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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 noted 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."

Mark Garfinkel photo/NBC10 Boston

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.

State Sen. Nick Collins filed a Fiscal Year 2020 Senate budget amendment calling for \$2 million for the pilot program, which would begin no later than Dec. 1, 2019. The amendment states that on-peak service along the line should be at least every 15 minutes. It also would

fund pilots laid out in more detail in bills filed in the House and Senate.

Both are twists on an earlier proposal, filed by former Fifth Suffolk state Rep. Evandro Carvalho in an earlier session, though the 2019 bills include tweaks to the language borne out of conversations with

transportation advocates.

Twelfth Suffolk state Rep. Dan Cullinane's bill, H.2985, co-sponsored by state Rep. Liz Miranda of the Fifth Suffolk, notes the inequities of transit service for those along the Fairmount Line. The 9.2-mile branch serves

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

By JASMINE BRASWELL
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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

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Regis Lino-Kelly engages his classmates at their graduation ceremony. Photo courtesy BFIT

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. "The environment in DC - I probably would say toxic is too strong of a word, but it's toxic."

Two of the biggest



Mayor Walsh talks shop with Board of Trade.

complaints he hears about, he said, are traffic and housing pressures. He encouraged those present to talk to their federal representatives on behalf of the \$1.5-\$2 trillion infrastructure bill being mulled on Capitol Hill.

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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 throughout the region - a move officials say could help break up the concentration of the more than 10,000 households that 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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DOT BY THE DAY
May 27 - June 8, 2019
A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.



on Hilltop St. around 9:30 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.

- 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.

- Observation of Memorial Day at the Dorchester Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Morrissey Boulevard begins following the conclusion of observances at Cedar Grove around 12 noon.

Friday (31st) – An evening to honor the 2019 Dorchester Day Parade chief marshal John Schneiderman and mayor of Dorchester will be held at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. To purchase tickets call 857-756-3675. Not available at the door.

Sunday (2nd) – The annual Project D.E.E.P. and Blarney Stone Dot Day 5k will be held before the parade with registration at 11 a.m. from 1505 Dorchester Ave. Register at projectdeep.org.

- The Dorchester Day Parade begins at 1 p.m. sharp from the corner of Dorchester Avenue and Richmond Street and proceeds north to the corner of Columbia Road and Dorchester Avenue. See next week's Reporter for more details on the parade roster.

Tuesday (4th) – Ward 13 Democrats will caucus at 6 p.m. at the Christo Rey School, 100 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester.

Thursday (6th) – The 75th anniversary of the Allied invasion of France (D-Day).

- Mayor Walsh hosts coffee hour at 10 a.m. at Ronan Park, 92 Mt. Ida Rd., Dorchester.

- The Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation will celebrate its 40th year at 5:30 p.m. at the JFK Library in Dorchester. Tickets may be purchased at dbedc40yearsrising.eventbrite.com. The event will include awards to former State Rep. Charlotte Golar Richie and former Massport CEO Tom Glynn.

Saturday (8th) – The Friends of the Adams Street Library will host their final book sale before the library closes for renovations in July 2019. The event will be held on 9 a.m.- 1p.m.

Monday (27th) – 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 P. McKeon Post



Game of Thrones, Dot Day edition – Angelie McGrath, left, and Jha’Niyla Tinker were crowned Young Miss Dorchester and Little Miss Dorchester respectively last Saturday during an event held at First Parish Dorchester. The contest— organized by City Councillor Annessa Essaibi-George and her family— is held annually in the weeks leading up to the Dorchester Day parade, which will be held on Sun., June 2. The runners-up for Little Miss Dorchester were Margaret Janulewicz and Janessa Cosgrove. Samantha Forster was the runner-up in the Young Miss category. *Photo courtesy Luz Villar*

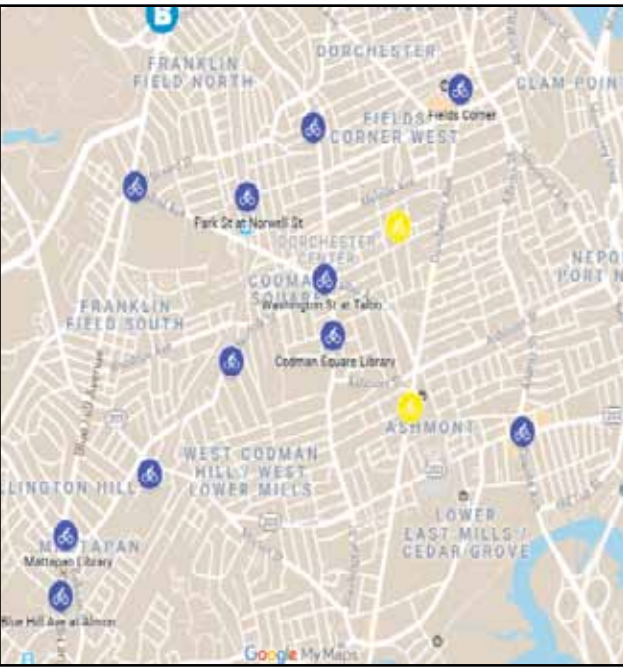
Bike-share sites expansion on tap for Dot and Mattapan

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 "southern 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 efforts will rely on community feedback to identify the best locations for new bicycle infrastructure. Two stations proposed to open at the Ashmont and Shawmut T stops 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 ad-



ditional stations in the Dorchester and Mattapan neighborhoods.

Thus far, the city has identified 11 potential locations in the two neighborhoods, including additional stations along Dorchester Avenue at Roseland Street and King Street, along Washington Street at Fuller Street and Walsh 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 Wed., 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 617-635-1378.

– DAN SHEEHAN

Police Courts & Fire

Body found on golf course grounds

The body of an adult male was found on the grounds of 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 after 5 p.m., according to news reports. Authorities have not released further details and have not said if they believe the death is suspicious.

A 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 Martinez for a "series of traffic infractions" and removed him from the vehicle when he failed to produce a driver's license. A police report claims that Martinez was "pat" frisked and officers found he had a "loaded 9mm Kel-Tec PF-9 handgun" inside the vehicle.

Two are held in armed street holdup

Two men were arrested last Wednesday and charged in the armed robbery of a man 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 police to their location. The victim's cell phone was found on Ceylon Street, according to police. The two men arrested were Jikhalil Smith, 24, and Gus Braggs Jr., 22, of Roxbury.

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PLAN: Mattapan Haitian community meeting on May 23 – The BPD 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.

Dot Day 5k before parade on June 2 – The annual Project D.E.E.P. and Blarney Stone Dot Day 5k will be held before the parade on Sunday, June 2 with registration at 11 a.m. from 1505 Dorchester Ave. Register at projectdeep.org.

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Mayor Walsh Coffee Hour Series – Mayor Martin J. Walsh

and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host a Coffee Hour from 9:30-10:30 a.m.. on Thurs., June 6 at Ronan Park, 92 Mt. Ida Rd., Dorchester.

Ward 13 Democrats to caucus on June 4 – Ward 13 Democrats will caucus on Tues., June 4 at 6 p.m. at the Christo Rey School, 100 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester.

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets June 3 – The final meeting of the season before summer break is set for Monday, June 3, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

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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 Fottler 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 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 died since 1973, told the *Reporter* that “people come up streets going crazy no matter where you are. I feel very safe in this neighborhood.” Nearby, Ashley Palatios sat on the front steps of her home attaching beads to her leather boots for a Caribbean Festival. “People in the community have to want to work together in order



Above, some 50 people gathered in the Mattapan Teen Center on Hazelton Street last Friday as Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell 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. Top photo by Caleb Nelson; BPD photo below

to have a successful community,” she said. “It starts within.” And Jamael Marcel was cleaning an SUV outside his house. He had recently moved into the neighborhood, and he readily suggested that the city could host free barbecues where people can meet each other and make new friends and talk casually. “Say for example they were to use this whole street, and get a bunch of artists to show their paintings on each side,” he said. “Just provide something to do while 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.” About 50 people gathered for the session and a meal in the Mattapan Teen Center. “If you solve the issues here, you solve the issues of the entire city of Boston,” Campbell said. “If you solve the issues that plague District 4, where the inequities show up, where you can see them, where you can feel inequities in a number of incidents of violence, poverty, housing inequities, wealth, income,

and development. This is really where you see the inequities. Many of these communities have been under-resourced and underserved for a long time.” In a community where violence is not uncommon, where gunfire killed a 74-year old grandmother and injured two other people just a month earlier around the corner from the deadly auto incident, citizens discussed how healing can happen. Resolving conflict within the community

requires building trust, observed BPD Captain Jim Fitzpatrick, but it also requires helping people find fulfilling work and connections. “You’re always a work in progress trying to keep trust within the community,” he said. “We’d like to interact with young men within the community to help reduce recidivism by offering them meaningful jobs, once they’ve served the time that they may have been sentenced to, that they’d 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 to 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 you because 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

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mostly communities of color along a corridor where incomes are less than the city average.

“Service on the Fairmount Branch is ill-suited to the travel needs of [city] neighborhoods and compares poorly to the service levels enjoyed by other Boston neighborhoods, based on frequency, span of service, reliability, fare policy, and connectivity to the rest of the transit network,” the bill reads.

Both the House bill and the version filed by Collins, S.2046, call for a two-year “Indigo Line Project” to bring the line up to a rapid transit model of service. At least three marked and dedicated train sets would be assigned to the line, consisting of no more than one locomotive and three coaches “to minimize acceleration/deceleration time.”

The service would run every 30 minutes during off-peak hours, and no longer than 15 minutes during peak hours. “Bus service at Fairmount/Indigo line stations are synchronized with train schedules to the maximum extent feasible,” the bills read.

“It needs to be rapid transit, plain and simple,” Cullinane said. “This is not to take away from having all the stops finally complete on the line, but our obligation to the community is to keep that conversation going forward.”

Although the Fairmount Line is a commuter rail line, those living on it treat it as their subway extension between South Station and Readville. To make connections easier, the pilot bill calls for fare



A conductor walked along the platform at the Morton Street station on the Fairmount Line in May 2017. *Chris Lovett photo*

collection through Charlie Cards, M7 Passes, S-Cards, Youth Passes, and other discounted fare medium available to people with disabilities, seniors, and students. The fares would be the same as the standard subway rate.

This is important not only as a legislative priority but also in the context of conversations with the MBTA and Keolis, which manages the commuter rail, on how to make the line more accessible, Cullinane said.

“In order to make that a first option for folks that live around the line, we need to make it as convenient as possible for them to make that choice,” he said. “If they could use their Charlie Cards, which we’ve heard from Keolis is a possibility...

it takes away one more step, taking away the paper card, to use the commuter rail.”

Along with setting requirements for ridership, demographic, and reverse-commute data collection during the pilot, the bills also lay out marketing requirements, pushing for a campaign “in close coordination with community groups in the corridor” that includes information about fares and increased service.

The Fairmount Line would be added to the MBTA map as a distinct “Indigo Line,” a new name for the line that transportation advocates have pushed for over the years.

Both bills sit in the Joint Committee of Transportation, and debate is proceeding this week on the Senate

budget.

City of Boston officials have said they support the pilot bills and are exploring options for improved service.

According to a statement from Mayor Martin Walsh’s office, “The city is advocating for improved service on the Fairmount Line. In the near-term, this could include added service in the early morning, late evening, and during the day. In the long-term, the city is working with MassDOT on the Commuter Rail Vision process to advance 15 minute frequencies on the line.”

A sweeping report by the non-profit TransitMatters in 2018 called for a long-term overhaul to the regional rail system, with electrified rail, raised platforms, faster service, and other

changes that would cost billions of dollars.

It highlighted the Fairmount and Providence lines as primed for electrification and speedier service. All but two of the Fairmount’s eight stations have high platforms and the short line, with its closely-spaced stations, makes the high acceleration rates of electric multiple units, or EMUs, “especially useful.” Its connection to the Providence Line means it could make use of the existing electrical substations, reducing costs, and “should be the top target for electrification.”

Collins takes aim at these possibilities in another amendment – “Clean, Green, Rapid Transportation Machine” – which calls for a study to explore electrification of the Providence

and Fairmount Lines.

The secretary of transportation and the MBTA’s Fiscal Management and Control Board would need to prepare a plan analyzing the options of electric locomotives or electric multiple units, design and construction of high level platforms along the lines, cost estimates of both maintaining existing equipment, and transitioning to electric, benefits of the transition, an a detailed project schedule.

A schedule should include “all necessary procurement activities, leading to completion of design, construction and commencement of passenger operations not later than April 30, 2023,” the amendments reads. It would need to be made publicly available on the MassDOT website by March 1, 2020.

“The most important thing is the electrification of the line and making a case for that,” Collins said. “We’re pushing for the study on feasibility and cost for the electrification of the Fairmount Line in advance of the transportation bond bill debate,” he said, as the pilot would certainly need investment.

Pushing for electrification at the same time as the pilot and feasibility study would “show the T the need is there for the increasingly frequent trips while we’re simultaneously trying to make it more environmentally sustainable,” Collins said.

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Collins bill: No development on Bayside land until sign is down

**By JENNIFER SMITH
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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 due 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 Rep. David Biele of South Boston, he filed Bill S.1815 early this term. It states, in full: “Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no development of the property known as “Bayside” owned by the University of Massachusetts on Columbia Point in the city of Boston shall proceed without first decommissioning and deconstructing the



This 60 foot-tall sign on Columbia Point once carried digital messages about the now-defunct Bayside Expo Center, but has not been operational for more than a decade. State Sen. Nick Collins has filed legislation that would require the sign’s removal before any new development at the UMass-owned Bayside property. *Bill Forry photo*

Bayside Expo sign on the site.”

UMass owns the former Expo site. The exposition building has long been demolished and the space is being used as a parking lot while the university finishes inking a long-

term land lease deal with the development firm Accordia Partners that could generate up to \$235 million for the UMass Boston campus and lead to a massive mixed-use waterfront development.

The university also

owns the plot of land on which one of the three legs of the Bayside sign sits, the legacy of a complicated negotiation around intermingled utilities and site access stemming from UMass’s purchase of the Bayside property in 2009.

The other two legs are rooted in land under the control of Corcoran Jennison, a development company that owns parcels on either side of the roadway into the Bayside site, including the Bayside Office Center building and the Doubletree Hotel. (Disclosure: The Dorchester Reporter is located inside the Bayside Office Center, which also houses the Mass Lottery, the state’s Registry of Vital Statistics, and UMass Boston office space.)

Corcoran Jennison has for years tried to move ahead with a plan approved by the city in 2014 for building a 184-unit apartment building and shops in the parking lot in front of its office building. But that project depends on the sign coming down, along with other related access issues.

“The private entities on Columbia Point have been trying to move

forward on a project,” Collins said Monday. “It’s costing small business, and other organizations like construction teams, time and money.”

He described UMass’s refusal to budge as a “negotiating tactic” that is preventing potentially tax-generating projects from moving forward. “We have a public institution right now stifling private development,” Collins said.

Biele did not submit corresponding legislation in the House, though the Senate bill is being deliberated in committee. UMass declined to comment and Corcoran Jennison did not respond to requests for comment by press time.

The Expo Sign bill was discussed in a joint State Administration and Regulatory Oversight hearing on April 1, along with other potential bills. Since then, Collins said, “it hasn’t moved.”

Collins’s budget priorities center on UMass, DCR projects

By JENNIFER SMITH
News Editor

The Massachusetts State Senate is assembling its annual budget this week, considering more than 1,110 amendments to the \$42.7 billion bill that made it through the upper chamber this month. Among the local amendments on the table are some that are intended to boost transit service, bolster Community Preservation Act funds and open spaces, and wrangle with the University of Massachusetts over its budget.

Lawmakers are not yet proposing any major new revenue sources; they plan to tackle revenue or potential tax hikes in a separate discussion later this year.

State Sen. Nick Collins, whose First Suffolk district stretches from South Boston through Dorchester and Mattapan, filed amendments that would push for studying electrification of the Fairmount and Providence commuter rail lines and advance a two-year pilot program to bring the Fairmount up to rapid transit service. (Related story, Page 1.)

The University of Massachusetts is the subject of several targeted items, including a tuition freeze for the upcoming school year. Lawmakers appear comfortable that the additional \$10 million dedicated to the UMass system over last year’s appropriation should compensate for the expected \$5.5 million of lost revenue in tuition and fees, though university officials say it is not enough to cover fixed costs.

Collins said the math that UMass is using, including the hypothetical cost of depreciation and projected deficits, does not seem terribly convincing. “Their numbers are all over the place,” he said.

On the home front, UMass Boston targeted 17 academic centers for cuts in 2018 as part of an attempt to lower the school’s deficit. A March 2018 memo said that austerity measures had significantly reduced the campus’s \$30 million budget gap, but administrators determined that 17 of the 30 centers and institutes at the university were not self-sufficient in fiscal year 2017. They had a combined deficit of \$5 million, the university said, and would have their funding cut.

Collins and state Sen. Mark Montigny of New Bedford introduced an amendment that would alter language to protect the centers. Last year’s budget

included requirements “that funding for each center and institute at the University of Massachusetts at Boston shall be provided at an amount not less than in fiscal year 2018,” but would allow the university to submit a report detailing the reasons for any cuts “as a result of extraordinary or unforeseen circumstances” at least 120 days before the cuts or closures would take effect.

The university and Collins disagree on whether the report met the statutory requirements — UMass Boston said it did, Collins’ office said it was filed too late — but the new budget amendment strikes the language allowing a report and simply states that the centers must be fully funded. With respect to that issue, state Rep. Tackey Chan, of Quincy, proposed an amendment that would dedicate a full \$5 million to UMass Boston for the centers.

The former Bayside Expo Center site sale could bring in up to \$235 million for the campus, Collins said. The senator also suggested that rather than use that money to finish paying for the costly garage fix on campus when other state investments dedicated specifically for the garage begin to make a dent, the school should start to pay down its debt and save millions that could be dedicated in part to the public centers.

“If the community is going to be supporting a process that’s going to get UMass \$235 million of investment in Dorchester, they [UMass] should be using that money to make sure there’s going to be community benefits associated with the Bayside project, and use it to drive down their debt so community programming and values are represented at the centers,” Collins said.

UMass Boston said that debt payment plan would not be an acceptable use of the Bayside funds.

“Proceeds from the lease of the Bayside property can only be applied to capital projects approved in advance by the UMass Board of Trustees,” a spokesperson said. Other Collins amendments target local programs, including \$250,000 for a grant program to St. Mary’s Center in Dorchester, \$100,000 for Scholar Athletes, \$100,000 for the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, \$20,000 for the All Dorchester Sports League, \$50,000 for a matching

grant program to the Urban Farming Institute in Mattapan, and \$135,000 for a gang-to-college pilot program.

Many of these bills have counterparts in the House budget, put forth by local Representatives Dan Hunt, Dan Cullinane, and Liz Miranda.

Collins filed an amendment regarding the Department of Conservation and Recreation that mirrored a House amendment championed by Representatives Hunt and Cullinane that would prevent the department from retaining revenue generated through youth sports permit fees.

A dust-up this year over the department’s streamlined permit collection process led to panic at local sports groups suddenly facing hiked fees for state-run parks and rinks that would effectively leave non-profit youth groups unable to afford to use the facilities.

The Community Preservation Act, passed in 2016, leverages a one percent property tax surcharge to raise funds dedicated to historic preservation, affordable housing, and open space. The CPA was not included in this year’s Senate budget, but left to the amendment process.

Two dozen senators —including Collins— are co-sponsoring a budget item that would increase land recording fees to raise the level of state matching funds for the CPA. After Boston entered the CPA pool, the already declining state matching funds took a dive, with the city only receiving 17 cents of the dollar in matching funds.

In remarks to the Dorchester Board of Trade last week, Walsh said the budget amendments, which would take effect in December if approved, could bring the city’s match to closer to 40 percent. “I feel good about a major increase there,” Walsh said.

In the first rounds of debate, an amendment asking for a study of electrifying the Fairmont and Providence lines was accepted, the UMass amendment rejected, and the CPA match hike approved. Local programs were still on track as of Wednesday morning. Once the Senate finishes with its budget amendments, committees will resolve differences between the House and Senate versions and send a final bill to Gov. Charlie Baker’s desk for review.

Board of Trade hears Walsh on infrastructure, climate threats

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The delegation is “on board” generally, Walsh said, but they should be reminded of the “importance of talking to colleagues” across the aisle to push it forward. He and the governor talked about the bill with members of the Massachusetts delegation for most of the day on Thursday.

The mayor said he felt a “real respect between Democrats and Republicans” in the Senate, and members of both sides told him and Baker that they hoped to get the bill out of Congress by the end of the year.

The fact that Baker as Republican and himself as a Democrat went down to Washington, Walsh said, “caused a little bit of a buzz” in different offices in Congress “that a Republican governor and Democratic mayor are advocating together for the need for money... We talked about the importance of getting a bill done and putting differences aside. And that’s what I think we need to see more of in our cities and down in Washington obviously, but also, it’s so important for what’s at stake. What’s at stake here is rebuilding the middle class.”

In addition to highlighting capital investments in Dorchester during his presentation to the board, Walsh called out the ongoing climate resiliency issues



Mayor Martin J. Walsh touched on subjects of local importance ranging from his budget priorities to state transportation projects during remarks before the Dorchester Board of Trade luncheon on Friday, May 17 at Venezia’s in Port Norfolk. John Wilcox photo/Mayor’s Office

along the coastline.

In Port Norfolk, he said, debate around the best kind of development is fine, but resilience must be a part of the conversation. “We’ve talked a lot about quality of life issues in the neighborhood, but the Dorchester waterfront is also part of our community. We’re seeing roads flood more often than before. We’re seeing flooding happening all over the city of Boston... on Morrissey Boulevard for many years. It’s not new, but as we think about and expect another 40 inches or so [of sea level rise] by 2070, it’s gonna get much worse.”

Years ago, the mayor recalled, Morrissey would be partly shut

down maybe once a month. Now, he said, it seems it’s “every time it rains... That’s not due to the DCR; that’s due to sea level rise.”

The Department of Conservation and Recreation’s ongoing redesign of Morrissey did come up while he and Baker were on the trip, the mayor said, noting the work of state Rep. Dan Hunt and state Sen. Nick Collins in keeping the plan alive.

“When I was down in Washington yesterday, I was talking to the governor about Morrissey Boulevard. He brought it up to me,” Walsh said. “And I said there’s a plan there and we have to figure out how do we make sure we fund this plan that works for

everybody and how do we move this plan forward.

“And then we started talking about Kosciuszko Circle, and we started talking about opportunities at Victory Road Park and other places where we could really make investments in and move our city forward, and the governor was open to the idea. But we have to continue to stay out there.”

The city is keeping resilience at the forefront when it looks at development along the harbor, Walsh said, but not with “a big barrier around the city, around the harbor.” The coastline and many open areas like Moakley Park offer opportunities to build a protective and welcoming resilient

border with the sea, he added.

Climate Ready Dorchester, the next phase of the city’s resiliency plan, will be featured at public meetings this summer, the mayor said, citing “community meetings focused around what kind of waterfront residents want to see, and how we can make sure in vulnerable areas of Dorchester that the businesses and people are protected. We’re going to look at the entire Dorchester coastline, and we’re gonna look at it as a resilient asset. We’re not gonna look at it as a challenge.”

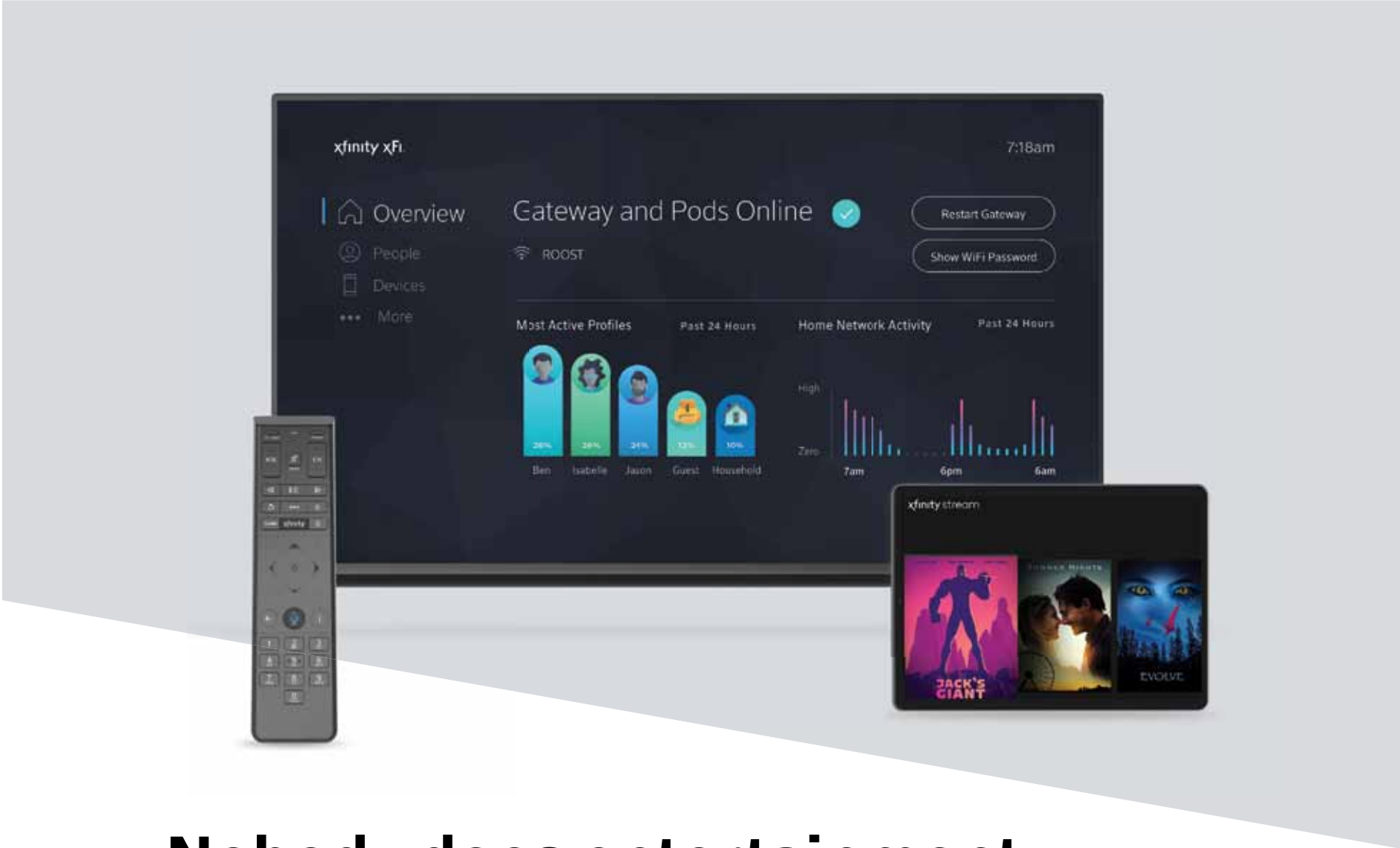
As to the former Bayside Exposition Center site now owned by UMass Boston, Walsh

said the city is working with the university, the Corcoran-Jennison Companies, and the Boston Teachers Union to look at incorporating resilience into that side of the peninsula.

The mayor concluded his remarks with a plea to civic leaders to consider development proposals in good faith. Planning is moving along in Glover’s Corner, which includes the mixed-use Dot Block proposal, he said, adding that he understands concerns about density and massing and housing, but feels that the revamped Dot Block proposal is a win for the neighborhood in affordable units and jobs.

“You can get to a good project by sitting down,” Walsh said while noting that the new design has more green space and “offers opportunities for people who make a middle-class wage to live in a middle-class apartment.” And 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 a win-win for the community.”

He added, “It’s easy to jump on the bandwagon of ‘Oh, my god, everything’s getting developed.’ That’s a good problem to have, “because people want 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

Two art showcases will take place this Saturday at the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner. The first, Inner City Circle’s “An Intergenerational Show of Boston-based 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 Mfalme 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 space where work from emerging artists could be appreciated on the same level as the older, more established artists of the art scene,” she said. “We sensed



Arielle Gray is an arts engagement producer for The ARTery.

a disconnect between these communities and wanted to create a bridge of support and recognition. In general, we were also just excited about showing the work of artists in the Dorchester/Roxbury area because there is so much talent and passion here that is too often overlooked and undervalued. “And,” she added, “it felt important to bring these artists into the Strand because of its significant history and tradition of being a space for hosting cultural experiences of the African-American community in the area.”

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 graffiti/street artist 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 Dorchester’s response to Boston Calling, the annual Allston-based festival’s lineup that this year notably failed to include 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 MCs from Boston and

the Greater Boston area, is being organized by HipStory, a media production company founded by rapper and Dorchester native Cliff Notez.

The company’s website describes Boston Answering as “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 Shaydez 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 8:30 p.m., and the show will start at 9. Those who attend Inner City Circle beforehand will receive a \$3 discount on the price of admission to Boston Answering.

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



Matt LiPuma, executive director of the Family Nurturing Center, and the group’s development director, Valerie Bean, received a Cummings Foundation Sustaining Grant award from Joyce Cummings and Cummings Properties president Eric Anderson.

Family Nurturing Center of Massachusetts is one of the local non-profits sharing in Cummings Foundation’s \$25 million grant program in 2019. The Dorchester-based organization has been awarded a Sustaining 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 Tra-

deCenter 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 support 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 many more families,” said LiPuma.

Family Nurturing Center will apply the annual Cummings Foundation grant to Family Support Network programs in Dorchester, Allston-Brighton, and Roslindale/Hyde Park. The grant will help fund staffing and direct costs for providing free home visits, parent-child playgroups, child developmental screenings, and parenting education

to nearly 1,400 families each year.

Cummings Foundation has awarded nearly \$250 million to date in Greater Boston alone. Funds are generated through commercial properties that are owned by, and operated for the sole benefit of, Cummings Foundation. All of its buildings are managed pro bono by Woburn commercial real estate firm Cummings Properties. Learn more at familynurturing.org.

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Thurs., May 23, 10:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Sing; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club. **Fri., May 24,** 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup. **Tues., May 28,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 4:30 p.m. – Kids’ Art Club. **Wed. May 22,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., May 30,** 10:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Sing; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club. **Fri., May 31,** 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup. **Tues., June 4,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 4:30 p.m. – Kids’ Art Club. **Thurs., June 6,** 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH
Thurs., May 23, All Day – Color Me Calm; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:45 p.m. – HISET/GED Prep Class; 7 p.m. – Rozzie Reads Poetry. **Fri., May 24,** All Day – Color Me Calm; 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. **Sat., May 25,** All Day – Color Me Calm; 9:30 a.m. – Citizenship Class; 12 p.m. – Hip Hop Dance Jam. **Tues., May 28,** All Day – Color Me Calm; 10:30 a.m. – Free Quilting Classes; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. **Wed., May 29,** All Day – Color Me Calm. **Thurs., May 30,** All Day – Color Me Calm; 5:45 p.m. – HISET/GED Prep Class. **Fri., May 31,** All Day – Color Me Calm; 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. **Sat., June 1,** 9:30 a.m. – Citizenship Class. **Mon., June 3,** 5:45 p.m. – HISET/GED Prep Class. **Tues., June 4,** 10:30 a.m. – Free Quilting Classes; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. **Thurs., June 6,** 5:45 p.m. – HISET/GED Prep Class. **Fri., June 7,** 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH
Fri., May 24, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time. **Wed., May 29,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. **Fri., May 31,** 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time. **Wed., June 5,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Films and Fun. **Thurs., June 6,** 10:30 a.m. – The Pineapple Project.

GROVE HALL BRANCH
Thurs., May 23, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 7 p.m. – Rozzie Reads Poetry. **Fri., May 24,** 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. **Sat., May 25,** 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building. **Tues., May 28,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 1 p.m. – Mass Hire Drop-In Hours. **Wed., May 29,** 10:30 a.m. – Drop-In Career Assistance; 11 a.m. – Toddler Story Time; 3 p.m. – ESL Beginner English Class. **Thurs., May 30,** 12:30 p.m. – Tech Goes Home Computer Class. **Fri., May 31,** 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. **Mon., June 3,** 11 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH
The Lower Mills branch will be closed for an interior refresh through mid-summer 2019.

MATTAPAN BRANCH
Thurs., May 23, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. – Afternoon Movies; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga; 7 p.m. – Rozzie Reads Poetry. **Fri., May 24,** 10:30 a.m. – Smart From the Start Story Hour; 3 p.m. – Crafternoon. **Sat., May 25,** 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class. **Tues., May 28,** 4 p.m. – Tinker Time; 5 p.m. – Kinetic Storytime. **Wed., May 29,** 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 3 p.m. – Fun with Fossils; 4 p.m. – Poetry vs. Hip Hop. **Thurs., May 30,** 3 p.m. – Afternoon Movies; 6:30 p.m. – Free Gentle Yoga. **Fri., May 31,** 10:30 a.m. – Smart from the Start Story Hour; 3 p.m. – Crafternoon. **Sat., June 1,** 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class. **Mon., June 3,** 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play. **Tues., June 4,** 4 p.m. – Tinker Time. **Wed., June 5,** 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time. **Thurs., June 6,** 3 p.m. – Afternoon Movies; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., May 23, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Pajama Story Time. **Fri., May 24,** 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness Concert with Julia Priest. **Fri., May 31,** 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness Story Time. **Thurs., June 6,** 4 p.m. – The Pineapple Project; 6 p.m. – Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse Adult Workshop. **Fri., June 7,** 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness Story Time. **Mon., June 24,** 2 p.m. – Rockets: There and Back.

Project D.E.E.P celebrates volunteers, students



Project D.E.E.P. students are shown at Florian Hall on May 13.



Stephanie Maneikis with Project D.E.E.P. founder Brendan McDonough.



Mairead Baker, recipient of the Dr. Thomas S. Durant Tutoring Award, with Stephanie Maneikis.

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 exam prep 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.



Emily Foster (right) with Anita and Charlie Doar, representing the Tom & Patty Doar Foundation.



Thomas Mannion received Project D.E.E.P.'s Alumni Award.

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch has nominated Donovan 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.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The following is excerpted from a much more detailed essay that can be found at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

The Dorchester Historical Society has recently acquired a burnt poker portrait of 19th-century Dorchester resident Isaac Withington by the artist Robert Ball Hughes. The Society also owns a bust by Ball Hughes of Washington Irving.

Isaac Withington was born in Dorchester in 1802 and died here in 1877. Perhaps you will agree that having seen the portrait, you would recognize Mr. Withington if you were to meet him. Ball Hughes’s subjects were usually famous men and literary and artistic scenes. It might seem odd for him to create a portrait of a person of no fame, but Withington lived on Harvard Street, only a few blocks away from Ball Hughes’s home at 3 School St., so perhaps they were friends.

Pyrography is the art of burning sketches into wood using a hot poker. A late 19th-century publication, *Wide Awake*, a serial miscellany of topics from art and literature, described the technique in 1885: [Regarding] “the drawing on wood with a hot iron (otherwise known as “poker-pictures”). The lines are burnt upon the wood and produce the effect when varnished of a painting in glazed oils, such as bitumen or mummy - the color of the burnt line being a rich brown upon the soft creamy tone of the wood. The late Mr. Ball Hughes made



The Burnt Poker Portrait of Isaac Withington many pictures in this manner, producing varied effects by the skilful use of his iron rod.”

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.

The Ball Hugheses first lived on Adams Street opposite the site that would later become the 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 Clap House, 199 Boston Street (1712 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. For many of us, Cedar Grove, already the resting place of many of our relatives and neighbors, will be the last stop. It’s a place of reflection and natural beauty. Even the rattle of the Mattapan trolley is a welcome companion.

On Monday, the focus will be on those men and women whose journey to Cedar Grove was prompted by service to their nation in time of war. Dorchester people have been coming to this place since a time when they were not Bostonians. Cedar Grove was laid out in 1867-68, in the immediate aftermath of the convulsive tragedy that we now call the Civil War. Dorchester was then a small agricultural town, independent of the bulging metropolis to our north. (Town leaders signed off on annexation to Boston in 1870.)

The ceremony begins with a salute to those lost on the killing fields of Maryland and Virginia and Georgia— and to those who made it home and later joined their fallen comrades in the Grand Army of the Republic plot. Above their moss-covered, limestone markers looms the granite likeness of one of their officers, Capt. Benjamin Stone, who was mortally wounded fighting at the Second Battle of Bull Run near Manassas, Virginia. Stone was one of about 100 Dorchester citizen-soldiers who lost their lives in the conflict to reunite the union and halt the march of southern slavers.

Close to the Adams Street gate, a small group of World War II veterans will gather around markers that recall Dorchester’s sacrifice in the war to defeat 20th-century fascism. A larger ceremony will be staged 100 feet away in an open space where scores of veterans from more recent conflicts will stand or sit. This year they will listen as Brig. Gen. John J. Driscoll, commander of the Massachusetts Army National Guard, delivers the keynote address.

It’s a special day— in a special place. If you haven’t yet experienced it, you should.

– Bill Forry

Saluting Barry Mills, who righted the ship at UMass Boston

By ROBERT P. CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

When Barry Mills addresses UMass Boston graduate students later this month, his job will be to impart wisdom at the first commencement to be held on the Dorchester campus since 2014. For the past five years, it was clear that the ceremonies could not exist alongside UMB’s mega-construction projects.

How appropriate, then, for the spotlight to be on Mills when graduates gather on May 30. It was he who steered UMB’s epic projects to completion while righting its finances and injecting a spring back into the campus’s step.

When he stepped forward to become interim chancellor of UMass Boston in 2017, many wondered: Why? Why take over from the popular Keith Motley, engage in the wrenching task of budget-cutting, and take on implacable demons like UMB’s decayed foundation and garage?

But Barry Mills has been surprising people and transcending expectations all his life. He grew up in a blue-collar Warwick, RI, family. His father, who left school in the 10th grade to work, repaired car seats, sold auto glass, and owned a dress shop. His mother helped with those ventures and cared for their three sons. So while Mills did not begin life destined to attend a college of privilege and

By JAMES W. DOLAN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Reconciliation. What a marvelous healing word. It implies humility, understanding, forgiveness, and renewal. It affirms the repairing of a breach in a relationship. Most meaningful relationships will fray from time to time, and some will fracture for reasons that may at the time seem almost irreconcilable.



James W. Dolan

Friends will allow a disagreement or misunderstanding to break a bond. Hurt, angry, disappointed, they stop talking and withdraw into their respective corners while usually blaming the other for the rupture. A mutually beneficial connection is sacrificed to anger and blame. Rejection becomes the objective manifestation of the inner pain one or both feel.

Married couples are particularly susceptible, given the normal annoyances inevitable in such a close relationship. In the absence of accommodation skills, problems can grow and undermine the balance so important in sustaining a lasting relationship. It’s a shifting balance that recognizes and accommodates strengths and weaknesses as the parties together navigate occasionally tempestuous seas.

It’s easy to love people you don’t know. Love in the abstract requires little effort. It’s loving another imperfect human being—a spouse, a parent, a sibling, or a friend—that requires self-control, sympathy, understanding, and the capacity to overlook minor grievances and to forgive those who trespass against you as you would hope to be forgiven for your transgressions.

Reaching out to someone who has offended you or whom you have offended is a noble gesture. It says what we have is too important to let a disagreement or misunderstanding come between us. If it’s good, it’s worth saving. Why let pettiness and anger fracture a relationship. Who is at fault really is not that important. An apology, even when you believe you are the aggrieved party, is a small price to pay

for peace of mind.

When friends stop talking, each tends to blame the other, finding it more comfortable to be the victim. Both have been wronged and, therefore, feel no obligation to bridge the gap. Pride prevents them from setting aside their feelings for a greater good, the preservation of the relationship. It’s not “Blessed are the peacemakers except when wronged,” or “Love your neighbor as yourself only if loved in return.”

Take the initiative and seek to reconcile with those with whom you have a grievance. A powerful example occurred several years ago when a number of Quaker children were murdered in their schoolhouse. When the perpetrator was apprehended and brought to court, the Quaker elders came to offer their forgiveness. Such examples of selfless love are few and far between. We can only marvel at such displays of grace and mercy.

While all marriages are not salvageable, some are. The ramifications of a breakup, particularly where there are children involved, should be strong incentives to overcome problems that threaten the union. There is that greater good to be considered. Will the children be better off emotionally, psychologically, and financially in the absence of a parent? Regrettably, in some cases, the answer is yes. To remain together requires sacrifices, difficult accommodations, and adjustments. While, often with some effort, one spouse can control his/her behavior, it may not be enough unless the other party is also trying.

Reconciliation ends an estrangement and restores harmony in a relationship. It can occur between individuals, warring nations, and theologically (between sinner and deity). There is precious little reconciliation in Washington these days. Seemingly intractable hostility, discord, and partisanship have so crippled the system as to render it incapable of agreeing on anything controversial.

Grievances large and small are inevitable. To rise above them for the common good requires humility and grace. The humility to accept you may be wrong or have in some way contributed to the breach. And the grace to acknowledge that harmony is far more beneficial and productive than strife.

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court who now practices law.



Barry Mills on the job at UMass Boston

prestige, his talents and the school’s generosity took him to Bowdoin College, where he double-majored in government and biochemistry.

From there, he took the unusual step of earning a doctorate in biology (Syracuse) and a law degree (Columbia) and then stood expectation on its head by abandoning a lucrative New York City law partnership to become president of his alma mater. As Bowdoin’s 14th president, Mills succeeded beyond what those who recruited him could have imagined, raising \$1 billion for the college’s endowment, making Bowdoin more affordable and diverse, and completing a major curriculum reform before retiring in 2015 and moving to Boston.

At that point, writing, consulting, and serving on boards is what might have been expected, but when UMass President Marty Meehan asked Mills to help UMB erase its \$30 million deficit, complete its high-stakes building projects, and generally improve a campus that has nurtured urban students’ hopes and dreams for more than 50 years, he asked: When do I start?

Having had the chance to work with Barry – and that’s how he was known and would introduce himself, not as Chancellor Mills or Doctor Mills, but as “Barry” – it’s not hard for me to answer the “why” question.

Simply put, while Bowdoin has played a pivotal role in Mills’s life, it is UMass Boston and schools like it that provide larger numbers of blue-collar and lower-income students with tickets to better lives. Thus, UMass Boston already had a special place in his heart. His decision to sign on was unequivocal and his commitment to UMB was absolute.

To have been at UMass Boston during Barry Mills’s year is to know this: From the moment he stepped

off the shuttle bus, he maintained a level of caring and fought for UMB with a ferocity that was almost hard to understand, but very easy to appreciate.

He brought his “A game” to Columbia Point and a scouting report might say that his Bowdoin presidency left him with a command of virtually every aspect of the academic enterprise. Immersed in a discussion about UMass Boston’s health-disparities research, Mills could pivot to offer a suggestion about the kind of carpeting that might work best in new dorms. A report might also note his lawyer’s ability to think clearly - and his startlingly impressive Rolodex. As interim chancellor, Mills harnessed it all for UMass Boston’s students and mission, and his efforts were noticed.

Key faculty members credited him with helping to restore hope and delivering on his promise of openness and transparency. Marty Meehan simply said: “Barry Mills made UMass Boston better for the next 50 years.” No one disagreed.

These days, as it prepares to award 4,000 new degrees, UMass Boston looks remarkably ... normal. The construction cranes are gone. Traffic flows. Students stream in and out of buildings, a number of which are new and compare favorably with those found on other campuses. If anything seems out of the ordinary, it is the beauty of the setting, as the waves roll in, seabirds soar, and sailboats cut across Dorchester Bay.

If UMass Boston appears to be alive and well and itself ready to soar, you can thank a lot of people, including founders who had a vision of a great urban public university, a faculty that sought to create a “Berkeley East” and has never backed off its commitment to quality or to its students, those leaders and administrators who somehow kept it all float, and students who endured the campus’s physical flaws and made the most of its opportunities.

A name that should be on this list – and will be, come May 30 – is 2019’s graduate commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient, a man who understands the importance of educational opportunity, a leader who answered the call and delivered for UMass Boston: Barry Mills.

Robert P. Connolly, the former UMass vice president for communications, served with Barry Mills as UMB’s interim vice chancellor for communications in 2017-2018.

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DYH raises new championship banners at Devine Rink



Dorchester Youth Hockey players, coaches, parents and supporters celebrated the league’s hugely successful 2018-2019 season last Saturday at the DCR Devine Rink in Neponset, where four new state cham-

pionship banners have been mounted on the wall. Four DYH teams—Squirt A, Bantam A, Bantam B, and Squirt B—skated to victories in the Massachusetts Hockey state tournament in March.



Pictured at the banner-raising (l-r): Tim Rogers, City Councillor Michael Flaherty, Phil Olsen, Jeff Hampton, Shaun O’Sullivan, Peter O’Sullivan, Stephanie O’Sullivan, Rep. Dan Hunt, Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George, Rep. Dan Cullinane and his son William.

Dora Misilo photo

Kite & Bike Festival draws a crowd to Franklin Park

By Kevin Perrington-Turner
Reporter Correspondent

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



A sunny, blue-sky day greeted participants at the 50th annual Franklin Park Kite and Bike Festival last Saturday, May 18. The event was held at the Playstead.

Blair Campbell photo

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 instruc-

tors 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 initia-

tive 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@franklinpark-coalition.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.

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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 P. McKeon Post on Hilltop St. around 9:30 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.eventbrite.com. The event will include awards to former State Rep. Charlotte Golar Richie and former Massport CEO Tom Glynn.



Ed Forry and Bill Forry gave a presentation on the history of the Dorchester Reporter on Sunday, May 19 at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Historical Society. The event took place at the Pipefitters union hall on Enterprise Street in Dorchester. The presentation included vintage images of the Reporter's earl editions and stories and a recounting of how the Reporter's company – BNN, Inc. – has grown over the last four decades. The annual meeting also included the election of officers for the DHS. Earl Taylor was re-elected to another term as president with Jeff Gonyeau as vice president, Robert Severy as secretary and Desmond Rohan as treasurer. Elected directors included:Lianne Ames, Austyn Ellse Mayfield, Debra Fox, Marti Glynn, Karen MacNutt, Mike Mason, Vicki Rugo and CJ Valerus.

Photo by Conor J. Forry

BNBL SIGN-UPS NOW UNDERWAY
Registration is now open for the 50th annual 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 tohttps://apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/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 Charles.Conners@boston.gov or call 617-961-3093.

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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By BILL FORRY EDITOR

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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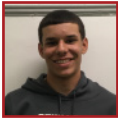


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Community Health News

\$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 Gastón Institute can continue to contribute insightful research on the issues that matter in the Hispanic community...”



(From left) Diane and Robert Hildreth sign their \$1 million commitment to UMass Boston’s Gastón Institute with Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman.

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 it’s 30th year, the Gaston Institute continues its mission of informing the public and policymakers about issues that are critical

to the growing Latino community.

“The Gastón Institute is proud and truly grateful for this remarkable investment and commitment to support Latino students, one of our na-

tion’s most underserved populations,” said Lorna Rivera, director of the Gastón Institute and associate professor of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Latino Studies at UMass Boston.

The Gastón Institute recently projected that by 2035 the Latinx 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.

“With this generous gift from Robert and Diane Hildreth, the Gastón 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

Steward offering free Doula care during pregnancy

Members of the Steward Health Choice MassHealth accountable care organization plan will now be able to get free care from doulas 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.

“Doula 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.

StewardHealthChoice 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 Wednesday, 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. She wrote that she was “On a mission to save Black Moms, we are dying 4xs to 8xs the rate of other women.”

- Katie Lannan/SHNS

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Participants in the residential summer program are eligible to receive free meal benefits through the USDA Summer Food Service Program for Children. To be eligible to receive free meals at a residential or non-residential camp, children must meet the income guidelines for reduced-price meals in the National School Lunch Program. The income guidelines for reduced-price meals by family size are listed below. Children who are part of households that receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps) benefits, or benefits under the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) are automatically eligible to receive free meals.

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FENWAY CHALLENGE COMES TO TOWN FIELD IN JULY

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Boston Red Sox, and Highland Street Foundation team up once again to present the Fenway Challenge featuring the Red Sox Showcase in local parks on three Tuesdays in July and August. The free series gives children ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to test their pitching accuracy, swing in a batting cage, and practice base stealing. Food and entertainment including virtual reality, a replica Green Monster, and Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie will provide participants with an unforgettable field day. Participants will also have the opportunity to win Red Sox tickets. The Fenway Challenge will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The dates are July 16 at Doherty Playground (Town Field), 1545 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester; July 30 at Lee Playground, 775 East First S., South Boston; and August 6 at Carter Playground, 709 Columbus Ave., South End. For more information, contact Cheryl Brown at 617-961-3085 or cheryl.brown@boston.gov. To register please go to mlb.com/redsox/forms/fenway-challenge.

DOT DAY 5K ON JUNE 2

The annual Project D.E.E.P. and Blarney Stone Dot Day 5k will be held before the parade on Sunday, June 2 with registration at 11 a.m. from 1505 Dorchester Ave. Register at projectdeep.org.

CHASING THE MOON FILM SCREENED AT KENNEDY LIBRARY

The Kennedy Library and WGBH will partner for an exclusive preview and discussion of the new American Experience series, Chasing the Moon on Thurs., May 23 at 6 p.m. Executive producer Mark Samels, director Robert Stone, and panelists discuss the series and the Space race, from the early years to the lunar landing and its legacy. See jfklibrary.org for details.

MAYOR WALSH COFFEE HOUR SERIES

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 20th Annual Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in local parks citywide from April 30 to June 19. All coffee hours will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. For more information and updates on possible weather cancellations, please contact the Boston

Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505. Dates for the full schedule of Mayor Walsh's 2019 Neighborhood Coffee hours can be found on boston.gov/parks. Dates for the scheduled Dorchester and Mattapan Neighborhood Coffee hours are as follows: Thurs., June 6 at Ronan Park, 92 Mt. Ida Rd., Dorchester.

WARD 13 DEMOCRATS TO CAUCUS ON JUNE 4

Ward 13 Democrats will caucus on Tues., June 4 at 6 p.m. at the Christo Rey School, 100 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK HELP

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

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POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

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

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.

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

ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP

Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you've read the book or not. For further info, please contact

Lil Konowitz at klil@hotmail.com.

ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings are held in the St. Brendan's Father Lane Hall – lower level at 589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester Tuesdays on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.

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

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

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

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC

Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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

FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.

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

WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

WANA meets on the third Thursday of every month from 6-8p.m. at VFW Post 8772, 54 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Nina Johnson is the president. Email woodrowaveassoc@gmail.com or visit wanaboston.org on Facebook.

JONES HILL ASSOC.

The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact officers@joneshill.com. Information, events, and voting membership can be found on joneshill.com.



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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 in Dorchester would remain at a similar level,

the figure would increase dramatically in downtown Boston, to the point where families could afford a two-bedroom apartment for \$3,290 a month.
Voucher-holders pay 30 percent of their income for rent costs; the rest comes from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
Boston's housing chief,

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,

officials say, something they hope to help change under the new policy.
The proposal will require HUD approval, and local officials say the new policy should be in place in July.

WBUR 90.9FM first published this story on May 15. The Reporter and WBUR have a partnership in which the two news organizations share content and resources.

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A Moment of Paws

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 environment they'll be in? You're paying for a service, and the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) encourages owners to be a

consumer advocate for pets by doing their own research and asking as many questions as possible before deciding on a facility.
ARL's new pet safety campaign — "The Kennel-9" — shares nine things you should consider before boarding your dog or cat.
See it for Yourself. Can you physically see the areas where your pet will be staying?
Sound the Alarm. Does the facility have written emergency response procedures in the event of a fire, power outage, or natural disaster? Are there working fire and carbon monoxide detectors, a sprinkler

system, or back-up power generator?
License, Please. Does the facility have a currently 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's the ratio of staff to animals? Is there 24-hour supervision? If

not, are animals monitored by a surveillance system? What training or experience does staff caring for animals have?
Social Circle. Do dogs play together in common areas? Are these play groups grouped together by size/temperament and monitored at all times? Can you choose to have your dog not participate in group activities?
Infection Precautions. Does the facility require up-to-date vaccination records for all boarders? What documentation is required for your pet to be admitted?
Feline Friends. Does the facility board cats? Are they separated from the sight and noise of dogs?

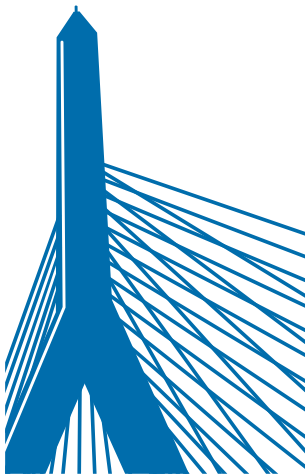
Get it in Writing. Will the facility give you written documentation of their procedures or confirmation of any special requests for your pet?
Don't get me wrong, there are plenty of quality boarding facilities located throughout Massachusetts, but did you know there are no state-wide regulations that 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 arl-boston.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@arl-boston.org.

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BGCD Members Go On Sailing Trip with Elevate Youth: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
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. Thanks 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.

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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 to Boston and 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 one 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 C5 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-bound, and Committed to a better future.”

C5 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 C5, mostly because of his 16-year-old sister, Norda 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



Regis Lino-Kelly, right, celebrated his graduation as valedictorian from Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology last weekend with his sister, Norda Lino-Kelly, 16, who goes to the same high school he went to – Boston Leadership Community Academy – and plays basketball at New Mission High School.
Photo courtesy Lino-Kelly family

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 was 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 while 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 got a chance to do, the faculty and staff are always helpful, and it doesn’t matter if it’s admissions or the financial aid office, everyone always has a lending hand.”

Lino-Kelly speaks with pride of his now alma mater: “There’s not anyone here that will shut you down or push you aside. Everyone will try to make time for you.”

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
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FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU19P0188GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
DANIEL C. BARROS
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Filomena B. Tavares of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Daniel C. Barros is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Filomena B. Tavares of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **05/30/2019**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
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Date: May 03, 2019
Published: May 23, 2019

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PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU19P0188GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
EVELYN HOLLEY
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Evelyn Holley is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Eric Holley of Roxbury, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
Docket No. SU19A0055CW
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CITATION
G.L. c. 119, § 23(a) (3)
In the Matter of:
ANGELA SMALL
To: Billie J. Witlow, Rodney Small, Linda Lewis
A Petition has been presented to said court by: Department of Children and Families requesting that said court finds that said child is under the age of eighteen (18) and is without proper guardianship due to the death, unavailability, incapacity or unfitness of the parent or guardian.
Any decree under the provision of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 119, Section 23(a) (3), gives custody of the child to the Department of Children and Families and authorized the Department of Children and Families or any agency commissioned by the Department to determine the child's place of abode, medical care, and education; to control the visits to the child; and to give consents to enlistments, marriages and other contracts requiring parental consent.
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Witness, Hon. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 1, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo
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Published: May 23, 2019

On Deer Island, a remembrance of hunger, sickness, burial

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

Delivering the invocation and blessing of those too-long-forgotten burial sites will be Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, OFM Cap Archbishop of Boston. Mayor Martin J. Walsh will also speak at the convocation.

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

According to City of Boston Archivist John McColgan, whose prodigious research of old records has laid bare so much of the sad saga of the quarantine station on Deer Island, some 800 Irish died there from 1847-1850 and perhaps up to 1,200 by 1852.

(Historical accounts note that two centuries earlier, in the 1670s, some 500 Native Americans who had been captured near modern-day Natick during King Philip's War were interned 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 “coffin ships,” 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 overwhelmed physicians dispatched the gravely ill to hospitals, the city determined that the swelling influx of Irish aboard Boston-bound



After 170 years, a memorial to the ‘An Gorta Mor’ refugees, maybe 1,200 in all, and others who perished in quarantine or imprisonment is ready for its blessing ceremonies on Saturday

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 Almshouse was established in that year. All famine ships plodding into Boston Harbor and judged by port officials to be “foul 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 healthier immigrants set foot in Boston. From 1847 to 1849, approximately 4,186 people were quarantined “as a precautionary measure to ward off 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 clotted with direly ill passengers, the Irish newcomers had not been welcomed. By 1847, the city was changing – and its Yankee population didn't like what was happening. Anglo-Protestant families who had ruled over the city since their 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 Bostonians'” turf with a horrific “social revolution.”

As the city's popu-

lation 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 icicles.” The age-old prejudices that the Irish had encountered on the “old sod” now confronted them in the New World, and as some one million often-unwelcome Irish poured into America from 1845-1850, the roughest reception awaited them in Boston. 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-week Atlantic crossing. During the Great Hunger, over 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 emigrants 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.”

And a Parliamentary Report of the Select Committee to Investigate the Operation of the Passengers Acts related: “I have known cases of females who had to sit up all night upon their boxes in the steerage,” said one eyewitness, “because they could think not of going into bed with a strange man.” With men and women packed into steerage so tightly, there were scant

or no means to preserve even a semblance of privacy or modesty. Fevers spread rapidly and lethally.

Irish men, women, and children, all thrashing with sickness, crying out in their fitful sleep, and dazed by the growing realization that no matter whether their ship went down in a storm or disgorged them in America, they would never see Ireland again. An elderly woman slumped against the rail of a coffin ship was heard to exclaim, “God save me. Old as I am, I should never have left Ireland. Who knows where I'll be buried now.”

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

Boston's expense.

Many immigrants who were not sick enough for quarantine on Deer Island did not last long in Boston's North End Irish tenements and rooming houses, where conditions were little better than on the crowded coffin ships. A Boston Committee of Internal Health study of the slums related that the Irish languished in “a perfect hive of human beings, without comforts and mostly without common necessities; in many cases huddled together like brutes, without regard to age or sex or sense of decency. Under such circumstances self-respect, forethought, all the high and noble virtues soon die out, and sullen indifference and despair or disorder, intemperance and utter degradation reign supreme.”

The lack of sanitation in the slums, or “rookeries,” unleashed a wide array of disease, cholera proving the most lethal. Of Irish children born in Boston during the Famine years, approximately 60 percent died before the age of six.

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 will be provided by the MWRA. The site is accessible by driving to Bennington Street in East Boston, taking MA-145 N, Pleasant Street, and Shirley Street to Elliot Street in Winthrop. It's about 13 minutes from the tunnels. For folks using GPS, use this address: 190 Tafts Ave, Winthrop, MA 02152. There will be ample free parking on the island, but arrive early, as there's limited room at the site

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LLOCCA, John He was a teacher at the Boston Public Schools for 20 years, and then worked as a bilingual medical and court interpreter. Survived by his mother, Rose Allocca, his brother Michaelangelo Allocca, both of Brooklyn, by his children Rose Allocca and Victor Langone, and his wife Ann Langone, all of Boston. Donations can be made in John's name to the Rosenberg Fund for Children. rfc.org/supportus

BUTT, Veronica "Vera" M. (Cronin) Lifelong resident of Chelsea. Wife of 67 years to the late, retired Chelsea Firefighter, W. Roy Butt. Mother of Jane Frieden of

Dorchester, Marie Washington and her husband Allan of Chelsea, Ellen M. Butt of Chelsea, Karen E. Butt and her wife Cynthia Brown of Newbury, Roy W. Butt and his wife Anna of Wakefield. Sister of Anna Mae Rossi of Chelsea and the late William J. Cronin, Catharine "Babe" Coyne. Also survived by 4 grandchildren. Contributions in Vera's memory may be made to the Cohen Florence Levine Estates Activities Fund, 201 Captain's Row, Chelsea, MA 02150.

CLOGHESSEY, James J. of Dorchester. Husband of Mary G. Cloghessy. Father of Joseph J. Cloghessy and

his wife Paula of Billerica and Marie G. Williams and her husband David of San Jose, CA. Brother of Michael Drew and his wife Gloria of England, Teresa Drew, Joe Drew, Mary Stevens and her husband David of Billerica, Maureen Donovan and her late husband Sonny of Dorchester and the late Christine Bowen and her late husband Patrick Bowen, Helen McLaine and Daniel Drew. Proud grandfather of seven.

CRUSCO, Dorothy R. (Sorenson) of Cambridge, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Rocco P. Crusco. Mother of William of Cambridge, Stephen of North Andover and Karen of Cambridge. Also survived by five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Sister of the late Marie Ryan.

DeSARIO, Michael G. of Bellingham, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Audrey A. (Murphy) DeSario. Father of George M. DeSario and his wife Carol of Franklin, Esthermarie Wilson and her husband Thomas of Medfield and Margaret Anne Paghera and her husband Scott of Nashua, NH. Grandfather of seven. Brother of Francis DeSario and his wife Geri of Dedham, Madeline Lehmann and her husband Jack of Kingston and the late Angela Tryder. Brother-in-law of Paul Tryder of

Dedham. Donations may be made in Michael's late wife Audrey's memory to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St., Suite 250, Framingham, MA 01701. Michael was a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran.

DiBIASE, Mary (DiBari) of Dorchester, 88. Wife of the late Daniel R. DiBiase. Daughter of the late Samuel and Andonetta (DeSario) DiBari. Mary was predeceased by her sister Rosa Bronow and brothers Angelo DiBari and Joseph DiBari. She is survived by her brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Rocco and Delores DiBiase of Cambridge and Nancy Nugent of Medford. She was a member of the Third Order of Mary and a communicant of many local Catholic churches, including St. Margaret Church, Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Mission Church, Boston Carmel, Our Lady of Victories, and the former St. William Church

KILEY, Jacqueline (Egan) of Marshfield. Wife of 63 years to William Kiley, mother of Patrick Kiley and his wife Sheryl of Goffstown, NH, Christine Leahy and her husband Joseph of Essex Junction, VT, Stephen Kiley and his wife Lorraine of Milton, Paul Kiley and his wife Becky of Zionsville, IN, and Maryanne Spicuzza and her husband Vincent of Marshfield. Grandmother of 15, great-grandmother of 2. Jackie was the sister of Joan and the late Walter Finn, William and Ann Egan, and the late Leo and Madeline Egan. Jackie was originally from Dorchester but later moved to Norwell Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Blvd., Memphis, TN 38105.

MOTT, Veta C. (Foster, McAfee), 86, was born in Boston to Constantine and Irene (Woodson) Foster. Donations can be made to alz.org in her name.

PACE, Margaret T. (Ford) 82, Of Weston formerly of Lincoln. Mother of Cheryl Pace, Alfred

Pace Jr. and wife Ann and Susan Pace-McComb and husband Thomas. Nana to 12 and one great-grandson. Sister of Sr. Eileen Ford and the late Noreen "Patsy" Barbati, Bridie Kupcewicz, Mary Bouchard, Julie DiSangro, Jane Lehan, Rev. William Ford, John, Thomas and Tobias "Tobey Ford. Kindly make a memorial donation in Margaret's name to The Alzheimer's Association 309 Waverley Oaks Rd. Waltham, MA. 02452.

PIERCE, June M. (Amerena) longtime resident of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of Lloyd J. Pierce for 40 years. Mother of Jillian Pierce of West Roxbury and Jamie Pierce and her fiancé Paul Connerty of Hyde Park. Nana of one. Daughter of the late James (Bob), and June Amerena. Sister of Bobby Amerena and his wife Felicia of Orlando, FL, and Jean Panciocco and her husband Dan of Walpole. Sister-in-law of Diane Sparrow and Linda Pierce. Former employee of Boston Gas Company and Faulkner Hospital. Donations may be made in June's memory to Joslin Diabetes Center Development Office, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.

POWERS, James F. Jr., 88, of Dorchester. Husband of Ann M. (Reardon). Father of James M. Powers of Dorchester, George G. Powers and his wife Yumi of Charles-town, Ann M. Powers of Plymouth, Gerard J. Powers and his wife Lynne of Quincy, Teresa A. Bennett and her husband Robert of Dorchester, Patricia A. Schneider and her husband Mark of Plymouth, Jacqueline A. O'Dwyer and her husband Michael of Dorchester, Peter J. Powers and his wife Lisa of Easton and Rosalind A. Kessel and her husband Kenneth of Plymouth. Brother of the late Marion Bare and Virginia MacCutcheon. Also survived by 25 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Veteran United States Marine Corp and United States Army. Donations may be made in his mem-

ory to the Martin Richard Foundation, 1452 Dorchester Ave., 4th Floor, Dorchester, MA 02122 or at teammr8.org

SARNO, Alfred Sr., 92, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester and East Boston. Veteran during WWII. He was the founder of Sarno Glass and Mirror of Hyde Park, originally of South Boston. He also worked at Economy Glass Corp. in Boston. He was a member of the D.A.V. and Sons of Italy in Quincy, and volunteered at South Shore Elder Services. Husband of the late Irene B. (Malinowski) Sarno. Father of Alfred, Jr. of Roslindale, Jean M. (Michael Jasko) of Roslindale, and John P. (Karen May) of Hyde Park. Grandfather of one. Brother of the late Carmen, Mary Viscione, Susan LaVacca, Anthony, Joseph. Americo, Anna Pagliuca, and Margaret. Fred was a proud Navy Seabee Donations in memory of Fred may be made to the Soldiers Home, Family Council, 91 Crest Ave., Chelsea, MA 02150.

STRICKLAND, Loretta Ann (Phillips) of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain. Wife of 58 years to Harold F. Strickland. Mother of Bernadette Montalvo and her husband Miguel of Amherst, NH and James "Jim" Strickland of West Roxbury. Grandmother two. Great-grandmother of two. Sister of Dorothy Phillips of Sunnyvale, CA. Donations in Loretta's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905 or at stjude.org

THOMPSON, Dr. Christopher Wayne of Dorchester. Husband of Evelyn Thompson of Virginia Beach, VA. Father of Christopher Thompson, Jr. of Las Vegas, NV, Mitchell Braverman of Milwaukee, WI, Hasan Thompson of Atlanta, GA and Kashif Thompson of Boston. Brother of Robert N. Thompson of Milford, NH. He is survived by seven grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren.



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Docket No. SU18W1208WD
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Plaintiff's:
MICHAEL A. STOKES

v.
Defendant's:
ROBIN UPCHURCH

To the above named Defendant:
Robin Upchurch
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Michael A. Stokes, seeking Complaint for Custody-Support-Parenting time filed 10/19/2018.

You are required to serve upon Michael A. Stokes, whose address is 14A Fayston St., Dorchester, MA 02121 - Your answer on or before 20th day of June, 2019.

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, ESQUIRE, First Judge of said Court this 15th day of May 2019.

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CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU19C0203CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
FAUSTINE MERCY NJERI

A petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Faustine Mercy Njeri of requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to

MERCY MWAUA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/30/2019. This is not a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 10, 2019

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