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SETTING HER GAZE ON THE FUTURE



Allie Murphy of Dorchester celebrated her graduation from Boston Collegiate Charter School on June 4. Murphy, who will attend St. Anselm College, was one of 60 members of the class of 2020 who participated in a "drive-through graduation" at the school's Sydney Street campus. More photos, Page 5.

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Virus spread in state lowest in US as things open up; caution advised

By Colin A. Young State House News Service

Restaurants resumed serving diners indoors, nail salons got back to filing and painting fingernails, and tattoo parlors fired up the ink guns Monday as the state's reopening plan took another step forward.

As the economic reopening advanced a square Monday, most of the metrics used to determine the pace of reopening continued to trend in the right direction, with one major exception. The three-day average number of daily COVID-19 deaths is on the rise, climbing from 22 as of June 18 to 26 as of June 19, the Department of Public Health reported Monday.

Still, Massachusetts now has the lowest coronavirus transmission rate of any state

in the country, according to a website that has been compiling state data and tracking transmission trends.

The current Rt for COVID-19 in Massachusetts — a measure of a virus's average transmission rate at a given point in time — is estimated at 0.67, according to the website Rt.live, comfortably below the 1.0 threshold that signifies rapid spread. The Rt value is essentially the number of people that one infected person transmits the virus to.

"The way you really get in trouble with this virus is the reproduction rate — you know, how fast does one person become 2, become 4, become 8, become 16, become 32 and the like," Gov. Charlie Baker said last week.

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Summer camps for youth, Dot Baseball prepped to go

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Youth-focused summer programs — including the popular Dorchester Baseball league— are preparing to re-open early next month as part of the anticipated "phase three" outlined by Gov. Charlie Baker on Monday.

Additionally, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) announced that they are working toward a July 6 re-opening of its early childhood education and day care programs, subject to state approval. The facility's summer theme is dubbed "Outdoor Stay-cation," which will include "summer

fun sessions" by mid-July.

BGCD programs will operate with very limited capacity — an estimated 25 percent—in compliance with state guidelines. They are planning both in-person and virtual summer programming for youth ages 5-18 but will not offer field

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Calls for freedom, unity mark rally at Town Field celebrating Juneteenth

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

Speaking at last Friday's Juneteenth rally at Town Field in Dorchester, Dot House nurse Claudine Lopes quoted a well-known lyric from Sam Cooke: "It's been a long time coming, but I know a change is gonna come." That theme of "delayed liberation," coupled with a feeling of hope for the future, was the common thread in several activists' remarks at the event, which drew

roughly 500 people to the Fields Corner park.

In a rousing, sermon-like speech, Pastor William Dickerson of Greater Love Tabernacle Church expressed indignation at how African Americans have struggled for dignity and human rights decade after decade.

"I'm tired of fighting for what belongs to me," he told the crowd. "Why are we fighting for what is rightfully ours?"



Nil Silva and Sarah Fisher of Four Corners brought their kids Jax, 8, and Nola, 4, to Friday's Juneteenth rally so they could "see people taking a stand and know that they can advocate."

Joel Richards, a Boston public school teacher who co-organized the rally, said (Continued on page 11)

Dot restaurants ease into limited indoor dining

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

A number of Dorchester restaurants are pivoting back to limited indoor dining this week—or making plans to do so soon—as the Commonwealth gradu-

ally eases restrictions on the trade.

Tavolo Ristorante on Dorchester Avenue is planning to re-open for table dining inside next week, according to manager Tara O'Riordan, who says the popular Ashmont eatery continues to stay busy with customers dining outside. Ashmont Grill, which O'Riordan also manages and co-owns, is not yet open, but the staff is making arrangements to re-open by mid-July

with indoor and outdoor tables.

Restaurante Cesaria on Bowdoin Street, a local favorite for members of the Cape Verdean community in particular, is aiming to reopen its indoor seating by Thursday. The owners are also constructing a patio for outdoor seating in the lot just behind the building, which should be finished in the coming weeks.

Owner Tony Barros (Continued on page 16)



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DA probing alleged assault by ex-T officer

By ZENINJOR ENWEMEKA WBUR REPORTER

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins' office announced Monday that it is investigating alleged abuse by a former MBTA police officer who filed a misleading report about his actions against a 63-year-old homeless man.

 $Of ficer\,Nicholas\,Morrissey\,reportedly\,dragged\,the$ man, who is Black, from an MBTA bus at Forest Hills Station on April 28. Morrissey, who is white, then allegedly put his knee on the man's back for 20 seconds, holding him down, and then pushed his head into the pavement before dragging the man out of the bus lane.

The man, who was intoxicated, suffered abrasions to his face, according to the DA's office. Morrissey filed a report on the incident saying that the man had lost his balance while attempting to spit at Morrissey. The officer wrote that when the man started to fall, he grabbed his shoulders and redirected him. The officer said the man injured himself when he fell through the bus door and hit his forehead on the pavement.

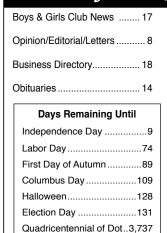
But Morrissey's report does not match up with video of the incident, according to the DA's office.

"Although it is unusual for my office to comment on ongoing investigations, the behaviors of law enforcement personnel must be held to a higher standard and require transparency," Rollins said in a statement. "I want to thank and highly commend the leadership of the MBTA Police for bringing this matter to my office. Without their coming forward, we would not have been made aware of Morrissey's concerning behavior. This type of leadership by law enforcement management must be commended and should be emulated."

The incident was first reported by the Boston Globe on Monday. Morrissey resigned from the department before any disciplinary action could be taken. His supervisor has been placed on adminis-

"This matter is still an open investigation and it would be inappropriate for me to comment further other than we are aware of the incident," Transit Police Superintendent Richard Sullivan said. "We took quick decision action and the officer is no longer a member of the Transit Police."

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Marino Diaz Cruz wipes down the surfaces inside an MBTA bus with disinfectant after it pulled into Ashmont Station From Jackson Square. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

Bus riders can check crowd size with app

Buspassengersonnine MBTA routes will now be able to check their phones or computers ahead of time to get a sense of what crowds they will face during their travel.

Starting Friday, riders on some of the most popular lines can access real-time crowding information on the T's website, on the MBTAendorsed Transit app, and on digital signs across the network.

The new feature comes as MBTA leaders prepare for ridership to tick up after months of record lows during the COVID-19 outbreak. They say travelers can make better-informed decisions about maintaining social distancing by knowing what conditions are like on buses.

Crowds will be described in three tiers: "crowded," "some crowding" or "not crowded," all of which are based on the lower counting thresholds the T implemented amid the

Buses that will offer the new feature at the start of the pilot are Routes 1, 15, 16, 22, 23, 31, 32, 109 and 110. T officials said they will make similar information available on additional routes throughout the summer.

In a Friday press release, the T said it is "the largest US transit agency to make real-time crowding information available for local buses to customers."

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Dorchester resident begins 'hunger fast' at Faneuil Hall

A Dorchester man began a hunger fast Monday at Faneuil Hall in the latest escalation of a long-running effort to change the name of the colonial structure, which now memorializes a wealthy merchant and owner and trader of

Kevin Peterson, the founder of the New Democracy Coalition, is demanding that Boston Mayor Marty Walsh identify a date to plan citywide hearings on changing the name of the tourist hotspot.

"Faneuil Hall repre-

sents white supremacy and the related economic, cultural, and political roadblocks that stymie Black life in Boston," Peterson said in a statement Monday. "We must stand against symbols of racism in Boston. Only then can we get to address the longstanding issues of anti-Black racism, reconciliation, and reparations in the city on all levels," he added.

Peter Faneuil, who died in 1742, had five slaves, according to the National Park Service, which oversees historic sites and maintains

an information desk at the marketplace.

"Though Peter Faneuil lived a short life, his keen eye for business made him a successful merchant, which gave him the finances to donate Faneuil Hall to Boston," the park service reports on its website. "There is some irony to be found in its nickname, however, because a portion of the money used to fund "The Cradle of Liberty" came from the buying and selling of African slaves."

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Police

Murder near Four Corners – An unidentified man was shot to death in front of an apartment block on Thane Street on Tuesday just before 2 a.m. Officers $found\,the\,victim\,-\,whom$ Boston police have not yet named – in the area of 26 Thane Street suffering from a gunshot wound. He was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. It was the 22nd homicide recorded in the city this year so far.

Three men were arrested on Saturday evening near Dorchester Park after a large Boston Police response was triggered by calls for a fight and a person with a gun. One of the men arrested following a foot chase and manhunt on Richview Street was 19-year-old Dominic Farrell, who is alleged to have "brandished the firearm which he pulled from a backpack," according to a BPD account of the incident. Police say they recovered a loaded Sig Sauer .45 handgun with six rounds in the magazine and two additional magazines each containing fourteen rounds "from Farrell's backpack, along with an undisclosed amount of US Currency, and a digital scale covered with a white powdery residue.'

Also arrested were Darrin Brack, 20, of South Boston and Jonathan Albert, 19, of Quincy. All three suspects are expected to be arraigned in Dorchester District Court.

Boston Police say they seized a large quantity of illegal fireworks from a UHaul truck on Dacia Street in Dorchester last Friday night (June 19) after they were called to the scene of an ongoing fireworks display "in the middle of the street" around 9:30 p.m.

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

with Devin and Jason McCourty, the Massachusetts Health Council, the Reverend Liz Walker of Roxbury Presbyterian Church, Clappazzola Partners and other community groups for a blood drive on Tuesday, June 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Northeastern University's Matthews Arena. Since mid-March, the number of African Americans donating blood with the Red Cross has dropped by more than half. This low donor turnout is largely due to blood drive cancellations at businesses, churches and schools and the disproportionate COVID-19 infection rates for African Americans compared to other ethnicities. Go to RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule a donation.

Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) plans to host a virtual Town Hall featuring the candidates for the 12th Suffolk House district on Sat., Aug. 1 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. See g-mnc.org for more information.

David Litt, former senior presidential speechwriter and special assistant to President Barack Obama, will join the Kennedy Institute for a "Getting to the Point" discussion on Tues., June 30 at 1 p.m. Litt will discuss his new book, "Democracy in One Book or Less: How It Works, Why It Doesn't and Why Fixing It Is Easier Than You Think." In addition to writing remarks for President Obama on a wide range of domestic policy issues, he served as the lead joke writer for several White House

Black blood donors are critically needed to help patients Correspondents' Dinner monologues. Litt served as the Food Pantry, 14 Cushing Ave.; Pilgrim Church Community battling sickle cell disease amid the coronavirus head writer/producer for Funny Or Die D.C. through Lunch, 540 Columbia Rd.; Holy Tabernacle Church, 70 outbreak. The American Red Cross has teamed up the 2018 midterm elections, and in addition to his new Washington St.; CCAB/Yawkey Center, 185 Columbia Rd.; book, he is currently developing a TV show based on his life in Washington, D.C. Visit emkinstitute.org to register. 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.

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

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.

For more information regarding hours of operation, visit boston.gov.

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UMass Boston will stay remote for fall semester

By Michael P. Norton STATE HOUSE **News Service** UMass Boston will not

the Columbia Point cam-

bring its students back to the remote teaching and learning platform that it pus in the fall and will launched after students instead continue on with left campus in March

City Council backs push for state laws to 'transform' ways, means of public safety

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

The 13 members of the City Council unanimously passed a resolution last Wednesday in support of state legislation aimed at removing tear gas, rubber bullets, attack dogs and other weapons "not even used in war" from state and local police department arsenals.

The legislation, H.D. 5128/SD. 2968 – "Acts Relative to Saving Black Lives and Transforming Public Safety" - was authored by Rep. Liz Miranda- who represents Dorchester and Roxbury— and state Sen. Cynthia Creem of Newton.

District 9 Councillor Liz Braedon and District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell offered the resolution.

"I'm optimistic because in the pursuit of protecting lives and dismantling systems of oppression that have existed for

hundreds of years, we are putting in place measures for police accountability," said Braedon. "This act, put forward by our colleagues at the State House, could very well help in that fight."

She noted that as a native of Northern Ireland, she had experienced first-hand the "anguish and upheaval caused by a militarized police force" during a "prolonged sectarian conflict." The resolution supports the removal of weapons that Braedon said are "not even used in war," including tear gas, rubber bullets, and attack dogs.

The state law, if adopted, would also require officers to attempt deescalation and exhaust all alternatives before using or increasing force.

Braedon noted that the legislation would mandate an "affirmative duty to intervene" if officers observe a colleague using excessive force.

"I want to thank Coun-

cillor Braedon for your leadership, compassion and empathy," said Campbell, who said she often thinks of the case of Breonna Taylor, who was shot dead during a police raid at her Louisville home in May. The case, Campbell said, "was hidden for weeks. Her mother could not locate her immediately and was not immediately told she

was killed." Campbell added: "While most of these high-profile cases have happened in other parts of the country, we know, of course, that Boston and the Commonwealth aren't immune. The very racial bias and prejudices that operate in other parts of the country exist here as well," said Campbell. "This is an opportunity to work at all levels of government to push reform. I'm really honored to support our state colleagues who have been doing this work for a long time."

due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

UMass Boston Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman announced the decision Monday morning and the campus said "the decision was taken out of respect for the health and well-being of students, faculty, and staff-as well as the surrounding communities to which they commute every day.'

Added Newman: "We know other universities have come to different decisions, and we respect that. But in very important ways —

daily reliance on public transportation and the prevalence of students from communities most affected by COVID-19 -UMass Boston is unique. Public health officials have urged every campus to look to its particular circumstances. As a large, urban, commuter institution, we have done exactly that."

Newman noted that African American and Latinx populations have borne a disproportionate burden of morbidity and mortality in the pandemic and noted that

especially the extent of many UMass Boston students live in multigenerational minority households where exposure to the virus would be particularly problematic.

UMass Boston reported that attendance has "been booming" for its summer session and enrollment of first-year students is "trending above projections for the fall, save for international students whose visas are slow to be processed."

Classes are scheduled to begin on Tues., Sept. 3. UMass Boston serves about 15,000 undergraduate students.

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Commentary

Hold on! Reopening doesn't mean that coronavirus is gone

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER CONTRIBUTOR

We have learned a lot about living through a pandemic over the past four months. Our best weapons for combatting a rapid spread of the virus in Massachusetts remain wearing masks, hand washing, and social distancing. These require a change in human behavior for all residents. Why? Because it saves lives.



Bill Walczak

While virologists were banging a warning drum, the US mostly ignored the threat until the coronavirus hit hard and suddenly in March. Our federal, state, and local governments were slow to act at first, seemingly not understanding how rapidly the virus spreads. The result was a far wider spread of the virus, and, according to a study by Columbia University, an estimated 36,000 deaths that would not have occurred had we acted just a week earlier in imposing mitigating measures such as social distancing.

There was a great fear that our health care system would be overwhelmed, but in the end, it wasn't because enough people in our Commonwealth finally

listened to leadership and started wearing masks, washing their hands regularly, and practicing social distancing. Eventually masks were seen on two-thirds of the faces in public areas and they are required to be worn to enter a business across the state.

At this point, with decreasing numbers of deaths and cases, it seems that Massachusetts has gotten control of the virus. Rules implemented to stop its spread continue to be relaxed, and this week the state allowed restaurants to reopen for indoor dining, provided the tables are six feet apart and have no more than six people at any one of them. Offices can get back to 50 percent capacity, and nail salons and massage and tattoo parlors are back in business.

This would be great news, except for the fact that the virus has not gone away, nor does it seem it will be going away anytime soon. It's not even decreasing.

Nationally, cases in the US are up over 20 percent in June, after falling in May. During the April surge, the US had an average of about 30,000 new cases per day. Last Saturday, there were 36,617.

The reason for this surge is the reopening in other states. If we were, say, New Zealand, and could control our borders, this would not be a cause for alarm. But we don't have an ability to prevent people from coming into our state, and we are only recommending (as the signs say) that people coming into Massachusetts "QRNTINE for 14 days."

Public health officials recommend that massive and regular testing be the method by which we control the virus. But Massachusetts decided for financial reasons not to do massive and regular testing, which would identify newly infected people, including asymptomatic carriers of the disease, and require quarantining and contact tracing as a way to prevent the spread of the virus. Instead, our governor and health officials decided to reopen the state based on a continuing downward trend in cases.

While this is a cheaper alternative, with upwards of 25 percent of those with the virus being asymptomatic, not testing everyone has some unfortunate side effects. For examples: Elderly people who want to avoid getting the virus will not be able to join the reopened economy; it makes unlikely the chance of reopening schools in September; and it creates a higher likelihood of a new surge in cases.

The state and city could mitigate the chances of a new surge if they demanded and enforced social distancing and mask wearing, but they aren't doing so, and the result is a dramatic decrease in both. Last week, a ride down the Neponset River trail showed 59 people wearing masks and 139 not wearing one. Local stores all have signs saying that customers cannot enter without mask, but it appears that there is little enforcement of this rule. Municipal employees, including police officers, are seldom seen wearing masks. When we can't even get our own city employees to wear masks, it shows the rest of the community that our leaders are not taking virus prevention seriously.

Meanwhile, study after study shows that mask-wearing is effective in containing the virus. Dr. Atul Gawande, the famous Brigham and Women's Hospital physician, tweeted recently: "Remember the 2 MO hairstylists who saw 140 clients over 8 days while infected with COVID but everyone had of the wo worked in pandemic bull worked in pandemic bull

worn masks? Contact tracers found ZERO secondary infections. More evidence that masks work."

Waiting for a new outbreak to tell people that the new normal should be social distancing and wearing masks makes no sense. It doesn't cost anything for people to wear face coverings or practice social distancing, and failure to promote and enforce them just keeps many people, especially the millions in risk groups, from participating in the reopened economy.

As Boston Federal Reserve head Eric Rosengren recently said at a New England Council forum: "We need to have people in risk groups to feel safe coming out to have a fully restored economy." Knowing how quickly the virus can spread, as a person over 60, therefore in a risk group, I won't be fully participating in our state's reopening.

Without massive testing, the best we can do to prevent or limit the next surge is for the state and city to start enforcing social distancing and facial coverings. We need a public health campaign to make it socially unacceptable to not wear a mask (think smoking). We need to penalize businesses that fail to enforce the mask requirement and social distancing. And we need government to set the tone by insisting that our public employees wear masks when working in public areas.

Things are going well right now, but we're playing Russian roulette if our leaders allow people to think we're out of the woods. Let's not unlearn what worked in the first four months of the pandemic.

Bill Walczak lives in Dorchester and is the former CEO of Codman Square Health Center, which he co-founded. His column appears weekly in the Reporter.



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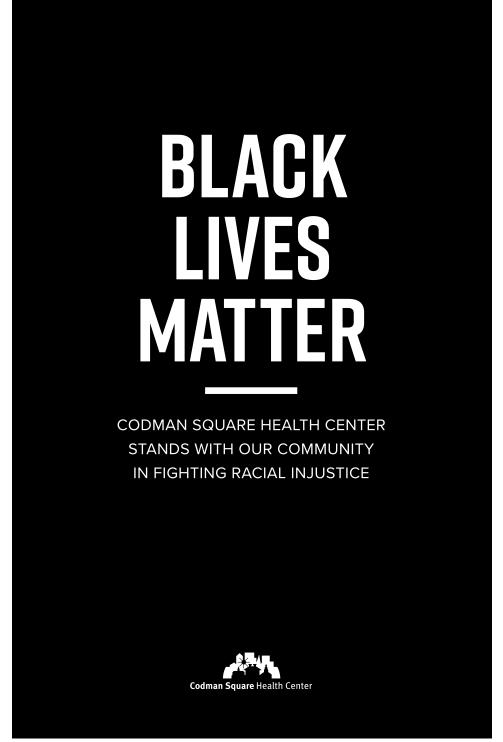
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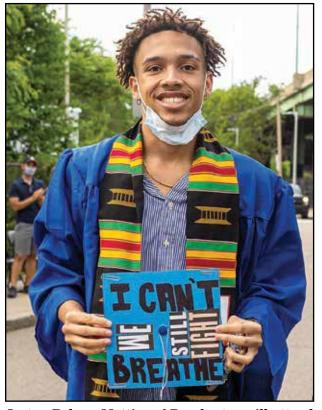
BCCS celebrates Class of 2020 in drive-through graduation

Boston Collegiate Charter School (BCCS) hosted a "Drive-Through Graduation" on June 4 honoring the sixty members of the Class of 2020. BCSS arranged for a socially distant graduation ceremony, where students waited in their cars until their names were called, and then were presented with their diplomas.

"It was very different than being all together, but it was so wonderful to see students come with their families and get to see the joy and pride on everyone's faces," said Shannah Varón, executive director of BCCS. "It was a moment of joy and uplift at a really, really hard time."

Varón and High School Principal, Sarah Morland, hand-delivered diplomas to the homes of students who were unable to attend the "Drive-Through Graduation."

All photos by 13Photography



Justyn Palmer-Mattier of Dorchester will attend Westfield State University in the fall.



 ${\bf Lizbeth\,Marrero\,of\,Roxbury\,will\,attend\,Bridge} water \\ {\bf State\,\,University\,\,in\,\,the\,\,fall.}$



Grace Tinlin of South Boston is the Salutatorian and will be attending Northeastern University in the fall on a Boston Public Schools Scholarship.



Valedictorian Kilbert Baez-Arias of South Boston will be attending Harvard College in the fall on a full scholarship.



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BPL exhibit aims to show how mapmakers can distort reality

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

"Bending Lines," the latest project created by the Boston Public Library's Leventhal Map and Education Center, explores the ways maps can affect and sometimes distort how we perceive reality. While maps tell us a lot about what the world looks like, they can also subliminally, and sometimes explicitly, sway viewers toward the mapmaker's perspective.

Garrett Nelson, a curator of the exhibit, said examining how maps have historically distorted reality is at the heart of the project. "The organizing theme of this exhibition is to think about how maps produce a sense of truth and trust and belief – so, how we come to know things about the world through maps," said Nelson.

"The thinking behind it is not that there are some maps that are accurate and some maps

that are deceptive, but rather that all maps simplify the world in different ways, and paying attention to who's doing that representation and simplification is really important in order to construct a critically informed trust in maps."

The digital exhibition draws on The Leventhal Center's extensive collection of historical maps to show readers how the Boston and New England regions have been portrayed over the years, starting with a 1635 map of the region produced by explorer John Smith.

His map disingenuously paints the area as naturally abundant with "Gardens and Corne fields," praises it as "a most excellent place, both for health & fertility," and erases any presence of the indigenous Massachusett people in an effort to persuade the English to move to a better, newer version of their homeland.

Nelson said the 17th century document is an example of how maps "[emphasize] certain things that people want to see at different moments."

A later map from the 20th century, published in a 1959 edition of Boston Business Magazine, at right, depicts the nascent Route 128 as a "golden semicircle" around Boston, refocusing the suburbs at a time when many white Bostonians were fleeing

"It marketed this very different pattern of suburban development in the postwar era," explained Nelson. "That map is an example of what gets emphasized and what gets de-emphasized. The 128 corridor is literally golden, and the city of Boston is this little figure in the center that the suburbs have access to."

"In some ways it's kind of a humdrum map; it



was published in a business magazine, it's just kind of marketing the geography of business opportunities, but the way that it privileges a certain part of Massachusetts geography at the expense of another is of course part of that process of using maps to kind of put a spin on things," said Nelson.

For a section of the exhibition titled "Same Data, Different Stories," the map center commissioned five teams of cartographers to make two competing maps based on the same set of data. One

pair, created by Maldenbased cartographer Andy Woodruff, alternatively depicts Boston as a transportation mecca and a transit desert. One map borrows language art styles from the 19th century's golden age of transportation to extol the MBTA's "64 miles of subway and light railway, 555 miles of commuter railway, and 6,195 miles of omnibus routes." The other map makes the opposite argument, dubbing Greater Boston "The Great Transit Desert" and highlighting and Roxbury that lack easy access to mass transit.

"These are the same data set, but the visual language is so different and the labeling is different," said Nelson. "What we're trying to show here is that the data themselves don't make the argument; it's how the cartographer chooses to represent and analyze that data."

"Bending Lines" is currently available in a digital, interactive format at leventhalmap.org due to the pandemic.

Summer BCMFest is a go, in virtual format, on July 5

By SEAN SMITH SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Summer BCMFest - the warm-weather counterpart to the annual winter BCMFest (Boston Celtic Music Fest)-will take place in a

virtual format on July 5. featuring performances by the likes of fiddler Katie McNally; fiddle-harp duo Jenna Moynihan and Màiri Chaimbeul; and Cape Breton-style fiddler Leland Martin.

A program of Cambridge nonprofit Passim, which hosts BCMFest events at Club Passim in Harvard Square, BC-MFest celebrates Greater Boston's richness of music, song and dance from Irish, Scottish, Cape Breton and other Celtic traditions.

Given the likelihood of continued restrictions on public gatherings due to the coronavirus pandemic, BCMFest organizers opted for an online version of the summer festival, which is marking its sixth year.

Here's a look at some of the performers confirmed thus far:

•Katie McNally, who grew up in the Greater Boston area and has been a part of BCMFest since her early teens, has built on her foundations in the Scottish and Cape Breton fiddle traditions to create a sound that reflects her forays into American, Galician and other folk music, as well as her original work.

swathes of Dorchester

•Since meeting at the Berklee College of Music, upstate New York native Jenna Moynihan and Màiri Chaimbeul, from a musical family in the Isle of Skye, have forged a collaboration that fuses Scottish and Appalachian/old-timey music, with elements of classical and jazz.

 $\bullet A frequent \, leader \, and \,$ participant at sessions in the Greater Boston area and elsewhere, Leland Martin has been strongly influenced by New England and Canadian fiddle styles and amassed an extensive library of well-known and esoteric tunes.

All Summer BCMFest performances will be available via passim. org/streams. Festival details and updates will be posted at the BCMFestwebsite, passim.org/ bemfest, and on social media.

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Reporter's People

News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

T-shirt salutes front-line workers while engaging in fight for food security

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Dorchester non-profit and charitable apparel maker United Senergy is placing its new "Everyday Heroes" t-shirt at the center of its fundraising campaign to battle food insecurity in Boston neighborhoods, an initiative brought about through a partnership with Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center and Haley House.

The t-shirt design pays tribute to those on the front lines of the CO-VID-19 pandemic by portraying a row of first responders, food service workers, postal workers, and healthcare professionals in front of a backdrop incorporating flags representing nations from around the world, signifying the global nature of the pandemic as well as America's melting pot of diversity and inclusion with everyone coming together to combat the crisis.

"I wanted to create a design that honors everyone making their way through this difficult time, doing their best to survive and help others," said United Senergy CEO and Dorchester resident Danquell



Bradford. "I wanted to thank the first responders, the grocery store workers, the bus drivers, the postal workers. cleaners, moms and dads and grandparents...the people who stay home as well as those out there on the front lines...in this unprecedented crisis, we are all everyday heroes.

When we looked at what role we could play in this crisis, we wanted to make sure people in our community were not going hungry. We wanted to use our resources to raise funds to make nutritious food available to them," he said.

The Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center Food Pantry has seen a sharp increase in requests for food as thousands of residents lost their jobs in a community where many families and seniors

were already struggling to pay rent and buy food.

Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center CEO Stan McLaren noted the uptick in an interview with the Reporter last month and emphasized the pantry's need for immediate financial support. "We appreciate United Senergy's compassion and are grateful for their generosity," said McLaren. "Our Food Pantry is one of many ways we make a difference in the lives of our patients and local residents. Each week we provide food to many families and seniors and the support from United Senergy's campaign will enable Harvard Street to further address food uncertainty in Dorchester and surrounding communities."

The "Everyday Heroes" t-shirts are available for individual purchase and bulk orders. Organizations and companies can have their own logo and message imprinted on the back of the shirts.

To purchase t-shirts, donate to the fundraiser, or learn more about the campaign, visit unitedsenergy.org.



Rothberg's Fields Corner-bred chickens lay "OFD" (Overly Fresh Dorchester)

Fields Corner sisters offer 'OFD' eggs for good cause

REPORTER STAFF

A pair of Dorchester residents are "hatching change" by enlisting the help of their chickens to raise funds for a local social justice organization.

Sierra and Vienna Rothberg — sisters who live in Fields Corner started a Facebook fundraiser last week through which they are delivering fresh "OFD" (Overly Fresh Dorchester) eggs to neighbors who make a donation to Families for Justice as Healing Inc., a Roxbury organization dedicated to breaking cycles of incarceration for women and girls.

By Monday, the fundraiser had already surpassed half of its \$2,020 goal.

Sierra told the Re-

porter that they were inspired by Homestead Bakery co-owner Elisa Girard, who set up a similar fundraising model in April, baking and delivering fresh loaves of bread to support the cafe's furloughed staff. But the sisters also drew upon experiences as kids when their family would bake muffins and popovers to raise money for USA for Africa.

'We've done stuff like this our whole lives," said Rothberg. "Between the two of us, we always have extra eggs to give, and it seemed like the right thing to do."

Rothberg said they chose Families for Justice and Healing Inc. because it was a grassroots, locally based organization with an annual operating budget that is much smaller than that of larger, more wellknown options.

We really liked their mission, and we think we have a chance to help them make a real impact," she said.

Rothberg's chickens hatch about 2-6 eggs per day, meaning it will take them a week or two of laying to work through the 30 or so families already on the fundraiser's waitlist.

Right now, the Rothbergs plan to keep the fundraiser going through July 1, so scramble to make a donation right away! Learn more about the "Chickens for Social Justice: Hatching Change" fundraiser at DotNews.com.





YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Commercial Point, 1968

Today's illustration is a newly acquired photograph that was published on Sat., Jan 6, 1968, in the Boston Herald. The photo shows Commercial Point, the gas tanks, and the Old Colony Yacht Club.

In the early years of the 19th century, a whaling operation and the Preston Chocolate Manufacturing' Co.'s facility and wharf were features on the Point, which overall has a long history of supplying fuel for lighting and heating to companies and customers

In the mid-19th century, the Cutter Company stacked its firewood and



coal on its small share of the Point By the end of the century, most of Commercial Point was

occupied by the facilities of the Boston Gas Light Co. (later Boston Consolidated Gas Co.) and its large round tanks that inflated when gas was stored in them and deflated as the gas was taken out.

With the introduction of the Old Colony Parkway (now Morrissey Boulevard), the Point was cut off from the rest of Dorchester. In the 1950s, the construction of the Southeast Expressway reinforced the separation of the Point from the rest of Dorchester.

In the photo, we can see the Expressway immediately behind the inflated tank and Morrissey Boulevard coming in from the right and passing un-

der the Expressway. I have counted about 20 vehicles traveling on the Expressway in the photograph. The Harrison Square, or Clam Point, neighborhood can be seen behind the roadways, and the Old Colony Yacht Club is at the left on the south side of the Point.

The caption with the photo reads "Old Tank of Boston Gas Co. in Dorchester to be replaced with a gleaming white tank one sixth as large." When the new tank for natural gas was constructed, Corita Kent was invited to illustrate it, and her design was

painted in 1971. Later. after the tank with the original painting was taken down, her illustration was repainted on the remaining tank.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchester historicalsociety.org.

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Editorial

Bar the door to Trump's agent

William Barr, the Attorney General of the United States under Donald Trump, visited Boston for a few hours last Thursday, purportedly to meet face-to-face with our police commissioner, William Gross, in his office. The meeting included a photo opportunity, which was shared on social media by someone on Barr's staff.

The photo was the first notice that the meeting had happened at all. And it was followed by stinging critiques from many in city government, including City Councillor Andrea Campbell, who zinged: "Defund whatever the hell this is."

Gross soon responded with an impassioned defense of his rationale for meeting with Barr. "As police commissioner, I often have to put my personal feelings aside," he said. "The top law enforcement official in the country requested a meeting with the Boston Police Department and I would rather take the opportunity to educate someone on what we are doing in Boston, on how we value and work with the community, and how we support our officers in this work, than close a door."

Gross said he had schooled Barr on what it is like as Black man— and a police commissioner.

"A meeting does not mean I agree with his policies in any way, but I hope he walked away knowing a little more about ours," the commissioner said.

The spirit of Gross's open-door stance would be easier to embrace if Barr's behavior and the Trump administration's proven track record were not so caked in the grime of three-and-a-half years of race-baiting and menacing immigrants and those who count ourselves their allies, including Mayor Walsh, who, it seems, was unaware that the meeting was even taking place. (When asked later, he said that he had advised Gross against receiving Barr.)

Attorney General Barr and the Trump Administration do not share Boston's values or my values,' Walsh said in a statement posted on Twitter. "His actions and general lack of respect for people and their rights are a danger to our city and the future

As if to underline that sentiment, within hours of his Boston drop-by, Barr sparked yet another crisis by brooming out the chief federal prosecutor in New York City, lying about it, and then having Trump fire the man when he refused to leave his post voluntarily. The police commissioner's admirers— of which there are many, including this writer—have been divided over the issue. What else is new in this polarizing moment?

My first reaction was to recoil at the image of our police leader seemingly being used by the top lieutenant to this president. Gross's defense of his decision to meet with Barr did give me pause. As a Black man— and a veteran cop— perhaps Gross could drum some sense into the national leadership.

Ultimately, the real question comes to motive. Why was AG Barr so eager to fly to Boston, pop-in to Schroeder Plaza, and then fly off? Was it merely for the prize image of marketing the "law and order" brand to the Trump base, which includes many Boston police officers. Was it to use as leverage when the regime amplifies its assault on Boston and other pro-immigrant cities?

We aren't likely to ever know for sure, since unlike Commissioner Gross—the attorney general refuses to answer reporters' questions about his visit, leaving his host to manage those awkward questions solo. That certainly seems like the *modus operandi* of an opportunist in search of an election year bump rather than enlightenment from our top cop.

No surprise there. The Trump regime has more than proven itself unworthy of our trust, let alone our hospitality, here in Boston. We hope that next time they won't be granted the courtesy of an audience. - Bill Forry

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We can embrace Black Lives Matter even as we also support our police

By Frank Baker SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Let me start by saying this: Black Lives Matter. And we cannot take substantive steps forward to — as a community, as a state, as a nation, as a people— until we all embrace this. No lives truly matter until we all recognize that Black Lives Matter.

African Americans have every justifiable reason to be tired and outraged by the George Floyd killing, by the slow national response to the negative impact of Covid-19 on their communities, and by generations of racism.

There are compelling approaches to introducing change and there are also distressing actions that damage our great city. Those who target law enforcement, vandalize buildings and businesses, and add incivility and unrest not only take away from the poignant and necessary message, but they also contribute to the harmful polarization and hostility

We need our citizens to come together as a community – to initiate the healing of lifelong divisions and begin to build a foundation of trust.

Recently, spouses and other family members of the Boston Police Department have reached out to the City Council to express the angst felt by our police families. The families of the good and upstanding members of our police force - of which there are many - feel apprehensive and anxious about speaking in support of our police. They do not want their words interpreted as anything other than appreciating and respecting the work these officers have pledged to do in serving and protecting the public.

It is important to recognize that supporting BPD is not indicative of opposition to the Black Lives Matter movement. We can come together in doing both. The health and welfare of our city hangs in the balance.

I firmly believe the Boston Police Department to be the best in the country. It has been acknowledged for decades as a national leader in community policing - and for good reason. Our police department set the precedent in refusing to allow chokeholds to be applied in any instance.

There are now demands to take all our officers about 65 in total — out of the Boston Public Schools.

These officers do not carry guns or weapons of any kind. They are there to diffuse tense situations when needed. The vast majority of our officers care deeply about the communities they serve and actively work to integrate themselves as members of the community.

Behind the badges are our kids' youth sports coaches, the parents of children in our schools, and our neighbors. Frank Baker Nothing should negate



the positive impact our PD has on our youth and communities related to leadership, sports, culture, school initiatives, youth dialogue programs and more.

I have been actively involved in politics my entire adult life and I pursued my current position on the City Council to help make real change both in my district and throughout Boston. I am proud that I have steadfastly pursued that mission by having real conversations with citizens, other elected officials, and civic groups. These conversations drive change and help us understand each other better.

We did not get to this tumultuous place overnight, and it will take time before we achieve meaningful change, but the first steps of this journey must start now. And they begin with individual action.

We all need to lead with love and pure intentions. That starts with basic civility and niceness as we pass each other on the streets.

I am committed to making change with Mayor Walsh and his administration. If we do this right, Boston can continue leading the thinking and action that will shape national and global behavior. I will continue this dialogue with more columns in the coming weeks and months. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Frank Baker, a Dorchester resident, represents District 3 on the Boston City Council.

Off the Bench

Minimal due process has a place in even the most notorious cases

By James W. Dolan REPORTER COLUMNIST

We need to improve our capacity to select, train, and discipline police officers. Emphasis should be placed



James W. Dolan

on maturity, good judgment, and self-restraint. Training should focus on how to de-escalate tense situations. The power to arrest, and in the process, when necessary, to exercise force, must be balanced. Police are essential to an ordered society. We cannot function without them. But, remember that they are human beings and at $times\,will\,make\,mistakes.$

In the hyper-charged reaction to police overreaction, a rush to judgment that fails to consider mitigating circumstances should be avoided, granted that sometimes, like the killing of George Floyd, it is difficult to identify gray areas. All four officers were immediately fired and promptly charged. One is obviously guilty, the others perhaps to a lesser degree, or not criminally responsible.

In hindsight, the two rookies with only a few shifts experience should have stopped and, if necessary, pulled Officer Chauvin off the dying victim. But how realistic is that? Under the circumstances, it would have been extraordinary. They were new to the force. likely nervous, and following the lead of a senior officer. Yet they were fired without a hearing, then charged. The public pressure to convict is enormous.

Then there's the killing in Atlanta of Rayshard Brooks. During the initial stages of that incident. both the suspect and Officer Rolfe acted respectfully. Mr. Brooks admitted he was operating the car and was cooperative, obviously hoping to avoid being arrested. At the scene, he was found to be under the influence after failing a breathalyzer and field sobriety tests.

Officers are trained to arrest people driving under the influence, not let them go. The situation rapidly deteriorated when the officers tried to handcuff him.

He resisted and a scuffle ensued. During the unsuccessful effort to restrain him, the suspect broke free and ran away, carrying one of the officer's taser.

During the pursuit, he apparently fired the taser at Rolfe, who then fired three shots, striking him in the back. He died at the hospital. In retrospect, the officer should have let him go. He had the car and the man's name and address. He could have been arrested later. But officers are not trained to let people go who resist arrest. Why create an incentive to resist?

The officer was immediately fired (without a hearing) and was promptly charged with murder and several other offenses. In the heat of the moment, he should have assessed the risk to Mr. Brooks, the public, and himself, and not discharged his weapon. In fleeing the scene, Mr. Brooks did not represent a reasonable threat to the officer or to the public. Most police departments discourage high speed pursuits of neeing venicles, given the danger to the public police officers, and fugitives. Only in the most serious cases are they tolerated. The same self-control should apply to the use of potentially deadly force, particularly firearms.

Prosecutors consider mitigating circumstances when charging defendants, and judges do the same when sentencing the guilty. Defense counsel frequently point out circumstances that arguably lessen criminal responsibility, or at least warrant more lenient sentences. Only under very limited circumstances are police allowed to use deadly force, one of which applies when an officer reasonably believes he or another is in imminent danger of death or serious bodily harm.

Firing officers without a hearing immediately after a fatal encounter rather than suspending them during an investigation is itself an over-reaction. It's an emotional and/or politically motivated response to a highly charged incident. Rather than act in the heat of the moment, some minimal due process is warranted. It's easier to preach restraint than practice it.

"Wait a minute" allows for some reflection before having to confront "What have I done?"

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

There's an urgent need to 'reimagine' our police department

By Andrea Campbell

In March, when I subpoenaed the Boston Police Department's field, interrogation, and observation (FIO) data, also known as "stop and frisk" data,

broken down by race,

Commentary

I did not know that a few weeks later, Ahmaud Arbery would be hunted down and murdered by two white men in Atlanta. I did not know that Breonna Taylor would be shot eight times by Louisville police executing a warrant on the wrong apartment. I did not know that George Floyd would be murdered by a Minneapolis police officer with a long record of excessive force and harassment complaints. I did not know that these tragic events would prompt a national movement on police reform and lead to one of the most urgent and promising conversations of my lifetime.

But I did not *need* to witness these murders to know that police departments across the country including our own — are all in need of reforms to ensure our policing system is more transparent, accountable, diverse, and racially just.

For example, although our department had pledged to release FIO data on an annual basis, it had kept Bostonians in the dark since 2016. What I learned from the data was disturbing but not surprising: in 2019, over 70 percent of stops made by Boston police involved Black residents, though Black Bostonians only make up a quarter of our population. And, over the last three years, the racial disparity in police stops has actually gotten worse. The data confirm what Black residents in Boston already know: that they, along with certain other communities, are disproportionately policed.

Even in my few short years on the City Council, working in partnership with advocates and residents who have been advocating for reforms for decades, I have pushed for the establishment of a civilian review board and full implementation of body cameras for greater accountability and released a report with bold steps to diversify our public safety agencies and eliminate barriers for women and people of color in the hiring and promotional processes.

These efforts were too often met with resistance, dismissed as controversial or impractical, or completely ignored by the administration.

It should not have taken the public, painful murders of Black men and women by police for Boston to not only acknowledge the systemic racism in our policing and criminal justice systems, but also to take real action to transform these systems. The



Andrea Campbell

urgency of this moment presents a new opportunity to not merely reform our policing system, but also to completely "reimagine" it.

The City of Boston should take not some, but all of the following

Establish a Civilian Review Board with independence and significant resources and power, unlike the current COOP board, which has only met once in the last year;

Create a public safety data dashboard with relevant information, including traffic stops, stop and frisk, use-of-force,

demographics of our public safety agencies and budgetary numbers; Demilitarize our police by restricting use of chemical crowd control agents like tear gas and kinetic

impact weapons like rubber bullets; Align our use-of-force policies with national

standards: Require racial equity and anti-racism trainings for our entire city government, including law en-

Reallocate at least 10 percent of the Boston Police budget to departments and programs that can more effectively respond to public health crises, support our students and young people, and address root causes of public safety issues, including poverty;

Transform our crisis-response system so that it diverts nonviolent 911 calls away from the Boston Police Department to the appropriate non-law enforcement agencies for a public health and service response;

Remove police from our Boston Public Schools by eliminating the role of school resource officer and repurposing this role for more school counselors, social workers, and nurses; and,

Diversify our public safety agencies by amending civil service in the hiring process and ending discriminatory practices in the promotional process, including ending the use of the controversial hair drug test and promotional exam.

These ideas aren't new, radical or unreasonable. They are steps the city and police department must take to lead nationally in creating a department that is truly transparent, accountable, diverse, and just. It's an opportunity for Boston to show the rest of the nation what can happen when activists, residents, and public servants come together to build a criminal justice system that all of us can be proud of.

Andrea Campbell represents District 4, including parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, on the Boston City Council.

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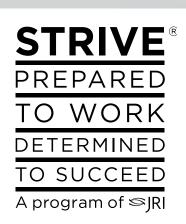


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Calls for freedom, unity mark rally at Town Field honoring Juneteenth

(Continued from page 1 in his remarks that the event was about "giving Black people the country they deserved in 1865."

Juneteenth - also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day – is a holiday celebrating the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. Originating in Texas, it is now celebrated annually on the 19th of June throughout the United States, with varying official recognition. Specifically, it commemorates Union army general Gordon Granger announcing on June 19, 1865, almost three years after Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, federal orders in Galveston, Texas, proclaiming that all slaves in Texas were free.

Later on, Richards told the *Reporter* that he was "overwhelmed" by the large show of support he saw at the rally, which came together quickly after he received positive feedback from the community.

"A couple community people asked me why we haven't had one in Dorchester yet, so I just started making some calls and everyone was saying yes. People started donating masks and food and water and everything, so I was like, man, we should just get it done. And Juneteenth is the perfect day for it. As I said before, it's about delayed liberation. Those people weren't granted their liberation until two years after they should have gotten



Friday's Juneteenth rally in Fields Corner drew a crowd of hundreds to Town Field to commemorate the end of slavery in the United States and, as organizer Joel Richards noted, to advocate for "constant liberation." *Daniel Sheehan photo*

it. Consistently, Black people have advocated in the spirit of Juneteenth for constant liberation."

In addition to the speaking portion, the rally included a handful of information tables, art installations, and a free sign-making crafts table staffed by volunteers from the nearby Dorchester Art Project.

Dee Davis, an activist who lives just blocks away from Town Field, spent much of the rally near the park entrance soliciting petition signatures for "Blue Crime, Blue Dime," her initiative aimed at ensuring that police officers and precincts who commit acts of brutality or racism are financially liable.

Currently, legal fees and bailout sums for police officers accused of misconduct are funded by taxpayers, explained Davis. ... "Right now," she said, "we pay millions of dollars for their settlements. When they killed Eric Garner, we paid millions. And legal fees too, that's all paid for by us. So what we want is, they [the offending officers] have to pay for it if they're found guilty."

A flashpoint emerged briefly toward the end of the event as rally goers confronted a small group of protesters gathered outside the park who were waving "thin blue line" flags and holding signs reading "All Lives Matter." An argument ensued, with rally goers breaking into chants of "Black Lives Matter."

For his part, Richards urged the crowd to ignore the counter protesters and not engage. The situation de-escalated soon afterward as the dissenters left the scene.



A rally goer attempted to reason with a counter protester amid a confrontation that occurred just outside park grounds. *Daniel Sheehan photo*

While many in the diverse crowd came from nearby neighborhoods, some also traveled from out of town to demonstrate support. Schuyler Ward, a 29 year old from Salem, Mass., said he was motivated to come to

Fields Corner by "a lack of justice for my peers," citing a long history of violence perpetrated by police.

Sarah Fisher, who lives near the Four Corners area with her husband, Nil Silva, and children Nola and Jax, hoped the event was a molding experience for her kids.

"Obviously, first and foremost, we come from a mixed family," said Fisher. "With my husband being Cape Verdean and living in Dorchester his whole life and having his own personal microaggressions and racist experiences, it's important to us that the next generation does better and understands both sides of their culture. So we're here, we're just trying to instill in them that everyone has equal rights...we just want them to have exposure and see people taking a stand and know that they can advocate."

Silva said the scene at Town Field made him proud of his community.

"I get a sense of pride when I see something like this. You look around and you see every race you can think of, every hue or color that humans can come in seems to be here, and it's all to unite to stand up for their countrymen, our equals...this is what a community is, this is what Americans are, you know? So I take pride in that."

Fisher said they sat their children down that morning to explain what the holiday meant and the history behind it.

Jax, an eight-year-old second grader at Russell Elementary School, said he came "to be a part of fixing things and changing and bringing peace," noting, "today is a really special day for a lot of people."

Nola, 4, is still too young to fully understand what the rally was about, said Fisher. Still, she showed she was aware of the sociopolitical moment the country is currently experiencing when asked what she thought: "Black lives matter. And, don't shoot."



Rally goers responded to a questionnaire based on an art installation that encouraged black community members to "Mask Up!" and white community members to "Speak Out!" *Daniel Sheehan photo*



A musical rally organized by Mass Action Against Police Brutality drew a several hundred people to Ronan Park on the afternoon of June 19 as musicians, poets, and activists took turns performing and demanding justice for victims of police killings. The Juneteenth event raised funds to send a Massachusetts delegation of mothers and families who have lost loved ones to police violence to a National Mother's March in Minneapolis in July.

Daniel Sheehan photo

12th Suffolk hopefuls talk issues, qualifications at Lower Mills parley

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Four candidates for the 12th Suffolk House seat had the floor during a virtual meeting of the Lower Mills Civic Association membership last Tuesday evening.

The candidates, Cameron Charbonnier, Stephanie Everett, Jovan Lacet, and Brandy Fluker-Oakley, all Democrats, are competing to succeed Dan Cullinane, who announced last February that he would not seek re-election. The district includes parts of Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park and Milton.

Charbonnier is a Dorchester resident and a longtime aide to Mayor Walsh. Everett is a Mattapan-based attorney who sought the 12th Suffolk seat in 2013. Lacet is a former police officer and attorney who has run unsuccessfully for the seat in the last two cycles. Fluker Oakley is a partner at a local non-profit and a practicing attorney based in Mattapan

Michael Skillin, president of the association, invited the candidates to introduce themselves, saying, "I'm sure you're all looking for any opportunity to get your

face and your message out. You're all welcome here and we'll do this in alphabetical order."

Charbonnier spoke of his accessibility in the community and experience working in local government, and elaborated on key issues.

"I got involved in politics at a really young age and that gave me the opportunity of working with great local and statewide leaders," he said. "What that taught me is how to get stuff done, how to work with elected officials at the state and city level in order to ensure we're delivering real results for residents and the community. I believe that I have the experience to hit the ground running and get to work on Day One.'

Charbonnier said he'd push for reform around policing and the criminal justice system "in order to correct long standing issues with systemic racial bias and ensure that we have a community police force that works hand in hand with residents, not a militarized one."

Charbonnier said he would focus on not just long-standing inequities in the criminal justice system, but also those

that exist across the

"I want to focus on equitable access when it comes to housing, transportation, community investment, just naming a few," he added. "If elected, I want to work every single day to ensure that all of the residents of this district have a voice and someone fighting for them," he said.

Everett shared some of her personal story and told the gathering why she was running.

"I have had the opportunity to be raised by this community. My father spent 90 percent of his life in jail, my mother continues to suffer from mental health issues, and because of that, I just had two unavailable parents. I was fortunate enough to live in a community that really embraced me. I'm running because I want to fight for my community."

Everett spent 12 years as a state employee, including as deputy chief of staff for Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz and chief of staff for the Department of Transitional Assistance. She is the mother of nine.

Seeing the inequities outlined by the effects of the pandemic inspired her to run, she said. "When COVID hit, this opportunity became real to me. Speaking with my friends and neighbors we realized that we were not prepared for this and we could have been. We looked around for the government to do things and we realized at the end that everything we really needed we had in our community to help our neighbors. We've been better together for a very long time."

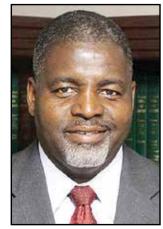
Everett said the community is facing an "uphill battle" in terms of a housing crisis, getting people back to work, and figuring out how to educate children during a pandemic.

"We are going to have to start working. I have experience working in the State House, I know how the relationships and policy work," she said. "I have written and advocated for policy and budget. And for that, I am asking for your vote of confidence in me, and I want you to know that I'm available to you."

Lacet said that as a longtime resident of both Dorchester and Mattapan, he has lived the "disparities and disenfranchisement" and wants to represent the 12th Suffolk as a strong voice.



Cam Charbonnier



Jovan Lacet

"So much advocacy needs to be done in the 12th Suffolk to address the disparities and inequities in health, education, employment, economic empowerment, and housing issues – I'm talking about ownership and rental," he said. "The fight for resources is even more pertinent now due to the severe impact of COVID-19."

Lacet noted that he has "been an active member of the Lower Mills Civic



Stephanie Everett



Brandy Fluker Oakley

Association for years. We have worked to address some of the development that investors want to build that might not be in the best interest of our neighborhood," he said. "I'm also as active in many other civic associations in the 12th Suffolk District. I'm one of the founding and active board members of the River Street Civic Association and helped to put together the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood

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Vote-by-mail legislation bill awaits compromise on Beacon Hill

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

Legislation that would give Massachusetts voters more options to participate remotely in the fall primary and general elections is advancing on Beacon Hill this week with House and Senate versions set to be reconciled by lawmakers.

Both bills — H. 4778 and S. 2755-allow for extended early voting periods, in-person on election day, or votingby-mail. While the bills share the same goal, variations on two specific issues — application mailing methods and limitations on changing mailing locations- remained unresolved as of Tuesday.

A House-Senate conference committee comprising the Senate's chair of Election Laws, Barry Finegold, Cynthia Creem, and Ryan Fattman and House Elections chair John Lawn, Reps. Michael Moran and Brad Hill is coordinating meeting plans to address discrepancies between the bills.

According to State House News Service, Finegold has said that while House and Senate negotiators don't yet have a meeting scheduled, he's "sure it's going to be soon."

In each version, voters would have until seven days prior to an election to apply for a mail-in ballot and postage would be prepaid. The legislation would also require Secretary of State William Galvin to mail to every registered voter by July 15 an application for the Sept. 1 primaries and the Nov. 3 general election and also to create an online portal for voters

to request early or absentee ballots that must be operational by Oct. 1.

Sen. Nick Collins, who represents Dorchester and Mattapan, said the legislation would "break down barriers to access and maintain the integrity of our elections here in Massachusetts. Access to safe and secure elections is a bedrock principle of our democracy."

Rep. Dan Hunt of Dorchester said that the legislation would "go a long way in order to ensure access to the ballot. I think it's important for community activists and people that are involved the general election. in the Democratic Party to educate folks and get people registered to vote.'

The House bill would require local officials to evaluate whether a change in polling location would have a disparate impact on access based on race, national origin, disability, income, or age, no later than three days before the decision. It also proposes sending registered voters two separate applications by mail, one on July 15 for the primaries, and another in October for

The Senate bill favors a combined mailing on July 15 to include paperwork for both elections and also calls for a general election application to be included in the October voter guide. Amendments adopted by the Senate would only allow evaluations on polling location changes if officials made an effort to recruit poll workers and if doing so would not have a "disparate adverse impact on access to the polls on the basis of race, national origin, disability, income, or age."

12th Suffolk hopefuls talk issues, qualifications at Lower Mills parley

(Continued from page 12) vantage to our students." Council."

His main priority, Lacet said, is addressing "the systemic racism that is so prevalent in Boston. As a Black man who lives and deals with systemic racism daily, who grew up with it, everything that I do is related to this – since I was little, in the military, in the police force," said Lacet. "And as many of y'all know, the only reason I'm no longer a police officer is due to systemic racism. We can't afford to go back, we should have the right person to lead to address systemic racism."

Brandy Fluker-Oakley said she has always been an agent for change, and has a passion for public policy, education. and social work. After graduating from Boston Latin School, she went to Syracuse University and majored in social work and added a policy degree to her resume.

"I had a passion for education and I intended to make education policy and be a classroom teacher. I taught for several years in Baltimore City....and I realized that our systems do not operate in silos but are all interconnected," she said. "Whether it be education, housing, criminal justice, healthcare and so many others, I recognized that all of these systems were a disad-

Fluker-Oakley graduated from law school at Emory University in Atlanta and moved back to Boston where she became a public defender. She has spent the last 10 years as a budget advocate.

"You see first-hand all of the systemic inequities that each of the candidates have highlighted this evening. I saw that those who aren't served well by our education system are served very well by our criminal justice system," she said.

"I've built relationships in City Hall and the State House," she said. "It's my knack for building relationships and bringing people together that I intend to represent the 12th Suffolk District to ensure that every single one of our communities thrive together."

At the end of the meeting, Skillin allowed a brief Q&A session. Donovan Birch Jr., who had planned his own run for the 12th Suffolk seat but now supports Everett's candidacy, asked $Charbonnier-the\ only$ white candidate— why he should represent a district that is 85 percent people of color.

"In this moment of social unrest," Birch said," knowing that in the state house we have a lack of diversity, and in the 12th Suffolk District,

which is a district that is 85 percent people of color and was created because of racist Gerrymandering, what makes you equipped to not only lead people of color but also to represent us and stand with us?"

Charbonnier responded: "The diversity of the district is what makes it such a great place to live. That being said, I am a lifelong resident of this district. I'm trying to run a campaign that is open and available to everyone and listening to everyone in all different walks of life.

"When I decided to run and throw my hat in the ring it was about feeling that I was a person who could bring results to this district and fight for policies. I totally understand the question and the reality of the diversity and I think it's a real one," Charbonnier added. "If there was a case where a person felt that they didn't want to vote for me for that reason I fully respect that."

Lacet spoke up next: "The thing is, this applies not just to Cam, it applies to the other candidates, too. They haven't been at the State House when we've been dealing with major issues in this community and now all of a sudden they want to lead. I do think we need to make sure that the community is properly represented by a person

of color because it is a community of color."

Tom Maistros, a Lower Mills resident, interrupted Lacet: "The people in this district will vote for who they think will best represent them. We're trying to be colorblind."

The last question for the candidates was posed by Richard O'Mara, a board member of the Neponset River Watershed Association, and it centered on how the candidates would address environmental issues in general and specifically to the Neponset River.

"This is incredibly important, and clearly very pressing right now," said Charbonnier. "Sea levels are rising, we're seeing flooding... and it's an issue that absolutely needs to be addressed. I think it's a long time coming, and I would be absolutely committed to supporting that process of cleaning up the river, and giving it much more attention than it has in the past."

Everett said her biggest environmental justice concerns are centered through an equity lens. "We need to work on education for communities of color on how environmental impacts

tie into health," she said. "And I'm supportive of all policies that look into environmental justice."

Fluker-Oakley said she'd be committed to the city's campaign to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2025 and supports investments in renewable energy. "In the Suffolk 12, there's disparate access to solar panels and solar energy. I've talked about making that accessible here," she said.

In terms of the Neponset River, she said she'd support the cleanup effort by urging other representatives in state government to support using federal grants to get the cleanup started. She also wants to further explore the connection between environmental justice and housing.

"I am a strong supporter of the environment. " said Lacet. "I know firsthand of the health impacts of environmental issues. I would work with the environmental folks like people in our civic association and people like Richard to make sure that we move forward and not backwards."

The primary election is set for Sept. 1, with the general election scheduled for Nov. 3.

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ADAMS, Richard J. of Dorchester. Husband

of Eileen M. (Salter). Father of Michael J. and his wife Beth Adams of Dorchester, Jean M. Adams of Dorchester, Richard J. Adams, Jr. of Dorchester, and the late James P. Adams. Grandfather of 5. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Richard was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a longtime member of the Steel Workers Union.



ATKINSON, Joanne (Berneburg) Dorchester. Mother of Robert, Kacy, and William Atkinson, all of Dorchester, Wife of Robert T. Atkinson. Sister of William Berneburg, Ruthie Collins, Johnny Berneburg, Keith Berneburg, and the late Traci Tierney and Robert Berneburg. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.



CONNOLLY, Aldona Misevicia of Hous-Texas, formerly of South Boston and Dorchester. Wife of the late John J. Connolly. Mother of Michael Misevicia Connolly and his wife Clara. Grandmother of 3. Former employee of J.P. Morgan Chase for 40 years. A 1965 graduate of Cardinal Cushing Central High.



DEVINE, Helen, J. (Manning) of Natick, born in Jamaica Plain and raised in Dorchester (Lower Mills). She was the wife of the late Kevin Michael Devine. Helen was the mother of Catherine Devine of Natick and Theresa Bison of Medway and a second mom to Theresa's husband Jeffrey. She was the grandmother of 2. Helen was the sister of Paul Manning of Rockland, and the late John, Patrick, Anna, Rita, Catherine, Margaret, William, her brother Patrick Joseph (Joe), Martin, Edward, Molly, and her sister Elizabeth (Betty). Helen was born to the late

Patrick and Catherine (Hehir) Manning. Her mother died when she was 10 days old, and she was then adopted and raised by the late Martin and Mariah (Manning) McDonnell. She is also survived by dear friends and sister in-laws Dorothy Manning and Delia McDonnell, many nieces and nephews and her many friends. Donations in memory of Helen may be made to Friends of the Natick Senior Center



Inc., Natick, MA 01760. KELLIHER, Mary Elizabeth (Pierce), 87. Mary was predeceased by her husband of 43 years Charles F. Kelliher and her son Michael J. Kelliher. She leaves daughters Michelle Kelliher Lane of Wellesley, Margaret Foley of Southborough and Suzanne Steffens of Concord and by sonsin-law Paul Lane Jr, Daniel Foley and Peter Steffens. She is survived by nine grandchildren. Mary was predeceased by her brother Richard Pierce and sister Margaret Pierce. She is survived by her sister Katherine and her husband Robert Whyte of Lexington and her sister-in-law Mary (Burke) Pierce of Cumberland, RI and several nieces and nephews. She taught kindergarten for many years in Boston and then nursery school at the

Carriage House School in

Milton until she retired. Donations may be made to the Retired Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, 637 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02135.

LYONS, Maureen (O'Sullivan) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Timothy Lyons. Mother of Eileen Sullivan and her husband John and Ann Feeney and her husband Brendan all of Braintree, Timothy Lyons and his wife Denise of Dorchester, Kevin Lyons and his wife Bethany of Braintree and Maureen Lyons and her partner Dan Gill of Quincy. Sister of Jimmy O'Sullivan of Sagamore Ann Timlin, Beach, Paddy O' Sullivan and John O'Sullivan, all of Milton, Michael O'Sullivan of England, Angela O'Neill and Noel O'Sullivan of Ireland. Also survived by 16 grandchildren and great-grandchildren and twin great-grandchildren on the way soon. Maureen is survived by large extended family in England and Ireland.



MORRISSEY, Patrick G., 93, of Dorchester. Husband of Nora A. (Goonan). Father of Mary A. Delaney and her husband John of Whitman, John J. Morrissey of Dorchester, and Thomas H. Morrissey and his wife Stephanie of Canton. Brother of Theresa Earls of AZ, and the late Bridie Mannion, Philomena Larkin, Nellie Walsh, John J. Morrissey, Martin Morrissey, Robert Morrissey and Esther Brophy. Also survived by 11 grandchildren, 4 greatgrandchildren many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in his memory to St. Gregory Parish, 2223 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124.

PETRAS. Edward Francis of Middleboro. Edward was born in Boston and lived in Mattapan most of his life. Father of Michelle Sena and her husband David of Bridgewater, Christine Petras of Middleboro and Edward Petras of Brockton. Brother of Janet Cavanaugh of Connecticut, Stephen Petras of Mansfield and the late



Karen Petras. Cherished Poppy of Domenic and Sophia Sena, Sean Petras and Kayla Nilson.



Bell, 99, of Dorchester. Born in Rochester, NY to Harvey and Corrie Nobles, Mattie was the oldest of four children. Her siblings are Harvey, Jr (Bubba), Mildred, and "JW" (Jackson Washington). Mattie accompanied her sister to Boston where she met Joshua Powell, Jr. They were soon married and had three children, Joshua III, Tyrone and Madeline. Joshua was a barber, so together they opened the Powell Barbershop and Hollywood Barbershop. They eventually opened up three shops in Roxbury and Mattapan. Mattie became the first black female Master Barber in MA. Hollywood Barber Shop became a fixture in African American neighborhoods of Boston for decades. and as the first black family to own a home on their street in Dorchester, they proudly opened their doors to many family and friends. Mattie returned to teaching as an elementary school teacher for the Boston Public Schools in the Brighton, Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods. She taught kindergarten in the Boston Public Schools for 25 years. During this time, she received her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Boston State College. Her longest and final teaching job was as kindergarten teacher at the William Monroe Trotter School in Roxbury. Her love of poetry and writing lent itself well to the world of music. She loved to write and sing

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the late Walter Crowley. Grandmother of 3. She had a lengthy career in the banking industry starting a First National

Bank and ending with Santander Bank. Margaret was a member of the KClub at Florian Hall in Dorchester.

a member of the "Sensational Seniors" dance group, she performed in numerous recitals at the Reggie Lewis Community Center and the after a sudden illness. Roxbury YMCA. Mattie Maureen was born in Dorchester and resided and Joshua were devoted Christian Scientists. in Norwell for the past 40 years. Maureen re-They regularly attended tired from Blue Cross the Second Church in and Blue Shield after Roxbury and the Mother 20 years. She went back Church in the Back Bay to work part time at of Boston. She taught South Shore Hospital in Sunday School classes Weymouth, where she for a number of years, worked until her passand led the weekly ing. Daughter of the late Thomas and Bridgservice as a Christian Science Reader. Her children, Joshua III. et (Scanlon) Kilcoyne. Widow to her late hus-Tyrone and Madeline band William, she was and grandchildren Mi-chelle and Tanya are the mother to William of Hanover, Scott and wife all welcoming her in heaven, but her light of Laura of Scituate, Douglas and wife Jennifer of peace carries on with Rockland and Sean and her 7 grandchildren 14 Gregory of Norwell. great-grandchildren Grandmother to 6. Sisand a host of great-great ter of Thomas Kilcoyne grandchildren, nephof Albany, New York, ews, nieces, cousins and James Kilcoyne and friends. wife Maryanne of Abing-REARDON, Maureen F. (Kilcoyne), ton, Kevin Kilcoyne and

his late wife Veronica of Norwell and sister of the late Helen and late husband Edward Broderick of Hingham. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, cousins and endless friends. She was especially close to her lifelong friend Barbara Halliday, as well as having a very special relationship with her late sister-in-law Veronica Kilcoyne.



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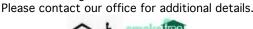
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Description

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

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

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

Contact:

Ted Schwartzberg

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Dot restaurants ease into limited indoor dining





Above, left, Pho Le owner Duyen Le said the Dorchester Avenue eatery looks a bit more empty- but that it "feels good" to be back open. At right, work is underway to build-out a new patio behind Cesaria Restaurante on Bowdoin Street. The eatery plans to re-open for indoor dining this week. Photos by Daniel Sheehan

(Continued from page 1) said he's "staying positive despite the uncertainty.'

Inside, staff have removed all large, familystyle tables as well as high-top tables on the wall that were spaced too close together. On Tuesday morning, Barros had just gotten off a Zoom call with staff during which he was "getting everyone up to speed with the guidelines."

Barros is preparing everyone for "a different habit," knowing things won't be quite back to

normal. "I think customers have been anxious to come back," he said. "We've got to take everything day by day and see how customers react."

The atmosphere inside Cesaria is usually convivial, with families and friends mingling, chatting, and taking in live music. The food and music will return, but Barros anticipates other parts of the experience being a bit different.

"This place is almost like a home to everyone," he explained. "They come in, they see everyone they know, and usually you have a customer that will go to four or five tables before they reach their own, so that's definitely going to be a no-no. We've got to make sure people are going right to their table, wearing masks to the bathroom, all that. It'll be hard because I think people will feel comfortable and at home being back here, you know?

"But we'll have to stay on top of them. That will be a challenge."

Barros said that while the pandemic has taken

a "pretty hefty toll" on the restaurant, he's confident they will come back strong.

Just next door at One Family Diner, another popular gathering place, staff are excited to welcome back customers next Monday and regain the desperately needed sit-in portion of their business. But they, too, expect a shift in culture.

"Some people come in and relax and talk and stay all day, but now with limited tables I don't know if they can do that no more," said Oral Pierre, whose sister, Marilyn Edmund, owns the diner. "Now we'll have to sanitize the tables and everything after each group too, so there will be less time."

Last month, Edmund told the Reporter they were losing a lot of business with the switch to take-out only. "We're having problems paying the bills, because I have to make sure I have money to pay my workers," she explained.

Some restaurants are already open both indoors and outdoors, including the Bowery in Lower Mills, which closed in mid-March and did not offer take-out. On Monday, the eatery's expansive outdoor patio was busy with several dozen patrons dining and drinking at tables spaced out to specifications.

There were fewer people eating inside and no one is permitted to dine or drink at the bar. Patrons are asked to use their smartphones to review the menu using a QR code and to settle their bill through a mobile app.

Blend, a popular restaurant and dance venue on Dorchester Ave., will only be able to reclaim a part of its identity when it reopens on Friday after a months-long hiatus.

"It's different, but we're super excited," said bartender Luis Arzuaga, who noted the establishment's shortened menu, repurposed dancefloor,

and spruced up outdoor

"We'll be focusing more on food than night \bar{l} ife, at least for now. We really can't do the dance club part of it, and our capacity is pretty minimal now. We can fit about 40 people on the back patio and inside."

A block further up Dot Ave., Pho Le's kitchen is back in action after reopening for indoor seating on Monday. Owner Duyen Le said the place looks a bit more emptynoting "we had to remove a lot of tables" — but that it "feels good" to be back open.

"I had a lot of people tell me, 'We miss your place, me miss your food," he said. "[The pandemic] affected us a lot. Before we were very busy, now it's starting to get better, but not yet. Hopefully when we have the vaccine everything will be like normal again."

În Adams Village, Molinari's owner Jeff Cianciotta was planning to reopen his eatery for dinner Wednesday night. The recently expanded interior has afforded him more room to space out a handful of six-top tables, he noted, adding that he is considering putting some tables outside on the sidewalk.

The restaurant had been 100 percent takeout service for the last few weeks, but now Cianciotta expects business to gradually creep back to a 50/50 split.

"Business has always been half in, half out, so I think we're gonna be right back where we were," he said. He added: "I'm happy to look around and see everybody else still standing. This is a great corner, a great neighborhood of people. I've noticed a lot more foot traffic the last couple weeks, so that's a good sign."

Next door at the Eire Pub on Tuesday afternoon, a handful of patrons had ducked inside to dodge the heat and grab a quick bite. Jimmy and Marie Feely, an "OFD" couple who now live in Weymouth but had happened to be in the neighborhood, relished their first meal back at

"I feel like I've just gotten out of solitary confinement," joked Jimmy.

Owner John Stenson said the Adams Village stalwart has been getting by thanks to a new tented seating area behind the building, which has been "very popular." He credited the Walsh administration for the assist: "They got us an outside license, and made it as easy as possible," he said. "And the neighborhood has been fantastic to us. We have some of the strongest patrons around, and $they've\,been\,coming\,back$ strong, too."

But Stenson also noted that the collective hit taken by the bar and restaurant industry won't soon be forgotten.

"I think people in this business will remember this for a long time," he said. "The industry has taken a real whack. We've been here 56 years, and there are a lot of family-owned restaurants I know that won't make it back."

He pointed to Stella's in the South End as an example.

"The worst thing is it's not from mismanagement. They were just doing what they were told. It's sad to see."

On Monday, city officials hosted a Zoom webinar providing guidance to restaurant owners who may be preparing to reopen for indoor seating. Natalia Urtubey, Director of Small Business for Mayor Walsh, stressed that restaurants should not feel compelled to re-open if they are not ready.

"You need to be very confident you are ready to open before you do so," she said. "Open at your own pace."

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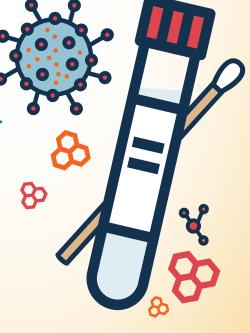


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BGCD Hosts 27th Annual New England Women's Leadership Awards As A Virtual Event: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Hosts 27th Annual New England Women's Leadership Awards As Virtual Event: On 6-17, **BGCD** premiered our New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA) Virtually! We were honored to welcome back WBZ anchor, Lisa Hughes as host and this year's "Circle of Giving Award" was presented to Julie Frates, who along with her late husband Pete raised over \$100 Million dollars for ALS research. BGCD member Meyanni Araujo was this year's Keynote speaker and captivated us with her remarks. If you were not able to join us, there's still time. This is a must see and will lift your spirits! We have NEWLA featured on our website homepage at bgcdorchester.org and on our social channels. The event is one of our largest fundraisers and we need your help. If you are able to support, please go to our website or text the keyword "NEWLA" to 243725 to donate.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD 2020 Youth of the Year Winner, Trevor Gittens: BGCD would like to congratulate member Trevor Gittens, on being BGCD's 2020 Youth of the Year. Trevor has been a member for 10 years and we are excited to see him study Computer Science at UMass Lowell in the Fall. Trevor recently took part in the statewide Youth of the Year program where he, along with 35 other outstanding teens representing Clubs across Massachusetts, took part in virtual interviews to determine who would represent the state in the National competition.

We would also like to congratulate the other Finalists who were nominated by our staff: Meyanni Araujo, Megan Miller, Tina Le, Jocelyn Sammy, Viet Ta, Ari Balata, Cordell Givens, and Wil Hingston. Thanks to all for their leadership and participation and the well deserved recognition.



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BGCD Talks with Massachusetts
Congressman Joe Kennedy III
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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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Summer camps for youth, Dot Baseball prepped to go

(Continued from page 1) trips or any other off-site activities; the majority of programming will take place outside on their playgrounds.

'The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester looks forward to continuing to serve the young people and families within the community and maintain the connections to services so many have come to rely on every day," read a statement released by the club on Monday.

"All BGCD employees, parents, and participants will be required to self-screen and attest to their health daily. When being physically distant isn't possible, staff will wear face coverings, and children ages three and older will be strongly encouraged to do the same."

The BGCD's safety advisory task force, which was created in early June, will monitor state

and city guidelines and in-person programming work to open programs to more children and opportunities if updated requirements allow. The task force will continue meeting over the next several weeks to develop a phased plan for transitioning all virtual programming to more comprehensive offerings based at the Club.

At the Dorchester YMCA, youth camps and teen employment programs are slated to start on June 29. The Y's youth sports and fitness center is targeted for reopening on July 6 or July 13. The leadership is still reviewing what will happen with swim lessons. "As with most things nowadays, these are all subject to change," said Anthony Attride, the Y's executive director.

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) has no plans yet to offer

and recreation. Mayor Walsh announced last week that "virtual programs" would be offered.

"We are looking forward to providing our teens with engaging and fun summer programming, knowing that this is a difficult time with important new regulations and practices to follow," said BCYF Commissioner William Morales. "We have a diverse menu of virtual options planned and look forward to 'seeing' our youth again."

Charlie Maneikis and Mike Manning, co-presidents of Dorchester Baseball, expect to host the first game of the season on July 6, but without an official opening day ceremony or parade.

"We're planning to have our first games in phase three, which would give us a July 6 date for our first game. We hope to begin limited practices in the second part of phase two, which will start next Monday," said Maneikis.

The co-presidents said that RODE Architects met with them last week on site at Victory Road and Ventura Park and volunteered their time to help design appropriate social distancing plans,

"We're looking to see if DCR might provide limited construction work to extend benches and increase the height of fences to help players keep with social distancing, and we're studying best practices across the country," said Maneikis.

Each Little League player will be required to wear a face covering, fans will also have to adhere to proper safety protocols, and a paid "Covid-19 safety umpire" will be hired to ensure protocols are followed.

"We're focused on what we can control," said Manning. "The safety of the kids, coaches, and fans comes first. The Covid-19 safety umpire will arrive a half an hour before the game and take attendance required for contact tracing.

"We just really want full compliance because it only works if everyone is being safe," he said. "We're waiting for some more phase three details to outline what we can do safely. We're not sure if we can have regular umpires because of social distancing requirements."

Maneikis and Manning noted that the Dorchester Baseball board of directors decided that the organization could not safely manage a program for youth ages 4-6, but allowed the reopening of programs for youth ages 7-12. "We've had a great response from parents and almost 130 kids are registered for the group," noted Maneikis.

The governor's reopening plan is subject to revision based on the latest public health data. Each phase is expected to last three weeks, but could last longer depending on any new trends or surges in virus cases.

Virus spread in state lowest in US as things open up; caution advised

(Continued from page 1) ter to 50 percent of their

The District of Columbia has the second-lowest transmission rate, 0.69, according to the site. In New England, Vermont is the only state with an Rt value above 1, estimated to be 1.03 as of Monday. Overall, there are 31 states with an Rt value at or above 1.

Baker, at a State House press conference on June 19, said offices would be able to bring more employees back to work and increase their capacity from one quar-

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"Reopening Massachusetts is working," Baker said. "Business is coming back, people are regaining that sense of purpose that was lost. I know it can't happen fast enough, but people in Massachusetts are proving that we can reopen and continue to bring the fight to the virus when we all do our part."

However, he urged people to continue to socially distance, wear masks, and practice proper hygiene, and said

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if people can still work from home they should "for a little longer" to limit crowding on public transit. He said he was leaving the current workfrom-home structure for executive branch government employees in place.

"We should keep in mind that COVID doesn't take the summer off. We cannot nor should we become complacent," the governor added, noting spikes in cases and hospitalizations in other parts of the country.

Woman found dead near Franklin Park

Boston Police detectives are investigating the death of a female whose body was found by officers in Franklin Park in Dorchester more than a week ago, the department announced Monday. At 2:47 p.m. on Sun., June 14, police discovered the body in a wooded area near 17 Jewish War Veterans

Drive. It was declared "nonviable at the scene," police said in the release on Monday. The woman's name, age, or place of residency have not yet been released. The exact cause of death is also still unknown, pending a review by the state medical examiner's office.

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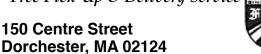
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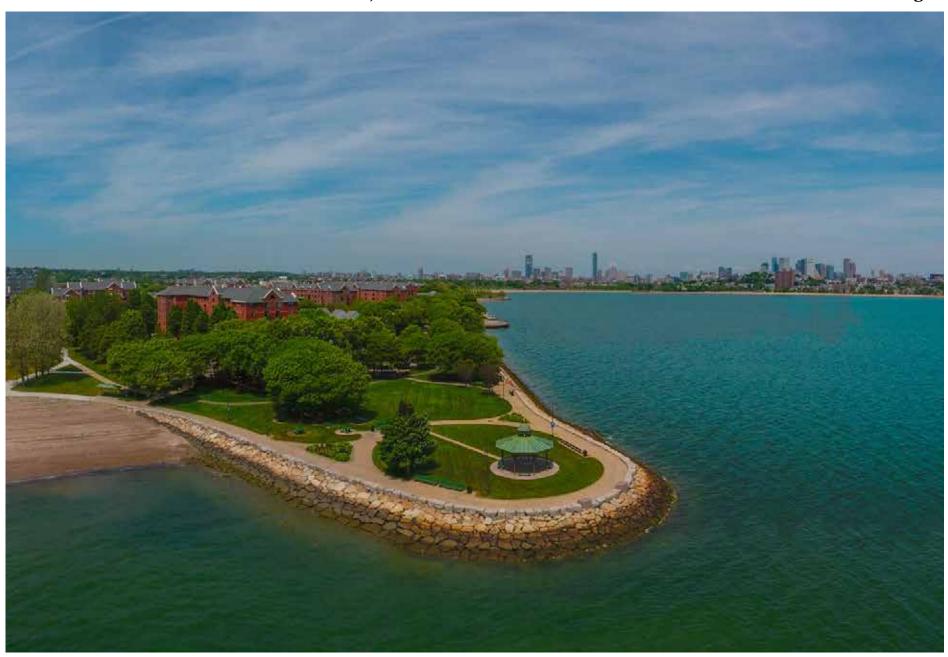


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