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## Mayoral forum puts the focus on Newmarket

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

The six major mayoral candidates on Tuesday laid out their plans for dealing with homelessness and economic development in the city's Newmarket area, an industrial neighborhood

that is also a hub for addiction and recovery services.

The Newmarket Business Association, the South End Forum, Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, Pine Street Inn, and the Andrew Square and McCormack



Mayoral candidates at a Newmarket forum at Suffolk Construction's headquarters, from left: Andrea Campbell, Michelle Wu, Annissa Essaibi George, Kim Janey, John Barros and Jon Santiago.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

Civic Associations hosted the morning forum, which took place at the nearby headquarters of

Suffolk Construction. WCVB-Channel 5's Karen Holmes Ward served as the moderator.

The forum came hours after the release of a poll from Suffolk University and the Boston Globe

offering a snapshot of

the race.

The poll surveyed 500 (Continued on page 5)



#### A time to remember

Dorchester's Jane Richard sang the National Anthem at Fenway Park last Friday before a game against the New York Yankees that included a pre-game salute to former Red Sox MVP second baseman and three-time World Series champion Dustin Pedroia. After belting out a spectacular rendition of the "Star-Spangled Banner,' Jane and her parents, Bill and Denise Richard, and her older brother Henry greeted an emotional Pedroia near the Fenway mound, above. Just before Jane sang and received a hug from Pedroia, the Fenway scoreboard displayed a photo of her brother Martin, who was killed at age 8 in the same terrorist bombing that robbed Jane of her leg eight years ago. A huge Red Sox fan, Martin was shown wearing a Sox jersey with Pedroia's number 15. Nick Grace, Maddie Malhotra



#### **Boston Red Sox photos** In city, organic waste doesn't belong in the trash

By Erin D. Caldwell SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Organic material — yard and food waste accounts for as much as 35 percent of Boston's residential trash. Because most food waste is 90 percent water, it's not great fuel for

waste-to-energy plants that take the vast majority of Boston's residential waste. Organic waste that goes to a landfill releases methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

The city makes yard waste disposal fairly simple with regular

average year, yard waste pickup takes roughly 10,000 tons out of the waste stream. Picked up bimonthly throughout spring, summer, and fall, the yard waste goes to a collection facility on American Legion Highway, where it is gathered curbside pickup. In an into 10-foot high piles to

break down.

But according to Brian Coughlin, superintendent of waste reduction with the Boston Department of Public Works, the term "yard waste" should not be interpreted as "whatever I find in my

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#### Students help put 'support blocks' in place at BLA in '22

#### By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

After spending the last several months working on a campaign called "Health Comes First" as part of the VIP (Violence Intervention and Prevention) Youth Organizing Institute, two Boston Latin Academy students from Niasia Hughes-Polk Dorchester are continuing to implement their vision for a revamping of the exam school's schedule to better accommodate students' mental health.

Cecilia Medina, 17, and Niasia Hughes-Polk, 18, were two key members of a youth group that worked with city Cecilia Medina artist-in-residence Victor



Yang to strategize ways to address issues of mental health in schools. Out of a year's worth of workshops and brainstorming sessions arose the concept of "support blocks," or chunks of time built into the school day specifically for students to access mental (Continued on page 14)

#### Housing report pitches universal basic income

#### By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

The success behind stimulus payments and unemployment benefits during the height of the pandemic underscores the need for expanding income assistance and a shift towards universal basic income, according to a new report from the Boston Foundation.

The concept of periodic payments to all individuals has become a "policy with growing currency,' according to Stanford University, with the launch of pilot programs in the US and elsewhere in the world.

Acknowledging that "political will" at the federal level isn't strong enough yet for broadbased income payments, the report noted that state officials can expand the state's Earned Income Tax Credit, with (Continued on page 12)



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#### Man with record of violence held in Columbia Rd. hammer attack

Michael Leoney, 58, was arrested last week after he allegedly used a hammer to smash the shin of a senior citizen on Columbia Road at Washington Street on the afternoon of June 20. Leoney lives at 131 Washington St., about a half block from where the attack took place, according to state records.

Police say they were led to Leoney by tips after WCVB and WBZ aired reports on the attack. He was set to be arraigned this week in Dorchester District Court.

In 1981, Leoney was convicted on a total of two counts of aggravated rape and two counts of rape. In 2012, he and his brother were arrested on charges they ran a sex-for-hire ring. He pleaded guilty in 2016

and was sentenced to seven years in state prison, which means he would have been out by last weekend because of credit for time he spent behind bars between his arrest and his plea.

# REPORTER STAFF Brockton coach faces child sex abuse charges

A33-year-old Brockton man who coaches youth football and worked as a youth care advocate was charged with aggravated rape of a child on June 18 in Dorchester court. The suspect— Kharee Louis-Jeune— is alleged to have met the underaged victim online and posted video of the abuse online. District Attorney Rachael Rollins noted that while Louis-Jeune did not meet his alleged victim in his capacity as

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a coach, "his access to young people through his role as a high school football coach... speaks to every parent's worst fear." The defendant was ordered to home confinement and GPS monitoring after posting \$50,000 in bail. He is due back in court on July 16.

A 16 year old from Dorchester was arrested on the evening of Mon., June 28, after Boston Police made a traffic stop near Mallard Avenue and Millet Street. They say a rear-seat passenger was observed trying to conceal a loaded .45.

A 19-year-old Dorchester man was arrested on June 24 for a warrant stemming from a non-fatal shooting last month near Downtown Crossing. The suspect, Carlos Eloy Thomas, was taken into custody by members of the BPD Fugitive Unit in the area of Park and Sturtevant streets.

#### Child rapist gets 12-15 years

A 32-year-old Dorchester man convicted of raping a child over several years was sentenced to 13 to 15 years in state prisonlast week. Antonio Centeio was found guilty on rape and assault charges on June 2, five years after he was first indicted for the crimes.

Ajury found him guilty of aggravated rape of the victim, a family friend was who just 8 years old

when Centeio's assaults began at her Dorchester home. The assaults continued into the victim's teen years.

Prosecutors had recommended that Centeio get 15 to 20 years in prison and 5 years of probation, noting the victim's young age and his "use of his position of trust with the victim's family to perpetrate the abuse."

"This predator stole a young person's child-hood," District Attorney Rollins said. "The trauma Mr. Centeio inflicted through years of abuse cannot be undone by the jury's verdict, but to see this individual held accountable is to see the courage of a young survivor ... who has displayed such strength and resilience."

Before sentencing, a victim impact statement written by the survivor was read in the courtroom.

"According to this courtroom, the jury and the law, I am a victim. The truth is, I'm not. I am a survivor," the woman, who is now an adult, wrote. "I live every day with a million scars but I am not wounded. I am strong, I am proud of who I've become. Everything that I have been through in my 21 years of life that was spoken of during this trial hasn't broken me; it has only made me stronger."

Centeio has also been charged with sexually assaulting a juvenile in Dorchester in 2008. A trial date for that case has not been set.

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#### **UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The Ward 17 Democratic Committee will hold its caucus on Monday, July 12 via Zoom. The purpose of the caucus is to elect 23 delegates and 5 alternates to the state convention, which is scheduled for September 25 in Lowell. All are welcome, and all registered Democrats in Ward 17— which includes parts of Dorchester and Mattapan— are eligible to run for delegate and vote in the caucus. To get the link to attend, please email joyce@ empathetic.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at the caucus starts at 7 p.m.

We Sing Dorchester – a community singing event for families of all ages and

skill levels— will take place on July 25 and August 8from 2-3:30 p.m. at Town Field in Fields Corner. Presented by Friends of the Public Garden and Boston Childrens Choris in partnership with ADSL. Go to give. bostonchildrenschorus.org to register.

Job fair at Franklin Park Zoo — There are job opportunities at Franklin Park Zoo. Learn more at a job fair on Sat., July 10, noon-3 p.m. near the Zoo's Zebra entrance by Peabody Circle. To view current openings, see ZooNewEngland.org.

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

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

The Boston Parks and Recreation

Department is offering free golf clinics at the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park for ages 7 to 14 years old. The lessons take place Tuesdays through Thursdays with classes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The series repeats weekly starting from July 6 until August 12. Clinicians are highly qualified golf instructors. To register, go to the "Parks Online Activity Search" link at www.boston.gov/calendar/junior-golf-daily-lessons.

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#### Chez Vous reopening on hold as renovations begin

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Neighborhood roller skate fanatics are eager to get back on their wheels, but they'll have to wait a little longer to roll into Chez Vous, the 88-year-old Mattapan  $institution\, that\, has\, been$ closed since last March when the pandemic shuttered all indoor gathering places.

The Rhoades Street business is now targeting its reopening for the end of summer or start of fall, pending some emergency renovation work.

According to manager Derick Toney, a fundraising campaign aimed at keeping the business alive has been mainly successful.

"When we closed, we still had to pay bills and



The exterior of Chez Vous in its current state. Renovations will begin soon to repair the damaged part of the brick facade and other structural and interior issues, with a reopening date targeted for late summer/early fall.

Dan Sheehan photo

fulfill other contracts the GoFundMe, selling soul food dinners out of the rink on weekends,

and selling Chez Vous merch, we were able to do enough to keep those entities satisfied with the money raised."

Still, rink management found itself facing another setback a few weeks ago, when part of the brick facade of the building collapsed overnight. Repairing the building exterior, along with other necessary renovations that had been planned for the interior, will delay activity at the venue in the short term.

"Luckily, the brick situation happened when it did, because it gave us confirmation that these renovations that we are looking to do anyway are needed before anyone can come in," said Toney.

"Currently we are not zoned for opening because of safety regulations. The building has

been closed for over a year, so we have to address certain things. But the renovations will be starting, very, very soon."

Chez Vous's GoFund-Me campaign, which as of this week had raised \$33,000 of its \$50,000 goal, remains ongoing. Toney thanked the community for continuing to support the longtime neighborhood business and for helping keep them afloat during a tumultuous year.

"We're so grateful for the love the community has shown us throughout this recovery process. We're looking forward to welcoming skaters back and to the day when we can move forward as a community."

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said. "Luckily, between

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#### Tuitt to lead Harvard Health vets' center

Mary-dith "Mary" Tuitt, at right, has joined the staff at The Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center to lead its Veteran's Center, A former jet mechanic, Tuitt, who lives in Dorchester, served on active duty in the USNavy for 14 years.

A native of Montserrat, she moved to Boston at a young age with her three brothers and attended Boston public schools, graduating from Boston Technical



High School in 1985.

Later, she served as chief of staff to former state Rep. Gloria Fox and then as a liaison for former City Councillor Charles Yancey and was herself a candidate for city council and state representative in 2011 and 2013, respectively.

"Harvard Street is very fortunate to have someone of Mary-dith's caliber leading our Veterans Center effort," said Charles Murphy, interim president and CEO at Harvard Street. "As a veteran herself, she knows first-hand how to approach the issues that veterans and their family members face and will

be well positioned to get them the help they need."

Said Tuitt of her new position: "I hope to outreach to my veteran sisters and brothers in the neighborhoods and throughout the region and offer them a onestop center of resource and assistance, as well as critical health care options. The Vet Center is open to all veterans, military attached, and dependents."

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#### Hotel workers form super PAC to back Janey for mayor

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Another super PAC has entered the Boston mayoral race. Hotel and food work-



ers have formed one to bolster Acting Mayor Kim Janey, who was endorsed by their union, UNITE HERE Local 26.  $The \, outside \, group \, hopes$ to raise at least \$500,000 this year, according to a spokesperson. The super PAC's chair is Richard "Richie" Aliferes, a doorman at the Omni Parker House hotel in downtown Boston, blocks from City Hall. The organization is referring to itself as the "Hospitality Workers Independent Expenditure

"It's clear to me that

voice in Massachusetts politics, particularly after we saw how we were treated as if we were essential yet still expendable during the pandemic," Aliferes said in a statement. The Hospitality Workers entry on Friday came days after another super PAC, this one backing mayoral candidate Andrea Campbell, went on the airwaves with a television ad in an effort to raise Campbell's name recognition. The super PAC is supported by top executives and some charter school advocates, among others. A former deputy general counsel to Gov. Deval Patrick, Campbell is District 4's city councillor, representing Dorchester and Mattapan. Super PACs, which also played a large role in the 2013 race for mayor, can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money. Restricted from coordinating with the campaigns they support, they are typically backed by wealthy donors or

sector jobs need a louder the hotel workers' super PAC, said the group plans to "stay active in many races" at the state and local level after this vear's mayoral race. "The plans are still in the works for us," Ten Eyck told the Reporter. "Ťhese are early days.' In fundraising emails, Janey has decried "these virtually untraceable, big-dollar donations from super PACs are pouring into the race to boost my opponents," she wrote in one mailing earlier this month. "They're trying to use their unlimited spending power to buy this election. But I'm letting everyone know: Boston is NOT for sale." Ten Eyck said the super PAC is following all the rules in its creation. "This is completely above board," she said. The hotel workers' super PAC said in a release it plans to seek "funding from the workers' union and any other sources committed to supporting candidates who support hotel and food workers' interests in Massachusetts elections." The other mayoral canCity Hall economic development chief John Barros, City Councillors Michelle Wu and Annissa Essaibi George, and state Rep. Jon Santiago. A super PAC run by a former aide to Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who has endorsed Wu, has stayed silent. Called the "Boston Turnout Project" super PAC, the group did not respond to a recent request for comment. Separately, the chair of "Better Boston," the super PAC backing Campbell, said in a memo that its 30-second TV spot will air during the summer on broadcast and cable, in addition to a series of digital ads that started running earlier this month. The TV ad, titled "Personal," focuses on Campbell's biography. A Mattapan resident, Campbell defeated Charles Yancey, who had been on the City Council for 32 years, in 2015. Sonia Alleyne, a Dorchester resident and former Santander Bank executive, is chairing the super PAC. The memo said that Makeeba Mc-Creary and Michelle

Sanchez are joining her atop the outside group. McCreary was appointed the chief of learning and community engagement at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts in 2018, while Sanchez serves as the principal of the Epiphany School, a private institution in Dorchester. She also was involved with the Bridge Boston Charter School in Roxbury.

"Together, we've worked to build a wide base of support for Andrea Campbell's candidacy from both local activists —a majority of our donors are women from the greater Boston area- – and individuals around the country,' Alleyne wrote in the memo, which was obtained by the *Reporter*. Alleyne wrote that "it's too early in the race for polls to be predictive," noting, "Many Boston voters aren't tuned into the fact that there's even an election happening again this fall. In a crowded, wide-open race, polls at this point are more often just a litmus test for name recognition—and can

change dramatically in the closing months of a race as voters get to know the candidates." Allevne's memo namechecks Ayanna Pressley, the former Boston councillor at-large who toppled longtime Congressman Michael Capuano in 2018, and Rachael Rollins, who won the Democratic primary for Suffolk County district attorney that same year. The memo said that those contests saw "lesser-known, progressive Black women candidates ascend to the top of the field in the very last few weeks of their campaigns." "We believe Ândrea's candidacy can follow a similar trajectory," Alleyne wrote. "That's why it is so important and notable - that Better Boston is early to the airwaves helping to introduce Andrea's powerful personal story to Boston voters." The super PAC's donors include charter school backers and executives like Netflix CEO Reed Hastings, who contributed \$125,000.

#### unions. Tiffany Ten people who work in Eyck, a spokesperson for didates include former hospitality and service I'm running for governor next year, says Chang-Diaz

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Sonia Chang-Diaz, the first Latina elected to the Massachusetts Senate, has set her sights on the office around the corner. The Jamaica Plain Democrat last Thursday announced her plans to run for the governor's suite next year.

Нeг campaign launched a video and fundraising appeal that took aim at "insiders" on Beacon Hill, where she has been a senator since her election in 2008.

"I've spent my life listening to powerful people tell me to slow down. To think smaller. To wait, she said in her appeal. "But voters didn't send me to Beacon Hill to wait for change. Every day it's getting harder for working families to live here. Health care and housing costs get higher. Black and brown kids face yawning opportunity gaps. The climate crisis threatens jobs and safety."

She added: "Too many

of our leaders are still more interested in keeping power than in doing something with it."

Her appeal had echoes of Ayanna Pressley's 2018 rebuke of waityour-turn politics in Massachusetts. Pressley, a Boston city councillor who ran against longtime Congressman Michael Capuano and won handily, made "change can't wait" a campaign refrain.

Chang-Diaz, a former teacher and the daughter of NASA's first



State Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz

Latino astronaut, Franklin Chang-Diaz, joins two Democrats already running for governor: Her former colleague in the state Senate, Ben

Downing, and Harvard professor Danielle Allen.

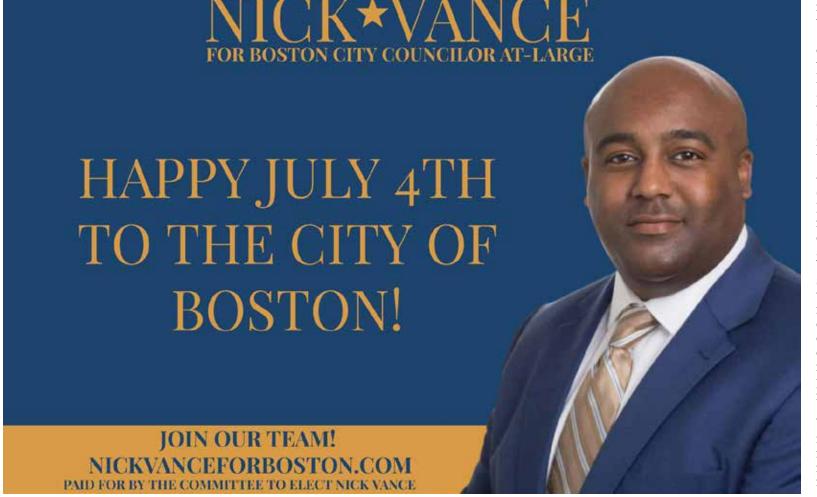
Attorney General Maura Healey, a Charlestown Democrat widely viewed as a potential gubernatorial candidate, has not said whether she plans to run.

The Corner Office incumbent, Republican Gov. Charlie Baker, also hasn't publicly indicated whether he plans to run for a third four-year

Chang-Diaz's Second Suffolk Senate district includes parts of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Jamaica Plain, as well as Hyde Park, N sion Hill, Roxbury, Roslindale' and the South

In that close and contentious race in 2008, Chang-Diaz beat out Dianne Wilkerson, the first Black woman elected to the state Senate, in a Democratic primary. Wilkerson launched a sticker campaign for the general election before she was indicted on attempted extortion charges. Wilkerson left office under pressure from colleagues and pleaded guilty to the federal charges in 2010.

Chang-Diaz's gubernatorial candidacy means the Second Suffolk will see the first open race for the Senate seat in decades.



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#### Mayoral forum puts the focus on Newmarket

(Continued from page 1) likely preliminary voters between June 23 and June 26. Asked about their first choice, 23.4 percent said City Councillor at-Large Michelle Wu had their vote in the Sept. 14 preliminary, which will narrow the field to two candidates. Acting Mayor Kim Janey was the choice of 21.6 percent of those surveyed.

They were followed by Councillor at-Large Annissa Essaibi George (14.4 percent), District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell (10.8 percent), South End state Rep. Jon Santiago (4.6 percent), and John Barros, former Mayor Marty Walsh's economic development chief (1.8 percent).

The six came together under one roof and in-person to talk about the challenges facing Newmarket, which has 8,300 jobs, a number that is 1.3 percent of the city's total, according to the city's planning agency. Forty percent of the workers live in Dorchester and Roxbury. The area also serves the city's most vulnerable residents.

At the forum, the candidates were pressed on long-term treatment facilities and several advocated for a regional approach.



The six major mayoral candidates and organizers of a June 29 forum posed for a picture at construction company Suffolk's headquarters, which hosted the forum focused on the Newmarket neighborhood.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

Essaibi George called for bringing back the Long Island campus, reopening it for recovery services and rebuilding the bridge to the Harbor site, which has been the subject of a legal battle between Boston and the neighboring city of Quincy, which controls the road leading to the proposed bridge. She also said a ferry service should be explored.

Said Barros: "Boston can't carry the entire load." He noted that additional mental health

Essaibi George called or bringing back the ong Island campus, eopening it for recovery ervices and rebuilding facilities and more dormitories are needed because state officials have cut back on the number of beds.

Barros added that the city should establish a team of social workers and mental health professionals who work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week around the area to deal with the homeless and drug dealing occurring in there. "Our politicians are failing them right now," he said.

Janey, the acting mayor, offered a rebuttal of

sorts in saying, "We are working on these issues every single day," and moving people from tents to housing.

Campbell said she had pressed Walsh when he was mayor to do more and focus on tapping vacant city lots. The city still needs to step up, she said, and invest in improving shelters.

Wu noted that she previously visited emergency shelters in the city, including the one on Long Island a week before the old bridge leading to it came down. Affordable housing is key, she said, because she saw how hard it was to find a bed.

"We need to tackle the root causes of this issue," said Wu.

Santiago, a physician who lives nearby in the South End, said there is also a lack of coordination among law enforcement and security services.

"We're not going to arrest our way out of this," he said, so officers must be provided skills, training and additional support staff to help with handling the area's homelessness and drug problems.

During a lightning round, all agreed that methadone, used for dealing with opioid use disorder, should be more readily available in pharmacies, and they all backed the creation of a business improvement district (BID) for Newmarket. All of them also supported the electrification of the Fairmount commuter rail line, which transportation advocates say could speed up train service and improve air quality.

When the topic turned to development, most of the candidates agreed that streamlining was necessary, as critics of the city's development process say everything takes too long.

Wu, who has called for the abolishment of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), pointed to "outdated" zoning codes, while Barros, noting his tenure in the Walsh administration, said city officials should make sure they're implementing plans already discussed.

"We've got a lot of plans on the shelf," he said. "Let's move forward with them."

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#### Melanie Sola

Melanie Sola, a 2020 graduate of Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, graduated with an Associate in Liberal Arts from Bunker Hill Community College and a Cosmetology trade certificate from Madison Park. Melanie now attends Northeastern University on a full scholarship to study mechanical engineering.



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#### 13 hopefuls in at-large field make their pitches to Democratic groups

#### By KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF

A large slate of candidates competing for the four Boston City Council at-large seats had the floor during a virtual meeting last Wednesday night hosted by the Ward 4 and 5 Democratic Committees and moderated by Boston Globe reporter Meghan Irons.

After the Sept. 14 primary election, 8 of the 17 hopefuls, 13 of whom participated in the forum, will continue campaigning for the seats on the 13-member body being left vacant by Michelle Wu and Annissa Essaibi George, who are running for mayor. The general election is set for Nov. 2.

More than 200 viewers on the Facebook livestream tuned in to hear from two incumbent at-large Councillors seeking re-election, Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia, who won her seat in 2019 by a single vote, and newcomers Said Abdikarim of the South End; Kelly Bates of Hyde Park; James "Reggie" Colimon of Roslindale, Domingos DaRosa of Hyde Park; Alex Gray of Jamaica Plain; David Halbert of Dorchester; Ruthzee Louijeune of Hyde Park; Carla Monteiro of Dorchester; Bridget Nee-Walsh of South Boston; Jon Spillane of Beacon Hill; and Nick Vance of Hyde Park.

Erin Murphy of Dorchester, a Boston schoolteacher, was attending another event and unable to make the program.

Asked why she's running, Bates, a nonprofit executive, called herself a "bridge builder" of Black and Irish descent who believes in equity when it comes to the economic repair of the city.

South Boston's Flaherty told viewers he should be re-elected because of his long re-

cord of public service, adding that he's "excited about helping introduce colleagues to City Hall" and calling himself a "mentor" and "problem solver."

Gray, 36, hopes to become Boston's first blind elected official. A former adviser to Gov. Deval Patrick, Gray said that the city "needs listeners in positions of leadership" and hopes "to be a voice on the council for people with disabilities."

Louijeune, a 34-yearold lawyer, is hoping to become the first Haitian-American woman elected to the council. She said she believes in the "power of community organizing and meeting people where they are."

Montiero, a Boston native and social worker of Cape Verdean descent, said she experienced housing and food insecurities as a young single mother. If elected, she said, she will focus on "filling gaps in city services" and "connecting people to vital resourc-

Nee-Walsh called herself a "different candidate," citing 15 years of experience as a union ironworker who "worked tirelessly to recruit more female ironworkers. She added that she's particularly concerned with senior issues and small business support.

Vance, a Hyde Park resident who grew up in Dorchester and Mattapan, served as the former political action co-chair for the Boston NAACP. He pointed to his experience working on youth workforce development on the Mayor's Youth Council as the Youth Arts and Culture Director. He said he would focus on mental health recovery from the pandemic.

Abdikarim, who immigrated to Boston with his family as an African refugee, set his focus on would support abolish-

"bridging disparities."

Colimon, a Haitian American who served as a City Council liaison for former Mayor Martin Walsh, said he wants to breakg down language barriers and systemic inequities.

DaRosa, who unsuccessfully ran for an atlarge seat in 2017 and 2019, said the city is dealing with the "same disparity issues" as when he made his first bid. He has worked as a Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) employee for 23 years.

Halbert, a former legislative aide to former Gov. Patrick who ran for an at-large seat in 2019, currently sits on the boards of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, East Boston Main Streets, and the East Boston Project Advisory Committee (PierPAC).

After spending 15 years in public service, he said, he knows how to craft public policy and address the issues facing Boston.

Mejia, an Afro-Latina from Dorchester who was so narrowly elected in 2019, said she has "unfinished business" on the council, where she's "working to make a seat at the table for everyone" and "holding city government accountable."

Spillane, a former employee of the city's Department of Neighborhood Development and a recent graduate of Suffolk University Law School, worked most recently as a staffer for District 8 Councillor Kenzie Bok, who represents Back Bay, Mission Hill and Fenway, among other neighborhoods.

Two groups of candidates answered several questions on an array of different topics and faced "yes" or "no" questions in lightning-rounds.

When asked if they

ing the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and creating a new planning department, a proposal put forth by Wu in 2019, the field was split. Voting "no" were Nee-Walsh, Flaherty, Gray, Vance, Colimon, Spillane, and Abdikarim. Voting "yes" were Halbert, Mejia, DaRosa, Bates, Louijeune, and Montiero.

Asked whether or not they'd support removing police officers from the Boston schools, a hot-button issue amid police reform efforts, ten replied "yes," except for Spillane, Flaherty, and Nee-Walsh, who answered "no."

All of the candidates said they would support increasing the city's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), which requires that market-rate housing developments with ten or more units set aside a portion (currently 13 percent) of those units for income-restricted housing or pay into a city fund to subsidy housing projects.

According to Boston Elections Department records, former at-large Councillor Althea Garrison, of Dorchester; Donnie Palmer Jr., of Dorchester; and Roy Owens Sr. of Roxbury have also been qualified as official at-large candidates. They did not attend the forum.

Garrison, 80, was elevated to an at-large council seat briefly in 2019 after Ayanna Pressley was elected to Congress, as she placed fifth in the 2017 election. She failed to retain her seat in the November 2019 election, finishing seventh in an eight-person run-off.

Palmer is a professional heavyweight boxer who survived a shooting in 2015. Owens has worked as a BPS teacher and social worker for the Department of Public Welfare.

#### Louijeune gets boost from Senator Warren

 $US\,Sen.\,Elizabeth\,Warren\,has\,endorsed\,Ruthzee\quad is sued\,by\,Louijeune's\,campaign\,on\,Monday\,morning.$ at-Large seats. Louijeune, 34, has served as senior counsel for Warren's presidential and Senate campaigns.

Ruthzee is the advocate working families need on the Boston City Council," Warren said in a statement the diverse communities of Boston and addressed racial and economic justice head-on.

"From housing and homeownership to access to equitable education, Boston's working families will have no better champion than Ruthzee. I am proud to endorse her for Boston City Council at-Large."

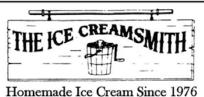
Louijeune, who has roots in Mattapan and Hyde Park, hopes to become the first Haitian American woman elected to the council.

#### State Rep. Hunt backs **Murphy for at-Large**

Dan Hunt, who represents Dorchester's 13th Suffolk District in the Legislature, last week endorsed Erin Murphy, a Dorchester resident, mother of three, and longtime public school teacher, for an at-large seat on the Boston City Council.

"Erin Murphy is not just a fellow OFDer and dear friend, she's someone who gets things done and I've seen that first-hand," said Hunt, who was elected to the House of Representatives in 2014.

Hunt, who serves as chair of the House Committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight, praised Murphy's vision for "Boston's public schools, safer neighborhoods, and a welcoming community for all." - REPORTER STAFF



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# Two BPS students, two from METCO program earn Social Justice scholarships from podcast creators

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

When METCO alumni Gloria Harrison and Carrie Clifford started their podcast, "Hard Candy and Fruit Snacks," last fall in an attempt to spark dialogue about racism, busing, and the inequality gap that exists between Black city and white rural students, they knew early on that they wanted to use the new platform to support current METCO and Boston Public School kids who are following in their footsteps.

Over the course of several months, they used the podcast to raise more than \$60,000 for the scholarship fund through a crowdsourced



Mich Kurt Magny O'Bryant alumna

campaign.

Earlier this month, the pair selected four students — two in METCO's Wayland program and two from BPS — as recipients of Social Justice Scholarships totalling \$10,000 each. Seventeen runners-up also received



Savannah Middleton Burke graduate

scholarships of \$2,000 and \$1,000.

The two BPS graduating seniors selected as winners are Savannah Middleton and Mich Kurt Magny, both 18, and both from Dorchester. Middleton, a recent grad of Jeremiah E.

Burke High School who will be attending Bentley University in the fall, said she was confident in responding to the scholarship essay prompt, which asked applicants to write either about how racism has affected them or about a small change they would make if they could.

"I wrote about spreading awareness on racism and oppression because there are so many people that are not aware of the oppression that goes on," said Middleton, adding that interacting with family members who weren't aware of the racism that people of color face "opened her eyes."

"I was very confident in what I said. I was passionate about it, so it was easier for me to write well. Writing about that and being able to share it did mean a lot to me.

She said the \$10,000 scholarship will mean she will be able to work fewer hours at her college job this fall, while also giving her a way to invest and save for her plans to launch a small business or a nonprofit.

Magny, a new alumna of the John D. O'Bryant school who will be at Simmons University in the fall, told the *Reporter* that she was overcome with emotion when she received the news she had won the scholarship.

"I just started crying, I was really grateful," she said. "I'm happy we have people who care about the community, and who care about me. I was raised in a low-income family, and I'm planning to pursue a biology premed degree...Knowing I would have this type of debt, I didn't know what to do. Receiving this scholarship actually changed my life."

At the O'Bryant, Magny was vice president of the Sankofa Club, where kids would come together to talk about what's going on in the Black community and discuss topics like mental health. In her essay response, she wrote about creating a similar type of club in college, which she would call "Belle Noir Equity," a name inspired by "being Haitian and the beauty of being Black."

Magny intends to become a surgical dermatologist.

Both Magny and Middleton benefitted from 826 Boston, a nonprofit youth creative writing organization active in BPS schools that offers tutoring and extra writing help for students.

"Going there made me

a better writer. They would always be there to help me," said Magny.

The two Wayland METCO students selected as scholarship recipients are Cassandra Cardoso, 18, of Jamaica Plain and Raseed Parham, 18, of Roxbury.

Cardoso, who will attend Wheaton College in the fall, said she was "very surprised to be chosen, but also very grateful. When I got the scholarship, I was in complete shock. It took me a minute to register, everyone was clapping and looking at me. That was crazy, but a good crazy. It was a very happy moment."

Cardoso said she is considering studying sociology in college. She credited the METCO program with exposing her to new lifestyles and ways of thinking.

"I'm very grateful for this opportunity I was given to be in this program because it's opened my eyes to so many different cultures and experiences. I couldn't imagine how my life would be if I still attended my previous school. I would obviously not have the scholarship, but I would also not be the same person."







#### Caregiver Solutions

with Meg Hogan, CEO of Boston Senior Home Care

Are you managing a career, caring for a parent, and raising children? Welcome to the "Sandwich Generation."

The term refers to people in their 40s or 50s, who are "sandwiched" between the caregiving responsibilities of a multigenerational household. Today, this type of caregiving has become increasingly common as the aging population continues to grow and require support and assistance.

Multigenerational caregiving has many advantages including a deeper, more respectful grandparent-grandchild relationship that can bring joy to everyone. Yet, it is also demanding. Both children and aging parents require lots of time which can leave caregivers feeling pulled in different directions as they balance the many responsibilities of caring. And it can be isolating. Caregiver Solutions, a program offered by Boston Senior Home Care at no charge, can help.

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# Reporter's People

## News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

# Saint Joseph Prep graduates 71

Saint Joseph Preparatory High School held its ninth Commencement Exercises in Saint Columb-kille Parish Church in Brighton on June 2. Diplomas were conferred on 77 members of the Class of 2021 by Co-Heads of School Kathleen McCarvill and Eugene Ward.

The graduates and their families were treated to speeches from the Salutatorian, David McCallum (Northeastern University) and from the Valedictorian, Andrea Moreno (University of Notre Dame).

Lee Hogan, CSJ, president of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, offered the Invocation.

Among the graduates were: Back row, from left: Makiah Johnson (Dorchester, Stonehill College), Caroline Cincotta (Boston, Boston University), Wilma Tec-May (Boston, UMass Amherst), Kristin Mulkerrin (Roslindale, Regis College), Brian Aybar (Roxbury, Bridgewater State), Naomi Taylor (Boston, Spelman College), Jahcaris Lucien (Dorchester, UMass Dartmouth), and Joshua May (Hyde Park, Salem State University);

Front row, from left: Regina Rescigno (Dorchester, Curry College), Lillian Impastato (West Roxbury, Syracuse University), Sherell Jeudi (Roslindale, UMass Amherst), Maria Campbell (Hyde Park, Virginia Tech), Mary-Elizabeth Blundo (East Boston, Salem State University).



Double Dose of Congratulations—Dorchester's Jim Brett, President and CEO of the New England Council, is being recognized for his work on a national level to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities. He will receive two honorary Doctor of Law degrees—one from Regis College and one from Assumption College. Shown above: Jim Brett with President Francesco Cesareo of Assumption College.

\*Photo courtesy NE Council\*\*

Several Dorchester people graduates from William James College, a leading school of psychology in Newton, Mass., this spring. The following local students earned degrees: Heather Corazzini of Dorchester graduated with a Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology. Nahomi Reyes-Mendez

of Dorchester graduated with a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Douglas Skyers of Boston graduated with a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Stephanie Suryana of Dorchester graduated with a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental



Elijah Allen of Mattapan graduated from Belmont Day School, a pre-kindergarten to grade 8 independent school, on June 16. Elijah will attend Milton Academy in the fall.

Health Counseling. Adora Thompson of Boston graduated with a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. William James College has been celebrating graduates with departmental ceremonies this spring, and will hold a formal Commencement Ceremony on Sun., Sept. 26.

# Next up for Sgt. Lenane: US Army wings

Sgt. Brendan Lenane of Dorchester is on his way to becoming a US Army pilot after serving a tour of duty and completing the necessary requirements to achieve that goal.

The 22-year-old Lower Mills native, a graduate of Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy and TechBoston Academy who grew up on St. Gregory Street, enlisted in the army four years ago. After completing basic training, he deployed with 2-508 Parachute infantry regiment to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.

While in Iraq he served as the Fire Support Non-commissioned

officer for Bravo company serving under Lieutenant Dixon Johnson. Upon returning to the US, he began training a new team of soldiers fresh in from basic training.

"Now that I have completed my goal of reaching the rank of sergeant and deploying with the 82nd Airborne, I'm moving on to my next life-long goal of becoming a pilot," wrote Lenane. "I have just passed the SIFT test (Selection Instrument for Flight Training) and plan to immediately begin completing the rest of the process now that I have reached all the requirements."



Sgt. Brendan Lenane

In the next step of that process, Lenane will be headed to Fort Rucker in Alabama to complete his flight training.

– DANIEL SHEEHAN

#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

The Collins Building

In 1898, Charles F. Collins subdivided the land on either side of Kilton Street (now Norwell Street), between Washington Street and the railroad, reserving the corner lot for a large building that was permitted that year. The building is typical of large mixed-use commercial buildings being constructed in urban centers at this time. It was not highly unusual to have a function hall in buildings of this type, particularly in town and neighborhood centers. Many of the social clubs in urban centers were associated with particular ethnic groups that had immigrated to this country in the late 19th



Today's illustration is from a program about Four Corners that the Dorchester Historical Society presented virtually last Saturday evening. It shows the Collins Building, 213-217 Washington Street.

and early 20th centuries, and established organizations that catered

to customs brought from Europe.

Despite its Irish name,

the early 20th century tenants of the Collins Building came from the large number of Jewish families who resided nearby at this time. By 1900, Mt. Bowdoin had become a well-developed middle-class neighborhood, with many fine single and multi-family dwellings. In 1910, about 300 Jewish families were living in the district that extends between Mt. Bowdoin and Franklin Park. The Boston City Directory of 1930 attests to the large number of Jewish families that had moved to the Washington Street/ Bowdoin Avenue vicinity, an area previously dominated by the Irish.

When completed in

1898, the Collins Building held two stores at the first floor, several offices on the second floor, and a large function hall occupying most of the third floor. This division of space and use remained unchanged into the mid-20th century. By 1918 the building was owned by Jacob Sidman who operated a grocery store there. Aside from Sidman, the earliest known occupants of the building include the Mt. Bowdoin Auto Repairing Company, operated by Mathew Freedman and Joseph Brenner of Chelsea. The Anthony Press, Great A & P Tea Company (grocery), Samuel Sidman shoes, and tailor Rubin Cohen were all

tenants in 1930.

After a passel of ownership changes over the next 50 years, the property was taken by the City of Boston in 1980 for nonpayment of taxes. In 1998, the Collins Building was passed on to the private sector as part of city efforts to encourage revitalization in the neighborhood. It was rehabilitated using federal investment tax credits to continue its mixed-use character, including retail stores at the first floor and residential apartments above.

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

#### **Editorial**

#### Reporter stalwart is heading West

This week, the Reporter bades fare-thee-well to one of our all-time ace reporters and editors. Dan Sheehan, a member of our staff since 2017 and our arts and features editor since 2019, is leaving Boston to pursue new opportunities on the West Coast. He will be sorely missed in our newsroom.



Dan Sheehan

Aside from being one helluva prose writer and copy editor, Dan is an accomplished drummer. When he hasn't been tapping out reams of copy, you'd most likely find him teaching in his beat laboratory on the side of Meetinghouse Hill or playing an impromptu set on the Rose Kennedy Greenway or at backyard Dot Day BBQ

Like so many of our friends and neighbors, Dan is not a Dot native. He grew up in Connecticut, was schooled in DC (Georgetown), and is delusionally devoted to the NY Yankees. But, like the true percussionist and hip-hop junkie that he is, he immediately seized on the beats and rhythms that punctuate daily life in this neighborhood. His best work sought to amplify artists who've sometimes struggle to get the shine they deserve in this town. It's a mission we intend to continue.

You get the picture: Dan's going to be missed around here. But, since this is his last edition, it's time to pass him the mic.

-Bill Forry

I've learned a lot about Dorchester in my last four years at the Reporter. As the months passed since I first arrived in the neighborhood, I learned where to catch a live show or open mic session, where to get the best bowl of pho, where the worst traffic jams occur. But I think the most important thing I've learned from my time here is community: What it means, who makes it up, and how a collective of living, breathing individuals can come together to spark joy or derive meaning from life in troubled

As much as city government and other apparatuses are central to the functioning of Boston, there is an extensive, often overlooked network of activists, non-profits and charitable organizations that keeps the town running: Neighbors depending on other neighbors, and returning the favor.

That reality is reflected in Dorchester's arts community as well, an astonishingly talented and diverse group of people that continue to create and flourish against the odds. Dorchester lacks the cultural resources and the large, established music venues of Cambridge or Downtown, but makes up for it with a stubborn DIY spirit that has seen hubs of music and art bloom in every corner of the neighborhood.

The great work being done at Dorchester Art Project in Fields Corner is a perfect example of a community built from the ground up that showcases the immense talent that Dorchester has to offer.

I look forward to returning to Dot at some point in the future, knowing well that artists and communities of all kinds will continue to make it a better place for everyone, one day at a time. It has been a privilege to cover this neighborhood and amplify the voices of artists and other miracle workers who call it home.

Thanks for reading and see you all soon.

- Dan Sheehan

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#### 'Responsible' development is goal for coalition in the mayor's race

#### By Joe Byrne SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

There is a difference between responsible development that strengthens neighborhoods and development that doesn't. Our city will be best served if our candidates for mayor acknowledge and discuss the differences so we build a more inclusive and equitable future for all Boston neighborhoods.

Making that discussion take place is why I founded the Responsible Development Coalition. I am a lifelong Bostonian and the leader of our region's carpenters union. I care about my city and its workers who are trying to make a decent living while being able to afford to live in the city they call home.

Responsible development strives to make housing more affordable, create good-paying union jobs that offer equal pay and worker diversity, beautify neighborhoods, collaborate with local residents, use more environmentally sustainable building materials, maintain safe building sites, and pay all

Earlier this month, our coalition of responsible developers, contractors, and the carpenters union began an advertising campaign to urge our mayoral candidates and city residents to support only responsible development. You can add your support by joining our pledge to promote responsible development at SignThePledge.com.

While there you can also contact the mayoral candidates directly to inform them of your support.

Our next mayor will play an essential role in building Boston's economy, protecting our neighborhoods, and expanding opportunity for our city's workforce, including more than 6,000 carpenters and their families whom I represent. Supporting responsible development is crucial in that role.

Mayoral candidates should note that Boston voters

overwhelmingly agree. Here are some numbers from a poll we recently completed:

• 69 percent support development when it is done

• 42 percent of all people polled answered housing

and housing affordability when asked what was the most important issue facing our city. All other issues received substantially lower ratings.

The Responsible Development Coalition will host a mayoral candidate forum on July 15 to allow candidates to address Boston development in greater depth and make certain that they will not allow our collective future to be built by city developers and contractors who put profits above all else, hire people at poverty wages, disregard the need to increase affordable housing, fail to pay their taxes, keep unsafe work sites, and ignore neighborhood concerns.

Since our coalition was established only a few short weeks ago, all of our mayoral candidates have signed the pledge to support responsible development. And candidates for other offices, including Boston's city council, have also started signing the pledge. It is an encouraging start. Moving forward, candidates and elected leaders need to back up their pledges with specific plans and actions. It is our job as voters and residents to hold them accountable.

Development when done properly creates economic opportunity for all. Our coalition members believe that when people work together and pledge to support responsible development, we can make our neighborhoods more affordable, equitable, and inclusive. Boston voters need to know that our next mayor has our back and will lead the way to build a better future for all of us.

Joe Byrne is the executive secretary and treasurer of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters and chairperson of the Responsible Development Coalition.

#### The importance of being Boston's mayor

#### By LAWRENCE S. DICARA SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

I always get excited when there is a contested mayoral election in Boston. It stems from when I was young boy and John Collins defeated John Powers in 1959. Everybody thought that Powers would win, but they all voted for Collins.

At Boston Latin School, I wrote an essay in 1963 about the importance of reelecting Collins over City Councillor Gabriel Piemonte, with whom I later served.

I was a big fan of Kevin White in the 1967 election, thinking it was very important that he defeat Louise Day Hicks with whom I also later sat on the City Council where she and I actually got along quite nicely.

By then, of course, I was involved in my own campaigns and all the ones subsequent.

This year's election is a very important one. There is much at stake in the city. We have had decades of financial stability. Our bond rating is AAA. Every budget has been balanced for 30+ years. We are no longer in the same category as Detroit, Cleveland, and St. Louis. Corruption at the municipal level has been minimal, certainly compared to years gone by.

There are many of us in Boston who have worked very hard to improve our city and to maintain its positive status in the eyes of the financial and political worlds. It is important that those of us who are citizens of the city ask difficult questions of the candidates so that we know where they stand on important issues.

Being mayor of Boston is like being the CEO of a large corporation with a \$3 billion + operating budget. The job requires extraordinary patience and basically mandates that one assemble a first-class team rather than reward important positions to those who have been campaign workers and those who may have worked for various vocal interest

I was in politics when there were many people on the City Council and elsewhere who played to the crowd. In that case, it was ROAR (Restore Our Alienated Rights), the leading group in the antibusing movement. Today's candidates should not play to the crowds any more than I did not play to the crowds in the 1970s.

The city survived those difficult years and very difficult financial straits because Kevin White assembled a team of bright young men and women who made ends meet and maintained our bond rating even in difficult times. He made the tough decisions and never looked back.

Well-meaning public officials who have never studied our past and may not understand the grave challenges we face today threaten our viability as a world class city in the future, just as did Dapper O'Neil and Pixie Palladino in the 1970s.

Lawrence DiCara is a former Boston City Councillor and a native of Dorchester.

#### Net zero harmful emissions is a must

#### To the Editor:

Letter to

the Editor

The Boston City Council is currently evaluating methods of decreasing Boston greenhouse gas emissions to reach the citywide goal of net zero emissions by 2050. Members of the Boston Climate Action Network are pushing for an obvious solution to the issue of emissions. Under the Building Energy

#### Reporting and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO), the energy use of buildings over

35,000 square feet in size must be reported annually to the City of Boston, yet  $the \, actual \, corrective \, actions \, required \, of \, the \, owners \, of \,$ high-greenhouse gas buildings are incredibly limited.

The deleterious effect of these emissions in warming our climate and creating wide-ranging impacts is no secret in Dorchester. In a recent article (June 24) by Miriam Wasser that you titled "As sea levels rise, city may find stormwater has nowhere to go" the argument is made that sea level rise and increased precipitation as caused by climate change will produce devastating and frequent flooding for Dorchester. Resident Maria Lyons describes that many of the low-lying areas of Dorchester already experience flooding regularly. The solution to these threatening scenarios is simple. We must eliminate the source of these issues: emissions. We must advocate and push for amendments to the Building Energy Reporting and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) that will set higher building emission performance standards, increase enforcement, and allocate enough resources to keep builders accountable.

We demand that more corrective action be required by owners of high-greenhouse gas buildings and more resources allocated to pursue violators. Did you know that over half of total greenhouse gas emissions from Boston are produced by just 3 percent of its buildings?

In my community of Brighton, I have seen the effects of wasteful and inefficient buildings through intense summer heat waves, flooding, and poorer air quality that inflames my asthma. If we push for these amendments and retrofit our most wasteful buildings, it would make for incredible amounts of progress to meet citywide goals while making Dorchester a more equitable and safe place for future generations to come.

Respectfully, Hailey Moll Brighton

#### Commentary

#### City should reclaim historic open space at Franklin Park

#### Shattuck demolition an opportunity

#### By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

In 2008, when I was CEO of the Codman Square Health Center, I was approached by a Codman Square neighborhood group that had spent a decade cleaning up vacant lots. Boston Project Ministries (BPM) had been organizing the neighborhood between Talbot Avenue and Norfolk Street. which ultimately resulted in the organization known as Talbot Norfolk Triangle Neighbors United.

BPM, led then and now by Paul Malkemes, had been worried about the vacant lots full of trash and high grass. He told me the story of how, during the summer of 1998, he and his wife Glenna watched as a neighborhood child left a lot bleeding after falling into a broken house window that had been discarded there.

This incident led to a neighborhood clean-up, and a ten-year process by the neighborhood to assemble the lots and then raise \$400,000 to make the properties lots into a park, now known as Elmhurst Park.

It's a remarkable story, except that in 2008, Mayor Tom Menino and the Boston Parks Department refused to accept the new park despite it being one of very few playgrounds in an area with thousands of children and many low-income families. Bottom line: The Parks Department did not want the responsibility of maintaining the new park.

BPM then approached me as head of the health center to ask that the center take on final responsibility for park upkeep should the community group fail to do so. I signed the agreement, but it was unnecessary. BPM and Neighbors United have maintained the park, planted trees (they and the Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation have planted and maintained over 100 of them in their neighborhood), and have been excellent stewards of the property.

I tell this story because just getting the grass cut in a Boston park, or having a dead tree removed, can be a difficult process today. It wasn't always so.

The city was the home of America's greatest landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, and Boston, with its Emerald Necklace, was a preeminent city for parks during its golden era in the late 19th century.

But things changed, and for decades, Boston has been dismal at ensuring that all its communities have access to premier parks, open spaces, and trees. With the exception of the Olmsted parks, Boston generally does a poor job of keeping up its neighborhood public spaces. They and the city's overall tree canopy do not seem to have a high priority in how Boston views development and planning.

In fact, housing development often results in the elimination of mature shade trees. In Charlestown, the city is apparently allowing 340 mature shade trees to be cut down for the Bunker Hill Housing redevelopment. By one count, this is 10 percent of all the shade trees in Charlestown. Other cities, such as Portland, Oregon, require permits to remove trees, and its strict requirements call for replacing trees.

As a result of its poor stewardship of trees, Boston has had its tree canopy reduced to 27 percent from 29 percent over the past 12 years.

Trees are an essential part of global warming mitigation. In addition to removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, they prevent heat islands from developing in dense urban areas.

Boston's population has increased

by 20 percent (some 100,000 residents) in the past 20 years, yet it seems that every developable parcel in Boston is allocated for commercial or residential development, rather than for open space for the residents of increasingly crowded neighborhoods.

That makes the fight over what will happen to the land occupied by the Shattuck Hospital important. The hospital sits on 13 acres that was once a meadow at the edge of Franklin Park. Boston ceded the land to the Commonwealth in 1949 for use as a public health hospital, but that occupation is coming to a close. In 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced that Shattuck's hospital functions will be transferred to a hospital building formerly owned by Boston Medical Center in the South End.

The Shattuck building is scheduled to be demolished, but instead of restoring that space to parkland, the state is calling for the property to be turned into housing and social services supported by an array of human service agencies.

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy, in collaboration with Northeastern University, has analyzed potential alternatives for these services, and determined that a nearby 18-acre parcel, the MBTA's Arborway Yard Bus Facility, is large enough to accommodate both the social service needs and the MBTA's needs while locating the services across the street from Forest Hills Station.

Unfortunately, this has turned into a street fight between human service advocates and environmental activists. During an April 13 hearing, about half of the speakers, including former Governors Mike Dukakis and Bill Weld, said they felt the Arborway Yards site would be the best location for the supportive housing and services and they were strongly in favor of restoring the land as part of the Franklin Park; the other half spoke in support of the state's plan.

As a person who has spent my life in human services, I understand and agree that we need more of them. But presenting the case as if those services have to be on parkland is absurd. This is not either/or; it's both/and.

First off, a decision is not urgent. The hospital won't be demolished for 2 or 3 years, so there's plenty of time to plan the space needed for services or find other locations if the bus yard is insufficient.

Secondly, it's not an economic issue. The state is running such a huge surplus, upwards of \$4 billion this year. that Gov. Baker is willing to forgo \$900 million in sales tax revenue.

This is a rare opportunity to restore 13 acres to Boston's parks space in an area that is adjacent to places that desperately need more usable parkland - Mattapan, Roxbury, Dorchester, and Forest Hills.

The MBTA bureaucracy will of course, say that the agency cannot possibly cede land for human services, but they will if Gov. Baker tells it to

He should join his two predecessors who are advocating for restoring Olmsted's meadow.

In addition, city and state officials and mayoral candidates should weigh in on this issue. Call them today. It would be a nice birthday present to Frederick Law Olmsted, whose 200th will be celebrated on April 26, 2022.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident. His column appears regularly in the Reporter.



Above, the scheduled-to-be-demolished Shattuck Hospital at the western edge of Franklin Park. Below, a look at Elmhurst Park in the Codman Square neighborhood.



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#### Housing report pitches universal basic income

additional cash for people earning less than \$70,000 per year.

"These interventions

to guarantee a basic income level are important in finding ways to put more money in the

(Continued from page 1) and others that aim pockets of households that need it the most and helping to overcome the pervasive income inequality here in Greater

Boston and across the country," researchers said in the report.

The state's own efforts to get to \$15 per hour minimum wage by 2023 is an example of "modest" progress towards "greater wage equity," they added.

They also pitched the "universal basic income" concept in the Boston Foundation's annual "Greater Boston Housing Report Card," with a focus on the pandemic's effect on the region's housing market and the rise of inequality in income and wealth. The majority of Black and Hispanic/Latinx households are made up of renters, while the majority of white households are homeowners.

"Black and Hispanic/ Latinx households are more housing-cost burdened than their White counterparts," the report said. "They typically spend a higher share of their income on monthly rent or mortgage payments, real estate taxes, and utilities."

The report calls for the quick release of housing-dedicated federal funds and simplifying the application process for rental assistance.

Supply and demand is in full effect within the Massachusetts housing market as the number

of vacancies and homes available for purchase have dropped to record lows, the report noted.

"While a few local markets have softened, such as student housing and high-end downtown rentals in the city of Boston, there is little indication that supply has caught up with long-term demand," the report added.

The report also recommended legalizing small-scale multifamily housing and broadening the mandate for multifamily zoning in communities with access to public transit, which is available under Gov. Baker's housing bill that led to the adoption of new state zoning laws earlier this year.

"The ability of hundreds of thousands of people to successfully work from home, and the likelihood of hybrid work arrangements continuing for some after the pandemic, has opened many new possibilities for the future growth of Greater Boston," the report said.

Turning to evictions, the report notes that state and federal efforts, such as moratoriums, to stem the tide have slowly pulled back. In particular, some city neighborhoods saw higher eviction filing rates than

most other parts of the state as the Massachusetts economy recovers from the pandemic.

"The neighborhoods of Hyde Park, Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan experienced the highest eviction filing rates, at 233, 184, and 194 filings per 10,000 renter-occupied units, respectively," the report noted. "The rest of Boston was not impacted at nearly the same rate." The rates reflect filings and landlords asking for enforcement of a rental agreement in court, not evictions that occurred.

The period covering the filings is from January 2020 to March 2021.

"As we know, high housing costs lead to crowding with consequences for health, creates vulnerability for eviction or foreclosure, and generates greater urgency to work even in unsafe circumstances," the researchers wrote. "Furthermore, this is a far-reaching burden that crosscuts all but the wealthiest  $households\, and\, hampers$ community economic development and stability. Because of this, equity of housing affordability is at the nexus of our communities' most critical needs in Greater Boston."

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#### Six-story apartment building pitched for Fields Corner site

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

A development team hoping to build a six-story residential building with 80 compact studio apartments, a rooftop deck, and shared amenity space at the intersection of 1320 Dorchester Ave. and Ellsworth Street just north of Fields Corner met virtually on Monday evening with a coalition of nearby neighborhood associations and abutters to discuss their plans.

About 30 people tuned into the Zoom meeting to hear from the proponents, who filed their plans with the Boston Planning and Development Agency in May.

The proposal calls for the redevelopment of four parcels of land along Dorchester Ave., an area of approximately 19,021 square feet. The residential building as proposed is 45,411 square feet. A two-story residential/commercial building, the former home of All American Water, and parking spaces currently occupy the site.

In accordance with the city's Inclusionary Development Policy, ten of the apartments would be rented as income restricted. The proposal includes six on-site parking spaces and a rooftop deck as an "amenity" that developer Robert Raimondi is required to



The proponents, 1334 Dot, LLC, filed plans with the city to construct a six-story apartment building with 80 compact studio units for rent and a rooftop deck at 1320 Dorchester Ave.

Rendering courtesy Choo & Company, Inc.

provide in exchange for getting the okay to build more units than usually allowed.

The site is less than a mile from from the Fields Corner Red Line station, which qualifies it as a Transit Oriented Development (TOD.)

The proponent, 1334 Dot, LLC, is pitching the building in compliance with the city's "Compact Living Pilot" or CLP, a program that allows developers to build smaller units than normally required. The maximum dimension allowed for a studio unit under the CLP is 450 square feet, and

buildings must include "well-designed units with storage and natural light, shared common areas, and transportation options that reduce car use."

No one on the call outright opposed the proposal. Most attendees said they understood that there is an urgent need for more housing in the city and welcomed new development, but some were skeptical, saying that a CLP project wouldn't be a good fit for Dorchester.

Others felt that studio units would provide an affordable option to single people of all ages wanting to live in the neighborhood, a housing type that a few noted is difficult to find in Dorchester.

Suzanne Nguyen voiced her support for the proposal, saying "There are many other projects that will be built on or near Dorchester Ave that will have units for families. We need to broaden our horizons and look at how we can accommodate new people, single people of all ages so that they can build wealth, too."

Ellen Mason, a Dorchester resident, was concerned about the building turning into "transitional housing" for recent college graduates, which could create "a churn and turnover" in the community and leaving less space for families.

George Morancy, a South Boston attorney representing the developers, replied that the project would meet the needs of people who want to live on their own but can't necessarily afford to rent a one-, two-, or three-bedroom in a three-decker without roommates.

"The city has identified that there is a critical need for this type of housing," he said. One attendee asked

One attendee asked the team why they would want to pack smaller units into a building, given the issues related to Covid-19 and concerns about transmission.

Replied Morancy: "This is very much a project that was conceived with Covid in mind. People wouldn't have to deal with the issues that come with having roommates and trying to avoid infection because they would have their spaces."

Jennifer Johnson, of Dorchester, said she struggled to find a one-bedroom for rent when she moved to the neighborhood.

"I am a single independent woman who owns a three-bedroom condo in Dorchester because I could find no one-bedrooms when I was buying in 2006," she said. "I think we forget that single people—particularly single women—are the largest growing demographic in the country. Both on the younger and older sides."

Geoff Doerre, of Dorchester, was concerned by the density, scale, and height of the proposal, saying that six stories would present a "huge shock to the current streetscape."

As the meeting came to a close, Hiep Chu, longtime Dorchester resident and meeting moderator, said, "It seems that no one opposes the project; we just want it to be as much of a benefit to the community as possible."

Aisling Kerr, a BPDA project manager, told the *Reporter* that the agency encourages developers to continue engaging in community discussions with local groups, as they did during the virtual meeting with members of Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association, Freeport Adams Neighborhood Association, and Fields Corner Civic Association.

She added that BPDA staff will regroup after the July 4 holiday to discuss next steps in the review process, adding that there are not yet any BPDA-hosted meetings scheduled for the project.



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#### Students help put 'support blocks' in place at BLA in '22

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health resources or tend to their own psychological well-being.

Medina told the *Reporter* that the campaign to rally support for the idea was "not easy," particularly when it came to convincing certain BLA teachers, but that most of them came around in the end.

"Many teachers thought it was going to take away time from their classes," she explained. "It took talking with them and explaining that this is not a study period or a free period, this is mental health support since we are a rigorous exam school."

The new support blocks, set to be implemented for the first time next year, would be about an hour long and occur twice a week. Medina reasoned that these allotted times will help break up the school day, which she said previously consisted of seven straight class periods and a 22-minute lunch period.

"This could be a time when students can go to their social worker, their guidance counselor, or a therapist, and also talk to any teacher as needed for mental health support. We're also thinking about support groups, or opening up the gym, the weight room, the art studio, the theater, which would be great as many students have acknowledged they deal with their mental health in different ways, some through physical action or verbally or just by themselves," said Medina.

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Hughes-Polk, who has led workshops at VIP for the past couple of years, noted that the strategies and methods she learned there could inform the way support groups function at BLA, where she hopes to see similar workshop models replicated.

"At VIP, we talk about an iceberg model: prevention, intervention, and then recovery, so it doesn't continue in



Members of the VIP (Violence Intervention and Prevention) Youth Organizing Institute, including two Boston Latin Academy students from Dorchester, led a process to revamp the exam school's schedule to better accommodate students' mental health. Shown above, l-r, back row: Josiah, Hope, Lucas, Cecilia, Victor. Front row: Niasia, Idiris, Lisa, Sarah.

\*\*Photo courtesy VIP\*\*

a cycle and happen again. So, we brainstorm different preventative methods to violence," she explained. "We have talked about coping mechanisms and being trauma-informed...those things could be a possible workshop for students to go through."

Normalizing those mental wellness blocks, she added, could help remove some of the stigma associated with mental health for students and families, as well as offer an alternative to families that face obstacles like health insurance.

Yang, who admitted he "felt like a backup dancer where I'm cheering from the sidelines for the vast majority of the campaign," credited the students for their poise and patience throughout the process.

"I've been doing community organizing work for the last ten-plus years now and I've worked with a lot of adults who, I would argue, don't have the capacity or the maturity to be handling the number of sensitive issues as these young people have done," he said.

Yang, who has a background in creative writing, acted in a guiding role to create a safe storytelling space for group members, many of whom experienced depression, anxiety, and a "deep sense of isolation" during a pandemic-wrought school year in which

many couldn't see their classmates or enjoy healthy social lives.

He referenced a faculty member who called the support blocks "one of the most significant changes to the school in half a century," and said he hopes other schools will recognize that change as a necessary and long overdue one.

"I think we tapped into something that had been nascent and latent and what people wanted but were unable to give voice to," said Yang. "Our hope is that if we show this works really well at BLA other high schools or even K-12 institutions in the area would want to replicate something similar."



#### In city, organic waste doesn't belong in the trash

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"We find lawn chairs, cinder blocks, wooden picket fences, you name it," said Coughlin. "Leaves, grass, and small branches are what's meant to be collected."

Once the yard waste has broken down, it gets screened and sent to community gardens and parks. Residents can drop yard waste at 500 American Legion Highway most Sundays; for those seeking to take advantage of yard waste pickup, the City of Boston Trash app sends push alerts to remind residents of yard waste collection days.

But food waste is a bit more complicated.

Boston does not currently offer a city-wide curbside composting program. As an alternative, the city launched the pilot program "Project Oscar" — named for the "Sesame Street" character — where communities have centralized drop-off locations for food scraps. Anyone in the area can take an online test, verify that they understand the basics of composting, and get a code that accesses the food waste bins.

Today the bins are in five locations, none of which are in Dorchester. A previous drop-off site in Grove Hall was shut down due to numerous contamination issues and general underuse. City officials are currently soliciting opinions for Project Oscar bin locations on its website.

Black Earth Compost in Manchester, Mass. currently picks up the "Project Oscar" totes. The company also provides weekly curbside pickup services and has just under 100 customers in Dorchester today.

Many cities of a comparable size to Boston offer municipal curbside pickup, including San Francisco, Edmonton, and Milan. In San Francisco, participation is compulsory. Freddie Coronado, residential zero waste assistant coordinator in that city, said the municipality was motivated to require composting because landfilling organics stopped making economic sense.

"Realistically, making it mandatory is how you're going to get high recovery rates from the landfill. If it's just an optin program, diversion won't be as high," said Coronado. "We wanted to create something that was going to make a lasting impact."

To overcome challenges such as an old building stock without space for additional binge storage, as well as narrow streets and sidewalks, the team in San Francisco started with the space issues. Instead of using a standard 96-gallon tote, San Franciscans are given a 64-gallon bin for recycling, a 32-gallon bin for compost, and just a 16-gallon bin for trash.

"Bin size matters," said Coronado. "It's a visual reinforcement that only a small amount can go into the trash, so you have to find other places for them."

To address the needs of a diverse population, including low-income residents who may not be able to prioritize climate change until their basic needs are met, the city provides more resources to affordable housing units, and works with residents who have contamination notices before they turn into charges.

"We do a lot of outreach and training for these properties, because a contamination charge change for them," said Coronado.

San Francisco emphasizes education in what items go into which bin through color coding. Decals on each bin indicate what is safe to toss. The city also provides a kitchen pail and compostable, corn starch-based bags for gathering the scraps to all residents.

Notably, the program isn't actually executed by San Francisco. The city's trash hauler runs the program and profits from it by selling the finished compost to the many area wineries, where it is in high demand. The city acts as more of a program overseer.

Could a similar setup work in Boston? Coughlin says a city-run could be a big financial curbside composting program would cost tens of millions of dollars to launch and run.

Currently, after the "Project Oscar" curbside pickups, the Black Earth team mixes the food waste with leaves, woodchips, manure, wood shavings, horse bedding, and other carbon. The waste is then pushed through grinder buckets, put it in a wind row, turned six times and

nine months later, it is screened and bagged for sale in garden centers as well as bulk shipments.

Black Earth Founder Conor Miller said he was stunned when he moved to Boston from the Seattle area. "I couldn't believe there was no composting out here," Miller said. "There's money, education, progressive values... how the hell is there no composting?"

Ten years ago, the World Economic Forum forecast that the planet had 60 years of topsoil left. Soil degradation has made it a finite resource.

The more people who sign up for curbside composting with Black Earth in an area, the cheaper the price per person. In a town like Beverly, the cost is \$39.99 for six months. The town then adds a \$10 subsidy, making curbside composting \$1/week for Beverly residents.

### **NOTICE**

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#### Mayoral candidates are united on reduced T fares

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

Newly touting support from every Boston mayoral candidate, activists

pushing for reduced fare nence in Massachusetts. or free rides for low-income MBTA users are ramping up pressure on state lawmakers as the issue gains more promi-

All six major candidates vying for Boston's top job signed a petition, along with more than 600 other residents, demanding that the Legislature intervene and require the T to offer reduced-cost trips for riders who struggle to pay full price, create new progressive revenue streams for public transit, and ensure representation for riders and workers in MBTA oversight.

The Public Transit Public Good Coalition, which circulated the petition, linked its latest effort to the pandemic, saying the economic upheaval over the past year-plus exacerbated inequity and exposed the importance of affordable and accessible transit for front-line workers.

"Even before the pandemic, many riders were struggling to afford bus and train fares," the petitioners wrote. "Structural racism and economic exploitation have created deep inequalities in Massachusetts as elsewhere.

leaving working families

and communities of color struggling to make ends meet. Covid-19 has thrown even more of us into economic insecurity, as nearly one million people in Massachusetts

have lost their jobs." Backers have been arguing for low-income fares for years, and for much of that span, the idea struggled to gain traction outside of labor and rider groups or politicians who stand to the left of Beacon Hill leadership.

In recent months, though, the T has crept toward embracing at least a test run, and reduced or free fares hae emerged as a point of consensus in the high-profile mayoral race.

Boston Mayor Kim Janey, currently serving in an acting capacity

a full term this fall, in April suggested using federal aid to make some bus routes entirely free of charge. Fellow City Councillor and mayoral candidate Michelle Wu has been advocating for fare-free transit, and another councillor vying for the mayorship, Andrea Campbell, supports offering free buses for passengers.

Every mayoral candidate - Janey, Wu, Campbell, City Councillor Annissa Essaibi George, John Barros, and Rep. Jon Santiago signed the Public Transit Public Good petition urging lawmakers to create a low-income fare option, according to the coalition.

"Massachusetts residents need a MBTA low-income fare system and seeking election to now,"CommunityLabor United Executive Director and coalition member Lee Matsueda said in a statement. "Low-income communities have suffered disproportionately during this pandemic, and the public transit system is a critical piece to our recovery. We urge our Legislature to create access and affordability for all, and make the low-income fare a reality."

On June 7, the Fiscal and Management Control Board voted to instruct staff at the agency to draft plans for a low-income fare pilot program that would run in fiscal year 2023. The FMCB expires this week, though, so the final decision on whether to implement the pilot will rest with whatever entity succeeds the board as the T's governing body.

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU21P0615GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
JADEN OWEN SMITH
OF Dorchester, MA
MINOR
Notice to all Interested Parties

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1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a
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3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is each to be part mail at the court location where your case is

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5. Presence of the Minor at hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be presen at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's heat interests.

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Felix D. Arroyo

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OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
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OF DOrchester, MA
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Date: June 7, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: July 1, 2021

#### New group seeks to bolster actions on waterfront issues

The Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront, made up of 40 city-wide nonprofits, including several Dorchester-based groups, is hoping to improve public access to the city's waterfront, including Boston's rivers and harbor islands, during the 2021 elections.

The coalition was launched Tuesday and announced that it would host a mayoral forum at the New England Aquarium on Thurs., July 29.

The Dorchester-based groups included Fields Corner Main Streets, Neponset River Watershed, and the Port Norfolk Civic Association.

"The future leaders of our city will face off with an escalating climate crisis that presents significant challenges to the health and safety of communities that live, work, and play on our waterfront," New En-gland Aquarium President Vikki Spruill said in a statement.

"We are hopeful that this coalition will help us spotlight these urgent issues at a key inflection point in Boston's history."

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Said John Walkey, Waterfront Initiative Coordinator at Green-Roots, a Chelsea-based public health and environmental protection organization:

"It is critical that we are taking the appropriate measures to ensure that our waterfront is not only prepared for coming coastal impacts from climate change, but that it also remains accessible to and a benefit for the communities that live near them."

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#### Dot-based Pioneers Crew takes big-tent approach to running

By Katie Pedersen Reporter Correspondent

In a city famous for running, the Pioneers Run Crew (PRC) is making strides in Dorchester. Founded in 2017 by Dot native Sidney Baptista, Pioneers meets on Wednesdays and Saturdays in Fields Corner and Franklin Park, respectively, with occasional excursions to other neighborhoods. In four short years, Pioneers has grown from less than a dozen active members to more than one hundred and fifty.

Baptista started PRC after having been active in the Boston distance scene for several years, including a stint as a pacer with the Nike Run Club. When he couldn't find the community that he wanted among existing running networks, he started Pioneers.

"I couldn't get any of my friends to go down and meet me at the Charles on the water, where it was normal to run," Baptista said. "And I was tired of being on runs where there I was, the only Black person, or [one of] a few Black people. So, I was like, I've got to create this for Dorchester, for my neighborhood, for people who I think need it for their mental health, not just physical health. So, in 2017, I created Pioneers Run Crew in Dorchester."

Since that first year, Pioneers has grown consistently, a trend that Baptista and others attribute to its commitment to inclusion.

Said Baptista: "We're very cognizant of greeting people



Pioneer Run Crew led a run through West Roxbury in October 2020.

Photo courtesy PRC

and making sure everyone feels welcome. It's not a place where you're going to go and nobody's going to talk to you."

Aliese Lash, a PRC captain and member since 2017, recalled her first experiences with the group as very positive.

"I first heard about Pioneers the year that they started. I used to be a sprinter when I was younger, but I sort of lost touch with my passion and love for running. When I first came, I was blown away. Back then, PRC was 90 percent Sid's family, so lots of people were Cape Verdean, and it was just a really fun energy. People were really friendly, and it was refreshing to see lots of people who were Black and brown running around the streets of Dorchester.

"Iremember thinking, 'Wow, this is different. Everyone's super welcoming, and Sid's so friendly and open. Let me keep checking this out.' I started coming every single week and getting to know the city by running through it."

Four years in, PRC's welcoming environment has created one of the most vibrant sports communities in Boston.

In Baptista's words, "The only place that's maybe more diverse is Target in South Bay. Boston's so segregated in race and class, so we've created this inclusive group of people that want to be together, and want to support each other, and want to support people who come to the team."

He added that the name Pioneers comes from the New

York Pioneer Club, an integrated sports club founded in New York City in 1936 that took active stances against racism and anti-Semitism.

As a captain, Lash has watched the leadership team of PRC develop in tandem with Pioneers itself.

"We're able to have fun developing and envisioning cool ideas and thinking about how to stay true to our mission, which is really about making running equitable and accessible to people of color and trying to redefine the narrative of what it means to be a runner in Boston," she said.

"I think our team has, over the years, figured out how we can use our platform to elevate what non-traditional runners look like."

In addition to its weekly runs, the PRC team contributes to causes tied to the spirit of its mission. The club raised \$63,000 for Boston University's Center for Antiracist Research, Violence In Boston, and the Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy through two running protests last year. More recently, PRC has contributed to Boston GLASS, a provider of a continuum of services to LGBTQ+ youth of color and their allies in the Greater Boston and Greater Framingham areas, and the Boston Asian Community Emergency Relief Fund.

At the same time, the PRC community has continued to grow in ways reflective of the wider Dorchester and Boston communities.

According to Daisy Hidalgo: "We're not a running group that's only focused on speed." She noted that PRC offers runners several options for distances to run.

"If somebody's brand new and wants to get a feel for what it's like, they can come and do one mile," she added. "I think people are really encouraging, and it's not just from the captains and capitos, but from everyone. Pioneers' main thing is to explore ways to inspire folks. For me, I'm able to see what I'm capable of doing and push myself. I did one marathon, and I never thought I'd do another one. And here I am, starting to train for Chicago.'

Added Josh Mentzer, a Dorchester resident and new-comer to PRC: "Running, especially for people who haven't done it in a long time, can be a stretch, and I think that a community around you that encourages you to push as hard as you can, try your best, and do as much as you can do, is really helpful. As I've gotten back into running, it has been good to meet new people and do it in a community."

As Pioneers looks for ways to grow and expand, its leadership team hopes to keep much the same.

"There aren't many communities that are created with people of color in mind, especially when it comes to distance running," said Baptista. "That's what we are here for, and everyone else is welcome."

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#### Donna Summer is recalled fondly at annual disco party

By Rebeca Pereira REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Hundreds flocked to Copley Square last Thursday to show off their grooviest moves and flashiest ensembles at the seventh annual Donna Summer Disco Party, which honors the memory of the Dorchester-born Queen of Disco.

The mostly maskless crowd boogied to Summer's greatest hits remastered by Jam'n 94.5's DJ Vince 1, and reveled in what some eagerly proclaimed to be an "end to the pandemic." All attendees were encouraged to follow public health guidelines and get vaccinated.

"If this is the end and we're vaccinated, let's get out and be free," said Cynthia Sellers, a Dorchester native and longtime disco damsel.

Sellers recalled meeting her idol while still a student at the Jeremiah E. Burke High School: "I was an artist and I was selected to do a painting of her at the school. I got to meet her, and she was wonderful, just so kind, and I just loved her."

Summer, a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and fivetime Grammy winner who died in 2012, was immortalized at the Burke when students of the Dream Builders Youth Project unveiled the Donna Summer mural in June 2014,  $honoring\,the\,famed\,starlet\,and$ Burke alumna.

House music, disco's percussive offspring, cements Donna Summer's indelible impression on the world of Rock and Roll and her enduring hold on the dancescape, explained Sellers – a self-ascribed "house-head."

"Music, especially music with heavy percussion is the fountain of youth. People who dance to this kind of music whether they're Native American, of African descent, or belong to any culture that uses drums – those people always have young spirits.'

Space constraints accounted



Cynthia Sellers (left) and Jacqueline Myers (right), both Dot natives, attended the **Donna Summer Disco Party** on June 24.

Dancers busted out moves old and new on Copley Square at the Donna Summer Disco Party last Thursday evening.

Rebeca Pereira photos for the absence of the event's trademark rollerblading arena, but some attendees refused to let inline skating's cultural comeback go to waste, busting out their best locomotive footwear for the event.

Jacqueline Myers, also a Dorchester native, was not one of them - her "old knees," she said, are responsible. But the 55 year old stunned bystanders with her flamboyance and swift moves, pausing for pictures with new fans, adjusting



her wig, and sporting an afro a la Diana Ross, as she wove through the crowd.

"Disco music is liberating, freeing, and timeless. We're dance. It's freedom and liber-

in our fifties, and we've been dancing for a long time-house music is fading out now, but we still find places to go and

ation," said Myers.

Flared bell-bottoms, psychedelic patterns, and funky, reflective earrings were also ubiquitous, and Acting Mayor Kim Janey welcomed attendees wearing her own glittery garb, an homage to seventies disco fashion.

"This is how we celebrate joy, this is how we celebrate Donna Summer and her amazing legacy," said Janey, "That is what this summer is about: making sure that we are reconnecting, rebuilding, rejuvenating, reimagining a better Boston for all of us.'

The event also featured appearances by Summer's great-niece, July, and nephew, the rapper O'Mega Red.

#### Sportsmen's Center host USTA's 12-and-under tournament

By Katie Pedersen REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

From June 19 until June 22, the Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center hosted the United States Tennis Association's (USTA) 12-and-Under New England Junior Sectionals, the most important tournament of the year for young tennis players. The youngsters must qualify through a series of lower-level tournaments in New England throughout the year and compete for the chance to go to the USTA National Junior Championships.

The Junior Sectionals for different age groups are traditionally held in one location. However, due to socially distancing requirements from Covid-19, the tournament was broken up this year into four locations divided by age group. The 12-and-Under competition at Sportsmen's drew the top 32 boys and girls in New England.

The preliminary



Boys' 12 and Under Sectional Champion Marti Sarquella of Acton is shown with finalist Tanner Oberg from Weston at Sportsmen's Tennis Club in Dorchester last weekend. Photo courtesy USTA New England

rounds of the single-elimination event were held

on Saturday and Sunday, with semi-finals on Monday and the finals on Tuesday.

girl's division was Nancy Lee of Belmont, while Marti Sarquella of Acton took home the top prize for the boys.

According to James The winner from the Maimonis, media & com-

munications manager for USTA New England, the decision to host Sectionals at Sportsmen's was an easy one.

"They've been such an amazing club and member of our organization for so many years. They were gracious enough to host, and they've got some great people over there who can run the tournament."

Concerning the players, Maimonis added, "There's a lot of really good 12-and-under players, especially some of the girls who are nationally ranked and will be competing, who will be doing really well in a few years in some of the higher divisions."

Andy Crane, the tournament director at Sportsmen's and coach of the Boston Latin Academy Boy's High Co-Op Team, echoed Maimonis, saying the level of play at this year's 12-and-under sectionals was "nothing less than phenomenal.

"The young players

today are better than they ever have been,' said Crane. "They train better, their conditioning is better, the equipment is better, and these 12-year-olds look like semi-pros, some of them. It's just amazing how talented they are. It was a real treat to put this tournament on.

Crane also noted that although this is the first time Sportsmen's has hosted sectionals, the club is hardly new to USTA tournaments or community programming.

"Sportsmen's is one of the major hosts of USTA tournaments in all of New England," he said. "We hold USTA tournaments almost every weekend between May and early October. The only reason we don't hold them the rest of the year is that the club is so busy with its junior programs that there just isn't space.

"Tournaments like this are a great thing for our

community, but it's important to recognize that this is just a small part of what Sportsmen's does for the local community. Not just the tennis programs, but the academic programs that exist there for the community, the health programs for local families. The programming there and the facility have come so far in the last ten years. It's really, really impressive.

"I'm not part of the planning team," said Crane, "and I don't get involved in the academic stuff, but I see it because I also coach high school tennis, and I see some kids who grow up there and end up on my team, and I think it's an amazing asset for the community."

For a full list of USTA 12-and-under results, visit https://playtennis. usta.com/Competitions/ sportsmens-tennis-club/ Tournaments/draws/ BA68C5A3-CD80-4928-8914-EABB4D4D4F09.

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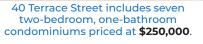




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#### Mass. House lawmakers vote to stash federal aid

By Matt Murphy STATE HOUSE News Service

After the Legislature rejected his original proposal to spend \$2.8 billion of the state's American Rescue Plan Act funding, Gov. Baker on Monday signed legislation transferring most of the money into a separate account and renewed his push to spend more than half of the pot on a range of short-term priorities.

About \$4.89 billion of the roughly \$5.3 billion state government received will be swept into a fund controlled by the Legislature after Baker signed the bill (H 3827) into law. Democrats who control both branches have said they will decide how to distribute the unprecedented tranche of money after a public hearing process.

Baker also announced Monday that the administration will file new legislation seeking to spend \$2.9 billion of the ARPA funds on areas such as housing and homeownership supports, economic development, job training, addiction treatment, and water and sewer infrastructure.

The new bill will include \$100 million for marine port development, but otherwise mirrors Baker's original \$2.8 billion suggestion that the Legislature shot down last week. His plan would leave about \$2 billion in the Federal Covid-19 Response Fund that lawmakers created.

Baker, who has been at odds with legislative leaders over how to dole out the federal funding, poked at lawmakers again Monday, warning that "communities of color, the hardest hit areas of the Commonwealth, should not have to wait to have their tax dollars be put to work."

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Dan Hunt

nities of color and lower-wage workers," Baker said in a statement. "This plan addresses homeownership gaps in communities of color, connects workers with in-demand job-training, boosts addiction treatment services, and invests in local infrastructure. It's crucial that the Legislature act quickly and not hold up these important investments."

On June 17, Baker offered a compromise that would have allowed him to immediately spend more than half of the funding the state received through the American Rescue Plan Act, and give the Legislature more time to deliberate over how to spend the remaining \$2.3 billion. House Speaker Ron Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka, however, quickly dismissed the governor's plan, and the House on June 22 formally voted 130-30 along party lines to sweep \$4.89 billion into a relief fund, subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

"We can all agree a number of those are well conceived and worthy. We don't deny that. We just think it's important that all 160 members of this body and 40 in our sister body have a chance to have their voice heard," said Rep. Dan Hunt, the chair of the House Committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight, about the governor's priorities.

Hunt, who represents parts of Dorchester and Quincy, said that over the course of several months after the "July holiday" the House planned to have multiple hearings on different subject matters to gather input on be spent. Mariano and Spilka said the hearings would be led by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

"The Legislature stands firm in its commitment to employing an open, transparent, and thorough public process to best understand how we as a state can make smart investments with these one-time federal dollars to address pressing and long-term needs while promoting a just recovery for all areas of the state,' Mariano and Spilka said in a statement after the House vote.

The Democratic leaders said they invited the administration to testify at their hearings.

"We will continue to seek input from the governor and expect that he will file additional legislation so that his priorities can be part of that process," they said.

Unlike Baker, who said it was important to put the money to work now to fuel the economic recovery, Hunt said Conto take place over four vears.

The Dorchester Democrat noted that other rounds of federal stimulus were pumped directly into the economy and cities and towns will still receive \$3.4 billion in separate ARPA relief. Additional buckets of money from ARPA for unemployment, childcare, higher education, public transit, and other sectors flow directly from the federal government to recipients without the involvement of the Legislature or governor.

"As we move forward in a recovery phase, it's important to spend time to reflect on this once-in-a-generation funding," Hunt said.

The House vote on June 22 also left Baker with \$10 million to cover the cost of a new "VaxMillions" vaccine Lottery, which is offering fully vaccinated residents a chance to win one of five \$1 million prizes, or one of five \$300,000 scholarships for entrants under 18.

One wrinkle added to the debate was an amendment offered by Hunt and Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz and unanimously approved in the House that directs Baker to spend \$200 million "to protect against emerging public health threats or to support new, heightened, or emergency public health response efforts against the 2019 novel coronavirus and variants thereof."

Public health departments strained by the pandemic have requested up to \$250 million in recovery funds to help hire staff, invest in training, and upgrade data systems.

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VIMALA SAROJINI of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT (Person to be Protected/Minor) To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filled by St. Joseph Rehab & Nursing Center of Dorchester, MA Brian McLaughlin of Boston, MAin the above captioned matter alleging that Vimala Sarojini is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Brian McLaughlin of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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BROWN, Richard G. of Roxbury, 95. He was the second son of the late Richard G. and Gertrude L. (Jackson) Brown. A World War II and Korean War Veteran. He leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren and friends. Donations may be made to Peoples Baptist Church, 134 Camden Street, Boston.

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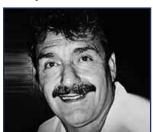
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Nghia Nguyen. Mother of Nguyen Nguyen of Dorchester, Quyen Nguyen of Austin, Texas, Uyen Nguyen of Dorchester, and Nhi Nguyen of Dorchester.Grandmother of Vivian, Anthony, Amy, Austin, Vanessa, Noah, Teresa, and Nicholas.



CHAPMAN, James, 77, of Dorchester. Son of the late Joseph and Elnor Chapman. James is predeceased by his son, James Pullen, his brother, Murray Chapman and his nephew Brandon Chapman. He leaves his twins, Audrey and Aaron Pullen, his 3 grandchildren, his sister Brenda Chapman and her children, a sisterin-Law, Lutricia Chapman-Greene of Washington State and many other family members.

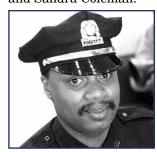


CICCONI, Anthony J. "Chubba" of Brighton and Jupiter, FL. Husband of Denise (Doucette) Cicconi. Father of Kethe and his wife Janet of Miami, FL. Grandfather of 3. Brother of Maryann O'Brien and her husband Paul of Dorchester, Joseph A., Jr. and his wife Joanne of Waltham, Carol A. O'Connell and her husband Richard of Brighton and Daniel J. of Brighton. Son of the late Celia (Vounatsos) and

Joseph Cicconi, Sr. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Late owner of Cicconi and Sons Construction Company. Donations in memory of Chubba may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, PO Box 37920, Boone, IA 50037, or jdrf.org and Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation, 31 St. James Ave., Suite 365, Boston, MA 02116, or netrf.org.



COLEMAN, Stacy, 33, of Dorchester. Son of James M. Coleman and Tonya L. Adams Barrows. Father of Skyla Coleman, Stacy Coleman Jr., and Kasey Coleman. Brother of Keon Adams, Tracy Coleman, James Coleman and Sandra Coleman.



CORBIN, David Lewis (Smith), 72, of Dorchester, originally from Hampton Virginia. Son of the late Lucille C. Smith and Thomas J. Smith. He served on the police force for several years. David also proudly served in the United States National Guard. David was also a Mason at Prince Hall in Boston. He was also an Exalted Ruler at the Elks Club. He is preceded in death by his granddaughter Ayana N. Quinnie and his second wife Laura B. Smith. David is survived by his three children, David L. Smith Jr., Ann-Marie Quinnie and Jasyn C. Smith. His 2 grandchildren, first wife, Zinny A. Śmith, brother Robert L Smith and wife Rachel, sister Karen Lewis (Harrison) and two children of New York. His aunts Carrie Hull-Chandler of Lewis-

ton, Maine and Francis Fitts (Ronald) of Boston. He is also survived by a host of cousins and friends.



DONOVAN, SISTER E. JULIE, SND, 84. Daughter of John H. and Evelyn M. (Baum) Donovan. She was known as Sister Julie David for many years. Teacher in several Notre Dame schools, including St. Augustine's in Lawrence, and St. Gregory's in Dorchester. Former principal of St. Bartholomew School in Needham. Sister Julie was predeceased by three brothers, John H. Donovan, Jr., Simon J. Donovan and Rev. David I. Donovan S.J. She leaves nieces and nephews, and her sisters in religion, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, 351 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149.

FRANKLIN, Essie L. of Dorchester, 82. Mother of Renita E. Franklin and survived by an elder sister Mary A. Madden (Franklin), also of Dorchester. Nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and a host of family and friends.



**GAFFNEY**, Marybeth (Collins) of Dorchester. Wife of James J. Gaffney. Daughter of the late Joseph M. and Elizabeth (Coady) Collins. Sister of Ann Marie Glenn of Billerica, Joseph and his wife Marianne Collins of Needham, Valerie and her husband John Morrissey of Middleboro, Brian and his wife Patti Collins of Hanover, and Patrick and his wife Diane Collins of Franklin. Marybeth is also survived by several nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. She worked as an office manager for Esquire Neckwear in Dorchester.

HODGE, Orson W. "Skip" of Dorchester, formerly of Medford. Husband of the late Lillian  $(Milling) Hodge. \, Father \, to \,$ 6 daughters. Grandfather of 12 grandchildren and great-grandfather of 3.



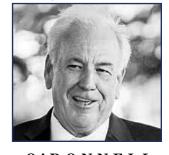
LEWIS, Margaret "Margie" Mary She was the second daughter

to John and Ella Casey both of whom immigrated to America from Ireland. Margie grew up in Dorchester. She is survived by her husband, Warren Lewis of 62 years, their daughters Katie Williams, Sarah Biemer, Mary Sullivan, Meg Perlick and sons, Matt Lewis, Warren Lewis, John Lewis, Mark Lewis, Jim Lewis, Robert Lewis and their 25 grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents and her sister.



LUTZ, John L. "Jackie" of Dorchester. Husband of Donna M. (Thompson) Lutz. Father of Michael Lutz and his wife Kerri of Milton, and Sarah Graham and her husband Matt of Quincy. Cherished Banka of 6. Brother of Janet Darcy and her husband Jim of Marmora, NJ, Virginia Pescatello of Yarmouth Port, Carol Bauer of Summerfield, FL, and Allan Lutz and his wife Donna of Chandler, AZ. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Donations may be made in memory of Jackie to The Martin Richard Foundation.

**MULLALEY, Louise** G. of Quincy formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Edward Mullaley and Louise (Leveroni) Mullaley. Sister of Rita Riley of Quincy, Joseph P. Mullaley of Bridgewater, Robert Mullaley of Amesbury and the late Edward, Frederick Mullaley, Sr. Eleanor Mullaley Ř.S.M. George T. Mullaley, Agnes Nichols Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Remembrances may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Assoc., P.O. Box 61420, Staten Island, NY 10306.



O'DONNELL, Charles J. Jr. "Chuck" of Dania Beach, FL, and Carver, originally from Dorchester. Father of Lauren K. and her husband Paul R. Savage of Quincy, and Rory C. O'Donnell and his girlfriend Elizabeth H. Sullivan of Dorchester. Son of the late Charles J. and Evelvn T. (White) O'Donnell. Eldest brother of Karen L. Benner of Braintree, Janice E. Fisher and her wife Karen L. Simister of Califon, NJ, Steven G. and his wife Rosemary O'Donnell of Rockland, James J. O'Donnell and his girlfriend Linda M. Marot of Taunton, Mary-Ann and her husband

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RUGGERE, Mary E. (Oliver) of West Bridgewater, formerly of Dorchester and Pembroke. Wife of the late Arthur E. Ruggere. Mother of Michael J. and his wife Rosemary Ruggere of Weymouth, Mary and her husband Stephen Cosgrove of West Bridgewater, Timothy R. and his wife Debra Ruggere of Andover and the late Stephen of North Brookfield and Richard F. of Montreal. Also survived by 12 grandchildren and

4 great-grandchildren. Sister of John Oliver and his wife Janice of Braintree, Barbara Coughlan and her husband Michael of West Roxbury and the late Robert Oliver of Quincy and Lillian Dix of Dorchester.



SAPP, John, Jr. of Dorchester, 77. Husband of Shirlene Sapp of Dorchester. Father of John T. Sapp III, Derrick L. Sapp, Jermaine Cox, Melissa Brown, Melinda Brown, Monique Brown and Dominique Brown all of Dorchester. Brother of the late Ruby Sapp. Cherished grandfather of 5 grandchildren. John was a nurse at Boston University Medical center for 43 years before retiring.



SZCZESNY, Stanislawa Tresa (Dzicielska) of Dorchester, formerly of Poland. Wife of the late Czeslaw Szczesny. Mother of Chester Z. Šzczesny and his wife Elizabeth Wrobel-Szczesny of Quin-

cy, Edward J. Szczesny and his wife Susan M. of Mystic, CT, and the late John Szczesny. Babci and Grandma of 5. Also survived by 7 great-grandchildren. Sister of the late Anna Graczek, Marta Libon, Klara Konrat, Janek Dzicielski, Franek Dzecielski, and Jadzia Dzicielski. Sister-in-law of Stefani Bonanno and her husband RobertShe worked at Mass. General Hospital for 41 years.

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TOON, Mark S. suddenly, in Dorchester, 56. Longtime companion of Denae E. Perry of Dorchester. Father of Aaliyah Ethelia Perry-Toon, Ronnesha Toon-Woods, Tonia Haynes-Toon, and Markia Days-Toon. Granddad of 2. Son of Charlotte (Downs) Toon Parham and the late Earl West. Brother of Michael Toon, Carmen Mendes, Donna Parks, Linda Jones, Lesley "Lucky" Johnson, and other siblings, Earl West Sr., Ann-Marie Perry, Deborah West, Lisa West, Kenneth West, and Kyle West. Mark is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Mark was a former firefighter for the Waltham Fire Department and a former bouncer at Upstairs Downstairs Bar in Neponset.



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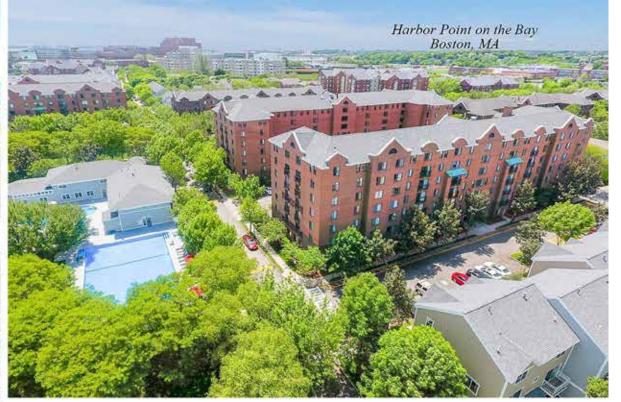
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