seniors have their drop-in every Tuesday and Thursday from, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston held their eleventh dinner "Living the Dream: Mission Alive!" on April 23 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston honoring the Brett Family with their Dear Neighbor Award. "The awardees live faith filled lives and continue to do charitable work as they strive to unite neighbor with neighbor on a daily basis", the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Boston said of the Dorchester family. Shown, l-r: Jim Brett; Harry Brett; Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston; Peg Brett McCobb; and Bill Brett. Photo by Tim Brett

## Dot Art has new director; event planned for May 23

Dot Art, the non-profit organization that has provided arts education to Dorchester's children for 25 years, has hired a new executive director in the person of Deniz Ozturk, a veteran nonprofit leader and development professional.

She most recently raised funds at The Price Center in Newton, a human and social services agency founded by families of youth with special abilities and previously worked in the United Nations organization.

"We've been fortunate to have a series of really excellent executive directors and we're thrilled that Deniz is next in line," said Ray Czwakiel, board chair of Dot Art. Ozturk will work close-



Deniz Ozturk

ly with Kristen Nichols, who has been serving as Dot Art's interim executive director. "It has been a privilege to work with families in the community over the past two-and-a-half years," Nichols said in a statement. "I am excited about the energy and expertise Deniz brings to the organization and look forward to working with her to expand Dot Art's reach in a community that is so special to me."

Said Ozturk: "Dorchester is an emerging cultural district and Dot Art is well-positioned to play a leading role in its development," who envisions a dedicated, community-centered Dot Art Space with a gallery programmed by Dot Art. She is now engaging in dialogue about that vision with public, civic, and private sector stakeholders and prospective funders.

Dot Art will welcome Ozturk while gathering the community for a brainstorming session about the organization's future on Thurs., May 23, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the home.stead bakery & café in Fields Corner. Go to dotart.org for more information.

- REPORTER STAFF

## YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Dorchester Music Hall

Today we see two photos from about 1900 of the interior of a wonderful space on the third floor of a storage building in Fields Corner: the Dorchester Music Hall. The pictures were presented to the Dorchester Historical Society in 1923 by Edwin J. Lewis, Jr., an architect who designed many homes in Dorchester in that era. The top picture is facing the stage (to the east) and the other faces a rear balcony (west toward Dorchester Avenue).

Note the large arched windows on both sides, and the pattern of the panes of glass, which is



clearly visible in this very crisp photo. The storage building represents one of an unusual mix of uses for the buildings that Lewis designed, the greatest percentage

of which seems to have been homes or churches. The window trim and door surrounds in the photos are similar in design to those found in Lewis-designed houses



in Dorchester, especially in the residential areas around Peabody Square.

Research in newspaper archives indicates that when the Dorchester Music Hall

opened in about 1886, it presented concerts and musical stage events that bordered on the high-brow. By the early 20th century, however, it primarily host-

ed political meetings and campaign rallies.

One sign of decline was evident in the this Dec. 15, 1894, newspaper headline in *The Boston Globe*, which describes a staged betting event: "Razors Like the Wind - They Whistled Through Whiskers of Ten Men. No Fatal Results from a Shaving Contest Last Night." These posts can be viewed on the blog at [dorchestherhistoricalsociety.org](http://dorchestherhistoricalsociety.org). The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## Editorial

## Haiti on our minds

For those of us with ties to Haiti, the month of May is a time of celebration and solemn reflection. Here in Dorchester and Mattapan, that includes a parade on Blue Hill Avenue and the after-parties and barbecues that help to kick off the (almost) summer season. For tens of thousands of people across Greater Boston, it's a time of pride and a chance to share our music, food, dance, fashion, and good spirit with our fellow Americans, no matter where their roots may lie.

Despite the despair that is too often associated with strife and dysfunction inside Haiti, the people of Haiti and their relatives and descendants here in Boston have a proud history and a dynamic present.

In Massachusetts in particular, we're fortunate in being able to play a pivotal role in the future of Boston and our Commonwealth, with leaders old and new stepping up to give voice to our shared aspirations and our collective pride in our heritage.

But there's an urgency this year to the work that's before all of us when it comes to the political instability and the public safety problems that has prompted in Haiti; and the resultant humanitarian crisis that continues to unfold with consequences across the hemisphere and right here in our own city and suburban communities.

We are fortunate to have allies in Massachusetts who understand the urgency and the critical role the diaspora must play in guiding US policy, as well as the appropriate local response to migrant needs. Our delegation in Washington, DC — including Senators Edward Markey and Elizabeth Warren — are seasoned and sensitive to Haiti policies and the domestic consequences that follow from them. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley co-chairs the Haiti Caucus in the House and has led the charge in speaking up on behalf of Haitians and the urgent need for our nation to turn its focus to its pressing needs. Boston Council President Ruthzee Louijeune is a respected voice and a key figure in the local and national dialogue.

Former state Rep. Marie St. Fleur, the first person of Haitian descent elected to the Massachusetts Legislature, has continued to lead in her professional career. For myself, as a former state representative and the first Haitian-American state senator in Massachusetts, I had the honor of serving with Marie in the State House, where we recognized the importance of bringing other American electeds of Haitian descent together.

In 2009, we worked to form the National Haitian American Elected Officials Network (NHAEN), which has grown to include more than 160 members in 19 states from both political parties. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life for Haitians in the US and influence foreign policy impacting Haiti.

NHAEN is frequently engaged in dialogue with the US State Department, the Biden administration, and our elected allies to offer a critical lens into a Haitian-led democracy in the world's first Black republic.

How can people of Haitian descent — and our allies — help in this moment? By supporting elected leaders like Rep. Pressley in her work to lobby our own government to prioritize Haiti as a foreign policy issue that demands a thoughtful and urgent response to stabilize the region. We also must support Gov. Maura Healey and her team as they continue to respond to a very challenging migrant crisis in the Commonwealth.

As Rep. Pressley said last week: "Congress and the Biden Administration have a moral obligation to take action to stabilize Haiti and to save lives, including by providing humanitarian and economic assistance, extending TPS for Haiti, halting deportations, supporting a democratic transition led by Haitian civil society, and more."

During this month-long celebration, let's enjoy the festivities, but let's also focus on the urgent needs of our Caribbean neighbors for whom the next weeks and months are critically important.

— Linda Dorcena Forry

*The Hon. Linda Dorcena Forry, a former state senator, is co-publisher of The Reporter.*

## Marian Manor, South Boston mainstay for 70 years, will shut down this summer

Marian Manor, the nursing and rehabilitation facility in South Boston run by the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm for the last 70 years, will close this summer. The group notified the state's Department of Public Health of its plan on Tuesday.

In a statement to the Reporter, a spokesperson for the Sisters explained: "Despite our best efforts to find a partner to redevelop the current location, we have been unable to create a plan that is financially viable given the challenges that all healthcare institutions currently face, including nursing shortages, skyrocketing real estate costs, inflation, and the growing demands for facility maintenance.

"In addition, there is not sufficient public funding or grants available at this time that would allow us to move forward with any of the redevelopment proposals considered for the current location.... Having exhausted every practical option, we have made the difficult decision to close Marian Manor as the aging building has come to the end of its useful life."

The closure is expected to take effect in 120 days.

The Sisters say that "prior to the closure of the facility, we will ensure that all our current residents are relocated to another location of their choosing — including a nearby facility sponsored by the Carmelite Sisters, or another nursing and long-term care facility."

The property on Telegraph Hill that the Sisters are



Marian Manor, South Boston (1954-2024).

leaving was the site where Andrew Carney built his eponymous hospital in 1863. The Carmelites opened Marian Manor in 1954, a year after the Carney Hospital moved to Lower Mills in Dorchester.

— REPORTER STAFF

## Letter to the Editor

## On climate change: Heed the warnings from current Columbia Point neighbors

To the Editor:

A recent editorial page in the Reporter featured Bill Forry's "A chance to plug into coastal resiliency plans" and Christopher Binns's letter to the editor, "Traffic signals and turn options could improve the everyday chaos at K-Circle." Both thoughtful submissions brought to light once again the urgent need to address critical issues of resiliency and traffic faced by our community, particularly now after the approval of Dorchester Bay City's six million square feet of development and other large-scale developments in its immediate vicinity.

After a five-year planning process, which included hundreds of Zoom "public" meetings, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved Dorchester Bay City without getting specific answers to the most pressing questions raised by our community, such as, "How can we be assured that adequate stormwater and traffic mitigation will be implemented before the considerable impacts of this massive development are felt?"

We are Harbor Point Apartments, an environmental justice community with 3,400 residents, including 400 low-income households. We are the most impacted neighbor to Dorchester Bay City.

Our residents and representatives attended these hearings over the last five years, met separately with the developers and BPDA, and submitted comment

letters and questions at every major regulatory filing by Dorchester Bay City. Mirroring the two editorialists, our questions and comments concerning resiliency and traffic were not adversarial, but practical. Despite our never getting answers to our key questions, Dorchester Bay City received the BPDA approval.

We don't believe this is how local and state regulatory oversight is supposed to work. Only a month ago, a nondescript coastal storm breached the sea walls of DCR's West Link of Dorchester Shores Reservation, of which 2,000 linear feet front the Harbor Point Apartments. Our streets were flooded, life safety equipment was compromised, and power and elevators were downed.

This happened *before* Dorchester Bay City raises its entire site by 5 to 6 ft., which will greatly exacerbate flooding on adjacent properties, including ours. It was a chilling reminder of the present-day threat of climate change to us and the surrounding community.

The BPDA and City of Boston have expended vast resources and efforts to shepherd through Dorchester Bay and other new large local proposals. We continue to wait for BPDA to extend equal consideration to the existing communities that are most impacted.

Orlando Perilla and Mike Corcoran  
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## Let's expedite an electrified Fairmount Line

BY MARILYN FORMAN  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The Fairmount Line traverses neighborhoods where over 60 percent of Black Bostonians reside. Despite this, the line has suffered from chronic underinvestment, leaving communities along its route in dire need of faster, reliable transportation options. Presently, trains operate with significant gaps of 45 minutes on weekdays and a staggering 90 minutes on weekends, a service frequency that falls woefully short of meeting the community's needs.

However, a beacon of hope shines on the horizon with a bold proposal before the MBTA, buoyed by investments in this year's capital plan, to electrify the line. This transformative initiative pledges to redefine commuting along the Fairmount Line, offering trains every 20 minutes on weekdays and every 30 minutes on weekends in just a few years. This represents a dramatic improvement in frequency, effectively doubling the number of trains available to passengers.

The transition to electric trains heralds a multitude of benefits for commuters. With faster travel times and quieter, more comfortable rides, these modern trains promise to elevate the overall commuting experience. Furthermore, this transition will play a pivotal role in reducing air and noise pollution, directly improving the quality of life for communities along the transit line by offering cleaner transportation options and encouraging a shift away from driving, thereby enhancing air quality.

At the same time, we applaud the recent schedule adjustments set to increase the current train service to every 30 minutes all day, starting later this year. This move is critical to making transit more accessible right now and sets us up for future wins on the Fairmount Line. It simplifies travel by making departure times easier to remember.

Decades of advocacy by the Fairmount Indigo Transit Coalition have underscored the urgent need for transit equity. These recent strides represent significant progress toward realizing their true rapid transit service vision. Serving some of Boston's most transit-reliant communities, the Fairmount Line plays a pivotal role in ensuring access to fast, reliable, and affordable transit. Electrification will fulfill this critical need by enabling faster travel times, reliability, and frequency.

We support the upcoming schedule changes and ask the MBTA to expedite the vital electrification project. We call upon local and state policymakers to allocate the necessary resources to build on this momentum, improve station area access, and lower fares from Readville station. Investing in transit infrastructure prioritizing marginalized communities isn't merely a matter of convenience; it's a cornerstone in fostering a more equitable and inclusive transportation system. Let's propel Boston's public transportation toward an environmentally sustainable and socially equitable future.

*Marilyn Forman lives in Dorchester. She is the co-chair of the Fairmount Indigo Transit Coalition.*

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# Green energy must be allocated equally in Boston's neighborhoods

By FRANK LOWENSTEIN  
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Massachusetts is ranked tenth in the nation for total installed solar capacity, boasting enough solar to power more than 900,000 homes. Yet, beneath this statistic lies a disconcerting truth: Solar energy may be exacerbating the divide between those who have and those who do not. We have the power to change this narrative and harness solar to create pathways to prosperity and equity for underserved communities, and, ultimately, to bring all of Massachusetts together in support of a green future.

In the state's capital, we see the immediate threat of climate change, with extreme heat, stormwater flooding, and coastal and riverine flooding. Communities of color are often harder hit by these environmental perils, as when 7,500 Dorchester households lost power during 2022's record-breaking heat wave, while the rest of the city could keep fans and air conditioners running.

Roxbury and Dorchester and similar neighborhoods pay twice the statewide average for energy as a percentage of income — close to or more than 6 percent of median annual income. Partially this reflects poor insulation and heating and cooling systems, and partially lower median income. But the result is that those who can least afford it are paying more of their income for power, may lack the savings or credit ratings to be able to put solar and other cost-saving technologies into play, and see a portion of their bill go to subsidize energy efficiency and renewable energy products that are often most utilized in wealthier communities.

This is the harsh reality of climate injustice, with low-income neighborhoods shouldering the dual

burden of heightened impacts and high energy costs, while affluent areas reap the benefits of renewable energy.

The urgency to act is palpable. Without intervention, communities will be left behind in the green transition and the burdens these disadvantaged communities carry will continue to grow. However, solar emerges as a beacon of hope, offering a solution to both climate and economic woes.

Envision a Boston where every neighborhood, regardless of income, harnesses the power of the sun, fostering local environmental sustainability and economic empowerment. Solar energy, as a renewable resource, plays a pivotal role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating climate change, while also improving local air quality.

On the economic front, solar presents a myriad of opportunities. Job training can equip residents with skills they need to thrive in the growing green energy sector, and to meet the state's need for more and more energy workers in the decades to come. Solar can also lower energy costs for households and businesses alike, and community solar provides further access to clean energy, leveling the playing field and empowering renters and others who may not want rooftop solar to still participate in the renewable revolution.

The Commonwealth's first ever climate report card, released late last year, promisingly identified environmental justice as one of seven areas of action for the state, but in the environmental justice section of the report card a dismal picture emerged: Of the six metrics of climate justice identified, five lacked any specific targets that might drive action. Two changes are coming that promise to fix that

gap, helping foster economic prosperity, equity, and environmental sustainability across all Boston communities.

First, there's a wave of creativity washing across Boston's historically marginalized black and brown neighborhoods, partially inspired by state funding through the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center and other vehicles. Ideas like the Boston Community Solar Cooperative; the Chinatown and Chelsea community-owned microgrid projects; solar development that strengthens nonprofits and their offerings to the community, like the one planned for Children's Services of Roxbury's headquarters; and the Solar Helping Ignite Neighborhood Economies (SHINE) effort led by Rare, an international conservation organization specializing in social change for the environment, are all like new seedlings in the spring — showing at pilot scale the potential benefits to our communities that might come from growth to full scale.

And this month the federal Environmental Protection Agency announced a \$156 million award to the Commonwealth under the EPA's Solar for All initiative. This funding is intended to advance solar energy for low-income residents. If properly applied, it should supercharge the early spring seedlings of environmental justice and equity, building the benefits of creativity and action for black and brown communities and other communities suffering from historic marginalization and discrimination. These investments are exciting; but it is imperative that communities benefit equitably.

*Frank Lowenstein is senior director of Climate Culture Boston for Rare and Sandra McCroom is president & CEO Children's Services of Roxbury.*

## Let's continue to invest in libraries across the state

By JOYCE LINEHAN  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

There's a lot to like in the Healey/Driscoll administration's Mass Leads Act, but I write today to draw attention to one piece in particular — the providing of \$150 million for the Massachusetts Public Library Construction Program (MPLCP). This program, started in 1987, has benefitted more than 250 municipalities in the Commonwealth, granting them critical matching funds for renovation and construction of these treasured spaces that anchor communities. It is administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

I was thrilled to be appointed by Gov. Healey in 2023 to serve on this body as a volunteer commissioner.

It was just 15 years ago, in 2010, in the wake of a serious economic downturn, that people in Boston pushed back on proposals to close eight to ten neighborhood branches of the Boston Public Library. There was a widespread grassroots movement to protect and even expand those library services, seen as essential to the health and vitality of the neighborhoods. Lucky for us, the activists prevailed.

People understand that libraries are more than buildings where you can borrow books. They are community centers, and safe spaces where ideas can be explored and shaped. They provide free access to education and learning, as well as tools for access. At some libraries, you can borrow tools, musical instruments, board games, toys, and internet access. At some, you can get seeds for planting a garden, spices from around the world, and artwork. People go to libraries to look for jobs, partake in classes, learn English, research where to go to college, how to sign up for Medicare, and more.

Some libraries have food pantries to serve neighbors struggling with food insecurity. Libraries can be a tool to combat loneliness. The services of a library are limited only by the imaginations of the people who work there, and the people they serve. Libraries are foundational to our democracy. If you think that's not true, just look at recent attempts to make them pawns in our political culture wars. They wouldn't be targets if they weren't essential.

When I was growing up in Adams

Corner, our branch was my after-school refuge, a place where I learned that the world was bigger than my neighborhood. I took theater classes, did arts and crafts, learned about music, explored great literature from around the world, made friends, and generally drove the librarians crazy. That ugly pink building, now thankfully rebuilt with support from the MPLCP, was essential to the growth of my intellect and more importantly, my imagination.

Many of our libraries are architecturally significant. The beautiful East Boston and Roxbury branches of the BPL have won multiple awards, as have the Woburn, Eastham, and Norwell Public Libraries, among others. And the BPL in Copley Square is one of the crown jewels of our city. As communities, we take pride in these buildings.

When I served as the policy and planning chief in Mayor Marty Walsh's administration, we dedicated significant resources to libraries, because we knew how important they are to people. The completion of the McKim Building of the BPL was one of the very first things to which we committed — on our very first day in the office, and we provided capital funding for the complete renovation of the Special Collections Department, which houses rare books and manuscripts, music, fine arts, and more. It houses our history, for all to see. We oversaw the renovations of many branches, including Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Allston, Roxbury, the aforementioned Adams Street branch in Dorchester. This state funding supported all of these projects. Mayor Walsh told me we would get to every library before the end of his third term. Of course, he didn't serve a third term, but luckily the library work continues.

In getting to know our state's libraries outside Boston, the importance of this public construction funding commitment becomes strikingly evident. Our libraries come in all shapes and sizes, from tiny one-room facilities to large multi-branch systems. The public construction program funded by this bill serves all of them with customized approaches. These investments are crucial.

We are lucky to have a governor and other elected leaders who understand that libraries are essential to our culture and our neighborhoods, and I ask

you to call your state representative and senator to confirm that they are supporting H.4459, the Mass Leads Act, and specifically funding for the construction and renovation of library buildings.

*Joyce Linehan is a resident of Dorchester.*



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# UP Academy network stages its first fundraiser gala – ‘Shine Dorchester’

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

The UP Academy network of Dorchester schools held its first-ever fundraising gala, Shine Dorchester, on Thurs., May 2, at the Southline Boston building on Morrissey Boulevard.

UP Academy is an in-district Boston Public Schools (BPS) charter school network that now operates two schools in Dorchester and one in South Boston, UP Academy Boston. That facility is slated to close next year, leaving a merged two-school network – UP Academy Dorchester (the former Marshall School) and UP Academy Holland – in Dorchester.

State law allows for independent and in-district charter schools, both of which exist in Dorchester.



Dorchester's Tiana Wallace, a Classroom Trailblazer award winner, with her mother, Bonnie Mines-Wallace. Artist Curtis Williams did a live painting demonstration during the gala.

Seth Daniel photos



UP Dorchester was launched in 2013, and UP Holland in 2014. This year, they are educating 1,300 students in grades K-8, who in time will join more than 10,000 alums in the area. Despite that history, the school network has never held an event celebrating the

school. This year, board member Ellen Daley, of Lower Mills, drove the effort to make things right with “Shine Dorchester.”

UP CEO Hillary Casson, who arrived here from Baltimore 10 years ago to work in the newly launched in-district charter schools, said, “I

had the good fortune of ending up in Dorchester for work and life. It was in Dorchester that I made my best friends, had my daughter, and bought my first home. Dorchester made me the person I am today...Our goal when we started was, and still is, that students and



Alexandra MacKenzie, left, of Bitsight, accepts the Opportunity Architect award from UP CEO Hillary Casson.



Jeilianys Rodriguez and Devonae Jennings flashed smiles at one another after performing in the UP Academy Honor Choir.

school was highlighted in many ways, one of which was the bestowal of the first Shine Awards upon faculty and partners.

ford; Community Champions YouthBuild; and Opportunity Architect Bitsight.

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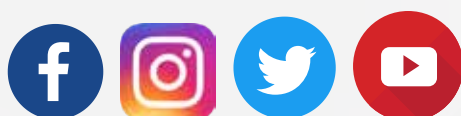
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# Post-desegregation, parents fret over unmet needs in poll

**(Continued from page 1)** In December of 2023, Medina said she was filled with “sadness and frustration” when she saw immigrant students who spoke various languages struggling with a computerized test for learning assessment.

“I saw that some of the students didn’t know what they were doing,” a translator read to the councillors. “They were not able to complete this test: just to see in the little faces of those kids to be in front of a computer trying to achieve their goals, but they couldn’t do anything. It was very unfortunate that also the teacher wanted to do her job, but she couldn’t do anything because she only spoke English.”

Under pressure to align with state guidance on inclusive learning, BPS officials plan to assign more multilingual learners to regular classrooms, with support for English as a Second Language (ESL). In testimony to the council, the long-time education advocate John Mudd countered that ESL support was not the same as instruction in a native language.

If a regular classroom gives the learners more exposure to spoken English, advocates argue that instruction in their first language would still allow for subject comprehension at a higher level.

“Various ways of doing

dual language programs have better outcomes than English immersion with the ESL support,” Mudd said. In October of 2023, he was among the majority of the members of the English Learners task force who resigned in protest against BPS inclusion plans.

Under the proposed \$1.5 billion BPS budget for the coming fiscal year, most schools will get less funding, mainly due to the loss of federal stimulus money, and despite a proposed increase in city funding. At the April 29 hearing, Johnny McInnis, the political director for the Boston Teachers Union (BTU), relayed concerns that teachers in inclusive classrooms would not have enough specialized supports.

“The BTU believes in inclusion done right,” he said, “which means fighting for fully supported and funded inclusive classrooms, the services our students deserve, and putting an end to a single teacher having to do the job of two or more educators at once, which deprived students with disabilities and multilingual learners of the additional specialized support they need and deserve.”

Bilingual education in the BPS dates back to 1967, following efforts by parents and advocates. With the start of desegregation in 1974, Latinx and Asian-American parents campaigned for student safety and language programs that were in danger of disruption from the resulting change in student assignments. By the school year 2023-24, the two groups account for a majority of the BPS enrollment, with the state classifying almost 45 percent of the students as “Hispanic.”

After a sharp decrease in white students in the first decade of desegregation – 59 percent by 1981 – the number of Black students in BPS dropped by half in the first two decades of the 21st century. That change has been linked with a shift toward charter schools and private schools, but also with gentrification and upward mobility.

Some students of color from Boston attend predominantly white schools in the suburbs through METCO, the voluntary desegregation program started in 1966, whose enrollment total has long been slightly more than 3,000 students. Though METCO numbers for 2019-20 show a higher percentage of students with special needs than in the BPS, the program was far below BPS figures for students who were language learners or economically disadvantaged.

Despite years of demographic changes for the

BPS, there has been little change in the racial gap in achievement reflected on the state’s MCAS assessments. In the scores released last September, there were lower percentages of Black and “Latino” students who met or exceeded goals for their grade. What’s not tracked by the state metrics are demographic differences and changes within racial groups.

At a May 6 Suffolk University Ford Hall Forum, whose co-sponsors included the Boston Desegregation and Busing Initiative (BDBI), some of those changes were noted by Ron Bell, who was bused to a school in Brighton from his neighborhood in Mission Hill during the first years of desegregation.

“Even in 1963, the year I was born, the march on Washington, 98,000 students were in the Boston Public School. Now it’s 48,000, 49,000, mostly Latino. Blacks are not the folks I grew up with,” he said. “They’re in Brockton, Randolph, they’re all over the state. I went to Brockton two weeks ago, and it was like it was Mission Hill.”

Another forum participant, Tatiana F. Cruz, an assistant professor and interdisciplinary program director of Africana Studies at Simmons University, suggested that the public schools

are only one factor in the pursuit of advancement.

“I think education is one piece, but I’m a mother of three and I live in Dorchester and, like many, many folks of color, we have left the Boston schools,” she said. “And you can see actually mass numbers of African Americans in particular who have left Boston schools in the last decade especially. So yes, we need to fix that.”

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in years when BPS was posting gains in student achievement.

Despite an increase in overall public school enrollment, primarily because of charter schools, The Boston Foundation observed that the BPS had become more racially and economically segregated, with students of low-income accounting for 77-80 percent of enrollment outside of exam schools. "As a result," the report concluded, "Boston's public schools are now educating a larger proportion of students from low-income families who tend to have greater educational needs."

Even Boston School Committee members who resisted desegregation efforts before 1974 acknowledged racial discrimination in housing, a practice that also reinforced market perceptions and values. Almost fifty years later, a report from Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies found a racial housing pattern in Greater Boston that followed a nationwide trend, with 81 percent of US metro areas with at least 200,000 people more segregated in 2019 than in 1990. Because of "unequal housing choices," the segregation that federal rulings confined to Boston's public schools in 1974 had been transposed over a larger territory.

"Today's high housing prices are also pricing Black families out of Boston, and the city's Black population has leveled off even though the region's Black population has increased," according to the report. "Many Black families have been moving to newly segregating, post-industrial cities on the metropolitan edge."

In the 20th century, Boston lost even more people between 1950 and 1960 than between 1970 and 1980, which included the first years of desegregation. Due to housing and mortgage discrimination, there was less access to the suburbs for the Black buyers and renters, and less opportunity to build wealth.

Even within Boston, growth in housing supply from 1950-1980 was highest in predominantly white areas such as Hyde Park and West Roxbury, according to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). Over the same decades, the biggest loss of units, almost 31 percent of the housing stock, was in Roxbury, a predominantly Black area affected by urban renewal and land clearances for a highway project that would be halted in 1972, after resistance from local communities.

Another Ford Hall Forum panelist, Karilyn

Crockett, an assistant professor of Urban History, Public Policy & Planning at MIT, wrote about the local resistance to the project in her book, "People Before Highways." She connected segregation in schools to "the durability of residential segregation" as the "bed-rock organizing order" of the United States.

"So we can talk about what's going on in schools, or we can talk about what's going on in job sites," she said, "but, fundamentally, the fact that there is this lasting racial residential segregation will mean that we will always be in this return conversation to how can we get better schools, how can we get integrated schools."

The granddaughter of a plaintiff in Boston's 1972 school segregation case, Crockett suggested that part of the answer could be found by examining the history of movements for equality and community control.

"So we are very much in a future that people were trying to resist, people were trying to resist this moment of crisis where we're still talking about racial integration because they thought they could have solved it 50 years ago, and they could have people pushing for a future where we're not still talking about a housing crisis, because that's

what they were trying to address in the sixties," she said.

"Even by stopping a highway, they felt like they were trying to make sure the people who lived in the city could stay there. And so we are in this repetitive cycle that can actually be broken, not by waiting for a bank or someone to write a check or for a superhero from outer space to come and save us, but by really listening to ourselves

and our own history and resolving ourselves to the wealth which is already embedded in community."

That also described the purpose of the May 4 hackathon on the racial wealth gap organized by Crockett at MIT. Ron Bell also took part, as a judge and member of a group focused on busing and desegregation. At the forum two days later, Bell said it was "mind-blowing" to encounter his individual

experience as part of a larger story.

"We lived it, but we never thought about it," he said. "We never knew, could remember - I was 11 years old. And, to see what's going on now and to look at the history, many folks say, 'You know, we've come a long way.' We haven't come. We may have come. It may have been a lot of years, but we haven't gone that far, as far as progress."

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2022 recipients of a Boston Preservation Alliance award for their Dorchester home and recent winners of HGTV's first "Battle on the Mountain," David and Stephen St. Russell have lots to share about the joys and challenges of do-it-yourself renovation projects. Come learn and ask questions of these engaging neighbors!

**Local Real Estate Transactions**

Buyer	Seller	Address	Date	Price
Glenway St Homes LLC	20 Glenway Street LLC	20 Glenway St	04/24/24	\$685,832
21 Ellington Street LLC	Ellington Street Invs LLC	21 Ellington St	04/23/24	410,000
Mcelhinney, Bryan	Knight, Aisha	6 Gleason St	04/25/24	1,120,000
Walker, Elizabeth	Santagati, Gina M	141 Savin Hill Ave #A32	04/25/24	560,000
Castillo-Pimentel, C R	Pham, Tiffany	66 Colorado St	04/23/24	680,000
Nguyen, Toan K	Washington, Darling	61 Robinson St	04/24/24	1,227,500
Mania, Corey	De Savage, Maria P	106 Sawyer Ave #1	04/26/24	559,000
Clac Boston LLC	Gjs-1096 Blue Hill Ave Rt	1096 Blue Hill Ave #4	04/26/24	1,300,000
Grigoriadis, Dimitrios	Abigail Properties LLC	71 W Selden St #6	04/26/24	290,000
Clac Boston LLC	Gjs-1096 Blue Hill Ave Rt	1096 Blue Hill Ave #2	04/26/24	1,300,000
Clac Boston LLC	Gjs-1096 Blue Hill Ave Rt	1096 Blue Hill Ave #3	04/26/24	1,300,000
Clac Boston LLC	Gjs-1096 Blue Hill Ave Rt	1096 Blue Hill Ave #5	04/26/24	1,300,000
Billingsley, Felicia	Abizaid, Carol	47 Oldfields Rd #2	04/26/24	640,000
Conroy, Maura P	Mcleod, Renee	173 Train St #1	04/26/24	615,000
Wang, Jenny	Nguyen, Jonathan	57-59 Sumner St #A	04/24/24	410,000
Rosen, Phillip L	Dp Homes LLC	3 Melville Ave #5	04/25/24	680,000
Fang, Ton	29 Woodford St LLC	29 Woodford St #1	04/26/24	1,060,793
Ghaziah, Hind	Rns Wilcutt LLC	1 Wilcutt Rd #1	04/26/24	760,000
Ganesan, Shilpa	19-23 Clapp St LLC	19-23 Clapp St #4	04/26/24	750,000

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# Uphams Corner Health Center upgrades pharmacy offerings

BY CASSIDY MCNEELEY  
REPORTER STAFF

As retail drug store chains in and around Dorchester close, Uphams Corner Health Center has become the latest community health center to step up and bridge the growing gap of prescriptions services. Last Tuesday (May 7, the Columbia Road facility welcomed state and city representatives and community members to celebrate the expansion of its 14-year-old pharmacy with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at a refurbished space inside the health center at 415 Columbia Rd.

“In an era where our for-profit pharmacies are shutting their doors and making pharmacy deserts in our neighborhood, we are stepping



Uphams Corner Health Center employees, state and city representatives, and community members gathered outside of the facility's front entrance last Tuesday celebrate the center's pharmacy expansion. Cassidy McNeeley photo

forward,” said Jagdeep (Jay) Trivedi, CEO of Uphams Corner Health. “We are not looking at profit margins, we are looking at what our community needs and deserves.”

A recent addition to the Uphams pharmacy is

the Parata Max automated medicine dispensing system, which sorts, counts, labels, and caps prescriptions.

“Instead of a human counting the medication, it counts it automatically. When a prescription is

billed, the signal goes to the machine to count the medication then the medication comes out all in a vial, counted, and closed,” said pharmacy director Marina Rabinovich, who noted .

While some may be sur-

prised to see the smaller size of the pharmacy waiting room, with the Parata Max, the pharmacists promise prescriptions will be ready within 15 minutes of being ordered.

Patients can request items by calling the pharmacy at 617-265-1310 or visiting one of the windows in the pharmacy waiting room. “We can bring anything the community needs and can do personal orders,” Rabinovich told the Reporter. She added, “We’re also ordering medication with a next-day delivery so you can pop-in and say I want this product and we can order it.”

To enhance accessibility, the pharmacy offers a delivery service from Monday through Friday

within a ten-mile radius of the center.

State Rep. Christopher Worrell was on hand to offers a “thank you to Uphams Corner Health Center and the entire staff for recognizing the lack of resources in our community and doing everything in your power to rectify the safety and well-being of our community.”

The pharmacy is located on the first floor of the health center and is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, from 9 to 5 on Fridays, and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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Docket No. SU24P0950EA  
ESTATE OF:  
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DATE OF DEATH: 04/05/2024

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Wise-Mecca Allah of Fall River, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Wise-Mecca Allah of Fall River, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
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OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON**  
Docket No. SU20P0555GD  
In the interests of:  
**Jamai Coleman**  
Of: Brockton, MA  
RESPONDENT

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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts Department of Children & Families of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court Terminate the Guardianship.

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# Third annual 'Open' Dot Avenue proves a draw

By **SETH DANIEL**  
NEWS EDITOR

The Open Streets Dorchester festival took over Dorchester Avenue last Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – blocking off traffic and allowing for a safe walking and biking environment to a thoroughfare usually dominated by motor vehicles.

This was the third year for the City's Open Streets festivals, and Dorchester kicked off the fun this year – with several more events around the city set to take place throughout the summer and early fall. While colder weather and some rain played a part in keeping huge numbers away from the festival this year, plenty of families and neighbors still took advantage of the morning and afternoon closures to make the event a fun place to be.

The closures went from Adams Street in Fields Corner all the way to Ashmont Street in Peabody Square. The next event is scheduled for June 22 on Blue Hill Avenue in Roxbury and Dorchester between Warren Street in Grove Hall to West Cottage Street. The time there will also be 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.



**Above: Empty spaces with no cars provided plenty of opportunity for kids to "do whatever they want," including this sibling duo that blazed a tricycle path down Dorchester Avenue near Welles Avenue last Sunday.**

**Hyro Vu tried his hand at painting a nature scene just up from St. Mark's Church as his parents, Le and Tam look on.**  
*Seth Daniel photos*



**Taking a Sunday stroll on Dorchester Avenue were Tom Bearce, little Eleanor Bearce, and Samantha Landry-Bearce.**



**Lianne and Tyrone Odom with state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley visiting on Dorchester Avenue during the annual Open Streets festival.**



**Might as well jump. Siblings Clarissa and Charles Strojwas twirl the jump rope for their sister, Morgaine Strojwas, outside the Henderson Lower School on Dorchester Avenue during the annual Dorchester Open Streets festival.**



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**BGCD Youth of the Year Joel T. Heads to Massachusetts Competition: See details below.**

**CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Partners with Elevate Youth for Fishing Trip at Camp Sewataro:**  
This past weekend, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester partnered with Elevate Youth to host a Fishing Trip for our members at Camp Sewataro in Sudbury. Elevate Youth kindly provided the Fishing gear and bait for members to use. It was a great day as the group was excited to catch a number of fish throughout the day. Elevate Youth's mission is to empower youth to explore the outdoors alongside mentors, sharing awe and the richness of our natural world.

Thanks to our friends at Elevate Youth for making this outing possible. Next up for the group will be a trip to Thompson's Island in June.

To learn more about partnering with BGCD, please contact Mike Joyce at [mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org).

**FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Youth of the Year Joel T. Heads to Massachusetts Competition:** Congratulations to Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's 2024 Youth of the Year Joel T. who represented our Club in the 2024 Massachusetts Youth of the Year competition held at Gillette Stadium! Joel was one of 34 participating candidates who attended this special event with other finalists across the state. Joel was joined at the competition by Deshawn V., who was BGCD's 2023 Youth of the Year and the Massachusetts State Youth of the Year who served as a co-emcee at the Recognition Dinner.

We congratulate Joel on his major accomplishment and for being an outstanding Teen Leader! To learn more about the Youth of the Year Program, please contact Mike Joyce at [mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org).



**Rob & Karen Hale Donate \$10 Million to BGCD's Fieldhouse+ Project: See details below.**

**DID YOU KNOW: Rob & Karen Hale Donate \$10 Million to BGCD's Fieldhouse+ Project:** To celebrate his running of the Boston Marathon, CEO of Granite Telecommunications Rob Hale and his wife Karen donated \$26.2 million to 72 local charities. The Hales gave a \$9 million contribution to The Fieldhouse+ Project, adding to their previous donation of \$1 million. The Fieldhouse+, in partnership with the Martin Richard Foundation, will be a 75,000-square foot facility featuring indoor courts, a turf field, a walking track, a teaching kitchen, a roof garden, a theater, a fitness center and so much more.

Thank you to the Hale Family for this transformational gift and believing helping to make The Fieldhouse+ Project a reality! To learn more about The Fieldhouse+ Project at [fieldhouseplus.org](http://fieldhouseplus.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Ron Burton Training Village Retreat**  
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# Latest plans for White Stadium include more open space

(Continued from page 1) from the mayor's office acting as the project lead for White Stadium. In some cases, temporary fencing would be put up, but there would no longer be the permanent fencing that was not popular with the public.

Another notable change includes eliminating a service entrance on Playstead Road, which critics said intruded on the natural, tree-lined promenade that is popular with cyclists and pedestrians.

"We heard loud and clear that the service operations on Playstead Road were seen by folks as impeding on the park and instead we'll maintain that as a pedestrian corridor," said Fernandez.

Service operations would be moved to the west grandstand on Pierpont Road where soccer gameday shuttles will be arriving and departing.

The wing design, officials said, would minimize impact on the park and consolidate the architecture to make operations fall within the current walls of the stadium. It also allows for reducing the width of the stadium's West Grandstand to save some legacy sugar maple trees and an outcropping of Puddingstone.

Inside the stadium, the playing field has been reduced in size so that an eight-lane track used by Boston Public School student-athletes would be available at all times and not covered up by seating when not in use.

Officials noted that there would be a tremendous amount of time devoted to BPS athletes and community events, showing timelines that indicated during the soccer season 90 percent of use would be devoted to non-soccer team operations. Boston Unity, the pro team,

## INCORPORATED COMMUNITY FEEDBACK INTO DESIGN

1. We reduced the width of the West Grandstand
2. We reduced the size of the field
3. We removed the bean building in The Grove
4. Protected the character defining pudding stone and large legacy trees on the east and west sides
5. Reduced pavement in The Grove and aligned pathway system with FPAP recommendations
6. Removed service and loading operations from physical road, removing vehicles
7. Minimized site impact by consolidating architecture into wings that extend from the grandstand and follow stadium walls
8. Moved scoreboard away from the playstead
9. Eliminated permanent fencing around the grove, established temporary fencing infrastructure for community events and soccer games (rope and chain)
10. Enhanced holistic design to include cross functional use of East and West Grandstands (wings on the west accommodate BPS program)
11. Maintained and introduced new 8 lane track and created new field sports opportunities



would practice mid-day on Fridays, and have game-day operations on Saturdays from the afternoon until after 10 p.m.

Outside of the season, they noted, 100 percent of the time would be dedicated to BPS and community uses.

During soccer season (March to November), football would need to be scheduled elsewhere "to maintain the condition of the grass field," said Dion Irish, the city's chief of operations. That would call for the Boston Latin School (BLS) and Boston Latin Academy (BLA) football teams to be relocated for much of their seasons.

While there will be the traditional Thanksgiving Day/rivalry games in late November after the soccer season ends, BLS and BLA those teams would need to find new places to practice and play their regular season home games. Irish said that BLS would play and practice football on Clemente Field in The Fens. BLA has yet to secure a location for practice and games.

There are only seven BPS high school football teams still in existence, with many schools no longer able to field a team. For instance, Dorchester's Jeremiah Burke High School was a state champion and perennial contender in the early 2000s but hasn't had a football team since before the pandemic. Potentially being able to play one late-season game on White Stadium is seen as "a catalyst" to spark more participation in BPS sports programs, Irish said.

Operations of the Grove area have been a little murky in detail so far, but McDaniel said Boston Unity Soccer would lease the space with the stadium year-round and be responsible for maintaining the concessions across all seasons, staging community programming, and renting out the space to community or regional groups for functions.

One concern raised by critics has been whether the Grove's popularity with

those from outside the neighborhood might push out more adjacent community users.

McDaniel said that "neighborhood vs. region" dynamic is something they are thinking about and have proposed a governance structure to oversee the use of the stadium and the Grove "so the programming reflects what they want to see."

The lease agreement and accompanying documents that would codify Boston Unity's use of the stadium and the Grove have not yet been made public. McDaniel said that "the lease is currently a document being negotiated between the city and a private party. We can't share that right now because of those negotiations. All of the commitments previously stated will be memorialized in the lease and other regulatory documents."

There will be four documents in all, including a lease document, a cooperation agreement, a memorandum of understanding between Boston Parks and Boston Unity, and the Transportation Action Plan Agreement (TAPA).

"We're still incorporating feedback from the community into this program," said Fernandez. "This is work in progress and not a done deal."

Other proposed design changes include:

- Keeping the basketball courts on the east side of the field but eliminating the tennis courts that are adjacent to the Grove. The courts would be relocated to Scarborough Field, a move that has the support of tennis users and the Franklin Park Coalition.
- Moving the scoreboard away from the Playstead area and incorporating it more into the stadium.
- Removing paving from the Grove area and aligning the pathway system with Franklin Park Action Plan recommendations.

## T: More Red Line slow zones lifted after week's shutdown

The MBTA was able to eliminate 13 slow zones

on the Red Line last week while the stretch from Park Street to JFK/UMass was shut down.

"With each diversion, we are delivering a safer and more reliable service to our riders. We continue to make great progress on this critical work to maintain the system," MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng said. "I thank our riders and the communities that we serve for their patience as we completed this critical work along the Red Line."

"I especially want to thank our dedicated workforce and contractor crews. I continue to be proud of their collaboration and diligence."

The MBTA said that the shutdown had allowed for a slew of accomplishments, including, but not limited to, 11,500

feet of track replaced, a multitude of tunnel inspections, and ceiling repairs at the Downtown Crossing station that "would not have been able to be accomplished during overnight periods alone."

Additionally, other station improvements included fixing bike racks and fencing at JFK/UMass, stairway replacements at Downtown Crossing, and updating signage throughout the affected closure area.

As of Tuesday, May 14, there are still 43 speed restrictions on the Red Line. The next Red Line shutdown will be this coming weekend, May 18 and May 19, and will affect the stretch of track between Broadway and Braintree.

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**Event Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85110487981>

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**Phone:** +1 646 558 8656

If you cannot attend this meeting, have any questions or comments about this proposal, or need interpretation services, please contact in advance:

Jeremie Bembury  
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services  
617-635-3279 | jeremie.bembury2@boston.gov

Please note, the City does not represent the owner(s)/developer(s)/attorney(s)/applicant(s). The purpose of this meeting is to get community input and listen to the resident's positions on this proposal. This flyer has been dropped off by the proponents per the city's request.





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### The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

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BID NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME
WRA-5468	Purchase of Nutrients Analysis Instrument	05/28/24	1:00 p.m.
WRA-5465	Supply and Delivery of Hydrofluorosilicic Acid to the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant	05/28/24	2:00 p.m.
WRA-5466	Supply and Delivery of Aqua Ammonia to the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant	05/28/24	2:00 p.m.
WRA-5467	Supply and Delivery of Carbon Dioxide to the John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant	05/28/24	2:00 p.m.
W349	RFQ/P Dam Safety Compliance and Consulting	06/12/24	11:00 a.m.

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Household Size	80% AMI	100% AMI
1	\$68,500	\$94,220
2	\$78,250	\$107,680
3	\$88,050	\$121,140
4	\$97,800	\$134,600
5	\$105,650	\$145,368
6	\$113,450	\$156,136

\*2024 Area Median Incomes for Taunton-Mansfield-Norton, MA FMR

Maximum Asset Limit
\$75,000

Asset Limit does not include retirement. Does include Real Estate

Applications are available during the application period for 60 days, from Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 — Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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We will be holding 2 informational meetings over Zoom on the follow dates/times:

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 & Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12pm**

<https://maloneyproperties.zoom.us/j/89969822463?pwd=nCziqNXmXo3dyglg83PEQlghCy4Rw1>

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MOH Income Restricted Rental Opportunity  
Four Corners Plaza  
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35 Income-restricted Units

31 Income-restricted UNITS IN THE LOTTERY					
# of Units	# of bedrooms	Rent	Maximum Income Limit (% AMI)	# built out for mobility impairments	# built out for Deaf/hard of hearing
2	2	30% of Income	30%	1	-
3	3	30% of Income	30%	-	-
3	Studio	\$1,558	60%	-	-
9	1	\$1,670	60%	1	-
13	2	\$2,004	60%	-	-
1	3	\$2,315	60%	-	-

4 Units are Homeless Set-asides					
# of Units	# of bedrooms	Rent	Maximum Income Limit (AMI)	# built out for mobility impairments	# built out for Deaf/hard of hearing
4	2	30% of Income	30%	-	-

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Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))			Maximum Incomes (set by HUD/MOH + based on household size + Area Median Income (AMI))		
# of BRs	30% AMI	60% AMI	Household Size	30% AMI	60% AMI
Studio	-	\$44,490	1	\$31,170	\$62,340
			2	\$35,640	\$71,280
1	-	\$44,460	3	\$40,080	\$80,160
			4	\$44,520	\$89,040
2	\$0	\$53,310	5	\$48,090	\$96,200
			6	\$51,660	\$103,300

Minimum Incomes Apply. Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH) or for the units in this development that include a project-based voucher.

Applications are available during the application period for 47 days, from April 18, 2024 through June 3, 2024.

Applications are available in person on the following days, dates, and times in the following place(s)			
Day	Date	Time	Location
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	04/19/2024 - 06/03/2024	10 AM - 4 PM	95 B Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02121
Tuesday, Thursday	04/18/2024 - 06/03/2024	10 AM - 7 PM	95 B Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02121
Saturday	5/18/2024	10 AM - 2 PM	95 B Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02121
Saturday	6/1/2024	10 AM - 2 PM	95 B Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02121

To request an online application or to have one sent by email, visit <https://bit.ly/FourCornersAppRequest>

In-person and virtual informational meetings will be held on the following dates/times/locations				
Day	Date	Time	In-person Location	Virtually
Thursday	04/25/2024	3 PM - 5 PM	31 Erie Street, Dorchester, MA 02121	<a href="https://bit.ly/3JdU2rd">https://bit.ly/3JdU2rd</a>
Saturday	05/11/2024	10 AM - 12 PM	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120	<a href="https://bit.ly/3TQ8cX3">https://bit.ly/3TQ8cX3</a>

**DEADLINE:** Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than **Thursday, June 3, 2024.**  
Mailed to **95B Washington Street, Dorchester, MA 02121**

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For more information, language assistance, or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call 617-445-1412 or email [fourcornersplaza@wincco.com](mailto:fourcornersplaza@wincco.com).



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## RECENT OBITUARIES



**BOYLAN, John Gerald, Jr.**, 73 of Dorchester. Husband of Rebecca (Petty) Boylan of Dorchester. Brother of Nancy Thomas and her husband Dave of Illinois, Deborah Boylan of Rhode Island and the late Elizabeth St. Angelo and her husband Robert. Also survived by many extended family and friends. John enjoyed a 40+ year career of research, teaching and mentoring. The last 20+ years were at Boston College where in addition to his role in the Chemistry Department, John taught courses on living a purposeful life. Donations in memory of John may be made to All Saints Ashmont.

**BRAYTON, David F.**, 97, of Marstons Mills, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Homer and Kathryn (Bosse) Brayton US Navy veteran. David was a music educator for 50 years on the South Shore, primarily in the Weymouth Public Schools and also at Boston Conservatory. He is survived by his daughters, Caryl Brayton Toole of Hull and Sandra Brayton of Plymouth; stepchildren, Ann Marie Perrault of Marstons Mills and Jeffery Perrault of Manchester, NH; 8 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by wife, Eleanor; stepson, Michael Perrault; brothers, Homer and Roger Brayton; and sister, Elizabeth Norcott.

Please consider a memorial contribution to The Jimmy Fund or Tunnel to Towers.



**CAMPBELL, Catherine**, 99, of Dorchester, originally of Donegal, Ireland. Wife of the late Francis G. Campbell. Kay is survived by her sons, Francis G. Campbell Jr. and his wife Katie of Mashpee and Michael Joseph Campbell of Dorchester. She leaves 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.



**DONAHUE, Joan Frances (McEachern)**, 97, of Milton and OFD. Wife of the late Theodore Charles Donahue. Mother of A. J. Donahue and his wife Veronica of Plympton, Ted C. Donahue, Jr., of Avon, Paul G. Donahue and his wife Jamie of Dennisport, Julie Lavin and her husband Donald of Northborough, Joan Ward of Quincy, Joseph Donahue and his wife Lee of NC and Maria Crossley and her husband Ric of Dennisport. She is

also survived by her 12 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Joan was predeceased by her parents Arthur J. and Mildred F. (Tagen) McEachern and her twin brother Paul McEachern and her sister Maria Rayl. Donations in Joan's memory may go to: Alzheimer's Foundation, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

**HARTLEY, Jean M. (Kraus)**, 94, of Randolph, formerly of Dorchester. Jean was a daughter of the late John and Effie (Johnson) Kraus. Wife of the late Harold J. Hartley. She was the mother of mother Christine A. Dunsford and her late husband, Bill of Sunderland, MD, Barbara J. DuPont and her late husband, Tom of Hanover, Nancy J. Hartley Walenski and her husband, Stephen Walenski of Canton, Paul V. Hartley and his wife, Kathleen of Bridgewater and H. James Hartley and his wife, Tara of New Seabury. Grandmother of 10; as well as great-grandmother of 10. She was the sister of the late Donald Kraus, Dorothy Ramsay, Robert Kraus, Annie Doyle, John Kraus and Paul Kraus.



**HAYNES, Jean E. (Christie)**, 91, of Mattapan. Daughter to the late Lewis E. Christie and Leah E. Johnson. Jean was a foster parent with the Department of Social Services (DSS, now the Department of Children and Services, DCF). Over the years, it is estimated that she has nurtured over five hundred infants. Jean and her husband, Walter extended their love to children in need, eventually adopting eight additional children into their family. Throughout her years of service and dedication, Jean has been honored with several awards and

recognitions for her outstanding contributions such as: The Greater Boston Chorus Union for Dedicated Service Award, on May 12, 1979, The National Council of Negro Women Inc, provided her with the Women of Courage and Conviction Award in 1995, in 1999 she was recognized in a Statewide Award as Foster Parent of the Year, nominated by the Dimock Area Office (currently Jackson Square Area Office), The Department of Social Services (now DCF) awarded her the Goldie Roberts Award, in 2004, and she was recognized at the Massachusetts State House as a Longtime Foster Parent. She preceded in death by her husband Walter Haynes Jr. She was the mother of: the late Harry E. Brown and his late partner, Sandra L. Cross; Linda J. Donovan and her late husband, John Donovan; Valerie Jean Brown-Johnson and her late husband, Ronald E. Johnson; Gregory J. Brown and his wife, Bonnie Brown; Kimberlyanne Haynes; Walter S. Haynes; Paulette M. Patterson-Haynes; Leah Bigger-Allen; Kristopher Scola-Haynes; Sabina T. Haynes; Shaunna J. Haynes; the late Kenny Layton; Holly Murrey-Haynes; Nicholas Benders-Haynes and his wife, Ruthie Burgos-Haynes; and late Jeanna Dumond-Haynes. Additionally, she is remembered by her late ex-husband, Harry Brown, and her former daughter-in-law, Sheryl Brown. She is also survived by her siblings; Lewis Christie, the late Enid Williams, the late Pauline Latson, the late Althea Helm, Leah Christie, Raymond Christie, Miriam Smith, Doris Bordley, and Sabree Abdullah, who shared a lifetime of memories and love with her. Also, she will be remembered by her sisters-in-laws, Marge Christie, and Gloria Christie. Continuing her legacy are Jean's twenty-two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She also leaves her nieces and nephews, and two godchild-

dren, Jean was blessed with the companionship and profound support of dear family friends, whose presence brought comfort and radiant joy to her life.



**KEOGH, Mary Jo (Hansberry)**, 93, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester and Galway, Ireland. Predeceased by her husband the late William C. Keogh, and son the late William J. Keogh of North Andover. Survived by son John F. Keogh and wife Genevieve of Braintree, daughter in law Sarah Keogh and husband Ken Klonoski of North Andover; 7 grandchildren: 6 great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends both here and in Ireland. Donations in Mary Jo's memory may be made to Bishop Reed, The Catholic TV Network, PO Box 9196, Watertown, MA 02471.



**KUBLIN, Ida (Berman)**, 95, of Needham, formerly of Newton and Mattapan. Predeceased by her husband Abraham Kublin and siblings Julian, Izzie, Harry, Louis, Max, Sarah and Minna. Mother to Daniel and Patti Kublin and Dr. Jeffrey and Debbie Kublin. Grandmother to 9. Great-grandmother to 12. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Ida worked with her husband Abe for 37 years at Kublin's restaurant in Boston and in 1988, began working with her son Jeff at Pro Optical in Boston for 31 years. Remembrances in her memory may be made

to West End House Camp, <https://www1.westend-housecamp.org/donate/> or the charity of your choice.



**McFARLANE, Clive "Scrappy"** 40, of Dorchester. Son of Marlene Parkinson and Clive McFarlane. He is survived by his children Claudelle, Mekhiyah, Hazel and Egypt McFarlane. His mother Marlene and Father Clive. His siblings Andrew, Alisha, Michael Nelson; Antoneisha, Cory, Chyann, Chyna & Chemar McFarlane. He also leaves behind to mourn the mother of his children Felecia Freeman, a Special Friend Jasmine Sanders, Best friends/Brothers Charles Matthews, John Matthews, Daniel Bullard and Kenneth Burke.



**OLANDER, Arabela McClintock Severy**, 77, of Monson, originally of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Josephine McClintock Bellamy Severy and Robert Pease Severy. Wife of Raymond M. Orlander. Mother of William, Mary, Timothy and Joseph. Grandmother of 5. Sister of Donald and his wife Mai, Robert; brothers-in-law Bill and his wife Deb, Tom and his wife Janet; son-in-law Richard; and daughters-in-law Jamie and Maria. She was a teacher in the Monson public school system and later at the Warren Seventh Day Adventist Elementary School. Donations in memory of Arabella may be made to the Dorchester Historical Society, 195 Boston St., Dorchester, MA 02125.



**STEIGERWALD, Linda Jean**, 71, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Wife of the late Robert L. Steigerwald. Mother of Eddie Steigerwald and his husband Todd Butkevich of Dorchester. Sister of the late Edward and his wife Florence Horn. Sister-in-law of Deb Steigerwald and her partner Chuck of Pittsburgh.



## Cedar Grove Cemetery

With Memorial Day just ten days away, the staff at Cedar Grove Cemetery announces they are accepting orders to decorate individual lots and graves with geraniums and assorted colorful annuals. For details, call 617-825-1360.



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CONQUEST ..... **-3,000**  
QUIRK SAVINGS ..... **1,927**  
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Quirk Price **\$39,498**

MONEY DOWN LEASE: \$3,995 **\$499** PER MO. 42 MOS.\*  
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