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Joe Corcoran, prominent builder, devoted Dot native, is dead at 84

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

Joseph E. Corcoran, a Dorchester native, devoted philanthropist, and developer who transformed the Columbia Point peninsula, died on Wed., June 3, of heart failure. He was 84. According to his family, Mr. Corcoran, died at his home surrounded by his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Corcoran, the youngest of eight children of Irish immigrants, grew up in Dorchester during the Great Depression. In 1973, he founded the real estate development company Corcoran Jennison, which over time built some \$2.5 billion in properties nationally.

He made it his mission to bring people from different incomes

together and to provide social services for those of humble means. He ignored naysayers who doubted that market rate renters would live with poorer people.

"I knew it would work because I lived it growing up," he said.

The Corcoran family asked that— instead of flowers— donations be made in his memory to the Boys and Girls



Joseph E. Corcoran
Uphams Corner man

Clubs of Dorchester or to St. Mary's Center on Jones Hill, two of many Dorchester orga-
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Visionary developer, and generous mentor

By ED FORRY
REPORTER CO-FOUNDER

I first met Joe Corcoran in the summer of 1966 when I was working as a letter carrier for the US Post Office. I was delivering mail on Elmer Road, where he lived, and he had posted a lawn sign for his candidacy for political office.

Appreciation

There was a smattering of Corcoran for State Representatives signs on neighboring properties and it looked for sure like he could win and become a Ward 16 legislator. But Joe's roots were across town—in Uphams Corner, which was, and, is Ward 13. The
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A couple stopped for lunch Tuesday on the patio at Blarney Stone in Fields Corner. Daniel Sheehan photo

Patio dining opens at handful of Dot eateries

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

A handful of Dorchester restaurants began serving customers outdoors this week as "Phase 2" of Gov. Baker's gradual reopening of the Massachusetts economy got underway. Restaurateurs have greeted the milestone with a mix of excitement and wary optimism.

At the Blarney Stone in Fields Corner, customers returned on Monday for their first chance to eat

on the restaurant's popular patio.

"It was slow at first, but it was full by the end of the night," said Noah Ruggles-Lehman, a Blarney Stone manager. "We are thankful to have people back and we're continuing to do take-out and delivery."

Reservations must be called into the Blarney Stone in advance, the menu has been edited down a bit, and patrons can check out the offerings in advance online.

Up near Columbia Road, The Banshee on Dorchester Avenue, which continues a brisk take-out trade, was planning to set up tables and chairs on the sidewalk in front of its building on Wednesday. The restaurant received permission from the city of Boston to reclaim several parking spaces along Dorchester Avenue, which will also be utilized, according to co-owner Ray Butler. On Tuesday,

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Campbell leads group calling for BPD test reform

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

A number of police officers, civil rights attorneys, and City Councillor Andrea Campbell stood outside City Hall on Tuesday and called for sweeping reforms to the way the Boston Police Department recruits, promotes, and disciplines its officers.

"While the events of the last few weeks, including the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, have been painful and traumatizing for so many, these events have forced us to once again reckon with an important reality," said Campbell in a press conference outside City Hall.

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Non-stop fireworks at night are making city residents uneasy

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

People expect to hear fireworks popping off in the summer months, especially around the Fourth of July. In Dorchester, Mattapan, and other city neighborhoods, residents can usually bet on hearing late-night blasts and seeing the sky light up, courtesy of their neigh-

bors, for some of June and most of July.

But many residents said that this year in particular has been different — and upsetting — as far as fireworks are concerned.

"It's gotten worse over the last five years, I would say," said Eileen Boyle, longtime Savin Hill resident and chair
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Amid protests, UMass says State Police can't use campus grounds for staging their deployments

By REPORTER STAFF

After some faculty and students protested the State Police use of sections of the UMass Boston campus as a staging area for deployments, administrators said last

week that the practice would be prohibited going forward.

Members of UMass Boston's faculty union first raised objections after the Bayside section of the campus was used

for State Police parking before a large rally and vigil in Franklin Park last Tuesday.

The criticism prompted a response from UMass Boston's interim Chancellor Katherine

Newman that began: "I write to tell you that the State Police presence on campus has ended." The decision drew a sharp rebuke from the State Police Association of Massachusetts, which

called the ban "shameful."

Photos and video taken by a student on June 2 showed scores of police officials in formation in the Bayside parking lot
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Baker says he would have voted yes on police brutality resolution

When the Boston City Council last Wednesday voted in favor of a resolution to condemn police brutality and “the use of excessive and militarized force” at the federal level, it did so unanimously. The tally: 12-0.

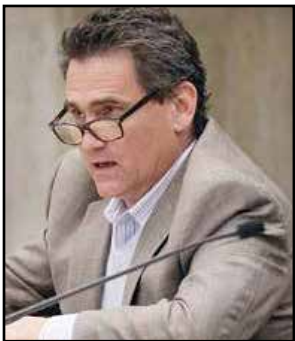
But there are 13 city councillors. And the one councillor who did not vote to support the resolution represents Dorchester: District 3’s Frank Baker.

On Thursday, the *Reporter* called him to ask why he did not vote on the resolution, which was co-sponsored by Councillors Julia Mejia and Ricardo Arroyo, along with Council President Kim Janey.

According to Baker, he was obliged to leave the council’s virtual meeting to join another call hosted by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce related to the re-opening of the hospitality industry.

When asked if he would have voted to support the measure, Baker said: “Yes.”

The council’s action sought to show support for a former colleague, US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, who had introduced a similar resolution last



Frank Baker

week in Congress.

In a letter filed with City Clerk Maureen Feeney on June 4, Baker wrote: “Even though I was in attendance for the June 3, 2020 Boston City Council meeting, I was unfortunately unavailable for the vote on Docket #0749. Although I cannot officially add my name, I would like to go on record as in support of the resolution.”

– BILL FORRY

Cullinane, Miranda stress maternal health disparities

**By Chris Van Buskirk
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE**

Two lawmakers who represent Dorchester are pushing legislation to create a commission that would study racial disparities in maternal mortality after House Speaker Robert DeLeo pledged Friday to take “decisive action” to address structural racism.

The bill, co-sponsored by Reps. Daniel Cullinane and Liz Miranda, “would task a 20-member ‘special legislative commission’ to ‘examine and make recommendations to reduce or eliminate racial disparities in maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in the commonwealth.’”

The bill’s movement appears to be one of the first public signs that the House is reacting to calls from demonstrators and colleagues.

“Maternal health has long been a red flag for racial and ethnic disparities within the health-care system,” Cullinane and Miranda write in a letter co-signed by DeLeo. “Women of color die of pregnancy-related causes at a rate three times higher than white women in the United States.”

Cullinane, vice chair of Health Care Financing, said this bill has always been a priority of his and that taking action on “racial and ethnic health disparities” is of paramount importance.

“This is an issue of injustice. If you are three times more likely to die giving birth or with birth-related issues because of the color of your skin, that is an incredible injustice and that needs to be rectified,” he told the News Service Monday evening. “Right now, when we see issues of injustice, and we see these racial and ethnic health disparities, we need to take action. We can’t wait.”

Police

A 33-year-old man was shot to death and a second person wounded in a shooting outside 68 Whitfield St. in Dorchester last Thursday. Police were called to the scene just before 2:30 a.m. and found Deangelo Taldon with gunshot wounds. He died at a local hospital, according to a police account of the incident. The second victim— an adult man— is expected to survive. The police have asked anyone with information relative to this investigation to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at 617-343-4470.

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A 37-year-old Dorchester man was arraigned on 21 counts of armed assault with intent to murder last week for allegedly firing a gun at Boston Police officers during a chaotic scene following the May 31 protest in downtown Boston. John Boampong was ordered held without bail by Judge Paul Treseler, who denied the defendant’s motion to have the charges dismissed. Boampong is alleged to have fired toward a crowd of officers in the area of Providence Street in the early morning of June 1.

“I will always act to hold individuals accountable for acts of violence, and that includes acts of violence against members of law enforcement,” District Attorney Rachael Rollins said. “The individuals accused of violence and looting must not overshadow the actions of tens of thousands of peaceful protesters who took to the streets of our city to show their hurt and outrage over the murder of George Floyd.”

Climate-change group endorses Fluker-Oakley for the 12th Suffolk

Sunrise Boston, a group that is focused on “climate change through political action,” has endorsed Brandy Fluker-Oakley, one of four Democrats running for the 12th Suffolk seat in the Massachusetts House that is being vacated by state Rep. Dan Cullinane.

It also gave its nod to incumbent US Rep.

Ayanna Pressley in a round of endorsements announced on Monday.

“Housing, transportation, and climate issues are intrinsically linked,” said Scott Gilman, electoral lead of Sunrise Boston. “Brandy’s support of increasing transit accessibility and rent stabilization policies demonstrates both a deep understanding of the needs of her district and a strong alignment with Sunrise’s priorities.”

Fluker-Oakley, a Mattapan attorney, will appear on the Sept. 1 primary ballot alongside Stephanie Everett, Jovan Lacet, and Cameron Charbonnier.

– KATIE TROJANO

Man charged with firing gun on Longfellow Street

A 19-year-old Dorchester man was arrested last Thursday night (June 4) for allegedly firing a gun on Longfellow Street. Police were called to the scene by a report of “a person with a gun” who had allegedly fired a revolver into the air. The man that police arrested— Jubal Baggett— was spotted by officers “walking toward the rear door of

a residence on Draper Street.” Police say they “performed a pat frisk which led to the recovery of a .22 caliber Heritage MFG revolver loaded with one live round of ammunition and five spent shell casings in the cylinder.” Baggett faces multiple charges, including “Discharging a Firearm within 500 Feet of a Dwelling.”

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

A 2nd annual Unity Peace Festival will be held virtually this Saturday, June 13 from 1-9 p.m. via a livestreamed Facebook event that can be accessed at facebook.com/unitypeacefest. Last year’s Unity Peace Festival in Ronan Park featured live music, dancing, and information tables staffed by community advocates who provided resources on the crisis of gun violence. This year’s virtual event will also include music provided by local talent, including Cape Verdean artists Bino Barros and Tony de Marineta.

A list of guest speakers at the event includes Mayor Martin Walsh; John Barros, the City of Boston’s Chief of Economic Development; State Representative Liz Miranda; City Councillor-at-Large Julia Mejia; Dr. Ali Muhammed, Founder & CEO of CHW Workforce Development; and LaVerne Saunders, Dorrington & Saunders LLC. The festival was created by Think Peace and Atlant Music, two organizations that have worked for many years to combat violence and support youth in urban neighborhoods. The event seeks to bring people together to promote peace, celebrate Boston’s neighborhoods and connect youth and families with organizations and programs that provide services to youth at risk.

“We want to unite our diverse community and band together in fighting youth violence in our city,” said Luisa Tavares Barros of Atlant Music. Tavares lost her son Andrew to gun violence ten years ago in 2010 and has worked tirelessly since then to help bring peace to Boston neighborhoods. “This year, as we combat COVID-19 and as our cities explode in pain seeking justice for George Floyd, the festival’s spirit of unity is needed more than ever,” noted a press release promoting the festival. The Unity Peace Festival is sponsored by the Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy, the Boston Public Health Commission, Bowdoin Street Health Center, the Martin Richard Foundation, the Lauren Dunne Astley Memorial Foundation, and Think Peace in the Memory of Andrew Tavares.

The 24th annual Mayor’s Garden Contest will take place this year keeping within current social distancing guidelines. Boston’s green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 10, to register. The contest provides the perfect opportunity to recognize those who have taken advantage of the “safer at home” guidelines to hone their gardening skills.



Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may find printable and online nomination forms at www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. First place winners will receive the coveted “Golden Trowel” award from Mayor Walsh while second and third place winners will be awarded certificates. The traditional awards ceremony will be dependent on the rules on public gatherings that apply in August. Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be automatically entered into the Hall of Fame. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers are not eligible to enter as contestants but are welcome to return as judges. The preferred method of entry for residents is to submit photos through the online application at boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. Alternatively, they may request an application by emailing their name and address to gardencontest@cityofboston.gov. For more information please call (617) 635-4505.

Where to go for food resources in Dot, Mattapan— In response to spikes in food insecurity coinciding with the COVID-19 crisis, the city of Boston has created a map of food

resources compiled from information on free breakfast and lunch sites for Boston students, meal sites for adults, and locations of food pantries and soup kitchens across the city. Following is a list of designated food resource locations in Dorchester and Mattapan:

Dorchester Youth Meal Sites: McCormack Middle School, 315 Mt. Vernon St.; Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School, 270 Columbia Rd.; BCYF Holland, 85 Olney St.; BCYF Marshall, 35 Westville St.; VietAID, 42 Charles St.; Community Academy of Science and Health, 11 Charles St.; Faith Christian Church, 301 Harvard St.; Joseph Lee K-8 School, 155 Talbot Ave.; Dorchester YMCA, 776 Washington St.;

Dorchester Food Pantries: USCCB/Blessed Mother Teresa Parish, 800 Columbia Rd.; Salvation Army/Kroc Center Emergency Food Pantry, 650 Dudley St.; St. Mary’s Food Pantry, 14 Cushing Ave.; Pilgrim Church Community Lunch, 540 Columbia Rd.; Holy Tabernacle Church, 70 Washington St.; CCAB/Yawkey Center, 185 Columbia Rd.; Dot House, 1353 Dorchester Ave.; Greater Anointing Church Pantry, 20 Charlotte St.; Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, 12 Bicknell St.; Codman Square Health Center, 378-A Washington St.; Eglise Baptiste Haitienne, 1 Dix St.; BCYF Leahy Holloran* (Adult Meal Site), 1 Worrell St.; CSNDC/Franklin Hill Food Pantry, 1 Shandon Rd.; Faith Pentecostal Church, 301 Harvard St.; Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, 895 Blue Hill Ave.; USCC/ St. Matthew’s Church Food Pantry, 33 Stanton St.; HHS/Neponset Health Center Food Pantry, 398 Neponset Ave.

Mattapan Youth Meal Sites: BCYF Gallivan, 61 Woodruff Way; Mildred Ave. Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave.

Mattapan Food Pantries: BCYF Mattahunt* (Adult Meal Site), 100 Hebron St.; Glad Tidings Food Pantry, 573 Norfolk St.; BMC/Healthy Baby, Healthy Child, 213 River St.; Greater Boston Nazarene Compassion Center, 130 River St.

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Citing pandemic effects, Walsh adjusts program on teen summer employment

By Elie Levine
WBUR Reporter

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh is modifying the city's summer youth employment program to adjust for the COVID-19 pandemic in an effort to make up for the windfall of job losses due to the economic shutdowns from the pandemic.

"Boston's summer jobs program is one of the best opportunities for our youth to stay engaged in important life-building learning by giving them a chance to build their

skills, gain confidence and have formative experiences in the workplace that we hope will make them excited for their future," the mayor said in a press release. "While this year's summer jobs program is different due to coronavirus, our dedication to providing these important opportunities is stronger than ever."

In the past, summer jobs offered by the program have included mural painting and peer leadership. This year, they'll take different

forms.

"Boston's Blue Shirt Program" will offer 530 opportunities to maintain the city's parks. A "Peer to Peer COVID-19 Campaign" offers opportunities for 400 youth to assist in raising awareness of COVID-19 safety and Census outreach.

"Virtual Options" sets up 300 youth with remote opportunities and courses to improve their remote work skills. For those who want to take college courses, the Benjamin Franklin Institute

of Technology (BFIT), Urban College of Boston and Roxbury Community College are offering courses, open to 450 teens. Classes will cover technology, the creative economy and human services. Participants in all programs will be provided with personal protective equipment (PPE).

In an interview with WBUR, Walsh said he was planning to provide both remote and in-person jobs for the

city's teenagers: "We're working on the summer job program right now. ... Many of our kids are working in hospitals. Some are working in private industry ... And then we have some working directly for the city."

The city's 2017 analysis of summer youth employment indicates that the programs improve teens' social skills and work habits while preparing them for real-world jobs — and these effects are even greater for black and brown youth.

A key goal of the program is to provide income to those who need it most. The Brookings

Institution ranked Boston in 2016 as having the highest level of income inequality among the 100 largest cities in the US. Close to half of the young people who participate in Boston's summer youth employment programs contribute to their household bills. One in five are saving to pay for college tuition.

The mayor's office is allocating \$11.9 million in total to support the employment program.

This article was first published by WBUR 90.9FM on their website on June 7. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

Boston Home sets 'Virtual Hero' event to boost 'Compassionate Care' campaign

By Daniel Sheehan
Reporter Staff

The Boston Home will hold its first annual Virtual Hero 2.5 Mile Walk/Run, a community fundraising event in recognition of all heroes on the frontline of the COVID-19 pandemic, from June 29 to July 4.

Anyone can participate in the event by walking or running in any location outside or on a treadmill at home. Families, friends, and pets are all welcome, and participants can choose the date, course, time, and pace of their walk or run.

Special prizes will be awarded for the most creative celebrations of our frontline heroes, including costumes, video messages, photos, and signs. Walkers and runners are encouraged to tag @thebostonhome on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter using the hashtag: #TheBostonHomeHeroWalkRun to help spread word of the event. Those interested in signing up can register online at thebostonhome.org/news-events/; registration fees are \$20 per person and \$25 per family. All fees and donations

will support The Boston Home's Compassionate Care Capital Campaign, an initiative launched on May 30 — World MS Day — with a goal to reach \$2.5 million by the end of 2023.

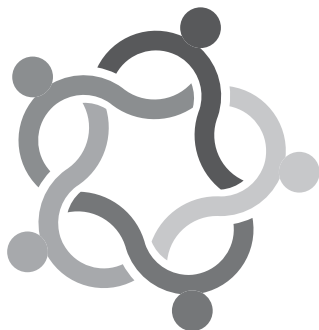
"Strengthening The Boston Home's financial future will improve the physical environment, sustain and enhance programming, and expand efforts to innovate and educate the next generation of caregivers and clinicians," said the capital campaign co-chair, Christopher Montani, in a press release.

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Pressley defends Rollins in dispute with police union

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley threw her support behind Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins amid a heated public dispute with a Boston police union, condemning the association as “tearing down a black woman in leadership and putting her life at further risk.”

Rollins, who in 2018 became the first woman of color elected as a district attorney in Massachusetts, drew backlash from the Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association (BPPA) for her comments in the past week on systemic racism and police violence.

The DA’s comments, the union said, were “dangerous, divisive, and wholly unwarranted” amid widespread protests.

Stepping in to defend Rollins, Pressley praised her “tireless and disciplined work to lead us toward a more just and humane legal system” and slammed the union’s criticism as exposing Rollins to risks.

“In a time of national crisis, when black men and women are disproportionately dying in police custody, the BPPA should be at the table



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley spoke at a press conference in front of the State House last Tuesday where Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins (background) was also in attendance. Sam Doran/SHNS photo

humbly working to chart a path forward, not tearing down a black woman in leadership and putting her life at further risk,” Pressley, who is the first black woman to serve in the state’s congressional delegation, said in a Wednesday night statement.

Sparked by a recent string of police violence directed at black Americans, including the al-

leged murder of George Floyd by white officer Derek Chauvin, massive crowds have demanded reforms to bring justice and correct racial inequities in law enforcement.

Largely peaceful protests in Boston on May 31 descended into violence between police and a smaller group of individuals, prompting authorities to arrest 53 people. Nine officers and

18 civilians were hospitalized.

At a press conference alongside Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross on June 1, Rollins praised officers who “showed up to do their job” and said she would “never wish them harm.” Individuals that looted, burned police cars and attacked officers “disgraced George Floyd’s memory,” she said, and will be prosecuted.

Rollins also described at length the exhaustion, frustration, and “burning rage” that communities of color feel after experiencing decades of structural racism and disproportionate police violence.

“People are disgusted and outraged, and they should be,” she said. “And it is completely ironic to have to say to you, ‘Please don’t be violent. Please keep your voice down. Please be silent

and comply with all of the police’s requirements,’ when in fact, it’s those very people that murder us with impunity. But that’s where we are right now.”

Gross, himself a black man, also expressed empathy with the underlying message of the protests, describing “decades and decades of people dying at the hands of the executive branch of the United States” while criticizing what he described as individuals who “came hellbent on destroying our city.”

While neither Gross nor Walsh stepped in Monday to criticize her remarks, Rollins drew the ire of the BPPA.

On Tuesday, BPPA President Lawrence Calderone and Vice President Richard Withington published an open letter to Rollins criticizing her tweets ahead of protests urging action rather than words and her comments about

murder at the hands of police as inciting violence.

“As the chief law enforcement officer in Suffolk County, it was utterly inappropriate for you to make a statement mocking violence,” they wrote. “You put our lives and the safety of our great City at risk when you implicitly call for and condone violence. The people of Suffolk County most assuredly deserve better.”

Rollins responded on Twitter, describing her remarks as “Anti-Police BRUTALITY” rather than antagonistic toward police themselves. She observed that the BPPA’s letter did not mention Floyd or call for termination and prosecution of the four officers on scene during the arrest that led to his death.

The public debate between Rollins and the police union drew in other political leaders beyond Pressley. Massachusetts legislators, including Boston Rep. Nika Elungardo and Cambridge Rep. Mike Connolly, voiced their support for Rollins.

Asked about the conflict on Thursday, Walsh replied, “There’s nobody right in that. There’s no right side,” Walsh said at a press conference. “It’s about — we need to listen more. I’m asking all people, heads of police unions, heads of any union, we need to listen. We need to understand the hurt that people are having. That’s what’s right here, is we have to do that. We can’t turn the page.”

“Whatever conflicts and discussions — I addressed it in my remarks, it’s not time to give your opinion, it’s time to listen,” Walsh continued. “It’s time for all of us to listen, and in particular, it’s time for the white community to listen.”

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Nominations sought for advisory panel on Morrissey projects

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) is seeking nominations for people to join a Morrissey Boulevard Community Advisory Committee that will review the potential impact of two large development proposals along the roadway corridor.

The committee will function as a joint Impact Advisory Group reviewing Accordia Partners' Bayside development proposal, and Morrissey CFL Holding LLC's proposal for residential towers at 75-77 Morrissey Boulevard. The committee is described by BPDA officials as an "additive planning process" that will accompany usual review meetings that are open to the public.

"We're doing outreach to civic associations and individuals we know who are interested in this and we're really looking for broad nominations here," said Ted Schwartzberg, a senior planner at the BPDA.

"As planners a lot of the time we go out and meet people where



A rendering shows two apartment buildings that have been proposed for 75 Morrissey Blvd., one of two large projects that will be reviewed by an Impact Advisory Group that will be assembled this year.

they're at in the community," said Schwartzberg, "but now people are at home and we've been hosting sessions online. It's been one way we've been learning and building the capacity to start working remotely on engagement.

"You build these relationships with the people that you work with in the community and a lot of them have been cut off, so everyone here has been excited to engage remotely on the virtual meetings we do have."

Once the CAC nominations are received and reviewed, the team will adjust the process around the restrictions of the pandemic, he said.

"We'll learn what that process looks like, but even before COVID, we were thinking about how we would approach public review for these developments," said Schwartzberg. "And everyone is welcome to participate in the public meetings whether or not they're on this committee."

Using the 2011 Columbia Point Master Plan as a launching point, the CAC is expected to work with the BPDA to identify how the projects could impact mobility, connectivity, open space and climate resilience, as well as ensuring that both proposals are appropriately scaled to accommodate future infrastructure improvements in the area.

The overall goal is to engage a diverse group in robust conversations about the two projects,

said Michael Christopher, deputy director of development review at the BPDA.

"When we get the nominations, we really just want to make sure that we have a balanced group of residents, stakeholders, professionals that work in and around development, transportation, and different advocacy groups that make up the work that we do," he said. "It's meant to be a very robust committee and we want to ensure that there's equal representation across the neighborhood."

Combining the projects for joint review, Christopher noted, will help keep everything in one place and address overlapping issues related to connectivity, infrastructure and open space access in the area.

"It's going to take some repetition to get it right," he added. "We make decisions in discussion with the community so virtually it might be a little more challenging at times but we'll get there. If anything, big picture of course, it's slowed things down but that's just the nature of it."

Online nomination forms are due by Friday, July 10. They are available in English, Cape Verdean Creole, Spanish and Vietnamese online (see dotnews.com for a link.) Nomination forms can also be mailed to Ted Schwartzberg at the Boston Planning & Development Agency, One City Hall Square, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02201.

Markey knocks Kennedy record; challenger cites senator's vote on crime bill

By MATT MURPHY
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

US Sen. Edward Markey went directly after the record of his Democratic primary opponent, US Rep. Joseph Kennedy III, in a Monday night debate, attacking Kennedy's decision to work for a Republican prosecutor on Cape Cod and the islands after law school and challenging his progressive credentials.

Kennedy returned fire, reminding voters that Markey opposed busing to desegregate Boston Public Schools when he first came to office, and voted for a 1994 crime bill that has been criticized on the left for disproportionately harming minority communities.

The exchanges, which started right from the start of the hour-long debate, appeared to signal a change in strategy from Markey, who in prior debates has largely avoided direct criticism of Kennedy and focused more on his own record.

In addition to citing Kennedy's work for the Republican prosecutor, Markey also knocked him for taking two years to sign on to Medicare for All and for not discussing climate change when he delivered the Democratic response to the State of the Union in 2018.

"Congressman Kennedy is a progressive in name only," Markey said.

The debate was the third of the campaign and the second in a week

hosted by WPRI 12 in Providence, Gannett's southeastern Massachusetts newspapers, and UMass Dartmouth. The debate also aired on sister stations in Springfield and Albany, whose viewership includes Berkshire County.

The first question of the debate was for Markey, and focused on his support for the 1994 crime bill, which included strict new mandatory minimum sentences for minor drug offenses and other crimes.

Markey said that every member of the Massachusetts delegation voted for that bill at the time, and he said that in addition to sentencing guidelines that he now considers to be "totally wrong," it also contained a ban on assault weapons.

The incumbent then pivoted to Kennedy and his decision to take a job out of Harvard Law School with Cape and Islands District Attorney Michael O'Keefe, who Markey called "the most conservative Republican right-wing district attorney in a generation" in Massachusetts.

"He could have worked for anyone. He could have worked for the Innocence Project. He could have worked as a tenants rights attorney, but instead he decided to go and work for a right wing Republican who opposes the kinds of progressive changes we're looking for."

Kennedy said that instead of criticizing him, Markey should be celebrating young

progressive prosecutors going to work in more conservative district attorneys' offices as "the change we want to see." After the debate, he said he interned with O'Keefe's office while in law school, and was offered a job after school where he worked with Democrats and Republicans on staff on "entry-level" assault, operating under the influence, and domestic violence cases.

"He was a Republican district attorney who hired a guy named Kennedy to go in as an entry level prosecutor. We of course had disagreements," Kennedy said.

He then questioned why after a 47-year career in public office Markey has not been able to get more accomplished to reform the criminal justice system and address the inequalities facing communities of color.

"You might be known for some things in your time in office, senator. Racial justice and criminal justice is not one of them," Kennedy said.

Those opening moments of debate set the tone for the rest of the night as the two Democrats sniped at each other from six-feet apart over who had the strongest claim to the progressive mantle and whose record of leadership best suited them to represent the state in the Senate.

Markey, as he has throughout the campaign, ticked off bills he has filed that became laws. He highlighted his sponsorship of the Green New Deal, a resolution

he filed with Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez of New York that has not passed, and his work on net neutrality and an Alzheimer's research law.

"We're still waiting for a major piece of legislation to be passed by the congressman that merits his promotion to the United States Senate," Markey said.

At one point when asked why the Baby Boomer generation should continue to have such influence over institutions like Congress, Markey, 73, said, "It's the age of your ideas that are important."

Kennedy, for his part, said leadership in the Senate should be about more than just the bills someone files and the votes they take, but also their ability to build coalitions to bring about

change.

The congressman touted the work he did in 2018 to campaign and fundraise for Democrats around the country, which led to Democrats taking control of the House and having the power to impeach President Trump and hold the administration accountable.

"When you compare my record about going out and trying to actually create the change that is necessary, I was in all those states, and Senator Markey was in zero," Kennedy said.

Kennedy also challenged Markey's refusal to sign the same kind of pledge he did during his 2013 campaign for Senate to limit outside spending their race. Markey has said that progressive groups like

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Patio dining opens at handful of Dorchester eateries

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it was not yet clear how many people the new set-up could accommodate.

The Banshee also has a small outdoor patio at the rear of its property that will also be used, according to Butler. Reservations must be made in advance by telephone (617-436-9747).

In Lower Mills, The Bowery — home to one of the largest outdoor dining patios in the neighborhood — is “hoping to get open by mid-week this week,” said co-owner Mark Standish.

The restaurant posted a message on its website last week explaining it was ceasing its takeout service operations in order to focus on preparing for reopening.

Standish added: “All tables will be by reservation only through Open Table. We will update our social media accounts once we begin taking reservations.”

It is not yet clear whether another Dorchester eatery with outdoor seating, the Ashmont Grill in Peabody Square, will re-open. Co-owner Tara O’Riordan told the *Reporter* last week — before Baker gave the commonwealth his reopening instructions on Saturday — that the status of the restaurant was still “in limbo.”

“There will be some safety guidelines we need to adhere to, to make sure guests and staff are safe and comfortable, and I don’t know if we’ll be able to do that in two days,” she said.

Ashmont Grill has seating capacity in an outdoor courtyard in the rear of the restaurant, and O’Riordan said they’re looking into possibly adding seating in the parking lot and in the front plaza adjacent to Peabody Square.

But establishing and ensuring proper COVID-19 safety guidelines — appropriately spaced furniture, designated walkways and entries, new signage, and updated restroom procedures for guests, and sufficient masks, gloves, indoor ventilation, and disposable menus and cutlery for employees — would have to happen before that.

“Until we’re confident everyone can be safe, we’ll probably take it slow,” she said.

Matt Malloy, CEO of Dorchester Brewing Co., told the *Reporter* that the brewery will open its outdoor patio to customers on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m.

“We have been preparing for this moment for the last two months,” wrote Malloy. “We really

thank all the Dorchester residents who have helped us through these tough times. If we are allowed to open on the 8th, we will most likely open two days later to ensure we provide one of the safest outdoor experiences around.”

The Mass Ave. beer hall and its partner, M&M BBQ, had remained in operation throughout much of the state’s dine-in service ban, offering beer and food for takeout and delivery.

Bars were originally slated to open in Phase 3 of Baker’s restart plan but were moved to Phase 4 after administration officials determined that if they do not provide seated food service, they are more akin to nightclubs. Dance clubs and nightclubs aren’t allowed to resume operations until Phase 4, which the administration has said will require a vaccine or effective treatment for COVID-19.

Wineries, beer gardens, breweries, and distilleries could all open as of Monday with some restrictions in place if they provide seated food service. Bars with licenses to serve food can also open in Phase 2 under the guidelines. State guidance prohibits seating customers at a



The patio at Harp & Bard on Tuesday. Daniel Sheehan photo

bar, but it does allow restaurants to reconfigure the area to accommodate table seating.

On Tuesday, staff at Savin Hill’s Harp and Bard were busy preparing to open up their open-air courtyard for dining service.

“We just got approved today,” said Maura Gal-

vin, whose father Michael owns the eatery. “We’re hoping we can open as soon as tomorrow or later this week. We just have to finish training some of the staff on new safety protocols.”

The restaurant made some seating adjustments to the small courtyard to allow proper

spacing, reducing the number of tables to four.

But Galvin said despite the alterations, she’s “excited to have people here again.”

State House News Service reporting contributed to this article.

Food factor critical as bars look to reopening okay

By CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

For bars without seated food service in Massachusetts, the path towards reopening includes a difficult challenge: figuring out a risk-free framework for operating during the COVID-19 era.

“The big issue with respect to bars is coming up with a model that we believe can actually be done safely,” Gov. Baker said at a Tuesday press conference. “And as we’ve seen in a number of other places around the country that have moved forward very aggressively, they’ve started to see a pretty significant rise in new cases, and we’re going to work very hard to make sure that doesn’t happen here in Massachusetts.”

Bars were originally categorized in Phase 3 of the governor’s reopening plan, which could begin later this month, but the administration moved those without food licenses into Phase 4



The window of Dorchester Brewing Co. this week.

after officials determined that if they do not provide seated food service, they are more similar to nightclubs. Dance clubs and nightclubs cannot resume operations until Phase 4, which the administration has said will require a vaccine or effective treatment for COVID-19.


It is unclear when this change occurred.

Stephen Clark, vice president of government

affairs at Massachusetts Restaurant Association, said “according to the governor’s order, a bar is defined as place that only serves alcohol and does not have a food permit.”

“In lieu of guidance from the Commonwealth, we have been advising bar owners who do not have food permits to work with their local officials to acquire a food permit,” he said in a statement to the News Service. “More clarity is needed from the commonwealth, but if that is what is going to be the difference between a Phase 2 opening and a Phase 4 opening, I would do what I could to get open in Phase 2.”

Since shutdowns and closures started to spread across the nation, non-essential businesses have had to close in an attempt to curb the spread of the highly contagious respiratory virus. The national unemployment **spiked** to 14.7 percent in April before dropping off to 13.3 percent in May.



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Morrissey Boulevard Community Advisory Committee Nominations

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The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) seeks nominations for the Morrissey Boulevard Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC will primarily be responsible for assisting the BPDA in facilitating the public review of the Bayside Mixed Use Development Proposal and the 75 - 77 Morrissey Boulevard Development Proposal.

The two projects can be viewed on the BPDA's website or by visiting the following links: <https://bit.ly/BaysideProj> and <https://bit.ly/7577Morrissey>.

Morrissey Boulevard CAC nominations are **due by July 10th** at noon via the online form at <https://bit.ly/msyblvdcac>, or by mail to Ted Schwartzberg, AICP, Senior Planner II.

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Lola Tierney, 6, was the winner of this year's Auckland Street fire hydrant contest, hosted by neighbors each year as a part of Dot Day celebrations. Her design features the iconic rainbow swash on Dorchester's National Grid gas tank, which was designed by the late Corita Kent in the 1970s.

Eileen Boyle photo

Boston City Singers making more than music these days



Lianna Sorrell sports her new mask.

Members of Boston City Singers, the Dorchester-based youth choral group, have been keeping themselves busy by creating and mailing face masks – not only to members of the chorus, but also to their fans.

Four-year-old Lianna Sorrell, pictured, was thrilled to receive a mask

fit for a princess this week. According to her mother, the masks from BCS are the only ones she will wear.

Thanks to the efforts of Jane Money, Melissa Howard Graham, and Wendy Silverberg, Dorchester is well prepared for the new phased reopening of our city and state.

Check out the Boston City Singers website to make a donation to this organization whose mission is to improve the lives of people in our neighborhood through music, community, and love.

Please remember to show your appreciation by making a tax-deductible donation at Boston-CitySingers.com.

Running Club sets up Dot-themed 'Bingo' to boost local businesses

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

When the warmer months roll around, Dorchester Running Club traditionally mounts a “summer run series” in which members meet up at a local bar or restaurant, go for a run, and then hang out for a drink or meal afterwards.

This year, club president Stefanie O’Shea has devised a new way for folks to have some summer fun and support the local economy: a Dorchester-themed bingo.

A custom “Dot Days of Summer” bingo card created by O’Shea features an assortment of activities to do in Dot, including running on the Neponset Trail, taking a selfie with the gas tank, ordering takeout from a number of local businesses, and even snapping a pic with the Reporter newspaper.

Over the next few weeks, participants can fill out their cards for the chance to win gift cards from Dorchester establishments.

Dorchester Running Club Dot Days of Summer Bingo! #dotdaysofsummer

Takeout from the Eire Pub	Parish Pic: Selfie in front of a Dot church	Represent! Selfie in DRC Swag	Run the Halfway to Dot Day Route in PJP	Take a virtual class with Savin Hill Fitness
Run the “Loop” Adams, Neponset, Gallivan	Take out from Landmark	Thank a 1 st responder or essential worker	Selfie with the Gas Tank!!	Join DRC for a Saturday Group Run (or virtual)
Breaking News: Pic with the Dorchester Reporter	Hill Day: Selfie from the top of Hutchinson	Free Spot!	Take out beers from Dorchester Brewing Co.	Run on the Neponset Trail
Home Base: Selfie in front of Garvey Park	Electric Avenue: Selfie with the IBEW windmill or sign	Caffeinate: Coffee from Mud House or Greenhills	Dot Dogs: Pic with a pup (yours or not!)	Beach Day: Selfie along the water
Pride Colors: Rainbow outfit selfie	Treat yo’ Self: Ice Cream from any Dot creamery	Stairway to Hemmy: Run the stairs	Scrub a Dub: Pic from the Neponset Car Wash	DRC Jr. Pic of/with a running kid

\$20 per card – PayPalMe/DotRunners; Venmo @Stefanie-OShea or by mail
Questions: Dorchesterclub@gmail.com

Take a pic, daub your spot and tag us on social media with #DotDaysofSummer
Submit by Friday night each week to enter the Saturday morning drawing for a gift card from a local business. First card due 6/19! Get a coverall and enter the Grand Prize Drawing 7/11!

“We still wanted to see how we can continue putting money into local businesses,” said O’Shea. “This is a fun way to get people into the restaurants but also out and about in the community, taking pictures of places. It’s something fun to do with kids and the whole family.”

Those who fill out a row

on their card can submit their entry by Friday night each week to be entered into a raffle with prizes of gift cards from Landmark Pub, Savin Hill Fitness, Dorchester Brewing, Neponset Circle Car Wash, and others. The first round of cards will be due next Friday, June 19.

Participants who cover

the entire card will be entered into a grand prize drawing to be held on July 11.

Bingo cards are available for \$20 and can be purchased from Stefanie O’Shea through PayPal, Venmo, or by mail. For questions and more information, contact dorchesterclub@gmail.com



Dorchester Reporter



Erika Isabel Monteiro Tavares

Dorchester’s Erika Isabel Monteiro Tavares, a 6th grader with the Steppingstone Foundation, has won an award for a letter she wrote to the late Harper Lee about “To Kill a Mockingbird.” The honor comes from Massachusetts Center for the Book and its “Letters About Literature” program, which invites students from grades 4 to 12 to write letters to authors about the books that have had profound effects on them.

The Massachusetts Center for the Book, chartered as the Commonwealth Affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, is a public-private partnership charged with developing, supporting and promoting cultural programming that advances the cause of books and reading and enhances the outreach potential of Massachusetts public libraries. The Center received thousands of submissions from all corners of the Commonwealth.



Dorchester’s IBEW Local 103 and the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) of Greater Boston, donated \$50,000 to the Boston Resiliency Fund this week. The fund, which has received more than \$30 million in donations so far, supports residents and first responders through the COVID-19 pandemic. “Now is not the time to get comfortable, or to relax our efforts in combatting the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Lou Antonellis, business manager/financial secretary of IBEW Local 103. Above, Antonellis is shown with Kristen Gowin, executive manager of NECA Greater Boston.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Early June and D-Day always brings remembrances of those who served in World War II. Even though Warren Francis Ames did not participate in D-Day, he is remembered by a Hero’s Square at Edison Green and Pond Streets. A *Boston Globe* story on March 13, 1946, headlined “Dorchester Flyer Presumably Dead” noted that Lt. Warren F. Ames, 20, of Dorchester, officially missing since



Warren Francis Ames

a Liberator bomber of which he was navigator had become disabled over Austria in early 1945, had been listed as “presumably dead,” according to a letter received from the War Department by his mother, Mrs. Margaret Donovan of 46 Edison Green, Dorchester.

The *Globe* article also noted that another Dorchester airman, John Knox of 3 Arbella Road, was a member of

the crew of the same Liberator and he also had been listed as missing and presumed dead. Mrs. Donovan had corresponded with relatives of the nine other members of the Liberator crew, the *Globe* reported, and learned that there was only one survivor of the crash, the plane’s bombardier. Five crew were executed by the Nazis, and Ames and Knox and two other crew members were con-

sidered dead, she said.

Lt. Ames was a graduate of the High School of Commerce and was attending the Boston University College of Business Administration, when he enlisted in April 1943. He served with the 15th AAF and completed more than 2 missions. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Dorchester

Historical Society’s historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The promise of Dorchester

Last week, I turned over this column space to Emerson College president Lee Pelton, a black man who has endured decades of racist behavior— both blatant and subtle in nature— from white people. He sees himself and his family members and his friends in the dying eyes of George Floyd. “I have no words of *comfort* today because they would be inauthentic,” Pelton wrote to his school community. “They would absolve so many from coming to terms with their own silent complicity in the world in which we live.”

Comfort is what we all seek in times of strife and chaos— and, yes, in the weariness of pandemic. But comfort, at this moment, is a cop-out. It must not be our collective goal, not yet. Especially in a neighborhood like ours— a mixed, multicultural one that we share.

We have to ask ourselves the uncomfortable questions, the ones that people might think are simple, but that are actually complicated.

Here’s one: Do we want to live in the same place? Or do we want to live *together* in the same place?

Generations of people who climbed the stairs of your three-decker or mowed the lawn outside your Victorian likely grappled with the same issue. Many of them *resolved* it with their feet and moving trucks.

Whether black or white or Asian or Cape Verdean or whatever, you’ve thought the same, too, at times: What keeps us here?

Answering that question honestly might need to start with another question: What do you see in the dying eyes of George Floyd? Do you see yourself? Do you see a human being?

I see my kids and their uncles and their friends— and my own friends— in the dying eyes of George Floyd.

I am a white guy. I am also the father of black children— including two black teenage boys— and the husband of a black woman. We have raised our kids to know that they are both black and white, Irish and Haitian. American. And Dorchester, for sure.

Their blackness, though, is an essential part of their identity, and it’s a beautiful gift. But it comes with an insidious caveat: This is a nation in which black people are targeted for disparate treatment. And not just from some police officers, but from white people who are filled with fear of black people and maliciously call the police on them. Those white people weaponize law enforcement and, as we saw with the pathetic Amy Cooper incident in Central Park, lie to imperil their fellow Americans. White folks like me may not see themselves in the steely, brutal eyes of the murdering Derek Chauvin; but how about Amy Cooper?

We can emerge from this crisis, but can we be better, more *together* somehow? There are policy fixes that will be made — and you get a sense of that from the headlines in this week’s edition. New and different ways to recruit and hire police, to diversify, to deploy will be adopted. There will certainly be a focus on disparities in health outcomes and generational wealth for black Bostonians.

But what are *you and I* going to do?

Boston’s poor reputation on race was well-earned and, yes, some of that is because of cops who’ve brutalized and even killed black citizens. But to stuff the problems that confront us now into a blue uniform and then ignore how all elements of this city have treated black Bostonians would be an injustice of another kind.

Police didn’t invent racism or the brutality that accompanies it. They are — at times— instruments of it, an extension of a society whose default position is that black people are a threat, the *other*, an element of society to be controlled, corralled, red-lined and, when the price is right, sent packing to the outskirts in the name of progress.

In the meantime, we’ve allowed our own Boston narrative to get narrowed into a hackneyed, stale caricature that defines us to the nation, to newcomers, and even to ourselves— if we choose to buy into it. It’s deliberately white dominated and it must be challenged at its roots.

To me, Dorchester’s great promise has always been that this is the kind of multicultural neighborhood that could be tapped to challenge that hackneyed script. This stew of people and circumstances has been on the burner here now for generations. If there’s hope for this city, and for the country, it’s got to be that the dynamic will hold strong, that authentic bonds of affection forged over decades will endure in the most trying of times. We shall see.

- Bill Forry

The ultimate stumper: What is his appeal?

By JAMES W. DOLAN
REPORTER COLUMNIST

For the life of me I cannot understand how so many good, otherwise sensible, people view President Trump as a responsible leader despite the myriad examples of his unfitness for the office. What is it



James W. Dolan

that prevents them from seeing what is so obvious to us who are appalled by his behavior and obvious limitations? Are they incapable of assessing his character flaws or simply willing to excuse them so long as he feeds their prejudices, financial interests, or underlying anger at a host of real or imagined grievances?

Some view themselves as victims of an elaborate conspiracy to undermine what they consider as threats to unfettered autonomy. The right without restraints to worship, bear arms, congregate, make money, challenge authority — and hate. Others just resent being ignored by a government that fails to properly balance competing interests. They feel “left out” and oppressed by “political correctness.”

Instead of acknowledging the inherent weaknesses and limitations of human nature in struggling to sustain a democracy, they look to a leader who professes to have all the answers. Rather than accept the reality of patient but sustained incremental efforts to strengthen and improve the country, they fall under the spell of a demagogue who distorts reality. Everything he does is perfect. He makes no mistakes and is not responsible for any problems. Blame is the name of this game in his target-rich environment.

Protest, but don’t forget: We’re still in a pandemic

By STAN McLAREN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

In a speech often quoted in recent days, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said: “A riot is the language of the unheard. And what is it America has failed to hear? ... It has failed to hear that promises of freedom and justice have not been met. And it has failed to hear that large segments of white society are more concerned about tranquility and the status quo than about justice and humanity.”

As the father of an African-American son who stands 6-foot-5, is a college student, and lives in the neighborhood of Dorchester, my heart is with the people from Boston to Los Angeles who peacefully march in protest of the senseless murder of George Floyd at the hands of police officers in Minneapolis last week. This incident evokes very real anguish, grief and, fear for many Black and Brown families in America.

The Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center family extends our thoughts and prayers to the family of George Floyd and honors the countless other lives that have been lost to racism in America. We also honor and grieve for the more than 100,000 lives lost in this nation over mere months to COVID-19.

Please remember, we are still in the pandemic. As the CEO of a community health center on Blue Hill Avenue in Dorchester, the neighborhood reporting the largest number of positive COVID-19 cases in the City of Boston, and as a dedicated community leader, I am very concerned about what I see in front of my health center and on the news each night.

I recognize and applaud the right to free speech and to hold peaceful demonstrations, but the close proximity of marchers to each other and the shouting and chanting that occurs, accelerates spread of the virus. I want to encourage people to conduct themselves responsibly. We cannot afford a resurgence that costs even more lives, the majority of which will once again be Black and Brown.

We must demonstrate peacefully and act responsibly.

Destructive, violent behavior will not solve the problem. It will only damage our community and take away from the larger goal of seeking justice for the George Floyd family and taking steps to undo the prejudice, ignorance, and entitled power that leads to the horrifying racist acts we have too often witnessed.

My son was determined to attend one of the recent

Trump identifies with his base, but not because he shares their views. He normally appeals to their most primitive instincts, inciting fear and anger while his policies are fluid, favoring whatever he believes will work to his advantage. Staying in power by whatever means necessary is what drives his relentless ambition. Some of his supporters are certainly repulsed by his angry outbursts, but how do they overlook them? When did character, truthfulness, honor, and humility become expendable?

Sure, many of our past presidents had significant deficiencies; they were, after all, human beings. But in none was the absence of redeeming personal virtues so evident as in this president. I have truly looked for some quality in him I could admire and failed. I concluded he likely has a serious personality disorder for which he may not be entirely responsible. Even he is entitled to some understanding and compassion.

As a young judge, I attended a lecture by the chief psychologist at the Nevada State Prison. He said inmates fall into three general categories — psychotics, neurotics, and those with personality disorders (sociopaths and psychopaths). Psychotic symptoms, he explained, could be controlled with medication. Neurotics could be cured with a combination of counseling and drugs. But inmates with personality disorders were the most difficult to help because they had no conscience. Lacking internal restraints, but often clever and articulate, they invariably seek to manipulate situations for what they perceive to be their own self-interest.

To me, Trump appears to fall into the last category. What do his supporters see in him that I am missing? Perhaps they see what I see, but it just doesn’t bother them. That certainly is a troubling conclusion. As a nation, we must retain our ability to recognize the difference between a charlatan and a good, albeit flawed, candidate.

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

demonstrations, so I made sure he had extra hand sanitizer, face masks, and told him to leave immediately if he sensed the beginnings of unrest. Thankfully he did as I asked and as soon as he returned home, I told him to remove his clothes at the door and head to the shower.

As a parent who also has underlying health issues, I understand the anguish that so many are experiencing. I urge you to protect yourself so that you safeguard those you love most. Don’t take the virus home to your grandmother, your parents, siblings, spouse, and other family members, or to your friends and neighbors.

Finally: Get tested!

I encourage everyone who has been a participant in a large group demonstration to get tested for the COVID-19 virus as soon as possible. If positive, you and your close contacts can quarantine and prevent deadly spread.

To learn more or to schedule a test, please call Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center at 617-825-3400 or visit harvardstreet.org.

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Food co-op, urban farms seeding a sustainable food economy

By Roy Lincoln Karp
Reporter Columnist

A few weeks ago, Apolo Catala received a phone call from FedCo, a cooperative seed and tree company located in Clinton, Maine. The co-op was trying to save hundreds of fruit trees from landing in the compost heap due to market disruptions caused by COVID-19. As manager of the Oasis urban farm on Ballou Avenue, Catala jumped at the opportunity and drove north the next day. He and several volunteers loaded their truck with 1,000 trees.

Catala distributed every tree in less than a week, gleeful with the knowledge they will provide fruit and shade to Dot residents for years to come. “This was a huge community effort,” he said. “Credit goes to all those organizations and residents who saw the connection between the trees and the needs of the community.”

One of the organizations that stepped up was the Dorchester Food Coop, which invited its 800-plus members to take trees and, if possible, make a donation to support food security.

This is just one success story of many resulting from years of organizing around the idea of creating

a healthier, more equitable food economy in Dorchester. Now the food co-op is poised to become a vital retail hub in this dynamic eco-system and fulfill its mission “to establish a worker- and community-owned grocery store that promotes health, racial, and economic equity through a commitment to making healthy food affordable and accessible.”

At the end of 2021, they are slated to open a 6,000- square foot market on the ground floor of an affordable housing development in the Bowdoin Geneva area being built by the Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID). The store will work with local farms and entrepreneurs, use green business practices, and offer educational programs to community members.

“We’re going to be more than just a store,” says Marcos Beleche, the coop’s board president. “We’re about placemaking, providing residents with a sense of belonging, restoring dignity, and building wealth in communities of color at a time when they’ve had wealth torn away from them.”

Beleche, who is Mexican-American, grew up in a farm worker family that “felt the oppression of the food system.” It’s a system that rests heavily on the

backs of low-income workers, disproportionately people of color and immigrants. COVID-19 has placed many of these essential workers at even higher risk because they often work in close proximity to one another without adequate protective equipment.

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The events of the last week have further shown that we cannot simply “reopen the economy” and return to business as usual. Now more than ever, we need to cultivate a sustainable food economy that promotes the dignity of workers and the health and well-being of consumers.

Fortunately, the seeds have already been sown. A thriving network of Dorchester residents and organizations is showing what is possible when we work together and place people over profits.

Now is the right time for our legislators to act on climate change

By Cynthia Nelson
Special to The Reporter

The COVID-19 epidemic has raised a multitude of questions regarding the future of public life and the built environment. Much of this focus has been on social distancing, public transportation usage, and economic survival. The concerns raised by COVID-19 are not unique to this disease, and this will not be the last pandemic that many of us will face.

According to the 2016 “Health and Climate Assessment” by the US Global Change Research Program, climate change has the potential to negatively affect human health in a myriad of ways. Decreased air quality can worsen asthma and harm our bodies’ abilities to fight off respiratory infections. Climate change and pollution are also expected to decrease our access to both safe drinking and recreational water. Environmental destruction may also cause an increase in animal borne disease like COVID-19.

The 2003 paper “The Relationship of Urban Design to Human Health and Condition,” by Laura Jackson, details how Lyme Disease, a disease formerly

localized to our region of the US, has become one of the most common vector-borne diseases across our nation. As humans destroy ecosystems for natural resources and suburban sprawl, animals find themselves living in closer proximity to the built environment.

Although infectious disease rates are also dependent on a multitude of factors, climate change and further environmental fragmentation have the potential to create new health crises. It is vital that we continue our efforts in slowing and stopping the infections of the current pandemic, but we must not forget about protecting our environment.

Currently, there is a bill in the Massachusetts House of Representatives proposed by Representatives Marjorie Decker (D-25th Middlesex) and Sean Garballey (D-23rd Middlesex) to drastically reduce the state’s emissions of greenhouse gases. An Act Repowering Massachusetts pledges to transition our state to 100 percent renewable energy by 2045. Not only will this reduce our contribution to the global greenhouse footprint, but it will also revitalize our communities and economy.

The bill pledges to create jobs in the renewable energy sector and provide displaced workers and environmental justice community members the training for new middle-class jobs in the renewable energy sector.

Through careful analysis and budget tracking, the bill offers plans to identify revenue generating renewable energy projects that will fund at least \$5 million in workforce development programs at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center.

The reinvestment in public transit will create good jobs while allowing us to discontinue the trend of suburban sprawl and our reliance on cars. By creating net-zero emission buildings, reinvesting in clean public transit, and making Massachusetts a leader in renewable energy, not only will

we be taking action against climate change, but we will also be healing our economy in the post-COVID-19 economic downturn as well.

We are calling upon our elected officials, especially those on the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, to support this bill and to stand for roll call when it is voted on during the current legislative session. As the 191st session of the Great and General Court draws to a close and as our state continues to mitigate the damages of COVID-19, it is more important than ever for our legislators to act on climate change.

Cynthia Nelson is involved at UMass Boston with the Sunrise Movement, a youth-driven organization that aims to stop climate change and create millions of good jobs in the process.

Letter to the Editor

Let’s delay the ban on flavored tobacco

To the Editor:

Despite the state’s growing budget shortfalls, a law to restrict the sale of flavored tobacco products, including mint and menthol cigarettes, is set to take effect next week. Gov. Charlie Baker has said he sees no reason the ongoing coronavirus pandemic should delay that.

I’m writing this to make a final attempt to do what legislators are struggling to do: retain the state tax revenue received from tobacco sales, while also protecting the safety of communities of color, particularly black men who smoke.

By delaying – not repealing - the implementation of the menthol ban by one year, communities of color will have the opportunity to work with community leaders and fellow legislators to craft a meaningful plan to address very real community issues that will be made worse by the inability to buy historically legal tobacco products.

For communities of color, a blanket flavor tobacco and menthol cigarette ban is fertile ground to add to the rates of stop-and-search incidents already disproportionately impacting minorities. This is because research shows that of the black adults who choose to smoke, more than 80 percent prefer menthol cigarettes; this includes black adult smokers in Massachusetts.

Together we can make sure that we do not leave behind hundreds of millions of tax dollars that consumers pay to exercise an adult choice, that can help offset what I now understand to

be close to a \$6 billion deficit so that critical services to the poor and minority communities, many of whom are my church members, can be preserved. It would be absurd for the Legislature to cast aside such money and then have to cut local services to the poor more deeply in its absence, especially in the midst of recovering from COVID-19 devastation.

As our state, like all states, seeks to recover from the human, fiscal, and business devastation brought on by the coronavirus, we must ask ourselves to consider the ripple effects and added devastation of banning flavored tobacco at this time.

Before the ban goes into effect, I want to ensure that legislators and the public know and understand the dangers that we could now be welcoming: an increase in illicit tobacco trade. Giving police officers a reason to detain and engage smokers in minority communities, many of whom are black men, to find out where they purchased their menthol cigarettes could lead to encounters that are likely to escalate to the unnecessary use of force and arrests.

I urge members of the Legislature to consider the broad impact of a blanket ban on flavored tobacco and menthol cigarette products. I urge decision-makers and regulators to delay this legislation.

The letter writer, Rev. Filipe Cupertino Teixeira, OFSJC (Franciscan Order of St. Joseph Cupertino), has long practiced ministry in Dorchester and Roxbury.



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Seeing widespread protester crowds, Walsh warns: ‘Virus is still out there’

“I encourage everyone who’s white to listen to your neighbors, black Bostonians protesting, and be part of the solution.”
– Mayor Walsh

**By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF**
Mayor Walsh warned late last week that the coronavirus threat remains a serious hazard to public health, despite a decreasing case load locally. “The virus has not gone away,” he said in a press conference at noon on Thursday outside of City Hall. “The precautions we’ve been taking remain more important than ever while the state’s reopening plan moves forward.”
The mayor noted that day-to-day numbers in reported infections and hospitalizations are on the decline. As of June 9, Boston has recorded 13,041 positive covid-19 cases, with 669 dead and 7,817 people who have “recovered.”

The city is monitoring virus cases for any changes in trends while working with the state on creative, safe ways to help small businesses and restaurants recover and reopen, funding rental relief, and resuming construction of 3,000 affordable housing units.
The city is reviewing more than 200 outdoor dining applications, Walsh said, with the state looking to allow restaurants to reopen early this week. But, he added, “From my understanding a lot of restaurants in Boston won’t open [that soon].”
The mayor spent much of his Thursday media availability discussing the impact of the George Floyd murder case by police officers in Minneapolis that, he said, “has brought out real pain that has existed in this city for a long time.”
“Change is necessary, but it is never easy and this is a difficult time,” said Walsh. “As elected officials, it’s time to listen and learn and keep

Cites ‘real pain’ in city over George Floyd killing

those voices at the center of this conversation for our entire careers. It’s time for us to work together to get work done. I’m committed to making real change and making Boston a leader in healing these wounds and creating a more just future.”
He said that the city is continuing to work with small business owners impacted by some of the vandalism that followed the Sunday night protests. He urged white Bostonians to listen to their black neighbors without judgment, saying:
“As a white person, you can and should be opposed to racism. When you make the space for people to truly open up and hear about daily experiences of racism and what it means to be black, it deepens perspective and strengthens the resolve to be an ally and push for change. I encourage everyone who’s white to listen to your neighbors, black Bostonians protesting, and be part of the solution. If you don’t understand right now— just listen. Let’s not criticize and judge. We’ll be a stronger city for it.”

When asked about specific efforts to enact social justice reform in the city, Walsh said he’s looking for ways to collaborate with the City Council.
“We’re having meetings on this that are about how we really create systemic change. We’re working on things in the City Hall, and how we do it together with the City Council,” he said. “The council has already called on this, and we will be putting out some information soon.”
With a number of councillors urging the mayor to enact new police accountability reform, Walsh said that although the city has taken steps in prior years to work with BPD leadership on changes, he thinks that now is a good time to “take another look at the changes made...and continue to look at changes we need to make.”
“When I became the mayor in 2014,” he said, “we started to see a change in [BPD] leadership with the work they were doing as far as Implicit Bias training, de-escalation changes, the body camera program,” said Walsh. “It’s been an evolution and I think now is a good time to look at those changes, to look at the Co-Op Board (Community Ombudsman Oversight Panel) and review it to see if we could expand the function of the board to look at policing.”
As protests were expected to continue through the weekend ahead of re-openings outlined in the state plan, Walsh said, “I’m not as concerned about reopening. I’m more concerned about more people getting the virus. I’m asking people to be careful, mainly young people out there protesting.”
“You can bring the virus into your house and it could affect others. I want people to understand that the virus is still out there. I have no concerns this weekend over protesting. I’m just asking people to be respectful to the city and to the memory of Mr. Floyd.”

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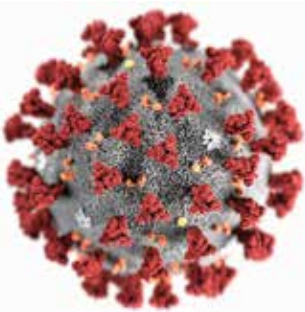
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BGCD Recognized by BGCA with Honor Awards for Program Excellence with "Who Am I" Project: At this year's Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was recognized by receiving a National Honor Award for Program Excellence. This award was in recognition of our "Who Am I" project where 6 of our high school students took part in an 8-week personal development program with Kristen Daly of KDaly Communications. Kristen specializes in helping CEO's, and high profile clients with public speaking. Kristen volunteered her time for the project which provided an opportunity to learn about themselves while working on public speaking. Each member delivered remarks to an audience of friends, family and Club staff. A special thanks to Kristen Daly for offering the time and expertise to work with these outstanding members.

DID YOU KNOW:
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As a salute to two of our Seniors taking part in the program, each was gifted new culinary sets to use at home. Many thanks to our friends at Christopher Kimball's Milk Street for providing this outstanding program opportunity.

For more information on the Teen program please contact Teen Director, Ariana Nazario at anazario@bgcdorchester.org.

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Joe Corcoran: Housing visionary and a trusted mentor

(Continued from page 1) winner that year was a Ward 16 native, John Finnegan. Joe lost by a handful of votes. And that ended his political career.

In a now-legendary “road not taken” moment, he changed direction and, with two partners, founded a development company, Corcoran, Mullins, Jennison, with the aim of building and providing decent housing. One of CMJ’s early projects was to build senior housing under a program called “turnkey,” in which a private developer would construct housing units and then turn it over to the City of Boston’s housing agency.

Corcoran’s firm built senior housing on Dot Ave in Lower Mills and on Washington Street next to the Dorchester YMCA in Codman Square. He was chairman of the advisory board of the local Y at that time and he engineered the sale to the city of an unused parcel of land owned by the Y to build the much-needed housing. The strategy brought significant revenue to the Y, and new places to live for dozens of seniors.

In 1975, I was interested in publishing a newspaper and learned that a weekly paper in South Boston— the Tribune— was for sale. I sought Joe’s advice. “How much do they want?” he asked. \$25,000, I said. “What do you get for



In 1983 the Reporter featured Joseph Corcoran and his Columbia Point project.

that? he asked. I said I would get to go into the newspaper business. “Yeah,” he said, “but what else do you get? Do you get receivables? Do you get any property? Is there a lease?”

“What are receivables?” I asked. “And there’s no real estate, and the paper is printed by a third-party.”

Joe said, “Well, if you buy it, what are you really buying?”

I told him I would get the right to call myself the publisher of the South Boston Tribune, and on day one, try to sell enough ads to make a living. I think I was expecting that Joe would say something like “We’ll back you, kid, to do what you want to do.”

But instead, he said this: “You know what,

if you’re going spend \$25,000 of your own money to publish a newspaper, instead of paying somebody else for just the name, you maybe should take that money and start your own.”

I admit to having been disappointed with that answer, but it probably was the best advice anybody ever extended to me about my long-time hope, my dream, really, of publishing a neighborhood newspaper.

Back then, in the late 1970s, I worked at the former Dorchester Savings Bank and they had several offices in the community. One was a small branch in a moribund retail complex called the Bayside Mall that served the Columbia Point housing project. That small office and a Chinese food

takeout place were the only two tenants remaining at Bayside.

Joe used to tell me: “Ed, make sure you never let them close that branch because that’s going to be very valuable property someday. We’re going to re-develop the housing project into something that will be a wonderful venue.”

Joe had a vision for creating mixed income housing and he pioneered it with partners Joe Mullins and Gary Jennison at Columbia Point. It took them years to put together a very complicated development team. But when they did, they turned the peninsula totally around.

Meanwhile, back at the bank, I passed his advice to senior management. The treasurer of the bank

was a real swashbuckler who thought he knew much better than Corcoran. I will never forget his final word about reclaiming the housing project: “You tell Joe Corcoran that people like me don’t want to live anywhere near people like them. It will never work, mixing races and mixing incomes in housing.”

That man— the bank treasurer— returned each evening to his home on the South Shore, played golf at the Cohasset Country Club, and mingled with people like himself.

The bank quit its Bayside site a year or two before CMJ struck the bargain to build quality decent housing in the forlorn project. The development, now called Harbor Point, became a national model of successful mixed-income housing.

A couple of years later, the bank failed and our Cohasset-bunkered banker was out of a job.

Joe Corcoran was a visionary who never lost sight of what was good and needed in his business practices, and he developed marvelous housing opportunities across the breadth of Dorchester, from Keystone apartments in Neponset to the Auckland Street apartments on the side of Savin Hill. And, of course, the wonderful Harbor Point complex on Columbia Point. None of those units would be here today were it not for the commit-

ment and the vision of a man named Joseph E. Corcoran.

His long-ago advice that helped steer me to at long last publishing community newspapers came around again two decades ago, when we moved our quarters to the office building he had developed at Bayside.

For the past 20 years, he has been the landlord of the Reporter newspapers. I would sometimes see him on the elevator or in the corridors of the building, and we would stop and chat. Those chance connections always made it a good day for me.

Joe Corcoran passed away last week at his home surrounded by family— his children, grandchildren, and great grandchild. He was a Dorchester original and always committed to his home neighborhood. He did wondrous things for our community.

He is best described as mild-mannered, a true gentle man. And most especially for me, a mentor, an advisor, and a dear friend. He fulfilled the mantra of the Jesuits who taught him at BC High and Boston College to be “A Man for Others.” That’s the way he lived his life, and the way he is. Or sadly, that’s the way he was.

I will miss him dearly. Ed Forry and his late wife Mary Casey Forry co-founded The Reporter in 1983. Ed continues to work at the Reporter and is the associate publisher.

Joe Corcoran, prominent builder, devoted Dot native, is dead at 84

(Continued from page 1) nizations that he was particularly devoted to helping over the decades. News of his death last week drew reaction from city and state leaders, including Mayor Martin Walsh, who saluted Mr. Corcoran as “a good man with a kind heart, who excelled in his career and touched the lives of so many people through his work to lift up low and middle income residents with good, safe housing.”

“Joe Corcoran spent his life serving others, and was always working to improve the lives of others who were less fortunate, while taking care of those in his community,” said Walsh. “He will be deeply missed by the entire city of Boston, but especially by his Irish friends and family, and his community in Dorchester.”

UMass president Marty Meehan called Mr. Corcoran “a leader, a builder — and a kind and generous man,” who “never stopped being Joe Corcoran from Uphams Corner.”

“He was UMass Boston’s friend and neigh-

bor, creating the Harbor Point residential community and nearby ventures at Bayside,” Meehan said. “During the course of his remarkable life and career, Joe’s business achievements were many, as were his philanthropic and civic contributions.”

“Joe’s love for Dorchester and Boston was clear for all to see, as was his tireless support and advocacy for his ancestral homeland, Ireland.... Joe’s warmth, wit, and friendly greetings will be remembered by all.”

The son of John and Mary (Merrigan) Corcoran, who emigrated from Co. Roscommon in the 1920s, Joe grew up in the Uphams Corner neighborhood. “It was very much an old country existence,” he told the Reporter in an interview in 2000.

“One of my great joys recently was listening to the audiotape of Frank McCourt’s “Angela’s Ashes.” It brought me back to that kitchen table. They had the same way of phrasing things, the same sense of humor that I heard when I was

growing up. As conversationalists, they were terrific.”

Mr. Corcoran’s older brothers John and Leo survived combat in World War II. Joe served in the Army during the Korean War and followed his older brother to Boston College on the GI Bill. He began working as an educator, teaching English in the Boston public schools before making an attempt at a different profession— politics. He ran for state representative in Dorchester’s Ward 15 in 1966 and lost by less than 100 votes.

The company that he co-founded in 1971— Corcoran Jennison — earned a national reputation by transforming the former Columbia Point from a blighted, dangerous housing project into a safe and vibrant mixed-income community that residents now call Harbor Point. The redevelopment effort, which extended through the 1980s, became a national model for the federal government’s HOPE VI program.

“I could be in the Legislature for 30 years and



Joe Corcoran is pictured with members of his family, his wife Rose seated next to him, in October 2011 Boston Irish Honors ceremonies.

not have an accomplishment like that,” he told the Reporter.

His company built and managed 20,000-plus housing units and thousands of acres of real estate, including hospitality, office, retail

and mixed-use projects in more than 15 states.

One notable property that his firm re-developed was the onetime Keystone camera factory in Neponset, which was transformed into a senior apartment complex that

remains a vital housing center for the elderly in the neighborhood.

For more on the passing of Joseph E. Corcoran, see death notice on Page 14 and this week’s editorial on Page 8.

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ANDERSON, Emanuel E., also known to family and friends as “E,” 82 was born in Columbus, Georgia to the late Estella (Shipp) Anderson and late Ocie D. Anderson, he married Delores Holloway and had 5 children. He was a longtime employee of the Boston Housing Authority. Emanuel was preceded in death by his parents Estella (Shipp) Anderson and Ocie Anderson, his wife Delores Anderson, his sister Sadie Dennis (Columbus, Georgia) and brother Ocie Anderson, Jr. (Columbus, Georgia). He is survived by his 5 children: Cheryl, Edwin, Nicolette, Jason and Soraya Anderson, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his longtime companion, Collette Andrews, and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. No Services are planned at this time.



BORGELLA, Wilner, 87, of Dorchester. Wilner was born in Port-Au-Prince Haiti. He was the son of the late Vital and Montala Borgella. He was the youngest of 5 children. Wilner was brother to Ludendorff and Joseph and to his sisters Denise and Louisa who have all passed before him. Wilner

was the husband to Marie for 52 years. Wilner was father to his sons Volvedge, Holsen, Wilner with wife Marie Antoinette, and Wensler, also to daughters Bernonde with husband Oscar, Montala, and Marie with husband David. Wilner was grandfather to 8. He was pre-deceased by his twin granddaughters. Great-grandfather to 2. Wilner worked as an Automotive Mechanic at the Boston Fire Department Headquarters. He repaired and serviced fire trucks and various vehicles for 21 years before retiring.



CAMPBELL, Sylvan L. suddenly. Sylvan was born in 1931 in Boston to the late Vera Irene and Sylvanus T. Campbell. Sylvan was raised in Boston and went through the Boston public school system. He graduated from Boston Latin School in 1949 and matriculated into Boston College. He served in the United States Navy for three years. Following an honorable discharge, he attended Howard University College of Medicine, where he received a Doctor of Medicine degree in 1961. He had a private practice for Ob/Gyn in Roxbury and Mattapan as well as being on staff at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (formerly known as Beth Israel Hospital) for many years prior to retiring. He resided with his wife in Newton. He is survived by his wife Alice Evelyn Campbell of Newton and his son Steven Lloyd Campbell of Tulsa, OK.



CREEDON, Evelyn Ruth (Shiner) born in 1928, she was the wife of the late Robert J. Creedon. Daughter of the late Teresa and Joseph Shiner. Sister of Joseph E. Shiner, Teresa E. Shiner, Mary Jane Carney, Joy Nazarian, Jacqueline Bardasz and the late Anna Mae Shiner, Dorothy Burr, Raymond Shiner, Marilyn Ruma. Evelyn also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Evelyn grew up in Dorchester and graduated from Roxbury Memorial High School. She worked for Employers Liability Insurance for many years following. Evie and Bob resided in West Roxbury for over 40 years and enjoyed being a part of their community.



FARRELL, Michael L. of Plymouth formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Carmel M. (Crowe) Farrell. Born in Peter-swell/Shanvalley, County Galway, Ireland in 1942, he was the son of the late James and Elsie (O'Rourke) Farrell. He came to the US at the age of 18 where he lived in New York City, he later moved to Dorchester where he met his wife. Michael worked in the construction field in the City of Boston for most of his adult life before retiring to Plymouth. He leaves his sons Michael J. Farrell and his wife Beth of Hanover, Kevin J. Farrell and his wife Lisa of Carver, his daughter Corinne Gilmore and her husband Doug of

Kingston. Survived by his brother Mattie of Shanvalley, Gort Ireland, sisters Moira Daly of NY., Rita Brady of New Jersey, Carmel Bryne of New Jersey and his late brother James Farrell, Blackrock Gort Ireland. He was the grandfather of 10. Great grandfather of 2. Memorial donations in his name may be made to Operation Rescue PO Box 25567 Overland Park, KS 66225-5567.

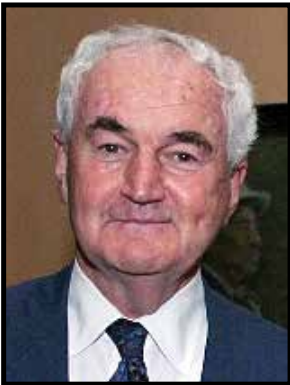


GUESS, Maude E., 95 of Dorchester, passed away on June 3, 2020. Dear and loving mother of Ronald C. Baker of Dorchester.



HARKER, Matthew Steven passed away in his sleep. Although tragic and unexpected, his passing was peaceful and without pain. Matthew spent his childhood in Vineland, New Jersey. After high school, Matt attended Emerson University where he thrived on and off the stage. He combined his great loves – talking and acting – and created a major: Public Relations and Theater. He went back to school at Johnson & Wales University for a degree in culinary arts, specializing in nutrition and food science. He went on to cook in kitchens across

Joseph E. Corcoran



Joseph E. Corcoran passed away on June 3, 2020 peacefully in the company of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchild at his home in Milton. He was 84.

Since founding Corcoran Jennison in 1971, he built and managed 20,000+ housing units and thousands of acres of real estate, including housing, hos-

pitality, office, retail and mixed-use projects in more than 15 states. A pioneer in advancing the concept of mixed-income housing and converting troubled public housing projects into successful communities, he led the partnership that transformed Dorchester's Columbia Point into Harbor Point, a community that became a national model for the federal government's HOPE VI program. In 1994, he founded The American City Coalition to advocate for innovation in urban revitalization. In addition to housing, Mr. Corcoran developed and owned Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club on Cape Cod, and CJ Hospitality continues to manage the property.

A 1959 graduate of Boston College and former board member, Mr. Corcoran created the Joseph E. Corcoran Center for Real Estate and Urban Action at the Carroll School of Business at Boston College in 2014 to educate and inspire the next generation of professionals to use real estate as a catalyst for turning struggling neighborhoods into stable, flourishing communities. He is recognized for his abundant philanthropic pursuits and leadership positions with many organizations, including with the Boston Foundation, the YMCA of Greater Boston, Boston College, Boston College High School, the American Ireland Fund, the Board of Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salesmen for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Urban Land Institute, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester and St. Mary's Center for Women and Children in Dorchester. He was a US Army veteran of the Korean Era.

Joe was predeceased by his wife, the former Rosemarie Gildea of Dorchester and is survived by his sister Frances Richer of Milton. He is also survived by his children, Joseph J. Corcoran, and Gayle (Donovan) Corcoran of Milton; Suzanne Corcoran Early and Dennis J. Early of Alexandria, VA; Michael J. Corcoran and Linda (Donovan) Corcoran; Tricia (Corcoran) Chapple and Paul Chapple of Milton, MA; Kathryn Corcoran and Russell Deane of Quincy, MA; Sean Gildea Corcoran and his partner Alisa Kasmer of Los Angeles, CA; and Patrick Corcoran of Arlington, MA. Joe leaves 16 grandchildren; Rosemarie Corcoran; Jennifer Corcoran; Joseph Corcoran; Olivia Corcoran; Owen Corcoran Early; Cole Joseph Early; Mari Corcoran Egan; Kayla Corcoran; Michael Corcoran; Rachel Corcoran; Aiden Corcoran; Samantha Chapple; Nicola Chapple; Mickey Chapple; Kelly Chapple; and Charles Deane. He also has one great-grandchild, Alexis Egan.

Cause of death was congestive heart failure. Funeral services will be private.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester give. bgcdorchester.org or St. Mary's Center stmarys-centerma.org/donate-now


To send a sympathy message to Joe's family, please visit www.dolanfuneral.com



HORSLEY, White Marsha Edith was born on in 1950 to the Lawrence and Helen White in Boston. Marsha has been a part of Massasoit Elks Lodge No. 129, Juanita Temple No. 31 I.B.P.O.E OFW. as a sister. She was

the country, honing his skills with every slice, sip and stir. Matt is survived by his mother Denise Varquez-Hoffman and father Tim Hoffman; his brother Shane Ferguson and sisters Nicki Carnes and Beth Johnston; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He also leaves behind a family of friends who love him dearly. A celebration of life will take place in the Boston area at a future date. Please make a donation to the Chef Matt Scholarship Fund (<https://gf.me/u/x6c978>) or the M25 Initiative (<https://www.m25initiative.org/>).

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a librarian at Harvard University, School of Law. She shared her life with Benny Stanley. She was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence and her mother, Helen White. She leaves her husband, Benny Stanley; her daughter Rita Horsley-Johnson of Baltimore, MD; Her son Raymond Horsley of Boston; her siblings Eva Postell, Janet White, Lawrence White, Ronald White of Boston and 6 grandchildren. She recently had her first great grandchild 4 months ago; and a host of other relatives and friends.

JAKOWICZ, Charles M. in Dorchester, died suddenly. Son of the late John F. and Edna E. (Brasiskis) Jakowicz. Brother of John D. and his wife Pauline Jakowicz of Holbrook, Frank J. and his wife Karen Jakowicz of East Bridgewater, and Elizabeth A. Jakowicz of Dorchester. Uncle of Jennifer Jakowicz, Brianna Schoof, Ashlyn Schoof, and Nathan Charles Snyder. Donations in Charlie's memory may be made to Autism Speaks, 1 East 33rd St., 4th floor, New York, NY 10016, or at autismspeaks.org



MAHONEY, John F. of Dorchester, 88. A life-long Dorchester resident, he was a Korean War veteran, US Air Force. He graduated from Suffolk University and had a long career in banking at the Dorchester Savings Bank. Son of the late

Charles F. and Catherine (Murphy) Mahoney, John is survived by his nieces, Geraldine Murphy of Quincy, Jacqueline Murphy of Quincy, Cathy Perry of Norwell and Colleen Ivens of Hanover, as well as many grandnieces and grandnephews.



McHUGH, Emily Ann (Kenney) of Newton, 83. She was born in Boston, the daughter of David and Emily Kenney. She grew up in Dorchester in St. Matthew's Parish surrounded by a large extended family. She graduated from Mt. St. Joseph Academy in Brighton. She obtained her BS in Chemical Engineering from Northeastern University, where she was one of only two women in her class, where she met her husband of 57 years, Paul McHugh. She worked for the US Army Materials Technology Laboratory in Watertown, and then the Natick Soldier Systems Command in Natick, where she developed a chemical and fire retardant suit for military firefighters. Surviving is her daughter Kathleen Mirani and her husband Robert of Lexington, her son Kevin and his wife Patricia of Scituate, her son Gerard of Georgia,

LEGAL NOTICE

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. SU20C0151CA
IN THE MATTER OF: KING ALI GREEN
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by King Ali Green of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
King Ali Green-EI
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 **06/29/2020**. 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 11, 2020
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her 7 grandchildren, her brother Paul Kenney and his wife Sandy, her sister-in-law Ann Kenney, and her brothers-in-law Stephen McHugh of Rhode Island and William Price of California. Predeceasing her were her husband Paul, her brother David Kenney and his wife Louise, her brother Thomas Kenney, her sister-in-law Marcia Kirk and her husband Joseph and her sister-in-law Denise Price. Donations may be made to St. Joseph Preparatory High School (formerly Mount Saint Joseph Academy) at: 617 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02134, Attn: Advancement Office.



MURPHY, Donald J. of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Born in

Roxbury, Don has lived in Braintree for 45 years. He was a longtime employee of First National Bank of Boston. Don served his country with the United States Army. Husband of Patricia M. (Coleman) Murphy. Father of Maureen K. Murphy of Easton and Beth K. Hogan and her husband, Glenn, of Braintree. Grandfather to Justin P. Murphy of Braintree. Brother of Paul A. Murphy and his wife, Helen, of Dorchester and the late Marion, Helen, Edward, and Robert. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

SHERLOCK, SISTER MARYANN, SC (Jane Edward) of Mt. St. Vincent, Wellesley Hills. A Sister of Charity for 58 years who was missioned in St. Francis of Assisi, Manchester, NH, St. Francis of Assisi, Medford; St. Margaret and St. Kevin, Dorchester; Saint Paul, Hingham; WAITT House, Roxbury; The

Boston Home, Dorchester; Wollaston, (Quincy) and Marillac Residence, Wellesley. Daughter of the late Edward L. and Rosina (Doyle) Sherlock. Sister of Rosina Cannata, Teresa Pike, Jane Sherlock and Edward Sherlock. Aunt of Erin Hourahan and her husband Michael, Andrea Vinciarelli and her husband Anthony, Nicole Azer and her husband Matthew, Andrew Cannata, Shawn Bennett and his wife Kerry. Also

survived by her sisters in community. Donations may be made to Sisters of Charity, Mt. St. Vincent Community, 125 Oakland St., Wellesley Hills, MA 02481.

SIMPSON Verrel T. "Simo" of Mattapan passed away on June 4 age 89. Husband of the late Rose Simpson. He is survived by children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, extended family and friends.

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K.A.A.

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J.J.O.

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. SU20P0716EA
ESTATE OF: FRED WILLIAM HURLEY, JR. DATE OF DEATH: 10/13/2018
To all interested persons:
A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jeannine P. Hurley of Dorchester, 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: Jeannine P. Hurley of Dorchester, MA and Kathleen M. Willett of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an 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 **07/01/2020**. 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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, **HON. BRIAN J. DUNN**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 13, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
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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. SU20P0802EA
ESTATE OF: BETTY JEAN MARAJ DATE OF DEATH: 01/09/2020
To all interested persons:
A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Tommie L. Leslie of Worcester, 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: Tommie L. Leslie of Worcester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an 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 **07/10/2020**. 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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)
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Witness, **HON. BRIAN J. DUNN**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 29, 2020
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Published: June 11, 2020

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 TO MODIFY BOND
G.L. c. 190B, §3-604
Docket No. SU20P0802EA
IN THE MATTER OF: BETTY JEAN MARAJ DATE OF DEATH: 01/09/2020
To all interested persons:
A petition has been filed by Tommie L. Leslie of Worcester, MA requesting that the Court enter a Decree and Order modifying the bond of the Personal Representative and for any other relief as requested in the Petition. 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 **07/10/2020**. 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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
The estate is being administered 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 recipients 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.
Witness, **HON. BRIAN J. DUNN**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 29, 2020
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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. SU18P1645EA
ESTATE OF: LULA VIRGINIA LEE DATE OF DEATH: 12/24/2018
A petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Hugh Young of New York, NY requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **06/30/2020**. 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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, **HON. BRIAN J. DUNN**, First Justice of this Court.
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Amid protests, UMass denies State Police use of campus

(Continued from page 1) in space that is normally filled with UMass student and faculty vehicles during the school year.

Other photos showed police vehicles parked beside the university's West Garage and a line of MBTA buses parked near the university's Campus Center.

Heike Schotten, chair of the Faculty Council at UMB, told the *Reporter* that the police presence provoked strong reactions from her colleagues, prompting them to email university administration for an explanation.

"We were shocked, appalled, and astonished that our campus was being used as a staging ground for police to practice riot control, crowd control, and crackdown on protests and on protesters," said Schotten. "In principle we found it repulsive, and in the context of the specific political moment we found it repulsive."

In a letter sent to the UMass Boston community on Thursday evening, Newman explained that the university has had a "long-running practice" allowing police to use campus grounds.

"The campus was tapped for access to parking space in accordance with a long-running practice among the commonwealth's public safety agencies of providing mutual support," she wrote. "It has been similarly used in the past for events such as the Boston Marathon, the women's march,



MBTA buses sat ready to move State Police personnel on the afternoon of Tues., June 2 as police mobilized for a rally that drew thousands of people to Franklin Park. Image courtesy Heike Schotten

sports victory parades, and President Barack Obama's visit to Boston when the city was crowded and in need of overflow parking for police agencies. This presence should not be understood by anyone as tantamount to endorsing police misconduct."

Jeff Melnick, communications director of UMB's Faculty Staff Union, echoed Schotten's criticism, saying the situation reflects negatively on the campus.

"We're a majority minority campus, we're literally in Dorchester, we draw so heavily from communities of color for our students and our staff," Melnick said. "Given our urban mission, which is to be a

part of and a servant of the communities we're embedded in, how can we participate in making it more possible for the police to train and stamp hard on these protests that are about people of color and black people being the object of police violence?"

In video footage posted to Twitter, State Police officials could be seen practicing what appear to be riot control measures in the Bayside lot on Tuesday, hours before a planned peaceful protest in Franklin Park.

In her letter, Newman went on to acknowledge that "for people who have historically, systematically, and even routinely been victims of police misconduct, the presence

of such an intimidating display of police power is unnerving. For that reason, it can also serve as an implied deterrent to the right to protest that is a foundation on which the nation was built."

UMass Boston Police Chief Donald Baynard also addressed the situation in messages to the campus community Thursday evening.

Baynard wrote that he is implementing a "Police Community Advisory Board" consisting of students, faculty, and staff that will be "a vehicle to enhance the relationship and communications between our Department and the university community. We can use this group to discuss national

topics and more importantly, we can use it to come together and effect change.

"This presence was not in response to any campus conditions and is not part of any long-term plan. We strongly support our students, faculty, and staff's First Amendment right to free speech and the right to peacefully assemble," Baynard said.

On Friday afternoon, the State Police Association of Massachusetts issued a statement that said UMass Boston had "barred the use of its campus as a parking area for police, claiming that it is an intimidating display of police power and can serve as an implied deterrent to the right to

protest."

The statement included a defense of the State Police, noting that: "We have stood with many peaceful gatherings of concerned citizens as they march to advocate for change to not only our justice system, but to how our nation as a whole dissimilarly treats its citizens. As to the events that were the catalyst for where we are today, let us be very clear: The State condemns the abuse of power by police officers. Our members joined the State Police to uphold the law and keep people safe. Overwhelmingly, these Sergeants and Troopers do so with courage, integrity and professionalism."

In the statement, the State Police Association called the UMass decision "shameful" and said it "overtly pander[s] to the false rhetoric and anti-police agenda of the few."

"More important, they fail to support our defense of the peaceful calls for change of the many. These actions place needless hurdles to the protection of life and property, and they put the public at large at risk.

"Our members put their lives on the line every day to uphold the First Amendment and to ensure peace. We will continue to do so in these very troubling and challenging times."

Campbell leads group asking police testing reform

(Continued from page 1) "Our institutions were founded on racist and exclusionary policy and practices that continue to show up to until this day," she said. "One of the most obvious systems where this shows up is in our policing system."

Specifically, Campbell and her allies called for an end to the BPD's current promotional exam and hair test, which she called "discriminatory" to officers of color. She asked Mayor Walsh, Police Commissioner William Gross, and her colleagues on the council to take immediate action.

"We need to seek long-term solutions to change policing as we know it, and we need to take action on things we can change right now — which includes removing barriers for officers of color in our police department," she said. "That starts by diversifying our own police department."

Shannon Liss-Riordon, a Boston labor attorney who represents some of the police officers added that the BPD's promotional test has "been proven in federal court to stop brown and black officers from advancing

through the ranks.

"It doesn't test who has the best character or leadership skills, but instead relies heavily on an exam that determines who is best at answering facts and multiple-choice questions," she said.

"We are in the time and the space right now for the city and the police department to start to change," said Eddy Chrispin, a Boston Police sergeant who is president of the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers, Inc. (MAMLEO). "We have had a number of cases that we've filed against the city, all of which have succeeded. I think it's time for our leadership to be proactive about change. They have to take a hard look at what these cases are speaking to."

Sgt. Paul Joseph, a 31-year BPD veteran, is a plaintiff in a case he filed against the department alleging that the testing has unfairly prevented him from being promoted to lieutenant since the 1990s.

"We were sort of known by white officers as taking their job, or taking their sons' jobs, as though

the pie was finite instead of infinite," said Joseph. "It was as though, somehow, the sergeant and lieutenant positions were there and we had no right to it. Just do what you were told; that was the way it felt back then."

He added: "Far too many minority officers over the years have experienced similar situations to me, and the public deserves to know the truth. I say these words in hope that Mayor Walsh and Commissioner Gross help us turn the page and diversify the first, and in my humble opinion, the best police department in the country."

T to stop busing police to protests

The MBTA will no longer use its buses to transport non-transit law enforcement to and from protests against police violence that have occurred in Boston and other cities and towns across the state over the past week.

Following an outcry from activists and direction from the Fiscal and Management Control Board that oversees T operations, the MBTA

Sophia Hall, a supervising attorney at Lawyers for Civil Rights, said the city must collectively work to dismantle systemic and structural barriers.

"This is not a failure to any individual, this is a failure to us as a city and a state," she said. "We have to demand that we take a harder look at the systemic barriers in our employment process when we recruit, hire, promote, and when we discipline, particularly when it's officers of color."

Campbell said reforms should include reallocation of funds and services from the police

department to other city services.

"This is about changing a system," Campbell said. "I know Commissioner Gross stands to make some of these changes and we want to work in partnership with him. Not just on the exam issue, but on hair test barriers and other areas that limit opportunities."

A spokesperson for Mayor Walsh sent the Reporter this statement in reaction to the press conference: "Mayor Walsh has made it an absolute priority to build a more diverse police department that is reflective of the community they

serve. He has said before that he is in favor of eliminating the hair test at the Boston Police Department and we thank the City Council for their support of this change.

"A diverse police force is crucial to our public safety strategy, and Mayor Walsh is committed to continuing this work as we move forward, especially as we engage in a much broader conversation about policing in the city and nationwide."

Boston's police force is presently composed of 35 percent people of color — including 22 percent black officers, according to the Mayor's Office.

changed its policy effective last Friday, spokesman Joe Pesaturo confirmed.

Pesaturo said "several members" of the FMCB instructed MBTA officials to halt using buses as transportation from police staging areas to demonstration sites, but did not reply to follow-up questions about whether the direction came in the form of a formal vote or if any of the five board

members disagreed.

Transit Police personnel will still be allowed on T vehicles "in support of their public safety responsibilities safeguarding MBTA infrastructure," Pesaturo said.

The T has faced sharp criticism over transporting police, which the Transit Matters advocacy group said it "watched in disappointment," and for taking downtown

Boston subway stations offline during protests, limiting options for protesters attempting to return home.

After the agency announced the change, the State Police Association of Massachusetts blasted the decision as "shameful and overtly pander(ing) to the false rhetoric and anti-police agenda of the few."

— CHRIS LISINSKI

It was a peaceful protest that grew tense when the BPD rolled through

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
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I attended the evening protest on June 2 in Dorchester's Franklin Park and on surrounding streets. It was — from what I saw — a peaceful and positive event.

Those who organized the rally — Black

Lives Matter's Boston chapter and the activist Monica Cannon Grant, founder of Violence in Boston — should be commended for helping to make it that way.

From my vantage point, questionable deployments by the Boston Police Department led to tense moments that could have been avoided.

I arrived shortly after 5 p.m. at the Blue Hill Avenue entrance to the park, where demonstrators were staging an eight-minute, forty-six second "die in" meant to symbolize the amount of time Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin kept his knee on George Floyd's neck as he slowly murdered him.

Then, the crowd began marching into the park down Circuit Drive, with organizers warning protesters about the presence of BPD and National Guard soldiers and firmly discouraging any form of aggression or provocation.

"We don't want another black person to die here today," said one organizer into her bullhorn.

Protesters held signs aloft and participated in full-voiced chants as they proceeded through the park, shouting "I can't breathe!," "Hands up, don't shoot!," and calling for the ousting of "racist cops" while invoking the names of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, and other victims of police violence.

The diverse but predominantly white crowd was overwhelmingly comprised of young people.

A smattering of adults and older people also marched, and some fami-



Above, left, the scene at the corner of Blue Hill Avenue and Columbia Road on Tuesday, June 2, as people lay down in the street to protest the killing of George Floyd. Above, right, the scene near Shattuck Hospital. Daniel Sheehan photos

lies with young children and elderly couples observed and showed support from the sidewalks, brandishing signs and handing out snacks and bottles of water.

Most of the people I talked to seemed to be from outside the neighborhood: Jamaica Plain, Allston, Rhode Island — but Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan were well represented, as well.

Eventually protesters poured into the open field beside Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, where organizers took turns leading the rally. Former city councillor Tito Jackson pointed out policy inconsistencies in the BPD, noting that "only 50 percent of officers wear body cameras."

Organizers acknowledged elected officials in attendance, including Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, state Rep. Liz Miranda, and City Councillors Michelle Wu, Kim Janey, and Julia Mejia.

They highlighted a resolution Pressley was pushing in Congress that condemned police brutality and introduced reforms to police oversight and accountability standards. (The city council passed a resolution the next day in support of Pressley's efforts.)

As the rally ended, organizers instructed the crowd to exit peacefully along the same road they entered so as to avoid police. Yet as the protesters followed instructions, a single file column of some 50 BPD officers on bicycle, motorcycle, and in police vans began to make their way through the throng and toward the hospital. Confused protesters parted to let the motorcade through, but when one individual attempted to stand his ground, he was clipped on the shoulder by a passing motorcycle. He said he wasn't injured, just stunned.

The crowd, thankfully, showed restraint and remained relatively calm as the police came through. But the situation easily could have become a troublesome event at a gathering that had been — to that point — entirely non-confrontational.

District Attorney Rachel Rollins told protesters on Boston Common on Wednesday that she ran on a platform aimed at reducing arrests for low-level crimes because "they reduce interactions with law enforcement, which can change in an instant" and "are not de-escalated often."

Rollins pointed to

George Floyd's murder as an example, a tragedy that escalated from allegations of Floyd using a fake \$20 bill. The relationship between police and constituents is shaped largely by these types of interactions, which can often be negative; the BPD's championing of "community policing" is aimed at addressing those very flashpoints.

In 2016, speaking at a conference at Boston College, then Superintendent-in-Chief William Gross called BPD's approach "the number one community policing model" in the country. "This shows that Boston is not like other cities," he said at the time.

For one of my first assignments at the *Reporter*, I took a ride along with C-11 patrolman Paulo Pereira.

Over the course of a few hours, he explained how his walking beat is centered in community policing, a strategy at the forefront of BPD's work in recent years to build relationships with the community and develop an environment of trust.

From what I saw, Officer Pereira seemed successful in his endeavors. He greeted residents with a friendly smile, spoke everyone's

language, and helped to diffuse an argument over a \$20 bill that could have escalated into violence, precisely the type of situation that Rollins was alluding to.

But even Pereira acknowledged building that relationship of trust is difficult: he talked about a dying man who refused to divulge information to him about his killer, and pointed to a similar mistrust he once harbored himself.

"Before becoming an officer, I didn't like policing," he said. "I had some bad experiences with the police, and I decided that if I don't like it, I gotta do something about it. That's why I joined."

Here, I see a key parallel. Like Officer Pereira, the protesters taking to the streets across the country don't like what they see in their police departments, and they're doing something

about it.

Boston's leaders say our city — and our police department — should lead the country in reforming what is a broken system in every city, every state.

I can't pretend to know what that reform process would look like for the BPD. But I do know that I saw fear on the faces of black protesters beside me on that Tuesday night when blue police lights began to flash in the middle of the gathering. For many black Bostonians, seeing a large police presence is never a reassuring sign; it's seen as a harbinger of potential violence, rather than safety.

Addressing such expectations is the challenge that faces us as a city, as a neighborhood.



'Neponset' fund offers aid to virus-hit neighbors

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The Neponset Neighbors Together Fund (NNTF), a partnership launched last week, has established a purse to support residents of Milton, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Dorchester who have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

The fund is a collaboration involving United Way, Boston City Councillors Andrea Campbell and Ricardo Arroyo, the Milton Interfaith Clergy Association, and the group Courageous Conversations Toward Racial Justice Milton-Mattapan.

Constituents who had been seeking financial assistance through Campbell and Arroyo's offices will be connected to NNTF funds.

"I am grateful to United Way for launching this fund and I invite others to join us to support this effort to expand relief and resources for those that need it most," said Campbell. Added Arroyo, "I am grateful for this partnership as it will bring much needed resources into communities that are bearing the brunt of COVID-19 each and every single day."

The money will support basic needs, including rent, food, utilities, internet connectivity, and essential supplies and medications. All contributions are tax-deductible and 100 percent of proceeds will directly benefit individuals seeking assistance via nonprofits already working in the communities.

"The Town of Milton is grateful for the opportunity to work with

our neighbors in Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Dorchester to help those most in need," said Mike Zullas, chair of Milton's Select Board. "We thank Councillors Campbell and Arroyo for their leadership and the United Way for its sponsorship of this important initiative."

A coalition of local providers will assemble and distribute the financial assistance through the NNTF fund. More information on fund eligibility requirements can be found at unitedwaymassbay.org. Those who need immediate help should contact United Way's 2-1-1 helpline or visit mass211.org for comprehensive information and referrals related to the pandemic.

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Non-stop fireworks at night are making city residents uneasy

(Continued from page 1) of the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association. “They’ve started earlier and earlier and now they pretty much go into Labor Day.

“Last year I thought, ‘What are we going to do about this? I don’t see it getting any better.’ And here we are a year later with the covid-19 pandemic people at home and the fireworks definitely not going away. Everybody is all over social media about it.”

District 4 City Councillor Andrea Campbell said she and her office “have been fielding what feels like hundreds of texts, calls and emails, and seeing many postings from residents around the nuisance of fireworks, which are now louder and going later,” she said. “I mean sometimes they’re going until 3 and 4 in the morning, and folks are concerned if they have young children, or loved ones with PTSD. It’s also been a problem for essential workers who just need sleep.”

She added: “In this climate many are reluctant to call the police, so some want to talk collectively with neighbors about how to get the problem under control. In some



A Boston Police image posted to their external website showed what officers confiscated from a group of people on Astoria Street in Mattapan.

communities that’s been going really well, especially in communities of color where they’re thinking of creative responses.”

Campbell said that some residents have been innovative, organizing efforts to include landlords in Dorchester and Mattapan in conversations about how to deal with the at times nonstop fireworks being set off at or near properties.

Still, she said, sometimes the constant blasts are too much.

“When it’s very bad we do engage our officers who will go and confiscate, but there are a variety of ways people are attempting to get the issue under control,” she said.

Over the past week, Boston Police have been confiscating fireworks. On Friday, officers seized a truckload of them in South Boston after numerous calls and complaints.

At schools across state, masks and hand-washing will be the norm

By KATIE LANNAN
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Smaller, “isolated”

that officers discovered a loaded handgun on top of a pile of fireworks in one of two cars containing fireworks. They frisked Pereira and found another handgun. He will appear in Dorchester District Court to face several gun charges.

Savin Hill Councillor Frank Baker agreed that nonstop fireworks seem to be more prevalent in Dorchester this year than ever before.

“A lot of it might be attributed to the fact that people have been pent up during the pandemic,” he said, “Hopefully it doesn’t go through the entire summer. I think it’s a situation where our hands are almost tied, you know, because I think it’s a police issue. I’d be concerned about sending police into groups of people lighting fireworks off because I don’t think that the people that are already doing this are likely to listen.”

Wesley Pereira, 25, of Dorchester was arrested after officers began seizing fireworks from two cars. The report said

classes, masks on students and staff, frequent hand washing, and six feet of spacing between desks are among the elements necessary to safely reopen schools in the fall, according to new state guidance.

Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeff Riley on Friday sent school superintendents guidance around safety supplies to help them prepare to reopen school buildings that have been closed to students since March, noting that some items may take longer than others to procure.

The department recommends ordering enough supplies for the first 12 weeks of school, based on current estimates, and says that state officials “are committed to providing support to districts in their acquisition of required supplies.”

Required supply items include disposable masks, gloves and gowns; eye protection; face shields; hand sanitizer, and smaller quantities of N-95 ventilating masks, only to be used when staff is in contact with a suspected positive COVID-19 case or “performing aerosol-generating procedures.” Supplies like gloves, gowns and face protection are intended for staff, like nurses and some special education teachers, who may have “high-intensity” contact with students, or the custodians who handle waste.

In addition to laying out the supplies to equip schools for educating during a pandemic, Riley’s message also outlines a series of other health and safety measures he describes as necessary for a fall reopening, based on current state and federal recommendations.

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