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#### **DORCHESTER DAY IS BACK!**



BACK ON THE AVE - Above, and below, scenes from the 2019 Dorchester Day Parade captured by photographer Mike Ritter of Ritterbin Photography, who will be shooting photos along the parade route this weekend. Thanks to a grant from the Boston Opportunity Fund, Ritter will be teaming up with BPL branches this fall to offer free portraits of Dorchester people, much like the portrait series shown here. This year's parade starts on Sunday, June 5 at 1 p.m. on Dorchester Avenue in Lower Mills. For more on Mike Ritter's "Get Close" photo project, see Page 10.





#### Two-day celebration includes the parade, musicfest, and more

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After a two-year pandemic-prompted hiatus, the Dorchester Day Parade will journey up Dorchester Avenue once again this Sunday, June 5. The march, which starts at 1 p.m. in Lower Mills, follows a three-mile course up the Avenue to Columbia Road.

The all-volunteer committee that organizes the day's events hopes it will regain its foothold as the year's largest celebration

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of Boston's biggest and most diverse community. Dorchester Day — which has its roots in celebratory events that date to 1904— was cancelled due to Covid restrictions in 2020 and 2021.

The parade took hold as the primary event on the first Sunday in June in Dorchester, marking the arrival of Puritan settlers in 1630. But in more recent years, it has evolved into a celebration of the neighborhood's vibrant diversity.

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#### Dorchfest debuts Saturday; 45 bands will be playing on 25 porches

By Reporter Staff

The Ashmont-Adams section of Dorchester will host the first-ever Dorchfest music festival on Dot Day Eve, Sat., June 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, which is being co-hosted by the Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Association and Greater Ashmont Main Street, will feature 45 bands performing on 25 porches in a variety of genres, including rock, oldies, acoustic, funk, jazz, hip hop, Haitian, Cape Verdean, folk, Indian, Caribbean, reggae, Latin, electronic, and more.

The artists will be paid for their time, thanks to generous donations from the community, as well as sponsorships from local organizations and grant funding. The lead sponsor is Mass General Brigham.

"Performers and supporters provide a massive

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### Vietnam Veterans Memorial 'celebrates' 35 years

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

The Dorchester Vietnam Veterans Memorial community came together at midday on Monday for the 35th annual Memorial Day services and the commemoration of the lives of American service members who

lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

"We want to welcome celebration, and it is a celebration," said coordinator Ed Pimentel. "We aren't here for guests or elections; we're only here for the 80 names listed

added.

Said Rev. Robert Kickyou to the celebration of ham, from the Cathedral our 35th Memorial Day of the Holy Cross: "It is so important that we are here today with family and friends to remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives so we could be here and enjoy

on this memorial," he freedom on a day like today."

As Gold Star mothers, families of the fallen heroes, and their younger relatives who never got to meet them, gathered along Morrissey Boulevard in the hot sun of late May, the celebration was perhaps like few others,

given the large contingent of residents from Dorchester's burgeoning Vietnamese community in attendance.

Many of those who turn out annually to the Vietnam memorial on Memorial Day, and other key moments through-(Continued on page 6)



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#### 9 arrested, 10 firearms taken by BPD in Dot and Mattapan on Memorial Day afternoon

Boston Police, in particular the department's BPD Youth Violence Strike Force, were kept very busy over a 90-minute stretch on the Monday holiday dealing with two instances of firearms-related activity, one of which involved unruly crowd behavior

At about 4:30 p.m., members of the Strike Force arrested Donta Lewis, 28, of Boston, and Lamont Jacobs-Barrows, 21, of Walpole, on firearm related charges following an investigation in the area of Hemenway

in Dorchester. As the officers approached to speak with the suspects, they immediately sprinted away on foot but were placed in custody following a pursuit. Officers then recovered a firearm that had been discarded by Lewis and two firearms that were discarded by Jacobs-Barrows as they fled. The suspects will appear in Dorchester District Court on firearm and ammunition related charges.

About 90 minutes later, around 6:15, Strike

Park on Adams Street Force members arrested seven suspects while recovering seven firearms during an investigation in the area of 17 Elizabeth Street in Mattapan. As the officers approached the scene, an adult male fled on  $foot\, discarding\, a\, firearm$ into a parked motor vehicle along the way.

He was quickly subdued, but as the officers  $attempted \, to \, secure \, him$ for transport, a large and unruly crowd began to gather around the arresting officers. Citywide units were called to help secure the scene



Three of 10 firearms seized by Boston Police in Dorchester and Mattapan within a span of 90 minutes on Monday. BPD photo

at which time six other firearms were located in the immediate area, leading to the arrest of three more adult male suspects on firearm- related charges.

Three other adult male suspects at the site were placed in custody on charges of assault and battery on a police officer.

The BPD has not

verified the identities of these suspects at this time. All parties will appear in Dorchester District Court this week for arraignment.



Monaco as she is awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service by Peter Dolan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Trustee Janis Moriarty during the Phase I ceremony of Tufts University's

164th Commencement on Friday, May 27.

Photo by Alonso Nichols/Tufts University

## Sandra Cotterell, chief executive officer of Dorchester's Codman Square Health Center, is congratulated by Tufts University President Anthony P.

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#### SJC: Killer in '10 Mattapan massacre received fair trial

The Supreme Judicial Court on Tuesday upheld Dwayne Moore's conviction on the murder of four people - including a toddler - and an assault that permanently paralyzed a fifth person in what became known as the Mattapan massacre on Woolson Street early on Sept. 28, 2010.

The state's highest court ruled that Moore received a fair trial, that

his trial lawyer was not incompetent, and that while the lead prosecutor made a couple of improper statements during his closing argument - one was a prohibited statement to have jurors put themselves in the shoes of the victims; the other was referencing Moore's lawyer in a possibly less than flattering way - they did not affect the deliberations.

idence uncovered after the trial that Moore's appeals attorney said could be used to prove a co-defendant tried to frame Moore was not as persuasive as the attorney thought, the court concluded. That co-defendant,

Kimani Washington, was sentenced to 16 to 18 years in prison in 2013 for his role in the armed robbery that Additionally, new ev- led to the murders of

Eyanna Louise Flonory, 21, of Dorchester, her son, Amanihotep Smith, 2, Simba Martin, 21, of Dorchester, and Lavaughhan Washum-Garrison, 22, of Roslindale. The fifth shooting victim, Marcus Hurd, is paralyzed.

A third suspect in the case, Kimani Washington's cousin, Edward, was acquitted in 2012.

-REPORTER STAFF

#### Fields Corner store owner charged in Lottery scheme

The owner of a Fields Corner convenience store was arrested last week and charged with allegedly bribing a state Lottery official in a scheme to cash in \$5,600 worth of winning tickets that did not belong to

Information sent from Attorney General Maura Healey's office said that the defendant— Tuan Tquan, aka Tommy Tran, 59, was arraigned on May 26 in Dorchester District Court on one count of Illegal Gift to a Public Employee. Tquan pleaded not guilty and was released on his own recognizance "with the conditions that he stay away and have no contact with lottery investigators and surrender his passport."

The complaint by Healey's office alleges that Tquan offered a Lottery official \$500 to persuade him to pay out the winnings after Lottery agents initially refused to cash them out. "Tquan was observed handing the Lottery official \$500 and walking away with the phony prize money he received in return. He was then arrested by State Police," the statement said.

"We allege this convenience store owner tried to cheat the system to get thousands of dollars in illegal lottery winnings," Healey said in the statement sent to the Reporter. "As a lottery sales agent, this defendant should be helping protect the integrity of the Lottery, not undermining it. We are thankful to our investigative partners for the quick collaborative work to put an end to this illegal scam." Tquan is due back in court on July 20 for a pretrial hearing.

Transit Police have

arrested four teens for a pair of knifepoint robbery attempts that turned into beatings at Shawmut Station on the Red Line on May 23. T police say they arrested three teens in Harambee Park in Dorchester around 1:30 p.m. on May 27. All were either 14 or 15, so too young to have their names released. Police had earlier arrested a 15-year-old for his alleged role in the attack near the station's Blue bikes rack.

Transit Police say their investigation is continuing.

#### UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Dot Day Parade** — The annual Dorchester Day Parade returns on Sunday, June 5. The parade begins at 1 p.m. from the corner of Dorchester Avenue and Richmond Street in Lower Mills and proceeds to Columbia Road. Dorchester Avenue will be shut down for a few hours that Sunday with parking restrictions in place on Dot Ave. and Richmond Street. Please see dotdayparade.com for more info.

Ashmont-Adams The section Dorchester will host the first-ever Dorchfest music festival on Dot Day eve, Sat., June 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. See ad on page 15B and visit MBTA. com/BNRD for more info.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Monday, June 13 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal by Lincoln Property Company for a project at 990 American Legion Highway. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Draft Project Impact Report. More information is available at bostonplans.org.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., June 22 to discuss a proposed project at 572 Columbia Road Columbia Crossing, an approximately 98,000 square foot, mixed-use building with 63 residential units and approximately 31,000 square feet of ancillary spaces including shared artist's workspace and space for commercial and other public uses plus parking. More information may be found online at bostonplan.org. See ad on page 5 for more info about joining the Zoom.

Free registration is now open for the **Eversource Walk for Boston Children's** Hospital, happening on Sunday, June 12 at 9 a.m. Now in its 20th year, the event offers participants the ability to gather and walk along the Charles River Esplanade in Boston or join virtually from anywhere in the world.

The Nubian Square Training Center will host a Life Sciences Career Exposure event at Roxbury Community College gym on Sat., June 4 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. The event is intended for high school students to learn about careers in life sciences and medical industries. Register at bit.ly/nusqcareerexpo2022.

Budding artists ages nine and up are invited to join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for its popular summer series of free ParkARTS Watercolor Painting Workshops during the month of June at six Boston locations. The workshops welcome artists of all skill levels to create their own greenspaceinspired masterpieces. Materials and instruction by local artists is provided. This series is open to Boston residents. All classes are held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, weather permitting. Dates and locations

for the workshops are as follows: Sat., June 4, Jamaica Pond Boathouse, Jamaica Plain; Sun., June 5, Chandler Pond, Brighton (Lake Shore Road entrance); Sat., June 11, Ringgold Park, South End; Sun., June 12, LoPresti Park, East Boston; Sat., June 18 Dorchester Park (meet at the playground area); Sun., June 19, Medal of Honor Park, South Boston For more information please visit boston.gov/ watercolor.

Boston's green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Wed., July 13, to submit their gardens for contention in the 26th annual Mayor's Garden Contest. Go to boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest.

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#### City is asking for bids on 18 packaged lots in Grove Hall

#### By Seth Daniel News Editor

The city's Office of Housing has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on a series of 18 city-owned sites that have been packaged into 10 development opportunities along Blue Hill Avenue in Grove Hall.

The release at the end of April is the second grouping of vacant, buildable sites along the avenue to be released in the larger Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan. City officials said last month that the sites will be key elements toward the goal of preventing long-time residents and businesses from being pushed off the corridor as things ideally improve.

In 2021, the city released several sites located between Franklin Field and Morton Street that were dispersed to smaller development teams for affordable housing and affordable commercial spaces.

"We're really excited to be continuing on and offering this second group, building on what we learned the first time around and the response we got back while also being mindful of the nuances of the neighborhood these groups of parcels are in," said Jessica Boatright,



Several lots at Blue Hill Avenue near the corner of Intervale Street, including one vacant building, are city-owned and part of the latest package of properties released under the Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan for redevelopment.

Seth Daniel photo

deputy director of the Neighborhood Housing Division. remnants of the 1970s, when the neighborhood was in disarray and

Added Project Manager Julio Pilier: "The community is as excited as we are to see these parcels put out for development and bring in projects that will create benefits for the community. These sites have been empty for a long time. Some have been put out as recently as 2016, but those projects didn't move forward. We are excited to have them out again and to work with this community as we move forward on this

Empty lots along Blue Hill Avenue have long been endemic to the environment. In many instances, they are the remnants of the 1970s, when the neighborhood was in disarray and buildings were being burned down or else neglected to the point where they had to be demolished. Attempts to develop them were made in the 2000s, but nothing significant emerged.

This time, with the full momentum of the Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan – and last year's successful process farther down the Avenue – there is a great deal of optimism.

According to the AtlasScope historical map, two of the larger packages — one just south of Lawrence Street in Grove Hall and the other at the corner of Blue Hill and Intervale, the lots were undeveloped until

the late 1890s – mostly serving as the home to the groves of fruit trees that gave the neighborhood its name. In 1895 the land on Lawrence was open and owned by a William Phipps. That lot was developed with wooden buildings by John and Mary Sheran in 1897.

The Intervale Street site was first built on by William Carp, who constructed brick commercial buildings there. It is uncertain exactly when those lots became vacant, but most assume that it happened in the 1960s and 1970s.

Eleven of the lots are in Grove Hall, while the other seven are farther up on the Roxbury line – between Quincy, Moreland, and Winthrop Streets. This group of lots, Pilier said, is the most diverse in size and potential of all the city's Blue Hill Avenue lots.

"In the first group, they were mostly the same size," he said. "We have here small sites and larger sites...One has 11,000 square feet, so there is opportunity to do something larger there. I think there's room for a lot of variety and different types of projects in this package. We're excited to see what developers will come up with."

Once again, the city hopes to attract smaller development teams that are just starting out or have only a few projects under their belt. That was what happened last year with the previous round of lots, and by asking respondents to focus on one opportunity instead of many, officials hope to get homed-in projects from several smaller teams.

Housing will be a focus, Boatright and Pilier said, but the community also has other desires that were expressed in community meetings leading up to the RFP release.

"We're really encouraging mixed-use developments like in the first

group," Pilier said. "People in the community want to see diverse types of businesses that eventually occupy these spaces and they want things that contribute jobs and things like restaurants to the neighborhood. In some sense, people want to see opportunities for community spaces like a dance center or museums."

Another community priority is affordable commercial space for businesses now in jeopardy of being pushed off the corridor by rising rents.

The timeline for the RFPs includes a response deadline of July 26. After a review for qualifications, responses will be presented to the community at meetings in August or September. Boatright and Pilier said they hope to designate developers by the fall.

Boatright said there is one more grouping of lots to come, but that only includes two lots near Franklin Park that would be more difficult to develop. The lots released in this latestvround were "more straightforward," she said. It was also a case of responding to the moment "while there is great deal of excitement for these opportunities."



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#### Parents: Henderson School inclusion model is imperiled

#### They cite a turbulent year

By Seth Daniel News Editor

In the past years, education gurus from across the nation routinely visited the Henderson K-12 Inclusion School in Dorchester to observe and replicate the school's successful model of integrating high-needs students alongside general education students.

But, according to parents of current and former students, no one would want to visit or bring back home any of what's been going on at the Henderson Upper School over the last year. Although Boston Public Schools (BPS) says emphatically that  $the\,inclusion\,model\,is\,not$ being changed, several Henderson parents of high-needs students say that the once-successful school is slipping into chaos.

There have the well-documented acts of violence, particularly in the case of Principal Patricia Lampron, who is still recovering from injuries sustained when she was attacked, reportedly by a Henderson

student, last fall.

Less well-publicized are the ongoing concerns of parents who feel that the once-heralded inclusion model is in jeopardy.

Carol Gracia's daughter, a middle-schooler with a learning disability, has attended the Henderson in an inclusion model since kindergarten. Two months ago, the Dorchester mom was shocked to discover that school administrators are recommending that her daughter go to a different school next year.

"The Henderson is where my daughter should be if they are doing things properly," she said. "I just think the mission has been lost this year and there are a lot of people in there who don't know exactly how the school should be run. As invested parents, we need to get it back to how it was."

BPS officials say the Henderson model is not being changed, but they are looking to expand it.

"Our commitment to our vision for inclusion remains unchanged and we stand by our belief



Families and staff members rallied in front of the Henderson Upper School late last year to call for increased school safety efforts. Safety and issues with the school's inclusion model have become concerns of parents and school founders this year.

that every student deserves and has a right to an education that meets their needs," said BPS spokesperson Gabrielle Farrell. Administrators acknowledge that there has been high turnover with staffing and a learning curve for new personnel in understanding the vision for inclusion at the Henderson.

BPS has added positions, they say, so the school's co-teaching

model can expand into science and history classes at the middle school for the first time.

Her mother says that Gracia's daughter has found great success at the Henderson learning alongside her general education peers. She has also found integration in the neighborhood with sports and other activities alongside her peers of all abilities, the mother added.

But next year, she said, the school would put her in a classroom separate from her peers and with less-functioning students; noting, they said, that the move would "boost her confidence" and let her be "top of the class."

"That is what is infuriating to me because you have teachers that have been there and now it seems others are trying to change what people – like Bill Henderson – set in place," said Carol Gracia. "The Henderson model has been broken this year. People who are involved in the school need to come together and get it back to...its

original mission."
That original mission is something that Dorchester's Dianne Lescinskas knows a lot about. Her special needs daughter graduated from the Henderson K-12, and then continued going there until she was 22 in 2019.

"Inclusion was at the center of the Henderson and what it was supposed to be about," she said. "That's why we pushed so hard for inclusion because someone like my daughter that has different abilities  $can\,be\,successful...When$ I talk to people about inclusion and benefits of it, I use my daughter as an example, and I say my daughter is who she is because of the Henderson and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester."

Lescinskas's daughter now works two jobs and has found a level of success that likely could not have happened, she said, without the inclusion model, which has Lescinskas's name all over it, as well as that of the many other parents who lobbied for years to set up an inclusive model in Dorchester.

Having seen it work at the old O'Hearn School on Dorchester Avenue under former Principal Bill Henderson in the 1990s and 2000s up to grade 5, they spent thousands of hours advocating for its expansion to grade 12. That happened in 2013-14 when the Henderson Innovation Plan was approved. It called for students of all abilities being educated side-by-side for their entire schooling years.

Lescinskas said she and other founders are really concerned now, particularly because the district has been assigning students to the school without an understanding of its mission. The model works best, they say, for students and families that are deliberate about choosing the Henderson.

"They don't understand why they are sitting next to a kid with Down's Syndrome and why they are there and what it's all about," she said. "If you grew up in that environment and if you make the decision as a family to go there, it's a very different experience. If you're put there and didn't choose it, that's when the problems happen."

Lescinskas noted that children with serious disabilities or intellectual disabilities who attend the school are defenseless against a student who is violent or a bully. "The worst thing you can do is send troubled kids to an inclusion school," she said.

BPS countered that they are pro-active about getting supports to students if they are not getting positive outcomes in the model, and there is a process that they follow.

Some of the needs that have manifested themselves have had implications on school safety. If after trying interventions, there is no improvement, the school team considers whether a different placement would better suit the student's needs.

The schools indicated they have had recent instances when the school team and the parents have felt a different placement was in everyone's best interests.

Parents and school founders would like to see BPS bring in a principal with inclusion experience who will vow to fulfill the school's original mission. They would also like tosee more oversight from BPS over the school.

For long-time parents and students like the Gracias, they want to know if the mission is being changed—and if so—who made the decision.

"I'm giving them the benefit of the doubt, but I have to wonder who it was that decided, and how it was decided, that a child who has been through inclusion from the get-go needs to go into a sub-separate classroom at a different school," said Gracia. "After Patricia Lampron got hurt, the school fell apart," she said.



In Late February of 2022, Conor Olsen age 14, son of Phil and Deb Olsen, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is currently undergoing treatment. Shockingly, a few weeks later the Olsen Family was dealt another blow when mom Deb was diagnosed with Breast Cancer. Let's come together to support The Olsen's who are an integral part of The Dorchester Community!!

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#### Facing a state takeover, Boston promises 'urgent' improvements in school system

#### By Max Larkin WBUR REPORTER

As she seeks to fend off a state takeover of Boston Public Schools, Mayor Michelle Wu is proposing a slate of speedy reforms. Under the terms of a draft agreement obtained on May 26, Massachusetts's largest school district would have to tackle several problems raised by a recent state review, including redesigning programming for students with disabilities and English learners, curbing violence in the schools, and ensuring that its school buses start arriving on time (or close

In a statement after the draft memorandum began to circulate last Thursday night, BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius — who is set to step down next month said her team is confident in the plan, and that it "acknowledges the urgency of this work and the shared interest" between the district, city, and state.

As she addressed the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education last Tuesday, Wu said her team is working quickly "to rebuild trust with our communities,



Mayor Michelle Wu spoke to the news media during a press conference at Brighton High School on March 22, 2022, where Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius (left) announced she would resign at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

and step into our fullest er with the plan, set for potential as a historic birthplace of public education."

Wu argued that a state takeover would be "counterproductive" with some of that work already underway, including a sizable investment in school facilities and the search for Cassellius's replacement. If enacted, she said, Boston would move to plead its case at a public hearing.

The city hopes to avoid that discussion altogethofficial release on Friday, complete with deadlines, some already looming.

Under its terms, the district would have until mid-August to audit school safety protocols, review the condition of dozens of badly maintained school bathrooms, and rewrite its guidance on special education, seeking to place more students with disabilities in the "least restrictive" learning environments they are entitled

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to under federal law.

In late summer, the district would try to guarantee school bus routes are covered, enact a strategic plan for English learners, and establish an internal system for reviewing its data, which the state had faulted as unreliable.

The plan was drafted to meet expectations set by state Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley, himself the former principal of Boston's Clarence Edwards Mid-

dle School, which closed last June after years of neglect and poor performance on tests.

But it remains to be seen whether Wu's proposal will satisfy the commissioner. Even as he touted progress at last Tuesday's meeting, Riley said he "needs assurances now" that students in Boston will be able to count on safety, adequate instruction, clean data, and clean restrooms.

The meeting showcased a stark divide on the possibility of receivership in Boston.

A spillover crowd of parents, educators, and city officials lambasted the idea as impractical, undemocratic, and racist. (Some research suggests that state takeovers are more common in cities and districts led by people of color and serving majority Black and Latino students.)

Margaret McKenna, the board's former chair, said she came to see an appointed receiver as a kind of "dictator," and noted that the specter of Covid hung over almost all of Boston's recent education policymaking: "To say that this was a fair analysis of a normal time, it certainly wasn't."

But at least one board member, Matt Hills, said he'd "certainly" support receivership in Boston, describing the district's academics, outside of its three exam schools, as "really, really poor." Some in the crowd disputed that, saying by many metrics, Boston performs as well or better than the three districts already under state supervision.

Hills also warned Riley against accepting the city's then-unpublished plan, saying the problems run deep and "you're leaving yourself open to not get the kind of deal you think you're going to get."

In response, Riley said, given "common courtesy and good sense," Wu should have a chance to solve problems not of her own making. But he left the door open for multiple courses of action this summer: "If I believe that there's a path forward  $that \dot{s} \, in \, the \, best \, interest$ of the children of Boston, I'm gonna do that."

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

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#### Vietnam Veterans Memorial 'celebrates' 35 years

(Continued from page 1) out the year, were part of the South Vietnamese armed forces. In many cases, they fought alongside American soldiers.

Their presence is conspicuous and it is driven out of a respect for the American soldiers who came to help keep South Vietnam free from the Viet Cong (VC), they said.

"I was on the original committee to build this and when it was dedicated—and ever since—the Vietnamese community has been fantastic," said Willy Austin, a life-long Dorchester resident who served in 1970 and 1971. "They back us up and are always here for their holidays and our holidays and we just really appreciate it."

Said Tran Thin, who operates Kimmy Pharmacy on Dorchester Avenue and who was a captain in the South Vietnamese army, "We have a lot of respect for the Americans who came over and gave us a big hand to help us fight for our freedom. We continue to fight. That's why we show up here every year."

The ceremony focused strongly on the names of the 80 Dorchester soldiers who lost their lives in Vietnam, with a reading of the names and the placing of flowers on the Memorial by veterans, Vietnamese veterans, family members, and young people who came to help.

The services concluded with the signing of the American and South Vietnamese national anthems.



Celebration Day coordinator Ed Pimentel, Murray White, Jackie McDonough, and Norman Azer.



Vietnam Veteran Charles Santangelo remembered a fallen soldier



City Councillor Frank Baker placed a flower on the Memorial after the reading of a name.



Steve Tankle and his granddaughter, Caroline Tankle Johnson, placed a flower on the Memorial.



For the 35th year, Richard Memorial and Frank Cahill read the names of those from Dorchester who lost their lives in Vietnam.

Seth Daniel photos



A day for wreath-placings at the base of the Dorchester Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



Lisa Zinck read a poem about Memorial Day as Ed Pimentel looked on.



Tran Thin, a onetime captain in the South Vietnamese army, with life-long Dorchester resident Willy Austin.

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#### 17 from Dorchester graduate from BC High



John Forry

Seventeen students from Dorchester were among the 284 graduates of Boston College High School who crossed the stage on May 21 to receive their diplomas at McCoy Field on Morrissey Boulevard. More than 2,000 members of the BC High family were on hand to honor the graduates and their accomplishments. The keynote speaker was Northeastern University President Joseph E. Aoun.

**Jayson Barros** 



**Zachory Durham** 

The Dorchester residents in the BC High Class of 2024 included: Preston Amos, Jayson Barros, Brendan Burke, Jack Burke, Anthony Cellai, Nolan Cleary, Timothy Cole-French, Niall Dalton, Zachory Durham, John Forry, Huy Giang, Donald Le, Ryan Nguyen, Zachary Melo, James O'Connell. Cole Pressia and Niall Ryan.

"We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2022 and the ways



**Niall Dalton** 

they've come together during their time at BC High," said Grace Cotter Regan, President of Boston College High School. "This class has endured so much during the pandemic, bonding over computers, in classrooms and performing arts spaces, and on athletic fields. Through it all they've forged lifelong friendships, explored their faith, committed to serving others, and developed their own vision for the



Ryan Nguyen

future that is sure to feed their curiosity and fuel their spirit. I know they will be leaders for their generation."

BC High will welcome, for the second year in a row, more than 300 new students in the fall.

To further the student health and wellness priorities outlined in Vision 2026, BC High received three major gifts from alumni within the last 18 months. This includes a transformative \$49



**Anthony Cellai** 

million gift - the largest single gift in BC High's 159-year history, the largest ever to a Catholic secondary school in New England, and among the largest to a high school nationwide – from the Patrick F. Cadigan '52 Family Foundation in April 2022 for a 50,000 square foot Wellness Complex on campus. Construction on the Wellness Complex is anticipated to begin in January 2023.

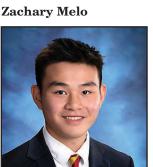


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## Reporter's People

### News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

## Bob Scannell marks 35th year at BGCD

Bob Scannell celebrated his 35th anniversary as the leader of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester on May 26.

Bob Scannell was hired out of college as executive director of the then called Colonel Daniel Marr Boys Club in May 1987.

"I am so fortunate to have spent the last 35 years alongside the most dedicated and caring individuals in the City who make the members and families we serve a top priority," said Scannell. "We meet the needs of each individual and explore whatever resources we can to help support them. My greatest success is the success of others and knowing that we have and will be there for those who need us." When Scannell arrived

in Dorchester in 1987, there were seven fulltime staff and one clubhouse on Deer Street. Under Bob's tenure, the organization has expanded to three clubhouses in Dorchester, 70 full time adult staff and hundreds of teen and part-time staff. Bob has continued to lead the way with innovative plans for future expansion on Mount Vernon Street with a 75,000 square foot facility to serve even more children and families who need and deserve services provided.

Children from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester's early childhood program surprised Bob Scannell with an anniversary day visit to his office last week.

**BGCD** photo



#### Salvation Army-Kroc Culinary Arts grads hailed





Chef Paul Wahlberg was on hand to congratulate nearly a dozen students who celebrated their graduation from The Salvation Army's Boston Kroc Culinary Arts Training Program on May 27 with diplomas, a ceremony, and lunch prepared for all of the guests. There is no cost for the 250-hour program, which provides the training needed for employment in a restaurant or commercial kitchen, life coaching, and training support for those who are ready to commit to a new career.

Led by Chef Timothy Tucker, the program is open to students in need throughout the Boston area. Students receive college credits and a Junior Apprenticeship certification from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Wahlberg, a Dorchester native who is the chef at Alma Nove and Wahlburgers, delivered a speech "from the heart," reminding students to find the love in their work.

Inset: Chef Paul Wahlberg with Simone Atkins, graduate of The Salvation Army Boston Kroc Culinary Arts Training Program.

Photo courtesy Heather MacFarlane/ The Salvation Army

#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In early May, the Reporter published a review of the book "Unsinkable," a chronicle of a destroyer, the USS Plunkett, and its crew as they navigated their way through World War II and experienced great loss, among them a Dorchester man named John J. Gallagher. The city of Boston memorialized WT3 Gallagher with the dedication of the intersection of Adams Street and Oakton Avenue as a Hero Square. Following is the city's citation:



John Gallagher on leave at his home at 58 Oakton Ave., Dorchester.

"John J. Gallagher, United States Navy 28 August 1916 - 24 January 1944. John J. Gallagher was born on August 28, 1916, in Boston. As a resident of Dorchester, John entered the United States Navy soon after Pearl Harbor in 1942. John served as Third Class Water Tender (WT3) aboard the USS Plunkett, a destroyer. He was killed in the line of

duty while fighting off an attack from the Luftwaffe on January 24, 1944. For the heroism displayed in his service to our country, John was awarded the American Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal. WT3 Gallagher is buried in Nettuno, a United States Military Cemetery in Anzio, Italy."

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society.org.

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#### **Editorial**

#### Our long nightmare ends this Sunday

It's finally back: The Dot Day Parade. The forecast for Sunday calls for sunshine in the 70s, a picture-perfect day for the return of what has long been considered the unofficial start of summer in these parts.

Dorchester deserves a sun-splashed parade day in '22 after going O-for-the pandemic the last two years. Here are some Dot Day-related musings while we wait impatiently for Mayor Wu to cut the ribbon and start the festivities in front of St.

Gregory's on Sunday at 1 p.m.

• The volunteers who run the parade committee made a great call when they picked Lou Pasquale, 95, to be its chief marshal for the '22 Dot Day edition. A Quincy native who enlisted in the US Army as a teenager — and was wounded in the fight for Okinawa in 1945— Lou was slated to be the parade leader in 2020. He was disappointed when the event was cancelled due to Covid, but told us back in '20 that he'd be ready to "serve" when the parade returned.

"God willing, I'll be here," he told us with a smile. "I definitely would!"

On Sunday, Lou will ride in a place of honor near the front of the procession. Do yourselves a favor and say hello to a real, live American hero- and a terrific human being.

• This year's celebration of Dorchester Day is not confined to just one day. On Saturday, the neighborhood will be treated to its first-ever "Dorchfest," our version of the Porchfest series that has been popularized in Somerville and Jamaica Plain. The event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 25 different locations, most of them yards or front porches in Ashmont-Adams, a section of Dot known for its beautiful Victorian homes with ample porches and green space for such gatherings. The lineup of musical talent— as seen on their excellent website, Dorchfest.com — is impressive in its diversity of people and genres. It promises to be a terrific addition to the neighborhood's social scene.

• Game 2 of the NBA Finals starts at 8 p.m. on Sunday, just as most post-Dot Day Parade cookouts should be winding down. What better way to cap off the triumphant return of Dorchester Day than by watching the Celts go up 2-0 over the Golden

State Warriors?

• We are pleased to feature the work of Dorchester-based photographer Mike Ritter on the cover of this week's edition. Mike has been documenting the parade for years and will be in this parade this year himself to help promote an exciting project that is coming up this fall. Thanks to a grant from the Boston Opportunity Fund, Mike will be creating free portraits of families and individuals in a "Get Close" project supported by the Reporter and the Boston Public Library. There will be much more information about how you can participate in future editions, but we're pleased to offer a sample of Mike's talent in this week's edition.

• Finally, a word of thanks to the men and women behind Sunday's parade and Saturday's Dorchfest endeavor. All volunteers, they are neighbors who meet throughout the year to advance projects for our collective benefit. We appreciate your creativity and hard work.

- Bill Forry

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Mayor Michelle Wu joined residents from Roslindale and West Roxbury for the annual Bike to Work Mayor's Office Photo by Isabel Leon send off at Adams Park in Roslindale Village on May 20.

#### Improvement of bike infrastructure is a must for streets in Dorchester

By Lucas Marinacci SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

On May 20, 2022, as Boston celebrated National Bike to Work Day, coronavirus cases continued to ebb and flow. Since the start of the pandemic, I have biked from Dorchester to my job as a frontline provider. On my ride, the city looks very different than it did in March 2020, but in important and disappointing ways, it hasn't changed at all.

If the mayor is serious about addressing health disparities and transit injustice laid bare by Covid, she should act quickly to improve biking infrastructure in places that need it most, like Dorchester.

Why? Well, we know that Black and Latino Bostonians have suffered disproportionately from this coronavirus. We know that communities with lower incomes, less insurance coverage, higher unemployment, and more essential workers were hit hardest. And we know that if we want to address the root cause of these disparities, we must look beyond hospitals and healthcare systems and focus on the social determinants of health.

These include the structural elements of our city that may appear to be unrelated to health at first glance, but nevertheless contribute to differences in death and disease, not just from Covid, but from many other conditions as well. These include, for example, how people from places like Dorchester commute to work.

Baseline transit inequities existed before the latest pandemic, but once the it struck, they got worse. The majority of transit riders were essential workers—mostly women and people of color in lower paying jobs, with limited access to cars, and no ability to work remotely.

Reduced transit service in Boston resulted in unsafe levels of crowding which in turn led to increased risk of Covid transmission in low-income riders despite increased precautions.

It's no coincidence that the same people who made up our essential workforce were the same people crowding into trains and buses, living in the same neighborhoods that bore the lopsided brunt of infections.

Now consider the bicycle. Biking is particularly well suited to pandemic commuting. It is physically distanced, supports mental and physical health, reduces crowding in buses and trains, and does not take up precious parking. Cities across the world expanded bike infrastructure and budgets in response to the pandemic; bicycle sales surged and Boston was no exception.

Having more essential workers bike to work would be a good thing. Only a fraction need to pedal for us to reap the beneficial multiplier effects of decongestion. But to make bike commuting a viable option from Dorchester, it must be safer and much less stressful than it is now. We need better, protected bike lanes that connect our neighbors to their jobs and more of them.

Unfortunately, biking is often thought of as a white, elitist mode of transportation and a harbinger of gentrification. Biking infrastructure is better in wealthy, affluent neighborhoods and neglected in poorer ones where the majority of bicyclists are non-white. In 2019, Boston got one of the lowest possible scores from Places for Bikes on "Reach" the ability of a network to serve its citizens equally.

The reality, though, is that nationally, people from poorer neighborhoods and with lower incomes actually bike to work more. It may be that people who dominate the conversation about biking are not always representative of the majority of actual

So perhaps it is no surprise that while Boston has built new bike lanes since March 2020, they were not in the neighborhoods that needed them the most. We had the chance to build safer bike lanes for the most heavily affected communities during the first surge, when traffic was at an all-time low, but we chose to focus on downtown corridors instead.

That decision perpetuated the myth that biking to work is something only wealthy white people get to do. By enshrining that sense in infrastructure, it turned the myth into a self-fulfilling prophecy.

So, if we want to learn from our mistakes, we should build more protected bike lanes in Dorchester, Roxbury, and East Boston, where the majority of essential workers live. They have fewer bike lanes now, and fewer future bike lanes planned, compared to richer neighborhoods. The improvements to the Blue Hill Avenue corridor are a start, but not enough. They are also taking too long.

Dorchester is the most racially and economically diverse neighborhood in the city. Dorchester Avenue serves more than 50,000 people and has long been identified as being especially problematic for bikers; still, there have been no improvements made for them on the Ave during this pandemic, and nothing is in the works.

If we move rapidly to create a more accessible bike network in Dorchester, we will be doing more than protecting workers from Covid and whatever pandemic comes next.

We will be sending the message that the city means business when it comes to creating the lasting, structural change necessary to address the root causes of health disparities. We will be demonstrating a commitment to making urban cycling more inclusive, thereby alleviating some of the systemic racism inherent in our city's transportation system. And we will be making a clear statement that the goal is not just to help vulnerable communities survive a pandemic, but also to thrive in its wake.

A more equitable Boston is a healthier, more resilient Boston. If it's the city we want to see tomorrow, we need to start building it today, starting

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#### City should boost post-pandemic civic re-engagement

By BILL WALCZAK
REPORTER COLUMNIST
Humans are social animals, and our social natures have been greatly harmed by the pandemic.

#### **Commentary**

We all know the big numbers: one million dead in the US, with more than 60 percent of adults and 75 percent of children likely to have had the virus. Worldwide, the official death count is over six million, though because of what it cites as undercounting, the World Health Organization believes the number of deaths could be closer to 15 million.

But that's just the death count. The pandemic's fear factor caused the largest part of Americans to isolate themselves from normal social patterns, thus exacerbating a mental health crisis that included unprecedented deaths from opioid overdoses, suicides, and alcohol abuse. Gun sales produced a population of 335 million Americans owning more than 400 million weapons and, unfortunately at times, using them to kill and terrorize their fellow Americans.

Students participated in virtual education, which denied them the social aspects of time spent in school—and the watchful eyes of teachers. When they came back to the classroom, students and teachers showed higher rates of depression and anxiety. Emergency medical services data show an increase in opioid calls and gun violence.

Social damage has been made worse by the fact that there was a lot of movement in and out of neighborhoods while individuals and families hunkered down in their apartments. Now, as we start to emerge, it is important that we work on stitching together neighborhoods, introducing and re-introducing residents to each other, and building back our communities.

In the 1970s and 1980s, it was an awareness that residents in the Codman Square area felt isolated despite being in a densely populated neighborhood that led local nonprofits to participate in community organizing activities. In the late 1980s, a survey pointed out that the greatest concerns in that community were crime, drugs, violence, and youth hanging out with seemingly nothing to do.

The problem of isolation came home to me when there was a drug crackdown on one street near Codman Square that resulted in 38 arrests for drug dealing. I remember commenting to the police that they



Bill Walczak

must have gotten a lot of calls for drug activity on that street, and being told that the police, in fact, had received no phone calls. I spoke with people who lived on the street and found that they didn't really know their neighbors, and so they didn't know who was supposed to be there and who was not. They also

had no trust in the police.

To address these concerns, a group of nonprofits, assisted by local churches and neighborhood organizations, convened several hundred residents to come up with a plan to deal with the concerns brought out in the survey. Residents met for two months and produced a strategic plan for Codman Square, which was called the "Action Agenda." It was a 40-page document that addressed many different areas of concern, including social isolation.

To address this, the Codman Square Health Center, which had been funded for several community organizers, sent them to go door to door, informing residents about what was happening in the community and how they could get access to services. They also left them with information packets. A monthly newsletter alerted residents of meetings and of positive things happening.

Residents who wanted to organize their streets were informed that they could get a grant of \$100 and help from community organizers to have a block party to introduce residents to their neighbors. The formula was to find two to three people who wanted to do this, and help them with food and, most important, a fire engine. A Saturday would be chosen, and the fire engine would appear, which would

bring out children, who,, in turn would bring out the adults. Hamburgers helped keep people engaged, and, if available, a police representative would talk about forming a crime watch.

The exact formula isn't that important, but the idea needs to be considered to help Bostonians re-engage with each other as the pandemic wanes.

Some communities are in the process of doing this by themselves. Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association has established two committees, an Outreach and Engagement Committee to build up membership in the civic association, and an Events Committee with an agen-

da geared to regular community activities that include a summer community picnic with games and music, a Native American event, a Fields Corner restaurant tour, neighborhood park clean-ups, a Savin Hill Park tour, a neighborhood yard sale, and a plant sale.

The Wu administration should consider assisting neighborhoods with similar efforts as residents emerge from more than two years of isolation. An engaged community is a safer and more vibrant place to live.

Bill Walczak lives in Dorchester. His column appears regularly in the Dorchester Reporter.



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#### Water and Sewer Commission plumbs Talbot Ave. – Charles River connection

#### Projects for Dot and Mattapan are underway and also in design

By Seth Daniel News Editor

As the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) construction season has started in earnest with projects all over Dorchester and Mattapan underway or on the drawing board, one local pilot effort could revolutionize cleanliness in the water of the Charles River: Replacing a 100-year-old stormwater storage vault on Talbot Avenue near Franklin Field while bringing a bit of new science to the process, said John Sullivan, BWSC's chief engineer (and an Adams Village resident).

"All the water that drains from this area comes by that spot," he said. "The vault there is old and needs repair. We decided that because we're trying to keep down pollution in the Charles River – the problem being phosphorous—we are going to try something new while replacing the vault. Believe it or not, that area there goes to the Charles River. We are going to re-build the vault and create a charcoal-based treatment facility inside it to catch



The work in Neponset Circle and Port Norfolk is in its second year and nearly done.

the phosphorous."

The chemical is often used as a fertilizer, but large amounts of it flowing into the Charles River from areas like Talbot Avenue have been known to promote the toxic cyanobacteria algae growth, which in turn harms the river's ecosystem and often triggers stay-away warnings in the summertime.

The \$1.5 million project will take about eight months to complete and won't affect traffic as the

vaultis over the sidewalk and part of Franklin Field.

Sullivan said the hope is that by filtering it out at the point of inflow,

the phosphorous could be eliminated from the Charles River and other waterways.

At the Talbot Avenue point, an estimated 177 pounds of phosphorous is introduced every year. "This system could go a long way to stopping a lot of the phosphorous – up to 60 percent, officials believe - from getting into the system from this part of the city," he said. "We're really trying to take advantage of the need to rebuild the vault and we want to put advanced science inside it to serve a different need."

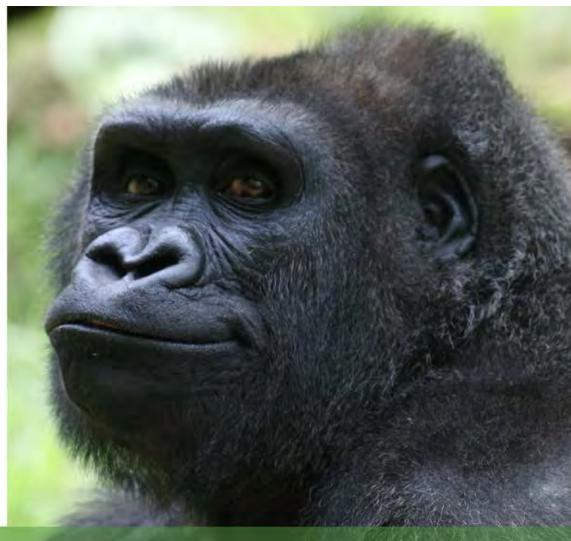
As part of the contract and the project, BWSC will bring in researchers from Northeastern University to analyze the data and make sure the new system is working. If the data show an improvement, then Sullivan said they will replicate it in other similar projects.

As an environmental bonus, when the charcoal treatment product is replaced every two or three years, the spent charcoal and phosphorous will be ground up and sold to potato farmers in Maine who find this byproduct

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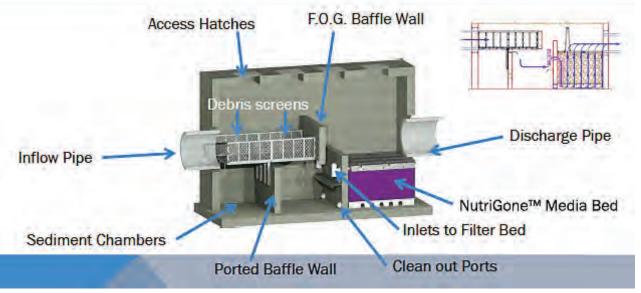


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A rendering of the new Talbot Avenue stormwater storage vault that will be retrofitted with a charcoal-based treatment system that will filter out excess phosphorous from runoff.

to be an excellent fertilizer for their crops.

Sullivan said the new vault will also be a factor in confronting the effects of larger rain events. In the case of a high-volume rainstorm where excess water needed to be stored somewhere, the vault will be able to release water into Franklin Field, which has the capacity to store three or four acres of water and prevent major flooding in the neighborhoods. According to BWSC models, the Talbot Avenue area is a hot spot for potential flooding in future megastorms,

"In every project we do," he said, "we're thinking about resilience and preparing for what storms in the future could be like."

#### Neponset Circle and Port Norfolk

A major project to improve water and sewer services in Port Norfolk is in its second year and is about to wrap up, Sullivan said. The work has targeted several streets in Port Norfolk and Neponset Avenue/Neponset Circle.

"We have all the water 100 percent complete, and sewer is around 95 percent," he said. "We'll be out of there very soon."

#### Savin Hill due for attention

A major project affecting Savin Hill Avenue and Playstead Road that is in design will replace water mains and rehabilitate the sewer system as well. BWSC is coordinating with the McConnell Park recon-

struction project as they will be running pipes up Playstead Road to tie in at Savin Hill Avenue. Construction will start at Sydney Street, go over the Expressway bridge, and continue to Denny Street.

"That will make sure that whole area will have improved service," said Sullivan, who also indicated that Eversource was looking to do some work at the same time, with a 150 kV electric line project out to bid this month. Its construction being coordinated with BWSC's project.

### Projects in construction or design — Dorchester

Construction: Gallivan Boulevard eastbound from Hallet to Neponset Bridge; Neponset Bridge; Lawley Street; Port Norfolk Street. Walnut Street; Taylor Street/Water Street; Oakman/Taylor/Rice Streets; Westglow Street from Adams to Garner Street; Morrissey Blvd. Southbound (near Patten's Cove).

ataubut to Neponset

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#### Rep. Holmes to face primary opponent

By Jennifer Smith

REPORTER CORRESPONDENT State Rep. Russell Holmes will face a challenge in September for the 6th Suffolk District, covering parts of Dorchester, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, MatHolmes has held the seat for more than a decade, running unopposed each year since he first claimed the position in 2010.

Hassan Haris Hardaway, a Talbot

tapan and Roslindale. Avenue resident and principal at HHH Strategic Consulting turned in papers to make the ballot at the end of the day on May 31. Hardaway did not respond to request for comment from the Reporter on Tuesday.

Holmes said he was "surprised" by Hardaway's entry to the race.

"I know Mr. Hardaway and I can say I've been to greater than 2,500 community meetings in the last 12 years and never seen him," Holmes told the Reporter. "I am surprised to see him run to be the voice of a community I've never seen him listen to. I'm looking forward to a conversation with the community for who they would like to have represent them."

In the neighboring 5th Suffolk House district, the field is now set on the Democratic side. Christopher Worrell, assistant director of diversity, equity and inclusion at the Boston Planning & Development Agency; Danielson Tavares, the city's chief diversity officer; and former state representative and former at-large city councillor Althea Garrison are all on the ballot. Unenrolled candidate Roy Owens also handed in nomination papers on Tuesday.

First Suffolk State Sen. Nick Collins, Rep. Dan Hunt in the 13th Suffolk District and Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley in the 12th Suffolk District will have no opposition

in their re-election bids. A busy race is underway in the Second Suffolk District - state Rep. Nika Elugardo, state Rep. Liz Miranda, former state Sen. Dianne Wilkerson; and Rev. Miniard Culpepper have all filed nomination papers.

Donnie Palmer, who ran unsuccessfully for City Council last year, submitted 156 more signatures than needed to make the Republican ballot in the 7th Congressional District, held by Rep. Ayanna Pressley.

Hamilton Rodrigues, endorsed by MassGOP chair Jim Lyons, and Robert Burke are running for the Republican nomination for the 8th Congressional seat held by Rep. Stephen Lynch.



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#### Collins: My budget items focused on public safety

state budget proposal passed by the Senate last month, Sen. Nick Collins added several amendments to support public safety.

The first one asked for \$1 million in grants to create a Peer Support Trust Fund for state and local law enforcement. A second Collins amendment included \$850,000 for upgrades and expansions of the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC).

Collins was a co-sponsor on several other amendments as well, including one to allow the State Police to hire retired officers for public safety roles, restoring more than \$2 million in funding to the State Police, and providing an additional \$1 million to Environmental Law Enforcement.

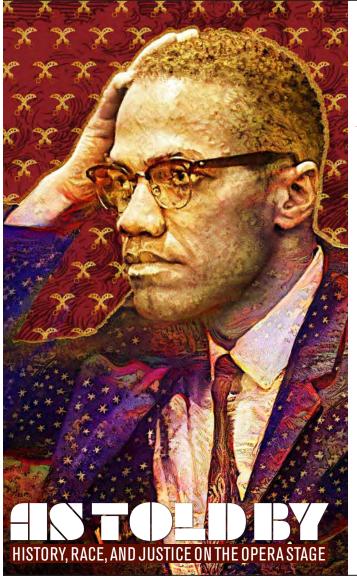
One community-focused effort in the budget proposal that gained Collins's support included

To a \$49.68 billion \$13 million in funding to the state's Shannon Grant violence prevention and intervention program. A second community-focused effort included \$10 million to create a neighborhood gun violence prevention program.

> Overall, the Senate budget proposal made investments in public safety that included \$441.7 million for the State Police, nearly \$35 million for the state's municipal fire departments, and \$11.6 million for a proposed Municipal Police Training Committee.

> The House passed its own \$49.7 billion budget proposal in April. Both plans will go to Conference Committee to be reconciled before a bill is sent to Gov. Baker for his final signature. The state budget typically is passed before July 1, when the state's fiscal year begins.

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#### T board okays \$9.6b investment plan as US probes safety

#### By Darryl C. Murphy WBUR REPORTER

Against the backdrop of an ongoing Federal Transit Administration safety inspection, the MBTA board approved a \$9.6 billion five-year capital investment plan last Thursday (May 26) that outlines more than 500 projects throughout the transit system.

The plan sets aside nearly \$2.4 billion for new vehicles, including double-decker commuter rail cars, new Red and Orange line trains. and hybrid and electric buses.

About \$2.2 billion will go toward projects that include track and signal replacement, expansion of the bus lane network as well as Green Line safety improvements. More than \$1 billion will be spread across 87 passenger facility projects that focus on accessibility improvements, elevator replacements and platform upgrades.

In fiscal year 2019, the MBTA reported spending an unprecedented \$1.9 billion on capital projects and set a goal to spend \$2 billion in fiscal year 2022. The T plans to



MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak at a recent press conference announcing increased service on the Fairmount line at the Talbot Avenue commuter rail station. Jesse Costa/WBUR

fiscal year 2023.

Matthew Petersen, with the advocacy group TransitMatters, said the T needs to do more than spend. He would like the agency to improve the way it communicates with riders about how they will benefit from capital investments.

"The goal of a capital

spend at similar levels in program should not be to spend money," Petersen said. "The goal of a capital program should be to invest in and improve service."

Brain Kane, executive director of the MBTA Advisory Board, praised the capital investment plan as a "great place to start," but he expressed concerns about affordability, citing the T's plan to borrow money to pay for the upgrades.

Kane said the T is \$7.6 billion in debt, and plans to borrow an additional \$600 million each year. The agency expects to use money from its operating budget — between \$200 million and \$300 million - to pay back the debt.

This is money that is not spent moving people on buses, trains, subway

Kane said.

He called on the transit agency to be aggressive in applying for federal grants, and said the Legislature should direct more funding to the T.

The five-year investment plan includes roughly \$7.5 billion for projects related to safety, which has been an issue for the T. Over the last year, a series of incidents have resulted in injuries and even deaths.

Those incidents prompted the FTA to conduct a safety inspection of the T. In an April letter to T General Manager Steve Poftak, the federal agency cited extreme concern with "ongoing safety issues" at the T and said it "remains unclear what actions the MBTA Board and executive team are

safety violations." Poftak said that the agency has had "an extensive series of interviews" with FTA officials and is now "in the middle of a number of site visits.' A report from the FTA's inspection will likely be released this summer, Poftak said.

"This is really an opportunity for us as an organization to learn and to get a thorough assessment of the places where we may be doing well in terms of safety," Poftak said. "But I think more importantly, the places where we have a deficit and that we need to improve our processes."

The FTA's intervention followed a fatal incident in which 39-yearold Robinson Lalin was dragged to his death after his arm became caught in the door of a Red Line train. Preliminary reports from the National Transportation Safety Board and the MBTA revealed that a short circuit in the door's control system allowed the train to move even though it was obstructed. The train car involved in the incident was more than 50 years old.

MBTA board chair Betsy Taylor said even though "many thousands of people ride the T safely each day, too many tragic accidents have occurred of late."

"The board and I welcome the findings of the FTA and the comments and suggestions of other parties," Taylor said. "We will do everything in our power to implement those recommendations as expeditiously as possible."

The T expects to replace its entire fleet of Red Line trains by 2024. So far, 10 train cars have been delivered, six of which are in service, according to a T spokesperson. A new fleet of Orange Line trains is expected next year. Seventy-four of those cars have been delivered, and 64 have been available for service, though not all at the same time.

The T recently removed new Red and Orange line trains from service after the failure of an Orange Line car's braking system last week.

The T's preliminary findings showed a bolt in one of the car's braking units was not "properly installed at the manufacturing plant." After an inspection of 57 cars, the agency said it found improperly installed bolts on six Orange Line cars and one Red Line car.

The bolts were fixed and the cars are back in service, according to a T spokesperson. Poftak said the T has taken additional steps to make sure the bolts are properly installed on all new trains moving forward, and in-service cars will be inspected every two weeks until an engineering investigation wraps up.

This article was originally published by WBUR 90.9FM on May 26. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

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#### Father-son team from Dot set off on cross-country bike ride to 'end homelessness'



Josh Nagy and his dad, Carl Nagy-Koechlin of Carruth Street, set off on a 3,600-mile cross-country bicycle trip from Anacortes, Washington on May 30.

On Memorial Day, Josh Nagy and his dad, Carl Nagy-Koechlin of Carruth Street, set off on a 3,600-mile cross-country bicycle trip from Anacortes, Washington. They will spend the next eight weeks riding through Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ontario, New York State, and, finally, home to Massachusetts.

Josh, who will be graduating from the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science, and his 61-year-old father, are on a mission to raise funds to end homelessness. They have named



On a mission-Josh, who attends the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science, with his dad, Carl.

their journey "Riding for Home." As of this week, they had already raised over \$10,000 for the Pine Street Inn and the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

"We're excited to see the country at about 12 miles per hour, during which we'll meet people from all walks of life," said Nagy-Koechlin, who runs a Cambridge-based nonprofit community development agency. "Americans are divided about so many things but I think most people believe that, in the richest country on earth, everyone should have a

safe and affordable place to live."

Added Josh: "We are so excited to take this opportunity, as I go off to college and into the world, to combine our passion for cycling with a cause that we both connect with. I genuinely can't wait to meet tons

of my fellow Americans who have lived all sorts of different lives from me and get to know them well on this journey."

If you would like to track their progress and, hopefully, join their cause, visit ridingforhome.org.

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### Caregiver Solutions

with Meg Hogan, CEO of Boston Senior Home Care

Did you know that in Massachusetts, there are an estimated 10,400 grandparents with the full-time responsibility of raising their grandchildren? Today, a growing number of grandparents have taken on the parenting role for their grandchildren, when parents experience personal or emotional difficulties and children need care.

Raising grandchildren can be incredibly rewarding. Many grandparents acknowledge that they derive immense satisfaction from providing their grandchildren with a safe, stable home environment in which to grow and thrive. However, it can also be stressful. At times, the physical, emotional, and financial demands of caregiving can leave many grandparents feeling overwhelmed. Luckily, they do not have to go it alone. In fact, studies show that grandparents who seek out assistance and support cope well with the responsibilities of raising grandchildren.

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Thanks to our friends at the Ron Burton Training Village for hosting us and for providing this special opportunity to our members. We are looking forward to our Girls Retreat coming up on June 11. For more information on BGCD partnerships, please contact Senior VP of Operations, Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Member Tina Selected as a
Finalist for Massachusetts Youth
of the Year (YOY) Competition: This
past week, Tina L. from the Boys &
Girls Clubs of Dorchester represented
our Club at the Massachusetts Youth of
the Year program. Tina, pictured above
with her parents and BGCD Board
Member, Maureen Peterson at the
celebration event held at Polar Park in
Worcester, was selected as one of four
Finalists for the State.

Tina, BGCD would like to congratulate you on your accomplishments and for representing our Club so well. BGCD would like to also congratulate our YOY finalists Callie A., Grainne M., Aissatou S., Ajay G., John F., Elivs C., and our Girl of the Year, Mia H. and Boy of the Year Anthony C. You all are outstanding members of BGCD and the community, and we are so proud to have you part of the BGCD family.



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Thanks to our friends at Retail Business Services for spending the day with us and for your outstanding support of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. For more information on Volunteering at BGCD, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Gately at agately@bgcdorchester.org.

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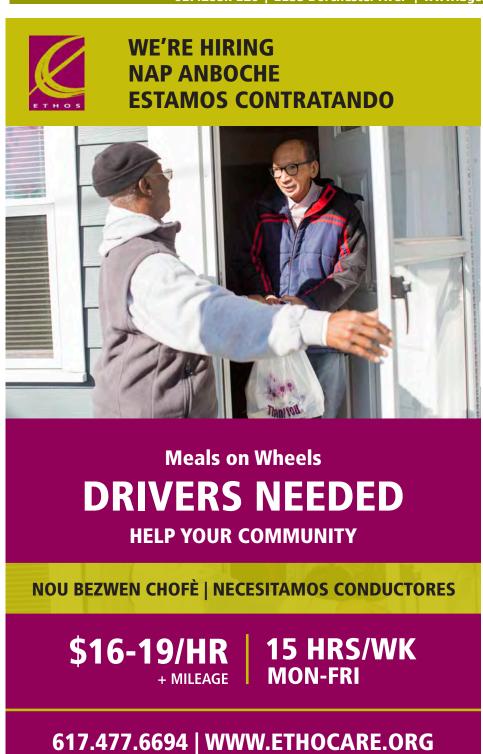
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#### Strand will host Malcolm X opera on June 17

By Reporter Staff

The Strand Theatre will stage the New England premiere of Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Anthony Davis's seminal opera "X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X" on Fri., June 17, at 8 p.m.

Led by conductor Gil Rose, the three-act production features celebrated bass-baritone Davóne Tines, Musical America's 2021 Vocalist of the Year, in the title role of Malcolm X.

Rose, who is the founder and artistic director of both Boston Modern Opera Project (BMOP) and Odyssey Opera, called it "a thrill" to present the production "just blocks away from his home" in Roxbury.

There is no better way to celebrate contemporary Black creativity in Boston and nationally than with the resurrection of a forgotten work composed, written, and performed by Black artists about Black activist and legend Malcolm X," he said..

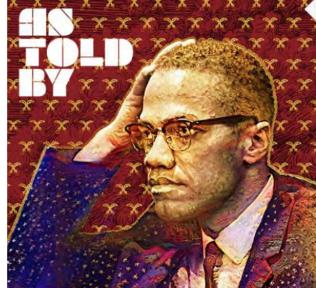
X marks the first production in BMOP's five-year performance and recording initiative "As Told By: History, Race, and Justice on the Opera Stage," the most extensive and ambitious presentation of opera by Black composers to ever take place in the United States.

Davis, the opera's composer, won the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for Music for The Central Park Five. He has made revisions to X to reflect his updated views on the opera, which he composed in 1986.

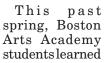
"Malcolm X (El Hajj Malik el Shabazz) is an even more relevant figure today," said Davis. "It has been 35 years since the premiere of X. Malcom's vision is as prescient today as it was in 1986. He is an inspiration for Black Lives Matter and the movement for social justice. As a composer, I am thrilled to help create X as an opera for today that speaks to the future as well as the past.

BMOP and Odyssey Opera will record X at the Strand Theater during the weekend of June 18-19 for a world premiere recording of the revised edition to be released on BMOP/sound.

In partnership with Castle of Our Skins, a Boston-based, Black-led chamber music ensemble, the X production also includes an educational program designed to continue conversations about Malcolm X.

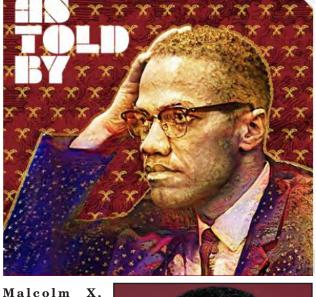


shown above in program promotion, will be memorialized by Davóne Tines in the title role in "X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X," which opens at the Strand Theatre on Fri., June 17.



about the history and legacy of Malcolm while creating works to commemorate his life and impact in anticipation of the opera's New England premiere. Students' projects (video works, visual art, dance performances) will be presented in the lobby at the Strand Theatre before, during and after the concert.

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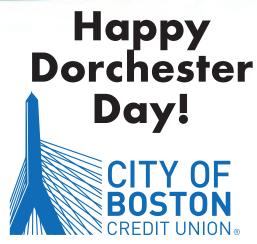


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CARR, Mary Theresa "Maydee" (Kerin) of Dorchester, originally from Doolin, County Clare. Daughter of the late John and Bridget Kerin. She was predeceased by her son Michael and brother J.P. She is survived by her husband Martin, brother T.J., sister Bridget, children David (Joan) and Kevin and 8 grandchildren, in addition to many nieces, nephews and cousins. Former Senior Project Manager in the Office of Neighborhood Development for the City of Boston. Mary was also very active in Boston's Irish Community volunteering at the Irish Pastoral Center and many years on the executive committee for Boston's Rose of Tralee. She was also an active volunteer for the Shattuck Shelter for the Homeless for many years. Donations in memory of Mary may be sent to the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany New York, 115

East Main St., Allegany, NY 14706, (Care of Margaret Magee).



FITZGERALD, Karen Ann (Reagan), 68, of Holbrook, originally of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Katherine and James Reagan as well as her husband Danny Labbe. Mother of John Fitzgerald (Kara Ota) and Kiley Fitzgerald (Steven Mach). She is also survived by her 2 grandsons. Stepmother of Cindy Thompson (Doug Thompson) and Lisa Semerly (Charlie Semerly), as well as her daughters Jacqueline and Yana.



GOSCINAK, Roger P., 85, of Randolph, formerly of Dorchester. Born in Boston, US Navy veteran. He was a member of the Teamsters Union Local #259, where he drove for 40 years for the Boston Globe. Roger was the husband of the late Ruth M. (Reid) Goscinak. Father of Timothy Goscinak and his fiance AnnMarie Jaworski. Brother of Ralph Goscinak and his wife Polly of Plymouth, Patricia Goscinak Garnett of Marshfield and the late Ronald Goscinak and Robert Goscinak. Papa to 3. Great-Papa to 4. Father-in-law of Karen Carvealle of Randolph. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made in Roger's name to the American Cancer Society, 3 Speen St., Framingham, MA

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

**COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE **PUBLICATION NOTICE** Docket No. SU220P1013EA ESTATE OF: JADEN D. WILLIAMS DATE OF DEATH: 09/26/2021 SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitione Nerissa Rocke of Mattapan, MA, Ner issa Rocke of Mattapan, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered

under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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TRUST CITATION
Docket No. SU22P0865PO
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
JFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 IN THE MATTER OF: 42 ALGONQUIN STREET **REALTY TRUST** 

o all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Bertha Smith of Mansfield, MA requesting Remove Current Trustee, Robert Smith and Appoint Bertha Smith as Successor

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 **06/20/2022**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,

Esquire, First Judge of this Court. Date: May 05, 2022

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KELLY, Daniel T., 66, of Dorchester. Son of the late Thomas E. Kelly and Marion S. (Ferland) Kelly. Brother of Patricia E. McBride of Dorchester, Robert M. and his wife Denise Kelly of Middleboro, Ann Marie Kelly of Quincy, and the late Barbara A. Lussier and Kathleen M. Finn. Brother-in-law of Gerald Lussier and Edward Finn. Danny is also a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. Danny was an active member of the James J. Rice Amvets Post and of the Dorchester community.

MAHONEY, Joan (Murphy), 92, of Beverly, originally from Dorchester. Daughter of the late John and Katherine (Sunderland) Murphy, she was the

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P1133EA
ESTATE OF:
EDWARD H. SULLIVAN
DATE OF DEATH: 03/12/2022
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James F. Sullivan of Plymouth, 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: James F. Sullivan of Plymouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate Personal Representative(s) of said estate Personal Representative(s) or said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in ar 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

Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/07/2022.
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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed unde the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annua 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 26, 2022 accounts with the Court. Persons interested

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Felix D. Arrovo Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU21P1571EA ESTATE OF: RALPH DUKE SPRINGER, JR DATE OF DEATH: August 9, 2019 SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Carol M. Springer of Dorchester, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate Carol M. Springer of Dorchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but nterested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the ersonal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained

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wife of the late William F. Mahoney. Mother of Carol Mahoney of Peabody, Stephen Mahoney of Salem, NH, Paul Mahoney and his wife Kathy of Woodstock, VT, Katherine Lauranzano and her husband Christopher of Beverly, Trish Mahoney-Diefenbach of Peabody, and Julie Gentile and her husband Peter of Beverly. Grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 12, she was the sister of the late Rita Gordon and John "Jack" Murphy. Donations in Joan's name may be made to Neurofibromatosis Northeast, 8 Bedford St., Burlington, MA 01803.

SMITH, David "Dayot" M., 44, of

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 1908, §5-304
Docket No. SU22P1010GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
BRYNA HARRIS
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of West-borough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Bryna Harris is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardiant on serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that

that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces-sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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 at this court on or periore 1/12/04 A.M. on the return date of 06/13/20/22. 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 the period to you. If addition to filips the further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written afficiavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions abou personal affairs or financial affairs or both personal aniars or intancial aniars or obtr.

The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person anot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court of this Court.

of this Court Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

Date: May 12, 2022 Published: June 2, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE THIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU220P0950EA
ESTATE OF: HAROLD DAVID COTTAM
DATE OF DEATH: December 24, 2021
SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ruth S. Cottam of Boston, MA. Ruth S Cottam of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety or the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained

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Dorchester. Son of Linda D. Smith and the late Enoch Walker. David was a loving fiancé, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew and friend.

TRAINOR, AIA, T. Owen, 87, of Dorchester. Owner of T. Owen Trainor Associates in Quincy, MA. He designed several notable structures in Quincy, including the Quincy City Hall Annex and the Ruth Gordon Amphitheater. Husband of Car-



ole. Father of Mary and husband Kevin Goslin of Norwell, Carole Trainor of Dorchester, and Sara Trainor Callard of Quincy. "Papa" of 7 including the late Stephen Kenny. Owen also leaves behind his great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of T. Owen Trainor (stjude.org).



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#### More housing being targeted for last patch of State Hospital land

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The last 10 acres of land available at the former State Hospital in Mattapan will be home to several new and different ways of housing community members in settings that include multi-generational buildings and key mentorships to some of the most vulnerable young people in the neighborhood, according to the designated developers for the state-owned site.

The Lena New Boston/2Life Communities offered the latest details for their proposed project—located just inside the intersection of Harvard and Walk Hill streets—at the May 19 State Hospital Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting.

The former State Hospital property has been in a disposition process for almost 30 years, and the final allocation now looks to be set with the Lena/2Life team winning the designation in January.

One building on the site—the Brooke House—will house 127 units of affordable housing. A second building, known as the Tree House, would offer an innovative approach to housing several different populations that, in theory, would



A map shows the parcel in question on the Boston State Hospital site in Mattapan. The ten acre section will be redeveloped into housing.

support one another. Tree House would have 60 units of housing, with 40 units for senior citizens, 12 units for families that have adopted foster children, and 8 units for young people who have aged out of state foster care. Such a situation is unique, with only one facility in the state like it, in Easthampton, Mass.

Lizbeth Heyer of 2Life said they plan to work with Plummer Youth Promise for the aged-out population and other providers as well to bring in wrap-around services. "One unique thing is we will always have two apartments for live-in, off hours responses," she said. "More than 90

support one another. percent of the pull-cord calls need staff and not 60 units of housing, with 911."

Zoe Weinrobe of 2Life said that model would be in place for senior citizens as well. "One important thing to know is that all of the 40 clients in senior housing will have chosen the Tree House community to be a support to young people," she said. "Each individual resident there will have to receive MAP training as a requirement to living there."

MAP, or Medication Administration Program, is a state program for unlicensed direct care staff to administer or assist in the administration of medications to individuals living in residences in the community, such as group homes.

Weinrobe added that the model seeks to have the seniors become like "adoptive grandparents" to the kids aging out of the system, to help them overcome the effects of "trauma, because that doesn't go away."

Plummer is a certified contractor with the state Department of Children and Families (DCF) and any residents in those units would be referred by the state.

Residents and members of the CAC were supportive of the plan, but wanted to make sure all contingencies were accounted for.

"We're being very opti-

mistic and hopeful," said CAC member Glenola Mitchell. "Youth in this program might have major traumatic issues. Who will be accountable for problems?"

Heyer said the 2Life and Plummer would be responsible and are ready to be held accountable. "This is something we have been working on for seven years – to find a site because it's something we believe in," she said.

Added Mitchell: "As I look at things nowadays, it's an important issue and a societal issue and we have to be able to absorb it in a way that we don't further stigmatize them or further damage them going forward."

The property management plan for the Lena Boston/2Life development was approved by the CAC unanimously. The state Department of Capital Assets Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) indicated the team has a Preliminary Development Agreement (PDA) and is working towards a Licensed Development Agreement (LDA).

Funding gap emerges for Olmstead Green - Eric Van Dusen of Lena Park reported that a funding issue has cropped up for the 80-unit Phase 3 Olmstead Green project increasing construction costs – and he called on the state to help solve that problem. A July groundbreaking for the project is now looking like August, he said, but only if the funding gap is solved. "We would have to connect those dots," he said, adding, "the construction budgets have been dealt a tough break with construction cost increases. We're really trying to move forward. It's a question of how we can come together and bridge this gap."

Two long-time stakeholders in the CAC meetings attended their final meetings on May 19. Julie Brandlen, director of the Boston Nature Center on American Legion Highway, is retiring in June. She was part of the group for 21 years. Acting Director Erin Kelly will take her place.

Meanwhile, Frank Fazio of MassBiologics announced that after 13 years on the CAC, he will also be leaving UMass Medical Center, the parent organization of MassBiologics. Fazio has accepted a position at St. Jude's in Memphis to work on projects that are "close to his heart," he said.

Beth Israel Lahey Health

## Gentlemen, let's talk about your health.

Men are more likely than women to develop chronic disease in their lifetime. It's up to you to create habits that can help prevent disease by:

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- Getting enough sleep
- Visiting your healthcare provider regularly



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Register to attend at www.bit.ly/nusqcareerexpo2022

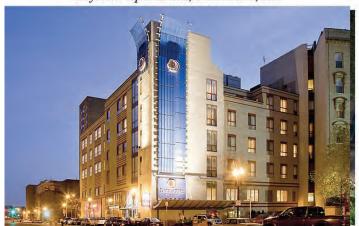




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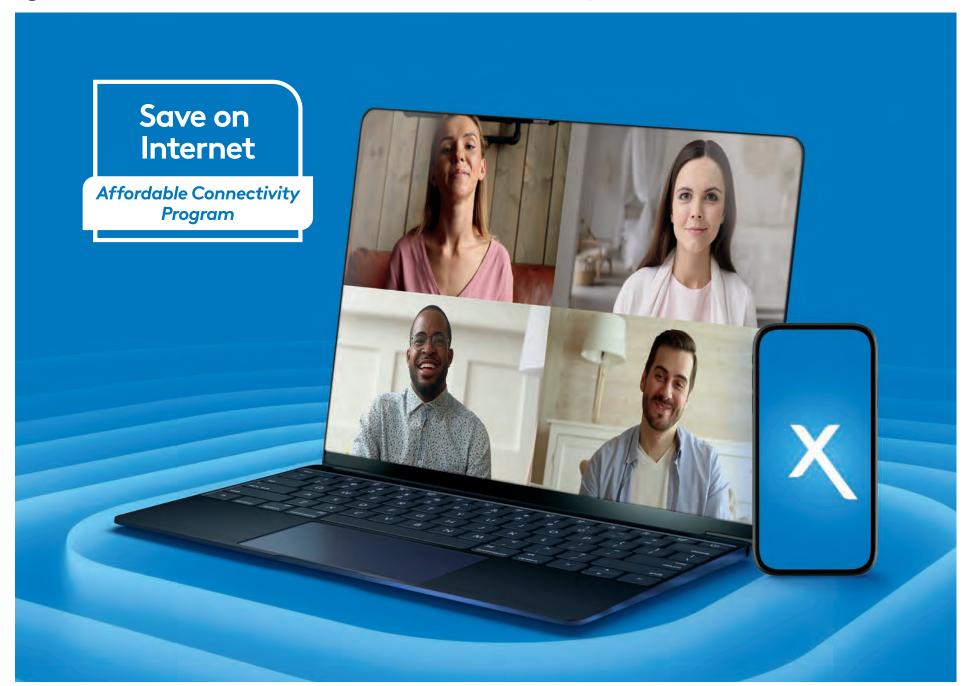


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#### **COMPLETE GUIDE TO SUNDAY'S PARADE JUNE 5 • 1 P.M.** Along Dorchester Ave. from Richmond Street to Columbia Road



The Quincy/North Quincy High School marching band was shown as it made its way through Peabody Square during the 2019 Dorchester Day Parade, which returns to Dorchester Avenue this Sunday, June 5. The parade starts at 1 p.m. from Lower Mills. Chris Lovett photo

#### Tradition renewed: Little Miss/Young Miss Dorchester are back

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

Jha'Niyla Tinker, 2019's Little Miss Dorchester, and Angie McGrath, that year's Young Miss Dorchester, likely hold the distinction of having served in their roles for the longest of any Young Miss or Little Miss.

As the girls entered the First Parish Church on May 21, a flood of memories from 2019 came rushing back - thoughts of a neighborhood tradition before Covid-19 that had been put on hold for two years. Both girls had aged out of the contest and moved on to new chapters in their lives, but the competition that day brought back something they had lost and brought in a fresh new group of young Dorchester ladies to jump-start a renewal and keep the tradition going.



Little Miss Dorchester 2019 Jha'Niyla Tinker and 2019 Young Miss Dorchester Angie McGrath are shown on May 21 at the First Parish Church. Because of the pandemic, the two young ladies hold the distinction of likely being the longest Little Miss and Young Miss contest winners - with the contest being on hold since 2019. Photo courtesy Annissa Essaibi George

"It's great to be back and I'm glad we get to participate because we really didn't get to do a lot of things that normally come with winning the contest," said McGrath. "It really brings back a lot of great memories for me," said Tinker.

"I agree," said Mc-Grath, now a high school student. "We have grown up and being back does bring back memories of my childhood and things I did before the pandemic."

The Little Miss/Young Miss Dorchester contest has been a neighborhood mainstay for generations and is tied in with the Dorchester Day Parade. With the parade cancelled and virtually every other Dot Day festivity on hold since 2019, re-starting any tradition can be challenging. However, long-time coordinator (Continued on page 5B)



A RUN-DOWN ON ALL OF THE BANDS, FLOATS AND SPECIAL GUESTS IN OUR PARADE ROSTER—PAGE 2

## DOT DAY



### The Official Dorchester Day Parade Roster



#### This is an alphabetical listing of participants. It is subject to change.

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Boston Little Saigon Boston Police Department Boston Police Gaelic Column Boston Raiders Youth Football and Chair Boston Wailers Squad

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New Magnolia Jazz Band Next Birthday Project

Nica Elugardo, Candidate for State Senate Nick Collins, State Senator

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Ruthzee Louijeune, City Councillor-at-Large Ryan Collins, Mayor of Dorchester Ryleigh Mahoney, Little Miss Dorchester Sandy Zamor Clixte,

Candidate for Suffolk County Sheriff Savannah Washington, Young Miss Dorchester Sotheby's International Realty Spartans

Steve Tompkins, Suffolk County Sheriff Suffolk County Sherriff's Department Tanisha M. Sullivan, Candidate for Secretary of State

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Community of Massachusetts Waltham American Legion Band Westbrook Drum Corp Women on the Rise, Inc. Worcester Sound & Lights Work Inc.

#### 116th Dorchester Day Parade Sun., June 5, 2022

Starts 1:00 pm from Dorchester Lower Mills along Dorchester Avenue to Columbia Road



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**Ryan Collins** 

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#### 114 Years Ago, Dorchester Day took root in Savin Hill

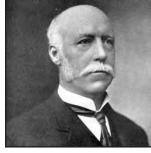
By Peter F. Stevens Reporter Staff

Excitement wafted through the crowd along Savin Hill. The community was gathered for a special event that would evolve into a tradition. Sails dotted the blue waters of Dorchester Bay below the shady slopes, where a "historical pilgrimage" was about to unfold. It was June 25, 1904.

As the people of Dorchester turned their thoughts back to 1630, when the weary passengers of the "Mary and John" claimed their foothold in the New World, the first Dorchester Day Celebration was on the move.

In many ways, the genesis of Dorchester Day began with the creation of the Dorchester Historical Society in April 1891. William H. Whitmore, who served as the City Registrar, and local luminary James H. Stark, both of whom were known as avid students of the town's past, spearheaded an organization that numbered 25 members at its inception. That number would quickly swell.

To celebrate the town's rich annals, the society envisioned a way to blend the past with the present, to gather those who lived in Dorchester and those



James Stark was the publisher and president of the Photo-Electrotype Engraving Company and noted historian and organizer of the Dorchester Historical Society in 1891. He might well be considered the father of Dorchester Day.

Photo courtesy Dorchester Historical Society/dorchesteratheneum.org

who had moved, and to bring them together in something of a historical homecoming.

Trask writes: "...many

of the best known and most influential men of the old town have become members [of the society]. Among the result of the society's work may be mentioned the observance of the 274th anniversary of the settlement of Dorchester and the inauguration of Dorchester Day, which is now a fixture, and under the auspices of the society the anniversary is observed yearly, and is practically a 'home coming' for the residents of old Dorchester that are

scattered throughout the land."

Trask describes the festive mood that filled the city, then and now: "Business houses and private residences are elaborately decorated. There are parades, addresses, regattas, ringing of bells, fireworks, etc."

In an April 1904 meeting of the society, Stark, the organization's vice president, first pitched the notion of a "Dorchester Day." He proposed that the town celebrate its founding by gathering the community atop Savin Hill, where the Puritan company of the Mary and John had built their first fort and had carved their first tenuous foothold in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Stark's stated objective was "to draw the attention of the public to this most beautiful and attractive historic spot, with the end in view that the city should purchase it for a park and hand down to posterity this lovely hilltop."

There was just one problem: The society's funds were depleted from having refurbished its home. Still, Stark pressed the concept of Dorchester Day and "argued that it would not only draw the attention of the public to the necessity of preserving to posterity

this historic spot, but it would advance the interests of the society, as it would bring it more prominently before the public, and if it proved a success 'Dorchester Day' would become the annual 'field day' of the society."

Stark's powers of persuasion worked. The society voted to celebrate the town's settlement with a band concert and ceremonies at the summit of Savin Hill. James H. Stark, chosen to raise funds, came up with \$135 in donations, enough to foot the bill for a tent, printed fliers, and refreshments; he also persuaded officials to provide the Municipal Band and flags for free.

That the first "Dorchester Day" was a smash hit is evident from the pages of the Boston Herald the next day, June 26, 1904: "Lifted nearly one hundred and fifty feet above Dorchester bay, the craggy slopes and tree-covered heights of 'Rocky Hill,' 'Old Hill,' or 'Savin Hill,' as it has been variously styled, were yesterday the scene of commemorative exercises that seem destined to make a new place of historical pilgrimage for the tourist whose steps  $are\,annually\,bent\,toward$ Massachusetts.

The members of the Dorchester Historical So-

ciety, having planned to turn this long-neglected spot into a park, which shall at the same time commemorate the settlement of Dorchester in 1630, and possess the character of a national monument, had enlisted the aid of several local societies, such as Savin Hill Improvement Association, Gen. Rufus Putnam Chapter, D. R., Savin Hill Yacht Club, Harrison Square Association, Dorchester Lower Mills Improvement Association, Mattapan Improvement Association, Field and Forest Club, Dorchester Veteran Firemen's Association, Benjamin Stone, Jr., Post 68, G.A.R., and the United Improvement As-

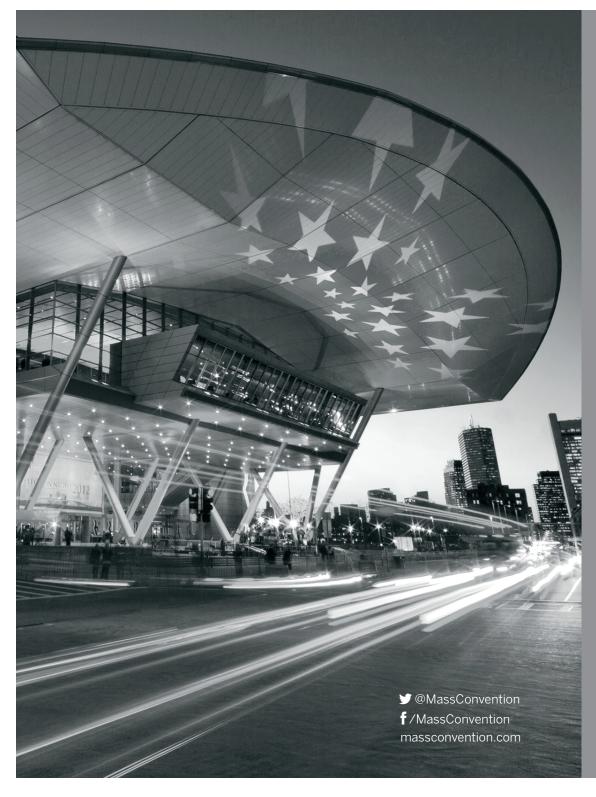
sociation of Dorchester. "Under invitation of these organizations some two hundred citizens of Dorchester gathered in a tent on the crest of Savin Hill, and there, alternated with selections by the Boston Municipal Band, under Emil Mullenhauer, patriotic addresses were made on the significance of the day and the site, the speakers being Richard C. Humphreys, President of the Dorchester Historical Society; James H. Stark, who delivered the oration; the Rev. Eugene R. Shippen of the First Church in Dorchester, who presided; the Rev.

Peter Ronan, and Representative Guy A. Ham."

The presence of Father Ronan was especially telling, proving how far the town had come from the days of its first English settlers, Puritans who loathed anything smacking of "Popery." In 1904, the Catholic cleric's honored place at the ceremonies reflected an era when the Irish Catholics were finally winning greater acceptance from the descendants of the Mary and John emigrants.

In Dorchester Day celebrations to come, whether the 25th or 50th versions, the festivities became bigger, parades and even regattas took shape, and more money was poured into the event, one aspect remained virtually intact. That aspect was Stark's vision of Dorchester Day as a "homecoming."

A look at the Dorchester Day coverage by the old Dorchester Beacon newspaper reveals that many of the civic organizations and businesses that supported the first such gathering remained long-time backers. Even as new arrivals to the town took their own places in the festivities through the years, that sense of place and home — of community — has stood the test of time. Dorchester Day 2018 will be proof positive of that.



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#### Tradition renewed: Little Miss/Young Miss Dorchester are back

(Continued from page 1B) Annissa Essaibi George – a former city councillor - said it was good to be back and to see traditions revived and not retired.

"So many years have passed, and we're so excited the parade is coming back this year and Little Miss and Young Miss Dorchester with it," she said. "We're starting up again one of my favorite things - the Dorchester Day Parade."

The gathering on May 21 featured several contestants in the Little Miss category, ages 9-12, and several young ladies in the Young Miss category, ages 12-15. Contestants were invited up to the front of the First Parish sanctuary lectern to talk about themselves, and after a round of that, they were asked to read their required essays on what they like about their neighborhood.

Many favorite things were mentioned, with virtually every competitor showing poise and character.

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In the end, the reigns of Tinker and McGrath came to an end, and the 2022 winners were crowned - Young Miss Dorchester Savannah Washington, 11; and Little Miss Dorchester Ryleigh Mahoney,

They will march in the parade on June 5, and all the other participants will also be marching along with them to highlight the contest and get the ball rolling for next year.



Young Miss Dorchester Savannah Washington and Little Miss Dorchester Ryleigh Mahoney are the 2022 winners of the contest, the first to wear the crowns since 2019. The two winners and all the contestants will march in the Dorchester Day Parade on June 5.



Several of the girls from this year's Little Miss and Young Miss Dorchester contests gathered for a photo at First Parish Church. The contest, like the Dorchester Day Parade, is being resurrected after two years of hiatus due to COVID-19. Seth Daniel photos

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### a long, perilous journey to their marching in Dot Day Parade

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Donned in their South Vietnamese military or police uniforms, Nguyen Ngon, Tran Thin, Kim Dang, and about two dozen other Vietnamese American residents annually march along Dorchester Avenue in the Dorchester Day Parade and enter Fields Corner, home to the neighborhood's Vietnamese American community, to a standing ovation.

Along the rest of the parade route, applause is also common for those who know what these Vietnamese men stand for. But for the many onlookers who are unaware of their story, they can be a mystery. In fact, most of the Vietnamese men marching survived horrific treatment in prisons or re-education camps after American armedforcesleftVietnam and the Viet Cong (VC) and the North Vietnam military took over the country.

Ngon, 82, carries a sense of pride and relief at having gone through awful circumstances to

be able to proudly march in uniform up Dorchester Avenue.

"When I came here, it changed my life because everything in my life is so good," he said this week in an interview. "I have been in the parade every year since I got here and that's more than 20 years. It's a whole new life."

Thin, who runs Kimmy Pharmacy on Dorchester Avenue, said he shows up at the parade to let everyone know that the fight for freedom must go on, whether in Vietnam, Ukraine, or America.

"We continue to fight,"  $he\,said.\,\hbox{``We\,march\,in}\,the$ parade, and we show up at memorials. We didn't finish the job, but we're back together now, and the hope is that we will continue to march and fight until Vietnam is free." Both men are part of a contingent of about 30 who march as part of a loosely organized group within the Vietnamese Community of Massachusetts organization.

Khang Nguyen is part of that organization, and though he is not a in a re-education camp

military veteran, his father served in the South Vietnamese Navy. He said there is a great deal of pride in the community about these men.

"People are proud of them, even if they lost the fight," he said. "There is pride for a soldier who stood up and defended the country. They are very proud of that. Vietnamese here really love the American Vietnam veterans, too. They get along well...Most agree they didn't lose the war at the battlefields. They lost the war in Washington, D.C."

Added Ngon, "The American soldiers in Vietnam left their families here to go to Vietnam to fight with us. I feel now that it's important to honor and to respect

Ngon had been a police officer in South Vietnam since 1962 and he fought in the war with America in that role. When the country fell, he said, he suffered greatly. "I was a major in the police force," he said through translation. "I was put



South Vietnamese military police veteran Nguyen Ngon, who fought alongside American soldiers in Vietnam, and Khang Nguyen, part of the Vietnamese Community of Massachusetts, at the Memorial Day exercises on Monday in Dorchester. Seth Daniel photo



Members of the various South Vietnamese military units shown marching in an earlier Dorchester Day Parade.

Photo courtesy of Vietnamese Community of Massachusetts

for 10 years and got out in 1985.

'After my release, they continued to control me. I had to go every week or every month to the

local government and tell them what I had done in that time. Even though I wasn't in prison, they still wanted to keep an eye on me and control what I was doing."

Thin was a captain in the South Vietnamese Army, and he was also imprisoned after the war, which is why the cause of freedom is a bell that continues to toll loudly for him every day.

"They put me in a prison camp for four years for collaborating with America, which they said was the enemy of the VC," he said. "I told them they were wrong; America was good and helped us. They told everyone I was a traitor. They tried to brainwash me, but that was impossible because freedom and democracy can never be accomplished by a dictator full of murder and lies. That wasn't something they could force me to believe."

Added Nguyen, "Most of those who were high ranking like lieutenants or majors were put in prison for three years. A few got 12 to 15 years. The higher the rank, the longer in prison."

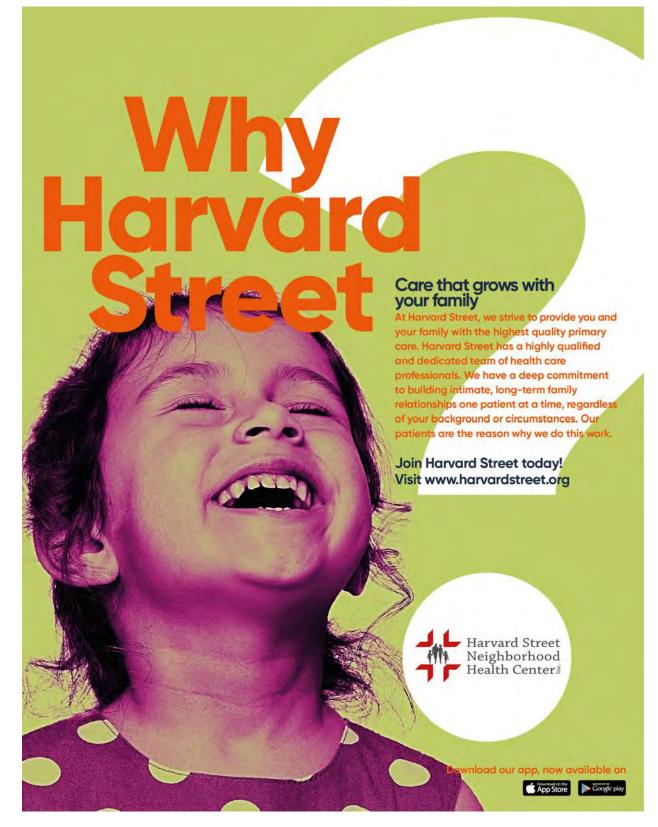
Those who march in the parade served South Vietnam as members of the Air Force, Navy, Army, and the Police Force. Almost all of them were imprisoned or put in re-education camps-then persecuted after being released. Most of the Vietnamese American community in Dorchester came as refugees in the late 1970s or 1980s under the US resettlement program for those able to get out – usually by boat or

Those who served in the military or police force, however, had been quickly rounded up after the country fell and the Americans were no longer around to protect them. They were left behind to pay a steep price, Nguyen said.

Things began to change at the behest of late US Sen. – and Vietnam War POW – John McCain in the 1980s, as well as efforts by the late Army General Colin Powell. As part of President George H.W. Bush's efforts to normalize relations between Vietnam and the US, former military men were allowed to leave their native land under the Human Operation Program (HO). In the early '90s, many of them began arriving in Dorchester to start new lives in a growing Vietnamese American community near Fields

'We got to come over here from Vietnam to tell the story about the VC," said Thin. "They don't cherish freedom or democracy in their government. They would not allow us freedom there, so we get to come here and be free."

Ngon arrived in 1990 and heard about the parade soon after. In 1991, he put on his uniform again and began marching. This Sunday will be no different. And with the parade returning after a twoyear Covid hiatus, some 20 of his fellow veterans will join him on the route in uniform, proudly entering Fields Corner and other enclaves to applause, particularly from those who understand the horrors the men endured simply to don the uniform and walk tall and freely in their adopted community.



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Hoa Tran, FNP-BC, PhD, MSN, RN, has been a practicing Internal Medicine Nurse Practitioner since 2015. Hoa has been published and contributed to several journals. Her clinical interests are in preventative medicine, urgent care, occupational health, DOT physicals and fit for duty preplacement exams. Hoa Tran is fluent in English and Vietnamese.

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#### With naming of Lou Pasquale Square, the city salutes a Morrissey Blvd. fixture

#### By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

Luigi 'Lou' Pasquale, 95, will ride in the Dorchester Day Parade on Sunday in a convertible car. Pasquale, a World War II veteran, is the parade's chief marshal. The following article, first published in the Reporter in December 2019, documents the dedication of a city square in his name along Morrissey Boulevard:

At the age of 18, as Lou Pasquale lay in a field on Okinawa with a piece of shrapnel in his leg, he saw a heavenly white light — and made a pact with God.

"I said, 'I promise to help an individual every day of my life. I told my Mum I'd make it home, and so if you help me through this, I'll keep that promise."

After returning home to his native Quincy after World War II, Pasquale has spent the last 75 years keeping that pledge. He ran a masonry company for a brief time before being hired by the owning family in 1956 to build Phillips Candy House on Morrissey Boulevard. It was an opportunity, he said, that would give him a way to "meet a lot of people that I could help."

He went on to help build several establishments for the family, including Boston Bowl next door, where he served as manager for decades and become known for taking local disadvantaged and troubled teenagers under his wing.



Lou Pasquale (center in brimmed hat) and his wife Terry were joined by Mayor Martin Walsh and other officials and friends during a surprise ceremony in December 2019 to dedicate a square in front of Boston Bowl in his name.

\*\*Daniel Sheehan photo\*\*

On a Sunday morning in December 2019, Pasquale, 93, was honored with a surprise ceremony attended by Mayor Martin Walsh, a host of elected officials, and nearly 100 friends and family members where the city officially christened the intersection of Tenean and Freeport streets outside Boston Bowl as "Lou Pasquale Square."

The honoree was overcome with emotion. He embraced

loved ones and listened as applause and chants of "Lo-uie" rang out in the square.

Pasquale's moral compass has steered him true from a young age, even before his deal with God. After learning about the atrocities being committed by Hitler and the Nazis as a teenager, he says, he was compelled to enlist in order to protect his three Jewish friends who lived down the block.

"I told my parents I had to go in the service because this man is killing people because of who they are, and I can't sleep."

Calling Pasquale "a true American hero," Walsh spoke to the veteran's impact on countless Dorchester residents, including himself as a regular patron of Boston Bowl while growing up.

"When I started to get involved with politics many years ago, Lou was always opening doors, making relationships, helping organizations," said the mayor. "Every organization that needed help, whether it was Work, Inc. when they came over the bridge from Quincy to Dorchester, or Friends for Children, or the Dorchester YMCA, the Boys and Girls Clubs, the senior luncheons, the Dorchester Day Parade Committee — all the different organizations in this city went to Lou Pasquale."

Pasquale gives himself the credit for convincing Walsh and others that they should run for office, in addition to the scores of teens he mentored who went on to become firefighters, police officers, and judges — kids who otherwise "could have gone down another road," he said.

But for all his acts of kindness and guidance, Pasquale expected nothing in return.

"I don't expect anything," he said. "If you do something for somebody and you expect something in return, it has no meaning. But if you do something, and you don't expect anything, it makes you feel good in your heart."

Several attendees at Sunday's celebration remarked that they rarely saw Lou Pasquale speechless. But seeing his name revealed on the sign outside Boston Bowl was overwhelming, said the honoree. "This is beyond anything in my dreams."



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A column of young people representing VietAID marched up the avenue in the 2016 Dorchester Day Parade.

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## arade follows historic trail

By Chris Lovett SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The first observance of Dorchester Day, in June of 1904, took place under a tent on Savin Hill. A celebration of local history and pride, it was also meant to protect an urban wild with a panoramic view from a frenzy of new development.

But by the beginning of the 20th century, the fast pace of change in Dorchester was hard to ignore. Over the fifty years after its annexation to Boston, in 1870, Dorchester's population would increase more than ten-fold. And, even by 1910, more than one-third of the growing population in all of Boston was made up of immigrants.

During this period, Dorchester, connected to the rest of Boston by public transportation and water and sewer lines, was niling up with multi-family housing. It was now easy to live in one part of the city and work in another. Too remote and spacious to be an extension of the Back Bay or the South End, but no longer a selfcontained community, Dorchester had become the hybrid that would later seem oxymoronic the "streetcar suburb."

Despite all the growth, there were also signs of decline, or change of a different kind. As early as 1891, the Dorchester Antiquarian and Historical Society was down to only three members. In the same year, it would be succeeded by the lead organization behind the first Dorchester Day, the Dorchester Historical



A crowd of teens and kids watched the Dorchester Day Parade in 1979.

of Boston's new arrivals Irish being outnumbered by Jewish and Italian immigrants. In 1914, a Unitarian minister in Grove Hall noticed fewer people at church. A local newspaper, the Dorchester Beacon, listed properties changing hands, moving from families with names like Brooker, Hutchins and Greenwood to those with names like Weiner, O'Loughlin, and Mugardichian. And, at a "mass meeting," the Fields Corner Women's Temperance League rallied support for a cap on liquor licenses.

#### A HILL WITH A **SPECIAL LEGACY**

For the Historical Society, the "long-neglected spot"known as Savin Hill had special meaning. It

was the piece of "wilder-By 1910, even the mix ness" where settlers who arrived from England in fort—and where an archival photograph would later show a "last Indian camp." From the top of the hill, there was a view of Dorchester Bay from the Neponset Estuary to the Columbia Point Peninsula and, beyond, as if at the edge of a continent, to the Boston Harbor Islands. For neighbors, the hill later became a destination for underage drinking and a treacherous magnet for broken glass. But, as one account of the first celebration envisioned, the hill could even become "a new place of pilgrimage for the tourist whose steps are annually bent toward Massachusetts."

In 1904, the preservation effort earned a campaign promise from a recent transplant to Dorchester, who a little more than three years later, as the city's first Irish Catholic mayor born in the United States, designated the hill as a park.

The 200 people who had "toiled up" the hill for the first Dorchester Day celebration were reminded that the old town was home to the nation's first free public school and that incubator of participatory democracy, the town meeting. Among the details of the day noted by a *Boston Globe* reporter: lemonade provided for women at the observance and, fluttering above the tent, a pennant attached to a kite that proclaimed, "Dorchester Day 1630-1904."

From below the pen-

Chris Lovett photo

nant, the reporter also heard state Rep. Guy John F. Fitzgerald, a A. Ham talk about the had changed, with the 1630 had built their first former congressman present day, lamenting that, since Dorchester had become part of the city, "the district and the citizens as well had lost much of their identity, as well as their pride and interest in their home."

> Another speaker at the first celebration, Rev. Peter Ronan, the pastor of St. Peter's parish, was concerned about the spread of dense, transit-oriented housing. Three years later, at the 1907 Dorchester Day Banquet, he was applauded for warning about the spread of "three-apartment houses" and for asserting that local residents "did not want such things to mar the spot where the first settlers of the now great district landed."

Accounts of the early

no explicit references to changes in religion or ethnicity among Dorchester residents, nor to the hardships and persecution that were driving many of Boston's newest immigrants out of Europe. But, in his speech at the 1906 celebration, former Boston mayor Josiah Quincy acknowledged that the settlers of 1630 were fleeing tyranny and civil war. "The settlers of New England," he explained, "were half colonists, half refugees." Although he stopped short of any comparison with more recent immigrants, Quincy suggested that the hill should be the site of an "enduring monument," a tower with a commanding view of the harbor that would embody a "loftiness of the historical outlook. "Whoever has absorbed its true spirit," he said, has escaped from the transient interests of the hour and regarded for a while those vaster issues and movements which sketch their shadows across the centuries.'

#### CELEBRATION **BECOMES EXTRAVAGANZA**

In 1906, under Mayor Fitzgerald, the city spent \$2,000 on Dorchester Day activities—supporting everything from the main parade to horse racing, water sports, and fireworks. The first celebrations also included band concerts and a regatta, and a torchlight parade led by the Dorchester High School baseball team. Flags were displayed on verandas and housetops.

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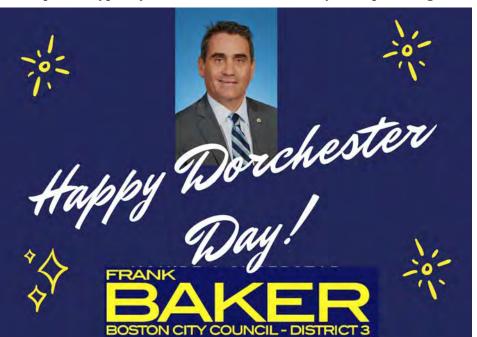


THE REPORTER DORCHESTER DAY SUPPLEMENT

Sunday's Dorchester Day Parade is a great chance for friends, families and neighbors to gather in front yards along Dot Ave to celebrate the neighborhood's past, present, and future.

(Continued from page 1) draws in participants marching bands and The parade typically ranging from high school

youth sports leagues to





Parades are for kids of all ages in Dorchester. Above, a family caught the 2019 action near Dorchester Park in Lower Mills.

Photos courtesy Mike Ritter/Ritterbin Photography

candidates for governor, along with a bevy of neighborhood civic organizations.

According to Parade Committee president Kelly Walsh, there were 73 entrants in the parade as of May 30, with more likely to be added before Sunday.

Included in the roster of participants is Chief Marshal Luigi 'Lou' Pasquale, a 95-year-old veteran of the Second World War and longtime business and civic leader in Port Norfolk and greater Dorchester.

Also listed in the preliminary roster: the Spartans marching band, Westbrook Drum Corp, Boston Police Gaelic Column, and forth along Dorchester

several other musical units. Listed among the political entrants are Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Mayor Michelle Wu and state Senator Nick Collins.

The traditional chief marshal banquet, which will honor Lou Pasquale, will be held on Thursday of this week, a day earlier than in past years. Anyone interested can contact Kelly Walsh at 617-894-8121.

The Project DEEP-Blarney Stone Dot Day 5k will return on parade day, with registration at 11 a.m. and a "shotgun" start at noon. The race begins and ends at the Blarney Stone with a course back and

Avenue between Fields Corner and Lower Mills. The pre-race cost is \$30 per adult and \$15 for children under 12. The day-of race cost is an additional \$5. Awards, music, BBQ, and parade-watching follow immediately at the Blarney Stone, 1505 Dorchester Ave. Register at projectdeep.org.

Dorchester Avenue will be closed to traffic and on-street parking for several hours on Sunday, beginning around noon. The parade will be staged on Richmond Street, which will also be closed to traffic on the morning of the parade. No onstreet parking will be

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## A beginner's guide to our biggest day of the year

By BILL FORRY AND LAUREN DEZENSKI

This article originally  $appeared\ in\ the\ Reporter$ in 2015. This year's parade is Sun., June 5 - starting at 1 p.m. inLower Mills.

Can you feel it? The Kid, you're in for a treat. sense of anticipation, joy, and wonder, reverberating up and down Dot Ave? It's not Christmas, folks.

It's Dorchester Day. Never been to Dot Day?

Here's what you need to know about the biggest day in Dorchester-a roadmap from the Originally from Dorchester (OFD) to the DBC

(Dorchester by Choice).

For the uninitiated, Dot Day could appear to be just another ubiquitous summertime parade. False.

The parade brings together all the different ethnic groups that make up Boston's biggest and best neighborhood. You can spend a year going to all the different ethnic fests across Boston. Or just come to Dot Day and see them all in one twohour extravaganza. Plus, we were gay friendly before it was a thing. There's something for everyone in this parade.

For the folks who grew up here (OFD), the day is a walk down memory lane (and a 3.2 mile parade route). For some, it's a time to return to one's roots and relive the glory days of a street corner youth. For others, it's celebrating local organizations and groups that march in the parade, not to mention the scores of kids and cousins marching in their little league uniforms.

Dot Day itself is steeped in tradition. Around for more more than 100 years now, the parade started as a way to mark the foundation of Dorchester as a Puritan settlement back in 1630. Sunday's parade is the culmination of a series of events that started in March with a chili cookoff and meatloaf dinner-all to raise money for the parade, which costs the committee upwards of \$30,000 to put on.

And now to the brass tacks: The parade itself starts at 1 p.m. from Dot Ave and Richmond  $Street in \,Lower \,Mills \,and \,$ troops up Dot Ave all the way to Columbia Road and the Polish Triangle.

Project DEEP co-hosts a 5K run beginning and ending at the Blarnev Stone— the other sponsor- on Dot Avenue before the parade. Locals will tell you it's not a bad way to snag a prime and well-hydrated spot in the shade along the parade route.

Getting there: The MBTA is your friend on Dot Day. Thanks to Dorchester Day's convenient June setting, the MBTA typically works this time of year — and it's your best bet, since the neighborhood's main drag will obviously be closed down most of the day.(Cars will be ticketed and towed along Dot Ave. and Richmond Street ahead of the parade, so if you typically park on the avenue, have a plan to move it a few hours ahead of time.) Take the Red Line to Ashmont or Fields Corner. Both stations are right on Dot Ave. and just steps from big crowds.

Where to watch (and blend in with the big crowd)? Along the wall (and under the trees) at Dorchester Park in Lower Mills, south of (Continued on page 18B)

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## DorchFest debuts Saturday; 45 bands will be playing on 25 porches

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benefit by making it possible for communities to enjoy free events like Dorchfest," said Erin Caldwell, Dorchfest chair. "After more than two years of Covid-19 uncertainty and stress, we felt it was critical that the performers be compensated for their time and talent."

Many of the artists are returning to the Ashmont-Adams neighborhood where they grew up, including Tim Mac-Master, whose bagpipes at his family home of 7 Fossdale Rd. will kick off the event at 11:30 a.m., and Richie Parsons, who will be performing at 1:30 p.m. at his childhood home, 4 Westmoreland St.

"It is a thrill and an honor to return to 4 Westmoreland for Dorchfest 2022," said the singer. "The house was in the Parsons family for 100 years, 1916 - 2016. I am looking forward to hanging out with the current owners, our hosts Amanda and Nate. The neighborhood and the home hold many fond memories for me," said Parsons.

Otherperformers are current residents of the area, or have ties to the community. Kids from the Boston City Singers will perform at 30 Beaumont St. at noon. Students from the Mather Elementary School who will also march and play in the Dot Day Parade—will perform at 1:30 p.m. at All Saints Church on Ashmont Street.

The Industry bar and grille in Adams Village will host three performances through-



A performer is shown during a PorchFest held in Jamaica Plain in 2021. Saturday's inaugural DorchFest event will include 40-plus bands and performers at 25 different locations. Chris Lovett photo

out the day: Boy Grapes at 12:30 p.m., Tvaels with Brindle at 2p.m. and Tim from School Night at 3:30 p.m. The Adams Street branch of the BPL will also host a trio of acts starting with TA3 at noon, followed by Tjovi Green at 1:30p.m. and Wildcat Slim at 3 p.m.

A full roster of performers along with set times and performance locations is available at dorchfest.com/

Dorchfest is free and open to the public. Festival-goers who wish to take public transportation should ride buses or Red Line transit to Ashmont Station or Adams Village. Performances will be held on private porches within the boundaries of Adams Street, Ashmont Street, Gallivan Boulevard, and Dorchester Avenue.

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Dorchfest is still seeking volunteers to help with day-of logistics; visit dorchfest.com/ volunteer to sign up.

Primary event sponsors include The City of Boston Opportunity Fund, Mass Cultural Council, Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Association, The Pat O'Neill Memorial Fund, and The Martin Richard Foundation, as well as private donations from individuals. The Dorchester Reporter is a media sponsor. Donations are tax deductible and can be made at dorchfest.com.

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## A beginner's guide to our biggest day of the year

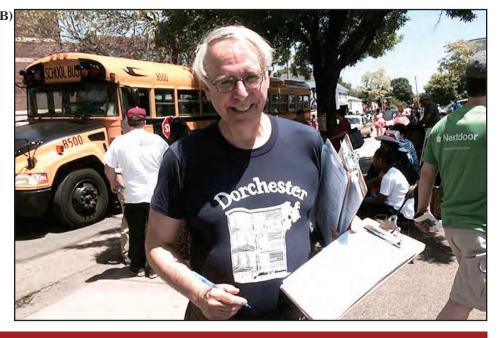
(Continued from page 16B) Carney Hospital; intersection of Dot Ave and Gallivan Boulevard; Peabody Square; in front of St. Mark's Church; the Blarney Stone; and the Savin Hill Ave. intersec-

If you like to watch the parade in a more intimate setting (e.g. small crowd), stick to the stretch between Freeport Street and Hecla Street. It's typically quite thin, albeit a bit of a hike from either the Savin Hill and Fields Corner T stops. Pro-tip: There's usually a raucous group watching

**OPEN HOUSE** 

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Dot Day legend Lew Finfer rocking his vintage three-decker t-shirt. Bill Forry photo

from the side-lot at Peggy O'Neill's (now called The Blend) bar.

The glory of Dot Day is in its inherent ability to bring people togetheroften over brews and hot dogs. It's a day to get to know your neighbors and, especially after this winter, spend some time outside.

And even when the street cleaners come through, Dot Day isn't over.

Longtime families host post-parade BBQs, so get to know your fellow spectators along the route and you're likely to score an invite.

If Sunday's a real scorrchah (hot day), hoof it a few short blocks from Dot Ave. to Savin Hill beach for a splash in Dorchester Bay. The stretch of beach on the other side of Morrissey Blvd. (careful now, use the crosswalk) is Malibu Beach, closer to the landmark gas tank. Be nice and maybe one of the jet skiers who weekend on Malibu will give you a lift back to Quincy or wherever you came from.

What to wear: You're going to be on your feet for hours if you do this right, so footwear is your most important decision of the day. If you want to blend in like an old-school Dot Rat, may we suggest a pair of mintgreen or hot-blue Adidas Gazelles? Old-school sneaker heads break out these high school throwbacks and share notes on which variety store they copped them from in the 1980s.

Vendors along the

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established and popular brand is College Hype, the Adams Corner company that has made Dot Day its signature event since the early 90s. You can't go wrong with a classic Dot Rat t or tank. Dorchester Brewing Company on Mass. Ave has also become a favorite supplier of Dotthemed gear in recent years. Pro tip: DBCo. is a great spot for a postparade beverage and food from the amazing M&M BBQ. Our favorite throw-

route will be hawking

Dot-themed t-shirts

and tanks. The most

back is the classic vintage 1975 three-decker t-shirt. Longtime Dot activist Lew Finfer breaks his out for every parade. Notice we said three-decker, not tripledecker. Triple deckers are sandwiches. If you're a legit Dot "kid" – you know it's a three-decker.

Also, sunscreen. Lots and lots of sunscreen.

A final note, from the department of your mother: The absolute worst view of the parade route is from the Area C-11 jail block. Open containers are absolutely NOT allowed on the route and Boston Police have been serious about making this a far-less sudsy affair than the March parade in South Boston. There's zero tolerance on underage boozing in particular, so don't risk it.

Adult spectators may, however, enjoy their beverage of choice on private property or from one of the Dot Ave's favorite establishments, including Ashmont Grill, Harp & Bard, and the Banshee. The Blarney Stone is a very popular spot because its windows open up to the route and it has an amazing outdoor patio. It's usually a big crowd, especially among those who run in the pre-parade Blarney Stone-Project DEEP 5k.

So dust off those Adidas Gazelles (or order them online STAT) and get ready to party like a Dot Rat this Sunday for the biggest day in Dorchester.

See you on the Ave.







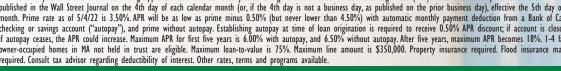
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Boston Billy Melchin, Dorchester's official town greeter, in the 1980 parade.

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In 1907, at his home on Welles Avenue, Fitzgerald put up bunting and, between two large American flags, a "great Irish flag."

With a cast of fortune-tellers, dodgers, and "fakirs" hawking balloons, popcorn, ice cream, and soft drinks, the celebrations were not immune to transient interests. Fitzgerald took part in carriage races organized at Franklin Field by the Dorchester Gentlemen's Driving Club, as did his rival and successor, James Michael Curley. In 1916, after rolling the first ball on a new bowling green, *The Globe* reported, Curley "said he knew no sport more constructive or healthful than horse racing, except baseball."

During the first decade of reports on the Dorchester Day celebrations, there was no shortage of superlatives, from "biggest" to "best yet," with as many as 75,000 people viewing the parade and as many as 20,000 watching the fireworks.

In 1911, there was landing of a Burgess-Wright biplane at Franklin Field, piloted all the way from Squantum by Harry Atwood, who had invited Mayor Fitzgerald to join him. The first try at landing had to be put off because of weather conditions. By the time Atwood touched down, at the center of the field, the last horse race was coming to an end, and the police details had already left the site. "The crowd swarmed around the machine, gazing upon and feeling it," The Globe reported. "It was feared that the machine ould be torn apart by souvenir hunters

#### SHIFTING TIMES, SHIFTING FOCUSES

Over the years, Dorchester Day celebrations were consistently affected by more passing developments, some with their own place in history. In a 1917 celebration at the newly dedicated Ronan Park, the Shepard Women's Rifle Club recruited men for military service in WWI. In 1927, the featured speaker at the banquet was the next year's Democratic nominee for president, New York Governor Al Smith.

Not surprisingly, funding from the city was cut back during the Great Depression. In 1931, City Councillor Israel Ruby provided free ice cream, athletics and entertainment at Franklin Field. But, by 1938, The Globe was reporting that there would be no support for Dorchester Day from the city "due to necessary economies." In 1940 "Dorchester All-Together" raised funding at a banquet, selling tickets at \$10 apiece. And in 1942, with the country at war again, 200,000 people were on hand for a parade that included infantry from Fort Devens and a float that encouraged the reporting of enemy aircraft. "As evidence that gasoline rationing is being felt," The Globe added, "several horses and buggies appeared in the parade."

In one of the buggies was Frankie Kelly, the youngest lieutenant governor in Massachusetts

history. The self-described father of the state lottery, Kelly was best known for filing bills 29 years in a row to establish a Massachusetts sweepstakes that promised a windfall in tax relief. Even after he drew the state's first lottery ticket in 1972, he continued to ride in the parade as one of its most enduring political curiosities.

#### AFTER THE WAR, A MATTER OF 'ROUTINE'

The parades resumed in 1948, after a hiatus during the later war years. As late as the 1960s, there were still reviewing stands for mayors and governors. But there was also an impression that the event had become more routine. As early as 1923, The Globe had mentioned "exercises" and field events while noting that "the occasion was at one time observed with great ceremony."

There were also changes in the parade route. The earlier routes had included Codman Square, Uphams Corner, and a stretch of Dorchester Avenue, ending at Fields Corner, with marching units crossing or going parallel with the trolley tracks. By the late 1960s, the parade route was usually along the avenue, but going north to south, from Columbia Road to Pierce Square in Lower Mills. By the 1970s, the direction had been reversed, and parade units marched with the sun at their backs.

In 1967, despite an attempt to ban political signs, the first line of march comprised members of Boston's all-white school committee, at a time when the city was already embroiled over the racial divide in education. In 1968, the June 9 parade was "postponed indefinitely," out of respect to Robert F. Kennedy, who had been assassinated three days earlier.

As late as the 1980s, the parade featured one other office-holder: the Dorchester Town Greeter. With his top hat, red jacket, white trousers, and two-toned shoes. "Boston Billy" Melchin presented himself as the affable gate-keeper to a Neverland as foreign to spectators along the avenue as it would have been to 17th-century settlers. If the parade came to one of its all-too-frequent stops, he would stand with one hand in a white glove holding a sceptre tipped with the town seal, and the other greeting an imaginary multitude, as restless kids swarmed the avenue or sped off on bikes and skateboards.

#### THE PARADE AS A MESSAGE BOARD

Over the last 40 years, the parade has been used as a platform for messages of all kinds. In the 1980s, a trailer dramatized the long wait for badly-needed expansion of the Dorchester District Courthouse. In 2015, a parade unit promoted the designation of Boston as a host city for the 2024 Olympics. Over the last decade, another contingent, "Dorchester Not For Sale," has been drawing attention to local residents being displaced by gentrification.

Joined by ranks of veterans for most of its his-

tory, the parade has also served as a platform for the anti-war message of Veterans for Peace, who would continue to march into the 21st century, after military engagements in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

In the early 1990s, after racial diversity had become very noticeable in the avenue's storefronts, Boston City Councilor Albert "Dapper" O'Neil gained notoriety for taking exception to the influx of Vietnamese immigrants into Fields Corner. In 2008, he achieved the unique distinction for a politician of being represented in the parade posthumously - by a black 1967 Lincoln Town Car bearing his name in green and orange on a sign that said "The legend lives on." But "Dapper" was outlasted by the presence and investment along the avenue of Dorchester's Vietnamese-Americans.

Over the years, the parade has shown that change can lead to improvisations. Around 1980, a re-enactment of the arrival of settlers at Savin Hill Beach included a local Unitarian minister and a local family dressed as 17th-century "pilgrims"—along with a Catholic priest. As pastor of First Parish Church—established by Dorchester's first religious congregation, Rev. James K. Allen was known for his devotion to local history and support of local civic groups, but he also allowed his church to be used for gatherings by refugees who came to Dorchester from southeast Asia.

If uniforms and costumes are a constant in the parades, they also highlight changes, whether donned by veterans, active military units, Little Leaguers, Pop Warner players, or marching bands. The same goes for other contingents who have marched in recent years: Estrellas Tropicales, the Roberto Clemente 21 Dancers, traditional Irish dancers, and Vietnamese-American contingents with lion dancers and martial arts displays. Others have previewed coming attractions on the calendar: the Caribbean American Carnival and, in floats changed every year by DotOut, the Boston Pride celebration. The common denominator has been the element of carnival—a stream of appearances, enacted once a year by people who are something else in everyday life.

As the parade has changed over time, so does its sense of history. Originating more than a century ago from a pursuit of a fixed identity in the past, Dorchester Day's premier event has also reached in the other direction: a rolling identity that, while as local as ever, borders on the panoramic.

#### HISTORY AS PREDICTOR OF THE FUTURE

The pursuit of the history of Dorchester Day can also point to the future. In 1914, when the Dorchester Beacon was already noticing that the celebrations had become less elaborate, the president of the Dorchester Historical Society, Frank D. Young, arrived on the scene after driving 3 hours and 70 miles in his car. It was a little too soon to imagine how the streetcar suburb of Dorchester would be transformed by the mass production of automobiles, federally funded highways, and federally guaranteed mortgages. But that year, barely three weeks before events leading to a world war, Young paid respect to the settlers of 1630 while warning about the dangers of anarchy and hailing his commute by vehicle that day as a sign of "swift moving progress."

Fast forward to another decade, and the celebrations overlap, rippling out from marchers to spectators crowding the avenue, tiered on porch decks, or regrouping for backyard cookouts. To walk down the avenue from south to north is to see what is new and what has disappeared. Some churches, stores, and restaurants no longer exist. Also missing are several no-frills bars, some notorious as magnets for spectators requiring intervention by police. And, as with the celebrations in many communities, the crowds are noticeably thinner.

To finish the walk on a Sunday in June is to work up a sweat and feel thirsty, if not altogether fatigued At the corner of East Cottage Street, you go inside Patty's Pantry and find it crammed with people buying cold soft drinks. Almost 40 years ago, on the other side of the avenue, you maybe dropped in for a beer at Vaughan's Tavern (now the Banshee), where a bust of Bobby Kennedy was flanked by a pair of rifles right behind the bartenders. Inside the bar, there's too much noise to hear what the veteran is saying to a teacher young enough to be his daughter as he points to the medals on his chest. They're surrounded by a crowd of people who live in Dorchester, people who used to live there, and people who could be somewhere else in a few years.

Outside, along a quiet avenue just swept and sprayed by street cleaners, there's no pennant attached to a kite, though another reporter in another year might have noticed an escaped balloon riding a breeze that, like the parade, goes from south to north. As it pulls away, its shadow skipping from one building to next, it gets smaller and smaller until there's nothing left but a speck reflected against the sunlight in a deep blue sky.

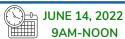
The Dorchester Historical Society helped greatly with this report by providing access to news accounts of the parade's first decades.



Lauren Dezenski, who worked as a reporter for the Dorchester Reporter in 2014-2015, married Michael Heifetz on Sat., May 7, in a ceremony at Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY. Bill Forry, the Reporter's publisher and executive editor, officiated at the wedding ceremony. Bill's wife, former state  $Sen.\,Linda\,Dorcena\,Forry, was\,in\,attendance, along\,with\,several\,current\,and$ former Dorchester Reporter staffers: Reporter managing editor Gintautas Dumcius and his wife Amy Derjue; former news editor Jennifer Smith; Mike Deehan of Axios, and Maddie Kilgannon. The new Mr. and Mrs. Heifetz live in Washington, D.C. where Lauren now works as a breaking news editor for Bloomberg. The groom is the director of Client Success with First Due in New York and Washington, DC, and a firefighter in Bedford Hills, NY.

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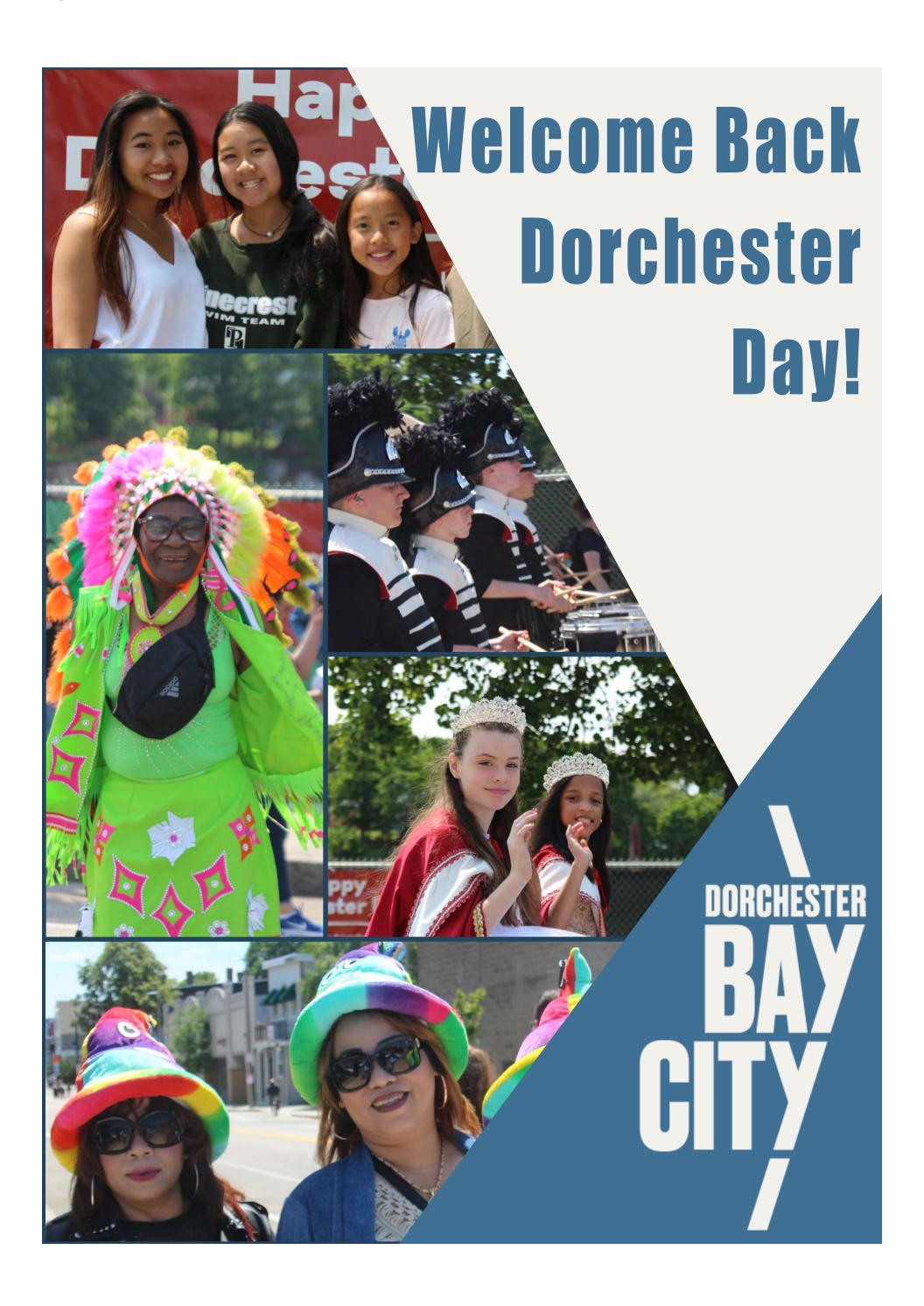
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