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A server carried beverages to customers last week at Venezia, which has reopened for outdoor dining with waterfront views in Dorchester's Port Norfolk section. Photo courtesy Venezia's

Outdoor dining is all the rage as Dot eateries ease out of shutdown

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Dorchester business owners took stock of a sunny weather forecast and hurried to prepare for an influx of customers to outdoor dining areas as Phase 2 of reopening the state's economy continued this week.

One standout so far is the Banshee in Savin Hill. After reclaiming part of the Dorchester Avenue sidewalk for tables and umbrellas last Wednesday, the bar/restaurant has seen “phenomenal” support from the community, said owner Ray Butler.

“We're delighted with it,” he said. “We had no idea we would get this kind of a response. It's encouraging.”

Butler said that seven tables on the patio—spaced six feet apart to accommodate distancing guidelines—can seat a total of 32 people. Customers can make reservations and place orders on the eatery's website or

simply walk in.

While the Banshee was not tapped for state grant funds, Butler said the city and licensing board were “outstanding” in helping him through the reopening process.

“We want to keep it for as long as we can,” said Butler of the new outdoor

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‘They need hope, they don't need bars’ Bike owner responds to looting with novel move

BY SIMÓN RIOS
WBUR REPORTER

For months, Noah Hicks was forced to turn away customers hoping to get their bikes fixed at his shop, Spokehouse, in Uphams Corner. After closing for the coronavirus, he planned to reopen on June 1.

The night before — as looting broke out in some of the wealthiest parts of Boston — he thought his shop was safe. When he woke up the next morning and saw the texts on his phone, he headed straight for the shop.

“So, I opened up the front door, came in, and there was glass right beneath that window, which was partially smashed out,” Hicks said, pointing to the area inside his shop. “There was this big, huge rock right here, right in the glass, and there was glass trailing throughout my store.”

Then he saw the area where repair bikes are stored was emptied out — the best bikes gone.



Noah Hicks surveys the scene at his bike shop in Uphams Corner. Jessie Costa/WBUR photo

Hicks's insurance deductible was too high to make a claim — so he turned to social media and asked for help to recoup his losses and

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Racism a health crisis emergency, says Walsh; police OT budget in flux

BY KATIE TROJANO
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Declaring racism a public health emergency in the city of Boston, Mayor Martin Walsh last Friday signed an executive order outlining the transfer of \$3 million from Boston Police overtime budget to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). He said that he will also propose budget changes reallocating an additional \$12 million from the police overtime budget to various city departments.

“In Boston, we embrace the opportunity this moment and this movement offers us. We stand with our black community and communities of color to lead the change toward a more just and equitable society,” Walsh said outside City Hall. “With these actions we will increase equity in public safety and public health, and launch a conversation that can produce lasting, systemic change to eliminate all the ways that racism and inequality harm our residents.”

The BPHC is expected to release a detailed action plan within 120 days; it will also, starting next year, produce an annual progress report measuring any challenges in addressing systemic barriers to equity goals.

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Reimagining the police force: Begin with hiring

Among the demands for changes in policing is the idea of reimagining how communities ensure their residents' safety. Let's start by looking at how we hire police officers, writes Reporter commentator Bill Walczak. Page 10.

Cutback in state local aid means \$9m less for city

BY MICHAEL P. NORTON
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

A hiring freeze and adjustments to debt service and snow removal projections account for \$35 million in cost savings in Mayor Martin Walsh's revised fiscal 2021 budget, which also wipes out any expectation of a local aid increase for the coming fiscal year.

Baker's plan, which was offered during the strong pre-pandemic economy, is now largely obsolete due to COVID-19's economic impacts like soaring unemployment forced by the closure of many non-essential businesses.

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Walsh on Monday submitted a \$3.61 billion budget that includes \$464 million in local aid — a \$9 million cut from the amount of aid Gov. Charlie Baker had proposed for the city when he offered a \$44.6 billion state budget proposal in January.



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Red Line repairs mean shuttle buses on Braintree end

The MBTA will shut down a portion of Red Line train service at the southern tip of the Braintree branch for two straight weeks starting later this month as part of the agency's efforts to use a period of low ridership amid the pandemic as an opportunity to speed up repairs.

Trains between Braintree and Quincy Center will go off track between June 18 and July 1 and shuttle buses will replace the service. The T will accept Zone 1A commuter rail fares, which cost the same as a trip on the Red Line, at the Zone 2 Braintree station.

During the closure, workers will replace 3,500 ties, repair concrete, and conduct maintenance at the South Shore garage, overhaul fare gates, and improve accessibility at the Quincy Adams station through elevator and machine room work.

The agency will also inspect bridges and will finish ballast and resurfacing work that it says will help remove a speed restriction through the area. Those repairs would have taken about a month and a half longer without the platform-wide shutdown, the MBTA said.

Subway service dropped by about 90 percent during the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak, and the T has used the conditions to accelerate some planned maintenance. Trains on the Green Line's D Branch are now using shuttle buses until the end of the month, and most of the Blue Line was offline for repairs in late May. The T will expand service on most trains and buses that have run less frequent schedules during the pandemic starting on June 21 and 22, two weeks into the second phase of the Baker administration's reopening plan.

Officials announced last Tuesday that the increase in trips, which the administration outlined as a feature of Phase 2, will start later this month on most platforms, ending more than three months of modified weekend schedules — about 60 percent of standard capacity on the core subway and trolley lines.

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The scene at a rally outside College Bound Dorchester's Little House facility on East Cottage Street on Tuesday morning. Daniel Sheehan photo

Staff members protest layoffs at College Bound Dorchester

Non-profit's leader denies allegations of racism

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
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Members of the College Bound Dorchester staff were joined by supporters from local unions on Tuesday morning outside the Little House on East Cottage Street as they hosted a rally decrying what they say is a pattern of "racism" and "disrespect" they have experienced from leadership of the non-profit.

The rally was organized after College Bound Dorchester laid off several staff members last Friday, a move that protesters framed as retaliation for their unsuccessful attempt to unionize earlier this month. Joe Tache, one of the laid-off staff members, said they received no prior notice nor had a conversation with leadership before they were fired.

"Clearly this is retaliation for our organizing efforts, and we're not going to stand for it... It's not acceptable," said Tache.

College Bound Dorchester is best known for its "Uncornered" program, which pays former and current gang members a weekly stipend to get into and remain in college and become

positive, rather than disruptive, influences in the city.

In a letter published Monday, CBD's president Mark Culliton pushed back against the characterization of the layoffs as racist, calling the move "a difficult but necessary decision" brought about by the financial toll of the pandemic. The organization says the latest round included two layoffs, while union organizers say the number is eight.

"This is the second round of layoffs which we have had to undertake this year," Culliton said. "This round has been in process for some time, well prior to CBD receiving notice that employees were seeking to organize." He added: "CBD emphatically denies any allegations that its actions were motivated in any way by racism or in retaliation for requesting unionization. We continue to reiterate that we would abide by the results of any fairly conducted election run by the [National Labor Relations Board] in the appropriate unit."

Protesters on Tuesday also objected to how the nonprofit has approached

and packaged its work. Kenny Schoonmaker, a college readiness advisor (CRA) at College Bound for four years, accused leadership of being "scared of the students we work with." He called the non-profit's practices "marketing schemes that capitalize off our stories. We're raising the money speaking about our trauma, and they exploited us."

Members from SEIU Local 888, the Boston Teachers Union, and others were in attendance at the rally as a show of "labor solidarity."

Darlene Lambos, executive secretary-treasurer at the Greater Boston Labor Council, accused College Bound of practicing "racism with a smile" and called it "a non-profit who pretends to be part of our social justice movement."

Other speakers took direct aim at Culliton, decrying his salary and characterizing the non-profit's leadership as white and disconnected.

Ailson Lopes Carvalho, an English and Humanities instructor with College Bound, described a "culture that discouraged us majority black and brown staff from raising their voices."

Man, 28, shot dead in Wheatland Ave. home – Boston Police have identified a man who was murdered by gunshot inside a Wheatland Avenue three-decker on Saturday afternoon. The department said the body of Calvin Boykins, a 28-year-old resident of Dorchester, was found in the hallway of 82 Wheatland Ave. around 4 p.m. Saturday. He was pronounced dead at the scene. No arrests have been made. Boykins' death is the city's 18th homicide of 2020. Police have asked the public to call in any tips to 617-343-4470.

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Boston Police arrested a Braintree man for allegedly driving his speeding moped through an active crime scene and striking an officer following a non-fatal shooting near Codman Hill on Saturday night (June 13). Police say that 19-year-old Giraldo Guerrero was arrested and charged with multiple crimes, including assault and battery on a police officer. The incident happened around 10:30 p.m. near 861 Washington St., where, police say, they were investigating an earlier "incident in which an adult male was transported to the hospital as a result of suffering an apparent non-life-threatening gunshot wound." The officer was transported to a local hospital and later released.

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Boston Police reported the arrest of a 31-year-old Randolph man last Thursday for an alleged firearm violation stemming from a June 6 incident on Astoria Street in Mattapan where police were called for complaints about fireworks. Darrell Brown, was arrested when he arrived to recover his towed vehicle on June 11.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Irish-American conversation on Black Lives Matter— Three Boston Irish institutions have joined forces to convene an Irish Community Conversation on Black Lives Matter set for Fri., June 19 at noon. The online event will include a presentation from the Rian, formerly the Irish Immigration Centre and a panel discussion featuring Sen. Nick Collins, DA Rachael Rollins, Irish Consul General Laoise Moore, Hon. Linda Dorcea Forry and Bill Forry of the Reporter and Ronnie Millar of Rian. The event is co-sponsored by Irish Network Boston, Rian and BostonIrish.com and the Dorchester Reporter. The event will be via Zoom. Please RSVP to msmith@riancenter.org.

Mayor's Garden Contest— The 24th annual Mayor's Garden Contest will take place this year keeping within current social distancing guidelines. Boston's green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 10, to register. The contest provides the perfect opportunity to recognize those who have taken advantage of the "safer at home" guidelines to hone their gardening skills. Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may find printable and online nomination forms at boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. For more information please call 617-635-4505.

ONE+ BOSTON first-time homebuyer program – On Monday, Mayor Walsh announced a new mortgage and down payment program, ONE+Boston, which gives income-qualified first-time Boston homebuyers greater ability to purchase a home in Boston by combining a

discount on a low-interest rate mortgage product with down payment assistance. Qualified Boston residents who earn between 80 percent and 100 percent area median income will receive a half percent (0.5 percent) discount rate off the already low-interest rate offered through the ONE Mortgage product (currently about 3 percent). In addition, Boston residents who earn below 80 percent of area median income will receive up to one percent (1 percent) off of the current ONE Mortgage rate. Qualified buyers will also be eligible for downpayment and closing cost assistance through the Boston Home Center.

Census 'Day of Action' set for June 17— The city of Boston will observe June 17 as a day to highlight the importance of participating in the 2020 Census. You can respond to the 2020 Census online, over the phone; 844-330-2020, or by mail in over the phone in 13 different languages.

The following is a list of designated food resource locations in Dorchester and Mattapan:
Dorchester Youth Meal Sites: McCormack Middle School, 315 Mt. Vernon St.; Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School, 270 Columbia Rd.; BCYF Holland, 85 Olney St.; BCYF Marshall, 35 Westville St.; VietAID, 42 Charles St.; Community Academy of Science and Health, 11 Charles St.; Faith Christian Church, 301 Harvard St.; Joseph Lee K-8 School, 155 Talbot Ave.; Dorchester YMCA, 776 Washington St.;
Dorchester Food Pantries: USCCB/Blessed Mother

Teresa Parish, 800 Columbia Rd.; Salvation Army/Kroc Center Emergency Food Pantry, 650 Dudley St.; St. Mary's Food Pantry, 14 Cushing Ave.; Pilgrim Church Community Lunch, 540 Columbia Rd.; Holy Tabernacle Church, 70 Washington St.; CCAB/Yawkey Center, 185 Columbia Rd.; Dot House, 1353 Dorchester Ave.; Greater Anointing Church Pantry, 20 Charlotte St.; Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, 12 Bicknell St.; Codman Square Health Center, 378-A Washington St.; Eglise Baptiste Haitienne, 1 Dix St.; BCYF Leahy Holloran* (Adult Meal Site), 1 Worrell St.; CSNDC/Franklin Hill Food Pantry, 1 Shandon Rd.; Faith Pentecostal Church, 301 Harvard St.; Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, 895 Blue Hill Ave.; USCC/ St. Matthew's Church Food Pantry, 33 Stanton St.; HHS/Neponset Health Center Food Pantry, 398 Neponset Ave.
Mattapan Youth Meal Sites: BCYF Gallivan, 61 Woodruff Way; Mildred Ave. Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave. Mattapan Food Pantries: BCYF Mattahunt* (Adult Meal Site), 100 Hebron St.; Glad Tidings Food Pantry, 573 Norfolk St.; BMC/Healthy Baby, Healthy Child, 213 River St.; Greater Boston Nazarene Compassion Center, 130 River St.
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Feds lead round-up of alleged Dot-based gang members

Cites charges in three Uphams Corner murders

By Reporter Staff

Federal agents and Boston Police this week began arresting members and associates of a Dorchester gang called “NOB”— short for Norton/Olney/Barry streets— that Commissioner William Gross on Tuesday blamed for “terrorizing the neighborhoods of Dorchester and Roxbury and also neighborhoods in the Commonwealth and outside for years, almost three decades.”

US Attorney Andrew Lelling said 32 individuals will face charges in connection with the case, which extends into Lynn, Everett, and Fall River. He added that the gang has been the subject of an investigation involving local, state and federal agencies that began last summer.

“This operation was intended to dismantle the NOB gang and take the most violent members of that gang off the street,” Lelling said.

In the most serious of four cases unsealed in US District Court on Monday, 15 alleged NOB members have been charged with murder, attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder, armed robbery,

narcotics trafficking, and sex trafficking across state lines.

Specifically, gang members have been charged in the murders of Albert Monteiro, gunned down inside a Stoughton Street barber shop on Sept. 5, 2017; John Colon, shot to death in front of his Trull Street house on Feb. 3, 2018; and Adilson Barbosa, killed by gunshot on July 14, 2019 in Uphams Corner.

In two other cases, 11 more alleged members were charged with dealing cocaine and fentanyl in Dorchester and on Cape Cod. One alleged member was charged separately with bank fraud on the South Shore.

According to an affidavit filed by an ATF agent in the investigation, three alleged members of the gang - who sometimes called themselves Head Shot Mafia - were responsible for an incident on Feb. 20 in which one member kidnapped a five-year-old girl on Dorchester Avenue after they spotted the driver getting out of his car to get some Vietnamese takeout and leaving the keys in the ignition. He ran over, got in and drove away - with the man’s

daughter in the back seat. He let the girl out in Randolph, physically unharmed.

According to the affidavit, gang members, most prolifically Michael “G Fredo” Brandao, frequently made YouTube rap videos extolling their shootings and other crimes, mourning murdered members, and threatening rivals, in particular, the Cameron Street Gang, with which NOB had a particularly vicious feud.

The RICO charges also include driving women across state lines - two runaways from Dorchester to Connecticut and a separate woman to Maine - to offer them up as prostitutes on backpage.com.

In another case, nine alleged NOB members are charged with running a coke and fentanyl ring in Dorchester - where one member continued to sell drugs even though he was on house arrest and another didn’t let the fact that he was on probation for child rape stop him, according to a separate affidavit by the FBI agent.

This mini-ring of NOB members was done in by an undercover operation in 2017 - in which one

member was recorded offering a sort of affiliate deal to one undercover officer posing as a street-level drug dealer - the member would pay the supposed dealer in fentanyl for every new customer he recruited.

Those named in the charging documents include: Michael Brandao, a/k/a “G Fredo,” and “Frizzblock Fredo,” 19; Kelvin Barros, a/k/a “Kal,” 24; Ricky Pina, a/k/a “Blake,” 23; David Rodriguez, a/k/a “D,”

34; Wilson Goncalves-Mendes, a/k/a “Dub,” 24; Joshua Teixeira, a/k/a “Trouble,” 25; Joseph Gomes, a/k/a “Joey” or “J-Money,” 24; Alidio Barbosa, a/k/a “Ace Boogie” or “Ace,” 23; Samael Mathieu, a/k/a “Hamma,” 23; Moses Cabral, a/k/a “Moe Money,” 26; Delven Carvalho-Centeio, a/k/a “Delly,” 22; Darius Bass, a/k/a “Tre” or “Trigga Tre,” 26; Damian Cortez, 31; Anton Lopes, a/k/a “Ton Ton,” 25; Brian Cardoso, 27; Theresa Alves,

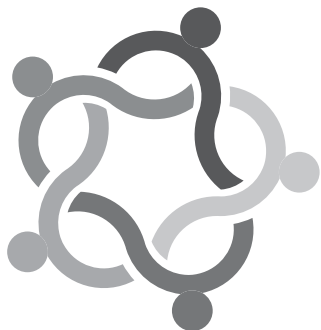
26; Hailey Stringfield, 19; Jawwad Freeman, 22; Gullit Gomes, 28; Devon Hamilton, 20; Adriano Cortez, a/k/a “A,” 26; Fabrice Teixeira, 32; Armando Gomes, a/k/a “G,” 31; Patrick Dunn, 28; Daniel Barbosa, a/k/a “D,” 25; Carlos Monteiro, 43; Tre Fernandes, a/k/a “OZ” or “OC,” 25; Sandro Pereira Cabral, 23; John Rodrigues, a/k/a “Joao Fernandes Rodrigues,” 26; Sean Brown, 25; Eric Rodriguez, 32.

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At Mass for ‘racial justice,’ Cardinal O’Malley decries racism: ‘We have to become Samaritans’

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN
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Last Saturday, at an open-air, inter-faith “Mass for Racial Justice” service on Castle Island hosted by Gate of Heaven parish, priests from Catholic parishes in the city, faith leaders from different denominations, and elected officials heard Cardinal Sean O’Malley draw lines between the murder of George Floyd and Jesus’s parable of the Good Samaritan.

The event, which attracted some 200 people, was centered on a makeshift altar set up near the “Clipper Ship” obelisk on the north side of Fort Independence.

In the biblical parable, many passersby ignore an injured man who has been mugged and left to die on the side of the road, but not the “good” Samaritan. O’Malley sees parallels between the story and the way Americans choose to take up or eschew their duty to strive for racial justice.

“We have to become Samaritans,” he said. “The Samaritan did not turn his back and walk away, he could see not just the differences with the man by the side of the road, he could see his humanity, his connectedness. He wanted to be his neighbor. Racial tolerance is not enough. We need reconciliation, solidarity, and a commitment to anti-racism. We need to be a real community. We need to take care of and care for each other.”

Other speakers at the event included state Sen. Nick Collins, who helped to organize the event, and his predecessor in the state Senate, Hon. Linda Dorcea Forny, who read the

Prayers of the Faithful. Bishop William E. Dickerson II of Greater Love Tabernacle in Dorchester and Boston City Councillor Lydia Edwards offered remarks as well.

“As Catholics, we believe in the redemption of our souls by the way we respond to our shortcomings,” Collins said. “For now, let’s take a moment to listen.”

Added O’Malley: “George Floyd was left by the side of the road, crushed on the ground. We cannot turn our backs and walk away without being guilty bystanders.

“George Floyd was not just murdered by a rogue police officer. He was murdered by slavery, and its legacy of racism. He was murdered by those who turn their backs on racial violence, by those people who teach their children to be prejudiced, by those who know that it is evil, but are too cowardly to speak up, by those who profit by exploiting others, by police unions who failed to see that the best way to protect good police officers is to get rid of the bad ones. We have learned this in the Church.”

He continued: “This cannot become a national contest between forces of political correctness and the forces of law and order. Then everybody loses. This cannot be about partisan politics. But if we use this moment to play politics, it will be another false start doomed to failure. Blacks and whites together, Republicans, Democrats, Independents together, people from the Blue Coasts or the red flyover states. Catholics Protestants, Jews, Muslims, agnostics and unbelievers.”



Bishop William E. Dickerson II, Cardinal Sean O’Malley, and Sen. Nick Collins. Below Collins and former state Sen. Linda Dorcea Forny. Photos by Moss Lynch



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Savin Hill residents press city for help on parking, noisy nighttime activity

By KATIE TROJANO
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New, temporary parking restrictions are going into place this week in Savin Hill in response to neighbors' complaints about overcrowding, partying, and fireworks along two nearby beaches and McConnell Park. The new measures include clearly striped spaces, overnight parking restrictions, and a combination of planters and flex posts as deterrents to illegal parking.

City Councillor Frank Baker called the changes a "temporary fix" until a previously scheduled renovation project at McConnell Park begins, likely in October. He has worked with Boston Transportation Department (BTD), the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS), and Parks and Recreation Department with respect to complaints.

"A few weeks ago, I did a drop-by and had a meeting with the abutters. There were about 20 people down there and we socially distanced," said Baker. "We were looking at the issues with parking, which has been

disorganized for years. There's never really been enforcement."

He added that there was "pent-up frustration" that the closing of the state lots along Morrissey Boulevard and Day Boulevard due to the pandemic (they recently reopened) had sent more people to park on streets near McConnell Park, where, he said, "Fire lanes are being blocked, neighbors asking people to move are getting into arguments."

Bill Brennan, whose Springdale Street house faces the McConnell lot, said "it's really a quality of life and safety issue. Everything goes on right out front of my house at night and it's basically a dumping ground." He added that some cars remain in the parking lot overnight, many of them with out-of-state plates.

"It's become kind of a commuter lot where people come to grab the T," he said. "People will park here and go to the airport. There's no monitoring of anything. Emergency vehicles have a really hard time getting down here."

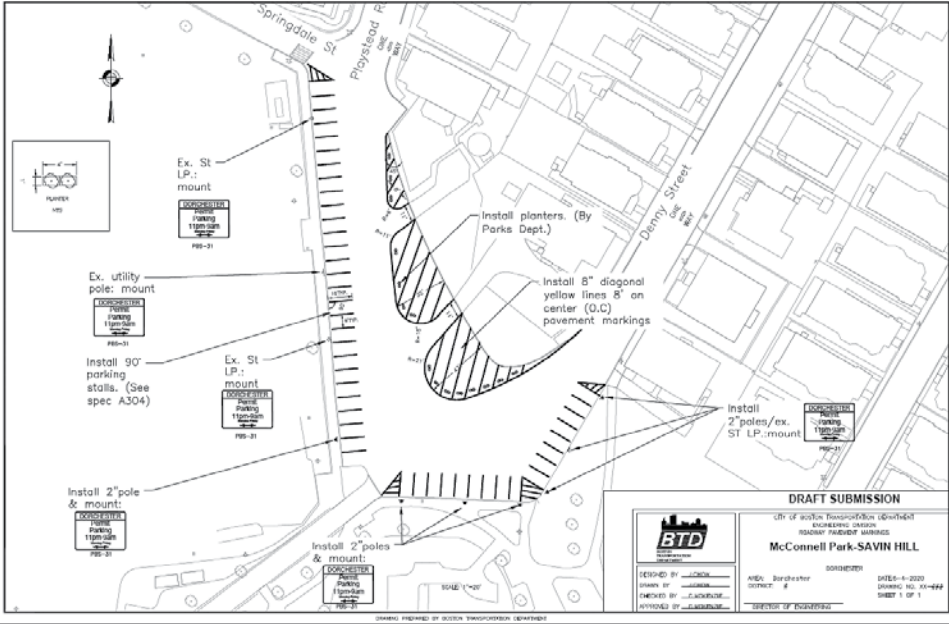
He said that he's called

the police several times, but knows that they have their "hands full. We also have called 311 and filed reports and submitted pictures. Usually around the Fourth of July it's free for all but this year is different. This isn't a new problem. It's just continuing to get worse."

The city owns McConnell Park and parking lot, while everything north of the boardwalk, including the additional parking lot along Morrissey Boulevard, is owned by DCR, a state entity.

Baker said the city has drafted plans to deal with the issues based on feedback from residents and the local civic association.

"Our message is to ensure beach access for all during the day while maintaining safety at night," said Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association president Desmond Rohan. "Right now, we are working with Councillor Baker's office to get the word out and give his office feedback and find a compromise/plan that works."



BPL will offer pick-up service at Dot, Mattapan locations

Boston Public Library patrons will by next Monday (June 22) be able to pick up physical items such as books, DVDs, and CDs from select locations— including Codman Square and Mattapan— through a program that will be expanded to other branches in coming weeks.

"B"PL to Go" will allow patrons to "order" items from the library by placing a hold on them, then safely pick them up from certain branches.

"Bringing additional services back to residents is part of our phased, careful reopening process, and I look forward to residents using these important services," said Mayor Walsh.

Patrons can place

items on hold by visiting bpl.org; on the BPL mobile app; or by calling the library's main number at 617-536-5400. Patrons will be notified when their items are ready and will be asked to schedule a time to come to their pickup location. Patrons will not be able to pick up items before notification and they can only go to a building to pick up items they have placed on hold where they will be required to wear face coverings when entering and maintain physical distancing at all times.

No other in-person services will be available during this time.

Although any fines accrued on books checked out prior to the Library's closure have been waived until Sep-

tember 1, patrons will now be able to return books to locations once they open for holds pick-up or "to go" service.

Return bins will be available for patrons to drop off their returns, which will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before being processed by staff and returned to circulation. All items will remain on patron accounts during the quarantine, but no late fees will be charged.

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Elected officials team up to pass out Keolis-donated masks along Fairmount Line

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

A group of elected officials, transit officials, and local advocates gathered at the Four Corners/Geneva Fairmount Line station last Thursday morning as Keolis, the company that partners with the MBTA to operate the Commuter Rail system, donated 10,000 masks that will be distributed to local small businesses, community organizations, and MBTA riders.

Senator Nick Collins, City Councillor at-large Julia Mejia, and State Representatives Liz Miranda and Russell Holmes were all in attendance.

“We’re really pleased that we’re able to do a

small part in helping the community cope with some of the challenges we have right now,” said Keolis general manager David Scorey.

The T’s chief railway operator, Ryan Coholan, said he was “so proud of Keolis for partnering with the community in the way they have over the last six years. I think today we’re all here to see the result of what a real partnership can deliver, and any time the MBTA can help bring a group like Keolis and the community together, that’s a win.”

Marilyn Forman, co-chair of the Fairmount Indigo Transit Coalition (FITC), said the donation marked an “exciting day” and thanked Keolis for

“doing its part in making sure that the community residents that will soon be riding the T as they’re going back to work and doing their chores are protected and have the masks they need and feel safe.”

After unboxing some of the masks, elected officials distributed them out to passersby and the owners of a few local small businesses located steps from the station, including Dominican restaurant Santo Domingo, Exclusive Barber Shop, and Salvaged Roots Hair & Beauty. The remainder of the 10,000 masks will be given to small businesses and organizations along the Fairmount Line, with the FITC ensuring



A group of elected officials, transit representatives, and community advocates gathered at the Four Corners/Geneva commuter rail station on Thursday to distribute boxes of masks (at right) donated by Keolis. *Daniel Sheehan photo*

that all commuters will be able to board trains and buses with a mask.

“We know that transportation justice is also a racial justice and an economic justice issue,” said Miranda. “The Fairmount Line is the

brownest line in the system, and we have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. The communities that have been hardest hit are right here in Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park and Roxbury. So, what’s

important is that we not only protect the people who are serving us, but also protect the people who are using public transportation to get to work, to school, to get to other businesses.”

Friends drive by and salute Alan Duffy on 80th birthday



Some family and friends helped Alan Duffy celebrate his 80th birthday today with a drive-by salute at his new home in Norwood. The long time Dorchester stalwart and his wife Camilla moved over the winter from Samoset St to their new home to be near their family in Norwood. Mayor Marty Walsh helped to celebrate by declaring today June 7 Alan Duffy Day in the city of Boston

By ED FORRY
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Family and friends helped Alan Duffy celebrate his 80th birthday with a surprise drive-by salute at his new home in Norwood on Sun., June 7. The long-time Dorchester resident and his wife Camilla moved over the winter to their new home to be closer to their family. Mayor Marty Walsh helped to celebrate by declaring June 7 “Alan Duffy Day” in the city of Boston.

The mini-parade took place on Dorchester Day 2020, a date that was always an important one for the Duffys. Each year for several decades Alan and Camilla hosted

an open house at their Samoset Street home, an event that began just after the parade passed and continued well into the evening. It became a can’t-miss tradition, with post-parade visits from most local politicians and candidates, all mingling with dozens of the Duffys’ friends and neighbors.

The Duffy family settled into their Saint Mark’s area home when they bought it in the early 1980s. He became a friend with us at the Reporter early on in our business years in the mid-’80s, when he visited our newsroom with some photos that he made as he took up a new hobby

with a camera. He became an accomplished photographer and many “Photos by Alan Duffy” have graced our pages over the years.

Alan was also a constable for the city of Boston and a commodore of the Port Norfolk Yacht Club, where he continues to make regular visits to the old neighborhood to maintain and sail his boat.

As he celebrated his birthday, Alan also proudly told the group that he was “40 years sober.” Later, he told me it was longer ago than that: “It was 10:30 in the morning,” he said. “December 28, 1974.”

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Bunker Hill Day Notebook

Some veterans, who lived in Dorchester or had a Dorchester connection, moved here after their service in the Revolutionary War. One such individual was Col. James Swan, a native of Scotland who came to Boston in his boyhood. He joined the Sons of Liberty and participated in the Tea Party in 1773. He later fought at Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775, where he was wounded twice. In 1777, he was Secretary of the Board of War for Massachusetts, and afterward adjutant-general of Massachusetts.

During the time he held that office, Swan drew heavily on his private funds to aid the Continental Army,



The portraits of James and Hepzibah Swan are by Gilbert Stuart.

which was then in dire need of money to arm and equip the soldiers who were arriving in Boston from all parts of New England. After the Revolution, Swan privately assumed the entire debt the United States owed to France, at a slightly higher interest rate. He then resold the debt at a profit

on domestic US markets. So the new nation no longer owed money to foreign governments while in debt to private investors both in the United States and in Europe. All of this maneuvering allowed the young United States to place itself on a sound financial footing.

The colonel’s wife,

Hepzibah Swan, was wealthy in her own right and was accomplished in both society and business. In 1796, the Swans built a second home on Dudley Street in Dorchester across from where The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center is located today. Hepzibah wanted a larger home for entertaining so she had this one built with the help of her friend, the noted architect Charles Bulfinch. In this very grand manor house she maintained a lively household of herself, General Henry Jackson, and other friends, including General Henry Knox. James Swan went across the Atlantic to France

in 1787 where he hoped to trade in American produce such as wheat, tobacco, and naval supplies. The destruction of social order following the French Revolution placed a premium upon these goods, and Swan’s business prospered. In 1792, the post-royal French government declared all property of the crown, church, and fleeing aristocrats to be public property. That property was subsequently sold in negotiated sales or at auction.

Swan bought numerous items, and shipped the best back to America, including the Thierry bedchamber suite, where they were installed in the Dorchester (Boston) home where

his wife and daughters lived. These pieces of furniture from the master bedroom of Marie-Antoine Thierry Ville d’Avray’s estate are on display at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, courtesy of the descendants of the Swans.

In 1808 Swan and a business partner had a falling out, and the partner alleged that Swan owed him a large amount of money. Swan refused to pay and was sentenced to debtor’s prison in France where he lived stylishly until 1830 when he was freed by another revolution. *The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.*

Three-deckers loom large in Dorchester’s identity

To the Editor:

I so appreciated Jennifer Smith’s article about the three-deckers in the

Letter to the Editor

Dot Day 2020 edition (“In praise of our signature stock” June 4) because I am also very fond of these homes.

Growing up in Dorchester, I lived in a Victorian but just about everyone else lived in three-decker houses. If you asked someone to come over after school and gave them your address, they would always ask “What floor?” I didn’t think much about it then; they were just where everyone lived.

When I married, I moved to a nearby third floor and then lived in two more three-deckers within blocks of each other over the following 25 years. The pantries were big enough to keep the



Three-deckers show off their style on Thelma Road.

Bill Forry photo

fridge in and I felt elegant when I set up dishes in the beautiful china closets. And the stained glass!

When my daughter was in second grade at St. Margaret’s, her class became pen pals with a second grade in Louisiana. In a group letter to that class introducing themselves, her class said, “We live in three-family houses called three-deckers.” I began thinking about how much a part of our identity they are.

Years later, I was following my toddler granddaughter up the front hall stairs of the house my daughter and her husband had bought in the neighborhood, and as she stopped in front of the second floor door where she lived, I thought, or, more accurately, felt, “Yes, this is where we belong.”

Malana Gleason
Dawes Street

People are listening. Now’s the time to ‘Save Black Lives’

By Rep. Liz Miranda

As a girl growing up in Roxbury and Dorchester, I never aspired to represent my community at the State House. Politicians didn’t look like me. They didn’t come from where I came from, and they sure as heck didn’t seem to put the needs of my family front and center.

I’ve spent my whole life here in Boston and I know what it’s like to feel at odds with the police. I know the sting of racism and I’ve seen how violence – at the hands of gangs, criminals, and the police – can break down families and communities.

When George Floyd was murdered on May 25, something changed. People in government are now listening. People who look like me are serving in government, and we can take this moment that has ripped apart our community and use it to come together to make changes that will ripple through Boston and beyond.

Now more than ever, I know that it is my responsibility to speak up for the residents of Dorchester and Roxbury when I walk through the State House doors. This moment has called us to re-examine what we believe true public safety should look like.

The police and other law enforcement officials have a duty to work for and with the people to earn and maintain the public trust. For too long, that trust has been breached by acts of violence and discrimination, but the incidents were brushed aside. We’re

far past the stage where “a few bad apples” is an acceptable excuse for police misconduct. It is time for transformational, systemic reforms.

The pain of the last few weeks has been palpable. I have listened to the voices in my community and reflected a lot. I’ve talked to my brothers and sisters in service, to my constituents in Boston, and to other advocacy leaders, and what I need to do is clear.

It is time for me to take action in this moment. Last week I introduced legislation to change the way policing is done in Massachusetts so that we can lead the nation in ending police violence. If we work together, we can make public safety truly safe for all members of the public.

My bill, “An Act to Save Black Lives by Transforming Public Safety,” takes a bold step toward making black and brown people safer. We are saying that it’s time to end dehumanizing police tactics that harm and kill black and brown people. We must demilitarize our local police, demand accountability, and transform what we call public safety. This reformative legislation is a powerful step forward toward addressing the injustices within policing.

We know that black and brown communities across the Commonwealth experience unjust use of force abuses far too often. But no mother should fear the worst when her black son or daughter walks out of the door. This legislation will begin to shift the power of policing back to the community members who

should decide what to protect and serve looks like.

Here’s what the bill does:

- Reforms the rules regarding appropriate use of physical force;
- Set up new investigatory requirements within the attorney general’s office;
- Creates a “Duty to Intervene” when an officer witnesses abuse of force;
- Establishes that unnecessary use of force by an officer violates someone’s civil rights;
- Mandates data collection and reporting processes to prevent the hiring of abusive officers;
- Prohibits no-knock warrants;
- Prohibits the use of choke holds, tear gas, and other dangerous “less than lethal” weapons and tactics;
- Makes public the records of police misconduct investigations and outcomes.

After working on this bill with advocates, many of whom have been deeply engaged in police reform for years, I’m proud of the support we’ve picked up already. The bill is backed by the Boston NAACP, Citizens for Juvenile Justice, the ACLU of Massachusetts, the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, and more than 50 of my colleagues from across the state.

It’s time for action.

Liz Miranda is the Democratic state representative for the Fifth Suffolk district, which comprises parts of Dorchester and Roxbury.

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Reimagining the city’s police force: Begin with the hiring

By **BILL WALCZAK**
REPORTER CONTRIBUTOR

The continuing killings of black men by police officers in the United States and the national and world-wide protests against these crimes have spurred demands for changes in policing policies and practices that vary from a range of incremental police reforms to a full-scale reimagining of how we ensure our communities’ safety.

Commentary

I’m on the side of reimagining. Let’s start with looking at how we hire police officers.

I have spent most of my work life in health care where the hiring for positions follows the standard practice for employment in most professions: You look at what you’re trying to accomplish and at what outcomes you’d like to see, then design both the duties and the characteristics of the people you’d like to hire.

For example, you’d want a primary care doctor to be licensed and to have gone through a residency. Once you know that he or she has the qualifications to be a good candidate for the position on paper, an interview follows where you look for characteristics that would make the doctor a person who is easy to speak with, who is caring of others, who is not biased against the patients the doctor is likely to see, who has empathy for those who have an illness/disease, who can handle a patient in crisis, who is a team player who can easily get along with colleagues, who is good at follow up, and who can handle difficult patients. Then you conduct reference checks to make sure the person’s work record is as recounted in the interview.

How is a Boston police officer hired? The City of Boston website indicates that you need to take a civil service exam (a multiple choice test held every two years by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), to have a driver’s license, to be between 19 and 40 (veterans can be older), to have a high school diploma, or GED, or 3 years of military service, and to have lived in Boston for a year prior to the test.

If you pass the multiple-choice exam, your name is placed on a “Boston Police Officer Eligible List.” The

Boston Police Department takes candidates based on the list. The next part of the process involves a background check, a drug test, and a review of the application by detectives. If you get through this part of the process, you receive a “conditional offer,” which is followed by medical and psychological exams, and a tests of your physical abilities. If you pass everything, selection for a position is based on your rank on the “eligible list.”

There are many problems with this system. Like medical providers, the ability of police officers to be successful in ensuring peace and safety depends on characteristics like judgment, empathy, being unbiased, and able to handle people in crisis. Indeed, much of policing is about dealing with behavioral issues like drug/alcohol abuse, domestic violence, suicidal ideation, and violent tendencies, so you might assume that rank in the “eligible” list would include a higher position for those who are social workers or from a human service background. But you would be wrong.

Rank is mostly determined by military veteran status. Veterans with honorable discharges go to the top of the police lists. While that’s a great benefit for former soldiers, it has other negative impacts on how our police departments are constituted.

A 2017 study by the Marshall Project and USA Today noted that “the prevalence of military veterans can ... complicate relations between police and the communities they are meant to serve.” The Marshall Project report added that Massachusetts is one of two states with the “most favorable laws for vets seeking police work. An honorably discharged veteran skips to the top of police hiring lists, which makes it more difficult to hire women and minorities.” According to census data, more than 90 percent of Massachusetts veterans are “non-Hispanic White” and 95 percent are male.

The most-favored status for veterans also makes it difficult to hire staff competent in dealing with behavioral issues. Former Boston Police Commissioner Kathleen O’Toole noted in the Marshall study that veterans’ preference makes it hard to change the culture of policing, saying, “I want to attract people with very different skill sets. We are facing

complicated issues with people who are in crisis every day. Why wouldn’t I want people who majored in human services? Or psychology or sociology?”

The Marshall Project report also noted that “in Boston, for every 100 cops with some military service, there were more than 28 complaints of excessive force from 2010 to 2015. For every 100 cops with no military service, there were fewer than 17 complaints.”

So, my question is this: If our goal for policing is peace and safety, why do we recruit people trained as warriors rather than as social workers? Communities have told elected officials that they would prefer preventive policing with walking patrols, electronic alert systems to let people know when criminal acts are occurring in their communities, and systems to deal with families in crisis.

The time has come to reimagine how Boston can ensure peace and safety across our city, and we need to think and act boldly. We should stop giving military veterans priority in employment if we value a different set of skills than military training and make as our goal a more diverse workforce that is gender-balanced and reflective of the racial and linguistic make up of our city.

We need to create different types of positions for different types of policing, some to deal with criminal acts, and some to deal with behavioral issues. A major part of policing is resolving conflicts with people with domestic issues and with those who have behavioral issues, such as mental illness, alcohol and drug abuse. We need to look for people trained to work on those issues.

Reimagining policing includes opting out of the Civil Service system, as more than 20 Massachusetts municipalities have already done. Boston needs to be enabled to craft the policing system it believes will work best, and then hire the people, including many more women and persons of color, most qualified to provide the services the city needs to ensure peace and safety for its residents.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident and co-founder and former CEO of the Codman Square Health Center. His column appears weekly in the Reporter.

BPD adopts ‘8 Can’t Wait’ reforms for use of force

By **ALLY JARMANNING**
WBUR REPORTER

The Boston Police Department last week said it would update its use of force policies to comport with calls for reform made by protesters in Boston and across the country. Known as “8 Can’t Wait,” the reforms focus on reducing the amount and type of force used by police. The department said it already has in place rules dealing with half of the reforms.

“Current events and ensuing civil unrest across the country have brought police reform to the forefront,” the department said in a statement. “One of the

major issues for reform is use of force by police. All departments across the country should be reviewing their policies and procedures and making necessary changes as needed.”

A Boston police spokesman declined an interview and said they would let the news release speak for itself.

Following are the requested measures and how the department is responding:

1. Bans on chokeholds and strangleholds

Amending policy: BPD says there is already language restricting neck restraints, but it wasn’t strong enough. The department will clarify that all neck restraints are banned unless deadly force is necessary.

2. Requiring de-escalation before using force

Amending policy: BPD says recruits receive training in de-escalation. But though

it is a priority in training, it wasn’t specifically mentioned in any use-of-force policies. The department is amending four use-of-force rules — covering deadly force, “less lethal” force, non-lethal force and use of tasers — to “include an introductory statement regarding the importance of de-escalation in all interactions.”

3. Requiring warning before shooting

Amending policy: “In practice, when feasible, verbal warnings and verbal commands are standard.” But it’s not articulated in the deadly force policy. The department is including verbal commands in the de-escalation policies.

4. Requiring all alternatives be exhausted before shooting

Already in place: “Officers are trained in a wide range of reasonable responses for each type of resis-

tance and are instructed to begin with the least severe action.”

5. ‘Duty to intervene’ policies

Amending policy: Recruits are taught about intervening, and the department’s “canon of ethics” requires this: “Excessive or unauthorized force is never justified and every officer not only has an affirmative duty to intervene to prevent such violence, but also to report any such instances that may come to their attention.” But that duty wasn’t highlighted in use of force policies. That is changing.

6. Bans on shooting at moving vehicles

Already in place: BPD policy says that officers should not shoot at a moving or fleeing vehicle, unless threatened with deadly force other than the vehicle. “For the purposes of this section, the moving vehicle itself shall not constitute the threatened use of deadly

force,” according to the current policy.

7. A use of force continuum

Already in place: BPD says a use of force matrix is already part of policy and recruits and working officers are trained in it.

8. Requiring comprehensive reporting, including when an officer threatens a person with a firearm

Not yet: The department says recruits are taught about required report writing, but the current firearm discharge policy only requires a report when a gun is fired, not when it’s unholstered and pointed at someone. “We will continue to review and amend policies and procedures going forward as they pertain to uses of force and threats of force,” the department said.

The department said it will also bring an ethical policing peer intervention program to Boston. The program “authorizes and empowers officers to intervene in another officer’s actions, regardless of his or her rank.”

Three Minneapolis officers watched a fellow officer kneel for more than eight minutes on the neck of George Floyd, whose death sparked the recent protests. The officer who killed Floyd is facing murder charges, and those who stood by are charged with aiding and abetting murder.

Boston has seen protests nearly every day over the last two weeks, with hundreds demonstrating against police brutality and calling for a diversion of funds from police to other social programs.

And the Boston City Council has been inundated with calls for the police budget to be reduced by at least 10 percent.

City Councillor Andrea Campbell said the change in the use of force policy is a good first step, but not enough. “The Boston Police Department is right to make these changes — now we need to go much further, by implementing a real civilian review board, banning the use of military weapons in our streets, getting police out of our schools, and ensuring our police form reflects the diversity of our city,” she said in a statement.

Others say the reforms don’t address the central issue among protesters: the prosecution of police. Brock Satter, co-founder of Mass. Action Against Police Brutality, said until police officers in Boston and elsewhere are brought to justice for police killings, the protests will go on.

“You can defund, you can do whatever you want, but if you do not punish the police for the crimes they commit, this movement will continue,” he said.

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Playgrounds, splash pads back in play at city parks

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Playgrounds and splash pads reopened in Boston on Monday with safety guidelines and signage advising residents to stay six feet apart, wear face coverings, wash hands before and after visiting, and stay home if sick.

Boston Parks & Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods said staff were out over the weekend installing signage at the city's parks.

"Playgrounds are a

space where people can come together, even if it's socially distanced," said Woods. "Yesterday we officially opened 219 playgrounds and started opening splash pads—we have about 40 across the city. The playgrounds that I've seen have been pretty busy."

Playground-type facilities were scheduled for revival in the second phase of the state's reopening plan, which began on May 26. On June 16, the Department of Conservation and Rec-

reation announced that the department "will be conducting periodic cleanings of spray decks, playgrounds and fitness areas and has posted signage providing visitors with guidance when using the facilities."

Gov. Baker also outlined guidelines for reopening youth summer programming in early June. The Department of Early Education and Care released an updated minimum guidelines for safely reopening on June 12, easing some

restrictions that were laid out on June 1.

Temperature checks for staff and children before entering child care spaces are no longer required, but parents or guardians will still have to answer questions about their child's health daily in screening for symptoms of coronavirus. The department has also removed the condition of a maximum group size for kids and adults.

Lisette Le, executive director at Viet-AID in Fields Corner, said the

organization is trying to assess how to develop a hybrid approach to reopening youth summer programming.

"We typically run a summer program and we're trying to figure out what a hybrid model is going to look like, some kind of combination of online tutoring and staggering the amounts of participants that come through the center," said Le. "We're trying to figure out what that schedule might look like, although our anticipa-

tion is that we won't be able to have as many student participants."

Le noted that VietAID is still planning to hire young people for some summer job positions. "We have some positions through the city's partnership with Success Link to hire teen staff," she said. "We've been very intentional about hiring people from Dorchester, hiring people who might have a CORI or any other limitation on their records before and during the pandemic."

'They need hope, they don't need bars'

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"We got a nice \$6,000 or \$7,000 seed to get back in business in a big way," he said. "We were hurting after being closed for a two-months due to the coronavirus. And this changes a lot for us. We're getting started with a huge lift."

The bike shop has now raised more than \$16,000 and Hicks reopened last week. He's only keeping a portion of the money for the shop. The rest will go to support the movement against police brutality, including contributing to a bail fund for people who were arrested after the protest.



A sign in the front window of Spokehouse Bikes in Uphams Corner notes that it is a "Black Owned Business." Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

Someone raised the question of whether that donation could help the people who broke his window and stole his bikes.

"I don't care if it does," he said. "My response is that jails are inhumane and we should

be finding alternatives to incarceration, period. And if the person who did this is sitting in a jail cell, they need hope, they don't need bars."

Hicks doesn't blame outside agitators for the looting, as

many politicians do. He said it may well have been people from his own neighborhood.

That's part of the reason he doesn't want to see police get involved. Hicks is advocating for defunding the police, and

said the pain at being targeted was overwhelmed by the energy of the protest movement that he's a part of.

"People are just fed up with the status quo," he said. "People are hungry. People are broke. People are without hope. And even if you had some sort of safety net or some sort of feeling of comfort before the pandemic hit, nothing is certain for anyone anymore."

Among the people who helped Hicks get back in business is Kendra Hicks, a community activist of no relation to him. She said the bike shop is a manifestation of what the protesters are fighting for — a black-owned business bringing jobs and affordable transportation to a neighborhood that needs both.

"When you are caring for community, the community

will care for you," she said. "And Noah is somebody who has continuously cared for community. And so it was definitely not a surprise that people showed up for him like they did."

After raising \$16,000, Noah Hicks said that, for the first time in his life, he's in a position to be a philanthropist. And he's using that money to help groups and causes like Violence In Boston, Black Mama's Bail Out, the Transgender Emergency Fund, and a fundraiser for a black trans woman attacked in Minneapolis, with more to come.

This article was first published by WBUR 90.9FM on June 12. The Reporter and WBUR share content and resources through a media partnership.

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Forum on fireworks outbreak elicits calls for communities to be central in solving the problem

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Led by City Councillor at-Large Julia Mejia, some 370 city residents joined an online forum last Thursday night to discuss solutions to the onslaught of illegal fireworks being shot off in Boston neighborhoods. Dubbed “Fireworks Trauma,” the event featured a diverse array of Bostonians who bonded over the negative effects of the outbreak of noisy lawlessness.

As councillors and staff from the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services listened and offered possible resources that could be rallied around an awareness campaign, and youth organizers brainstormed creative solutions to the problem, residents with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) talked about how the non-stop fireworks outsider their homes are adversely affecting their health.

Complaints to City Hall about the pyrotechnics increased by 2,300 percent in May, according to Mayor Walsh. But most who spoke on the forum agreed with Mejia, who said, “We’re hoping to have a community-centered approach to this. I believe that folks who are living the realities have the ideas. We know what works, we know what our blocks look like, and we know how to interact with our neighbors.”

Jerome Smith, chief of Civic Engagement and director of Neighborhood Services (ONS) in the mayor’s office, said that the intensity of fireworks in Boston is like nothing he’d seen before, noting that some of the seized fireworks have come from out of state, and not just New Hampshire. “We’ve found that some individuals have brought fireworks in from as far as Michigan. Originally what we were thinking was that individuals were just crossing the border from New Hampshire with them, but these larger fireworks are from other states,” said Smith. “We believe ... there must be some sort of distributor place in the city, so we’re trying to find that.”

“I want to listen for suggestions because right now the only tool we have is police enforcement,” Smith added. “The cases reported to 311 just go to BPD. We do agree that there needs

to be more than just that process for residents. If there are any tools that the city can come up with to help you guys, I’m all ears ... fliers, door posters. I’m interested in any idea you might have. This has become a significant problem in a short amount of time.”

Ronald Odom, a Dorchester resident whose 13- year-old son Steven was shot and killed near their home in 2007, said hearing fireworks brings him “right back to that day. I’m coming from the lens of a survivor of homicide. I heard the gunshots when my son’s life was taken and when his body fell to the ground. Just the sound of the fireworks reminds me of my son’s life being taken; it brings me right back to that day.”

“I had a vision in my mind of my son’s body falling to the ground and that was it for me for the rest of the night,” Odom said. “It just kept me up. I shot firecrackers myself as a kid, but the sound of these fireworks re-triggered me to the point where I couldn’t sleep.”

Sean Terry, a Boston Marathon bombing survivor, also talked about PTSD and the triggering effect of ongoing fireworks in the South End. “It took me a long time to realize the ripple effects that the experience had on me. Any sort of loud noise plus sirens, for me, just exacerbates [it]. Those are the biggest triggers for me.”

Anna and Ben Ahler, creators of the Facebook “Dot Parents” page, said many in Dorchester have expressed concerns over

calling the police to stop fireworks. “As much as the fireworks are really hard for us – it’s hard to get sleep, we have a young daughter – we really feel that given what’s going on, calling the police is not the right solution for this,” said Anna Ahler.

Added Ben Ahler: “We want to know how we can talk to the people and find some kind of common ground. There might be ways to invest in more community resources that don’t include policing. We don’t want to be choosing a solution that is causing other people issues.”

Alondra Bobadilla, Mejia’s youth liaison, emphasized the importance of recognizing the problem as a community issue, not just a youth issue. “There are a lot of people just blaming the youth, and I can tell you it’s not just youth, it’s adults, too. If there’s

one thing I have to say it’s that it’s really important that we don’t create conspiracy... This is a community issue,” she said. “As a community, there are certain things we have to take on by ourselves and I think we can come up with a solution-based approach where we have different options and are not always talking to the police.”

Participants divided into breakout sessions that were tasked with collectively surfacing three potential solutions. “We don’t need to have a conversation about the conversation,” said Mejia. “Let’s get into some solutions!”

Ideas brought back from breakout sessions included working to create a PSA awareness campaign highlighting the voices of PTSD/trauma survivors that could be shared on social media and with news or-

ganizations, signage, or lit-drops through ONS, further investigation into where the fireworks are purchased, community policing, and developing a time-specific framework with those setting off fireworks.

By the end of the forum, the Facebook live feed had more than 1,000 comments from attendees. Next steps, Mejia said, will include identifying community volunteers, who she called “captains,” that will help her team and possibly setting up a steering committee of sorts.

“Everyone who registered via Zoom will receive a little social media tool kit with fliers that you can print out and share with your civic associations and communities,” she said.

“Right now we’re laying down the foundation for something that we’ll need to implement over



Julia Mejia “Solutions” are key.

time. So prepare for the long haul around this conversation and manage your expectations,” said the councillor. “We know that if the fireworks started in March, trust that they’re going to go on beyond July.”

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PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU20P0886GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
MARIELLE FEDE BONHEUR
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston M Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Marielle Fele Bonheur is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Cledine Fele of Boston, MA, Newfens Benitha Fele of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
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IN THE MATTER OF:
JIMMY GARDNER
of DORCHESTER, MA
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Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston M Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jimmy Gardner is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Deborah Cato of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.
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RECENT OBITUARIES

Mary M. (Duffy) Griffin



Mary M. (Duffy) Griffin, in Quincy, formerly of Dorchester, died June 13, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Horace Charles Griffin for 40 years. Loving mother of William A. Griffin and his wife Christine Baker Griffin of New Braintree, Maureen P. Griffin and her husband James M. Lawrence of Franklin, Clare Griffin Ellis of Walpole, Judy M. Griffin

of Quincy, and John J. and his wife Claire Griffin of Westwood. Sister of Rev. Joseph P. Duffy S.J. of Weston, Thomas F. and his wife Joanne Duffy of Stoneham, and the late A. Teresa and her husband George Negus, and Capt. William L. and his wife Gladys Duffy. Devoted "Grandma" of Jennifer Ellis and her husband Chad Rishel, James Ellis, Dr. Caitlin Lawrence and her husband Philip Allessi, Ryan Lawrence, Prof. Maryclare Griffin and her husband Prof. Ted Westling, Norah Griffin, Seth Baker and his wife Dr. Kim Ng, Dylan Baker, and Jillian and her husband Michael Bokoff. Cherished great-grandmother of Maeve, Mariella, Zoe, Lily, Sophie, and Sonia. Survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Mary was a retired Executive Assistant for the Interstate Commerce Commission for 13 years. Prior to her marriage, Mary attended classes at Boston College's downtown campus. After her retirement, Mary pursued additional education at UMass Boston, achieving a certificate in Advanced Gerontology. She also attended courses at Boston College Institute for Learning in Retirement. A private Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Margaret Church of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, followed by a private interment with her late husband Horace, in Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary's memory may be made to Campion Center Home for Retired Jesuits, 319 Concord Rd., Weston, MA 02193. For guestbook, please visit www.jmurphyfh.com. Arrangements by the Murphy Funeral Home, DORCHESTER.

BRADY, Patricia Margaret of Canton, formerly of Dorchester, 92. Wife of the late Frederick J. Brady, BFD. Mother of Tom and Eleanor of Parkland, FL, Fred and Marie of Halifax, MA, Pat and Mark Cawley, Paul and Susan, Christine, and Jean of Canton, MA. Pat leaves nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



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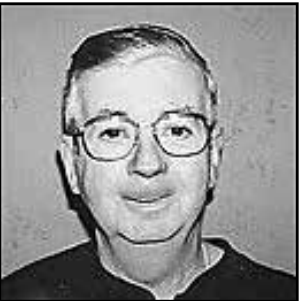
COLLYER, Margaret M. "Peggy" (Brown) of Dorchester. Wife of the late James M. Collyer. Mother of Joan and her husband Earl McDonald of Braintree, Margaret Chappell of Holbrook, James and his wife Maryellen Collyer of Quincy, Michael and his wife Joanne Collyer of Rockland, Carol & her husband Michael Rowan of Everett, Elaine & her husband Kevin Monahan of Dorchester, Kathie and her husband Paul Shaughnessey of Dorchester, Barbara and her late husband Mark Lawrence of Winchendon, Stephen and his late wife Suzanne Collyer of Sharon, and Christopher and his wife Maryann Collyer of Wakefield. Cherished grandmother of 31 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and special niece Alicia Jones of West Roxbury. Sister of the late Flora Stanton. Remembrances may be made in Margaret's name to the All Dorchester Sports League (ADSL).

DeBELLIS, Gerald J. "Jerry" in Dorches-

ter, formerly of South Boston. Son of Janet (Norton) and Joseph Wallace of Weymouth and Gerald F. DeBellis of Brockton. Brother of Sharon Dillon and her husband Mark of Quincy, Noelle DeBellis and her fiancé Brian O'Connor of Weymouth, Roni Partosan and her husband Leo of Braintree and Catherine DeBellis of Brockton. Uncle of Colleen Dillon of Quincy and Jason Graybill, Jr. of Weymouth. Nephew of Rosemary Kubera of Quincy, Stephen and Joseph Norton, both of South Boston. Also survived by his best friend Rocky, his cat and many loving cousins. Jerry was a longtime member of Community Boating, Inc. Donations in memory of Jerry may be made to the Harry McDonough Sailing Center, PO Box 464, South Boston, MA 02127.



DAVIS, Vinnie Marie (Boyd) of Hyde Park. Wife of James E. Davis. Mother of Pannie Davis, Kevin Davis (Bevette), Shawn Davis, James Davis (Elaine) and Keith Davis (Theresa). Daughter of Viola Boyd and the late Gilbert Boyd. Grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 5. Sister of Brenda and Milton Boyd and the late Ben, Nelson and Douglas Boyd. She is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.



ELLSWORTH, Paul E., 83. Husband for over 57 years to Carol A. (Mann) Ellsworth. He was formerly a resident of Braintree, North Quincy, and Dorchester. Born in Boston, he was the son of the late John and Mildred (Sullivan) Ellsworth. He was raised in Charlestown and was a graduate of Charlestown High School. After high school, he went on to serve in the United States Air Force. Paul had been employed for over 25 years by the MBTA until his retirement. After his retirement, he worked for many years at Massachusetts General Hospital. Father to John E. Ellsworth of Lehigh Acres, FL and daughter Susan Ellsworth-

Sibayan and her husband, Dr. Santiago of the Philippines and Florida. Grandfather of two. Brother of the late Alice Millicent (Ellsworth) Salmon and her husband, the late Robert Salmon. Uncle of Patricia (Salmon) Losh and her husband, Russell of Fort Myers, Florida and the late Robert Salmon.



FEDERHOOK, Henry J., 65. Husband of Eileen A. (Peterson) Federhook. Son of the late Eleanor (Brown) and Henry O. Federhook and was raised in Dorchester before moving to Billerica in 1991. Henry was a retired Boston Municipal Police Officer. Henry is also survived by his daughter, Taylor Federhook of Tewksbury. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice.



MacLELLAN, Florence M. (Ramsey), 88. Flo was born in St. Joseph's parish in Roxbury and lived in Boston most of her life. She was a proud graduate of Girls Latin and Boston Business School and was always impeccably dressed. She worked for Gillette, the MA Commission for the Blind, the Census Bureau and finally at Daman Distributing. She married Ed MacLellan and they lived in England. Florence was the mother and mother-in-law of Mike and Betty MacLellan, Pat MacLellan and Despina Longinidis, Tim and Janet MacLellan, Gloria Butts, and Allison MacLellan. She was the grandmother of 11, as well as great-grandmother of 4. Florence is survived by her sisters Gail Phinney and Patsy Nemet, and predeceased by her parents Albert and Hazel Ramsey, as well as her brother Albert John.



McCANN, Thomas J. Retired Lt. Engine 39 BFD, of Dorchester.

Husband of the late Gail (Hersey) McCann. Father of Karen Merlino and her husband, Hugh, of Falmouth, David T. McCann, Lt. Engine 7 BFD, and his wife, Jaime, of Raynham, and the late Kelly Ann McCann. Grandfather of 3. Great-grandfather of 1. Brother of Dody McCann of Andover, James T. McCann of Medford, and the late Daniel and Timothy McCann. Thomas was a member of Local 718 AFL-CIO and a member of the E-Board. Trustee of the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund. He was also a board member of the Boston Firefighters Credit Union. Donations may be made in Thomas' name to the Boston Fireman's Relief Fund, 115 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118.



McGRATH, Lucia A. (O'Donovan), 53, of Quincy, formerly of Cork, Ireland. Wife of Michael A. McGrath, originally from Ardmore County Waterford, Ireland. Mother of Michael T. and Darren P. McGrath both of Quincy. Sister of Patricia Hodnett and her husband Michael of Ireland, Thomas O'Donovan of Ireland, Eleanor McKenzie of Weymouth, Norreen "Nonie" O'Donovan of Weymouth, Siobhan Hanifin and her husband Pat of Ireland, Paul O'Donovan of Ireland, Clive O'Donovan and his wife Majella of Ireland and the late Geraldine O'Donovan. Aunt of 8. Also survived by a large extended family and many friends.



RAGLAND, Thurman Ruth was born in Franklinton, N.C. in 1948 to the late Inez Pegram. Inez had six other children, Willie Mae Battle, Brenda Carver, Peggy Dean (deceased), Larry Pegram, James Pegram, Peter Pegram (deceased). However, he was raised by the late Elijah and Georgia Ragland of Oxford, N.C. and they had four children, Peggy Smith, Annie Marie Mormon, Anna Gay Ragland, and Luedie (Melvin) Evans. Thurman attended the North Carolina School System. Later on in life, he met Gloria Wilkerson, married her and then they

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moved to Boston and had three children, Stephanie Ragland, Thurman Ragland, Jr., and Gregory Ragland (deceased). Later, as life went on, he married Catherine Hester and they had one daughter, Joyce Ann Ragland. Thurman was a member of the Armed Forces (Army). He was a truck driver for years. He was a member of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church in Roxbury, MA. He lived Harbor Point, where he was certainly loved by so many. He leaves behind three children, eighteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews and relatives that love him.



REGAL, Joan, 86, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester and Hyde Park. Wife of 65 years to John J. Regal of Quincy. Mother of J. Michael Regal of Quincy, Ed Regal and his wife Patty of Dorchester, Steve Regal and his wife Doris of Quincy, Jerry Regal and his wife Rosemary of Braintree, and the late Kevin Regal. Grandmother of 10. Joan was a longtime employee of Saint Margaret's Hospital, and the New England Baptist Hospital. Following retirement, she worked several more years at Quincy Public Schools. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Joan's memory to The Salvation Army, 6 Baxter Street, Quincy, MA 02169.

VENEZIANO, Vincent of Falmouth, 94. He was the son of the

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU18P1998EA ESTATE OF: BETTY ANN LEE DATE OF DEATH: 03/30/2018 A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Antoinette Renrick of Summerville, SC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Antoinette Renrick of Summerville, SC be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 06/26/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 15, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: June 18, 2020



late Paul and Theresa (Terranova) Veneziano and grew up in Dorchester. He was preceded by his wife Lillian (Drover) of 53 years and survived by his three children; Paul Veneziano of Falmouth, Mara Veneziano and her husband Douglas of Plymouth, Elise O'Regan and her husband David of Falmouth, as well as four grandchildren. Great-grandfather of 1. He was predeceased by his brother Phillip, is survived by his brother Armand and his wife Lilya Veneziano of Quincy, MA; as well as a cherished niece and nephews. Vin graduated from Dorchester High School and joined the Army during WW2. He then went on to receive his undergraduate degree from Mass College of Art and his graduate degree from Boston University. With a career working as a teacher and administrator for the Boston Public Schools, Vin taught at Boston Latin Academy for a decade before retiring in 1988.

STEWART, Court-



ney Chanel of Boston, 26. She is of Jamaican-American heritage. She loved roller-skating at Chez Vous, skateboarding, dressing up and spending a lot of time with friends and family. She enjoyed life and all that it offered. She leaves behind parents Kamala Jones and Derval Stewart, grandparents Clarence B. Jones Sr. and Fannie Jones, Beverly Orgill Sylvester (deceased), aunt Gwendolyn Jones, uncles Rohan Hardy, Relva Sylvester Jr. and Clarence B. Jones Jr, siblings Daryl Morency, David Morency, Kasia Stewart, Jaylen Stewart, Ethan Stewart, Kyle Bonny and Chase Bonny; cousins Dajeh Jones, Kevin Boswell, Marcus Jones, Clarence B. Jones III, niece Rihanna Morency, nephew Daniel Morency, and many extended family members and friends.

WILLIAMS, Enid Francis of Mattapan. She was born in Boston in 1936, to the late Lewis Christie and Leah Johnson. Mrs. Williams

graduated from Boston Public Schools. In 1954, she married her husband Reece Williams. They had eight children. Mrs. Williams was a housewife while her children were young and as they matured, she decided to pursue her post-secondary education. Mrs. Williams pursued her associate degree from Emmanuel College and completed her bachelor's degree in Early Education from Simmons College. She matriculated to Wheelock College where she earned a master's degree in Education. Mrs. Williams retired after 30+ years as a Pre-School teacher at the Action for Boston Community Development Corporation's Head Start Program. She served on several advisory boards such as the Alice Taylor Ten-

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Docket No. SU17P0258EA Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT ESTATE OF: LEKHAM SINGH DATE OF DEATH: 09/19/2012 A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Omwattie Singh of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/02/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 21, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: June 18, 2020

ant Task Force, Project Life, and Boston Housing Authority's Mission PRIDE Program. She is preceded by her parents, husband, son; Craig Williams, grandsons; Craig Williams Jr. and Jody Williams, and her siblings; Pauline Latson and Althea Helm. She is survived by her children; Omar Abdul-Rahim (Theodora), Diane Williams, Prophetess Pamela Williams (Terrence), Brian Williams,

Leslie Williams, and Shawn Williams (Monica) all of Boston, MA, and Jeffrey Williams (Michelle) of Boca Raton, FL. She is also survived by 27 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren, 6 great-great grandchildren, her siblings: Jean Hayes, Lewis Christie Jr., Leah Christie, Raymond Christie, and Sabree Abdullah of Boston, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

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Outdoor dining all the rage as Dot eateries ease out of shutdown

(Continued from page 1) setup. “We’re never going to make up the losses incurred since March 16, but we’re hoping this is a bit of a light at the end of the tunnel for us.”

The Baker administration made \$5 million in grant funding available to municipalities last week, with Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito explaining that the money is to help cities “quickly launch or expand improvements to sidewalks, curbs, streets, on-street parking spaces, and off-street parking lots in support of public health, safe mobility and renewed commerce.

“This is like the restaurant in your downtown or your Main Street that you might see opening now with outdoor dining in a parking lot or in a parklet or using sidewalks,” said Polito. “These funds will be directly available for a municipality to help these businesses create more comfortable and exciting spaces in your community so that people can get out safely and enjoy the offerings at their local establishments.”

In Port Norfolk, Venezia and its neighbor, Boston Winery, officially reopened over the weekend, welcoming diners to enjoy Italian cuisine and wine with a view of the



From bottom left, tent and tables at the Eire Pub, street-style dining at the Banshee, and outdoor fare at the Dorchester Brewing Co.

Photos courtesy The Banshee, Eire Pub, and Dan Sheehan, Reporter staff.

Neponset River.

According to a statement from Venezia, “Reservations are required with a maximum of 6 people, face coverings must be worn unless seated for dining, and social distancing is required at all times.”

At the winery, tours have been discontinued but hour-long outdoor tastings have resumed, weather permitting. The interior of the winery will be open for restrooms only.

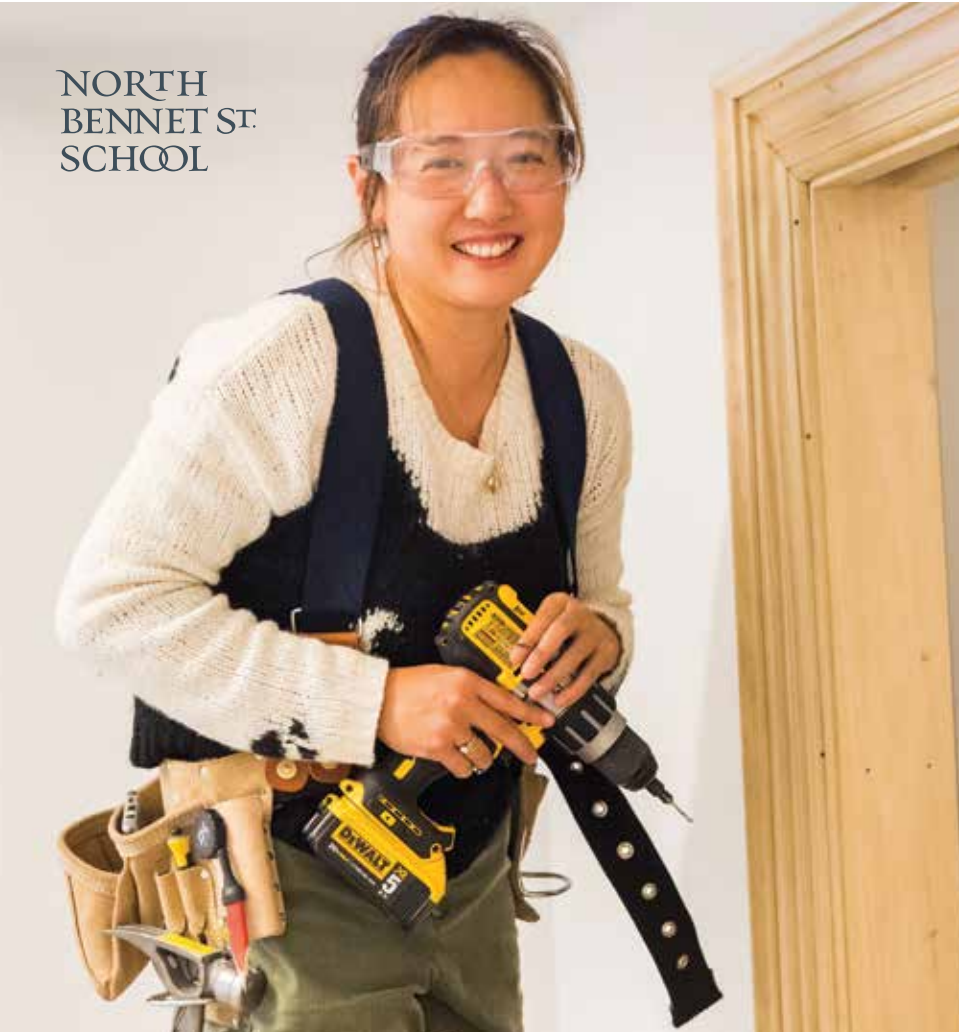
At South Bay shopping center, Wahlburgers reopened after a roughly month-long COVID-related hiatus and is now offering patio dining at a handful of tables in the plaza. A few doors down, 110 Grill has also begun offering patio service for food and drink.

Close by on Mass Ave,

Dorchester Brewing Company (DBCo) can point to a bustling patio and roof deck, and a line of customers out the door throughout the weekend.

The brewery announced that it is hiring part-time bussers and door persons in anticipation of more crowded weekend and evening shifts. DBCo directs customers to use a phone-based app to order beer and food from their in-house partners at M&M BBQ.

The Adams Village landmark Eire Pub is another notable addition to the outdoor dining scene this week. The pub has erected a tent and picnic tables at the rear of its building and is serving daily “rain or shine.” They are open daily until 9 p.m. and stop serving food at 8:30 p.m.



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BGCD Early Education & Care Teachers Host Character Parade for Students: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Early Education & Care Teachers Host Character Parade for Students: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester’s Early Education & Care Teachers wanted to give their students an exciting surprise by hosting a character parade at the Marr Clubhouse last week.

The parade included the students’ favorite TV and movie characters like Frozen, PJ Masks, Spiderman and many more while they were able to walk by, wave, and take some pictures with them.

A huge shout out to our teachers for putting on this amazing parade for their students. This parade was just one way to stay connected during these difficult times. We can’t wait to see you all at the Clubs again soon!

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Partner Elevate Youth Donates 100 Nature Kits to Members: Thanks to one of our program partners, Elevate Youth, 100 Nature Kits were provided for our members to pick up at the Club and take home.

This activity allowed members to join in on the “BGCD At Home” activities. Our members have been hard at work since getting their kits, showing their creativity with a variety of new Plantings and Terrarium designs.

A special thank you to our friends at Elevate Youth for providing this exciting “BGCD at Home” activity for our members. We appreciate your support of our COVID-19 efforts during this time.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD Talks with Massachusetts Congressman Joe Kennedy III on “DotTalks” Speaker Series: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester continues to engage teens with our “DotTalks” speaker series. Members are excited to participate in these Zoom panels to chat and ask their questions to prominent people within our community. We were honored to welcome Massachusetts Congressman, Joe Kennedy III, to last week’s session.

The Q & A session is now available to watch online: tune in to hear about how he’s staying safe during quarantine, advice on improving our community, challenging decisions he’s had to make and more. Please follow our social media channels to stay up to date on all the fun.

UPDATES

Due to the COVID-19 Crisis, all 3 of our Clubhouses will remain closed. For the most up to date information on Club activities and resources or to make a donation to our Clubs, please go to our website at bgcdorchester.org.


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Codman Square Health Center

Racism a health crisis emergency, says Walsh; police OT budget in flux

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“Racism is a driving force that shapes access to the social determinants of health and is a barrier to health equity for all Bostonians,” said Marty Martinez, Chief of Health and Human Services. “This declaration will bring this work into greater focus with real, intentional efforts to get to the root causes and see measurable solutions.”

The mayor also announced the creation of a new task force led by community members and chaired by former US Attorney for the District of Massachusetts Wayne Budd.

“I, along with the members of the Task

Force, recognize the importance of the responsibility the mayor has asked us to undertake. This comes at a very difficult time in our country, which makes the work that we are about to undertake even more important,” said Budd. “You can be assured that we will give the task at hand the first attention and our best efforts, all to the end of assuring the very best the Boston Police Department has to offer and its responsibility of protecting and serving all people of Boston.”

The task force is charged with reviewing the police department’s use of force policies, recommending rigorous

implicit bias training for police officers, improving the current Body Worn Camera program, and strengthening the police review board, known as the Community Ombudsman Oversight Panel, or Co-op Board. The group is expected to present within 60 days.

Police Commissioner William Gross said that the department would not be “defensive” or “adversarial” to change and reform. “We do want different eyes on our policies and procedures and we do want to move forward. That means working in partnership with the community to solve problems and create a better quality of life for all,” he said. “That’s

exactly what we’re talking about today. The Boston Police is not going to be defensive and adversarial... the people that we serve should have the expectation that this department will improve each and every year.”

Back in March, District 5 City Councillor Ricardo Arroyo had called for a public health emergency caused by racism to be declared. After the mayor’s announcement, some of Arroyo’s colleagues on the council and residents pointed this out.

At-Large Councillor Michelle Wu wrote on Twitter: “Boston’s public conversation already included fierce advo-



Mayor Martin Walsh was joined by former US Associate Attorney General Wayne Budd at a press conference at Boston City Hall to discuss COVID-19 as well as declaring racism a Public Health Emergency in Boston.

Mayor’s Office Photo by Jeremiah Robinson

cacy to declare racism a public health crisis 3+ months ago – thanks to @RicardoNArroyo filing this for his first speech from the Council

floor.” Arroyo retweeted a separate tweet noting his previous proposal, writing: “Racism has a long history of erasure.”

Cutback in state local aid means \$9m less for city

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State House leaders are still working on an annual fiscal 2021 budget, which cities and towns look to as a critical source of local aid for municipal budgets, and the state plans to start the new fiscal year on July 1 with spending allocated on a one-month interim

budget. Walsh’s planned hiring freeze would last for six months and apply to non-essential vacant positions. The reduction in planned snow removal costs, according to the mayor’s office, would bring planned spending in line with updated projections that are based on

average actual spending. Walsh is still proposing an overall \$119 million, or 3.4 percent, increase in spending that his team says will result in a “historic” investment levels in areas like public health, which has risen to the forefront, and housing and education. His education budget is slated for a 7 percent increase.

The mayor’s office says public education spending accounts for more than 40 percent of the city budget. Education spending is up over \$440 million on an annual basis since fiscal 2014, and per-pupil spending at the Boston Public Schools will approach \$22,000. The revised budget

will increase spending on public schools in the city by \$80 million, money that the mayor’s office says will help close achievement and opportunity gaps and deliver “intense support” to underperforming schools.

The mayor has committed to spending \$500 million over five years to create thousands of affordable homes and his revised budget designates \$18 million in new operating and capital funds toward that goal, including money for affordable rentals units and the first city-funded rental voucher program.

“With this budget, we have an opportunity to seize the moment that is before us to make invest-

ments that are grounded in equity, inclusion and that are intentional about directing funding to places where we know it will have the greatest impact in benefiting our residents,” Walsh said. “I am proud that thanks to years of careful fiscal stewardship, we are able to continue making smart and strategic investments at a time when many residents need it most.”

In December, Moody’s Investor Service researchers concluded that most of the largest 25 US cities would be able to weather a recession of similar severity as the 2008-09 downturn without a material adverse credit impact. Of those cities, Boston was among six that was labeled as “stronger.”

Baker’s budget was based on the expectation of tax collections rising 2.8 percent, but

officials now expect receipts to plummet due to the recession and record unemployment. Some cities and towns are laying off teachers, and state officials have delayed budget deliberations largely due to the volatility of the economic situation.

During an WBZ radio appearance last Thursday night, House Speaker Robert DeLeo said the tax revenue freefall, estimated by many at \$2 billion to \$6 billion, could hit \$7 billion or more.

“We really need more time to get a better handle on exactly how big this hole is going to be,” DeLeo said. “We’re waiting to see what happens in Washington. They’ve been talking somewhat about providing funding for states and municipalities but we haven’t seen that happen as of yet.”

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By Dr. Edward Schettino
With the weather warming and the re-
A Moment of Paws

strictions easing, many of us have one thing on our minds – getting outside! But as we gear up for another summer, the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is once again launching its annual safety campaign, Too Hot for Spot®, to remind pet owners of the dangers of leaving animals in hot cars.

During warm weather months, we typically see animals being left in hot cars at beaches, near bike trails, and other parking lots associated with summer. However, this year we worry we will see more instances of animals being left in hot cars in places that many of us frequent while doing our daily errands. Grocery stores, the post office, and banks – these are places where we will say, “I’ll be in and out.”

But in the world we are now living, the reality is that trips to these places are going to take longer.

The average grocery store trip, according to the Time Use Institute, is approximately 41 minutes. This figure is based on pre-pandemic information. Grocery stores and other busi-

nesses now need to take extra steps to disinfect or limit the number of people allowed inside at one time – resulting in daily errands taking longer. Leaving an animal in the car for even a short period of time could be deadly.

Unlike humans, animals cannot efficiently cool their bodies. And while the windows in the car may be cracked, even with outside temperatures below 80 degrees, the inside of a vehicle can heat up to well over 100 degrees in a matter of minutes. The stifling heat inside a car makes animals susceptible to heat stroke, and the onset of symptoms is rapid.

Health hazards aside, it is also against the law in Massachusetts to keep an animal confined in a vehicle when extreme heat or cold may threaten the animal’s health.

ARL launched its Too

Hot for Spot® annual campaign seven years ago, and while pet owners should be well aware of the dangers of leaving animals in vehicles during the warm weather months, we sadly still see numerous examples of animals suffering and even dying every year, as the result of being left in the car.

Please, when it is hot outside, leave your dog at home. Set them up in a cool, humidity- and temperature-controlled room, give them plenty of water, and make sure to limit their outdoor exercise to the morning or evening hours when it is coolest.

Summer is here and we’re all ready to get outside. Please continue to keep yourself, your family, and your pets safe and healthy during these uncertain times. We’re all in this together.

To learn more sum-

TooHOTforSpot®

When the temperature rises, leave your pet at home.

Vehicle Temperature

Outside	Inside
94°	145°
81°	138°
75°	118°

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mer pet safety tips, visit arl.boston.org/too-hot-for-spot.

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Dear Business and Philanthropic Leaders: Less Talk, More Money. Invest in Equal Justice Initiative Today.

“I can’t believe what you say, because I see what you do.”

- James Baldwin

Since the senseless murder of George Floyd by a White police officer, American companies and philanthropic organizations are making tremendous efforts to create the right hashtags and say the right thing about racism in this country. So much so, that it has almost become a marketing ploy. These same companies and leaders whose **complicit cowardice** over the years has been defined by a **deafening silence**, have now suddenly found the guts to speak out against the structural and institutional racism that has plagued our country since its inception.

Not good enough.

The question now is: Will these same business and philanthropic leaders DO the right thing? DO is an action word. In our capitalist society, action is validated by an answer to one question: **Where are you investing your money?** Don’t tell the Black community what you stand for, show us who you’re investing in, what organizations you’re investing in, and how much you’re investing and we can start to believe what you say. Words matter deeply, but the Black community can only trust what we see you do.

That is why the Lewis Family Foundation is announcing **our commitment** of an additional \$1 million dollars to Bryan Stevenson’s vision and the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), for a total of a \$2 million dollar investment. We firmly believe that EJI’s mission can help heal our country.

Mr. Stevenson and his team at EJI work to shift the systemic and structural racism in this country by tackling it from multiple angles: **criminal justice reform, racial justice trainings, and public education**. Mr. Stevenson and his staff have won reversals, relief, or release from prison for over 135 wrongly condemned prisoners on death row and won relief for hundreds of others wrongly convicted or unfairly sentenced.

EJI has also opened The Legacy Museum and The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama. Moreover, EJI has worked diligently to develop a set of curricula for teachers and educators to use in classrooms across the United States that comprehensively explores our nation’s history of racial injustice and connects that history of slavery, racial terror lynching, and segregation to contemporary issues of race, poverty, and economic injustice.

Now more than ever I hope it is clear to business and philanthropic leaders in this country that our contemporary race issues were not solved by the Civil Rights movement of the sixties. The movement is still living and breathing and being threatened at every turn. Do not waste this critical moment of unrest with inaction.

We implore you to do 3 things:

1. Invest deeply in EJI NOW
2. Invest in schools who adopt EJI’s curricula for 4th, 8th, and 11th grades
3. Take your teams and your families to visit EJI’s Museum and Memorial in Montgomery, Alabama

We must all move with a sense of urgency during these times. Invest in leaders and organizations that get results, and are persistent in pushing our country and our citizens to be braver at owning our history of racial terror and injustice. **Only then can we begin to heal as a country.** Please join us by investing in the Equal Justice Initiative.

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