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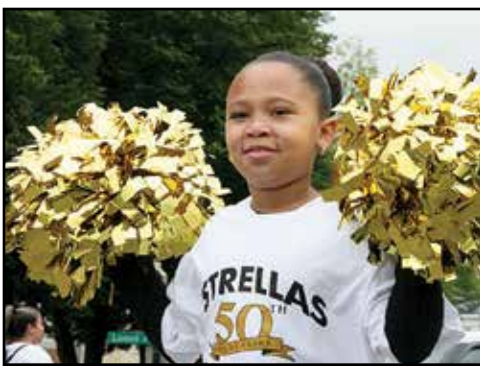
A SUNDAY THAT WAS ALL ABOUT DOT



Mallory Powell of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester's new baton team, above, took her bright smile and her baton and marched up Dorchester Avenue on Sunday afternoon. *Chris Lovett photo*

Sunday's Dorchester Day Parade maintained a festive air about it despite the rainy, windy, and chilly conditions that affected attendance on the march and on the sidelines. On Saturday, the wet conditions didn't dampen the second Dorchester music festival,

said the Reporter's Seth Daniel. "Crowds turned out for the musicians and bands making music – flamenco guitar, electronic music, reggae, rockabilly, and blues – on porches throughout Ashmont-Adams." See photos from both events on Page 13.



From left, Young Miss Dorchester Co-Winner Ryleigh Mahoney and Little Miss Dorchester Roisin Dillon waved to onlookers from the Little Miss trolley. Miss Massachusetts 2022 Katrina Kincade waves to the crowds at Fields Corner. Estrella Tropicales pom-pom girl Jenelis Gutierrez marched with the group celebrating the organization's 50th anniversary. *Seth Daniel photos*

Curley Center to reopen next week, in a limited way

Beach closed through summer

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

The Curley Community Center in South Boston, closed since the start of the pandemic in March 2020, is scheduled to reopen for self-workouts next Thursday (June 15), according to city officials. Limited programming and classes at the Columbia Road facility, more commonly known as "L Street," are scheduled to start June 20.

The \$31.2 million renovation has confronted delays for a variety of reasons over the last year and a half, among them a legal dispute between City Hall and contractors and supply-chain slowdowns that held up furniture deliveries.

Birds known as piping plovers added to the woes, since during the pandemic, they started nesting in the sand on the beach side of the center. Because the species is considered a "threatened" population, city officials were waiting on a state-level permit so that they could reopen the facility.

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The Curley Community Center. *Ed Forry photo*

Wu pitches moving O'Bryant High to vacant BPS site in West Roxbury

Part of 'generational' changes under study

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Mayor Michelle Wu and School Superintendent Mary Skipper proposed sweeping, "generational" changes to the configuration of Boston's public high schools on Tuesday, chief among them moving the John D. O'Bryant High School from Roxbury Crossing to BPS's vacant West Roxbury Educational Complex (WREC).

Wu said the move – breaking up the long-shared O'Bryant and Madison Park Technical Vocational High School campus – will ensure that BPS facilities will be able to handle new and exciting collaborations with business and industry for the future of Madison Park High, now located next to O'Bryant High.

All of which, she said, creates an opportunity for the O'Bryant to move into a "gut-rehabilitated" building that housed the WREC until it closed abruptly in 2018 over concerns about the condition of the construction there. Under the proposal, revamp work on the old WREC could start in early 2025, transforming the site into a new O'Bryant High School that would house an expansion of 400 students in grades 7 to 8, and bring total enrollment to just over 2,000 students, according to Skipper.

The O'Bryant – an exam school focusing on math, (Continued on page 14)

Savin Hill sidewalk work to run into fall

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

Work on the Savin Hill Avenue bridge next to the MBTA station is expected to continue into the fall. After an inspection last fall revealed issues with the bridge, MBTA officials shut down access to the sidewalk areas in November by setting up temporary sidewalks and barriers along the parking lane, which was closed to vehicles.

Asked for an update this week, MBTA spokeswoman Lisa Battiston said the public transit agency "continues to make progress" after some repair work over two weekends last month. "The repair work performed last month will allow for a temporary sidewalk to be established on the south side and for reopening of the sidewalk proper on the north side," she wrote in an email to the Reporter.

The establishment of a temporary pedestrian way on the south side of the bridge is going through a permitting process at the Massachusetts Department of Transportation that, she said, is expected to take two to three weeks.

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BPD seeks help on B&E probe in Codman Square



Boston Police are asking for the public’s help in identifying a man they describe as a suspect in connection to a recent breaking and entering that took place recently in Codman Square.. The incident took place around 8:20 p.m. on Mon., May 29, in the area of 420 Washington St. A photo of the suspect is shown here. Anyone with information is asked to call 1-800-494-TIPS.

Police arrested a 28-year-old Mattapan man last Sunday (June 4) after a traffic stop on Harvard Street led to the recovery of a firearm from inside the vehicle. Police say they recovered a loaded HI-Point Firearm CF380 with six rounds in the magazine in the center console of a car driven by Julien Labonte. He will be charged with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, and Operating After Revocation/Suspension.

A federal judge last week sentenced Mujab “Big Homie” Mubarak to ten years in federal prison after he admitted that he ran a fentanyl and heroin ring in the Boston area. Mubarak, 50, lived in Everett but grew up in Dorchester, where he still had ties: his phone was registered at his Dorchester girlfriend’s address, according to an affidavit by an FBI agent on the case.

US District Court Judge Allison Burroughs agreed to the sentence, which was worked out by the US Attorney’s office and Mubarak’s attorney as part of a plea deal on charges of conspiring to distribute and possess to distribute heroin and fentanyl and use and possession of a firearm in connection with a drug trafficking crime. In addition to the prison time, Mubarak agreed to give up roughly \$523,000 in assets: \$360,000 in cash, two motorcycles, a truck, and a number of luxury watches.

In 2017 and 2018, a “cooperating witness” made 25 purchases of fentanyl, heroin and cocaine from Mubarak’s underlings, according to the affidavit.



Mayor Wu joined BFD Commissioner Paul Burke and many firefighters and members of Local 7 Ironworkers last Friday (June 2) for a “topping off” ceremony to place the final beam of the new Engine 17 firehouse on Meeting House Hill next to First Parish Church and the Mather School. It will replace the one that was built in 1928. When completed, it will be the second firehouse built in Boston over the last 40 years. The existing station will remain in operation during construction, but city officials weren’t immediately sure what would be done with it when the new one opens next spring. Mayor’s Office photos by Isabel Leon



AG: Lucy St. landlord illegally took cash from voucher tenants

The owner and manager of a complex on Lucy Street in Dorchester will no longer make tenants with Section 8 and state rental vouchers pay a \$500 upfront fee out of their own pocket just to get an apartment there, according to Attorney General Andrea Campbell’s office

In a filing in Suffolk Superior Court last week, Campbell’s officesaid the owners and managers of the Andi South Bay at 4 Lucy St. were in violation of state law charging people who might be eligible for state subsidies to pay a \$500 “first month’s rent deposit” even before their subsidies were calculated,

which means the fee might exceed what they would actually have to pay in rent each month Also, in at least one case, a tenant asked if she could pay the first month’s rent with the money she’d be getting from the state and she was told no, her rental application wouldn’t be

processed until she paid \$500 up front, before she got anything from the state. PSP Partners of Chicago, which owns the building, and Graystar, which manages the 475-unit complex, agreed to stop what they were doing and pay \$20,000 toward the cost of the state investigation and for possible restitution to any affected tenants. – REPORTER STAFF

Pellet gun incident reported at the Murphy School

Officials at the Murphy School in Neponset reported on Monday that unknown individuals had driven by the school that day and fired pellets from the vehicle, some of which were found near

the perimeter of school grounds by a member of the school community. “No students or staff sustained injuries as a result of the incident,” read a letter to parents from Courtney Sheppeck,

the Murphy School’s principal. “School staff immediately notified BPS Safety Services to provide assistance and an investigation into this incident is ongoing. “Any student in need

of support is encouraged to speak with the school psychologist or social worker.” BPS and Boston Police had not identified any suspects as of Tuesday afternoon.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The second annual Ashmont Block Party will be held on Sat., June 17 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of All Saints Church. This free event will feature live music, savory and sweet food trucks and a Dorchester Brewing Company beer garden. See greaterashmont.org for more info.

The BPDA will host a virtual meeting on Tues., June 13, at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal to build a three-story, 31-unit condo building with 23 below-grade parking spaces at 29 High St. in Dorchester. See bostonplans.org for more info.

The MBTA will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., June 20, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. to discuss Mattapan Line improvements. Staff will provide a status of the program, community engagement initiatives, and facilitate a Q&A period to gain feedback and address community concerns. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. Members of the public can register for the meeting online at www.mbta.com/projects/mattapan-line-transformation. The meeting will be recorded and posted online for those who cannot attend.

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) annual meeting will take place at the Endicott Estate in Dedham on Tues., June 13, at 6:30 p.m. NepRWA

members, volunteers, and supporters are invited to attend to learn about the organization and its accomplishments, and hear from climate author, researcher, and teacher, Courtney Humphries, about the importance of good governance in mitigating and adapting to climate change in cities, and the vital role of community leadership in putting Boston on a better path for the future. Tickets can be purchased at Neponset.org. For any questions about the annual meeting or kayak raffle, contact NepRWA Outreach Director, Nancy Fyler at fyler@neponset.org

The City of Boston is offering its free fitness programming, **Boston Parks Fitness Series**, again this year. Classes will be held across 18 different parks— including Ronan, Franklin, and Almont parks— and led by certified fitness instructors. Depending on the location, you’ll have a chance to line dance, take tai chi, try yoga (and chair yoga) among other classes from now until early September. Find the full list of events (and check whether you’ll need equipment for them) at boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/boston-parks-fitness-series.

The Boston Little Saigon Cultural District’s Night Market (Cho Dem) event will be back again this year on Sat., July

15, after a very successful inaugural event in Fields Corner last summer. Festivities will take place from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sat., July 15, on blocked-off Dorchester Avenue between Park and Adams streets. For more information on the event, go to bostonlittlesaigon.org.

Whittier Street Health Center will hold its 24th annual Men’s Health Summit on Sat., June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Frederica M. Williams Building, 1290 Tremont St., Roxbury. The theme at this year’s summit is “United for Men’s Health: Grounded in Equity.” The annual event will include a health fair, health screenings, a panel discussion, and conversation about men’s health and wellness. In addition, the summit will serve as an occasion to recognize several men’s health champions, including Wilner Auguste, founder, Haitian American United (HAU); Rev. John Finley, co-founder and head of Epiphany School; Rev. Art Gordon, pastor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church; David Morales, general manager, UniCare; Jean Prezeau, men’s health ambassador, Whittier Street Health Center; William Watkins, MBA, vice president of digital strategies and partnerships, Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts; and Leverett Wing, president and CEO, Commonwealth Seminar.

NBC10 News Anchor Glenn Jones will be the guest speaker during the highly anticipated event to which all are welcome. For more information contact events@wshc.org or 617-989-3119.

A public meeting will be held via Zoom on Thurs., June 22, at 6 p.m. about a proposed retail cannabis establishment at 1102A Blue Hill Ave. in Dorchester. See bostonplans.org for more details on joining the meeting.

A Friendship Social for people of all abilities will be held on Sunday, June 25, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. \$10 admission appreciated. Music by DJ Joe Peters “Gifted Fingers.” Contact Dennis Walsh at 617-483-5235 or Maggie Desdunes at 617-285-4899.

A public meeting hosted by the BPDA will be held virtually on Tues., June 20, at 6 p.m. to discuss Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center and the Community Builders plans for redeveloping several parcels on Ellington Street and Old Road for a new health center building. See ad on page 21 for meeting details.

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Mattapan’s Ryan playground, wading pool will see improvements

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

Contractors working for the state Department of Conservation and Recreation were ready last fall to convert the wading pool at River Street’s Ryan Playground into a spray deck, as part of a statewide effort to cut down on pool maintenance and staffing.

But days away from the start of construction, community members lit into agency officials, saying they hadn’t been consulted on the move and they preferred keeping the wading pool. Chastened officials pulled back, and they’ve been working with state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley on a different set of improvements.

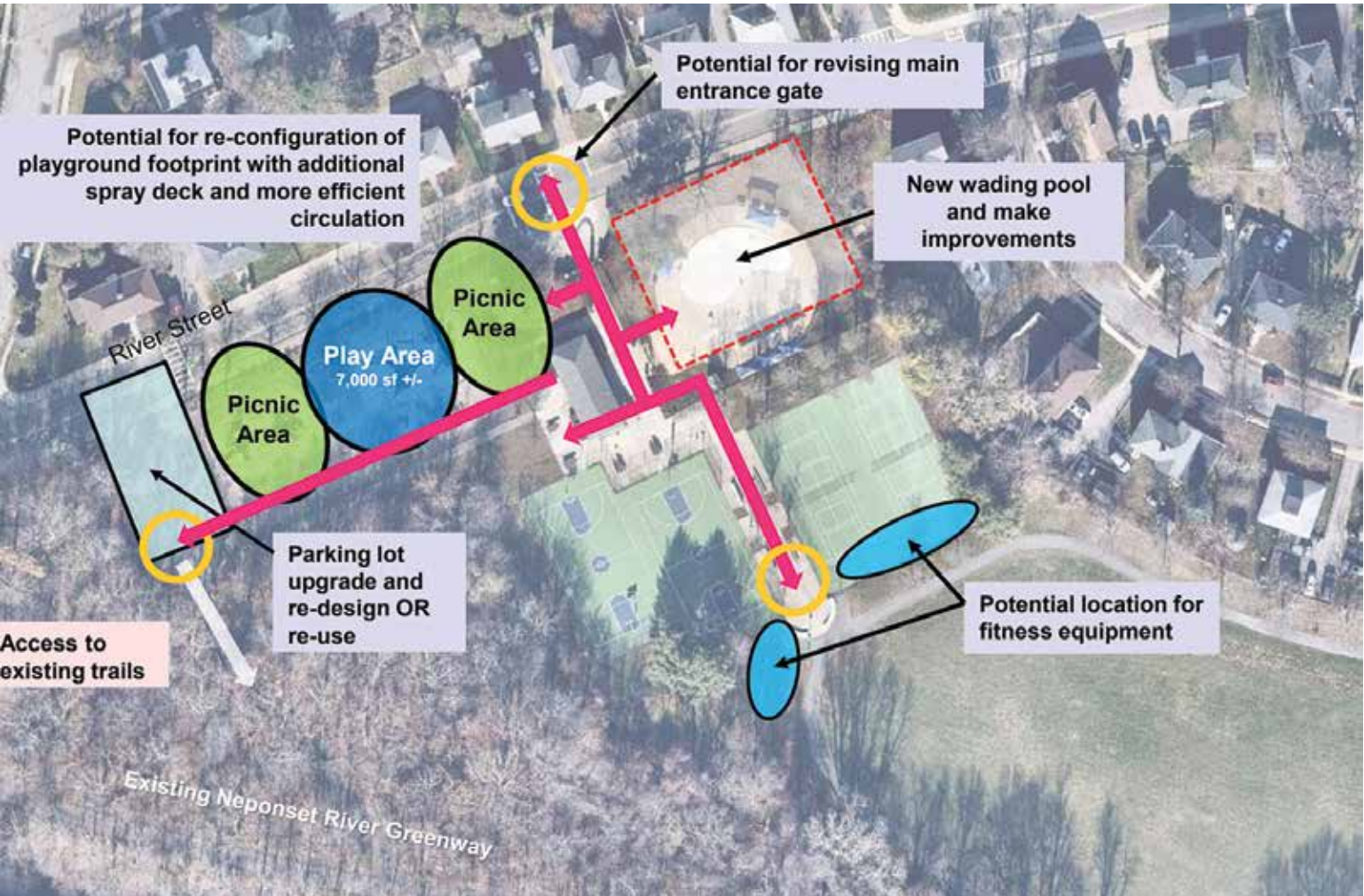
At a public listening session last Thursday (June 1), DCR officials laid out plans to double the size of the wading pool and add new spraying features, new benches, and shade and rinsing stations. DCR has pointed to the Artesani Pool in Allston, by the Charles River, to describe what they are going for.

“It’s been a complete 180 and I’m grateful and excited by the prospect,” Fluker Oakley said. “They took the time to go back to the drawing board.”

The playground currently spans 17,600 square feet, while the wading pool is 8,500 square feet.

The Ryan playground’s public restrooms will also see improvements, with windows and paint.

The design to double the



size of the pool “makes it better and bigger than before,” Fluker Oakley said.

DCR has already reinstalled benches and redone tennis, pickle ball, and basketball courts, with plans to repair pathways and refresh the playground’s wood fiber surface.

The parking lot is another part of the playground that is likely to see changes. There are

nine parking spaces, and DCR officials are presenting several options, ranging from less parking (which comes with improved access to the Neponset River Greenway), additional parking that improves the circulation of cars but comes at the expense of play space, and no parking, with more green space, a re-aligned crosswalk and improved trail entrance.

There is no off-street parking available.

The playground and wading pool are a six-minute walk from the MBTA’s Mattapan Station. The Central Avenue station on the Mattapan trolley line is a 15 minute walk away, and the No. 24 bus runs near the playground.

Fluker Oakley said DCR is planning to start construc-

tion and renovations at the end of summer and have the playground and pool ready to open next year.

Community members can submit comments on DCR’s website until June 22. “This really is a once-in-a-decade opportunity to think about what we want in Ryan playground,” she said.



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Labor lawyer candidate led District 3 fundraising in May

**By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR**

A tally of campaign dollars candidates pulled in May showed that labor lawyer Matt Patton was the top fundraiser in the race to replace outgoing Frank Baker as District 3’s city councillor.

A Savin Hill resident, Patton raised \$38,490, including \$500 from former Gov. Deval Patrick and \$250 from former Congressman John Tierney. Patton previously worked for them, as well as for former mayoral candidate John Barros, whose family also added to the campaign kitty for May.

Patton’s list of donors also includes other bold-faced names in Democratic politics, including Mark Kennedy Shriver (\$1,000), strategist Doug Rubin (\$500), Cape Cod state Sen. Julian Cyr (\$200), communications executive Conor Yunits (\$200), and Roger Lau, a top official at the Democratic National Committee (\$100).

Shannon Liss-Riordan, the co-founder of the law firm that employs Patton and a former candidate for state attorney general, donated \$1,000.

Patton had \$34,110 in cash on hand at the end of the month.

Baker announced he would not run for a second two-year term in April, meaning May was the first full month of fundraising for a growing field of candidates.

John FitzGerald, a Boston Planning and Development Agency official who lives in Adams Village, raised \$18,000, with some of the cash coming from his current and former colleagues at the authority. Teachers, police officers, attorneys, and carpenters also pitched in. The North Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters, a Dorchester-based union, donated \$500; former city clerk and District 3 Councillor Maureen Feeney gave \$200. Both had endorsed him last month, as did IBEW Local 103. Fitz-

Gerald had \$11,626 in cash on hand at the end of the month.

Joel Richards, a Boston Public Schools teacher from Fields Corner who jumped into the race last December, raised \$15,551 in May, with \$30,281 in cash left at the end of the month. Many of his donors included teachers from the school system.

Adams Village resident Pat O’Brien, an Army veteran and Department of Transportation official, raised \$11,300 while Jennifer Johnson, a Meeting House Hill civic activist, raised \$2,166.

In other accounts, Barry Lawton, a former schoolteacher and government aide, loaned himself \$672; Rosalind Wornum, a housing activist from Ashmont, has not yet filed fundraising numbers for May, while an eighth candidate jumped in at the beginning of June (see below).

Nonprofit leader joins District 3 campaign

Ann M. Walsh, a former head of an education nonprofit who worked for former City Councillor At-Large John Connolly, last Thursday became the latest candidate to join the District 3 field.

Walsh, a 51-year-old Lower Mills resident, first worked as Connolly’s policy director and then his chief of staff.

After Connolly’s unsuccessful run for mayor in 2013, she and he co-founded an education nonprofit, 1647, that was focused on boosting family engagement. The effort dissolved in February after it shared its curriculum with some of its partners, such as Lesley University.

“For everything that people say about government and politics, I really liked when I worked in a council office,” Walsh told the *Reporter*. “I like helping people. I think government’s role should be helping people, to make things work better. So, I really enjoyed the job and I understand what the job is.”



She said a running joke in her household is that she continues to handle constituent services for her neighbors. “I’ve had to do it for myself,” Walsh said. “I’m already doing constituent services through my own network and I’d like to do it in a broader, more universally accessible way.”

The mother of a high school student and a college student said, “I know what it’s like to raise kids in the city, and navigate systems as an end user. I worked in City Hall, but for the most part I’m the end user of the systems. I am looking at it from the perspective of a person on the outside who has had to navigate this.”

District-level candidates have until June 23 to get their voter signatures to the city’s elections department.

Along with pulling voter signature papers at City Hall, Walsh has set up the customary fundraising account with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF).

Virginia Benzan, director of racial justice advocacy at the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, is serving as her campaign chair. Denise Richard, a former social worker and co-founder of the Martin Richard Foundation, is listed as the campaign’s treasurer.


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City grants will help deliver 1,000 new life sciences workers

Boston will add 1,000 new biotech and life sciences workers by 2025 to fill workforce needs and maintain the region’s hold in the industry, Mayor Wu promised at the kickoff of a week-long international conference in the city.

The city will open a \$4 million grant application under the Boston Sciences Workforce Initiative intended to connect companies with city residents seeking “good-paying” life sciences jobs and career paths. The grants are funded through the federal American Rescue Plan Act and the city’s Neighborhood Jobs Trust.

At the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, the mayor said she was focused on programs that include internships and hiring commitments at life sciences companies that will train people “for specific in-demand positions, and focus on empowering residents without four-year degrees, particularly workers of color women and immigrant residents, all of whom are underrepresented in the industry today and ready and eager from our communities to contribute.”

These grants will also seek to alleviate challenges that workers often face getting into the industry, such as child care and transportation costs, Wu said.

The city is also planning an extensive outreach campaign, alongside American City Coalition, LabCentral Ignite and MassBioEd.

“We’re doing this because we’ve been having a lot of conversations in community and listening. Almost every conversation included some feedback about how to build more inclusive career pathways,” Wu said. “‘You have to increase awareness,’ residents told us, ‘you have to bring these opportunities directly into our communities.’”

Massachusetts is a hub of the global life sciences industry, but workforce shortages continue to challenge the industry, and states such as California, North Carolina are competing with the state.

On May 24, the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council announced plans to launch Bioversity to link underrepresented populations with life sciences training pathways and employer connections. Bioversity will operate a 4,000-square-foot workforce training center in Dorchester at the Southline Boston development on the site of the old Boston Globe headquarters.

Programs will be offered at no cost and will provide a stipend to offset lost work hours and feature completion timelines of 8 to 12 weeks. Bioversity plans to graduate 100 students in its first year and 170 annually within its first five years.

In a related development, Gov. Maura Healey plans to continue a high-dollar commitment to the life sciences sector that began under former Gov. Deval Patrick, and her administration is also launching a new platform to recruit diverse hires to the sector and provide training opportunities.

Healey used her appearance Tuesday at the BIO conference to affirm her commitment to reauthorizing the major initiative that began in 2008 with a \$1 billion investment in the life science sector over a 10-year period. Former Gov. Charlie Baker in 2018 signed off on \$623 million in additional bond authorization and tax credits for the sector over five years, and lawmakers through last year’s economic development bill extended the program until 2025.

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Catholic Charities names Tuthill president, CEO, beginning next January

Last week, the board of trustees at Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Boston (CCAB) announced the appointment of Kelley Tuthill as its next president and CEO, beginning January 2024. Tuthill has served as the chief operating officer since 2021 and will transition into the president's role this summer before assuming the CEO role.

Tuthill succeeds Kevin M. MacKenzie, the former board chair who assumed the role of president and CEO in January 2020 and led the agency through the challenges of delivering crucial services during the pandemic and the restructuring of the organization.

"It has been an honor



Kelley Tuthill to serve as the COO of Catholic Charities and work closely with Kevin to create a strategic vision for the future of one of Massachusetts' largest social service agencies," said Tuthill. "I am honored the board has the confidence in me to continue this important work and I look forward to working with them and

all of our partners, donors and incredibly dedicated staff and volunteers to continue a great legacy of empowering our neighbors in need with dignity and compassion."

Tuthill is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. She holds a doctorate in Education from Regis College, where she previously served as vice president of marketing and communications. She holds a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University and worked for more than two decades as a journalist, most notably as a reporter and anchor at WCVB-TV.

A Massachusetts native, she and her husband Brendan are the parents of three daughters.



Chief Alexander Barros and 68 cadets from the John D. O'Bryant NJROTC Unit traveled last month to New Calvary and Old Calvary Cemeteries in Mattapan to place American flags on the graves of some 5,000 veterans to commemorate Memorial Day. The O'Bryant NJROTC program has marked graves in the cemetery for several years.

Photo courtesy John D. O'Bryant High School



Whittier Street's Williams wins Joan Wallace Leadership Award

Frederica M. Williams, president and CEO of Whittier Street Health Center, has been named the recipient of the 2023 Joan Wallace Leadership Award. The honor was announced at the annual Equal Opportunity and Diversity Breakfast hosted by the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts (ULEM) at the State Street Pavilion – Fenway Park on May 25.

The award recognizes the legacy of Dr. Joan Wallace Benjamin, the highly accomplished president and CEO of ULEM from 1989 to 2000. It is presented to



Frederica M. Williams a nonprofit leader who exemplifies exceptional leadership qualities and a compassionate and empathetic approach to serving her community.

Williams was commended for having made "a significant impact," "being a role model to many" and for a life's work that "is a testament to your commitment to making a positive change."

"It is a true privilege to receive the Dr. Joan Wallace Benjamin Leadership Award from the esteemed Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts," said Williams. "I take great pride in it and share that pride with my outstanding team at Whittier Street Health Center."

Juneteenth gala set for afternoon of June 17 at Eustis Estate

The Eustis Estate in Milton will join with Mattapan's Church of the Holy Spirit and Branches Steel Pan Orchestra for a Juneteenth celebration on Sat., June 17, on the grounds of the estate, located at 1424 Canton Ave., Milton.

Enjoy more live music from the Boston Public Quartet, Brother Dennis and his singers, DJ George, Dorchester's Rhythm Rider Dancers, and Milton High School Gospel/Jazz Choir. Explore family-friendly activities on the beautiful grounds and inside the museum. Pack up some food and bring it along, sample free light refreshments, or purchase food from Fresh Food Generation of Dorchester.

The celebration takes place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are free; donations are encouraged. For ticket information, please call (617) 994-6600 or visit <https://my.historicnewengland.org/18691/juneteenth> for more information.



Mattapan's Branches Steel Pan Orchestra will be featured at the Juneteenth celebration on the Eustis Estate in Milton on Sat., June 17. The event is free to the public.

Butterfly Hollow re-opens at Franklin Park Zoo



Butterfly Hollow, the popular, immersive seasonal habitat, opened for the season on May 27 at Franklin Park Zoo. A seasonal oasis of tranquility, Butterfly Hollow is an indoor space filled with bright butterflies, soothing music, beautiful native flowers, and a small pond. This seasonal habitat highlights the important role of pollinators in healthy

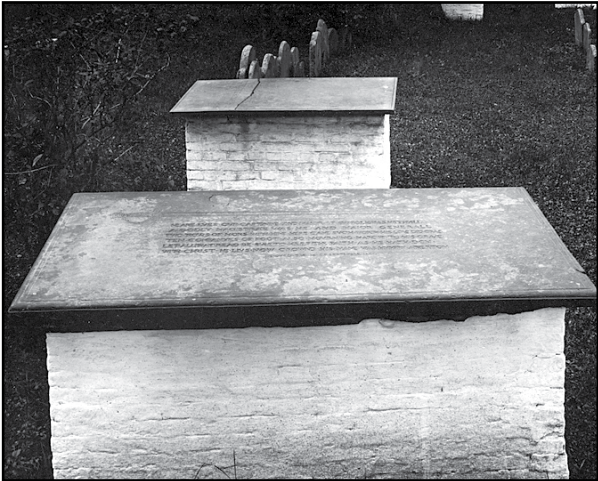
ecosystems and ways we help them thrive.

While strolling through the space, be sure to look for the whimsical fairy houses nestled within the landscape. In addition to butterflies, Butterfly Hollow is also home to Baikal teal, a small, dabbling duck, and Eve, the common cooter. At 50 years old, Eve is one of the oldest residents at Franklin Park Zoo.

Humphrey Atherton was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company who organized the first militia in Dorchester. As a major-general in the Suffolk Regiment, he was the senior military officer in New England, whose responsibilities included subduing and controlling Native Americans and apprehending criminals, such as those accused of heresy. Atherton was also known for his harsh treatment of Native Americans and his opposition to Quakers.

Atherton died when he fell off his horse after it stumbled over a cow. His Quaker critics believed his horrible death to be God's visitation of wrath.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Humphrey Atherton's Tomb



Today's illustration comes from the *Dorchester Beacon* dated Feb. 17, 1894. The artist would have been standing at the corner of Willis and Stoughton Street.

The following inscription can be found on Atherton's tomb in Dorchester Old North Burying Ground:
Hear lyes our Cap-

taine, & MAJOR of Suffolk was withall, A godley Magistrate was he, and MAJOR GENERALL Two Troops of Hors

*with him here Came, Such worth his love did Crave;
Ten Companies of Foot also Mourning Marcht to his grave.
Let all that read be sure to keep the faith as he has don,
With Christ he lives now crown'd, His name was HUMPHREYATHERTON
He dyed the 16 of September 1661.
The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalalso-ciety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society's William Clapp House and James Blake House are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

Editorial

Time to move on from redistricting

The Boston City Council came to consensus last month on a revised map that makes minor changes to the nine district seats that constitute the majority of the council’s membership. There are also four at-large councillors elected to the 13-member body who are not subject to the district boundaries and are chosen by the citywide electorate. District seats were created in 1983 – in part to give candidates of color a better opportunity to win elections in a city that was far more segregated at the time.

The redistricting process, which is triggered by the decennial census and the need to balance out the number of people in each district, has never been an easy task, but this latest cycle proved to be the most difficult and divisive in recent memory.

The original district map passed last fall was challenged in federal court by plaintiffs who argued that race was too much of a factor in the changes made, particularly in the case of Dorchester’s District 3. In April, federal Judge Patti Saris ruled that their argument had enough merit to potentially win the day and ordered the council to go back to the drawing board.

Managing that task fell to at-Large Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune, who by all accounts did an excellent job in setting the re-boot of the redistricting process under some intense scrutiny and time pressure. Her colleagues voted 10-2 to support the map that Louijeune shepherded to the fore. Mayor Wu signed off on it last week, which means there should be no further concerns about potential delays to the preliminary election on Sept. 12 or the general on Nov. 7.

And yet, despite the breakthrough and signals from the plaintiffs that they are “largely pleased” with the outcome, there are signals from both sides of the divide that there could be further legal challenges mounted. That would be most unfortunate.

During the debate about re-working the district lines, there has been far too much made of the notion of “dividing” neighborhoods. There are 23 neighborhoods in the city of Boston, according to the Mayor’s Office. There are nine district seats. There really is no practical way to keep most neighborhoods intact within one district, nor should that even be a priority. Dorchester was a town before it was annexed into Boston in 1870, so its historic boundaries are well established. It’s far too big to fit into one council district. The Dorchester neighborhood is currently represented by three district councillors: Frank Baker, Brian Worrell, and Tania Fernandes Anderson. Erin Murphy and Julia Mejia, who serve at-large, live in Dorchester as well.

It’s time for the council to get re-focused on the many other pressing matters on its agenda – from giving oversight to the city budget to the mayor’s proposal to move the O’Bryant High School from Roxbury to West Roxbury. Let’s move on.

–Bill Forry



Councillor Louijeune

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Lawsuit plaintiffs ask redistrict judge to review the moves of two precincts

Louijeune response: ‘a good compromise’

**BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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Councillor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune on Sunday expressed confidence in the redistricting map she steered to Mayor Wu’s desk for a signature after plaintiffs in a lawsuit challenging the previous map raised concerns in a filing with the judge.

On May 24, the City Council voted 10 to 2 to approve a map with new boundaries for the nine City Council districts. They were forced to come up with a new map when a federal judge blocked the one passed last fall, ruling that a lawsuit claiming that race wrongly predominated the council’s discussions in moving precincts between districts had a likelihood of success.

The lawsuit was brought by several local civic associations, former city clerk and councillor Maureen Feeney, and a former Boston Herald columnist, and funded by four councillors who opposed last fall’s map: District 2’s Ed Flynn, District 3’s Frank Baker, and Councillors At-Large Michael Flaherty and Erin Murphy. (One of the plaintiffs is also Flaherty’s aunt, who he has previously been paid for campaign work, according to a review of publicly available campaign finance records.)

The four councillors endorsed the new map as city officials raced against time to keep the fall elections on schedule for Sept. 12 and Nov. 7. But in a filing last Friday afternoon, the plaintiffs in the lawsuit said that while they were “largely pleased” with the new map, they wanted Judge Patti Saris, to review the location of two precincts, which they claimed were “surreptitiously” swapped, even though the moves were voted on in public and two councillors who voted against the May 24 map – District 6 Councillor Kendra Lara and Councillor At-Large Julia Mejia – approvingly noted one of the moves in a joint public statement published online and sent to reporters.

The two precincts are Ward 14 Precinct 14, which stayed in District 5, as councillors abandoned shifting it to District 4, and Ward 15 Precinct 1, which was moved to District 4 from District 3.

The plaintiffs’ filing noted that District 5 Councillor Ricardo Arroyo had lobbied for Ward 14-Precinct 14 (along Blue Hill Avenue, around Morningstar Baptist Church) to stay in District 5. The filing said it was for “racial reasons,” pointing to Arroyo’s argument that moving Ward 14 Precinct 14 to District 4 would dilute the Mattapan neighborhood’s power and Black voting strength.

The filing added that moving Ward 15 Precinct 1, which is anchored by the intersection of Columbia Road and Quincy Street and the Uphams Corner Health Center, to District 4 negatively affects the Cape Verdean community that had been “previously

all unified in District 3.”

According to the filers, “There was no reason to move Ward 15 Precinct 1 from District 3 to District 4 and Ward 14 Precinct 14 into District 5 except to achieve racial targets or demographic goals.”

The filing omits the fact that Arroyo’s argument for keeping Ward 14 Precinct 14 also carried political implications: He won the precinct while losing the 2022 race for Suffolk District Attorney, and he is now seeking reelection to the council with opponents expected to be on the ballot. Arroyo also sought to remove a Roslindale precinct from District 5, home to DA Kevin Hayden, but he lacked enough support from colleagues.

The plaintiffs noted that the changes they’re requesting “will have no significant impact on the administration of elections later this year.”

On Sunday, before she headed down Dorchester Avenue for the annual Dot Day Parade, Louijeune, who chaired the drawing of the latest map, said it was a “good compromise. I think the court may weigh in, but I feel good about the work we did on the City Council, and about the vote we took, and about the map that we came to.”

Flaherty, who had spoken with the Reporter minutes earlier while also getting ready to kick off the Dot Day Parade, acknowledged that keeping Ward 14 Precinct 14 in District 5 was “probably” politically based. “I think in the interest of trying to bring the council together, folks felt that it was somewhat of a fair compromise,” he said. “That said, what’s a fair compromise for members of the City Council, and what the plaintiffs...wanted are obviously two different things.”

He added: “We did hear this week from the Cape Verdean community and several of the civic association leaders in Ward 15 Precinct 1 that they’re the only Dorchester precinct that’s not in Dorchester. So, we’ll see what happens.” (Neighborhood lines do not change in redistricting, and both District 3 and District 4 remain Dorchester-based council districts, with District 4 having some of Mattapan and District 3 having some of the South End.)

“The city of Boston’s corporation counsel, through their budget, are funding not one, but two law firms” to defend the council’s map, Flaherty said, adding that he is listed as a defendant as a member of the City Council, even though he testified against last fall’s map and helped fund the plaintiffs’ efforts.

The plaintiffs are “ordinary” citizens, he said. “Given that they’re constituents, yeah, I’m happy to lend a hand there.”

Flaherty said he has not spoken with the plaintiffs or their attorneys, and added that they did not consult him on their Friday filing.

Cops for Kids with Cancer hits \$5 million mark in gifts to youth

**BY ED FORRY
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER**

Cops for Kids with Cancer came to the aid of a seven-year-old Roslindale boy with cancer this spring by presenting the boy’s family with \$5,000 and a variety of other gifts.

Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox, retired Chief Robert Faherty, retired Captain Maura Flynn, and officers joined in the event at the District E-5 station(Roslindale/West Roxbury).

“He has a smile that lights up the room, and our officers can’t wait to see him again,” the officers said, while feting him and his family with lunch and a tour of the house.

The organization, which was formed some two decades ago by the late BPD Captain John Dow, has over the years assisted thousands of families as they have steered their way through cancer treatments for their children.

This latest presentation marks an impressive milestone: CFKWC has raised and donated \$5 million in grants to families who have a child living with cancer.

Chief Faherty, chairman emeritus, was a longtime friend of Dow’s and has served on the charity’s board since its inception. In a recent interview with the Boston Irish Magazine, he spoke about the charity’s goals.

“Well, it started basically in 2002. and we meet once a month at the Boston Police Patrolman’s Union Hall,” he said. “They give us a space upstairs where we can fit enough people. The board consists of about 26 members, including current and retired police officers and some civilians. “The mission of the CFKWC basically is to give support to families that have a child with can-

cer,” Faherty said. “We know what the families have to go through; often, it’s just a mother. It’s amazing how many men bail out on their families when something like this happens. It’s terrible. “We have a process that we go through. We ask people if you know a child with cancer, and they’re having a hard time, let us know and we’ll send you the forms. They’re very simple and someone at the hospital can help make it out, and they get it back to us.

“We give them a \$5,000 donation, no strings attached. They can do whatever they want with it, you know, it’s their money.

“And a lot of people that have a child with cancer are really hurting because, like I say, a lot of times a lot of fathers aren’t involved in it. Just the mother and she’s trying to keep her family at home safe. You know, these kids, when you see them and make the donation, they break your heart. But you can’t keep that all inside you.”

In addition to financial support, the program has sponsored special outings for the children, and many time brought them aboard the Boston Police boat on Boston Harbor. “The only problem was with Covid, you couldn’t do it,” Faherty says. “And we were just getting through Covid and that police boat sank. So, the Boston Police Department’s going to have to buy another one. When they get a new police boat, we’ll go back doing that.

“We give the hospitals money too, to take the kids out when there’s like a circus in town, with the ones that are healthy enough to do that, you know, or take them to a movie or take them to see the Ice Capades, things like that.”

To make donations or seek CFKWC assistance, visit copsforkidswithcancer.org.

The photo lineup at right of George O'Leary and five of his victims, which ran in the Boston Sunday Globe of June 17, 1973, is missing a picture of George O'Leary Jr.



50 years ago this week, Teresa O'Leary opened the door to a house of horrors, where 7 members of her family lay dead

BY TOM MULVOY
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

On Sun., June 10, 1973, Teresa Margaret O'Leary, age 15, left Boston City Hospital, where she had been treated for the damages of the latest severe beating by her father over a domestic incident, and went back to her home at 67 Clayton Street in the Fields Corner neighborhood, where she expected to rejoin her family – her father, George, her mother, Thelma, and her siblings, George Jr., 13, Colleen, 11, Kathleen, 10, and Michael and Melinda, 8-year-old-twins – for Sunday dinner. She opened the unlocked front door and stepped into a scene that defines the word horrific: The bloodied bodies of her mother, brothers and sisters, bullet wounds in their heads, her father a suicide, investigations later showed, by way of sleeping pills and an array of alcoholic intakes, and the remains of the family's German Shepherds.

The shock of the tragedy deeply unsettled the Clayton Street neighborhood, its schools, its church congregations, law enforcement, and the city beyond the crime scene as local media, working without the levers of the internet, tried to unravel what led up to George O'Leary's decision to annihilate his family.

For Teresa, the discovery was the first step on a harrowing journey to her death 30 years later in a rehabilitation facility, an odyssey rife with setbacks, mentally, physically, and emotionally, as she tried and failed countless times to recover the sense that people cared for her that she lost when her father started shooting some 48 hours before she pushed open that door.

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The two-story house that George and Thelma O'Leary rented – and struggled to maintain – was modest in appearance and too small for eight people to live in comfortably. In the latter respect, tight family quarters were a way of life for tens of thousands of Dorchester residents, many of them living in three-decker apartments with two bedrooms, a dining room (which often served as a third bedroom), a living room, kitchen, toilet, small walk-in pantry, and front and back porches, the latter a good place to hang laundry to dry.

The O'Leary children were regular participants in ordinary street play in their neighborhood a few blocks east of Fields Corner. Having fun outside the house was, per contemporaneous accounts, in marked contrast to what was going on inside their house for the O'Leary children and their mother.

George Sr. had grown up in the neighborhood with a father who bullied him regularly. He left school as a ninth grader and joined the Army. The six-foot-three, two hundred-pound enlistee didn't finish boot camp, but he later earned his stripes and fought in Korea, where he was awarded a Purple Heart. During that second tour of duty, he met Thelma Turner when he was stationed in Virginia and marriage followed in short order.

After his discharge, O'Leary tried unsuccessfully to become a Boston Police officer, then found work as an armed security guard as he and Thelma went about making a family even as George reportedly grew increasingly belligerent toward her and their children.

The story of the massacre on Clayton Street burst onto the scene with the broadcast media first to give the first gruesome reports on Sunday and the print media, most prominently the *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald*, coming in on Monday with disaster-size headlines, the gritty details of the slayings and the suicide, and reports on the family's life experiences before June 8, 1973.

Bill O'Neill, now a Quincy resident, was an eighth-grade classmate of George O'Leary Jr., at the-then Grover Cleveland School in Fields Corner. He recalls hearing the words "O'Leary" and "family murders" and "Clayton Street" on WBZ-TV's Ch. 4 on Sun., June 10, and not knowing what to make of things. "I was 13," he said, "and it seemed so senseless."

About young George, O'Neill said, "I wasn't a close friend, but I saw him all the time. We shared gym class in the 7th grade and homeroom in the 8th grade. He was quiet kid, and a nice guy. On Friday the 8th, our class had gone on a field trip to Georges Island. George was there but Teresa was not because her father had beaten her and she had to be hospitalized on Thursday night. Later on Friday, George

Sr. murdered his namesake son. The memories of those days spring up with me every June, and every time I hear of yet another mass killing on the news."

He added that he felt strongly that somethings should be written or said publicly on the 50th anniversary "because the family just should not just be forgotten."

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For the media, stories like the O'Leary tragedy have a shelf life, depending on what flows from reporting and analysis after the fact. In 2023, local coverage of such events ranges far and wide, with considerations not only about what happened but also about mental health and how that element fit into the equation of accountability, about missing interventions by relatives, neighbors, clergy, teachers, school administrators – Bill O'Neill told the *Reporter* that "on more than one occasion George Sr. entered the school and removed Teresa and/or George Jr. from their classroom, including one class that George Jr. and I were in. I do not know if the school officials contacted the police or other agencies about these incidents" – and social agencies that might have prevented the outcome, and expert opinion about what drives a person like George O'Leary to destroy everything that presumably meant something to him.

In 1973, absent the Greek choir that social media provides today to expand the length of interest in stories like the O'Leary calamity, the coverage in *The Globe* had its beginning, middle, and end as a significant news story within the framework of a week's time, starting on Page One on Monday under a streamer headline and ending with a wrap-up story on Page 62 in the June 17 *Sunday Globe*. The story carried with it a lot of pathos for interested readers, but it was essentially a straight-forward account of how a troubled man went berserk and killed everyone in his family but a 15-year-old daughter, leaving her life story to run its sad course and be told at a later time.

The reporting during the week did uncover interesting and disturbing details:

- Thelma had filed assault charges against George the day of her murder but court proceedings on the case had been postponed.

- A neighbor, requesting anonymity, mentioned to reporters that O'Leary had told her that his "family is a noose around my neck and someday I am going to kill them all."

- The orphaned Teresa had family relatives in Massachusetts who told authorities and reporters that they couldn't afford to take her into their households.

- A final indignity: The murderer and the murdered were buried, courtesy of nine Dorchester funeral di-

rectors, in unmarked graves provided by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Joseph's Cemetery in West Roxbury. Years later, and up to 2021, memorials and scripts have been added to the gravesites.

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Friends and schoolmates of the O'Leary children from age 8 to roughly age 15 and the adults in their families were left to reckon with the neighborhood catastrophe the best they could, but 40 and 50 years later, some of the youngsters-turned-adults gave voice to their memories of June 1973 in comments they routed to a website entitled, awkwardly, Celebrate Boston.com., several of which are excerpted below.

- "I remember this horrible tragedy. I went to school for a short time with Teresa and George. I would talk with Teresa and of course we had one thing in common: our name was the same. ... RIP, dear Teresa. I'm sure you were greeted in Heaven by your mom and siblings with open Angel wings."
Terry (10-9-2019)

- "My family had moved away from Fields Corner two years before this awful tragedy. I went to school with George Jr. at Rochambeau School. He was always well dressed and well mannered. My heart goes out to Teresa and her life-long struggle with such a selfish horrible crime that her cowardly father committed. May her siblings and mom rest in peace."
John J. (6-2-2016)

- "I lived on Park Street for a brief time. I just remember catching grasshoppers with the O'Learys and then they were gone. My Nana took me to the funeral. I was numb. I still picture the white coffins in St. Ambrose, I was never the same."
Valerie O. (5-26-2013)

- "when i was a dorchester kid from fields corner i also lived on park st and i was best friends to the daughter and went to school with her but one night she wanted me to spend the night but for some reason i got in trouble with my mom and i was grounded and the next morning on my way to school i heard the news on tv and saw them taking out the bodies and i wasn't sure how i felt but sad, thankful that i was not killed that night with that family but it stayed with me all my life which i am now 50 years old and live in Maine."
Christine B. (7-15-2012)

- "Thank you for remembering the good times in their lives & the prayers. My Aunt Thelma was a beautiful woman and loved her family. I know she is in a better place now. I'm so happy my cousin Teresa is finally at peace and with the rest of her family."
Candace T. (3-30-2014)

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There is a sequel to the story of the O'Leary family murders and the accompanying suicide, and it's tragic through and through, save for the last moments of Teresa O'Leary's life in 2003. A year after her death, *Boston Globe* reporter David Abel gave her life the overdue attention it deserved in a masterly, 4,000-word account entitled "Teresa, Interrupted" that was published in *The Boston Globe Magazine* on Sunday, July 18, 2004.

Following is his summary paragraph laying out the essence of the story he is about to tell.

"This is the story of a child's worst nightmare coming true, about a girl who lost everything, was abandoned by her relatives, robbed of her sanity, and sentenced to a life in mental hospitals. It's a rare glimpse inside the halls of the mental health system and of one notoriously challenging patient, who resisted treatment, escaped confinement, and often required restraint in straitjackets. But it's also the story of a survivor who, after decades behind locked doors, found freedom, about the light that penetrated the darkness of one of the city's most gruesome murder-suicides."

David Abel's deeply drawn, empathetic look at Dorchester-born Teresa O'Leary's life story is available online in the *Boston Globe's* archive, and I recommend it to those who have read this recapitulation of her family's destruction.



Above, Teresa O'Leary, age 45, as a patient at Tufts New England Medical Center in 2003, the year of her death. Photo by spiderwebs86
At right, Teresa in 1982.



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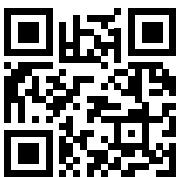
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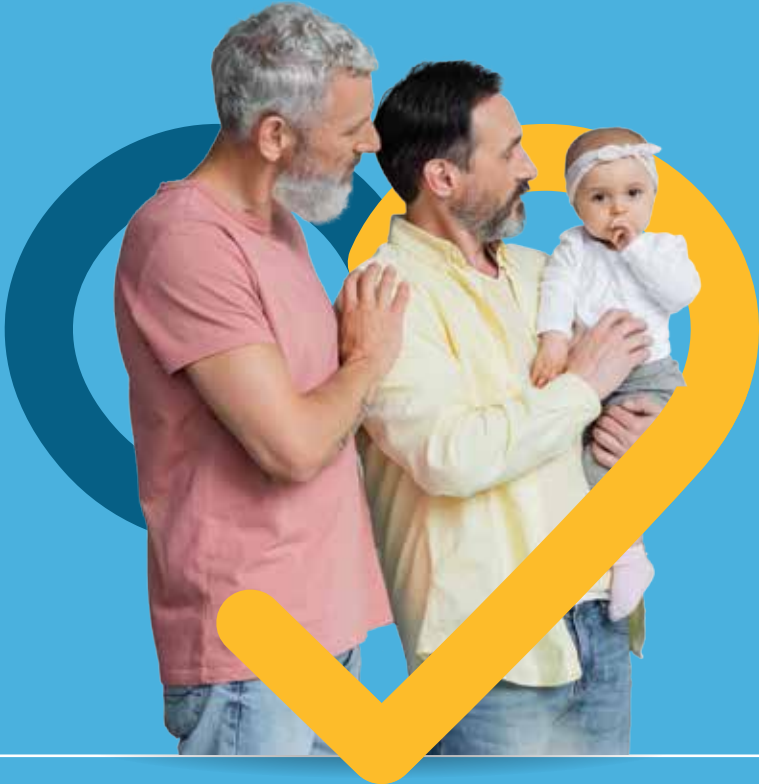
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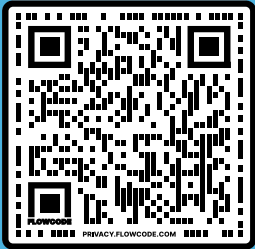
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The Dance Team of the Boys and Girls Club.

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Dorchester boxer Anthony 'Big Daddy' Hines (center) with supporters Rob 'Doc' Worrall (left) and Arthur Wahlberg marched proudly in the parade in preparation for Hines's upcoming fight in the IBEW Hall on Freeport Street on June 24.



The Vovinam Boston Lion Dancers had a field day parading through Fields Corner.



Wil Holbrook and Lisa Jackson celebrated with the Dot Day 5K group and secured their spot on the parade route



Elizabeth Hoang and Tam Tran excitedly waited for the parade in Fields Corner. Seth Daniel photos

DORCHFEST EVENTS



Veronica Robles and her mariachi band performed on Ashmont Street, while one little fan danced in the hallway of the home.



Codeswitch, a Boston-based DJ, performed on a Fairfax Street porch while fans warmed up by a fire pit.



Rafi Sofer and Catherine Capozzi of Fauxmenco performed with vigor on this Carruth Street porch.



JahRiffe of the Jah-N-I Roots Movement reggae band delighted a large crowd from the porch of this Barrington Road home.



Kera Washington of Zili Misik performed on Beaumont Street.



Ronald and Tiffany German enjoyed the music of Codeswitch.



Steve Wood and Kate Longley-Wood made good use of their raincoats but found out-standing music.



Chelsea Jones and City Councillor Brian Worrell waded through the water to several DorCHFest sites.



Denise Richard, Volunteer Maribeth Diener, and Ed Frechette pause from their activities to listen to a flamenco guitar band.



Neighbors Brigitte Martin and Bill May enjoyed the great music up and down their street. Seth Daniel photos

Wu pitches moving O'Bryant High to BPS site in West Roxbury

(Continued from page 1) science, and engineering - moved from its former home on Townsend Street on the Roxbury/Dorchester line years ago to a shared space at Roxbury Crossing with Madison Park. The move made room for Boston Latin Academy (BLA), another exam school, which is still located at the old Boston Tech site on Townsend Street.

The Wu administration's plan was publicly announced at a press

conference in front of Madison Park Tuesday morning. Parents and students had not been officially notified as of Tuesday morning, but were sent letters signed by Supt. Skipper at 1 p.m. Staff and teachers were told on Monday afternoon, sources said. Most of the students at Madison Park and O'Bryant traditionally hail from Dorchester and Mattapan.

"It can be scary to talk about such big changes as

a prospect happening in Boston," Wu told reporters in a Monday briefing. "This is on a scale of a generational change we haven't seen in quite some time in the district, but we really believe this is the scale of opening up opportunity that would really create room for all of our BPS students to have what they need and deserve in the generations to come."

She said as they talked about changes to Madison Park and new



Roxbury's O'Bryant School, as it looks now, is set to see major changes in the coming years, under a Wu administration announced Tuesday. BPS file photo



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training collaborations with industries like the airline giant JetBlue, the facilities became the limitation.

"As we revisited Madison Park, thinking about getting it to the fullest potential possible in this city with all these eager businesses and anchor institution partners, we kept coming back to the facilities' [space and upkeep] constraints," said the mayor.

Skipper said she is more excited about the possibilities created by the move than she was during her previous tenure with BPS 10 years ago as a principal at TechBoston in Dorchester.

"I think of being at TechBoston in Dorchester High, and I think of the generations of students that settled," she said. "We don't want our students to settle; we want them to thrive. To do that we need the village of Boston to come together and follow our mayor's lead. That's what we're about right now and that has me pumped and excited in a way that I certainly never was when I was

here before because that potential and hope didn't exist in a concrete way. Now it's starting to."

Richard O'Bryant, the son of the late John D. O'Bryant, a citywide elected School Committee member, is an alumnus of the school named for his father, and his son is currently in classes there.

"Obviously, if it were to be able to stay in the community, that would be most ideal," he said. "But being an alum of the school, it was never a very happy situation when it moved from Townsend Street to where it is. It was never an adequate facility for the school's needs."

O'Bryant said the mayor presented the plan to him a short while ago, and they talked through concerns like transportation and making sure the diverse demographics "don't shift too drastically from where they are now."

"The distance [to West Roxbury] doesn't make it ideal, but the grounds and location are beautiful," he said. "It will create an opportunity

for the O'Bryant to be an even better school than it is now." He added that locating the city's most diverse exam school student body to West Roxbury was "a sign of the times that our city is changing."

State Sen. Liz Miranda, an alumna of the O'Bryant whose district includes the O'Bryant and Madison, said she is reserving judgment until after public conversations. "I credit OB for being the lever of opportunity in my life, but we want to make sure that we hear from the community, students, families, and other alumni/ae about its future to ensure it continues to be a trajectory-changing institution for all Bostonians," she said.

District 7 Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, who represents the O'Bryant campus and is also an alumna, did not return a request for comment.

Tito Jackson, former District 7 councillor and a Dorchester resident, said an investment in Madison Park is overdue, but he noted that this kind of movement will need "critical" community discussion before going forward.

"I think it's high time that Madison Park Vocational Technical High School has a new facility," he said. "The future of the City of Boston is clearly in these investments in vocational technical training and facilities that are set up for 2023 and not 1973."

But Councillor Erin Murphy, a former BPS teacher, said she supports spending more on the O'Bryant, but she opposes moving it to West Roxbury, saying there are plenty of buildings and sites centrally located in the city that could serve as its campus.

"We can do right by the school communities of both the O'Bryant and Madison Park, but not by using the O'Bryant, once again, as a pawn or a puzzle piece in a larger master scheme," she added.

Louis Elisa, president of the Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association and a member of the Friends of Madison

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Richard O'Bryant, son of the late John D. O'Bryant, said moving the school from Roxbury Crossing to West Roxbury represents a chance to make the school bearing his father's name even better. The Dorchester resident is also an alum of the school and has a child at the high school now.

Photo courtesy Northeastern University

Park, said he's hearing concerns about the proposal.

"Parents from the neighborhood are talking about access and participation in the school," he said. "The reason is parents there are committed to the school and concerned about not being accessible to the new school and especially for the high school. It's one thing to get on the bus and travel across town as a 9th grader, and another thing to do so as a 7th grader."

He said the Friends of Madison Park are withholding comment on the plan for Madison Park – saying they heard the news like everyone else last week as it trickled out through the grapevine. He said they have been planning and designing – with a few public meetings already held – for a campus that is shared with O'Bryant.

"We asked for specifics last Friday and there weren't enough yet," he said. "I said that regardless of what they

want to put there, this plan changes the paradigm completely. Without the O'Bryant, the whole concept, design, and objective has to be re-considered...I take no glee in people having to move. The O'Bryant has been pulled out of two places already."

Elisa was listed by the mayor as being on a steering committee for the Madison Park changes, a committee that also includes Coach Dennis Wilson, IBEW Local 103 Union representative Renee Dozier, and Jim Rooney, the head of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. They are charged with overseeing a process for Madison that involves "expanding and tailoring" the institution to the future needs of vocational technical education.

Wu told reporters there would be a detailed transportation plan for getting students to the old WREC location in West Roxbury. Getting to the site had long been a dangerous and difficult MBTA trip for students; in 2005 a student walking to the school was killed by a snowplow on VFW Parkway and two others were injured. Such a situation will be averted via a guaranteed transportation plan, said Wu.

"We recognize the geographic location of the West Roxbury campus will mean that we must offer and provide dedicated shuttles and transportation to that campus to get to school and to and from after-school programming," she said. Providing that dedicated transportation will be an important piece of this and perhaps we can match the experience that some of the students at other exam schools already have," she said.

Delavern Stanislaus, BPS chief of capital planning, said that they have a feasibility report that suggests a "gut-rehab" to the studs of the WREC building could be accomplished. There is already \$18 million in the 2024 capital budget to design the WREC for O'Bryant, and another \$45 million in the budget for re-designing Madison

Park. Construction would be funded by \$2 billion that the administration said had initially been proposed.

"We don't know how much this project is actually going to cost yet," said Stanislaus during the press briefing. "We have to go through the design process that will bring us closer to understand the full cost of the build."


Wu said that regardless of whether they rehabilitate WREC or not, "there will be a brand new beautiful high school campus in that location. I don't


think anyone is saying we can only do it if it's a gut renovation. We believe that is the plan most feasible now, but the focus is on making sure students have what they need..."

The proposal will be subject to School Committee approval, but there is no plan to submit it for funding by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), as has been done with other BPS expansion and new construction projects.

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Curley Center at L Street to reopen next week

(Continued from page 1) The continuing presence of the birds means no beach access from the center until the fall, the Boston Centers for

Youth and Families, the city agency that oversees the center, said this week. The agency is working with state officials to figure out beach access while L Street members use other beaches close to the facility during the summer. A ribbon-cutting for the renovated facility will occur in the “next few weeks,” with details expected “soon,” BCYF officials said. Free community tours will be available starting this Friday (June 9) and last until June 14. On weekdays, the tours will be available once an hour, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Weekend tours will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The center first opened in 1931 as a bathhouse, and was named for ma-



Ed Forry photo

ny-termed Boston Mayor James Michael Curley. It last saw a renovation in 1989. The most recent overhaul includes a fitness studio, a yoga and dance studio, space set aside for children, steam and sauna areas for men and women, separate areas for teens and seniors, a strength training area, and multi-purposes offices. The renovations were done with an eye toward climate changes and high tides, meaning interior waterproofing and metal plates that can be moved to prevent water coming in on the ocean side. Mayor Wu has toured the facility and held a cabinet meeting inside. “It’s ready to go,” she told the Reporter in May, expressing some frustration on the fine-feathered reason for the latest delay. Work started in October 2020, and the overhaul was initially set to be completed by November 2021. Executive editor Bill Forry contributed to this report.



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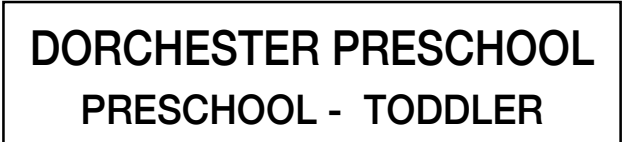
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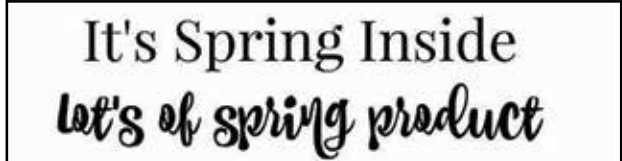


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Savin Hill sidewalk work to run into fall

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“Once the necessary permits are in place, the MBTA project team will be able to set up that south side temporary sidewalk within a timeframe of one week, using overnight work windows that do not impact rail passenger service below,” Battiston added, referring to the Red Line trains and commuter rail cars that travel underneath the Savin Hill bridge.

The temporary walkway set up on the north side of the bridge is expected to be removed later this week, likely before Friday, allowing pedestrians to return to the sidewalk. The area will also be reopened to parking.

“The MBTA is working to schedule and finalize additional weekends in fall 2023 to perform one remaining group of structural steel repairs to be able to fully reopen the south sidewalk and then remove the yet-to-be-established temporary walkway area described above along the south side of the bridge deck,” Battiston wrote.

The Savin Hill bridge repairs come as the MBTA is under pressure to fix crumbling infrastructure across the system. Last week, the agency’s new board chair, Thomas Glynn, who previously held top jobs at MBTA and Massport, said that fixing the ailing system’s “slow zones” has to be considered in the context of overhauls to the MBTA’s organizational culture and overall decision-making process.

“Those things take some time,” Glynn said during a virtual forum last Thursday (June 1). People will see a “different T one year from now.”

Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch, the MBTA advisory board’s chair and a member of the MBTA’s oversight board, said it could be even longer. “We might be a year, a year and half, I think, from really turning the corner because we all know there’s some huge structural issues at that agency that’s been unattended to for a long time.”

The new head of the MBTA, Phil Eng, said “everything is a priority” as he mentioned safety and customer service. But he noted there is a tension between moving quickly and “accomplishing a state of good repair and at the same time support expansion, operational improvements and build for the future.”

Back in Dorchester, state Rep. Dan Hunt said he is pushing for weekday shutdowns, or another way to ensure the Savin Hill bridge work gets done in the summer and finished before the fall.

“It’s certainly an inconvenience for the neighborhood,” Hunt said.



Pedestrians on the Savin Hill Avenue bridge have to navigate barriers and temporary walkways as the MBTA continues its repairs. The MBTA said the repairs will likely last into the fall.
Seth Daniel photos

safety issues created by the temporary sidewalks. “People are just walking in the street. They come out of the train, they can cross the street where there’s a walkway on the other side, but very few people do that,” she said. “At night, it’s narrow, it’s dangerous.”

Material from State House News Service was used in this report.

“But it’s my hope if there’s additional work done on the tracks somewhere else, we’re able to take care of this at the same time. I think they’re

close to the finish line.” Elizabeth Doyle, who heads up the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, said residents remain concerned with

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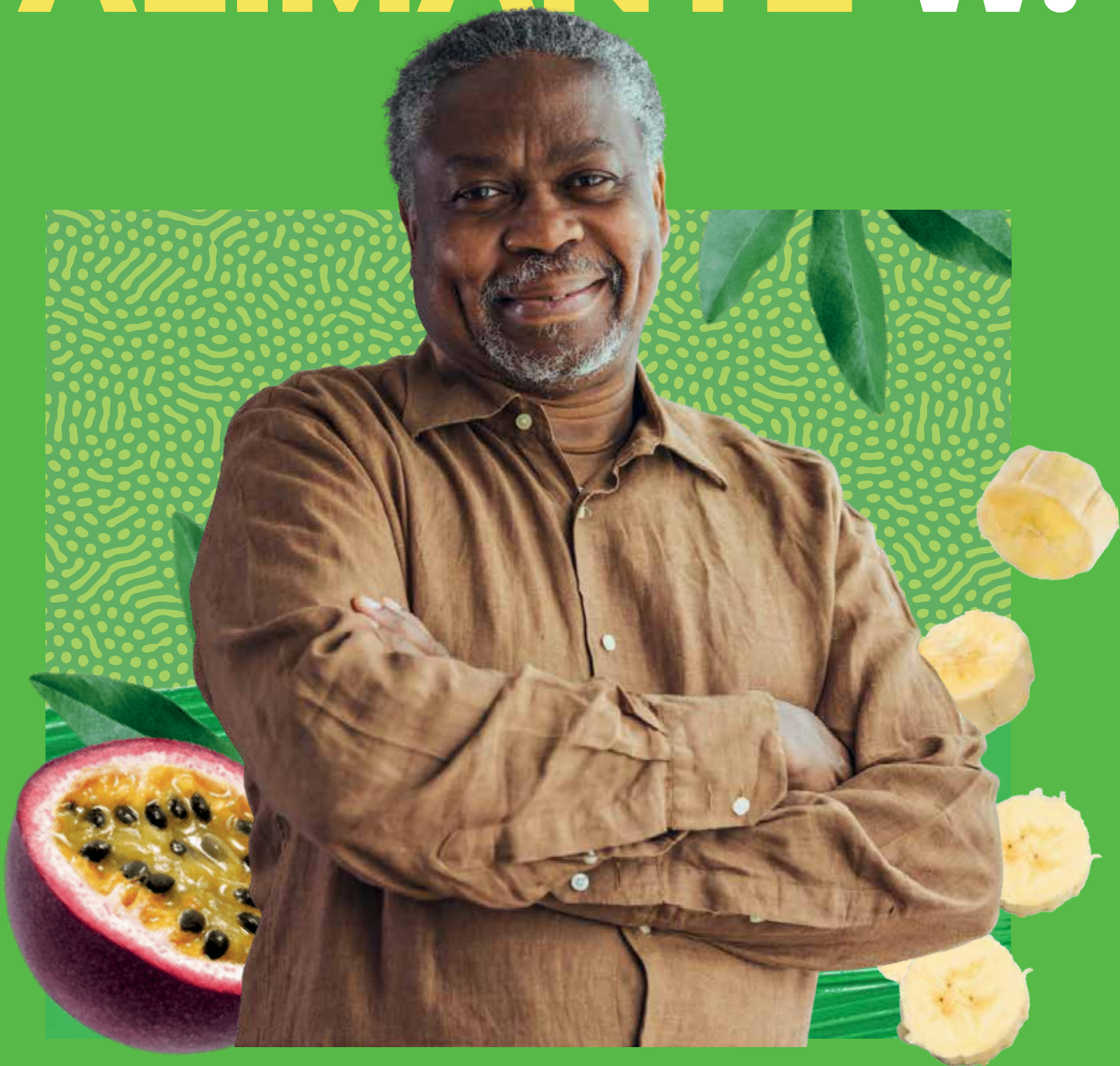
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BGCD Members Take Part in Annual Dorchester Day Parade: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Members Take Part in Annual Dorchester Day Parade: This past Sunday, members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester took part in the 117th Annual Dorchester Day Parade.

BGCD's Baton Club and Dance Team performed while walking the 3.2 mile Parade route. They worked on special routines for the parade and were beaming with pride to represent the Club and their community. The Dorchester Day Parade route starts in the Lower Mills section of Dorchester, and travels along Dorchester Ave, ending at Columbia Road. The parade is a yearly tradition in Boston's largest neighborhood, dating back to 1904. Our members were honored to be able to take part in this fun day! Thanks to the Dorchester Day Parade Committee for organizing another great event and thanks to our members, volunteers and staff for representing BGCD.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Dance Team Places 2nd in First Dance Competition: Over Memorial Day Weekend, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Dance Team competed in the Step Up 2 Dance competition held at Melrose Middle School. Congratulations to our team of Dancers who received a Platinum score and took home the 2nd place trophy for their efforts.

Judges also highlighted the team for being well-rehearsed and for their choreography. We are so proud of our team and their dance teacher Shannon who worked so hard preparing for the competition. In addition to the Dance Team at BGCD, the Club also offers classes in Contemporary Dance, Musical Theater and Hip-Hop throughout the school year. For more information please contact Social Recreation Director, Shannon Zarnoch at szarnoch@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW: Join Team BGCD for This Year's Rodman Ride for Kids: Join us on Saturday, September 23rd for the 33rd Annual Rodman Ride for Kids! In partnership with Rodman for Kids, the Club has the unique opportunity to participate in this collaborative event which helps to support 42 charities supporting at-risk youth. The event will feature a 25 or 50 mile route that will begin and end in Foxboro. After the event there will be a barbeque and celebration for all who participated. If you can't Ride in September, you can be a "Choose Your Own Adventure" virtual participant. The options are unlimited with participants choosing to run, walk, bike or what ever you like to do on your own time. Please note, in-person riders must commit to a \$2,000 fundraising minimum, and virtual riders must commit to raising at least \$500. To join our team, please visit <http://do.nr/ticun6>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Night to Shine Semi-Formal
June 9

Elevate Youth Kayaking Trip
June 10

BGCD Dance Team Recital
June 11

Juneteenth Celebration
June 14

Fourth of July - BGCD Closed
July 4

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Healey’s housing chief’s mantra for production: ‘More, and faster’

By SAM DRYSDALE
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Massachusetts has a new housing boss, and in a crisis of unaffordability leading to housing insecurity for many and hurting the state’s competitiveness, his mantra is “more, faster.”

Former Worcester City Manager Ed Augustus was sworn in last Thursday (June 1) morning as the state’s first Cabinet-level housing secretary in three decades, saying he is focused on increasing housing production, but staying mum on specific policies that housing advocates say are necessary such as eviction protections, transfer fees and rent control.

“We need to bring that sense of urgency that the governor and lieutenant governor have talked about, and so my mantra will be ‘more, faster,’ because the need is immediate. The need is profound,” Augustus told reporters after his swearing-in ceremony in the governor’s office.

He noted that the administration is putting together a group of state agencies to create an inventory of unused state land that could be quickly turned around into new housing.

“That land should

be put to use for the needs of the people of the commonwealth. And there can’t be a more severe, and significant and pressing need than creating housing. And so, we will immediately pull a group together to look at that and try to identify ways to get that land into housing production as quickly as possible,” he said.

It’s the same idea Healey pitched back in

January during her inaugural speech. At the time, she committed to having her administration and finance secretary “identify unused state-owned land that we can turn into rental housing or homes within one year.”

When asked about specific solutions aside from building more units, such as long-discussed proposals for transfer fees and rent regulation,

Augustus said, “What I want to do is kind of get up to speed on all of those and make sure that we are looking at all those tools that are available to use, but we have to think outside of the box.”

“I think we need to think creatively. The same old isn’t going to get us where we want to go. And so, we need to be open-minded to a lot of different ideas that maybe previously, we weren’t


open minded to.”

Housing advocates and stakeholders bent the Joint Committee on Housing’s ears earlier this week on a host of policies they say would make the housing landscape more affordable and equitable for struggling Bay Staters.

They advocated for the state to move forward with the “HOMES Act,” a bill filed for a third time this session to seal


tenants’ eviction records from prospective landlords, to keep previous evictions from becoming a permanent barrier to housing.

Activists also expressed their support for local approval of transfer taxes which would allow cities and towns to impose a fee on high-dollar housing transactions to pay for affordable housing investments.



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Virtual Public Meeting

Harvard Street Health Center

June 20, 2023
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/HarvardStMeeting
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 501 4309



Project Proponent:
Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center and the Community Builders

Project Description:
Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center proposes to redevelop the underutilized parcels located at 8 Old Road, 14 Ellington Street, and 16 Ellington Street in Boston with the construction of a new approximately 42,300 square foot health center with clinical, laboratory, and pharmacy sub-uses.

mail to: **Camille Platt**
Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201


phone: 617.918.4362
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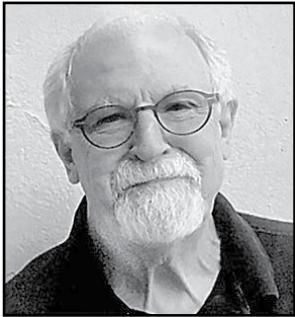
DIEUDONNE, Stenio P., 97, of Dorchester. He was born to the late Celanie Jean and Telancy Dieudonn in Port au Prince, Haiti. He is survived by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends.

EGAN, Mary Ann, 90, of Dorchester. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Anna Peck and wife of the late Thomas F. Egan. Mary Ann is survived by her family, including the late



Thomas F. Egan, Maureen Spencer and Jack Daly of Halifax, Dorothy Egan of Boston, Thomas F. Egan, Jr. and his wife Paula of Dorchester, Timothy G. Egan and Joan Howell of Braintree, Kevin C. Egan and his wife Sophia of Readville, the late Mary Anne Saccone and her husband David of Wells, ME, The late Sean D. Egan and his wife Mabel of Newton, Dennis P. Egan of Abington, the late Mark S. Egan and partner Charlene Deal, Patrice Lewis and

her husband Thomas of Rockland, Paula Connolly and her husband Stephen of Braintree, Michael Egan and his wife Maria of Abington, Joseph Egan and his wife Norma of Somerville, many nieces and nephews and 28 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Sister to the late Carol Ryan of South Boston, Barbara Kane of Stoughton, the late Charles Peck of Quincy, Dianne Foley of Boynton Beach, FL and Michael Peck of Branford, CT. Donations can be made in Mary Ann's memory to the Daniel Marr Boys & Girls Club, 1135 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester 02125



FINNEGAN, Richard Brendan, 80, of Dorchester. Richard is survived by his wife Scotti; his three sons Rich, Scott, and Jesse; daughter-in-law Sheila; and 4 grandchildren; brother, Neal. The family asks that donations be made to the Richard B. Finnegan Distinguished Chair of Political Science and International Relations. Office of Advancement Stonehill College, 320 Washington Street, Easton, MA 02377.

HURWITZ, Barbara (Lief) of Milton, originally of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Abraham, (Al) and Beatrice Lief. Wife of the late Nor-



man Hurwitz Barbara is survived by her sister, Lois Lief of Walpole; her daughter, Robin Lee, son-in-law, Joseph Lee and their three children; her daughter, Karen MacLeod, son-in-law, Duncan MacLeod, and their three children; as well as nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in Barbara's memory to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.



MALCOLM, Reita Louise, 82, of Mattapan, originally of Jamaica, to parents, Rupert Follet and Elma-Jean Brown. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband Aubrey Malcolm her five children Barbara, Merna (Daniel), Carlfred (Abigail), Michael and Alexia; twenty grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends in Jamaica, Florida, Canada, Boston and New York.



MAHONEY, Alice R. (Bass), 82, of Northampton, a longtime Dorchester resident. Born in Dorchester, Mrs. Mahoney raised her family there. Wife of the late

Charles E., Mrs. Mahoney is survived by a son, Charles and his wife Kristen of Cranston, R.I.; a daughter Kellyanne and her husband Matthew Hoey of Northampton; two grandchildren; several nieces, including Patricia Morrison of Bridgewater; and several grand-nieces and nephews. She is predeceased by her parents Joseph and Ruth Bass; a brother Phillip Bass; and a sister Edith Abbondanza.



MARTINEZ, Juan Carlos, 46, of Mattapan. Son to the late Gilberto Antonio Rodriguez and Martha Yolanda Martinez de Rodriguez. He leaves behind his wife, Antonia Martinez, children, Jefferson Ramirez, Tania Abigail Perez, Carla Gomes Martinez, Juan Carlos Gomes Martinez, and Marta Yolanda Gomes Martinez along with a host of other loving relatives and friends.



MAYERS, Daniel Thomas, "Danny," 33, of Dorchester. youngest son, brother, and a new uncle to a baby nephew. Son of Rev. Dr. Thomas W. O. Mayers was the Reverend at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Columbia Road in Dorchester for nearly 20 years.

MURPHY, Joseph P., 87, of Dorchester. U.S. Navy veteran. Son of the late George and Agnes Murphy, formerly

of Mayo, Ireland. Brother to Claire Collins of Braintree and her late husband Herbert, Walter and his wife Maureen of Marblehead, Francis and his wife Francine of Quogue Long Island, NY and the late George Murphy and his late wife Nancy. Also survived by Thomas Good of Dorchester, formerly of Milton. Beloved uncle to 10 nieces and nephews.



O'CONNOR, Mary B., 82, of Quincy, originally of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Thomas and Blanche (Cosgrove) O'Connor. Sister of Thomas O'Connor of VA, James O'Connor of Revere, Robert O'Connor of London and the late John and William O'Connor. Longtime significant other of Robert Oullette; and his children, Janine, Bob, Ron and Randy. Dear friend to many; especially her devoted friends, Madelyn Jackman and Peggy O'Neil.



WHITE, Adam Tyler, 30, of Dorchester and formerly of Sherborn. Son of Kevin M. White of Dorchester and Carol J. Campos and her husband Chris Campos of Sherborn. Brother of Kerry Nelson and her husband Wes Nelson of Dorchester, Lauren White of Nantucket, and Robyn Campos of Sherborn. He also leaves behind his treasured family of dogs. Please send memories, a story, pictures, and videos of Adam to the White/Campos family via forevermissed.com/adam-tyler-white/lifestory.



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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU21D1072DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
PRISCILLA CREHAN
vs.
BRIAN J. CREHAN
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Priscilla Crehan, 18 Rector Road, Apt. #3, Mattapan, MA 02126 your answer, if any, on or before 07/10/2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 16, 2023
Vincent Procopio
Register of Probate
Published: June 8, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
617-788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU23C0271CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
LOLA CORINNE PARADIS
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Lola Corinne Paradis of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Lola Corinne Griffin
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/15/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 23, 2023
Vincent Procopio
Register of Probate
Published: June 8, 2023

LEGAL NOTICE
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. SU23P0393EA
ESTATE OF:
LEO T. KELLY
a/k/a: LEO KELLY
DATE OF DEATH: 02/19/2022
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Nelida Pereira of Milton, 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: Nelida Pereira of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/06/2023.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 30, 2023
Vincent Procopio
Register of Probate
Published: June 8, 2023

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