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A Greenway Link Option? - There are those who want the state to consider the Dorchester Bay side of the Southeast Expressway, captured in the photo above, as a way to patch an 0.7-mile gap in the Neponset Greenway between Tenean Beach and Morrissey Boulevard. Current plans call for a tight inland route behind Freeport Street. An editorial takes up the proposition. Page 10. Bill Forry photo

# Sea gates across harbor called key in combating coastal surges

Coalition tells state: 'We have to act now'

#### By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

The looming existential climate threat to Greater Boston was the main topic of discussion Tuesday morning on a boat tour organized by a coalition that is calling on state and local leaders to take urgent action in creating a regional "layered defense" coastal resiliency system that would protect Boston and 14 surrounding municipalities from flooding for decades to

Bill Golden, the project manager for the Boston Harbor Regional Storm Surge Working Group, didn't mince words when talking about the growing threat of storm surge flooding and the devastation it could wreak on lives and businesses in the coming years.

"We're playing Russian Golden. "Coastal flooding is no joke. We need money, we said Golden, but they would



Bill Golden, right, and David Murphy broke down a proposed sea gate system between Hull and Winthrop that would protect **Boston Harbor.** Daniel Sheehan photo

need federal funding, and we need a plan."

The mitigation system proposed by the working group includes a series of sea gates in the harbor between Hull and Winthrop that would prevent tidal and storm surges Roulette with nature," said from reaching the coast. They would cost billions of dollars, also preemptively eliminate further billions in damages from major flood events that are growing more frequent by the year and are all but guaranteed to occur regularly in the coming decades.

Alternative tools, like landbased sea walls, would be insufficient, argued Golden,

# **Donors** enrich a super PAC that's lined up behind Campbell campaign

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Outside political groups are teeing up for the Boston mayoral race as the Sept. 14 preliminary approaches, with some boldfaced names, including Netflix CEO Reed Hastings, pouring money into one of the groups.

"Better Boston," a group seeking to help elect City Councillor Andrea Campbell as mayor, pulled in \$776,000 from donors and spent \$93,000 on digital ad production and placement, according to regulatory filings with an independent state agency tasked with tracking such activity.

Known as super political action committees, or super PACs, groups such as "Better Boston" can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money. While restricted from coordinating with the campaigns they support, they have become a staple of election cycles as the groups seek to raise their chosen candidate's name recognition or take aim at opponents.

Super PACs spent millions of dollars in the 2013 mayoral race, with union-aligned groups backing Marty Walsh, a longtime labor leader and state representative, and groups with business world ties supporting John Connolly, then a city

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# Artists rally to save their workspace on **Humphreys Street**

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Artists and community advocates are continuing to sound the alarm about the situation  $at\,their\,Uphams\,Corner-based$ workspace Humphreys Street Studios, the fate of which is hanging in the balance after the property's owners agreed to an offer from an outside buyer in May.

They used a Zoom meeting last Wednesday to update attendees on where things stand.

The former dry cleaning industrial site at 11-13 Humphreys St. is home to 42 artists and small businesses, many of whom have worked onsite for the last ten to twenty years. After the founders of the studio, the artists Joe Wheelwright and Neal Widett, passed away in recent years, ownership of the property passed to their (Continued on page 15) | widows, who decided to sell.

In the past year, a preservation steering committee developed by the Humphreys Street community of artists came up with what they saw as a viable solution: The studios could be preserved as affordable workspace by having an artist-led nonprofit develop a vacant lot on the property as affordable housing. To the architect Joshua Rose-Wood, who works in office space at the studios, that was a proposition that would be a "win-win" for everyone.

"In April, we submitted our competitive offer to the owners. As soon as we submitted, they signed an offer with someone else, without talking to us or negotiating," said Rose-Wood, "Since then, we've asked to speak with the owners and with the potential buyer, and we've nad no communication

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# Celebrating Juneteenth West of Washington



This house west of Washington looks to be the home and studio of noted painter William Tolman Carlton.

### By SETH DANIEL REPORTER COLUMNIST

This coming Saturday, Boston will celebrate the first-ever official Juneteenth holiday here, though it has been observed for a long time in Texas as an occasion of unity and reconnection on the anniversary of the day slaves in Galveston found out they were freed.

As the story goes, and I heard this in Texas, they left the plantations and farms where they were held captive and

began long – or possibly short – journeys to reconnect with family. The modern Juneteenth is an evolving holiday here in Boston, but one that certainly involves reconnecting and unifying.

The subject of enslaved people learning about their freedom actually has a really strong connection to my neighborhood, West of Washington (WOW). William Tolman Carlton was one of the original families in our neighborhood and he be-

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# Data show drop in overall crime

Boston Police released preliminary statistics methis week that suggest a significant decline— 19 percent— in so-called 'Part One' crime in the city of Boston this year compared to the same time frame in 2020. The drop in crime categories includes three fewer homicides (through June 13) and an even bigger drop in robberies and aggravated assaults.

The B-3 district, which includes parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, is on pace for a 35 percent drop in the ten categories that are included in the tracking grid. District

C-11, which encompasses much of Dorchester east of Washington Street, posted a 29 percent decline, but has seen a small uptick in non-domestic aggravated assaults with six additional incidents reported in '21 compared to last year. District B-2, which includes another significant chunk of Dorchester along with most of Roxbury, is down 21 percent..

Also down so far this year are citywide shootings — both fatal and non-fatal. The BPD says that there have been 77 individuals struck by bullets in Boston this year

so far, as opposed to 95 in 2020. That represents an 18-point drop year-to-year.

The pace of firearm arrests, however, has increased from 213 last year to 271 in 2021. One case in point: On Sat., June 12, Boston Police arrested  $two\,men\,at\,a\,home\,on\,East$ Street, including one who was charged with illegal gun possession. The other man was charged with assaulting the C-11 sergeant who reported seeing one of two men trying to conceal the weapon — a 9mm handgun.

-BILL FORRY

# Fires damage homes on Shepton, Mattapan streets



Atwo-alarm fire at a two-family home at 61 Shepton St., left, on Monday night caused an estimated \$275,000 in damage, according to the Boston Fire Department. Firefighters responded to the scene just after 11:15 p.m. for a report of a "fire in the ceiling."

There were no reports of injuries and six people were evacuated safely. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

It was one of two fires reported on Monday night in the neighborhood. Firefighters also responded to a three-decker at 24 Mattapan St. behind Walk Hill Street that caused heavy damage to the rear porches. No injuries were reported and that fire also remains under investigation. **BFD photo** 

# **UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

BPDA convenes meetings on two **Dorchester projects** – The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) plans to host virtual public meetings this month on two distinct development proposals. The first on Mon., June 28 at 6 p.m. will give review to a plan to re-develop 24 Ericsson St. in Port Norfolk, which includes multiple buildings, 120 residential units and 23,400 sq. ft. off office space on the waterfront. Details on joining the meeting are on page 8. On Wed., June 30 at 6p.m., a meeting will be held on the Willow Baker Development, which includes three new buildings at Willow, Baker and Fields Court near South Bay. Instructions about how to join that meeting are on page 21. BPDA manager Raul Duverge is the contact for both meetings. He may be reached at raul. duverge@boston.govor 617-918-4492.

Three candidates for District 4 city council will be interviewed by members of the Ward 15 Democratic committee in a Zoom meeting on Sat., June 19

beginning at 10 a.m. The candidates – William Dickerson, Jacond Urena, and Brian Worrell will each have 25 minutes to discuss their candidacies. Find the Zoom links via facebook.com/ward.15.dems or Twitter: @Ward15B.

The basketball and tennis courts at the Ryan Playground on River Street in Mattapan neighborhood are closed through June 30 to accommodate full reconstruction work on the courts, according to the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation. Alternate courts include those at nearby Hunt Almont Playground on Almont Street in Mattapan.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosts their annual New England Women's Leadership Awards ( NEWLA) on Thur., June 17 in virtual format. This year's honorees include Sherry Dong of Tufts Medical Center, Teresa Maynard of Sweet Teez Bakery, professional soccer player and Team USA member Samantha Mewis,

and Dora Ullian, philanthropist and owner of the Eliot Hotel. Go to hopin.com/ events/newla to register.

The Urban Farming Institute will re-open its popular farm stand at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm at 487 Norfolk St. on Fridays beginning June 25 from 1-4 p.m. Preorder pick-ups will be available from 4-6 p.m. See https://farmstandufi.company. site for more info.

Saturday walking club at Franklin Park — A group of neighbors has renewed its Saturday morning walking club, which meets at 9:15 a.m. at the golf course clubhouse. Free. Contact organizer Rakiem Strickland for more info at rstrickland96@ yahoo.com.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is offering free golf clinics at the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park for ages 7 to 14 years old. The lessons take place Tuesdays through Thursdays with classes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The series repeats weekly starting from July

6 until August 12. Clinicians are highly qualified golf instructors. To register, go to the "Parks Online Activity Search" link at www.boston.gov/calendar/junior-golf-daily-lessons.

Boston teens can now apply for the 2021-2022 Mayor's Youth Council, a group of 85 high school-aged youth who are committed to improving their communities and empowering young people in the City of Boston. Applications will be accepted through July 18. To apply to be a neighborhood representative on the Mayor's Youth Council, students must be Boston residents and entering grades 9-12 (or of comparable age). To learn more and to apply online, visit youth. boston.gov.

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# In poll, voters say they want some pandemic-driven changes to stay

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

"The car is no longer king in Boston," the late Mayor Thomas Menino said a decade ago. Given the pre-pandemic studies showing that the region's clogged roadways are among the worst in the country, the car seems to have done okay since that pronouncement.

But with traffic ramping up as Covid-19 restrictions ramp down, Boston-area voters say they would like some pandemic-driven changes to continue, including more space for biking, walking, and outdoor dining, even if it comes at the expense of cars.

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Quadricentennial of Dot 3,487

MassINC Polling Group, surveyed 670 registered voters who live in communities within or bordering Route 128. Of the 670 voters, 418 were from the city of Boston. Sponsored by The Barr Foundation, the interviews were conducted between May 21 and May 28.

More space for outdoor seating and dining drew the most support with 83 percent and 79 percent, respectively. Creating more bike lanes, separate from car lanes, drew 75 percent in support.

"We know street space is a premium in Greater Boston, and so we prefaced these questions by telling voters these

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The poll, by the changes would mean less space for cars," Richard Parr, the polling outfit's research director, said in a statement. "It's clear voters are looking for ways to put street spaces to a wider set of uses."

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The poll also asked about the MBTA, which saw ridership plummet during the pandemic. Commuters are slowly

returning to the public transit system as vaccines lessen the spread of coronavirus.

In the poll, 84 percent said they favored discounted fares for lower-income residents; 67 percent said they would make the MBTA buses free to all; and 65 percent said they would be willing to make the entire system free to ride.

Voters also said they expect the congestion to come back since they plan to drive more (27 percent), while a third said they wouldn't ride the T as much.

Overall, car and bike ownership stayed largely steady last year, with the poll finding "no evidence of a surge in purchases of either."

Asked how many cars their households own or lease, 46 percent said one, 30 percent said two, 9 percent said they had three or more, and 14 percent said none.

Nearly half of voters have worked from home every workday since the start of the pandemic; 20 percent said they work from home a few times a week, and 4 percent said a few times a month. Asked how often they would prefer to work from home once the state fully reopens, 30 percent said every day, 30 percent said a few times a week, 6 percent said a few times a month, and 12 percent said "never." As to working at home, 17 percent said it was "not an option."

# 'Community benefits' under PILOT are the focus of new Janey task force

By Michael P. Norton STATE HOUSE News Service

Property tax exemptions for non-profit organizations, a group that includes small charity groups but also big institutions like colleges, insurers, and hospitals, have long been a point of contention in some circles, and on Monday Boston Acting Mayor Kim Janey formed a task force to look into the situation.

The group will be charged with revisiting and modernizing the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program for charitable institutions in Boston, including many with sizeable balance sheets and real estate footprints.

The mayor's office said the initial charge will be to "improve and strengthen" the community benefits component of the PILOT program, which spins off some revenue for the city to use to fund public ser-

In fiscal 2020, according to the mayor's office, 37 institutions submitted PILOT community benefits reports totaling \$153.2 million and also received \$52.9 million in community benefits credit.

Under the city's existing PILOT program, credits for community benefits allow institutions to offset a portion of their cash payments by "demonstrating and documenting ways they support the city and its residents through their charitable missions." Currently, those credits are capped, the mayor's office said.

"I am launching the 2021 PILOT Task Force as part of my commitment to lead an equitable recovery in the City of Boston," Janey said in a statement. "New voices and new frameworks create new opportunities to make our city stronger. Our response to the Covid-19

pandemic exemplifies the importance of city partnerships with community organizations and institutions to serve residents and ensure a recovery and renewal that includes all of our communities."

Task force members have not been named, but Janey's office said the group would include "institutional partners, elected officials, community advocates, labor leaders, and residents." The panel plans to launch in the summer and hold meetings through the fall and winter.

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# Celebrating freedom this Juneteenth

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# Donors enrich a super PAC that's lined up behind Campbell campaign

(Continued from page 1) councillor at-large.

Seven years later, "Better Boston," formed in March of this year and run by Sonia Alleyne, a Dorchester resident and former Sovereign Bank executive, declares on its fundraising page that it's backing Campbell, who represents parts of Dorchester and Mattapan on the City Council, because she "knows how to harness innovation and lead our city with empathy."



Its donors, including from Hastings, who contributed \$125,000, were disclosed in a June 7 regulatory filing, with their names and job titles, if any. They include, among others: Andrew Balson, a former Bain Capital executive (\$125,000); Stig Leschly; former

Amazon.com executive and CEO of charter school operator Match Education, (\$100,000); former state judge Nonnie Burnes (\$100,000); Jonathan Kraft, president of the New England Patriots (\$25,000); and Joseph Maher, who worked as general counsel for Steward Health Care (\$10,000).

Campbell is one of six major candidates running for mayor. The others are acting Mayor Kim Janey, City Councillors Michelle Wu and Annissa Essaibi George, state Rep. Jon Santiago and John Barros, who served as Walsh's economic development chief.

A second group formed last month, calling itself "Boston Turnout Project." The group hasn't yet offered up its spending plans or donors, but listed Jason Burrell, who, like Wu, has ties to US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, as its chairman. Both worked on Warren's Senate campaign and Warren has endorsed Wu in the mayoral contest. The group didn't respond to a request for comment.

In the 2013 mayoral race, the tsunami of super PAC spending came in when the race was down to Walsh and Connolly. But there was a lesser wave eight days before the 2013 preliminary, which featured a dozen candidates: An outside group called Neighborhoods United spent \$72,000 on two radio ads promoting



**Andrea Campbell** 

the candidacy of former health care executive Bill Walczak. The committee was chaired by the late Boston attorney Herb Gleason, a friend of Walczak's. Separately, Felix G. Arroyo received a boost from a political action committee with ties to a group focused on Latino civic engagement and a union that he once worked for. That PAC ended up spending \$20,000, most of it on

canvassing potential voters.

That spending was dwarfed in the final, as unions funneled millions to groups backing Walsh's candidacy

Whether history repeats, and whether more super PACs are on the way for this year's crop of candidates, bears close watching.

In Dorchester, Wu pitches housing plans

With Boston set to take in \$500 million in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan, mayoral candidate Wuis pushing for \$200 million to go toward community land trusts, repairs of the city's public housing, and expanding access to homeownership.

Roughly a third of Boston residents own their homes and half of households that lease pay more than 30 percent of their income for rent, according to her campaign.

Wu, who appeared on Dorchester's Edson Street to tout her housing plans, called the federal funds a "once in a generation chance to invest" in housing and other infrastructure. She is the only mayoral candidate among the six to back a full return to rent control, which was banned across Massachusetts in the 1990s through a statewide ballot.

"Everywhere across the city, at every event, knocking on doors, out in the community, housing tis he number one stressor that families are facing," Wu told the *Reporter* before the event. "Affordability has been a deepening crisis in Boston long before Covid-19, and the pandemic has really pushed it to the forefront of what our recovery has to focus on."

Funds should also go toward transportation grants to boost transit-oriented development, she said.

Looking ahead, Wu said city officials can integrate and co-locate affordable housing when redeveloping libraries, school buildings and municipal parking lots.

Unions issue raft of endorsements

Joel Richards scored a plum endorsement on Friday in the contest to succeed Andrea



**Joel Richards** 

Campbell as the city councillor in District 4. The Boston Teachers Union, which counts more than 10,000 men and women in its ranks, tapped Richards for the seat, citing his experience as a public school educator and a union organizer.

Richards lives in Dorchester with his wife and

"As a Boston Public Schools teacher, I have taught in schools that were underfunded, overcrowded, and constantly understaffed," said Richards, who is one of about a dozen people running for the district seat, which includes parts of Dorchester and Mattapan.

The Teachers Union has also endorsed At-Large City Councillor Julia Mejia for re-election, as well as candidate Ruthzee Louijeune. There are four City Council At-Large slots, and more than a dozen candidates vying for the jobs.

Louijeune, who worked on Elizabeth Warren's 2020 presidential campaign, also picked up the endorsement of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, a union representing 23,000 people in 85 health care facilities.

The nurses' union also backed City Council At-Large candidates Erin Murphy, a former Boston Public Schools teacher, and David Halbert, a former City Hall staffer.

Meanwhile, Alex Gray, who served in Gov. Deval Patrick's administration as public policy aide, picked up endorsements from former Lt. Gov. Tim Murray and Jay Gonzalez, Patrick's former budget chief who unsuccessfully ran for governor in 2018.

Reporter Editor Bill Forry contributed to this report.

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The list of streets affected can be found on BWSC's website www.bwsc.org, testing begins June 21 thru June 28 (weekdays only) between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Boston Fire Department and Boston Police Department will be advised of when and where smoke tests will be conducted.

For complaints or for more information on smoke testing, please call Mr. Adam Horst Project Director BWSC (617) 989-7433, Lizzy Norris Martinez Couch & Associates (860) 929 - 7635 and Jonathan Kunay at CDM Smith (617) 452-6583. Never let anyone gain entrance to your home unless they present a photo identification. All BWSC employees and contractors carry photo ID's. If you are unsure, please call BWSC's main number (617) 989 -7000 prior to allowing entry.

# Juneteenth events set for Saturday in Dot

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Dorchester Art Project will host a "Healing Through the Arts" event at Ripley Playground in Four Corners this Saturday. June 19, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The event will include a live mural

life of artist Dwayne Corey Ross, aka Xerox, followed by a candlelight vigil at sunset for the community in remembrance of loved ones they have lost. Vendors

project celebrating the will also set up on the tennis court.

> This event has been made possible by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, Dorchester Art Project, and Rebel Cause, Inc. Donate to

help offset costs for the event at dorchesterartproject.com.

The Trustees, a land conservation group, will host a Juneteenth celebration at Nightingale Community Garden in Dorchester this Saturday, June 19, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The celebration of freedom is free for all and will include poetry,

storytelling, food, and live music. Pre-register online at thetrustees. org/seedsow.

-DANIEL SHEEHAN

# Dot talent is featured in 'Tiny DAP Concert'

# series

Inspired by NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts, "Tiny DAP Concerts," an intimate, virtual showcase, will highlight **Greater Boston** artists who are rising in the ranks in New England Hip Hop as it makes week through



its debut this DJWhySham will kick off the Tiny DAP Series on June 17.

the Dorchester Art Project.

Season One of the series will kick off on Thursday (June 17) with a performance by DJ WhySham on the Boston Compass's YouTube channel. The series, which is funded by The Boston Foundation, will also feature five artists from the DAP Open Mic. Community partners for the series include LFOD Radio and Spark FM Radio.

Led by creative director Jay Hunt of Smokehouse Media, one of the area's most sought-after filmmakers and producers, the series will offer professionally produced, pre-recorded performances that put the spotlight on local artists.

The program comes after DAP's popular monthly Open Mic sessions were put on hold due to the pandemic. DAP founder Sam Potrykus sees the series as a way to unify the city and elevate local artists to a global audience, saying, "After Covid took away our premier monthly showcase, the only way to bounce back is to go big."

- DANIEL SHEEHAN

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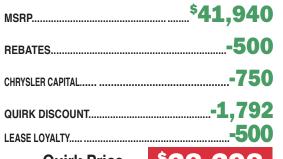
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# THE REPORTER West Side Stories

(Continued from page 1) ing for the Hour," and to family appears to have came a famous painter and teacher in his own right. He is most famous for his depiction of slaves in the middle of the night somewhere in the South, counting the minutes on Dec. 31, 1862, before they officially became free through the Emancipation Proclamation.

The painting is called "Watch Meeting - Waitthis day a copy hangs prominently in the White House. Carlton, from what I can tell, was connected to prominent abolitionists in Boston, including William Lloyd Garrison. However, he and his family were original WOW residents and, from my research, Carlton himself grew up on the corner of Thane and Harvard Streets. His

had an estate where several brick apartment buildings now stand, and they continued to have a presence in the neighborhood well into the 1940s.

At the end of Athelwold and Norwell sits an odd home that never really seemed to fit in with the three-deckers, massive Colonials, and less-ornate Victorians that populate the streets over here. With a little help from Earl Taylor at the Dorchester Historical Society, I put together a pretty good case for this odd house being the home of William T. Carlton, and perhaps the place where he painted the famous 'Watch Meeting' painting – a copy of which now hangs at the White House in the Lincoln Bedroom. It was above his desk. It was a gift from Garrison and others in Boston after the Emancipation Proclamation.

After Lincoln's assassination, Carlton's painting disappeared from the White House, never to be found again. In the 1970s, the Republican Party came across a copy in New York City, purchased it, and gifted it to the White House. It was then placed back in Lincoln's bedroom.

Ironically, and going back to the basis of all this, Carlton's painting is often mistaken as a depiction of the first Juneteenth celebration in 1865. That is not correct, but on this Juneteenth, perhaps it's a fitting tribute to think about the man from WOW whose art so vividly captured the moment of freedom for those so horribly oppressed for hundreds of years.

As an aside, Carlton's family was also very prominent in the formation of the WOW neighborhood as well. If you've ever driven up Millet Street, you might wonder what that name is all about. In fact, it is Carlton's mother's maid- $\begin{array}{ll} en \ name - Mary \ Jane \\ (Millet) \ Carlton. \end{array}$ 

While Norwell Street is a speedway nowadays, at one time it was named Kelton Street, which was the original name of the Carlton family before they changed it upon arriving in Boston from Europe.



The famous painting by William T. Carlton, Watch Meeting - Waiting for the Hour.

### In the garden, the joke's on them

If you're like me, then you've probably put your garden out and it's going berserk. The combination of sunny weather and frequent gushing rains has made good for the beginnings of the tomatoes, cukes, green beans, even the peppers. Despite the sobering reality of Covid-19 last year, it was a banner year in the garden and I expect more of the same this year.

I keep my garden out in front of the house. A lot of people might think that odd, but I enjoy it because it draws in a lot of comments and makes new friends fast. However, in the old days, it also invited in vandals who thought they might get a quick take on the fruits of my labor.

One of the funniest pieces of thievery was about 15 years ago when I decided to grow cauliflower. I had never grown it before and I'll never grow it again. After months and months of watching the big green leaves grow taller and taller, no cauliflower seemed to sprout out.

In fact, it wasn't until early fall that I got a small cauliflower that emerged inside the greens, and it was only about the size of my fist. Kinda silly to go through

all that when a much larger store-bought version costs a little over two dollars.

So it was that my cauliflower stood tall, and must have caught the eye of one hungry soul passing by. One morning I woke up and saw that one of my large cauliflowers had been absconded with. A trail of dirt drifted up the street and then died out around the corner. Someone had just ripped it out of the ground – root and all. It hadn't been easy; I could see from their footprints how they'd struggled. You might think I would feel a little burnt with my front-yard garden, but the joke was on our fair thief. Maybe you know or maybe you don't, but a half-done cauliflower looks almost identical to many types of greens. I'm all but certain our produce pirate thought they'd gotten away with a nice batch of greens.

But not so.

Again, the joke was on our bandit because I know that if you try to boil cauliflower leaves, they smell like the most awful skunk Sulphur you can imagine. All that said, I took solace in knowing my loss was their stinky situation.

### Again with the fireworks

This week I was already kept up well into the wee hours by some firework fiends out in the schoolyard shooting off Roman Candles and other cheesy July 4th money-wasters. This happens every y some extent on the west side of Dorchester-probably the last 20 or more years really. However, I think we can all agree that last year – all over the neighborhood – the fireworks situation was not sustainable for those who had to work or be active before 2 p.m.

So we're in early June and the nonsense has started. Here's to hoping we don't have a curtain call on last year's maddening performance.

Seth Daniel has been a resident of the West of Washington neighborhood for the last two decades and enjoys re-telling stories of the oddities and edginess that are part of living in that part of Dorchester.



# **24 Ericsson Street**

Monday, June 28 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Zoom Link: bit.ly/3il2cfl Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 096 1252

## **Project Proponent:**

**CPC Ericsson Street LLC** 

### **Project Description:**

The Proposed Project consists of the redevelopment of an approximately 156,816 square foot site off of Ericsson Street in the Port Norfolk area of Dorchester. The current proposal consists of multiple buildings and includes 120 residential units, approximately 23,400 square feet of office space, approximately 11,000 square feet of community/office flex space, approximately 3,600 square feet of retail space, a boathouse, and 115 off-street vehicle parking spaces. This meeting will include a brief presentation on the proposal, a prioritized discussion with Impact Advisory Group (IAG) members, and a question and answer/comments session with the general public.

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# Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

# News about people

# Challenger baseball kicks off a new season at Garvey Park

By Rebeca Pereira REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Little Leaguers from several Boston neighborhoods stepped up to the plate at Garvey Park in Neponset on June 6 for this year's much-anticipated Opening Day for the Martin Richard Challenger baseball division, a star-studded tradition where no one strikes out.

The pre-game ceremony featured a rendition of the national anthem from Todd Angilly of Boston Bruins fame and was bookended with a surprise visit from Red Sox mascot Wally the Green Monster.

The scene galvanized doting parents and a party of volunteers in support of the league's 47 special-needs players, many of them running bases and fielding groundballs for the very first time.

"Opening Day is always intense in a beautiful way," said Brendan McDonough, the league's founder. "When the kids make contact with the ball – for us, and their parents, but especially for them – that's the greatest joy."

Three seniors from Dorchester — Caroline Guilfoyle, Mikaela McSharry, and Cailan O'Leary — graduated from the University of Vermont this month. All received bachelor's degrees, McSharry cum laude in arts, and O'Leary in science.

An estimated 3,347 graduates, including 2,685 bachelors, 435 masters, 117 doctoral and 110 medical, earned degrees during UVM's 220th commencement in Burlington.



BPD officer Nora Baston joined Challenger Division players after the June 6 game at Garvey Park in Neponset. From left to right: Megan McKenna, Tavis Freeman, Nora Baston (BPD), Alexa Lescinskes, Devin Connolly, Jack Dias, Jada Rocke, Anna Mullaly, Ciara O'Dwyer, Jessica Martin, Sophia McDonough, Dano Clarke, Stevie Diaz, Cole Burke, and Anthony Curioso.

Photo courtesy Challenger Division/BGCD

The Challenger Division offers year-round, recreational programming through the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, holding soccer and basketball tournaments during the school year and swimming lessons in the summer months. But baseball, a sport naturally suited to masking and social distancing guidelines, is the group's

MaryEllen Tevnan of

Dorchester graduated

as part of the Class

of 2021 at Chapel Hill-

Chauncy Hall School in

Waltham on June 5. Student speakers included

Valedictorian Gabriel

McCreath and Salutatorian Sidney Dual, each

delivering an inspira-tional speech to their classmates. The com-

mencement address was

delivered by activist,

author, educator, and former Broadway actor, Philip McAdoo, Ed.D. Photo courtesy Chap-el Hill-Chauncy Hall

School

first love.

The season faced a month-long postponement to allow for greater vaccine coverage among parents and other spectators, but "the challenges of the pandemic," said McDonough, "only go to show that the league was built to withstand and built to last.

"We were very fortunate that the nature of baseball gave us the option of heading outside with the kids, so we didn't have to adjust too much to pandemic restrictions," he said. "Baseball is the sport that started it all, and we felt compelled to have a season this year, even with postponements, because there's always been a positive response to baseball from our kids."

The Challenger Division comprises two leagues, a teen subdivision and a youth subdivision, and community service incentives from neighboring youth centers and schools, like Braintree's Thayer Academy, continue to sustain the program's steady flow of volunteers. This year's youth subdivision is 35 players strong, a record for the league.

All the program's participants took part in two weeks of training leading up to the season, including the organizing of a slew of 'buddies' assigned to guide players' swings at bat and jog beside them from plate to base.

Performance is the least of the league's priorities – instead the focus is on collaboration, sportsmanship, and simply "showing up."

Said McDonough: "When you see a coach pitching to a child with some degree of special needs, they might take eight, nine, ten swings before they make contact with the ball. But you look on the sidelines and there are parents, some of them with tears in their eyes, ready to take pictures of their kid because this wasn't a moment they ever thought

they would get to see."

For McDonough, the league is a family affair - his daughter Sophia Rose has a disability, and his three sons all lend a hand as catchers, coaches, and volunteer coordinators during games. What began as an attempt to manufacture athletic inclusion for children with disabilities has since become an exercise in community solidarity.

"It's a tight-knit community, the special needs community, but I never expected to see buddies, kids with no clear, vested interest in our program, come to me and say, 'I'm coming back next week, this was awesome.' The goal is to keep growing and to continue giving back - that's what's really special about the league; it's a chance to give back," McDonough said.

Curry College reports that the following students from Dorchester were named to the Spring 2021 Dean's List: Ava Guilfoyle, Rosedina Blanc, Keyscha Delva, Malykah McQuaid, Kit Tong, Terance Butler, Martin Beatty, Newfens Fede, Alyson Massey, Andrew Taylor, Alexandra Hill, Olivia Laurinaitis, Kathleen O'Hagan, and Fernando Phillips.

The following students from Dorchester have been named to the Connecticut College dean's list for the 2021 spring semester: Tashayla Borden, class of '21, High Honors, Africana Studies and Psychology; Angela Cao, '23, High Honors, Educational Studies and Human Development.



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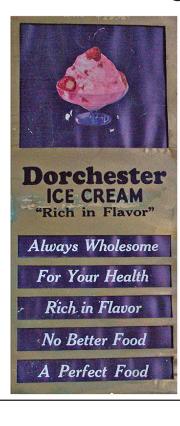
DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# Seymour's Ice Cream

It's the time of year to think about ice cream, especially ice cream in Dorchester. Charles "Buddy" Seymour was the creator of Seymour's ice cream and the Nutty Buddy. His Dorchester company provided soda fountain display cards featuring his products, like the one pictured. Buddy was the son of Michael Samuelian, who changed the family name to Seymour after immigrating from Armenia in the early 20th century.

The company was housed in the three-story brick building on Ericsson Street in Port Norfolk next to the building where the Boston Winery is now located. Just behind that site is the building with the monitor top that now houses the Boston Harbor Distillery.

These were part of the in-





dustrial complex at the northern end of Port Norfolk that was developed in the 1850s by the Putnam Horseshoe Nail Company, which later was taken over by the Lawley Shipyard, manufacturer of luxury sailboats and motor yachts.

Port Norfolk and the rest of the Neponset area of Dorchester saw an increase in development after the construction of the bridge over the Neponset River at Granite Avenue in the 1830s. The bridge denied access to the Lower Mills landing by larger ships, so businesses at Port Norfolk began to grow. The introduction of the Old Colony Railroad in the 1840s encouraged further development.

Dorchester was part of Norfolk County prior to 1870

when it was annexed to the city of Boston, thus the name Port Norfolk for this area.

In addition to Putnam Nail at the northern of the peninsula, the Port later saw the introduction of the Stearns Lumber Yard at the southern and easterly sides of the peninsula and the Frost Coal Company next to the railroad bridge that crossed the river to Quincy.

 $The \ archive \ of \ these \ histori$ cal posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are closed at this time due to the coronavirus. We will announce when the houses will be once again open to the public. For now, our programs have been suspended.

### **Editorial**

# Let's weigh options for Greenway link

Last week's Reporter carried good news about a long-awaited project to patch a 0.7-mile missing link in the Neponset Greenway, between Tenean Beach and Morrissey Boulevard, a stretch that includes a hazardous crossing at the Southeast Expressway off ramp near the Beades Bridge.

After a long pause, officials from the state's De-

partment of Transportation (MassDOT) led a virtual meeting on May 26 to outline their latest "preferred" route for the Greenway connection. The \$8.5 million project, officials said, is now expected to start in the fall of 2022— with completion envisioned by 2024.

The current plan routes the trail along the inland side of

the expressway, shooting behind several properties, including Boston Bowl, the Ramada hotel, and two state-owned salt sheds along Freeport Street. It would then cut back under the highway at Victory Road and connect trail-users to a passage through the National Grid gas tank site. That "gas tank" section of the trail — which includes an elevated, 670-foot-long boardwalk with bump-out scenic overview locations to take in the view of Dorchester Bay— is the aesthetic highlight.

Longtime advocates are thrilled that the Commonwealth is moving ahead with plans and funding for the missing link. But we also join with those who are asking planners to re-consider using the Dorchester Bay side of the expressway, instead of settling for the tight inland route behind Freeport Street. The shoreline route would require a 1,500-foot-long elevated boardwalk to connect Tenean to Victory Road Park, a state-owned land mass that juts out into the bay and could be another way to route Greenway users along a far more scenic and safer route.

One DCR official told the Reporter this week that the shoreline boardwalk was ruled out mainly due to cost — estimated to be \$6 million. There's also concern that getting through the necessary environmental permitting would be tricky.

But, without a full accounting for how much the "preferred" inland route will cost—inclusive of the land acquisition—it's hard to measure the two alternatives. A 99-year lease agreement with National Grid that is needed to cut through their property, for example, is "not yet finalized," according to a MassDOT spokesperson. It's also important to note that the National Grid lease—and other right-of-way acquisition costs—are not factored into the current \$8.5 million estimate for the project.

We don't have a full picture yet of the public comments on the current project. (We've asked for those documents and expect to see and publish them soon.) But John and Maria Lyons— a Port Norfolk couple who have been leading advocates for the Greenway and other public assets— have asked the state agencies to reconsider the shoreline route before locking in the final design.

Engineering challenges, cost, and long-term maintenance are legitimate issues. But the public should have a chance to weigh out the pros and cons of both routes. Everyone wants to see this missing link advance without delay.

But let's also insist that Dorchester be presented with a full set of options that can help us make an informed decision. MassDOT is still taking public comment on the Greenway project at its website. See DotNews.com for a link to join the conversation.

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# Removal of mature trees from McConnell Park leaves a scar

To the Editor:

Protecting mature trees should be a norm in the city's policies, practices, and mentality. Unfortunately, it is not. It is a constant battle. Citizens try to stay aware and be vocal about saving trees, but for many trees, it is often too late.

On May 28, the city removed 32 mature trees from McConnell Park in Savin Hill, which is being redesigned and raised three and a half feet to mitigate flooding. The removal of so many trees was not clearly communicated to the community. Until this month, the last public meeting about this project was on Oct. 30, 2018. The city hosted its next meeting three weeks ago, on June 1, to give updates on the project – after the trees were removed.

When word got around that the project would be starting soon, I emailed the project manager on May 21, to inquire if any mature trees would be removed, how many, and which ones. I was told that 32 trees would be removed. I took a screenshot from their depiction of the six large sycamore trees—the tallest and oldest trees at the park—at its sloping edge and inquired if they would remain.

The response was: "The Olive Green color indicates that they are existing trees to remain. The grading there is relatively minor and would only be removing a tree if it were diseased or dying." I was relieved to hear this news.

On May 28, my neighbor called me and told me they were removing the sycamores. I ran down to the park, but it was too late. One was down, but five were still standing. I found the site manager and he said it was a mistake and that they would not be taking down the others.

When I emailed the project manager, her response was: "Removing the tree was not a mistake, and necessitated by the change in grade of the parking lot. Upon deeper study with the designer, I realized the information I gave to you based on my initial

cursory review of the plan was not accurate. I apologize for the bad information I gave you."

The sycamore tree that was removed is at the same ground level as the one next to it. This is not how you build trust with the community.

I later read the plans submitted for the project, which included detailed information on all the trees that were slated for removal. This document, which was *not* shared with the community, showed that that sycamore was to be removed. If we had had this information, many neighbors would have rallied to save this amazing tree. Even though I have requested that they replace the sycamore that they removed, nothing can truly replace that tree as this copse of trees likely developed a bond over the centuries together.

The city's tree planting goals are meaningless if it is merely a data-driven mission to "plant trees." Many of those trees do not make it through their first, second, or third year. It seems the city does not even have something as simple as a watering program to water the trees they plant. They depend on community members to water them.

Trees are part of the city's open spaces and history, so maybe they can put Community Preservation Act funding toward a tree maintenance program.

It is too late to save the trees at McConnell Park. However, it is not too late to save trees in upcoming city projects like Moakley Park's complete redesign. At first glance, the plans look beautiful. But how many mature trees will they remove? When will trees be considered a design constraint instead of a replaceable asset? It takes generations of time for a small tree to reach maturity and build its canopy. The city will never reach its tree canopy goals if it continues to remove what gives us a true canopy—mature trees.

Heidi Moesinger Savin Hill

# Committee resignations distract from real trouble in BPS schools

By Lew Finfer

SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Last fall, the Boston School Committee was preparing to vote for a new policy that for the first time would give fairer access to students of color seeking to get into the city's three exam schools. For a generation, Blacks and Latinos have seen few seats, despite making up a large majority of students at the Boston Public Schools.

The hearing before the vote featured passionate statements in favor of the new policy – which takes into account ZIP codes — and strong statements against it from white parents, especially from West Roxbury, and from some Asian parents who wanted to preserve the system, which called for an entrance exam, that was working fine for them. The new policy is temporary, due to the pandemic, and a task force is considering permanent next steps.

During last fall's hearing, School Committee members Lorna Rivera and Alexandra Oliver-Dávila had this exchange in texts on their cell phones:

"Best school committee meeting ever," Oliver-Dávila wrote to Rivera. "I'm trying not to cry." Rivera texted back: "Wait until the white racists start yelling at us." Oliver Dávila responded: "Whatever. They're delusional," later adding, "I hate WR," a reference to West Roxbury. "Sick of Westie whites," Rivera replied. "Me, too. I really feel like saying that," answered Oliver-Dávila.

Clearly, someone who does not want the admissions policy changed "dropped a dime" on these text conversations, which were published in the *Boston Globe*.

One of my children attended Boston Latin, and she used to say, "It's a Westy school," meaning many BLS students were from West Roxbury.

I have tried working with others since the early 2000s to get the exam schools' admissions policy changed, because the grading system for admissions favored parochial and private school students. A teacher who once taught at Boston Latin and now serves as a BPS principal told me that one year all the applicants from Holy Name, a parochial school in West Roxbury, had A's and were admitted. She said that she had taught them all and that some were A students but certainly not all of them.

Students applying to Boston's exam schools have been taking an entrance test more often used in private and parochial schools than the MCAS test that BPS students take. It is both baffling and angering that for so long we disadvantaged Boston's public school students in this admissions process.

There's a lot at stake for parents in this matter. Some parents feel that if their child doesn't get into an exam school, they either have to pay tens of thousands for private school or move out of Boston. White parents generally have higher incomes than Black and Latino parents and so have likely been more able to pay for test prep courses for their children. I admit that I paid a few hundred dollars to enroll my daughter in a test prep program back then. We know that's not fair.

The history of this issue goes back to the 1970s, when a federal judge ordered that one-third of the seats in the exam schools go to Black and Latino students. But 20 years later, a white parent challenged this in a higher court and won. The national NAACP advised against an appeal of that ruling because with a conservative Supreme Court, the fallout might have led to the undoing of other rulings in favor of minority plaintiffs. Ultimately, the combined number of Black and Latino students at Boston Latin fell below 20 percent in a system where they make up 70 percent of the students.

I have met Alexandra Oliver-Dávila and for more than 20 years, she has run a very respected youth agency in Mission Hill called Sociedad Latina. She grew up in West Roxbury and she tells of experiencing bullying, spitting, and racial epithets in her home neighborhood. It's so sad that she has to resign because of the release of a text message.

She has said she regretted the texts, calling them inappropriate, but added, "I am not ashamed of the feelings from history that made me write those words. My lived experience of growing up fearing people from certain neighborhoods, the neighborhood I lived in, is real and is what helped shape who I am today."

My gosh, how many of us have said things in private that we would never say in public? Will someone invent something to read our minds and then every mean thing in our thoughts will be out there?

That said, where do we go from here? The School Committee, Mayor Janey, and the Boston School Department must implement a policy that calls for the exam schools to admit a more diverse set of students to the exam schools and ensure that those students have strong academic records. There's nothing stopping us from having an admissions policy giving priority to the top BPS students or allowing equal numbers to get in from each ZIP code in the city.

We need big improvements in most of Boston's public schools, rather than a fight over hundreds of seats in the three Boston exam schools. But decisions on who gets to go to those three are being made every year and affecting life chances for thousands of students. We can't wait until most of the city's schools will be very good ones. Let's not go back in time.

Lew Finfer is a Dorchester resident.

### **Commentary**

# Let's invest in new HVAC system

# for our schools

TO THE EDITOR:

As a parent at the Lee Academy Pilot School on Dunbar Avenue, I've been very happy with my daughters' educations, but utterly shocked by the condition of Boston Public School buildings.

As detailed in the BuildBPS report, the vast majority of BPS schools were built before 1939, and of 127 school buildings, only 33 have air conditioning. The district had to replace 7,000 windows just to be able to open and provide ventilation during the pandemic.

The windows —and so many other problems —were no secret before 2020. It is simply negligent to send children and teachers into schools with classroom temperatures well into the 80s in the summer and frigid in the winter because of propped windows for ventilation.

BPS will receive \$400 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESS-ER) funds from the federal government. There are numerous worthy needs that can be addressed with this money. But, after the past 15 months of pandemic, the need for heating, ventilation and air conditioning – HVAC— upgrades is undeniable.

In 2016, my wife and I bought our house in Dorchester and had to replace an old boiler. We



Looking up at the Lee Academy Pilot School.

Photo by Mike Ritter/Ritterbin.com

were surprised to find that with a Mass Save HEAT loan, rebates, and tax credits, we could afford an air source heat pump as its replacement. We haven't seen a heating bill since, thanks to our solar panels. While a school isn't a home, I can only imagine what volume cost-saving possibilities BPS could realize by installing HVACs.

Retrofitting BPS buildings with air source heat pump HVAC systems is one way we could address the issue. Heat pumps can even do the impossible and make administrators "popular," as noted by a school superintendent in Bedford, PA, who documented his district's successful and cost-effective HVAC conversion at an elementary school on YouTube.

BPS is spending significant amounts of money that could otherwise go toward HVAC upgrades. Gas bills are expensive — \$17,000 at my girls' school for one year — and would be significantly reduced because the more efficient HVACs run on electricity.

Sixteen heating systems and 27 ventilation systems need replacing now. BlocPower is a company that specializes in retrofitting old, large, and typically urban buildings with HVACs. For zero money down, BlocPower could install HVACs with 10-15-year terms, including a warranty and maintenance. And, they would pass on any incentives and rebates to lower the purchase price. In the long term, I'm convinced HVACs would actually save BPS money.

The school department is currently taking input from the community on how best to use the ESSER funds that will be allocated to Boston. I was dismayed to see that I was the only parent who spoke at a recent (June 10) meeting. Whether you like the HVACs or something else, there is a lack of family feedback on how to use the ESSR funds, with some schools not represented at all.

There are two more virtual hearings scheduled, on June 24 and July 1. You can register to participate by logging onto boston publics chools. org/Page/8680.

If you want to know more, I've created a presentation and relevant links, both of which can be shared. Let's make BPS better for our kids with these federal funds and not let them end up in the hands of more consultants.

Mike Ritter Dorchester

# Dumcius rejoins Reporter as paper's managing editor

Gintautas Dumcius, who began his career as a journalist at the Dorchester Reporter while a student at UMass Boston, returned to his roots this week: He is now the managing editor of the newspaper and its website.

A Quincy native, Dumcius served as the news editor of the Reporter from 2010-2014. He has since worked as a reporter at the State House News



Gintautas Dumcius

Service and worked out of Boston for the Springfield-based MassLive.com. Most recently, Dumcius was the digital editor of the Boston Business Journal.

Bill Forry, the publisher of the *Dorchester Reporter*, will continue to have a key role in the news organization as executive editor. He and Dumcius are joined in newsroom leadership roles by associate editor Thomas F. Mulvoy Jr., production manager Barbara Langis, and the Reporter's co-founder and publisher emeritus, Edward W. Forry.

"We are thrilled to welcome Gin Dumcius back to our newsroom in a key role that will include leading the Reporter's coverage of this year's municipal election," said Bill Forry. "Gin is a highly respected journalist who has a keen understanding of Boston's neighborhoods and a passion for covering the people of Dorchester in particular. We are very excited to add his considerable talents to our newsroom team."

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To the Editor:

We should make permanent several of the highly successful election protection measures introduced during the pandemic, including expansions to vote-bymail and early in-person voting. While these measures are necessary, they won't be sufficient to remove long standing barriers to ballot access that predate the pandemic.

During the 2020 election, a record 3.7 million votes were cast in Massachusetts with over half being early or mail-in ballots. In that year, 43 states, including D.C., had universal vote-bymail and 45 states had expanded mail-in voting availability. Same-day registration is currently used in 21 states, including D.C.

The VOTES Act (S. 459/H. 805)— filed in the Massachusetts Legislature— would implement essential new measures that would ensure free, fair, and equitable elec-

tions in the Commonwealth, including jailbased voting reforms. About 7,000-9,000 residents are held pretrial or on misdemeanor convictions every year and without these reforms, Massachusetts will not be doing all that we can to ensure that every eligible voter can actually cast a ballot in practice.

Many incarcerated people are also eligible voters who must have meaningful access to the ballot. At a local jail, 13 out of 300-400 eligible voters cast a ballot last fall, and the VOTES Act would help increase participation in this area.

I urge you to contact your state representative and senator to support the VOTES Act in its entirety. Given the threats our democracy has faced this past year, Massachusetts must do everything it can to protect voting rights in the next election, making it equitable for all.

Matthew J. Shochat Dorchester



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# Sea gates across harbor called key in combating coastal surges

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who supports the "layered" approach with the sea-gate system would protect coastal communities in an equitable way and limit damage to property and infrastructure remaining outside the sea wall barrier.

Similar gate systems have already successfully been implemented elsewhere in New England, including in New Bedford, which has been protected from storm surge devastation for the last 50 years and could serve as a model for a new Boston Harbor-based system.

In Dorchester, high tides and storm surges regularly inundate coastal infrastructure like Morrissey Boulevard and Moakley Park, as well as other areas between Columbia Point and the Neponset River watershed.

Heather O'Brien, an activist with the working group whose grandparents emigrated to Savin Hill from maritime European communities, recalled being trapped at UMass Boston by a flooded Morrissey when she took classes there vears ago.

"Storm surge wasn't considered; it wasn't a factor when Morrissey was built," she said. "Now, when Dorchester floods, people don't have access to evacuation routes, basements get flooded, and people lose everything...Some folks see their rent increase every year because of flood insurance."

The city's Climate Ready Dorchester plan, released in the fall of 2020, calls for berms, road raising, and other interventions at targeted points where flooding

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Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(613,798,9200) (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU21P1203EA ESTATE OF: MARY E. LANERGAN DATE OF DEATH: 07/07/2000

PA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Rebecca Noles of Danville, PA he appointed as Personal Representative(s of said estate to serve Without Surety or the bond in an unsupervised administration

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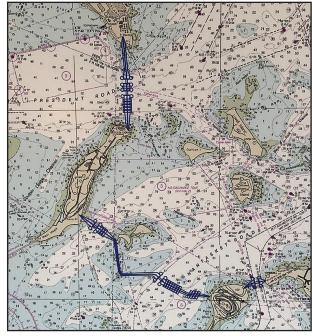
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A proposed series of sea gates between Hull and Winthrop would protect Boston Harbor communities from storm surge flooding. Tighe & Bond image

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To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestac and Appointment of Personal Representativ A Petition for Formal Adjudication of intestacy, and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Alma A. Curaje of Stater Island, NY requesting that the Court ente a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Alma A. Curaje o Staten Island, NY be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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Date: May 21, 2021

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Date: June 10, 2021

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JAMES WARREN RYAN, JR. DATE OF DEATH: 08/01/2016

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Michael McGaffigan of Raymond, NH and David McGaffigan of Cathedral City, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested n the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Michael McGaffigan of Raymond, NH and David McGaffigan of Cathedral City, CA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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tacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Jamie P. Walsh of Dorchester, MArequesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests hat: Jamie P. Walsh of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s of said estate to serve Without Surety or the bond in an unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

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most frequently occurs. But, as the report indicates, most of the

Dorchester coastline is not city-owned and is managed instead by state agencies like the Department of Conservation and Recreation

Golden, a former Massachusetts state senator who helped to shape the Environmental Protection Agency and whose 1986 lawsuit compelled the state to clean up Boston Harbor, said the responsibility falls again on the state to safeguard the harbor region.

"We need the state to see this as a regional issue that only the state can address," he said. "City government is limited to city property, so it's going to take a strong advocacy community and strong leadership at the Commonwealth level to get it done."

The first step in implementing a Regional Layered Defense Plan would be an in-depth feasibility and cost-benefit analysis study to be carried out by the Commonwealth, followed by an expanded

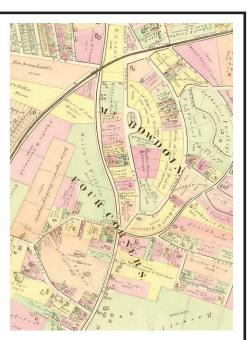
study by the US Army Corps of Engineers that could unlock federal funding.

According to Golden, to date no one from the state has contacted the Corps of Engineers about conducting such a study. "There is a huge cost to doing nothing," he said.
"We have to act now."

For more information on the Boston Harbor Regional Storm Surge Working Group and the proposed seagate layered defense system, visit bost on harborflood prevention.com.

# June 27, 2021 7 pm Virtual presentation via Zoom

Earl Taylor, President of the Dorchester Historical Society, will provide an armchair walking tour of Four Corners, Dorchester, and the surrounding area. Using images and maps, he will describe this area of Dorchester through space and time, while the audience sits comfortably in their own homes. He will speak about architecture in the area and about former residents and businesses.



To register, go to www. dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org

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# Beach programs, events getting boost from grant



A series of small grants—amounting to \$22,000 going to five Dorchester organizations— will fund free beach events as part of Save the Harbor's Better Beaches Program. Events include performances by the Boston Circus Guild (above), disco on the beach, DJ sets, live music, paddle boarding and kayaking.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay photo

## By Chris Van Buskirk State House

**News Service** 

Free concerts and movie nights, yoga and fitness classes, circus performances, and wheelchairs to help those with disabilities access beaches are all getting a boost as part of a \$300,000 grant program Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation and Recreation announced last Saturday.

The Better Beach Program grants are heading to 67 organizations to support 150 free beach events and programs this year in nine communities from Nahant to Nantasket, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay said. This year's grants represent a \$100,000 increase compared to 2020 when the non-profit group gave out about \$200,000 to 22 organizations.

"It is exciting to have so many new organizations on board this year," Maya Smith, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's community engagement manager, said in a statement. "I am certain that they will bring new visions, new voices, more food choices, more accessibility, and a more diverse audience to the beach."

The funds stem from a DCR appropriation and also include \$50,000 in proceeds from the Virtual Harpoon Shamrock Splash, "which will be awarded to organizations and creatives who empower, amplify and invest in community members of color and improve beach access for people with disabilities," the non-profit said.

Communities with organizations receiving grant money include Dorchester, South Boston, Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, and Quincy, among others. And Save the Harboris also allocating \$7,500 to purchase mobility mats and beach wheelchairs to increase accessibility for people with disabilities at metropolitan-area beaches.

In Dorchester, the organization HipStory will use \$5,000 for DJ sets, live music and MC's. South Boston Neighborhood House, for example, is set to receive \$10,000 to hold "family fun nights."

"Save the Harbor is committed to increased equity and improved access in all our programs and on our beaches," Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Executive Director Chris Mancini said.

In 2020, grant recipients used the funds to run socially distanced summer programs and to provide safety equipment and support as organizations adjusted to keep beaches safe and open during the pandemic.

"It is going to be a terrific summer, with terrific free events and programs that celebrate our diversity and resilience," said Bruce Berman, director of strategy and communications at Save the Harbor. "After a very difficult year like no other, we are looking forward to seeing you all face-to-face on the beach."

Save the Harbor's program partners and event sponsors include Harpoon Brewery, Jet-Blue, Mix 104.1, The Blue Sky Collaborative, The Boston Foundation, The Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, Beacon Capital Partners, P&G Gillette, National Grid, the Daily Catch, and Comcast.



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# Community Call for Action for a Grove Hall Youth Center Now!

Ask your elected officials and those candidates who are running for office, these questions:

Why is Grove Hall the only neighborhood without a city youth center?

What steps will you take to develop the Grove Hall Youth Center and how will it be prioritized?

What is your timetable?

Will you have a transparent process that includes fully engaged youth, resident and community participation?



In 2014, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services convened a planning process that reinforced the need for an open recreational space that was connected with the Jeremiah Burke High School at 40-48 Geneva Ave. Since July 2016, with the closure of youth programming, youth and residents have requested a youth center be sited at 40-48 Geneva Avenue to fill that void. Ask why the 40-48 Geneva Ave. site has not yet been designated for the Grove Hall Youth Center. It is large enough for a multi-purpose youth center. It will not impact densely populated, narrow, and congested residential streets with more traffic and parking issues. It is readily accessible by public transportation and walkers. It is neutral space and not impacted by turf issues. All Grove Hall youth will feel comfortable in participating.

Youth programming was shut down at the Grove Hall Community Center in its conversion to a senior center, a month after a Burke student was killed almost five years ago. For almost five years, there has been a substantial void in youth prevention programming. In the past fifteen months, there were several different incidents in which young people were killed or impacted by violence after which we were unable to convene young people at a local youth center in a process to help them grieve in a physically distanced setting. For the past several years, a partnership of young people, residents and community representatives have continually stated the need for a Grove Hall Youth Center to help address the impact of violence.

A site for a Grove Hall youth center is available on a city owned vacant lot (40-48 Geneva Ave.) across from the Burke and is seen as a safe haven. For the past several years, we asked that the City Council, along with the Mayor, prioritize beginning "programming studies to develop options for potential future community centers in Charlestown and Dorchester (Grove Hall)" that is in the BCYF's budget. There is no direct recreational and after-school programming that is being provided in Grove Hall to young people while comparing that to the youth programming provided by other sections in Dorchester and the city. Currently, the Charlestown site is being fast-tracked while once again

Submitted by the organizing committee for a Grove Hall Youth Center and supporters (list in formation) - Garrison Trotter Neighborhood Association, Michael Kozu (Project RIGHT, Inc. staff\*). Richard Salmon (Project RIGHT. Inc. Board President\*), Laura Younger (resident), Erico Correia (resident), Jayona Thomas (student), Sister Virginia Morrison (partner, Grove Hall Neighborhood Development Corporation\*), Shameka Nurse (resident), Patricia Knight (resident), Charles Knight (resident), Aliemall Peeples (resident), Lisa Beasley (resident), Alaska & Perrin Street Association (Dora Bigger, Inez Cooks, Alison McNeil, Alicia Thompson, Pernell Thompson), Wanda Bacon (resident), Joyce Harrison (resident), Grace Johnson (resident), Hazel Villafana (resident), Gordan Villafana (resident), Marla Greenberg (resident), Linda Freeman (resident), Doreen Ward (resident), Keitha Hassell (resident), Leora Rifkin (resident), Khadijah Ellison (resident), Cynthina Grant-Carter (resident), Ramiro Oliva (resident), Joe-Ann Fergus (community member), Cheryl Antoine (resident), Felecia Kinton (resident), Mr. Elijah Kinton Sr. (resident), Katherine Jenkins (resident), Marina

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Notwithstanding the significant, documented need for a Grove Hall Youth Center, the Parks Department is currently promoting a planning process to justify their efforts to site a park at 40-48 Geneva Ave. This park planning process is unresponsive to the issue of the Grove Hall Youth Center.

We are asked to wait for the Grove Hall Youth Center to be located at a mythical site to be determined. We have already determined that there are no other appropriate sites that will be equitable to other neighborhood facilities and will not pose a negative impact upon nearby residents or affect young people's safety. Our youth had to wait fifteen years for the Burke to be renovated equitably. How many more years will our youth have to wait for a Grove Hall Youth Center?

We have been overly patient for the past few decades, while we had a storefront youth center, then a bubble, then partial use of the Burke gym and a community room space and now nothing, instead of having full access to a multipurpose facility.

For almost five years, the city has no youth programming in a Grove Hall Community Center facility. What message are we giving young people about their future? They see a process that easily licenses smoke shops, liquor stores and now marijuana shops in their neighborhood. The urgency and process on the follow through for a youth center in Grove Hall/ Dorchester is extremely lacking especially given how long it has been in the city's budget and especially now that racism has been declared a public health emergency.

We ask our elected officials, and those candidates who are running for office: Is developing a Grove Hall Youth Center a priority for you? What steps will you take and what is your timetable for this to happen? Too many generations of Grove Hall youth have been neglected, how much longer will they have to wait?

Bobbie Thomas (resident), Quiana Scott-Ferguson (resident), Lisa Solomon (resident), Latrina Gray (resident), Dennis Johnson (resident), Marqui Taylor (student), Chris Geer (partner), Veronica Evans (resident), Paul Edwards (partner), Celia Contelmo (partner), Hon. Leslie E Harris, Ret.\* (resident), Pamela Green (resident), Andre Barbour (partner), Gerard Kayondo (student), Anita B. Jones (resident), Smiler Haynes (resident), DeAndra Humphries (student, resident), Emmanuel Tikili (PRI staff\*), Grant Callendar (resident). Adrian Phillips (resident), Joshua Bonnie (resident), Tarina Harrison (resident), Robert Hector (resident), Karenlyn Bunch (resident), Norman Stembridge (resident), Roy J. Lynch (Magnolia St. resident), Mónica M. Pomare (resident), Reverend Joseph Rocha (resident), Jacqueline Parker (partner), Born Bi-Kim (resident), Mike's & Al Basketball League Alumni (Anthony Paige, Raheem Singleton-Pro Basketball Player, Michael Rodriguez-Pro Basketball Player, Randy Cureton M&A Alumni), Lenny Rivers (Resident), Fred Rivers (Resident), Kasib Sabir (Resident), Prince-Dontaye King (Resident), Ivan Torres (Student), Jose Laboy (Resident), Doris Hobson (Resident), Shanae Taylor (Resident), Lashawna Taylor (Resident), Jaiden Taylor (Student), Amari Peeples (Student), Raymond Evelir (Resident), Nathan Stern (New England Soccer Club\*), Julia Grace (Resident), Juliana Grace (Resident), Laucilene Ribeiro (Resident), Tyler Seever (partner, Freedom House\*), Renato Fernandes (resident), Mildred Stovell (resident), Cristina A Rodrigues (partner, Genius Tax LLC\*), Adilson Rodrigues (partner, Genius Planet\*), Romario Lauriston (student), Diane Bell (resident), Mt Calvary Holy Church of Boston and Community Advisory Board\* (Queen Wornum, Anthony Caldwell, Barbara Saulsberry, Anthony Jakes, Sandra Good, Lillie Sumpter, David Wilson, Lucile Wilson, Taylyse Wornum, Destinee Wornum, Tashani Wornum, Elise Hamilton, Kayode Bright, Lady Canty, Cheryl Antoine. Clarastine Ellis), Ivan Liriano (resident), June and Gil Oliver (residents, Project RIGHT, Inc. members\*), Naly M. Rosario (partner, KS Consulting Business, LLC\*), Charles (Chuck) Mentos (Supporter), Jeanne DuBois (supporter, Fairmount ally\*), John Linehan (Franklin Park Zoo\*) \*For identification purposes only

# Artists rally to save their workspace on Humphreys Street

(Continued from page 1) many of these types of of the affordable housing back from them.

"So what we've done in response is start a campaign called #ArtWorksHere, #ArtStaysHere to raise awareness about the situation, and we've started a petition to rally community support and show how many people value this space...So

buildings have disappeared from the city and are gone forever. Making one of them from scratch is almost impossible at this point, so we're trying to preserve something that a lot of time, effort, and sweat has gone into."

developer New Atlantic who has worked with the Humphreys Street crew on their proposal, told the Zoom audience that his company has had success in similar past endeavors to save artist spaces— offering Brookside Artist Studios Bill Hardy, the owner in Jamaica Plain and

the Walter Baker Lofts in Dorchester as examples—but that it is "not easy" to do.

"It takes a real collaborative effort from the artists themselves, support from the community, and commitment from people at the city and offices like DND,"he said, the last a reference

to the city's Department of Neighborhood Development.

However, early indications and a look at previous moves by the buyer, Weston resident Mai Luo of Kendall Realty, LLC, don't paint a rosy picture for the potential of retaining any studio or affordable housing space on the site.

"From what we've seen, this buyer tends to buy property and sit on it," said Hardy. "Given the nature of the site and the costs to develop it, there's no chance that what's redeveloped on that site is anything other than market hous $ing... the \,only \,economical \,$ solution for a for-profit developer is knocking those down and building condos."

One hope for preservation is having the buildings designated as historic structures by the Landmarks Commission.

"They are significant, late 19th-century industrial buildings with a lot of history," said Rose-Wood, who has spent time digging through Dorchester Historical Society records and appealing to Historic Boston for more details.

That process is ongoing, but in the weeks left before a targeted July 5 sell date, advocates have few options besides signing the petition, mustering support through municipal channels, and discouraging the buyer to go through with its offer, which they say is less than the \$2.75 million payment they submitted to ownership in April.

"We're kind of just hoping that this buyer walks away," said Rose-Wood.

Added Ami Bennett, an arts administrator and marketer based at Humphreys Street Studios: "For the last handful of years across the country, artist workspaces have been mowed down, resulting in all kinds of displacement of all kinds of people.

"Before this buyer, this situation was teed up as a model going forward for development without displacement... the real gut-wrenching thing here is that if this project, which was teed up to work doesn't work, what kind of hope is there for future artist studios? We want to honor the legacy of the founding owners, and it would be a huge shame after all this work and all this support it didn't work out."

 $To\ learn\ more\ about$ Humphreys Street Studios' proposal and to sign the petition, visit humphreysstreetstudio.com.



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**FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Family Engagement Program Hosts Family Paint Night:** This past Friday, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester completed the week with a Family Paint Night event in our outdoor court.

Families enjoyed dinner together before taking part in a special Paint Night event hosted by BGCD's Art Director Katy. This event was part of our Family Engagement Network. We believe that strong Family Engagement provides supports that enable children to learn and succeed and help families thrive. Our Family Engagement approach focuses on bringing together diverse individuals and groups to expand opportunities for children, families, and our community as a

For more information on our Family **Engagement Network please contact** Huong Vu at hvu@bgcdorchester.org.



# **DID YOU KNOW:** BGCD Wraps Up 12-Week Grab &

Go Program: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester recently concluded the 12week Grab & Go program supporting families during the pandemic.

Funded by the Boston Resiliency Fund, the program provided Produce Boxes for 120 families each week spread out over all three Clubhouse locations in Savin Hill and Harbor Point.

Thank you to our partner Fresh Food Generation, a locally owned Dorchester Company which supplied all of the produce boxes each week. A special thank you to our friends at the P & G Foundation and the Joy in Childhood Foundation for their support of our Healthy Meals programming.

For more information on Community Partners, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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# Housing advocates push for eviction protections

By Rebeca Pereira REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Nonprofit City Life/ Vida Urbana last Wednesday turned out dozens of protesters calling for legislative action to prevent an expected tidal wave of evictions.

The advocacy organization maintains that relief programs, such as the state Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program and Mayor Kim Janey's \$50 million rental relief fund, will not suffice in keeping the city's most vulnerable residents housed. Key tenant protections were set to expire with the lifting of the Massachusetts state of emergency on Tuesday of this week.

Outside the Edward W. Brooke courthouse in Boston, the protesters sought to secure an extension of a state provision that requires courts to grant "continuance" for eviction cases, halting their progression, if the tenant facing eviction has a pending application for rental assistance.

Right to the City organizer Ronel Remy, who helped facilitate the event, and Ruthzee Louijeune, a Boston



Protestors held signs in various languages, and organization Language Justice provided consecutive interpretation for Spanish-speaking protesters.  $Rebeca\ Pereira\ photo$ 

City Council at-large candidate, were also in attendance.

Remy said he faced eviction during the 2008 recession and only retained his housing with help from mutual aid and subsidized legal services, while Wall Street received hundreds of billions of dollars in a federal bailout.

"Now, again," said Remy, "we're saying one thing to corporations: Telling residents clearly

that they're not welcome anymore in our city and that there's no hope for them, we will call them out, and we will speak on behalf of those who no longer have a voice. Government answers to the people. Where will people go without protection?"

The crowd, made up of organizers from Lynn United for Change and the Chinese Progressive Association, among other organizations, booed mentions of politicians and chanted, "Corporate landlords you can't hide, we can see your greedy side."

Under the current state of emergency, landlords issuing notices to

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quit for nonpayment of rent must provide tenants with information about Gov. Baker's eviction diversion initiative as well as the Center for Disease Control's eviction moratorium, which is set to expire on June 30.

Attorney General Maura Healey has joined 23 other state attorneys general in lobbying the US Supreme Court to extend tenant protections, saying "allowing the moratorium to remain in place will not only reassure these people that they have the shelter and protection they need, but it'll help us stop the spread of Covid-19."

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Spared from the threat of immediate homelessness but still fearful, lifelong Mattapan resident Annie Gordon faced eviction last fall when SoMa Apartments, previously the Fairlawn Apartments, came under new ownership. Rent hikes cut deep, putting tenants like Gordon, who has lived in the same unit for 45 years, in a precarious position. "No one can afford

to live there anymore." she said. "Most of us are either low-income or retired and cannot afford those prices. I want to stay in my home; everyone wants to stay in their homes.'

She added: "I'm appealing to our legislators to help us stay in our houses, because housing is a human right. We're going to continue fighting to stay in our homes, because when we fight we win."

Holding up a cardboard effigy of Baker, activists at the rally argued that directing tenants' frustrations toward Beacon Hill is the only solution to a housing crisis that has already endangered thousands of Massachusetts residents.

Since Oct. 19, more than 16,000 new eviction cases have been filed in state courts. While the Senate Committee on Ways and Means approved a bill

last Tuesday that would extend continuances through April 1, 2022, the bill has yet to appear on the Senate or House

The response, organizers said, is to call state lawmakers and lobby for action. Sisters Paula Cor and Marie Fikmin, both former Boston Public School teachers who've organized with City Life for more than 18 years, say that while circumstances surrounding eviction crises change over time, the push has always been the same.

"We support housing, the stopping of foreclosures, and evictions, because we believe eviction means death, eviction equals murder as far as we're concerned," said Fikmin.

The Roxbury retiree highlighted the disproportionate effect of housing instability on Black people, who've faced historical housing segregation and who are more likely to have preexisting conditions that threaten to complicate recovery from Covid-19 infection.

"Many students we had in class were homeless, and it's really heartbreaking. One of the evilest things is eviction, and we need to get the word out that there is help and make sure that there actually is help for those that need it," Fikmin said.

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Willow Baker LLC

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Hull. Grandmother of Kylie and Nicole Acerra of Norwell, and Alyssa and Christopher Williams of Braintree. Sister of Carol A. Driscoll of Dedham and the late Alice G. Lund. Donations may be made in her memory to Cure Alzheimer's Fund, 34 Washington St., Suite 310, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481 or to the Cape Wildlife Center, 4011 Main St., Barnstable, MA 02630.

BISHOP, Josie (Gendraw) Bishop of Dorchester formerly of Montgomery Alabama. Daughter of Albert Gendraw Sr., and Susie Sanders. Josie was the mother of the late Curtis Gendraw. Sister of Lillie Mae Gendraw, the late Annie Bee Caldwell, the late Ethel



Mae Walker, the late Albert Gendraw Jr., Glen Holmes, Willie Gendraw and Willie Mae Gendraw. Grandmother of 4. She also leaves behind 5 great grandchildren, her Best friend Barbara Ginsmore and a host of relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.



BYRNE HURLEY, Mary Ann, suddenly. Born and raised in Dorchester she was the daughter of the late Charles and Margaret Byrne. Mother of Erin and Patrick Hurley. Dear sister of Patricia Byrne of Harwich, James Byrne (Jaqueline "Ginger") of Dorchester, Charles Byrne, Jr. (Jane) Weymouth, Kathleen Byrne of Squantum, and Teresa Sullivan

(John) of Braintree. She practiced law for many years, and then went on to be an Assistant Clerk Magistrate. Donations in Mary Ann's memory may be made to The Animal Rescue League of Boston, 10 Chandler Street, Boston, MA or the Alzheimer's Association.



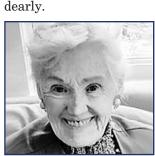
CULLINAN, Kathleen M., 69, of North Andover. Born in Dorchestershe was the daughter of the late William and Kathleen (Murphy) Fitzsimons. Along with her parents, Kathy was predeceased by her sister, Joan Fitzsimons. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Joe; her children, Christopher Cullinan and his wife Joanna of Milton, Rory Dugan and her husband Timothy of Andover, and Emily Kulowiec and her husband Greg of Newburyport; sisters, Mary Bono and her husband Anthony of Falmouth, Ann Sullivan and her husband Kevin of Denton,TX, Maureen Dunn and her husband Brian of Plymouth, and Elizabeth Fitzsimons of Weymouth. She also leaves her 8 grandchildren, as many nieces and nephews. Donations can be made to the Intensive Care Unit at Lawrence General Hospital.

DONOVAN, Veronica

(Burke) of Milton, formerly of Co. Galway and Dorchester. Wife of the late Matthew Donovan. Mother of the late John P. Donovan and Kathleen M. Donovan. Grandmother of Kayla M. Donovan. Veronica is survived by many nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, and friends. Veronica and her late husband Matt were the proprietors of the former Donovan's Village Tavern, Dorchester Lower Mills. Donations in Veronica's memory may be made to Saint Gregory Church, 2215 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124.



GENDRAW, Giovanni, 30, of Dorchester. Son of Penelope Gendraw and the late Jay Downey. Grandson of Willie Mae Gendraw. Nephew of Cassie Gendraw, Samson Gendraw, Vicki Gendraw, Antonio Gendraw, Kareem Gendraw and Edward Downey. He also leaves behind a host of cousins and other relatives who will miss him



GORHAM, Roberta A. "Chickie" (Edmonds), of Roslindale. Wife of the late John J. Gorham. Mother of John J. Gorham, Jr. of NY, NY, Barbara Poulos of Medford, Luke Gorham of Roslindale, and the late Bobby Gorham. Grandmother of 5. Great-grandmother of 5. Sister of the late Peggy Martel, Jean Gorham, Gacie Muise, and Tweet Nolan. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in Roberta's memory to Sisters of

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JOY, William Patrick Jr. "Hiker" of Milton. He was the son of the late William Patrick "Hiker" Joy, Sr. and Mary Rhetta Lannon. Bill was an independent business owner of William P. Joy, Jr. Insurance. Predeceased by his wife Frances C. (Olivieri) Joy. Father of Meredith Joy, and adored her partner Marjorie Siegel and her daughter Joita Siegel Diecidue and also granddog George. He was predeceased by his sisters, Peggy J. Murdoch and Eleanor M. Joy Haggerty. William is also survived by his nieces and nephews.



LARKIN, Nancy M. (Healey) of Quincy, formerly of Savin Hill. Wife of the late John J. Larkin. Mother of Michael Anthony Larkin, and Kimberly Altovino and her husband Salvatore of Foxboro. Grandmother of 2. Sister of the late Sally Healey, John Healey, Paul Healey, and Jane Healey.



MOSLEY, Paulette Priscilla, 71, of Kissimmee, FL, formerly of Dorchester Daughter of the late Benjamin and Olive (Ainsworth) Pitter. She spent her entire career employed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), mostrecently as the Administrative Officer in the Operations Research Center.

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Gil Sullivan, OFD Formerly of Dorchester, Canton, and Humarock

will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, June 22. Gil passed on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 after a long illness and at the beginning of the COVID pandemic.

> Family and friends are invited to a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Agatha Church, Milton, MA

on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 11 am

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She is survived by her husband, Paul Mosley; her children: Anthony, Dana and Michelle Chiles and friends too numerous to mention.



RANDELL, Frederic R. of Wyman Township, Maine and Cocoa Beach, Florida, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Helen M. (Bowes) Randell and Victor R. Randell. Brother of the late Paul R. Randell. Frederic proudly served in the U.S. Air Force in the Vietnam War. He was a retired member of IBEW Local 2222 and Verizon for 32 years.

REEDY, Stephen F. "Red" of Pembroke, suddenly. Son of Maureen E. (Driscoll) Reedy and the late Thomas F. Reedy Jr. Brother of Susan Hampton, Maureen Armstrong and her husband Michael, Matthew Reedy and his wife Debra, and Judith Donnelly. Red will be dearly missed by his many loving nieces and nephews. He was a proud DAV serving in the . United States Navy and a longtime paramedic.

ST. LOUIS, Marie L. (Helas), 76, of Dorchester. Wife of Massillon St. Louis. Mother of Donald, Mousson, Pierre, Jeffrey, Myrtha and Cassandra

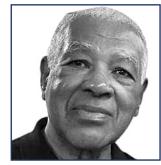


St. Louis. She leaves behind 8 grandchildren and host of family and friends who will miss her dearly.



TROY, Donald Joseph, 84, formerly of Dorchester. Don grew up in Dorchester, one of 6 sons of John E. Troy, Jr. and Josephine F. Troy (formerly Kelly). His brothers are Richard (Maryann), Gerald (Garcia), Paul (Carol), and Philip (Hope) and Jackie who is deceased. Don was a diocesan priest in Boston for 12 years, where he served in several parishes. He was also a professor at Stonehill College. When Don left Boston, he moved to Huntington Beach, CA, where he met and married Sharron (Slater) Troy, who became his wife. They had four children, Michael Troy, Kim Zevin, Connie Staley, and Duane Troy. He was the grandfather of 6.

VALENTINE, Vincent Randolph, 88,



June 17, 2021

of Dorchester. Born in Medford to Edgar and Iris Valentine, he was the youngest of five children: Marjorie Johnson, Velma Polite, Edgar Valentine and Norma McDonald who preceded him in death. A veteran of the Army, he served in the Korean War as a medic. He was the husband of the late Lois McDonald; father of four daughters, Lois Valentine, Vanes-

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU21D0308DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING JOSEFA G. LOPES

JOSE GOMES DEPINA

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Josefa G. Lopes 497 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, MA 02125-1146 your answer, if any, on or before 07/09/2021. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 10, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

sa Springer, Lorraine Valentine and Veronica Valentine. After retiring from Polaroid, he worked at Stop & Shop, South Bay, Boston where he was known as the Banana Man. Celebrating his life are sons-in-law Henry Workman, David Springer. Sr. and Charles Green, Jr., 9 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT FOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COUR 24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,
85.304 & 85.405 §5-304 & §5-405 Docket No. SU21P1074PM IN THE MATTER OF:

RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Marie C. Ostine of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Claude Ostine is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Marie C. Ostine of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Count to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a (Person to be Protected/Minor

CLAUDE OSTINE of DORCHESTER, MA

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/06/2021. This day is NOT benefits detail but a dealling date by what is the proceeding of the process of the second of the process of the p a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions abou personal affairs or financial affairs or both personal attairs or innancial attairs or both The above-named person has the rightto asi for a lawyer. Anyone may make this reques on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Register of Probate Date: June 08, 2021



# The Harbor Health, PACE Program

### **Summer Safety for Seniors:**

We are all looking forward to the lazy, hazy days of summer as we prepare for beach days, backyard bbg's and of course... baseball. As the temperatures rise and we enjoy this time with family and friends it is important to pay attention to our seniors that are at risk for heat related illnesses. We can all do our part to help prevent dangerous health exposure for aging friends and loved ones with the following tips.

**Drink Plenty of Water** - Staying hydrated is especially important during the summer months as temperatures and humidity increase.

Avoid Direct Sun Exposure-Stay indoors or in a shaded spot when the heat becomes excessive. Wearing sunblock, a hat and sunglasses offer great protection from the harmful UV rays.

Limit Outdoor Physical Activity- It is advised that seniors enjoy outdoor recreation in the AM or evening hours to avoid the intense midday sun. Remember to take breaks if needed and bring a water bottle.

Dress Appropriately for the Hot Weather- Wearing lightweight and light-colored clothing will help keep you cool. A well-ventilated hat will also protect the face and head from sun.

**Keep Your Home Cool-** Keeping curtains /blinds closed will help keep your home cool.

Know the Warning Signs of Heat Exhaustion and Dehydration- Be on the look out for the following symptoms:

Nausea Rapid Pulse Headache Weakness Dizziness Confusion Fainting

We invite you to contact the Harbor Health, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) to learn about our programs and services for seniors in your neighborhood. Please contact us at 617-533-2497 or <u>www.hhsi.us</u> to learn more.

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