A train derailment inside the MBTA yard at Ashmont Station around 5:30 on Tuesday morning prompted a cascade of disruption along the Dorchester leg of the Red Line. Thousands of commuters were diverted to shuttle buses running along Dorchester Avenue until work crews could extricate the disabled train and make repairs to the track and the third rail. Train service resumed around 9 a.m., said MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo, who added that the cause of the derailment is under investigation and that the car that went off the track “will undergo additional inspections before anything is ruled out.” He added that “investigators are also looking into whether the track switch was properly aligned.”

Legislators making strong push for rapid transit pilot on Fairmount Line

By Jennifer Smith
News Editor

Several amendments filed to the state Senate budget seek to bring the Fairmount Line closer to a subway standard of service, complementing a set of House and Senate bills that would establish a two-year pilot program for the line.

Aspiring engineer, Dot man cites a superhero as inspiration for his vocation

By Jasmine Braswell
Reporter Correspondent

At one point after he left his hometown of La Ceiba, Honduras, and before he offered the class remarks on the graduation podium at Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT) this month, Regis Lino-Kelly went to the movies and felt a switch flip in his head.

The Uphams Corner resident was just a kid when he caught a Red Line train with his cousin, a mechanical engineer, bounded into a Downtown Crossing theater, and saw Iron Man for the first time.

“Honestly, when I was growing up, watching Iron Man was my favorite thing to do,” said the 23-year-old Lino-Kelly. “He’s my favorite superhero and one day I just asked one of my cousins, ‘How does he know how to do all these things?’ and my cousin told me, ‘He’s an engineer.’ I looked up engineering and the different disciplines and I decided to focus...” (Continued on page 20)

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Board of Trade hears Walsh on infrastructure, climate threats

Morrissey rehab funding an issue

By Jennifer Smith
News Editor

Mayor Martin Walsh, fresh off a trip to the nation’s capital with Gov. Charlie Baker, had infrastructure and climate resilience on his mind as he addressed the Dorchester Board of Trade last Friday.

“The mayor’s annual speech before the group brought a few hundred business and civic leaders and other elected officials to Venezia, at the point of Port Norfolk, on a dreary National Bike to Work Day. “We went down to DC yesterday to talk about transportation and infrastructure,” Walsh said.

“Investigate the inequities of transit service for those along the Fairmount Line. The 9.2-mile branch serves...” (Continued on page 4)

Section 8-holders to get more choices in more places per BHA plan

By Simón rioS
WBUR Reporter

The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) is planning to institute a new way to address displacement in the region — a move officials say could help break up the concentration of the more than 10,000 BHA tenants who use a type of Section 8 subsidy known as a “housing choice” voucher.

“Poor folks ought to have choices about where they live and raise their families, just as folks with money do,” said BHA chief Bill McGonagle.

“So, this will enable that pretty common-sense principle.”

The BHA administers about $250 million in housing choice vouchers.

Under the program, housing authorities are allowed only to pay landlords a standard amount, regardless of the neighborhood. Thus, one household in Beacon Hill and ten in Brookline are voucher-holders while 3,425 households in Dorchester and 373 in Lynn receive the same subsidy.

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Bike-share sites expansion on tap for Dorchester and Mattapan

May 23, 2019

Mayor Martin Walsh last week announced another expansion of Bluebikes, the city’s bike-share system, with new funds that will open an additional 50 stations and add 540 more bikes across Boston and surrounding communities this year.

According to the mayor’s office, these expansion efforts will use $1 million in the mayor’s FY20 budget to open additional Bluebike stations in “aggressively Dorchester” and “eastern Mattapan.”

As with last year’s Bluebike expansion project, which saw stations open in places like Fields Corner, Codman Square, and Mattapan Square, this year’s effort will rely on community feedback to identify the best locations for new bicycle infrastructure. Two stations proposed to open at the Ashmont and Swampscot T stations are currently pending MBTA permits, per the city’s website.

A community meeting process that will take place over the next month will determine the future of any additional stations in the Dorchester and Mattapan neighborhoods.

Thus far, the city has identified potential locations in the two neighborhoods, including additional stations along Dorchester Avenue at Roseland Street and King Street, along Washington Street and Walbal Playground, at the Lower Mills Branch Library, multiple locations along the Neponset Trail, and at the corner of River Street and Central Avenue.

The Boston Transportation Department will host a public meeting for the Dorchester community on Wednesday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints Church in Ashmont. Residents can also provide feedback about future and existing Bluebike stations through online surveys (boston.gov) or by contacting bikeshare@boston.gov or 617-635-1775.

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Body found on golf course grounds

The body of an adult male was found on the city-owned golf course next to Franklin Park on Saturday afternoon. Boston firefighters were called to the scene for a report of a brush fire near the clubhouse just around 5 p.m., according to reports. Authorities have not released further details and have not said if they believe the death is suspicious.

Traffic stop, and then a gun charge

A 25-year-old Dorchester man faces illegal gun possession charges after a traffic stop led to his arrest on Richfield Street last Saturday night (May 19). Boston Police say they stopped Julius Macario for “suspicious traffic infractions” and removed him from the vehicle when he refused to produce a driver’s license. A police report clairvoyed that Macario was “pat frisked and officers found he had a loaded Remington PF-9 handgun” inside the vehicle.

Two are held in armed street holdup

Two men were arrested last Wednesday and charged in the armed holdup of a male near Geneva Avenue and Columbia Road. Members of the BPD’s Youth Violence Strike Force say they were approached by a man who said he had just been robbed of his cell phone at knifepoint. A description of the suspects and their “red motor vehicle” quickly led their police to location. The victim’s cell phone was found on Ceylon Street, according to police. The two men arrested were Jikhalil Smith, 24, and Kikounda Djembe, 22, of Roxbury.
Mattapan neighbors keep working at making a lasting peace happen

By Caleb Nelson Special to The Reporter

Fifty-seven-year-old Brenda Lee Keller died last Thursday at a bend where Fortier and Hiawatha roads meet in Mattapan. Neighbors say she tripped before she was hit by a passing car, but Boston Police say it was not an accident but a vehicular homicide, and they are seeking information about a black sedan that was spotted near the scene.

In the face of news about such a tragedy, residents who live in the suburban-like alcove bordered by Walk Hill and Almont streets and Blue Hill Avenue that is is made up of three-deckers and a number of single-family homes were willing to talk about life in their neighborhood today and going forward.

That evening, a woman named Marilyn, who has lived around the corner from where Ms. Keller lived around the corner named Jacqueline, an elder in the community, is really where you see how healing can happen.

Nearby, Ashley Palacios sat on the front steps you're learning different things with the community.

On Friday, Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell, who represents District 4, convened the third meeting of a series she is holding on “Constructing Peaceful Communities.” Below, Boston Police released this grainy image of a car sought in the investigation into a fatal hit-and-run on Hiawatha Street on May 16.

Greater than a month has passed since Brenda Lee Keller died since 1973, told the Reporter that “people come up streets going crazy no matter where you are. I feel very safe in crazy no matter where we go. I feel very safe in their neighborhood.

“We'd like to interact with young men within the community to help reduce recidivism by giving them meaningful jobs, once they’ve served the time that they may have been sentenced to, that they’ve get a meaningful job that would allow them to have a sustainable life, health benefits, help them take care of families, if they have families.”

Mental stability is key to reentry into society after incarceration, pointed out Christian White. The transition back home from jail can be slow and rough. He added that providing mental health treatment those who have been through trauma, or otherwise need help finding stability and purpose after incarceration, is very difficult.

“There is still a lot of work that needs to be done with just mentioning mental health,” said White. “So many people spoke of programs, how we could be doing this. The church could be doing that, but nobody is talking specifically about empowering the young people and the older people, and that begins with mental health.”

Said Cory Easter, who found out about the meeting through a friend who is a community activist: “Intervening before tragedies strike requires meeting people where they are at. We might combat idleness with meaningful work opportunities.

“It's all about getting in touch with these officers that are out here, and getting to know them and them getting to know us as well as getting to know your neighbors, people who are around because you know a lot of people don't know who's around them,” he said. "Everybody has questions and concerns and allegations and should speak up."

As Memorial Day approaches, the good weather brings new opportunities for violence, and also for community engagement. A woman named Jacqueline, an elder in the community, said that she would like to see more police presence in her community. “You prefer to stay inside because then you are just a little bit safer,” she said. "All the nice days bring is sorrow most of the times.”

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Legislators push rapid transit pilot for Fairmount Line

By Jennifer Smith

The former Bayside Expo Center is now a wide expanse of parking lot on Columbia Point, but the towering three-legged sign that once welcomed people to the facility still stands in part to an ongoing property dispute that has held up potential construction on neighboring lots for years.

State Sen. Nick Collins is frustrated enough that he has now filed legislation to address the issue. With the support of state Transportation, and Administration and Control Board, he wants to prepare a plan analyzing the options of electric locomotives, electric multiple units, design and construction of high level platforms, and cost estimates of both maintaining existing equipment, and transitioning to electric, before any decision is made.

The secretary of transportation noted that the MBTA’s Fiscal management and Control Board was recently formed to prepare a plan analyzing the options of electric locomotives, and that estimates of both maintaining existing equipment, and transitioning to electric, would be made publicly available on the MassDOT website by April 1, 2023.

Collins’ bill, The other two legs are owned by the MassDOT, and sit on the property at the former Bayside Expo Center, but the middle leg, which consists of no property in 2009.

This 10-foot tall sign on Columbia Point once carried digital messages about the Expo. It carries on an identity as “Bayside” owned by the University of Massachusetts on Columbia Point in the city of Boston shall proceed without first putting the sign’s removal before the MBTA Board of Directors for approval.

This includes the MBTA’s property in the area. The secretary of transportation noted that the MBTA’s Fiscal management and Control Board was recently formed to prepare a plan analyzing the options of electric locomotives, and that estimates of both maintaining existing equipment, and transitioning to electric, would be made publicly available on the MassDOT website by April 1, 2023.

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Board of Trade hears Walsh on infrastructure, climate threats

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The delegation is “on board” generally, Walsh said, but should be reminded of the “importance of talking to colleagues and the aide to push it forward. He and the governor talked a bill with members of the Massachusetts delegation earlier this month, Walsh added, telling him and Baker that the bill “should stay in Congress out of the way of the end of the year.”

The mayor blamed Baker as Republican and himself as a Democrat went down to Washington, Walsh said, “caused a little bit of a buzz” in different offices. “We’re a ‘Republican governor and Democrat mayor are on the same page for the need for money... We talked about the importance of keeping this bill alive and putting differences aside. And that’s something we need to see more of in our cities and down in Washington. It also, but it’s so important to talk about what’s at stake here is rebuilding the middle class.”

In addition to high-lighting capital investments during his presentation to the board, Walsh called for ongoing climate resiliency issues along the coastline.

In Port Norfolk, he said, debate around the bond is fine, but resilience must be a part of the conversation. “We’ve talked a lot about quality development in the neighborhood, but the Dorchester waterfront needs a plan for the community. We’re seeing roads flood more often, more frequently, and we’ve been flooding all over the city of Boston... We’ve been talking about the need for resilience for many years. It’s not new, but as we think about the ongoing project, this is a 40 inches or so (of sea level rise) by 2070, it’s going to start to come in, so it’s a real concern.”

“Walsh said the city is working with the University of Massachusetts, the Corcoran-Jennison Coalition and the Boston Teachers Union to look at incorporating resiliency at the side of the peninsula.”

The mayor concluded his remarks with a plea to civic leaders to consider development proposals that promote equity. “Planning is moving along in Glover’s Corner, which includes the Dot Block proposal, he said, adding that he understands the concerns about density and massing, but feels that the revamped Dot Block proposal is a win for the neighborhood in affordable units and jobs. “We can get to a good project by sitting down,” Walsh said while noting that there is “now more space green and ‘offers opportunities for everyone’ of middle-class wage to live in a middle-class wage area. The Dot Block proposal on the other side, he said, “there’s going to be the opportunity to create more low income units of housing now. It can be an opportunity to rebuild the community.”

Walsh said, “It’s easy to jump on the bandwagon of ‘Oh, my god, we’re not doing enough developing.’ That’s a good problem to have, but we need to be in Dorchester. That wasn’t the case 30 years ago.”
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Two art showcases at the Strand on Saturday celebrate local talent

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN ARTS/FEATURES EDITOR

Twtartshowcases will take place this Saturday at the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner. The first, Inner City Circle’s “An Intergenerational Show of New and Emerging Artists,” will feature the work of 16 visual artists from Dorchester, Roxbury, and elsewhere in Boston.

The show is curated jointly by the Dorchester Art Project (DAP), Amber Torres and Althea Bennett of the podcast Hoodgrown Aesthetic, and Mainé Kenyatta, artist and gallery manager at the Afro-Caribbean Museum. Emma Leavitt, gallery director at DAP, told the Reporter that the concept for the show has been developing “organically” for the past few months.

“We wanted to create a platform for artists emerging from emerging artists. We wanted to respond to the needs at the older, more established artists of the art scene,” she said. “We sensed from emerging artists a space where work is developing “organically” artist and gallery community, the work of 16 visual artists in Boston neighborhoods is one of the local non-profits sharing in the joy of a $25 million grant in 2019. The Dorchester-based organization has been awarded a Cummings Grant to be disbursed over 10 years.

Matt LiPuma, Executive Director, and Valerie Bean, Development Officer, represented the nonprofit at a May 2 awards night at Trophy. The group’s development director, Valerie Bean, received a Cummings Foundation Sustaining Grant from Joyce Cummings and Cummings Properties president Eric Anderson.

Family Nurturing Center 128 in Woburn. Family Nurturing Center works in multiple Boston neighborhoods to strengthen families, prevent child abuse, and build school readiness through parenting education and family engagement programs. This Sustaining Grant is a wonderful and very timely gift, as Family Nurturing Center begins a new strategic plan and builds a new Family and Training Center in Dorchester that will allow us to partner with more families to achieve positive outcomes,” said LiPuma.

Family Nurturing grant will again at the annual Cummings Foundation grant to Family Support Network programs in Dorchester, Allston-Brighton, and Roxin Hyde Park. The grant will help fund staffing and direct costs for providing free home visits, parent-child bonding, child development, and home safety education services. Learn more at familynurturing.org.

Bowdoin Street’s Family Nurturing Center earns a Cummings Foundation grant

Inner City Circle’s broad artistic scope will feature, among others, the work of Arielle Gray, a graphic artist and arts engagement producer for The ARTery; the painter Ayanna Warfield; the graphic artist/photographer Cedric Douglas; and Barrington Edwards, a graphic novelist and visual arts teacher at the Boston Arts Academy. The show will kick off with an opening reception from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and will run through July 1.

Following Inner City Circle’s presentation will be Boston Answering, a new music festival being billed as Dorches- ter’s response to Boston Calling, the annual Allston-based festival’s lineup that this year notably excluded a single Boston-based hip-hop artist, prompting calls for a boycott of sorts in the musical community.

Boston Answering, which will exclusively feature musicians and MC’s from Boston and the greater Boston area, is being organized by HipStory, a media production company founded by rapper and New Hampshire native Cliff Notez.

The company’s website provides a cultural response manifested into a show” that will “showcase some of Boston’s premiere local talent in Dorchester’s legendary Strand Theatre.”

Notez will headline the festival, which will also feature Dorchester rapper Red Shydez and VQnC, the lead singer of Boston-based funk band Dr. Fidelity. The festival also represents an affordable pricing alternative, offering tickets at $15-$20 in comparison to Boston Calling’s $99 day passes. Doors will open at 8 p.m. local time for the show that will start at 9. Those who attend Inner City Circle’s presentation will receive a $3 discount on the price of admission to Boston Answering.
Project D.E.E.P celebrates volunteers, students

The Dorchester Education and Enrichment Program — Project D.E.E.P. — gathered at Florian Hall on May 13 for its annual Recognition and Awards Night. The organization, founded in 1995, now counts more than 240 students in its annual examenary program. The group also offers summer camp opportunities to students and helps connect Dorchester scholars to opportunities to attend private schools. Last week, the organization presented two academic scholarships — each worth $6,000 — to Emily Foster and Joe Connolly, two alumni of the program who have continued to volunteer as tutors. The keynote speaker was Stephanie Maneikis, a Dorchester native who is Senior Director of Fan Services and Entertainment for the Boston Red Sox. For more on Project D.E.E.P. see projectdeep.org.

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch has nominated Robert Mannion of Dorchester for appointment to the United States Military Academy. Mannion, the son of Colleen and John, was highly recommended by his teachers at Thayer Academy.

“He is a remarkable young man, and we are fortunate that young people like Donovan are willing to serve our nation,” Lynch said.

“There were many impressive candidates this year for the United States Military Academy,” Lynch said.

Donovan stood out as a young man of keen intelligence and strong character. He is a wonderful reflection of his parents, Colleen and John. The Mannion family, the City of Boston, and the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts should be proud of Donovan in this achievement.

Students interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies should contact Bob Fowkes in Congressman Lynch’s Boston office at 617-428-2000.

Robert Ball Hughes was a London-born artist who immigrated to America at age 25 in 1829. He and his wife Eliza went first to Washington, D.C., where he sculpted a bust of President Jackson. Then New York City, where he created one of Alexander Hamilton and then a life-size statue of Hamilton, said to be the first marble statue carved in America.

In 1842 they moved to Dorchester, where Ball Hughes was commissioned to produce a bronze statue of the mathematician and astronomer Nathaniel Bowditch, the first large bronze to be cast in the United States. In 1851, they moved to 3 School Street at the corner of Washington and Cedar Grove Cemetery. In 1851, they moved to 3 School Street at the corner of Washington and School streets. The house, where they entertained some of the world’s celebrities, including Charles Dickens and the artist Jane Stuart, is still there, though quite altered.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. Please note: The Society’s historic houses are open on the third Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661); Lemuel Clapp House, 199 Boston Street (1713 and remodeled 1765); William Clapp House, 195 Boston Street (1806).
Saluting those who gave for us

Next Monday’s observation of Memorial Day in Dorchester’s Cedar Grove Cemetery will be, as always, a poignant event, drenched in tradition and history. And yet, the serenity of the final resting place of American veterans is shattered by the din of the city: the rush of traffic on the border of the Mattapan trolley is a welcome companion.

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Friends will allow a discussion about war or misunderstandings to break a bond. Hurt, angry, disappointed, they stop talking and withdraw into their respective corners while usually overlooking the minor grievances and for those who trespass against you as you would hope to be forgiven for your trespasses.

It’s easy to love people you don’t know. Love in the abstract has little effect. It’s loving another imperfect human being, a sibling, parent, a friend, a fellow human being, who is at fault really is not important, it’s worth saving. Why let pettiness and anger or misunderstanding come between us. If it’s good, it’s worth saving. Love in the abstract is a noble gesture. It says you are sorry, you wish to heal.

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More than 1,000 kite and bike enthusiasts turned out for the 50th Kite and Bike Festival at Franklin Park last Saturday. Hosted by the Franklin Park Coalition and Hot 96.9 Boston, the popular event drew families from all over the state to the park to enjoy music, food, and, of course, kites and bikes on a blue-sky day.

“It makes people happy” said Franklin Park Coalition executive director and organizer Janna Cohen-Rosenthal. “I think there’s a lot of things in our society that are stressful and scary. But, at the heart, we just want to get together and enjoy the community, the beautiful day, and fly some kites.”

This was Cohen-Rosenthal’s first year of organizing the event, which began in 1969, and she has high hopes for the future.

“Over the time, I hope to grow it back to be a creativity festival. In the past they had judging of people who’ve built kites. I would like to build that science and art back in the festival. But for now, it’s still a great day out.”

Saturday was a jewel of a day, with the sun dominant overhead. It was perfect for kids to have fun and for families to hold picnics. Kites, some created by kids from the Lena Park Community Development Corporation (CDC) using a 3D printer, were sold to those who came to the park empty handed.

Many non-profit organizations were on hand, including fitness groups and officials from the city’s health commission along with yoga instructors and legal services advisors. Thanks to Hot 96.9, good music and vibes were played throughout the festival, which also served as a way to highlight an upcoming city-led planning initiative focused on the future of Franklin Park.

“The city’s investing $28 million in the park,” said Cohen-Rosenthal. “And they just picked a firm to lead the planning. But we’re going to be their community partner and we want many groups and non-profit organizations to be involved in the planning.

So, that’s why I invited them [today] to have a free place to do outreach and connect with the park community.”

“It’s beautiful. It’s a family-friendly event, with a lot of different kind of people,” said Aba Taylor, who brought her children to the event and they “enjoy it too much.”

The Franklin Park Coalition accepts event sponsors and other vendors for events. To connect, email them at admin@franklinparkcoalition.org or janna@franklinparkcoalition.org.

Letter to the Editor
A salute and a thank you to the team at the Carney

To the Editor:
It is that time of year when hospitals and health care organizations celebrate National Hospital Week, National Nurses Week, and National EMS Week. As part of this celebration, we want to thank and recognize all of Carney Hospital’s health care team members, from our support staff, nurses and physicians, to the paramedics and EMTs. Every day of the year, these team members provide high-quality care for our patients and our community with compassion and dedication.

We invite you to join us in thanking all health care employees for their dedication and hard work. On behalf of the team at Carney Hospital, it is an honor to provide care to you and your families.

Sincerely,
Tom Sands
President, Carney Hospital
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES AT CEDAR GROVE CEMETERY
Brig. Gen. John Driscoll, commander of the Massachusetts Army National Guard, will be the featured speaker at Dorchester’s observation of Memorial Day on Mon., May 27. The events begin with a procession of veterans and musical units from the John F. McKfan Post on Hilltop St. around 9:50 a.m. with ceremonies at the cemetery commencing around 10 a.m., including a salute and wreath-laying at the Grand Army of the Republic burial plot.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT BOSTON POLICE VFW
Members of the Boston Police VFW Post 1010 will host Memorial Day observances at 500 Morton St., Dorchester at 11 a.m. Members, families and friends invited to attend.

PLAN: MATTAPAN HAITIAN COMMUNITY MEETING ON MAY 23
The BPDA will host a Haitian community conversation and update meeting on Thurs., May 23 as part of its ongoing PLAN: Mattapan initiative. The meeting will be conducted in Haitian Creole with English interpretation services provided. Mattapan has the third largest Haitian population in the country and we want to hear from you and your neighbors on your vision for the future of your community. This is one of many opportunities for the Haitian community to be involved in the PLAN: Mattapan process. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. Contact Muge Undemir at 617-918-4488 or mugzy.undemir@boston.gov.

SLOW STREETS MEETING SET FOR MAY 29
Dorchester Unified Neighborhood Slow Streets meeting will be held on Wed., May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Boston International High, 100 Maxwell St., Dorchester. Learn more about traffic calming plans in your neighborhood: boston.gov/slow-streets/dun. Info: Hannah.fong@boston.gov or 617-635-1347.

DORCHESTER BAY EDC GALA AT JFK LIBRARY
The Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation will celebrate its 40th year on Thurs., June 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the JFK Library in Dorchester. Tickets may be purchased at dbedc40yearsrising. June 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the JFK Library in Dorchester. Learn more about traffic calming plans in your neighborhood: boston.gov/slow-streets/dun. Info: Hannah.fong@boston.gov or 617-635-1347.

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Registration is now open for the 2019 BNBL season of Boston’s favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL), kicking off on Monday, July 8. BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under. BNBL is played at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August. To register online for BNBL go to https://apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepartment/Activity_Search. BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Pee Wee BNBL is done on-site at the Pee Wee locations. For more information, please email Charlie Conners at Charlie.Conners@boston.gov or call 617-961-3085.

DORCHESTER DAY CHIEF MARSHAL’S DINNER ON MAY 31
An evening to honor the 2019 Dorchester Day Parade chief marshal and mayor of Dorchester will be held on Friday, May 31 at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. To purchase tickets call 857-756-3675. Not available at the door.

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**Fragrance:**

- Dark Horse Cabernet $8.99
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**Fragrance:**

- Cisco 12 pack cans $12.99

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**Fragrance:**

- Jack Daniels 1.75ltr $39.99
- Smirnoff Vodka 1.75ltr $19.99

### Additional Beverages

- Oyster Bay Sauvignon Blanc $9.99
- Cisco 12 pack cans $12.99

**Fragrance:**

- Four Roses Small Batch 750ml $24.99
- Glenfiddich 15yr 750ml $59.99
- Glenlivet 15yr 750ml $69.99

**Sale Effective:**

- 5/23/19 to 6/2/19
By Bill Forry

In a letter issued on Tuesday, UMass President Martin Meehan told the UMass Boston community that a new search committee will form to seek a permanent chancellor for the Dorchester campus. The campus is presently led by interim Chancellor Katherine Newman, who took the position last summer, when an earlier search effort failed amid push-back from some members of the UMass Boston faculty.

"Under the leadership of Interim Chancellor Newman and thanks to the dedication and commitment of each of you, the university has made noteworthy progress in student recruitment, student success innovation, fundraising, and, importantly, budget transparency and financial stability," Meehan wrote in the letter. "Given that progress, and in consultation with the chair of the Board of Trustees and members of the campus community, including the faculty council, I am pleased to announce the reopening of a search for a chancellor."

It is not immediately clear whether Newman, 65, will be a candidate for the permanent position. In an interview with the Reporter last summer, Newman indicated that she was interested in a long tenure at the Dorchester campus. "For as long as it takes, as long as people are enthusiastic about what I'm doing there, I'm in," Newman said. "I don't have a time limit."

Meehan says that nominations for a new search committee will begin this week.

"It's an exciting time at UMass Boston, with new residence halls now online, new philanthropic commitments, and the incredible opportunity made available by the development of the Bay-side property," Meehan added. "That growth and opportunity is undergirded by passionate faculty and staff, a campus community dedicated to UMass Boston’s mission, and a business and civic community committed to the success of Boston’s public research university."

"We look forward to a successful search process resulting in the appointment of a chancellor who will lead the campus through what is certain to be a transformative period in UMass Boston’s history," said Meehan.

A search for a chancellor ended awkwardly in 2018 after the UMass Boston Faculty Council took a no-confidence vote on President Meehan and a group of faculty called for a new search, publicly calling all three finalists unqualified. Meehan appointed Newman as interim chancellor to replace the outgoing interim leader, Barry Mills.

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$1M gift to advance Latin Studies at UMass Boston

A signing ceremony and panel discussion was held at UMass Boston on Monday to mark a $1 million donation to the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy from Robert and Diane Hildreth, who were honored for their commitment to UMass Boston and to advancing Latinx student college success.

“Robert Hildreth’s commitment to the lives and futures of LatinX students and community members knows no parallel in Boston,” said UMass Boston Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman. “His remarkable gift will ensure that the Gaston Institute can continue to contribute insightful research on the issues that matter in the Hispanic community…”

The institute focuses on research and policy in Latinx communities. Since 1989, the Gaston Institute was created by the Massachusetts Legislature in response to a need of understanding about Latino experience in the commonwealth. In its 30th year, the Gaston Institute continues its mission of informing the public and policymakers about issues that are critical to the growing Latino community.

“Robert Hildreth is proud and truly grateful for this remarkable investment and commitment to support Latino students, one of our nation’s most underserved populations,” said Lorna Rivera, director of the Gastón Institute and associate professor of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Latinx Studies at UMass Boston.

The Gastón Institute recently projected that by 2035 the Latino population in Massachusetts will grow to over 1.15 million and represent more than 15 percent of the population.

In 2017, 19.5 percent of all newly enrolled full-time students at the University of Massachusetts Boston were Latino, and the university is close to reaching the 25 percent benchmark for becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution soon.

“We wish this generous gift from Robert and Diane Hildreth, the Gaston Institute (From left) Diane and Robert Hildreth sign their $1 million commitment to UMass Boston’s Gaston Institute with Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman.

Members of the Steward Health Choice MassHealth accountable care organization plan will now be able to get free care from doula during pregnancy and childbirth. A doula, according to Steward, is a trained, non-clinical professional who provides educational, emotional and physical support to parents and families throughout pregnancy, birth and the early postpartum period.

“Doulas care for pregnancy, birth, and postpartum is a wise investment in the health and well-being of parents and their newborns. There is a measurable, positive impact in both the short- and long-term, and Steward Health Choice is excited to make this service available to our members,” said Deb Yolin, the vice president of clinical programs for Steward Health Care Network.

Steward Health Choice is the largest Medicaid ACO in Massachusetts, covering more than 120,000 people. It plans to provide free doula care to members giving birth at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Brighton and Norwood Hospital, as well as to “high-risk members” giving birth at other Massachusetts hospitals.

The doula program launched in April, and Steward Health Choice announced it on Wednesdays, the same day advocates were urging state lawmakers to pass a bill that would allow the reimbursement of doula services for women on MassHealth. Filed by Reps. Liz Miranda and Lindsay Sabadosa, the bill (H 1182) was highlighted at a March of Dimes lobby day at the State House. “Doulas save lives,” Miranda posted on Twitter.

“With this generous gift from Robert and Diane Hildreth, the Gaston Institute will further expand our Latino Student Success Initiatives,” Rivera said, “and ensure that UMass Boston will soon become the leading four-year public Hispanic-serving institution in New England.”

— REPORTER STAFF
BHA plan: Give Section 8-holders more choices in more neighborhoods

(Continued from page 1) With respect to the current system, the maximum rent allowed for a two-bedroom unit is $1,914. Under the BHA’s plan to implement so-called Small Area Fair Market Rents, the maximum rent would vary based on the rent numbers in a given ZIP code. So, while a subsidy varies based on the rent costs, the voucher rents would remain at a similar level, in Dorchester would stay the same, Dillon said.

Sheila Dillon, said the status quo is contributing to the concentration of poverty in the region, and that has to change. “It was not allowing families to live where they want to live,” Dillon said. “There were only a handful of neighborhoods where the market rates were the same as the voucher rents.” And over time, Dillon said, as housing choice vouchers represent more and more of the market, “they start dictating more and more of the market rate rent structure.” That serves to inflate the cost of rent, she said.

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The Kennel-9: Nine things to consider before you board your pet

By Mary Nee

We’re constantly on the go—long work hours, travel for business or pleasure, so we just aren’t home as much as we’d like to be. These and numerous other reasons have led to an increased need for pet owners to use boarding or training kennels and daycare facilities on a regular basis to keep our pets stimulated, socialized, and happy.

But when you drop your pet off, do you know exactly what kind of care your pet will be receiving? Are there working fire detectors, a sprinkler system, or back-up power generator? Does the facility have a current operating license issued by a city or town? How many animals are allowed under the license and how many animals are currently being boarded?

**In Case of a Medical Emergency.** If your animal experiences an unexpected injury or medical condition, will you be contacted? Is there a veterinarian on staff, or does the facility have an on-call vet? Do you sign a waiver to have your animal treated?

**TLC.** What ratio of staff to animals? Is there 24-hour supervision? If not, are animals monitored at all times? If your pet experiences an infection, will the facility give you written documentation of their procedures or confirmation of any special requests for your pet?

**Don’t get me wrong,** it’s not a perfect world, but did you know there are plenty of quality boarding facilities located throughout Massachusetts, but did you know there are no state-wide regulations that govern kennels and daycare facilities? Oversight is at the local level, with ordinances and by-laws varying widely across the Commonwealth.

This is a real problem, as ARL has unfortunately seen too many instances when a lack of training, supervision or proper protocols have led to injury and/or death of an animal at a boarding facility. These considerations are aimed to help you, as both a pet owner and consumer, make the most informed decision possible.

To download the above information, log onto arlboston.org. Remember, do your homework and ask the right questions to ensure your pet is safe and sound away from home!

Mary Nee, the president of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, resides in Dorchester and is a part-time Eastham resident. Pet questions? Email ARL at press@arlбoston.org.

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BGCD Keystone Members Volunteer at MR8 Service Day: Members of the Keystone Club joined Teen Director, Deron Hines, to volunteer at the MR8 Service Day event held yesterday. The event was hosted at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute and included on-site and off-site service opportunities for individuals and families. The theme for this year’s Spring Service Day was creating a better world for young people. Their projects focused on positively impacting youth populations who may find themselves in need of extra support.

Keystone members assisted with set-up, guest directions, volunteer projects and clean-up. For more information on the Keystone Club, or our other Teen Programs please contact Deron Hines at dhines@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Members Go On Sailing Trip with Elevate Youth: BGCD was excited to once again partner with Elevate Youth and their Corporate Partner, GenCon, to take members on a sailing trip in Boston Harbor. Thank you to our friends at Piers Park in East Boston 3 boats full of Club members enjoyed a 90 minute sailing experience. While on the boats the participants learned how to steer the boat and position the sails to maximize the winds.

Thanks to our friends at Elevate Youth who provide two outdoor adventure experiences each month. In June the program will be offering a deep sea fishing experience on Cape Cod and two hiking trips.

For more information on how you or your organization can partner with BGCD please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW
Summer Solstice Party at Steel & Rye-Milton, June 25th: Let’s start the summer off right by celebrating the Summer Solstice at Steel & Rye in Milton. Enjoy a fun night on a beautiful summer evening with family and friends. All proceeds will benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

The event will be from 6:00 - 9:00 PM with music, games, food stations, raffles and more. Stay tuned for ticket information coming soon!

We thank Steel & Rye for helping BGCD host this event and hope to see you there!

For more information about this event or how you or your organization can partner with the Club please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

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Aspiring engineer, Dot man cites a superhero as inspiration for his vocation

(Continued from page 1) on mechanical engineering once I had the chance to. When I got into high school, I already knew what I wanted to do in college. Lino-Kelly graduated with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering technology on May 18. In his valedictory speech, he shared the story of his journey from Boston to BFIT from Honduras and talked about the things that motivate him with his fellow graduates. He will soon begin working in Chelmsford for 3M, the multinational industrial corporation that is involved with worker safety, health care, and consumer goods.

It has taken lots of sacrifice and dedication – and the inspiration from a certain superhero – to get him to where he is in life today, more than 2,000 miles away from the Central American port city of La Ceiba that he left when he was five years old.

Looking back, Lino-Kelly talked about how he had to adapt to a new way of life. He said the culture in Honduras, like its weather, was warm compared to the chilly greeting he got when he reached Boston.

"It was kind of a culture shock when I first got here," he said. "Back in Honduras everyone was more open, a lot more friendly, and when I got here, I wasn’t greeted with the same response. It was a big transition for me; I just had to adjust and get acclimated to my surroundings."

He settled in with his grandmother, who, already in Boston with her citizenship papers, had decided to bring her family up to the US by one. "I feel very fortunate," he said. "I know other people had to go through a lot of worse things, so I’ve always been fortunate about my grandmother being able to bring us up the way she did."

His biggest adjustment was learning English, he said, and it was a long process. "For me, it took me a couple of years. I would come home from school and watch PBS Kids, just watching a lot of English TV shows, just trying to understand the language and observe the behaviors of the different characters between them."

An important support system and resource for Lino-Kelly, and part of the village that helped guide him to college, was CS New England, a five-year summer and school-year program that helps teen leaders develop their leadership style and expand their academic, career, and civic horizons. It is built upon the foundation of the 5 "C"s that seek to empower the young to be "Character-driven, Community-focused, Challenge-ready, College-bounded, and Committed to a better future."

CS became Lino-Kelly’s second family. The program, he said, “was helpful to me” in learning the ins and outs of college and what to expect in terms of getting financial aid, scholarship money and what to look for when selecting a college.

He remains active with CS, mostly because of his 16-year-old sister, Narda Lino-Kelly, who goes to the same high school he went to – Boston Leadership Community Academy – and plays basketball at New Mission High School.

He spoke highly of his sister and of the close relationship they have. He is very proud of how she is making her way and of her success so far on the court and in the classroom. “She’s amazing,” he said. “I don’t know where to start with her. She’s incredible, smart, she loves sports. I feel like she’s in a better position than I was when I was her age.”

After Lino-Kelly enrolled at BFIT, he gained a stalwart supporter in his student advisor, Shawn Ayala. He not only became his mentor, he also someone he could talk to, someone he knew had his best interests at heart.

For his part, Ayala said, “A big part of our role is helping students navigate the college process and the success they’re here. Regis is a guy that if he sets his mind on something, he will do whatever it takes to get it done. So, it was really just being that person to remind him why he is here."

"BFIT, I feel like it’s more of a community than just a college itself.”

Lino-Kelly said when asked to describe the school, “The professors are very helpful, very hands on. I love the projects we get a chance to do, the faculty and staff are always helpful, and it doesn’t matter if it’s commissions or the financial aid office, everyone always has a lending hand.”

Lino-Kelly speaks with pride of his new alma mater: “There’s not anyone here that will shut you down or push you aside. Everyone will try to make time for you.”
On Deer Island, a remembrance of hunger, sickness, burial

By Peter F. Stevens

This month will offer a fitting commemoration of a tragic chapter in the history of Boston, Irish. A blessing and dedication for the Great Hunger will be held on Deer Island on the 25th “in memory of the Irish who died in the hope of avoiding starvation, left their native land and came to America, only to perish and be interred in unmarked graves.”

Delivering the invocation and blessing of those too long unburied, Cardinal Sean Patrick O’Malley, OFM Cap Archbishop of Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, and others will speak at the convocation.

The event will mark the successful effort to erect a memorial to those immigrants that will be visible from virtually every point of the harbor’s edge. The Brennan House, where William O’Connell and his wife, the late Rita O’Connell McColgan, were stationed is slated to stand as a poignant and dignified marker of the debt we put on the island some 170 years ago. Rita O’Connell McColgan wrote it this way: “It’s important we don’t forget the stories of people such as Patrick J. McCarthy, who lost his wife and six children, and his six siblings on Deer Island but went on to graduate from Harvard and become mayor of Providence.”

According to City of Boston Archivist John McGolgan, whose probes into the city’s oral history has records laid bare so much of the sad saga of the Great Famine, “on Deer Island, some 800 Irish died there from 1847 to 1849, along with over 300 that were over 1,200 by 1852. (Historical accounts note the total was closer to 1,700, but earlier, in the 1870s, some 500 Native Americans who had been captured near modern-day Natick during King Philip’s War were interred on the island where close to half of them died of starvation and exposure.)

In 1847, a crisis unfolded nearly daily along Boston’s docks. Leaking, lurching vessels, aptly dubbed “ship fever,” unloaded hordes of ragged Irish passengers who had fled “An Gorta Mor,” the Great Famine. Some 25,000 arrived in “Black 47,” and with thousands wracked by “ship fever,” likely a form of typhus. Boston officials so feared a citywide epidemic that they ordered a medical receiving room erected on Long Wharf. As overworked physicians dispatched the gravely ill to hospitals, the city determined that the swelling influx of Irish aboard Boston-bound famine ships posed such a health risk that it was deemed “a settled matter that the City must support a Physician at Deer Island, and that that is the suitable and proper place to attend to all the nuisance and sickness accompanying navigation.”

The Deer Island Quarantine Hospital and House was established in that year. All famine ships plodding into Boston Harbor and judged by port officials to be “sick and infected with any malignant or contagious disease” moored at Deer Island where the port physician quarantined Irish men, woman, and children suffering from typhus, cholera, and an array of fevers and oversaw the “cleaning and purification” of ships.

Only then could the heavily armed ship be set foot in Boston. From 1847 to 1849, approximately 4,186 people were quarantined “as a precautionary measure against the spread of a pestilence” that would have been ruinous to the public health and business of the city. Not all were to make it off the island.

Even before Bostonians grasped the health hazard posed by Famine ships clothed with dire ill passengers, the Irish newcomers had not been well received. By 1847, the city was changing – and its Yankee population did not like what was happening. Anglo-Protestant families who had ruled over the city since its Puritan ancestors set foot in the region in the 1620s embraced still the anti-Irish, anti-Catholic prejudice of Boston’s founders. Ephraim Peabody, whose family ranked high among Boston’s founding fathers, lamented that the Irish were infesting “proper Bostonsians” turf with a horrid “social revolution.”

As the city’s population swelled from some 115,000 to over 150,000 in 1847 alone, the newcomers quickly discovered that they had escaped the Famine only to find themselves in a new battle for survival among what historian George S. Potter dubbed “the chilly Yankee ices.” The age-old prejudices of Famine ships sailing to Boston and elsewhere recorded unforgettable scenes of human fear and misery. In an 1848 letter penned by British official Stephen E. De Vere, the description of the berths is chilling: “The passengers have not more [room] than their coffins.”

And a Parliamentary Report of the Select Committee to Investigate the Operation of the Passenger Acts related: “I have known cases of females who had to sit upstairs in each of the boxes in the steerage.”

For many, the first and last site they would inhabit in America was the Deer Island Quarantine Station across from the Boston shore.

It was scant surprise that so many Irish reaching Boston were sick after the six-to-eight Atlantic crossing. During the Great Hunger, a million people perished in Ireland from starvation and associated diseases between 1845 and 1852. More than two million emigrated to the United States, Canada, Australia, and other sites, and roughly six percent of the Irish emigrated fleeing to Boston and other North American cities died at sea from disease or went down with vessels ill-suited to the crossing. The logs and records of Famine ships sailing to Boston and elsewhere recorded unforgettable scenes of human fear and misery. In an 1848 letter penned by British official Stephen E. De Vere, the description of the berths is chilling: “The passengers have not more [room] than their coffins.”

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For many Irish, the burial place proved to be Deer Island’s old Rest Haven Cemetery from 1847 to 1850. Figures such as how many were buried in an unmarked grave vary because a number of bodies were claimed by family members and buried elsewhere in and around Boston. Those who were unclaimed and women who died after arriving – were laid to rest on the island at the city of Boston’s expense.

Many immigrants who were not fortunate enough for quarantine on Deer Island did not last long in Boston. Many lived in tenements and rooming houses, where conditions were little better than on the crowded coffin ships. A Boston Committee of Internal Health studied of the slums related that the Irish languished in a “lively hive of human beings, without comfort and air, and without common necessaries; in many cases building huts like brutes, without regard to age or sex or sense of decency so that such circumstances self-respect, forethought, all the high family and social virtues soon died out, and sullen indifference and despair of any condition and utter degradation reign supreme.”

To bestow the respect and recognition the Deer Island dead were denied in life, the Boston Irish community and the community at large are invited to attend the memorial ceremony on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Event parking and assistance is provided by the MWRA. The site is accessible by driving to Backenstoss Street in East Boston, taking MA 145, Pleasant Street, and Shirley Street to Eliot Street in Winthrop. It’s about 13 minutes from the city limit. More folks using GPS, use this address: 190 Tafts Ave, Winthrop, MA 02152. There will be ample free parking on the island, which is closed early, as there’s limited room at the site.

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