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Bargain-hunters flock to Ashmont Hill sale

The 44th edition of the popular Ashmont Hill Yard Sale drew antique-hunters and deal-seekers from far and wide last Saturday (May 18). At right, Jessica Yuscavitch relaxed in a corner spot after scoring an ornate side table for just \$5. Below, Anita Moore shows off some of the scarves she had for sale on Ocean Street by using her Japanese Maple tree as a hanger. Story, more photos, Page 19.

Seth Daniel photos



Fields Corner weighs pros and negatives of Wu's re-zoning plan

A call for "the walkable, the foot traffic, the local restaurants."

By CHRIS LOVETT
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At meetings last week, city planners and Dorchester residents took their first steps toward a new zoning map for the Fields Corner area, weighing a potential gain in Boston's housing supply against further risks to the neighborhood's affordability.

A virtual session May 14 and an in-person meeting May 18 were the area's launch points for Mayor Wu's Squares + Streets initiative. A launch for Codman Square, scheduled for earlier in May, was put on hold, due to the city's plan for a possible expansion to include the Four Corners area. An amendment to the city's zoning code for the initiative was approved in March by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). The first areas where the BPDA introduced Squares + Streets were Hyde Park and Roslindale. "Fields Corner specifically was selected because it was really close to the Red Line T stop," Ben Zunkeler, a senior planner with the BPDA, explained at the virtual meeting. "There's seven bus routes, including one high-frequency route, two schools, one community center, the library, and there's also an existing Main Street district." He said the "small area plan" would focus on "main streets that are really strong and vibrant," with commercial ameni-

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Olympians join conference on water safety

By TAYLOR BROKESH
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International Water Safety Day was the focus of an event held at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston last Tuesday (May 14) that was hosted by the City of Boston's Swim Safe initiative. The first of a planned lineup of such events featured a panel of water safety experts from Boston Children's Hospital and Boston Medical Center and two former Olympic swimmers.

At issue was the importance of water safety, not just for kids who don't know how to swim but for adults as well, and the need to improve access to swim lessons. An added element was the highlighting of city lifeguard job openings.

Boston's chief of human services, José Massó, explained why the Curley Community Center



Olympic swimmers Cullen Jones and Janelle Atkinson confer with Murphy School K-8 swim director Jane Murphy (left) during a swim safety event Wednesday morning.
Seth Daniel photo

was chosen as the venue for this particular event. There were two reasons, he said. "First, this site happens to be one of four BCYF community centers that we reopened last year." The others were Paris Street in East Boston, the Marshall in Dorchester, and the Mattahunt in Mattapan, all of which reopened last year along with Curley after problems arose after years of delayed maintenance, among other issues.

"Second," he said, "as many of you probably remember, a four-year-old boy lost his life on Castle Island, just down the road from the structured beach, exactly one year ago today." Last May, Mohamed Fofana, autistic and nonverbal, disappeared from view of his grandfather while playing at the Castle Island Playground, and

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The mayor's 'vision' on preservation stirs anxiety in Dot circles

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The meeting on May 6 was billed as a chance for Dorchester residents to hear about Mayor Wu's administration's "vision for historic preservation" from the key person charged with executing the mayor's agenda. Murray Miller, the Wu-hired director of the Boston Office for Historic Preservation, was on hand at the Codman Square branch of the Boston Public Library to brief a group of about 30 people in person. Several more people joined the meeting online.

As it went on, the session seemed to engender far more questions than answers, and in the days that followed, a flurry of emails – most of them authored by veteran members of the neighborhood's preservation community – buzzed with anxious take-aways' from Murray's presentation, much of them centered on Wu's attempts to reform or replace rules around demolition permits, known collectively as the Article 85 process.

Earl Taylor, president of the Dorchester Historical Society, which boasts a large and engaged member-

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Summertime start seen for Codman Park rehab

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The long-awaited renovation of Codman Park is about to go out to bid, with a potential construction start in August, ending years of planning and waiting for an upgrade to the underutilized space at the top of Centre Street in Codman Square.

In a meeting in the park held earlier this month, Nellie Ward, project manager for Boston Parks and Recreation, told neighbors the city intends to go out to bid from May 28 to June 13, which could mean a start date this summer.

The project, which is Phase 1 of a larger Codman Commons concept, would ideally be completed before July 2025.

"If everything goes according to plan...we will have a contract awarded on June 13 provided the bids come in within the budget," Ward told neighbors gathered in the park this month. "If the bids are over the budget, and that happens sometimes, we would have to go out to bid again. If not, we could have construction starting in late July or early August."

Ward said if that a second bidding period might require some "value

engineering," or eliminating some of the pieces in the park plan.

The park will be closed a few weeks before construction, with a fence placed around the space. The Codman Square Farmer's Market and other park activities will be diverted this summer.

The entirety of the project budget is \$900,200, with a construction purse of \$760,000. Recently, Ward announced that money for construction had increased as Ward secured \$170,000 from the Office of Green Infrastructure and Climate Ready Streets for

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Dot Day Weekend— June 1-2

See next week's Reporter for a full guide to the Dorchester Day Parade on Sunday, June 2, 1 p.m.
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Transit Police say "several male juveniles" spent some time striking panes of glass at the Ashmont Red Line station, causing them to crack, around 10 p.m. last Sunday (May 19). "The juveniles then fled out of the station," police say. On Friday, a woman was detained at North Quincy after allegedly smashing windows on a Red Line train. Transit Police photo

A drug haul on Harbor View Street

Boston Police drug-unit officers investigating alleged sales arrested a woman on Harbor View Street in Dorchester on trafficking charges around 11:40 a.m. on Sat., May 18. Michelle Mallon, 50, was arraigned in Dorchester Municipal Court on charges of trafficking class A and class B drugs, two counts of possession of class B drugs with intent to distribute and two counts of possession of class C drugs with intent to distribute. Judge Erika Reis ordered her held at the Suffolk County jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail, court records show.

According to police, officers armed with search warrants went into 49 Harbor View St. and, in addition to arresting Mallon, seized "79 grams of Fentanyl, 56 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 44 grams of cocaine, 125 amphetamine pills, psilocybin mushrooms, numerous scales and plastic bags, and approximately \$5,297 in US currency."

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A small fire on Tues., May 14, prompted the temporary closing of Dependable Cleaners and Laundromat at 1141 Dorchester Ave. in Savin Hill. The fire, which took place above the laundromat but away from the dry-cleaning areas, damaged the building, but, luckily, none of the garments inside.

"We love being part of the Dorchester community and are working hard to recover from this as quickly as we can," said Dependable Cleaners President Christa Hagearty. "We will have a better sense of how long this will take in the next week or two."

In the meantime, employees have already begun the work of cleaning up and are in the process of recleaning and pressing dry-cleaned items. Dependable Cleaner's planned to have all garments ready for pick up at their Milton location on May 17. While the Dorchester location undergoes repairs, residents are encouraged to visit the additional laundromat locations at 320 Quincy Ave, Quincy, and the stores at 110 Newbury St, Boston, and 338 Granite Ave, Milton.

Codman Academy Charter staff organizing to join up with BTU

Educators at Codman Academy Charter Public School announced recently that they are organizing a union with the Boston Teachers Union (BTU). The new entity will include more than 60 staff at the school and is the second Dorchester charter this year to join the BTU. Neighborhood House Charter School (NHCS) staff members did so earlier this year.

"We're unionizing Codman Academy CPS so that we have a voice at the table to build a safe learning environment that celebrates creativity and holistic development for our students, community, and educators," said Marcus Parker, a 3rd grade teacher at Codman Academy. "Our students deserve the best, and we know that by unionizing with the Boston Teachers Union, we'll have the power to win them that."



Teachers from the Codman Academy Charter Public School sat on the steps of the Great Hall in Codman Square recently to celebrate their vote to unionize with the BTU. Photo courtesy of BTU

Said Tanesha Ryland, a 9th grade math teacher at Codman Academy: "It has become increasingly challenging to give our students what they need. By joining BTU, we will gain the right to negotiate over our working conditions, student needs, and a fair discipline process."

Jessica Tang, president of the BTU, said this agreement is a message of demanding better for students and educators.

"We are inspired by the dedicated educators at Codman Academy for organizing together to achieve a better learning and working environment," she said.

Nguyen tapped as 'Mid-Dorchester' liaison; James moves on Mattapan for new position

Mayor Wu has appointed Anthony Nguyen to serve as the Mid-Dorchester liaison in her office of neighborhood services. At the same time, Mattapan liaison Eric James announced that he was moving on from his position after two years and taking a job with the city's Office of Police Accountability & Transparency.

Nguyen is a lifelong Dorchester resident. Prior to joining the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Nguyen was the director of SPARK Boston, where he held the position of captain, volunteering his time assisting with program-

ming efforts.

The son of Vietnamese immigrants, Nguyen's role as the Mid-Dorchester liaison will focus on Uphams Corner, Bowdoin/Geneva, Four Corners, and Codman Square areas. Since Dorchester is the largest neighborhood in the city, there are two liaisons who provide constituent services for the neighborhood. Ross Cochran serves Dorchester Bay, Savin Hill, Ashmont, and Lower Mills. No replacement for James has yet been announced.

The Office of Neighborhood Services is seen as integral in connecting residents to City services and resources, facili-

tating resident input in all aspects of local government, ensuring the appropriate City departments respond to constituent service requests,

attending neighborhood meetings, and responding to emergencies such as fires to help displaced residents.

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Little Miss, Young Miss contests set for Saturday – The annual Little Miss and Young Miss Dorchester contest will be held this Saturday (May 25) at 11 a.m. at Saint John Paul School, 790 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. The contest is open to Dorchester girls ages 7-8-9 (Little Miss) or 10-11-12 (Young Miss). Following the contest, all contestants are welcome for a pizza party. Participants must be available to join in the Dot Day Parade on June 2. All applications are due by this Friday (May 24). Go to stitchhousedorchester.com/community-chatter to register.
Cedar Grove Cemetery hosts a Memorial Day tour next Mon., May 27, at noon.

Join friends and neighbors to learn more about the history of the cemetery and the sacrifice of service members buried there. Meet at the Koi pond next to the cemetery's Adams Street entrance, 950 Adams St., Dorchester.
The 118th Dorchester Day Parade is set for Sun., June 2, at 1 p.m. (rain or shine) on Dorchester Avenue between Richmond Street and Columbia Road. See dotdayparade.org for more info.
DorchFest, Dorchester's version of "porchfest," returns for the third consecutive year on Sat., June 1, in the Ashmont-Adams neighborhood. See dorchfest.com for schedules and locations.

Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at UMass Boston's 56th commencement ceremony on Thursday of this week (May 23), on the Campus Center Lawn. Degrees will be conferred on approximately 3,757 undergraduates, graduate, and doctoral students in the Class of 2024. For more information, see umb.edu/commencement.
Red Line service will be suspended between Broadway and Braintree stations on the Braintree Branch during the weekends of June 8-9 and June 15-16. Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Broadway and Braintree. Riders are encouraged to use Commuter Rail

express shuttle bus service from Braintree if possible. It will operate directly between South Station and Braintree. Riders should note that regular Red Line train service will operate on the Ashmont Branch between JFK/UMass and Ashmont. This service change is in place to allow crews to perform necessary work as part of the Dorchester Avenue bridge replacement project.
The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., June 11, at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal for 21-29 Fernboro St. For more info see bit.ly/FernboroRegister1.

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Murphy School principal moving to head up school in the South End

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

After more than 20 years at Dorchester's Richard J. Murphy K-8 School – 10 of those years as the school leader – Courtney Shepeck announced last week that she will be leaving to take a new position as principal of the Blackstone Elementary School in the South End.

BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper will select an interim principal who will start on July 1 and run the school's day-to-day functions throughout next year. A selection process for a permanent leader is likely to start in January 2025 with a selection made by July 1, 2025.

The move is bittersweet for Shepeck, who said the Murphy – one of the largest and most diverse schools in the neighborhood – is where she learned to teach. "Basically, I've grown up professionally at the Murphy School," she said. "I started here as a teacher when we added the sixth grade and also as we grew to seventh and eighth grade. I was a founding member of the expansion in 2002 and 10 years ago was



Murphy School Principal Courtney Shepeck has taken a new school leader position at the South End's Blackstone Elementary School after 10 years leading the Dorchester K-8.

Seth Daniel photo

asked to be interim principal.

"For me professionally, I want to work in a transformation school and see if I can transfer the solid school attributes we've created here to the Blackstone," she said. "It's definitely a bittersweet decision, but at the Murphy, families can be guaranteed they'll get strong instruction across all classrooms. We have very good bones here."

Shepeck is a product of the Boston public schools (BPS) and her children also attended city schools. "I'm very invested in the City of Boston, and I think I can bring something new to the Blackstone," she said. "I'm a person that when I stay somewhere, I stay a long time."

Shepeck became interim principal at the start of the 2014-15 academic year after having been a sixth-grade teacher and literacy coach in the school. She replaced the previous principal Karen

Cahill, who was put on paid leave over the summer of 2014 after eight years as school leader in what was described to the Reporter at the time as a "confidential personnel matter." Later, Cahill was absolved in the matter and became principal at the Edward Everett School in Dorchester. Shepeck later was chosen as the permanent principal. She will officially leave the Murphy on June 30.

BPS has announced that Leslie Gant will be the new regional superintendent for Region 2, which covers a good part of Dorchester, South Boston, the South End, and downtown. Current Region 2 Supt. Mary Driscoll announced earlier this year that she will be retiring after many years in the profession. She will continue through September to help with the transition.

Gant has been the principal of the Joseph Tynan School in South Boston since 2012 and was a classroom teacher before that. She attended Boston Latin Academy (BLA) as a high school student and graduated from Boston University before starting her teaching career.

Survey: Most parents don't know about BPS facilities plan

Only half of all parents with kids in the Boston Public Schools system are aware of upcoming changes, closures, or renovations to schools, according to the results of a new survey from the MassINC Polling Group.

Furthermore, the survey found that parents who are aware of the looming changes were more likely to have higher incomes and more ed-

ucation. Latino parents, the survey also found, were the most likely to be unaware.

The survey, the most recent wave of a years-long series from MassINC to gauge local attitudes about education, reached almost 900 BPS parents from March 21 to April 15 of this year, and was weighted to appropriately include perspectives from across

all socioeconomic backgrounds. Just 17 percent of parents surveyed said they knew "a great deal" about the upcoming changes while 33 percent said they knew "a fair amount." 32 percent said they knew "not very much" about the upcoming changes and 16 percent reported they knew nothing at all. The remaining 1 percent "did not know" or "refused"

to answer the question.

In January, BPS announced that as many as half of current BPS schools would close or merge in order to fit their guidelines of "Model Space Summaries," which in essence means facilities would need to be able to accommodate larger populations of either preK-6th grade students or 7th-12th grade students.

The mergers, closures, and renovations are needed, the city says, so that they can retire aging facilities and construct more modern, larger facilities. Superintendent Mary Skipper later said that it was unlikely that BPS would end up closing half of all schools in the district.

So far, however, plans have not been finalized about each and every

school's future, but the closure of the Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School on Columbia Road — Boston's last middle school — at the end of the 2024-25 school year was first revealed by the Reporter, which noted that the Frederick facility will likely be repurposed as a large elementary school.

— TAYLOR BROKESH



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Summertime start seen for Codman Park rehab

(Continued from page 1) the addition of climate resilient features.

The Friends of Codman Square Park has given reviews to the plan and the group was excited about getting the extra money for climate resilience.

The plan as proposed will open the park substantially, particularly at the entrance on Washington Street – allowing for a more open flow. The curbing inside the park will be removed and pathways will be installed at grade for safety and accessibility improvements. Most of the mature trees will be preserved in the center of the park, though some dead ones will be removed.

Plans also call for a mound to be installed in the center of the park, with a concert stage at the back fence. Electricity will be brought into the park, especially into the stage area so that generators will no longer be necessary for performances or Farmer’s Market activity.

Rain gardens will be installed within the park for better drainage, and the perimeter fence along Talbot Avenue will be refurbished. For the Christmas holiday, a permanent tree stand has been proposed for the entry piazza on Washington Street—eliminating the fir tree that was always used within



Neighbors and Friends of Codman Square members gathered with Councillor Brian Worrell and Boston Parks Project Manager Nellie Ward for a final meeting on the park this month. *Seth Daniel photo*

the park and has seen better days. And local artist Destiny Palmer is in the process of designing the “I Am Codman Square” statue that is expected to be a photo-friendly addition to the layout.

Phase 2 of the plan awaits a timeline. That piece will focus on the other side of the area in front of the Second Church, but an agreement has

already been hammered out for cooperation on the larger Codman Commons that will integrate both properties when all is done. Rev. Victor Price, of Second Church, said they

are waiting on the completion of the ongoing steeple renovation and Codman Burial Ground rehabilitation for the church. Once that is completed, they will turn their attention

to Codman Commons, with the hope that it will be a centerpiece where the community can gather year-round for civic and social occasions.

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Mark the date: June 2 is when it all comes together for Dorchester

By **CASSIDY MCNEELEY**
REPORTER STAFF

For some, the unofficial start to summer is Memorial Day, but for Dorchester residents, it's the first Sunday of every June, the day of the Dorchester Day Parade. This year the 118th annual parade will take place on June 2, beginning as usual at 1 p.m. in Lower Mills at the corner of Washington Street and Dorchester Avenue and traveling along Dot Ave to Savin Hill and the finish at Columbia Road.

Dot Day Parade president Brienne Gore describes June 2 as "a day that we celebrate our beautiful community and all the different representations we have." Added Parade Treasurer Kelly Walsh: "It's a day to bring everybody together and celebrate everybody in one cohesive place, which doesn't always happen."

While the parade roster has yet to be finalized, Gore and Walsh are especially excited to see kids from local organizations walk the 3.2-mile stretch up the avenue. They include the Dorchester Elite Eagles, Level Ground Mixed Martial Arts, the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester, the Kenny School Marching Band led by Jerry Chu, and students from several neighborhood schools.



Members of one of several marching bands included in the 2023 edition of the Dorchester Day Parade made their way through Fields Corner last year. *Seth Daniel photo*

"It's fun for the kids who are participating," said Walsh. "They have an opportunity to walk and play their instruments and have everyone clap and cheer for them."

In addition to the sounds of drums, flutes, and trombones, the streets will be filled with laughter and cheers representing the appreciation residents have for their home neighborhood.

borhood.

Gore experienced this at her first Dot Day Parade when she moved to the neighborhood almost 25 years ago. "It really sparked my love of Dorchester," she said. "I saw how important the community is to all of us here and it's a place I never want to leave. You feel it everywhere you go. It's awesome."

The parade also helps

expand how residents understand their neighborhood. "It's a good opportunity for people to see the different cultures and groups that

are a part of Dorchester," Walsh said. This includes representatives from the Vietnamese, Cape Verdean, and LGBTQ+ communities.

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test is open to Dorchester girls ages 7-8-9 (Little Miss) or 10-11-12 (Young Miss). Following the contest, all contestants are welcome for a pizza party. Participants must

She added, "When you're in your own neighborhood you see exactly what's around you, but you don't see Dorchester as a whole and the parade helps with that."

Also very much in attendance at the parade will be the 2024 honorary mayor of Dorchester, Maeghan Driscoll. Gore said that Driscoll leads with dedication and enthusiasm and can lead the parade the same way.

Close by will be this year's chief marshal, Jeff Buckley. "Jeff is a laborer from Local 223 but he's also a Marine Corps veteran and has been very active in ADSL," said Walsh. "We felt he was a good fit for chief marshal and represented what many residents of Dorchester represent, getting out there and giving back to the community and helping people in whatever way that they can." As the parade date draws near, the committee is still taking donations and looking for volunteers. For more information visit dotdayparade.org.

be available to join in the Dot Day Parade on June 2. All applications are due by Friday, May 24. Go to stitchhousedorchester.com/community-chatter to register.

Help with phones, food and housing

How Commonwealth Care Alliance Massachusetts's Community Health Workers help members stay healthy and live well in their homes



For many of us, a home is more than shelter—it's a safe haven where family memories are made. Commonwealth Care Alliance Massachusetts (CCA) Community Health Worker Angelmina understood that when she first met Bonnie*, a CCA member in her 70s. Struggling to replace her oil tank, Bonnie would soon be left without heat or hot water.

Since the home had been in Bonnie's family for many years, belongings had accumulated in the basement, blocking access to the tank, and the fire department could not approve a new tank until the old one was removed. With no family or friends nearby to help, Bonnie was losing hope. To help, Angelmina contacted local vendors to clear the basement. She also helped Bonnie apply for financial support for a new oil tank.

Housing issues such as these can have a significant impact on someone's health and wellbeing. That's why in recent years, CCA helped members receive more than 77,000 home modifications and supports, including helping members get air conditioners, homemaker services, ramp installations, and more.

CCA Community Health Worker Janette has seen the impact these issues can have on the members she supports, too. "Many people who struggle with issues at home also struggle with stress, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol," she said. "When you're anxious about paying your bills, keeping warm, or staying safe, you can't focus on your health."

Both Janette and Angelmina help members live safely at home, connecting people to food resources, transportation, or phones. It might also mean connecting them to a lawyer if they are facing eviction or helping them apply for housing.

"Community Health Workers provide the kind of support that a friend or family member would offer," Angelmina added. Recently, she helped a member apply for a phone and assisted him with getting a social security card, which was required for the phone application. "He had to have a lot of trust in me to give me his ID and get this done for him," she said.

While keeping members in their homes is an important goal for CCA, finding a new home is sometimes a better option. "I recently worked with a member who was living in a terrible environment," Janette said. "His home was infested. He thought that his living situation was the best that he could do. We collaborated as a team and with our community partners and we helped him move to a safer home."

CCA's Community Health Workers live in the communities they serve and understand the conditions that impact the health and wellness of their neighbors. With this knowledge, they help members close gaps to get access to the programs they need. Janette's number one goal is to be an advocate for her members, a role that requires trust and understanding. "I need to listen before I can talk. While housing might be their primary need, helping them fill out that application isn't always step one."



When asked what she loves most about her job, Angelmina said she was passionate about helping people. "I'm willing to go the extra mile to help support our members' needs," she said.

Janette agreed. "CCA's mission is to help people with the most significant needs stay healthy and live well. That's a mission I strongly believe in, and I'm proud to support it every day."

*To protect the privacy of our member, this name is a pseudonym.

Commonwealth Care Alliance is a mission-driven healthcare services organization that supports older adults and individuals with the most significant needs. Visit: ccama.org/health.

Fields Corner weighs pros and negatives of Wu's re-zoning plan

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ties for nearby residents and “good transit” that could support additional housing and businesses. The initiative would change zoning to allow for housing or mixed-use development with more density along parts of commercial corridors near public transportation. The projects would be subject to the set-aside for affordable units under the city’s Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP). According to city planners, the zoning incentives—including fewer hurdles for accessory dwelling units—could be combined with capital improvements, affordable housing supports, development opportunities on city-owned land, and mitigation for climate change, such as tree cover. The Boston initiative follows a similar program, Transit Oriented Communities (TOC), adopted in Los Angeles in 2017. According to the Turner Center for Housing Innovation at UC Berkeley, the TOC program “likely increased Los Angeles’s supply of below-market homes and reduced housing scarcity overall.” Though they credited the program with increasing affordability and choice in the wider market, researchers concluded that public subsidies would be more effective for producing below-market-rate units and helping lower-income households. In Minneapolis, there was another move to encourage development with more density, with fewer requirements for parking. According to a January 2024 post by Pew Charitable Trusts, the resulting surge in buildings with at least 20 housing units on commercial corridors was the main factor increasing the city’s housing supply and putting the brakes on rent increases.



This view of Fields Corner looking north along Dorchester Avenue was taken in the mid-1980s. The village is one of a few sections of the city selected to pilot Mayor Wu’s “Squares + Streets” initiative. *Chris Lovett photo*

The 2017 Housing Report Card report from The Boston Foundation credited the surge in housing production under former mayor Marty Walsh for a marginal decrease in rents in the region’s inner core. But, with most of the new units at luxury levels, the report found little relief at the lower end of the market. “The price of these units might have declined enough to bring the overall average rent down without much affecting the median rent or rents in the lower end of the price spectrum,” the report observed. “Hence, even as the average rent fell, the proportion of renters who are housing cost-burdened continued to rise in 2017.”

In Dorchester, new developments near transit stations have increased housing supply, with some gains in affordable units, but also with more anxieties over parking and upward pressure on the surrounding area’s housing market. Until sixteen years ago, Dorchester Avenue was dominated by commercial buildings with one to three stories,

alternating with houses, mostly three-deckers. That changed with the development of “The Carruth,” a six-story brick building with 116 mixed-income units near Ashmont Station. This was followed by other higher-density projects along the avenue near Ashmont, Fields Corner and JFK/UMass stations, as well as Dot Block, with 488 units in four buildings near Glover’s Corner and Savin Hill Station.

Despite a number of affordable units and community benefits, the higher-density projects have also changed the landscape in pricing. On Apartments.com, monthly rents for Dot Block range from \$2,540 to \$4,265 for anything from a studio to a unit with three bedrooms. The development surge under Walsh in a transit corridor near the Orange Line in Jamaica Plain and Roxbury also led to more high-density buildings. Though the “Plan JP/Rox” included affordable and mixed-income developments, the BPDA faced protests over displacement

caused by rent increases around Egleston Square. According to rental websites, most apartments near Egleston Square are currently on the market for \$2,499 a month for a studio to as much as \$5,899 for three bedrooms. Current listings for the area also include private bedrooms, with monthly rents at more than \$1,000.

At the virtual launch for Squares + Streets, an organizer with Dorchester Not for Sale, Lori Hurlbaeus, expressed concern that more displacement could be triggered by the transit-oriented zoning around Fields Corner. “We need to build more. I’m not opposed to that,” she said. “But, when we do that, that increases the value of the land. As I said earlier, it incentivizes evictions, it incentivizes longtime owners to sell to corporate entities. There is an impact of that.”

Markeisha Moore, the resident leadership coordinator for the Boston Neighborhood Community Land Trust, noted that Boston has to be “intentional” about

complying with the “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing” (AFFH) rule, reinstated and updated last year by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Under the mandate, HUD program participants would have to take steps to overcome patterns of housing segregation and foster inclusion.

“I’m tired of seeing people leave,” said Moore, “and I’m tired of being stressed about how much longer that I can live here with my children, where they can have access to maybe get some different opportunities and have some different outcomes.”

Ellen Mason, the executive director of the Fields Corner Community Development Corporation (CDC) called for a plan that could include housing for the city workers unable to afford the cost of living in Boston—and not just with studio apartments. “As we think about this plan,” she said, “what I would like to see, along with up-zoning and maybe more expensive, fancy housing, if you will, I want to make sure that we incorporate not just hanging onto the affordable housing we’ve got, but finding ways to have projects where we’re bringing in more affordable housing.” Targeting an area along Dorchester Avenue from Parkman Street to Freeport Street, from Clam Point to Ronan Park, the Fields Corner plan would also overlap with the Boston Little Saigon commercial and cultural district, which serves local residents, as well as relatives and customers who visit Dorchester from the suburbs.

Hiep Chu, a developer planning 14 studio apartments with zero parking right next to Fields

Corner Station, said he wanted a plan that would “continue the vibrance” of small businesses. “I really hope that we continue to maintain the type of the neighborhood,” he said, “the walkable, the foot traffic, the local restaurants.”

Early in the virtual meeting, Zunkeler tried to allay concerns. “We want to make sure that we’re preserving affordable housing and cultural spaces,” he said. “We’re going to coordinate transportation improvements to make sure that that serves the area even better into the future.”


The Squares + Streets zoning would consist of six different tiers, known as districts, allowing different uses and levels of density. According to Caitlin Coppinger, the BPDA’s deputy director of comprehensive planning, five of the districts would require developments to undergo Article 80 review, even if they would be allowed without a zoning variance, and large projects would also have to undergo an AFFH process.

“We want to be able to keep the people that are there, so that’s why the city is also looking at what can we do to help put in anti-displacement measures,” she said. “That’s bigger than Squares + Streets, because we know that this is a problem not just in our local districts, but it’s a problem across the city.” After developing ideas through visioning and information sessions over the next two months, Zunkeler said, more ideas will be added and reviewed, with an eye toward completing a draft plan in November and a final report in January. After this, the changes would have to be approved by the Boston Zoning Commission.


Early in the meeting, one participant noted that neighborhood groups were less active during July and August, and that residents were more likely to be unavailable.

“Most of the folks faces I see on this meeting are white,” Mason told Zunkeler. “My residents are not, and my staff are not. And they need to engage.”

Hurlbaeus said getting diverse, deep participation in a “really wonky” process, with the city’s “very quick timeline,” would be difficult. “It’s not a matter of being flexible,” she said. “It’s a matter of if we really want to deeply engage—then those of us that are deeply embedded in the community, with folks who can’t always make these meetings, with folks who still don’t even know about it—that we need time to do that outreach.”



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



The Boston Latin Academy girls track team celebrated their fourth-year-in-a-row city league track championship on Tuesday, May 14 at White Stadium. The girls came in first in nine out of fifteen events and reached a total of 202 points. *Patrick O'Connor photo*



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY: Dorchester resident Brenda Rodriguez, CEO, Lynn Community Health Center, left, with Shellee Mendes, founder/owner of Salon Monét on Newbury Street, Boston, prior to addressing more than 50 enthusiastic women at the annual Salon Monét Beauty, Business & Brunch at the Mendes-Martin Mansion in South Braintree. Rodriguez headlined the event where for more than 16 years successful professional women have gathered to provide support and mentorship to young women from Boston neighborhoods and surrounding communities who need assistance with their lives and careers. Courtney Cole, anchor/reporter, CBS Boston, co-hosted the event with Mendes. Other mentor-attendees included former Mayor Kim Janey; Dorchester resident Janelle Woods-McNish, chief marketing & diversity officer with the Trustees of Reservations; Loren Benn, associate professor, Berklee School of Music; Lettice Sealey, owner, Beautyline Couture; the attorney Nicole Avitabile, and many more high-achieving women who take time from busy lives to help others.

Dorchester's Joseph captures title in Granite Chin Box Off

Reigning champion Bernard Joseph (8-1-1, 5 KOs) added another title belt to his growing collection on May 11 in winning the inaugural "Granite Chin Box Off" super middleweight tournament in front of a packed Quincy Youth Arena.

Created by Chris Traietti, the "box off" featured four fighters in a pair of three-round semifinal matches, with the winners squaring off in the five-round main event.

In the semifinals, Joseph used his quickness to upset pre-tournament favorite, the brawler James "Pitbull" Perkins (13-2, 9 KOs), by way of three-round unanimous decision, in a classic match-up of contrasting styles.



Team Joseph celebrated after Dorchester's Bernard Joseph (second from left) won the one-night Granite Chin Box Off tournament on May 11. *Photo courtesy Emily Harney/Fightography*

The championship final was fought in close quarters against Tony "The Gentle Savage" Andreozzi (6-3, 2 KOs) in an old-fashioned throw-down. The fight was awarded unanimously to Joseph by scores of 50-45, 48-47 and 48-47.

The two finalists waited more than three hours between the end of their semifinal bouts and the grand finale. It didn't bother Joseph at all.

"I just went with the flow," Joseph explained. "The key was training, and I was ready for

anything. I always work out twice a day, in the morning and at night, so it didn't bother me at all...I wanted to win this tournament to prove I'm the best around in my weight class."

Catholic Charities to honor Cardinal O'Malley

Catholic Charities Boston (CCAB) will fete Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley at its annual Spring Celebration Gala on May 29 in the Wharf Room at the Boston Harbor Hotel. The organization will present O'Malley

with the John and Virginia Kaneb Justice and Compassion Award, its highest recognition of individuals who exemplify justice, compassion, and service to others.

"Cardinal O'Malley's humble example inspires

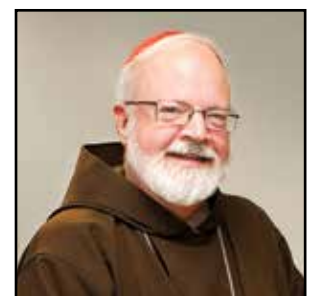
us all to support our most vulnerable neighbors and advocate for the well-being of our communities," said CCAB President and CEO Kelley Tuthill. "We're proud and honored to celebrate him for his profound leadership

and commitment to making our city and world a more equitable, compassionate place for all."

The honoree was O'Malley was named archbishop of Boston in 2003, and created a cardinal by Pope Benedict

XVI in 2006.

The event's emcee will be the philanthropist Jack Connors, Jr. Father John Unni, pastor of Saint Cecilia Parish in Boston, and Gov. Maura Healey will offer remarks.

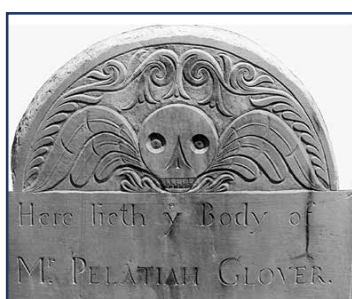


Cardinal Seán O'Malley

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Dorchester Old North Burying Ground

The image at the top of today's illustration is a photograph of a grave marker in the Dorchester Old North Burying Ground. The design is of a skull with wings carved by James Foster II. Three generations of stone carvers named James Foster worked in Dorchester. The elder James Foster is credited with a number of the oldest tombstones in many Boston-area burial grounds. James Foster II lived from 1698 to 1763,



and the third James Foster was born in 1732 and died in 1771. Although their work is sometimes indistinguishable,



James II dared to inaugurate a radical change in the well-established death symbol by placing eyeballs in the empty sockets (bottom image).

The historian group Revolutionary Windsor in Connecticut offers that "these symbols are an abstract form of death, and represent either Puritan angels and resurrection, or the ultimate triumph of death. Inscriptions were brief and informative, without mention of one's character or position

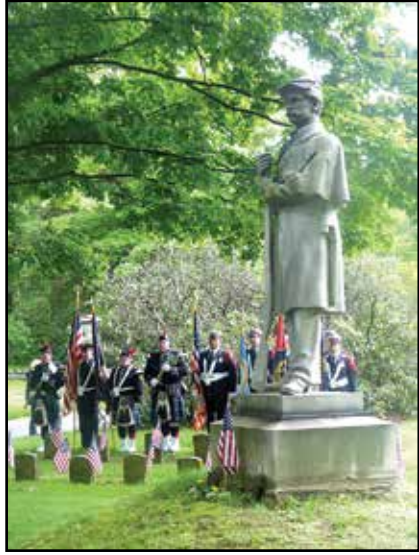
in life. Interestingly, flowers were sometimes carved on the edges of stones. This may have been a way for the Puritans to represent life, even if it was surrounded by images of death."

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

Editorial

Time to bring back Memorial Day rites at Cedar Grove

The dark hours of Covid can seem like a distant memory some days. But Memorial Day is not one of those days, at least in Dorchester, where a lingering legacy of the pandemic is the absence of a proper observation of the national holiday to salute our war dead at Cedar Grove Cemetery, which was long the scene of time-honored ceremonies dating back to 1868.



Memorial Day observances in 2018 at the Stone monument in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Bill Forry photo

the neighborhood veterans' posts planned, no stage for dignitaries.

Instead, visitors will be led on a 90-minute walking tour with stops at key markers, most notably the statue of Capt. Benjamin Stone, who led Company K in the Massachusetts 11th regiment in the Civil War. Stone, who is actually buried in the historic Dorchester North Burial Ground in Uphams Corner, died from wounds sustained in combat in the Second Battle of Bull Run in 1862. The statue was erected by survivors in Company K, which mainly comprised citizen soldiers from what was then the Town of Dorchester before it was annexed to Boston in 1870.

The Civil War veterans and their families began the tradition of decorating graves and statues in Cedar Grove Cemetery just a few years after they returned from their successful defense of the Union cause. Many of those same veterans were laid to rest within feet of the statue to their fallen captain in what is known as the G.A.R. plot—the Grand Army of the Republic.

At its post-WWII zenith, Dorchester's Memorial Day exercises brought thousands out for a large parade and ceremonies that often drew full generals and at least one keynote speaker who later served as the nation's president, John F. Kennedy.

MacEachern says there is interest in reviving a more elaborate observance at the cemetery in 2025. Cedar Grove is also the resting place of hundreds of other American servicemen and women who have been interred in the neighborhood's largest burial ground. There is a beautiful memorial to many of them at the entrance of the cemetery near the Gilman Chapel. And veterans of the Vietnam War—both American and Vietnamese—continue to gather at the Morrissey Boulevard memorial each year at noon.

We hope that our friends and neighbors will make it a point to stop by Cedar Grove this Memorial Day—and that next year might see a full return of what was a glorious tradition in this corner of Boston for well over 150 years.

— Bill Forry

Looking Up Longfellow Street

Sometimes a solution is a charade

EDWARD M. COOK
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

I used to derive snide pleasure when I was introduced to a Globie by remarking, "Oh! You work for Dorchester's largest daily newspaper." I loved the double take reaction. When *The Boston Globe* lived on Morrissey Blvd., I would often comment that Globies couldn't find Dorchester with a map. (Didn't stop me from being a daily subscriber, then and now.)

My snideness was set aside recently by the concise, informative and bull's eye reporting on May 10 by *Globe* reporter Taylor Dolven: "The T is paying consultants up to \$610 per hour – to figure out how to save money." Talk about a headline that says it all! Ms. Dolven starts the piece with another version of the zinger: "If you're \$600 million in the hole and have a persistent problem making budget, how do you fix your money problems? If you're Gov. Maura Healey's new transportation task force, you hire a team of consultants who charge as much as \$610 an hour." She goes on to point out that the Healey administration's way of addressing the MBTA's \$628 million budget gap was to create a Transportation Funding Task Force (TFTF, pronounced "tsk, tsk") that will oversee the consultants who will prepare a report for them. Seems like death by committee, kicking the can down the road, RIP meaningful transportation funding, insert your favorite cliché here.

Since Gov. Healey created the Transportation Funding Task Force by Executive Order 626, she owns this process to nowhere, especially since the consultants were given a contract without input from the Task Force, who, members said, have not even seen the paperwork. The governor is holding the cards close to her political chest and this lack of transparency to the Task Force members, *whom she appointed*, accents her sole ownership. Ms. Dolven points out that the research the consultants were hired to do has recently been done by state agencies and outside organizations. As to the directive to the consultants to investigate what other states are doing with their transportation funding, the MBTA staff have already pointed out that other states, like New York and Minnesota, have enacted new taxes to balance the operating budgets of their largest transit agencies. What are we to make of this dive by the governor into a duplicative rabbit hole?

The cynical side of my brain, the side with the hair on fire, wants to shout out that Maura is a Charlie Baker Light governor who has sworn not to raise any new taxes, who has no vision for the future of the state. That side of my brain wants to characterize

her as preparing for future high office bids. If not a political future, she could emulate Baker and become the president of the Women's NBA (basketball was her sport, after all).

The other side of my brain, the loyal Democrat side, the lifelong student of history side, wants to put on the brakes and look at the circumstances that Healey finds herself in. What would it take for her to put her spear into the ground and take a bold leadership position by proclaiming that the simple solution to funding problems is more money. How much political capital would that take and how much political capital would be left for other vital matters? And, if she put that much political capital on the table, could she win?

The last question, of winning, poses the question: "winning against whom?" Two forces that every governor of Massachusetts for the past 50 years has had to contend are the speaker of the House of Representatives (think of Tommy Finneran) and the Senate president (think of Billy Bulger). They control two of the power centers that, along with the governor, form the three legs of our government's political stool. With overwhelming Democratic majorities in both legislative branches, it is in their selfish interest to have weak governors. Witness the easy ride that Charlie Baker had for eight years. Celluci and Swift did not even count in terms of power distribution. And Deval Patrick was stymied in his attempt to create and fund a comprehensive transportation plan.

So, Maura, what's a good woman to do? The fiscally conservative speaker of the House lives defiantly in an opaque bubble of non-transparency with fist of steel around the throats of his members. There is no indication that the Senate president will have anything to gain for supporting real financial reform for transportation. Doing nothing has not hurt Gov. Healey. And then there is the electorate. Without a tidal wave of popular support, where is the governor to stand?

The civic brain of the voters of our state is like the proverbial frog that has been slowly boiling in a kettle of indifference for decades. No one has raised any hue and cry so there is no problem. Does Maura have the power to move the other power centers of government while at the same time building a base among somnolent voters whom she would be asking to pay more taxes? It looks like politicians kicking the can down the road with "death by study" is the ugly solution that simultaneously gives the appearance of activity while avoiding, once again, constructing a solution that is staring everyone in the face. And their faces are covered with egg.

A call for a new state flag and motto that speak to our hopes, not our fears

BY REYES COLL-TELLECHEA
SPECIAL THE REPORTER

Massachusetts residents have a rare opportunity to join in and advance a common project of hope: reimagining the flag and state seal of Massachusetts. Our flag and seal matter because the idea that representation matters is a cornerstone of our country: "No taxation without representation" was the rallying cry that served American colonists as an argument for liberation from English rule.

Yet, in 2024, the seal and flag do not represent our state accurately. It can be argued that those symbols in fact misrepresent Massachusetts and its people. The current flag and seal of our state are rooted in fear.

The City of Boston shares a rich history with modern tribal nations such as the Massachusett Tribe at Ponkapoag, whose members inhabited this area for thousands of years before the first British settlers arrived in 1630. Since then, Massachusetts has had different flags and seals. The current ones were last updated, without any public input from its residents, in 1898 and again in 1971.

Our current flag features an arm with a sword over the figure of a Native American and the motto *Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem* (By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty). Both symbols celebrate the violence inflicted on Native American populations and demean and harm their history and dignity. In 2024, these symbols do not represent our contemporary commitment and aspiration to peace, justice, liberty, and equality for all. They fail to register and represent our hope for a better future. We can, and we should, do something about it.

In 2021, then-Gov. Baker appointed a special commission to examine and study the seal and motto. Two years later, the commission recommended that the state create a new design for both and that "a new seal should be commissioned through a public request for proposals that seeks a professional designer." It is now up to Massachusetts residents and their political representatives to move forward with this plan without further delay.



The Boston Human Rights Commission recently approved a resolution calling upon policymakers to rise to the occasion and to facilitate the process by explicitly supporting the commission's report. The resolution advocates for a public and inclusive design process that would engage a diverse group of residents, including Native American tribes, artists, historians, educators, and the broader public. The idea would be to foster a shared vision for a flag and seal that represent our hope, our contemporary principles, and aspirations as a Commonwealth committed to human rights.

Readers can start by reaching out to their local representatives at City Hall – Mayor Wu and the City Council – as well as to state Sen. Nick Collins and state Rep. Antonio Cabral, members of the Special Commission and, of course, to Gov. Healey. That is what the Boston Human Rights Commission has done.

I would like to end by offering my own suggestion. Our 1780 Constitution, the first in the nation, starts with the most powerful words in our history: "All men are born free and equal." Because of those words, just three years after the Constitution was approved, Massachusetts officially abolished slavery. I imagine similar words as our next state motto: "All are born free and equal." (*Omnes liberi et pares nascuntur.*) The idea is 244 years old, but it is still aspirational, revolutionary, and full of hope.

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Cristo Rey seniors tout college picks, hopes in year-end parade

BY HARRIET GAYE
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Last Monday (May 20) at the end of the school day, 32 students gathered in Cristo Rey Boston's gymnasium to announce their colleges of choice before the school's annual Decision Day parade.

Cheers and applause filled the space as the students took group pictures in t-shirts and sweaters labeled with the names of colleges that have admitted them or that they want to attend, including Stonehill College, Boston College, Salem State University, and Bentley University. The Dorchester-based private school has since 2004 been offering its students free tuition and work-study opportunities with businesses throughout the city.

"I'm really excited. It's a new experience," said Michael Melo, a 17-year-old Dorchester native who will attend Boston College to study applied psychology. "I went through a lot of personal problems throughout my life. I found out that I didn't have an outlet for me to go to and I feel like everybody deserved to have someone to communicate with them about their problems."

Traditionally the parade is held in the first week of May, but because of recent delays with financial aid applications nationally, the event was pushed back a few weeks. The students who have not yet decided because of the delay sported the shirts of the schools they hope to attend.

"It's become a tradition here where we celebrate our seniors in front of their classmates and



Principal Ryan Thomas congratulating the Class of 2024.

Harriet Gaye photos

their schoolmates, too," said Ryan Thomas, the school's principal. "Graduation tends to be just the families and close loved ones. This allows for one last celebration in front of the entire school."

Tanairi Camacho, 17, decided on Stonehill College to study criminology and she already feels at home on campus. The fact that it's only 30 miles or so from her home in Chelsea is just the cherry on top, but she'll still miss the home she has found on Savin Hill Avenue with Cristo Rey Boston.

"If you have any little problem with classes or just your day-to-day life and your mental health, they're always there for you," Camacho said. "For me personally it was a little bit of a roller coast my freshman year and they had my back every step of the way. I couldn't be any more grateful for them."

Camacho will be joined at Stonehill in North Easton by her classmate Damari Patterson, who was similarly attracted to the close proximity. "I was looking forward to staying home," he said, "so I can work in hospitals because I want to be an allergist."

Representing their schools, the students moved outside to the front of the school building to meet their peers and loved ones with their confetti, noise clappers, and balloons. Thomas gathered the students for a closing speech congratulating the class of 2024 on their achievements over the past four years and left them with inspiring words of the time to come.

"The world needs CRB," he said. "The world needs you."



Michael Melo after announcing his commitment to Boston College.



Damari Patterson after announcing his commitment to Stonehill College.



Tanairi Camacho after announcing her decision to attend Stonehill College.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Massachusetts Campaign for Single Payer Health Care (Mass-Care) agrees with the Reporter's May 9 editorial entitled "Slow-motion Steward collapse no accident." We think it's no accident because our health has been left to the chaos and vultures of the marketplace.

Health care is a human right, not a commodity. Only a fundamental redirecting of priorities and policy can create a just health care system and meet the needs of our communities.

An Act Establishing Medicare for All in Massachusetts (S.744 and H.1239) would establish the Massachusetts Health Care Trust, a single payer of all health care costs in the Commonwealth. The Act eliminates profit and waste in health care, expands coverage for all residents for all medically necessary care, and saves the Commonwealth 30 percent of current spending.

A single payer system, instead of a marketplace, would have funded hospitals equitably. The Trust would explicitly have the power of "funding capital investments for adequate health care facilities and resources statewide."

Readers can go to mass-care.org to learn if their legislators cosponsor the legislation.

Unfortunately, House Speaker Ron Mariano (D-Quincy) and the Legislature's "leadership" continue to push the false solution of a "free-market" health care system with some amount of "regulation," weak and ineffectual "fixes" that leave monopolistic corporations in control.

And so, on March 27, the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, led by Rep. John Lawn (D-Watertown) and Sen. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington), sent the Massachusetts Medicare for All bills to "study" - the polite way of letting bills die at the end of session.

However, legislators can still bring the Massachusetts Medicare for All bills back from "study" and have an open and democratic debate on them.

Right now, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has the power to immediately ensure the continued operation of the hospitals that Steward Health Care has put in danger. Under Chapter 17, Section 2A, if the governor declares a health care emergency (as was done because of Covid), the Public

New law needed to prevent future Stewards

Health commissioner "with the approval of the public health council, may establish procedures to be followed during such emergency to [e]nsure the continuation of essential public health services and the enforcement of the same."

The Commonwealth

could take over the hospitals and appoint people who will run them. Who owns the hospitals can then be sorted out without endangering the public.

The Commonwealth can also exercise its power of eminent domain and take over the hospitals

and all their buildings, equipment, patient lists, etc. It could then run them as public hospitals.

The governor and the Legislature must stop dancing around this threat to public health and act immediately. Just hoping other private corporations will show

up and take over the hospitals is a recipe for disaster. Bold action is required.

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City hosts panel of Olympians, health experts on water safety

(Continued from page 1) later was found dead in the water nearby.

“Today is a time for both reflection and celebration,” Massó said, “as well as a time to move forward and make commitments to doing more.”

The panel featured Petrina Martin, vice president of community engagement and external affairs at the Boston Medical Center; Barbara DiGirolamo, injury prevention coordinator at Boston Children’s Hospital; former Olympic swimmer Cullen Jones, who took home the gold in both 2008 in Beijing



Students from Dorchester’s Murphy K-8 School demonstrate their swimming techniques during the swim safety program that travelled across the city to several sites on Wednesday.

and 2012 in London with Team USA; and former Olympian Janelle Atkinson, who represented Jamaica at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney and the 2004 Olympics in Athens. Atkinson explained how her parents in Ja-



Boston Human Services Chief Jose Massó, a student volunteer, USA Olympic swimmer Cullen Jones, Murphy Principal Courtney Sheppeck, a student volunteer, and Jamaican Olympic swimmer Janelle Atkinson pose for a photo after the Murphy School program on Wednesday morning. Seth Daniel photos

maica “forced” her and her two siblings to take swimming lessons when they were children, then saw all three become

professional swimmers. Jones then told the story of how he had to be resuscitated at a water park when he was five years old. Despite that, he said, a childhood coach inspired him to pursue swimming when he was eight.

Martin said that the two most important aspects that the city needs to target when it comes to swim safety were “education and access. I think that for a long time, the narrative has been, ‘Well, Black people don’t swim,’” she said. She then gestured to herself, Atkinson, and Jones. “But yes, we do! And I think, when we give the entire community, no matter where you live, access to a pool, and education on swimming and water safety,

and then they see people like Janelle and Cullen be Olympians, they can aspire to not just learn how to swim, and not just be a lifeguard, but be a professional.”

Said Massó in wrapping up the discussion: “I really want to make sure that I remember this day. “To our Swim Safe partners, we’re just getting started. We’re less than a year into this program. Let’s continue to think about what we’re going to research, how we’re going to get more lifeguards, and how we can continue to improve the pipeline of future swimmers.”

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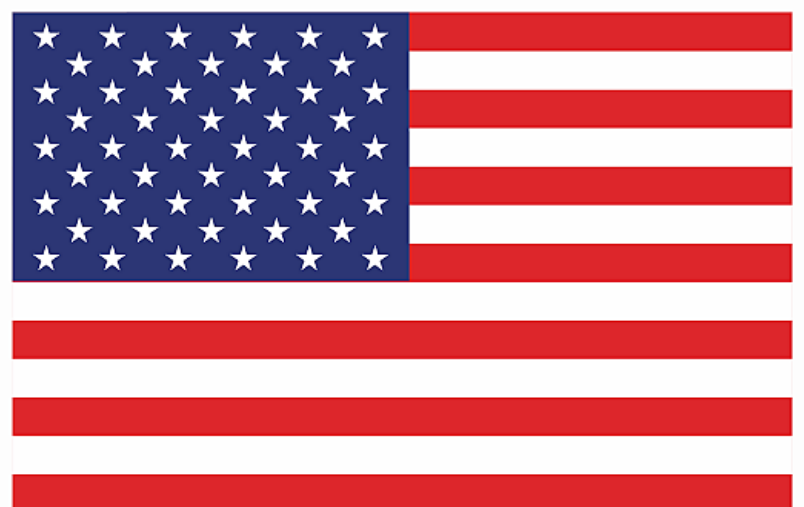


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Boston Triathlon returns to Southie beaches, roads this summer

Added feature: 'supertri' event

By **CASSIDY MCNEELEY**
REPORTER STAFF

It's a triathlon within a triathlon – swim, bike, and run race – and it's returning to the beaches and waterfront in South Boston this summer.

The 16th annual Columbia Threadneedle Investments Boston Triathlon, set for Sun., Aug. 18, will include Olympic athletes fresh off the Paris Games who will swim at Carson Beach, bike along William Day Boulevard, and run through Moakley Park.

This year's event is part of the Supertri League, which has grown to become the world's premier short-course triathlon organization, and Boston will host the first-ever supertri in the United States.

"Saturday is kids' day and on Sunday we have Olympic distance and sprint distance races for amateurs," said Michael O'Neil, president and race director. "This year, we're adding another ring to the circus and we're hosting an event called supertri Boston, which is a group out of Europe. They have a global series of five races and the first race will take place at the Boston Triathlon."

O'Neil, who has a background in the investment field, transitioned to the sports world 17 years ago, but his time in athletics dates back much further. The New Hampshire resident grew up playing sports and was on the ice hockey and soccer teams

at Towson University in Maryland. Throughout college, he ran to stay in shape, but it wasn't until after graduating that the miles built up.

"After college, I started running more distance, and then I started cycling. And then some of my friends started doing triathlon and so I started racing triathlon myself," said O'Neil who grew up in Medway. "That's how I ended up becoming an agent for professionals. It was sort of an accident. I had a friend that made the Olympics, and I helped out with some business stuff and next thing I knew, I was managing a lot of the best professional and Olympic triathletes in the world."

His work as an agent and the connections he has made with athletes helped him secure supertri at the Boston Triathlon. All that was left to do was speak with officials from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation who run the parks, roadways, and beaches.

"We started to dive into the details, and I think DCR has a lot of pride in the Boston Triathlon because we were organically grown," said O'Neil. "Just a couple hundred people on a really small footprint 16 years ago."

The Boston Triathlon group and supertri teams agreed on a three-year partnership, with the first race this summer in Boston. The remaining races will take place in Chicago, Lon-

don, Toulouse (France's fourth-largest city), and Neom, a growing urban area in Saudi Arabia.

"The addition of the pro race is strictly a spectator event for our customers," O'Neil told the Reporter. "It's going to be really cool to see the absolute stallions of the sport, the fastest athletes – men and women – come and race in Boston."

Since the Olympics are still months away, O'Neil doesn't know exactly who will be racing supertri, but the athletes have likely had few opportunities to compete in the United States.

In addition to these athletes, around 2,500 racers will compete in the Boston Triathlon throughout the weekend.

On Sat., August 17, children under 7 will participate in a 100-yard fun run that will finish at Mother's Rest near Carson Beach, where O'Neil's 22-month-old daughter Kirby crawled across the line last year. Named after her Dorchester-born great-grandmother, Kirby will compete again this summer, but this time on foot. Kids older than Kirby can register in one of two Splash and Dash categories.

"There are so many great things tied to the kid's race," O'Neil said. "From helping them get the lifesaving skills of learning how to swim, to showing a lot of young kids the positive pathway through sports."

O'Neil said he became more aware of the impor-

tance of swimming as a life-saving skill after a seven-year-old named Kyzr Willis drowned at Carson Beach in 2016.

"I grew up fortunate enough to swim. I never had a fear of water, but through my process of trying to make the Boston Triathlon a much more diverse sport, and through the awareness of the tragic accident of Kyzr, I became more focused on it."

Boston Triathlon took part in initiating Swim Safe Boston, a city program that raises awareness around water and swimming safety by offering free swim lessons, life jackets, and lifeguard information. "The Boston Triathlon, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, and City Hall, were equal funding partners for [Swim Safe Boston] which provided free swim lessons to kids in Boston," said O'Neil, "mostly in underserved neighborhoods where drowning has become a public health crisis."

The importance of water safety will be obvious throughout the race weekend. Not only will there be dozens of lifeguards on the shore and in the water but there also will be emergency

boats, advanced life support stations, and a full med tent at hand. "We have a real system using chip timing and using bib colors," said O'Neil. "We will know when every single person entered the water, and every single person exited the water." These precautions also exist for the adults who compete the following day, when adults can race individually, as relays, or as part of fundraising teams. The various levels of participation make the event much more inclusive, which is important to O'Neil.

"All the work that I did prior to this with the highest-level athletes in the world kind of went out the window. For me, the Boston Triathlon is a way for people to begin their triathlon journey," he said.

People typically join a relay team for their first triathlon, so they are not responsible for completing all three events. Those who compete alone, however, are expected to swim, bike, and run. The Triathlon-Sprint is a 750m swim, 17.5K bike, and 5.5K run while the Triathlon-Olympic is a 1.5k swim, 35k bike, and 10k run.

"The sprint distance is a manageable target. It's a good first touch point," explained O'Neil. "Once people do the sprint they want to work up to the Olympic distance. Then a lot of athletes that we start go on to do Iron Mans competition but they always like to come back and race Boston because it was a special first start for them."


No matter what level of the race an athlete registers for, those who finish will get a memento for their participation at DCR Mother's Rest Field. "Our finish line is staged so you get this photo of yourself coming across the finish line," O'Neil said. In the background, "you see Carson Beach, you see Southie, you see the skyline, it's pretty incredible."

Afterward, racers can celebrate on the beach with family and friends and then watch the supertri. Those interested in registering for the race can do so online, while those interested in watching both the amateur and supertri races can attend in person free of charge. For more information visit Bostontri.com.

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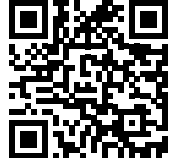
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'Bonanza' fishing tourney opens on Thursday

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Staff

Fishing devotees will cast their lines in Dorchester Bay and other bodies of water in the Commonwealth starting this week in hopes of catching the largest trout, striped bass, bluefish, and freshwater bass as a part of the three-week-long Boston Bonanza Fishing Tournament.

The tournament officially starts on Thursday this week (May 23) at 6 a.m. A kickoff party for the tournament was held at the Dorchester Yacht Club the day before, where competitors received captain's bags with official tournament measuring tape, an event shirt, a sticker, and a ticket to an awards ceremony on June 14.

All proceeds from the tournament will be given to Elevate Youth, a Boston-based nonprofit that connects children in underserved neighborhoods with nature. Founded in 2017, the organization aims to remove systematic barriers and diversify outdoor spaces.

"It's all about Elevate Youth, it's a great cause," said Boston Bonanza founder John Foster. "To show a kid what's accessible to them in their backyard, in Boston Harbor or the nearby parks, showing a kid the beauty

Three weeks of casting



The Boston Bonanza Fishing Tournament will benefit the work of Elevate Youth, a Boston-based nonprofit that connects children in underserved neighborhoods with nature.

Photo courtesy Elevate Youth

of nature is invaluable. It could really change a kid's life for the better."

The 29-year-old Foster grew up living and fishing in Scituate and said that as a child there was nothing

more exciting than feeling a fish on the end of his line. Through his partnership with Elevate Youth, he hopes children from Boston will share in his joy.

"I feel very fortunate to grow up where I was able to fish and go outside and do awesome things that maybe a lot of these kids have never done," said Foster, who now lives in Savin Hill. "So, to put that in front of their eyes and have them experience, it is such a big win."

For \$65 participants can register for the catch-and-release tournament, which will end at 6 p.m. on June 12. "It's a good easy way to contribute to such a great cause. We're giving away a bunch of merch and t-shirts and free stuff from the sponsors. You get way more than the value alone just from joining the tournament," Foster said.

Prizes from sponsors including Costa, Post-fly, Yeti, Patagonia, and more, will be given to whoever catches the biggest fish in each category and awarded to the indi-

vidual with the greatest array of species.

Foster hopes to reach 75 participants but is happy to make a difference in even just one child's life. "If we have two participants and that gives us enough money to help one kid from Boston who's never fished before, that would be a huge win. Even if people don't like to fish or they

miss the tournament to be able to get eyes on Elevate Youth and have people understand who they are, what they do, and support them in any way they can," he said, "is huge. Elevate Youth is a perfect partner. We're hoping to get good traction for this year and then have the tourney be an annual thing."

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The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, or any part thereof.

The mayor's 'vision' on preservation stirs anxiety in Dot circles

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ship, is raising alarms about the back and forth.

"The vision could be a tool for getting away from designating properties as historic," Taylor said. "That could mean open season to demolish buildings to build more housing. Building more housing is a laudable goal, but they will be destroying the soul of the city in the process."

Vicki Rugo, a board member of DHS and a resident of Ashmont Hill, shared Taylor's concerns. "The vision seems sort of unfocused and it was hard to figure out the next step," said Rugo after the meeting. "It was particularly discouraging to hear more than one time that there was no additional funding to support programs, Landmarks, or Historic Preservation staff even as they try to clear the backlog of pending [demolition] petitions. That was a real downer. I was also disappointed there were no answers or acknowledgment of resources that already exist in the city for finding the history of these neighborhoods."

Miller, who has a background in architecture, according to limited biographical information available online that shows he previously worked in Dallas and



Murray Miller, the first director of new the Office of Historic Preservation for Boston, at a presentation at Codman Square Library on May 6 on the city's new vision for historic preservation – a vision that many in the community are questioning. Seth Daniel photo

New Zealand, was hired almost a year ago. His position under Wu is a relatively new one and includes oversight over the Archeology Department, the Landmarks Commission, and the Commemorations Commission.

The May 6 meeting allocated 20 minutes for laying out the city's overall vision for the Office of Historic Preservation and another hour for questions.

"The Vision would have us start by rethinking how we practice historic preservation in Boston and by 2030, Boston's Office of Historic Preservation will be nationally known for its transformative efforts to uncover,

share, and preserve local stories of the city's rich history, advancing environmental stewardship and uplifting underserved communities for the benefit of present and future generations," Miller said at the meeting and in a written statement to the *Reporter*.

"The vision identifies Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, and Hyde Park as the priorities for investing in historic resource surveys," Miller said at the meeting. "If we don't invest in surveys, you can't protect. You have to know what you have and the relative significance of it before you can talk about protection tools."

"We have stressed,

encouraged, highlighted every opportunity we have whether that be to our colleagues doing comprehensive planning, zoning re-writes, and any aspect of planning."

But then Miller told the audience he had no funding as of now to do any such surveys and that he has been instructed by supervisors to submit a "level budget" that wouldn't allow for that kind of expansion.

"If we have all the money we need and could get consultants or volunteers, it would be a multi-year project because there is so much of Boston that hasn't been surveyed," he said. "The reality is we were asked to submit level budgets and that we did for the operational side."

Part of Miller's presentation focused on more equitable historic preservation to include sections of the city that were not priorities in the past. He specifically mentioned Codman Square, Fields Corner, and the Blue Hill Avenue corridor.

He also stressed more diverse participation in the Landmarks Commission and in historic preservation, which his statistics indicated was dominated by white people.

Miller first agreed to an interview with the *Reporter* for this story, but then withdrew from the appointment. A spokesperson sent in a statement from Chris Osgood, who serves on the mayor's cabinet as interim chief of the En-

vironment, Energy and Open Space, that read: "Murray Miller brings decades of experience developing a thoughtful, responsive, and forward-looking vision for historic preservation. Miller's vision aligns with the City's efforts to strengthen our understanding of our history, to share a more holistic story, and to protect some of Boston's most important places."

Miller stressed that under Wu's leadership historic preservation has taken on great importance with the designation of 21 critical resources and districts as landmarks, including the most historic designations in a single year since 1983. But, during the May 6 meeting, he faced pointed questions from some who are already worried that the city is not listening to their concerns on development issues.

One critic, Andrew Saxe, is a plaintiff in a lawsuit targeting the city and a developer about 150 Centre St., a controversial building approved next to Shawmut T station that he opposes.

"The mayor is having meetings with developers and the neighbors don't have a voice in that and so, ergo, rip down whatever you need to," said Saxe of Melville Park. "So now, let's also get rid of Article 85...and don't follow the law...I don't see anything in this presentation that really speaks to trying to preserve the history of Boston."

Miller, who paused the meeting briefly to read a text message, agreed that the issues being brought up were critical. After reading the text message, he encouraged residents to bring their concerns directly to the mayor at her upcoming coffee hours in May and June – which apparently was what had been expressed in the text message.

"On May 23 and in June you will have an opportunity to speak directly to the mayor," he said. "The feedback you're giving tonight will be important... Some of these comments would be helpful at the Coffee Hour."

Marti Glynn, a Jones Hill resident and a DHS board member, pushed back. "I'm willing to say what a lot of people in this room are thinking, but are too polite to say," she said. "Talking to this mayor doesn't work. She doesn't listen and she doesn't learn, because she thinks she already has all of the answers."

Days later, Taylor, the DHS president, said he and others worry that the vision outlined by Miller "decouples" saving historical stories from saving historic sites.

"Celebrating stories of Boston history is great and that's what I love. It just depends on if that's at the price of saving some of our historical artifacts," said Taylor, who raised concerns about a lack of staffing and commission appointments. "I don't think the mayor is interested in historic preservation," he said.

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This past Friday, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester Fine Arts program took part in the Community Arts Initiative (CAI) Installation at the Museum of Fine Arts. The CAI is a partnership of twelve youth organizations with the Museum which includes a group Art project that gets installed at the Museum each Spring. Our members, as well as those from the participating organizations, worked with Artist Timothy Hyunsoo Lee on the project starting in October. BGCD would like to thank the Museum of Fine Arts for including us in the CAI and the Linde Family Foundation for their support of the Community Arts Initiative. For more information on the BGCD Fine Arts program please contact Katy Farrar Sullivan at kfarrar@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:

BGCD Holds 31st Annual New England Women's Leadership Awards:

On May 20th, BGCD celebrated the 31st Annual New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA). This year, the Club honored Cara Belvin: Founder & CEO of Empower; Allison Feaster: VP of Team Operations & Organizational Growth for Boston Celtics; and Huang Vu: Family Engagement Specialist at BGCD. Each of our honorees serves as an incredible role model for members of BGCD. Also participating was Event Chair, Carline Durocher and Honorary Chair Chantel Mayo; Emcee, Lisa Hughes of WBZ-TV; and Keynote Speaker BGCD alumna Hadiatou Bah. We are so incredibly proud of all our members who served as greeters, artists, performers and presenters to make this such a special evening.

To learn more about NEWLA, visit bgcdorchester.org/NEWLA.

DID YOU KNOW:

BGCD Alumni Reunion - June 1st:

BGCD's Alumni Association is hosting a Reunion event on Saturday, June 1st to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Club! The day will consist of food, raffles, our 3rd Annual Bruce Seals 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and other family fun activities. Our Committee asks for everyone to fill out a form via our Google Forms to register for our Alumni Association and the Reunion event. The form can be filled out by using the QR Code under Upcoming Events. We'll keep those who have registered up to date on plans for the event. We look forward to a great celebration and to see so many familiar faces. Alumni are a vital group of supporters made up of past members, parents and staff who are dedicated to supporting the efforts and programming at BGCD. For more information, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

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CANEPA, Robert C. of Provincetown, formerly of Dorchester. Partner of Barry Murphy of Provincetown; and dad to Liam the dog. Son of the late Alfred Canepa and Vincenza (Saetta). Brother of Cliff and Al Canepa. Donations in memory of Robert may be made to Quincy Animal Shelter, PO Box 690088, Quincy, MA 02269.



CONDE, Frances P., 77, of Dorchester. Mother of Mark Conde and his wife Amy of Dorchester. Sister of Sharon Walsh and aunt of Crystal Kenney both of Quincy. Fran was predeceased by her parents Francis and Margaret (Kenney) Conde and her sister Maryann Valenchuck.

CONNOLLY, Mary A. (Folan), 89, of S. Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester and South Boston, originally of Ireland. Mary was predeceased by her parents, Martin and Barbara (Farmer) Folan; and siblings, Padraig Folan, Winne McDonough,



Martin Folan, Larry Folan and Nora Casey. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Connolly of S. Weymouth; her children, Mary Fagan and her husband Dick of Buzzard's Bay, Andy Connolly of Weymouth, Martin Connolly of Weymouth, John Connolly and his late wife Jeanne of Weymouth, and Tina Volkringer and her husband. Donations may be made to Alzheimer's research at alz.org.

GARRITY, Dorothy A. "Tootsie" (Ranton), of Dorchester. Wife of the late Arthur E. Garrity. Sister of Robert A. Ranton of Milton, and she held dear the memory of her late sister, Luella Meneely. She was the aunt of Paul Meneely and his wife Theresa of Dorchester, Robert Ranton and his wife Mary of Milton, and Richard Ranton and his wife Ellen of Kingston.



GLEAVY, Donna M. (Goode/ Broderick), of Florida, formerly of Dorchester. Donna is survived by her husband

Paul Gleavy and her children Jay Broderick and his wife Lisa, Erin Fitzpatrick and her husband Billy, Christopher Broderick and his wife Kim, Shannon Cawley and her husband John. Donna was pre-deceased by her husband Jack Broderick. Donna was the daughter of Joseph and Alice Goode and is also survived by her sister, Patricia Blatt (Nevada) and her brother, Joe Goode (Texas). She was a beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Grandmother to 9; great grandmother to 2.



HARRINGTON, David Joseph, 80, of Quincy, OFD. Husband of Lillian (Dirubbio) Harrington and the late Catherine (Manning) Harrington. Father of Kevin and his wife Christy Harrington of Concord, Suzanne Brown and her husband Chris of Hanover and Mark Harrington and his wife Robin of South Weymouth. Papa of 6. Brother of Mary Lou Lynn, Claire O'Toole and Rita Lipman. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. US Army veteran. He worked for Delta Elevator in Brighton where he retired as the CFO in 1996. David was a dedicated member of the Elks. He was the treasurer of the Old Colony Yacht club. Donations in David's memory

may be made to the Elks Scholarship Foundation, 2750 N. Lakeview Ave., Chicago, IL 60614 (Elks.org).

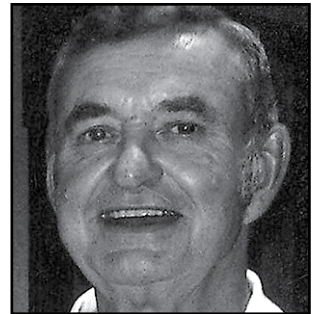


LANE, Elizabeth M. "Betty" (O'Connor), 99, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Harold E. Lane. Mother of the late Edward J. Lane. Betty is predeceased by 7 brothers and sisters, and survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Betty was a longtime resident of the Catherine Clark Apartments in Dorchester. She was a former member of The Friendly Club.



O'MEARA, Nancie "Nano" M., of Milton and Harwichport. Daughter of Catherine L. (Molloy) and the late Richard B. O'Meara. Sister of Beth. Nancie was devoted to her family, extended family and many friends and especially to her furry friends, Liam, Sia, Sammy and Tuck-

er. She worked tirelessly in pursuit of her calling and graduated in 2017 as an RN. She continued her studies and achieved her master's in nursing. Donations in Nancie's memory can be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P. O. Box 849158, Boston, MA 02284.



PETITTI, Richard W., 85, of Milton, originally from Dorchester. He was predeceased by his parents, Andrew Petitti and Julia Petitti as well as his brothers Andrew and David. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn R. Petitti (Finnegan), his son, Erik Petitti of Milton and his siblings, Robert Petitti of Braintree, Kenneth Petitti of Providence, and Martha Molloy of Nantucket. He is also survived by his many nieces and nephews and friends. Richard dedicated many years as a computer system analyst for the City of Boston.



RAND, Holly A. (Darcy) of Wayland, formerly of Milton and Marshfield. Wife of Robert P. Rand, Jr. of Wayland. Mother of Sarah

L. Rand of Dorchester and Katelyn E. Rand of Medford. Sister of John L. Darcy and his wife, Terry Taylor of Bristol, RI. For those who desire, gift's in Holly's memory may be sent to the charity of the donor's choice.



SWIATLOWSKI, Stanislaw "Stan", 72, of Dorchester, originally of Poland. Son of the late Mieczyslaw and Cecylia Swiatlowski. Brother of Halina Konka and her husband Marek of Dorchester. Uncle of Kasia Savill and her husband Robert of Stoughton and Pete Konka of Dorchester. Stan is also survived by many cousins and friends in Poland. Stan worked as a machinist for most of his career in manufacturing.

THEALL, Renee, 62, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Levi Joseph and Eleanor Theall. Sister of, Sheree Marciante and her husband Damian, Craig Theall and his wife Jeannine, and the late Dr. Steven Theall, and Michelle Sheehan and her surviving husband Daniel. Aunt of Catherine, Alanna, Gabriella, Francesco, Caitlin, and Caleigh. Please consider making a donation in memory of Renee to the Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, 02130 Attn: Development Office.



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PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU24P0941GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
ELOY CANIZARES
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 Eloy Canizares is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 06/05/2024. 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.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Date: May 7, 2024
Published: May 23, 2024

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Docket No. SU24P0945GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
SOL RODRIGUEZ
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Sol Rodriguez is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

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 6/6/2024. 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.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Date: May 9, 2024
Published: May 23, 2024

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Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P0987EA
ESTATE OF:
RAFAEL CROSDALE
a/k/a: RAFAEL F. CROSDALE
DATE OF DEATH: 11/22/2023

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/13/2024.

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 14, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: May 23, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P0963EA
ESTATE OF:
OLIVIA HOSKINS
DATE OF DEATH: 01/22/2024

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

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 9, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: May 23, 2024

Deals aplenty at Ashmont Hill's 44th yard sale

Although the skies weren't sunny last Saturday (May 18), the 44th annual Ashmont Hill Yard Sale was a bright spot for deals and bargains on good stuff – as well as some neighbor-to-neighbor bartering. The event brings thousands of bargain-hunters from other parts of Dorchester and beyond who flood the streets looking for antiques.

On Ocean Street, Jill Carrier and her husband, Paul Duncan, pulled out an old push mower to sell. They bought

it decades ago from a neighbor and recently got a new motorized mower. However, Carrier began mowing the lawn with it and decided it was too good to sell.

"We were going to sell it, but now I've decided to keep it; it does such a good job," she said. "We moved here in 1986 and I bought this from a neighbor up the street. Today I was going to sell it. This is the ultimate recycling effort of each other's stuff. We buy it and then sell it again. It just keeps going."

—SETH DANIEL



Adam and Tina Roose get things set up in their driveway for the annual Yard Sale.



William Pope and his sister, Cheryl Fletcher, had brisk business on Ashmont Street, where they've set up at the family home since the 1970s.



Mark Barry and Amy Austin-Calderon delighted in their deals on Ashmont Street – everything from a floor rug to jeans and a cashmere scarf.



Jill Carrier was prepared to sell this old push mower, which she bought from a neighbor years ago at the Yard Sale, but at the last minute pulled it back because it did such a good job on the lawn.



Mike and Sheila Fesko highlighted this silver tea set at their stand on Montague Street – which was closed off to let children play in part of the street.



Founders and CEOs: Hunter and Hudson Husbands were a hit on Waldorf Street where they set up their home-made lemonade stand and found lots of customers looking for a shopping break. Both boys emphasized it was fresh squeezed, and "no powder."



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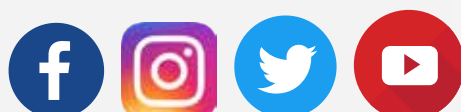
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