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Mayor Michelle Wu cuts the ribbon on a revamped McConnell Park, which now has overhauled ball fields to climate resiliency measures to mitigate rising seal levels.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

A revamped McConnell Park reopens; stage set for fun, sports, climate perils

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

When two northeasters slammed into Massachusetts in 2018, stormwaters flooded McConnell Park, which sits between I-93 and Morrissey Boulevard, and steps from the shoreline of Malibu Beach and the Dorchester Yacht Club.

Water flowed across the playground, fields, parking lot, and into the backyards and basements of neighbors who live nearby.

On a sunny summer Friday four years later, the fencing by one of the fields now carries signage noting the storms' high-water marks, with a warning that waters could rise even higher as climate change hikes sea levels.

Ruthzee Louijeune, a city councillor at-large,

pointed to one of the signs indicating the 2018 water level at her knees. That sign is in blue, and several feet above it are red signs indicating expected sea levels in the coming decades. The top-most red sign is nearly at eye-level with Louijeune, who posed for a picture with the signs and Mayor Michelle Wu.

Wu and Louijeune last Friday joined City Councillors Erin Murphy and Frank Baker to highlight the high-water mark indicators and celebrate \$7.1 million in improvements to the 6.2-acre McConnell Park.

Berms, or artificial ridges, have been installed in the park to protect neighborhood residents, as well as the park's multipurpose softball and soccer fields, from floods. The grade of the parking lot was

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Denied delivery by gunfire near school, valedictorian's message still resounds

By Seth Daniel News Editor

It was just about time for Grove Hall's Abdel Sahdala to get up from his seat at the Charlestown High School graduation on June 13 to accept his valedictorian medal and deliver the speech that he had spent so much time contemplating and writing as scores of proud parents sat waiting in the stands at the school's athletic field.

After the salutatorian finished up her address to the class, Sahdala listened for his name to be called. Instead, he heard gunshots.

"You heard like a firework – a boom," the Boston College-bound



Grove Hall's Abdel Sahdala graduated this year from Charlestown High School and plans to study computer science this fall at Boston College. Seth Daniel photo

student said in a recent interview. "I thought that someone was playing with fireworks. Then it was boom, boom, boom in succession, and then panic set in. Everyone was crying and students were getting down in their seats. I got down, too, and went looking for my family. The shots kept going and then it stopped."

While the gunshots were from a non-related encounter on the street next to the field, Sahdala and hundreds of other seniors – many from Dorchester and Mattapan – were robbed of their graduation exercises when the ceremony was shut down, and he never got to give his speech with

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Epiphany takes aim at Trinity bid for Fitzpatrick site

Issues aired at civic session

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The years-long saga regarding the purchase and development of the Fitzpatrick Brothers property on Centre Street near Shawmut Station took a strange and "awkward" turn at the July 6 Codman Square Neighborhood Council (CSNC) meeting: The Epiphany School announced plans to purchase and develop it despite the fact that Trinity Financial had filed plans of intent with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) for an apartment building on the site on June 13.

The Epiphany announcement was a surprise to some, especially to Chris Stanley, assistant vice president of design and construction at Trinity Financial, who called the move by Epiphany "awkward," and added that it was "unfortunate" that Epiphany was taking this route.

Epiphany School Director John Finley, who was accompanied by a cadre of school leaders, said the institution planned to make a "serious offer" for the Fitzpatrick Brothers property on which it would develop 100 percent affordable housing with less density than the Trinity proposal and potentially expand their school by also utilizing their existing parking lot adjacent to Fitzpatrick.

"We've been aware of [Trinity's] project for a long time and we have our own proposal that respects the need for transit-oriented development that is needed but without the same density," said Finley.

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Lynch: Ample money for Morrissey re-do; 'needs to be priority'

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Thanks to transportation infrastructure funds from the federal government and a state budget surplus, Massachusetts is awash in cash, much like Morrissey Boulevard is with floodwaters during a high tide.

But how much will be allocated for fixing the always busy multi-lane roadway's regular flooding problem, and when will the fix happen? The answer remains unclear after decades of discussions and what seemed to be promises as various state and city agencies have been involved in a redesign of a corridor that is going to see thousands of new residents in the coming years as developments are slated for construction across Dorchester and South Boston, at the boulevard's northern terminus.

Congressman Stephen Lynch, a South Boston Democrat who represents Dorchester's eastern half, noted that Massachusetts is receiving \$9.5 billion in federal aid for transportation-related repairs and new projects. The spending plans are discretionary, and up to the governor and the Legislature, according to Lynch. There is "ample money" to re-do Morrissey Boulevard, he said. The fix is also tied into the redesign of (Continued on page 11)



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Police, Courts & Fire

Blood-soaked Dot man charged in firearm case; tie to injured man probed

A man found in his car on St. James Street in Roxbury on July 3 with blood pouring out of a gunshot wound to his face, was arraigned last week on charges related to the gun possibly having been used to shoot another man in the back a few blocks away on Greenville Street, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office report-

Jason Meeks, 41, of Dorchester, was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and illegal possession of a firearm, fourth offense, the office says, adding that he was arraigned in his hospital bed. He was ordered held for a dangerousness hearing.

In 2008, Meeks pleaded guilty to manslaughter for the 2001 shooting death of Alvaro Sanders outside a Blue Hill Avenue auto repair shop. He served 15 years.

Prosecutors gave this report: "At around 11 p.m. on Sunday, Boston Police responding to a call for a person shot at Greenville Street noticed a car coming from that direction with a significant amount of blood, plus bloody handprints, on the driver's door and window. After initially refusing to stop, the operator, Meek, followed instructions to exit the vehicle. He was bleeding profusely from the left side of his face.

Police found a Smith & Wesson gun, covered in blood, in the front passenger area of the Meeks vehicle. A magazine matching the weapon was located at the Greenville Street shooting scene."

The investigation into who shot the Greenville Street victim, and how Meeks got shot, continues, the DA said.

Officers in the B-3 district reported having to disperse and quell a brawl involving more than 200 teenagers last Thursday (July 7) that travelled from Blue Hill Avenue to Norfolk Park and down into Mattapan Square. Units from across the city, including Dorchester, Roxbury, and the Gang Unit, responded to help control the crowd, police said.

Officers told the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) on Monday night that the fights started on Blue Hill Avenue and Walk Hill and spiraled out of control with hundreds of teens joining the activity as it moved from location to location before it was dispersed on Babson Street in Mattapan Square.

There were no arrests reported by police or in the daily public journal as a result of the incident.

Mayor Wu looks to Ann Arbor, hires former Dot resident for police commissioner post

Michael Anthony Cox, who worked for the Boston Police Department for more than 30 years before leaving for the police chief job in Ann Arbor, Michigan, will return to serve as the city's top cop, Mayor Michelle Wu said Wednesday.

Cox, 57, faces the task of reforming a police department in a city with public safety unions that are typically resistant to change. He has had an up-close view of past corruption within the department: Fellow

police officers beat him in a case of mistaken identity that later became the focus of a 2009 book called "The Fence: A Police Cover-up Along Boston's Racial Divide."

Wu was scheduled to announce Cox's appointment Wednesday morning at the Howes Playground on Roxbury's Moreland Street, steps away from the Winthrop Street home Cox grew up in. Wu introduced him in a virtual roundtable with reporters Wednesday morning.

A Roxbury native who later moved to Dorchester, he started at BPD in 1989. Cox left Boston for Ann Arbor in 2019 after rising to the position of BPD superintendent and chief of the bureau of professional development, overseeing the police academy.

"Chief Cox brings decades of experience working at every level within our Boston Police Department," Wu said Wednesday.

This is a homecoming for me," an emotional

Cox told reporters. He said he plans to bring back a focus on community policing.

Cox has a master of business administration from Boston University, a master of arts in criminal justice from Curry College and a bachelor of science in business management from Providence College.

Gregory Long has served as acting police commissioner since last year and was not a candidate for the permanent

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Court upholds man's conviction for 2017 murder on Ashmont Street

The Supreme Judicial Court upheld Shaquille Brown's conviction for murdering Christopher Austin on Ashmont Street in 2017 in a ruling released last Thursday (July 7). The ruling means Brown will spend the rest of his life in prison.

While acknowledging arguments from Brown's attorney that prosecutors said some things they probably shouldn't have to persuade a grand jury to indict Brown and a Suffolk Superior Court jury to convict him, the state's highest court ruled that, overall, the mistakes were minor and did not unfairly prejudice Brown's case.

The court also concluded that even though two people who saw a man matching Brown's description fleeing from the scene did not get a good look at his face, and that police were unable to link the guns and ammunition found in the room in Brown's mother's Mattapan house where he was staying to the murder, there was still enough evidence to convict him - including the distinctive baggy pants he wore and the fact that the man seen going up to



Christopher Austin

Austin and then hurrying away had a chipped tooth. A security camera in a nearby store also produced video evidence tying him to the scene.

The following is the court's summary, beginning with the fact that Austin was walking down Ashmont Street to the Red Line to get to his job at Logan Airport on June 28, 2017 when he went into a store on the way to buy something:

"When he arrived, two men were sitting in a blue Honda Accord that was parked in front of the store. One of the men, later identified as the defendant, got out on the passenger's side and stood next to the Accord while the victim completed his purchase inside. As the victim left the store and walked down Ashmont Street. the defendant bent down toward the Accord before getting back into the vehicle and closing the door. Several minutes later, as the victim continued walking east on Ashmont Street, the Accord pulled away from the curb and traveled in the same direction down the one-way street."

"The car stopped, the passenger got out, went up to Austin, appeared to have a conversation with him, and then shot him in the eye, killing him."

The driver of the car was initially charged with Austin's murder as well, but prosecutors dismissed the case against him for lack of evidence that he had anything to do with the murder. The court also rejected arguments from Brown's lawyer that prosecutors failed to show the premeditation required for a first-degree murder conviction:

"In this case," the summary continued, "there was lay and medical evidence that the victim had been shot at close range through the eye. Emergency medical technicians attempting to treat the victim at the scene noted signs of stippling on his face, indicating that the shot had been fired from only

a few feet away. Minutes before he heard the gunshot, a witness saw the victim standing and talking to a man whose physical characteristics matched the defendant's, and [who was] wearing clothes that appeared to match clothing the defendant had been wearing less than ten minutes earlier. The two men appeared to be talking calmly and in a friendly manner. No one else appeared to be outside on either side of the street."

The court determined that from this evidence, the jury could have reasonably inferred that the shooter, "who had been talking to the victim as they stood near each other, decided to kill the victim, pulled out a gun, and shot him in the face at point-blank range. This, in turn, was sufficient for the jury to have found that the shooter acted with deliberate intent to kill the victim; any reasonable person would know that shooting someone in the head at close range almost certainly would result in death, and there was no evidence of any kind of sudden combat or self-defense."

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

the Dorchester Historical Society and Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association will take place on Sunday, July 31, at the top of Savin Hill Park (Caspian Way entrance), from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thomas Green of the Neponset tribe will talk about the history and customs of the tribes who lived in this area, lead some interactive activities, and perform a final blessing ceremony. For more information, email savinhillevents@gmail.com

The Farmacy at Harbor Health, a new community farmer's market and health fair, is coming to the Neponset neighborhood this summer. The Farmacy will open 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Friday July 8, 15, 22, and 29, in the 10 Minot Street parking lot, located across the street from Daniel Driscoll Neponset Health Center and next to the Harbor Health Food Pantry. The Farmacy is a partnership between Dick's Market Gardens, a family-owned farm in central Massachusetts, and Harbor Health. Every week, the farm will offer

picked fresh from the field at affordable prices. The farm will accept cash, credit, SNAP, HIP, and WIC and senior coupons. Harbor Health will also provide free blood pressure screenings, nutrition information, summer health and safety giveaways and more during the market. The Dorchester South/South Boston WIC program and The Dorchester Reporter are also sponsors of The Farmacy. For parking information and event updates, visit HHSI.US/Farmacy. The ParkARTS Citywide Neighborhood

Concert Series continues on Wed., July 13, at 6:30 p.m. with Swingin' in the Fens featuring Lydia Harrell at Ramler Park, 130 Peterborough St., Fenway (rain date July 20); Monday, July 18, with the Soul City Band at Medal of Honor Park, East Broadway and N St., South Boston; Tuesday, July 19, with The Dope Lotus at Smith Playground, 235 Western Ave., Allston-Brighton; Monday, July 25, with Conscious Reggae at Horatio Harris Park, 85 Harold St., Roxbury; and Wed.,

Field, 50 Firth Rd., Roslindale. The August schedule begins Wed., August 3, with Angelena & the Unit at Hunt/Almont Park, 40 Almont St., Mattapan, and continues Sunday, August 7, at 5 p.m. with Jazz at the Fort featuring Jacques Schwarz-Bart at Highland Park, 58 Beech Glen St., Roxbury; and Monday, August 8, with Divas with a Twist at Blackstone Square, 1530 Washington St., South End. The series ends on Wed., August 10, with the Rebels Tom Petty tribute at Billings Field, 369 LaGrange St., West Roxbury.

The Fowler Clark Epstein Farm at 487 Norfolk St. in Mattapan will offer fresh, locally grown vegetables, herbs, and fruit at its Friday Farm Stand beginning on July 15, 1-4 p.m. The farm stand will be in operation each Friday afternoon through Nov. 18. Cash, credit, EBT/SNAP, HIP, WIC and Farmers Market Nutrition Program Coupons are accepted.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with Boston Scores has announced that

ponsored by locally grown fruits and vegetables July 27, with Conscious Reggae at Fallon registration is now open for the 2022 Boston Neighborhood Soccer League High School Division. This five-week, 7 v 7 league offers high school age soccer players in grades 9 to 12 the opportunity to compete against each other and develop their skills. Teams will play two games a week. Pre-registration is required. Coaches can register their teams online at: boston.gov/sports. For more information about BNSL, contact Woodley Auguste at 617-61-3084 or woodley.auguste@boston.gov. email The Parks Department also hosts Boston Neighborhood Soccer Clinics for younger players ages 7 to 14 at the Department's Summer Sports Centers from July 5 to August 19. Visit boston.gov/sports to register for this free summer drop-off sports and enrichment program.

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Denying GOP challenge, SJC upholds voting reforms

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE **News Service**

With the Supreme Judicial Court having rejected his challenge to the new law making early voting and vote-by-mail permanent features of elections in the state, MassGOP Chairman James Lyons said on Monday that he plans to appeal to the US Supreme Court to "provide relief to prevent a constitutional

Lyons and a handful of Republican candidates filed a lawsuit last month seeking to overturn the so-called VOTES Act, which made voting-by-mail permanent in Massachusetts. The plaintiffs argued last week before the SJC that the act, which codified pandemic-era policies that proved popular with voters, violates the allowances for absentee voting contained in Article 105 of the state Constitution and that Secretary of State William Galvin should be blocked from sending mail-in ballot applications to the more than 4.7 million voters in Massachusetts.

In June, the voting reforms were enacted on a 37-3 vote in the Senate and by a 126-29 margin in the House.

The court ruled in an order on Monday morning that "judgment shall enter in the county court for the Secretary on all claims in the plaintiffs' complaint" and that "the plaintiffs' request to enjoin the Secretary from putting the VOTES act into effect is denied." The ruling clears the way for Galvin to begin sending ballot applications by the July 23 deadline called for in the law, though he said he intends to beat the deadline.

"We proved here in Massachusetts that election reforms that empower voters work. We demonstrated that with the success of our turnout numbers but also by the transparency by which we conducted those elections. The success beyond any doubt of those elections, the integrity of the elections that we held, the absence of controversy about ballots being counted -- all of that proves that the reforms and election laws that empower voters, that include voters, works," Galvin said at the State House on Monday, noting that the deadline for voters to apply for a mail-in ballot for the primaries is Aug. 29.

He added, "We hope to lead the nation. We hope that, as we regretfully see around the country the pendulum swing the other way -- voters being



Speaking in the State Library, Secretary of State William Galvin on Monday said "the presses are now rolling" to get mail-in ballot applications complete after the state's highest court rejected a challenge to a new voting law. State House News Service photo

deprived of their rights, limited opportunities -- is the wrong way to go. The right way to go is the way

Lyons and the GOP pointed to part of the Massachusetts Constitution that explicitly allows for absentee voting for three reasons -- when a voter is going to be out of town for Election Day, has a disability, or has a religious-based conflict with Election Day -- and argued those were the only allowable reasons a voter should vote by mail. The defendants and others, however, argued that mailin voting is a form of early voting, totally separate from Election Day and absentee voting covered by the Constitution.

The SJC's order did not come with the usual explanation of the justices' thinking, so it is not known exactly how the justices came down on that question. The court said it wanted to issue the order quickly because the deadline for Galvin to mail the applications is fast approaching and added that a complete opinion detailing the court's thinking would "follow in due course."

"The presses are rolling to put out the applications," Galvin said on Monday. "We queued up everything we need to do. We expect the presses to be rolling ... today. It's a huge mailing, in excess of 4 million pieces." He added, "We're doing it as rapidly as possible."

Lyons said the Republican Party appreciates the consideration of the seven SJC justices, all of whom were nominated by Republican Gov. Charlie Baker. But he also noted that the case "presented significant issues of both state and federal law," adding:

"With respect, however, [the SJC justices] are the final arbiters of state law. Their decisions must also conform to the federal constitution. Having conferred with counsel, we will be seeking emergency relief from the US Supreme Court because of federal law issues presented in the VOTES Act, including the first amendment black-out posed by the electioneering ban, the differential treatment between absentee voters and early voters, and the enshrining of the partisan selection of election officials into state law.

The VOTES Act's extension of the existing electioneering buffer zone requirements for Election Day polling places to early voting locations during voting hours was one area of the MassGOP's complaint that justices took up in oral arguments.

"The electioneering ban ... which before only applied to polling places on the narrow occasion of Election Day, now covers town hall for weeks at a time. It is by definition no longer a narrowly-tailored impingement upon free speech," Michael Walsh, a Lynnfield attorney representing Lyons and the plaintiffs, wrote in his brief. "Since the ban is now not restricted to a single-use facility, the geographic location conscripted for 12 hours of polling on election day, it restricts all manner of access to the government."

Justice Scott Kafker took note of the expansion of the times when the 150-foot buffer zones are in effect and what that could mean for the expression of rights by citizens at places like city or town hall when they are functioning as early voting locations.

"I'm just trying to understand," he said. "So we've got these smaller towns in Massachusetts where town hall is, basically, the single public forum ... and it's going to be shut down for two weeks or so?'

Getting the matter before the US Supreme Court will be no small task for Lyons and the Republican Party. To request a stay in an election law case, someone must file an application that goes before a circuit justice who can grant or deny the request on his or her their own, or send the request to the full court for the justices to vote on, according to an explainer published by SCOTUSBlog.

Chris Lisinski contributed to this report.

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Lawmakers, unions are making choices in 5th Suffolk race

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Local lawmakers and unions are taking sides in the race to replace state Rep. Liz Miranda, whose House seat, anchored in Dorchester and Roxbury, is open due to her run for a state Senate seat. In the contest for



her 5th Suffolk House seat, the two main candidates have also received encouragement from the current and former mayors of Boston.

Danielson Tavares and Christopher Worrell, both 36-year-old Democrats with experience working inside City Hall and the State House, jumped into the race after Miranda launched her run for the Second Suffolk Senate seat. Perennial candidate Althea Garrison is also running as a Democrat, while fellow perpetual contender Roy Owens is on the November ballot. but without a party.

There isn't a Republican in the race, meaning the Sept. 6 primary will

likely be determinative in who will be replacing Miranda in the State House come January.

Tavares and Worrell say they are well-known in the district, which includes the Bowdo-in-Geneva area, Uphams Corner, Grove Hall, and Dudley Street and has a large Cape Verdean population. Both have drawn donations from the city's business sector and city employees.

Tavares, a Cape Verde native who served as chief diversity officer under former mayor Martin Walsh, leads in fundraising, with roughly \$24,000 in the bank at the end of June, \$9,000 of it in cash on hand. John Barros, Walsh's former economic development chief who ran for mayor in 2013 and 2021, is his campaign chair.

Walsh has been supportive of Tavares, though the former union leader, now serving as President Biden's labor secretary, is limited in how much he can help in the election. During last year's race to succeed him in City Hall, Walsh cited the Hatch Act, which restricts executive branch employees from certain political activity, in declining to publicly endorse a candidate.

Tavares has pulled in endorsements from the



Christopher Worrell

Massachusetts Teachers Association, the Boston Teachers Union, as well as Laborers Local 223, the union headed by a Walsh cousin. Additional union endorsements are expected. The Ward 15 Democratic Committee is also supporting Tavares.

"When I chose to engage in this race, I wanted to run on my community ties," Tavares said. "Other candidates adopted the opposite strategy of seeking bigname endorsements."

Worrell, whose older brother Brian is District 4's city councillor and the 13-member body's only Black man, has picked up support from elected leaders such as Councillor At-Large Julia Mejia, state Sen. Lydia Edwards of East Boston, and former acting mayor Kim Janey, who said she "saw firsthand" Worrell's



Danielson Tavares

efforts in "raising up the voices and needs of Black and Brown residents in so many areas."

"Endorsements are flowing from the people who know I've been doing the work," candidate Worrell told the *Reporter*. "I was never a person to hide behind a desk. I've been out in the community. It's not a readjustment or introducing myself."

Worrell, who is set to go on leave from his job as assistant director of diversity, equity, and inclusion at the Boston Planning and Development Agency within City Hall, was encouraged to run for the House seat by Mayor Michelle Wu, Walsh's elected successor. She has not yet formally endorsed a candidate in the race.

Through the end of June, Worrell had raised \$11,659 and had just

over \$6,000 in cash on hand. A number of donors are from the Massachusetts Historical Society, where he worked before he took a job as an aide to state Sen. Nick Collins of South Boston. Kobie Evans, the owner of Boston's first recreational marijuana dispensary, is a friend and donor, as well.

Tavares also has State House experience, having served as an aide to former state Rep. Carlos Henriquez. Tavares went on to work for the Walsh administration, rising through the ranks from special assistant to the mayor to deputy chief operating officer, and then in 2016, to chief diversity officer.

When he started, 37 percent of the city's workforce were people of color, and by the end of his tenure, 60 percent of new hires were people of color, a shift that "speaks to the commitment we had on the issue," said Tavares.

He was also involved in in an effort to involve the public via releasing real-time demographic information, "There's often a disconnect in government in terms of relaying information back to our constituents," he said. "If folks don't know work is happening, the impression is work isn't happening. Elected officials should return information in real time about issues they care about."

Both Tavares and Worrell say affordable housing, and the accompanying sense of being able to afford to live in high-cost Boston, is the top issue they hear from voters as they knock on doors.

"They're scared of replacement, scared of gentrification, scared of just leaving families behind and going out to the suburbs of Boston, far away from where they are now," Worrell said.

Turnout will be a key

Turnout will be a key factor in the race. Miranda, a Roxbury native whose great-grandfather came to Massachusetts from Cape Verde, won the seat in 2018 In a four-way primary. She received 2,777 votes to union political organizer Darrin Howell's 1,470 count. Roy Owens received 361 votes, and Brad Howze got 59.

Miranda went on to beat Althea Garrison in the November 2018 election, 8,527 to 1,053.

The 5th Suffolk district has roughly 46,000 people within its borders. Forty-five percent are Black, 29.9 percent are Hispanic, 8.46 percent are white, and 4.64 percent are Asian.

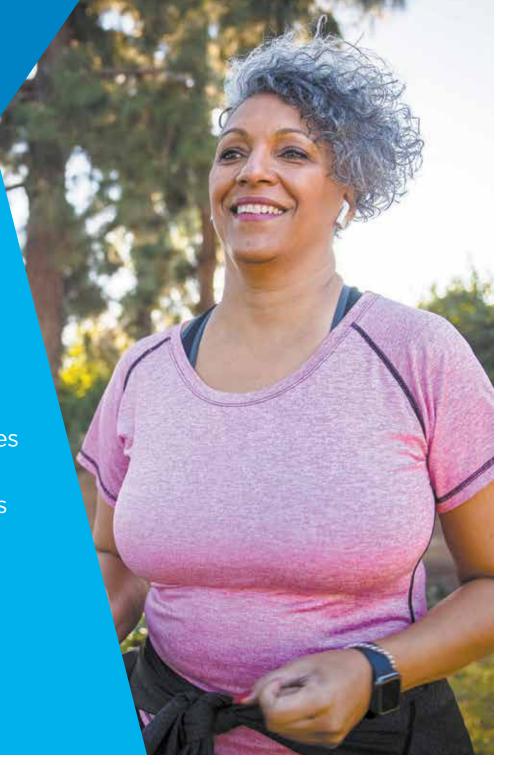
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House's \$3.8b spending bill includes \$500m in tax relief

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

The Massachusetts House on Monday advanced an economic development bill that invests \$350 million in hospitals, \$100 million in port development, \$175 million in housing development, and more than \$3 billion in other areas, all while rolling out a series of one-time tax rebates and permanent tax breaks.

Flanked by nearly two dozen House Democrats, Speaker Ronald Mariano presented the \$3.8 billion bill (H 5007) that links several of the session's most prominent topics – tax relief, a massive budget surplus and pandemic recovery – into a single vehicle with less than three weeks remaining to get legislation over the finish line.

The measure embraces several of the tax policy proposals Republican Gov. Charlie Baker has been seeking, as well as aspects of an economic development bill he filed in April, such as a \$300 million transfer to the unemployment insurance trust fund that would relieve some of the financial pressure businesses face after a surge of Covid-erajoblessness.

House Democrats are

force needs in nursing facilities, \$100 million to supplement human service provider rates, \$100 million to help the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust reduce project costs, and \$75 million in grants for hotels that experienced financial losses during the pandemic.

The bill also authoriz- $\operatorname{es}\operatorname{permanent}\operatorname{tax}\operatorname{breaks}$ collectively worth about \$500 million per year that would not take effect until next year.

Altogether, the bill would spend \$755 million on health and human services, \$550 million on business relief, \$510 million on one-time tax rebates, \$500 million on environmental infrastructure including port development and state parks upgrades, \$175 million on housing production, and \$25 million to reduce food insecurity.

Representatives gave initial approval to the bill on Monday, and it could hit the floor for consideration - and a likely flood of amendments seeking to bulk up the bottom line with local earmarks - later this week.

The bill would be funded almost evenly from three sources: about \$1.26 billion in bonds,

also proposing \$165 \$1.275 billion from the million to fill work-still-developing fiscal year 2022 budget surplus, and \$1.275 billion in American Rescue Plan Act money.

House Ways and Means Committee Chair Aaron Michlewitz said the administration will have discretion on whether to fund individual spending priorities in the bill from the ARPA pot or the surplus pot, so long as officials do not exceed the cap on either.

On both the surplus and federal funding fronts, the House bill uses a portion of the hefty sums available.

Michlewitz said the bill would leave roughly \$1 billion in ARPA funds unobligated, a move that would likely give Baker's successor a say in how to carve up the last batch of federal pandemic relief. That contrasts from the governor's original bill, which would have spent down the full \$2.3 billion in remaining ARPA aid.

The Department of Revenue has not yet reported the June tax haul that will cap off fiscal year 2022, and early estimates indicate the surplus may exceed \$3 billion, but bill does not allocate all of it.

"I think we're going to be carrying it over, potentially into next year," Michlewitz said

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of lawmakers' plans ner," Michlewitz said. for spending the rest of the surplus. "We don't know what the economic climate is going to be going forward. We want to make sure we're keeping ourselves in solid shape beyond FY23."

Mariano noted state government is not exempt from high inflation.

"We're in a 10 percent inflation rate," Mariano said. "That 10 percent inflation rate affects everything that we buy and do here in the commonwealth, not to mention the fact that it decreases our rainy day spending power by 10 percent. So we're not going to rush to get this money out the door."

The latest Consumer Price Index estimated the cost of all items rose 8.6 percent from May 2021 to May 2022.

Baker signed a \$4 billion federal aid and surplus spending bill in December. Through the end of June, according to Michlewitz, only about 40 percent of those dollars had actually been spent.

"Rather than pouring more money into programs that haven't gotten even off the ground vet, we have tried to focus on other areas [where] these critical dollars can be spent in a timely and efficient man-

The House bill calls for roughly \$1 billion in combined tax relief. About half of that would come in the form of onetime rebates for more than 2 million middle-income taxpayers that top Democrats outlined last week, while the other half represents tax reforms that would take effect in 2023 and would not count toward the bill's bottom line.

Asked to respond to critics who call the package a "pre-election gimmick," Mariano replied, "It costs a billion dollars. That's not a gimmick. That's a pretty significant revenue decline."

Several of the tax changes, which legislative leaders had signaled earlier on Monday morning, target similar areas as Baker's bill filed in January. Democrats spiked the governor's push to reform the shortterm capital gains tax rate, but embraced his push to double the estate tax threshold to \$2 million and eliminate a so-called "cliff."

Under current law, if an estate is worth \$1 million or more, the entire value gets taxed; in other words, if an estate is valued at \$1,000,001, a decedent's personal representative must pay taxes on all \$1,000,001,

not just the \$1 above the threshold. The return and payment are due nine months after a person dies, and if a Bay Stater does not appoint a qualified personal representative before their death, whoever is in "actual or constructive possession" of their property must pay the tax if its value surpasses the threshold.

The House bill would increase the trigger to \$2million and impose the tax only to the amount above that amount, so an estate worth \$2,000,001 would only face the estate tax on the single dollar. It would also impose a higher tax rate of 17 percent on estates over \$5 million, an increase over existing law that places a 16 percent rate on estates valued at \$4 million and above.

Democrats spiked the governor's push to reform the short-term capital gains tax rate, but embraced his call to double the estate tax threshold to \$2 million and eliminate a so-called "cliff" by applying the tax only to the portion of an estate's value above \$2 million and not to the entire value once the tax kicks in. They also called for imposing a higher tax rate of 17 percent on estates over \$5 million.



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Dot muralist Yenny Hernandez wants us to share our dreams

By Lauren Williams WBUR

The artist Yenny Hernandez has transformed the Prudential Center's glass entrance on Boylston Street into a vibrant tapestry of nature. It's saturated with colors bright green leaves wrap around the edges of the building, yellow and red flowers dance across the entrance's reflective surfaces, and a hummingbird and parrot fly above a mango and a traditional stovetop espresso maker.

"Let your dreams take flight" is written in blue script on two sides of the entrance in English and Spanish. At night, the 2,500-square-foot mural is illuminated with rainbow lights. It's eye-catching, but the artist says there is more to it.

In the early phases of the project, Now + There, the organization that curated the project for Boston Properties, noticed that many Latinos worked in the neighborhood. Hernandez, a Dorchester resident who is of Puerto Rican descent, latched onto that idea.

She said, "I remember thinking, 'Wow, what could I say to the community?" She reflected on how highly trafficked



Yenny Hernandez in front of the Prudential Center. Photo courtesy Dominic Chavez

the area was, with workers from across Boston shuffling in and out of the building, and the idea of dreams rose to the top of her mind.

Hernandez's colorful work is a nod to Latinx culture, using images that function as a sublanguage. "I wanted people to think, 'Oh, I

recognize that,'or, 'That flower grows on my island," she said.

But she hopes her work will resonate with everyone who passes by.

"I wanted to have those moments of identification and connection," she explains. "But for everyone else, I also wanted a moment of beauty."

The line "let your dreams take flight" comes from a poem the artist's mother wrote for her when she was a child. It has encouraged Hernandez throughout her life, seeping into her creative process. Positivity and words of encouragement are central to her work, and she decided that this project was the perfect opportunity to share the message her mother gave her many years ago.

"I truly believe that words have the ability to transform our outlook on life and how we position ourselves," said Hernandez, adding that public art enriches a community. To her, beautifying a space is a kind of love. "You create something that people identify with, and maybe they'll cherish that space a little bit more," she said.

She hopes that people

on their way to work or strolling around the neighborhood will feel moved by her message and start an internal dialogue about their own dreams-perhaps even prompting them to express those thoughts out loud. We all have dreams. Because of that, Hernandez feels that when we talk about them, our empathy for one another grows.



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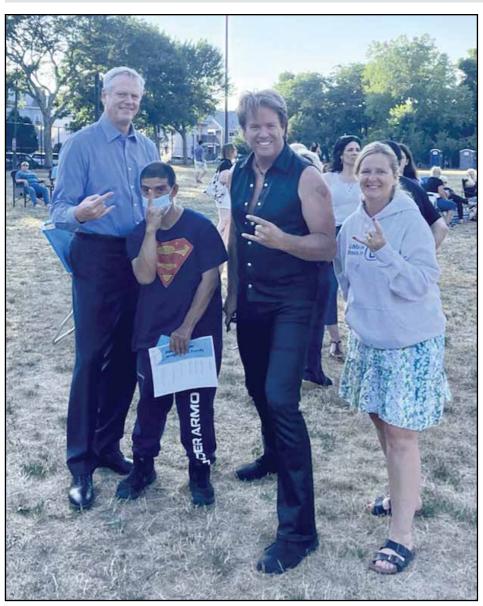
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News about people in and around our Neighborhoods



Gov. Charlie Baker (far left) and City Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy (far right) pose for a picture in Dorchester's Hemenway Park with a resident and a Bon Jovi tribute artist on Monday, July 11. Citywide neighborhood concerts set for this summer, presented by Bank of America with support from the Berklee College of Music, kicked off at Hemenway Park that night.

Photo courtesy Erin Murphy

Apprentice from Dot takes first place in union contest

Pipefitters Local 537 recently hosted the Massachusetts 2022 Apprentice Contest at its training facility, and three of the union's members won their respective categories, including Patrick Wilson, who achieved first place in the refrigeration/HVAC division.

"I'm honored to come in first in such a competitive field, and I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to my training instructors who brought me to this level of skill, and the brothers and sisters in my apprentice class who helped make this possible," said Wilson, a Dorchester resident

Bryan Longmoore (Pipefitting) and Shawn Hunter (Welding) were also among the three who took first place in the statewide competition.

"We're so proud of Patrick, Shawn, and Bryan for rising to the occasion and emerging at the top of a highly competitive field," said Paul McGrath, Local 537's Training Coordinator. "All of the skilled apprentices performed well



Local 537 Business Manager–Financial Secretary/ Treasurer, Thomas P. Kerr, Jr., left, with Pipefitters 537 apprentice Patrick Wilson.

Photo courtesy Local 537

and showed their best work throughout the full two days of the contest. Each winner did a great job representing Local 537 in their respective disciplines and we look forward to them having further success in the next competition."

The judges for the competition were Paul Katapodis and Peter Aylward (Welding); Neil Barhight and Dan Mulligan (Pipefitting); Aldo Cassina

and Andrew Varley (Refrigeration/HVAC); Bill Kerrigan (Blackboard Online Testing); and Steve Parsons (Rigging).

The competition was sponsored by generous donations from the New England Mechanical Contractors Association, NEMSCA, Arco Welding Supply, Lincoln Electric, Milwaukee Tool, Trane Parts, Triangle Engineering, and Charles D Sheehy.

Planet Fitness recently teamed with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester to launch a program that hosts local teens and guides them in a group workout. The "High School Summer Pass" program is free to teens ages 14 through 19. In June, Planet Fitness personal trainer Ryan Diauto (center) led a group of teens from Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, including Elvis Correia (left), in a workout to highlight the High School Summer Pass program.





Elvis Correia of Dorchester stretches during an event to celebrate the Planet Fitness High School Summer Pass program at Planet Fitness' Dorchester location.

Photos courtesy Planet Fitness

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John S. Davidson, Painter, Decorator

On June 28, 1913, The Dorchester Beacon newspaper ran the following promotional piece about John S. Davidson:

An Expert Painter, Decorator – Does Much Work in Dorchester and Vicinity – No. 8 Charles Street.

"Few painters and decorators of Dorchester are better prepared to undertake large contracts in their line than is John S. Davidson. He has been in the business here for a period of eight years but has really been established since 1894. He was formerly located at 459 Geneva



Today's illustration reminds us that contractors often used to workout of their homes. John S. Davidson is standing behind the fence at 8 Charles Street. The boy is probably John's son Leonard.

Avenue. He is thoroughly skilled in both exterior and interior painting and enjoys a splendid reputation for his fine decorative work.

"His shop is located in the rear of his residence at 8 Charles Street. The entire property covers an area of over 5,000 square feet. The shop is of commodious size and two stories high. It has a loft with a storing capacity for 1,000 pairs of blinds. Mr. Davidson employs from ten to twenty-five men, according to the number of contracts in hand. All work is done under his own personal su-

pervision. He can be reached on the telephone by calling Dorchester 247. A specialty is made of residential work.

"Mr. Davidson is well known in Masonic circles, and is a member of the Eastern Star Lodge, and of the A. O. U. W. (Ancient Order of United Workmen)." Editor's Note: The Ancient Order of United Workmen was the first of the fraternal benefit societies that offered insurance for their members.

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Editorial

Cote Village: A victory for hope over blight

The addition of 76 new affordable units of housing in any Boston neighborhood is an achievement worth celebrating these days. But last month's ribbon-cutting at the Cote Village development in Mattapan was more than just a one-off victory for the impacted residents and immediate stakeholders. It marked a notable triumph in an ongoing struggle over the forces of disinvestment, blight, and pessimism that still cast a long shadow over large parts of our city.

This once-forlorn corner of Cummins Highway and Regis Road, once home to a thriving Ford auto dealership, was not singular in its decrepitude. The neighborhoods we cover are pock-marked by other shuttered businesses and industries that gave up their ghosts long ago while leaving their carcasses to rot along main thoroughfares, side streets, and riverbanks. Over the decades, our neighbors and allies in government and business have fought hard to clear the remains and make room for new assets — parks, community gardens, mom-and-pop businesses, restaurants and, yes, homes.

It can be hard enough navigating the path to renewal in neighborhoods already beset by ritualized disinvestment, environmental damage, and general neglect. But in some cases, the road to resurrection is made more arduous by homegrown obstacles. Such was the case with the Cote Village project, which took a decade-and-a-half to evolve from its origins within the Menino administration to occupancy under Mayor Wu.

One reason: a toxic stew of ignorance and mischief, sourced by abutters with selfish motives who petitioned to block the new building. Thankfully, they failed, in part because their objections were without merit. They failed, too, because political leaders rallied the good people of Mattapan to support the site's redevelopment. It helped that a succession of state leaders—including my spouse, former state Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry and her colleague, state Rep. Russell Holmes— pushed hard to bring a new MBTA commuter rail platform to completion next door.

It took political capital and courage to make the costly but necessary investments in infrastructure to help seed housing starts like Cote Village and the mixed-use project now rising from the old parking lot next to the trolley station in Mattapan Square.

Thankfully, there are partners in the development community whose mission and purpose align to make difficult projects like Cote Village possible. The Caribbean Integration Development Corporation, led by Donald Alexis, and the Archdiocese of Boston's Planning Office of Urban Affairs, which teamed up on the Cote development, are two standouts in this regard. Thanks to their unswerving focus through sometimes contentious community meetings and a challenging building project punctuated by a pandemic, there are 70-plus people and families now living in new homes in a beautiful setting.

And their partnership is now at work to transform another longtime blight on Morton Street—the long abandoned, now bulldozed police station next to the train tracks—into new homes as well.

Cote Village and other projects like it do more than just nudge our city closer to policy goals for housing people. There are intangible benefits, like reversing the daily toll taken by decay and dereliction long inflicted on neighborhoods like Dorchester and Mattapan. Turning a blind eye to blight reinforces the message that our communities matter less and that our kids should settle for less.

Kudos to all of those who've joined together to reject that backwards premise and to bring affordable, safe, and dignified living choices to our neighborhoods.

– Bill Forry



Above, a look at Cote Village from Cummins Highway (this photo was altered to eliminate graffiti that marred the exterior wall). Below left, Caribbean Integration Development Corporation (CICD) President Donald Alexis notes that a blighted property that was an embarrassment to the community has now become a community asset. Bottom left, Mayor's Office of Housing Director Sheila Dillon congratulates the community for pushing the city to release the property for development. Bottom right, new Cote Village resident Nala Castro dances on her new lawn with a piece of the red ribbon that was cut to formally open the development.

Seth Daniel photos







Automatic voter law nudges more to become unenrolled

By Steve Brown WBUR Reporter

A growing share of Massachusetts voters are signing up as independents, rather than joining a party, according to new data from the secretary of state's office.

Since 2020, nearly 77 percent of new voters in the state chose not to enroll in a party, up from 63 percent for the two-year period. Of those who did pick a party, 18 percent registered in the Democratic party and 5 percent registered as Republicans.

MassInc pollster Steve Koczela says the increase in independent voters has more to do with the new automatic voter registration law that went into effect in January 2020 than dissatisfaction with the two major political parties.

"So, basically you're registered to vote now in a whole range of different situations," he said. The recently (2020) revised law's effect is that when people interact with Massachusetts state government agencies like the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the agencies will no longer collect or enter information regarding political party information.

Although the number of unenrolled voters in Massachusetts has outpaced registered party members for years, Koczela wondered if the latest numbers mean parties might need to change the way they select candidates.

"Now if you've got three quarters of new registrants who are not members, you know, it's time to think about those things a little bit and just think, what role should parties play?" Koczela asked.

In Massachusetts, voters can still participate in party primaries without enrolling in either party. At the polls, independent voters are given a choice to cast either a Republican or a Democratic ballot. The next state primary is slated for Sept. 6.

Democrats still maintain a 3-1 advantage over registered Republicans in the state. Nearly 30 percent of voters were registered as Democrats, compared to 9 percent as Republicans, as of late June. But close to 60 percent are unaffiliated with any party.

Both Democrats and Republicans have lost voters over the past 16 months. But nationally, a growing number of adults have identified as Republicans in surveys since the beginning of 2021, according to Gallup.

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Epiphany takes aim at Trinity bid for Fitzpatrick site

(Continued from page 1) "We would utilize the auto body shop and our parking lot and that would allow us to develop with less density. We're prepared to make an offer for the property.

"We've built two buildings in the neighborhood and have a track record here...We're not saying the Fitzpatrick Brothers should give it to us. We're prepared to make a very serious offer...We have secured the funds to purchase the site."

Finley noted that the school has a donor who stepped up recently to bolster their fundraising for the purchase. Longtime Epiphany Principal Michelle Sanchez said that since they aren't developing as a business, they have more leeway highlighting the model they used previously of building affordable housing for teaching staff.

Added Epiphany Buildings and Grounds Director John Kennedy, "We are totally committed to making this happen."

Still, this was all news to Trinity Financial, which filed a Letter of Intent (LOI) with the BPDA last month to purchase the Fitzpatrick Brothers property and build a three- or four-story building containing 74 units in a mix of studios, one-bedrooms, and two-bedrooms. The

project would include 60

percent of the units as af-

fordable and would have

39 parking spaces in an



The Epiphany School on Centre Street near Shawmut Station.

Courtesy Epiphany School website

underground garage.

"This is awkward, and I can't put it any other way," Stanley said. "Everyone has a story. I think John Finley is telling a story that he feels is the appropriate way to tell the story, but Trinity has a different story. We feel like this is a great site." He added that Trinity had approached Epiphany three years ago to work together on developing the site and were turned away.

"Chris, that's not true," retorted Finley in an exchange that went on until CSNC President Cynthia Loesch-Johnson stopped it.

 $\hbox{``This kind of presenta-}\\$ tion is problematic from Stanley. "We control the site, and we are doing our best to present our project transparently to everyone."

Stanley indicated that he had tried to present the project to CSNC, but never received a response. Loesch-Johnson said that was not the case, and that anyone can present at the Council. She said she recalled an invitation to participate in a joint meeting of several associations, but nothing specifically for CSNC.

"I'm not aware of a request to present to this Codman Square Neighborhood Council,' she said, but noted they would schedule Trinity my point of view," said for a future meeting.

Several neighbors from Melville Park and from the St. Mark's Area Civic Association (SMA-CA) indicated that recent meetings they have had with Trinity about the Fitzpatrick Brothers site resulted in a majority of members being against the proposal.

"We had Trinity present at St. Mark's in November, and most were against that proposal as presented at that time," said Doug Shaheen of SMACA. "I would like to see the school expand

its school functions to help more kids in the neighborhood."

Finley said they haven't fine-tuned any proposals, but they have donors willing to help them purchase and build something over time. "Our plan would be to work with the community over a long period of time to see what goes there," he said. "Our school is an abutter to the property and the largest abutter and we don't support the project that Trinity has proposed. It's

not what we want next to our school, so we are looking to get in there and... we have the capacity to make a serious offer for the property."

There have been no meetings scheduled within the Article 80 process with the BPDA for the proposed Trinity Financial project, but Stanley said they are working on an expanded Project Notification Form right now that would trigger public meetings once filed.

A revamped McConnell Park reopens; stage set for fun, sports and climate challenges

(Continued from page 1) outfield fence and an raised, too, to help stem stormwaters. A granite block barrier wall is also in place now.

Northeasters can't be stopped, but their effects can be mitigated, Wu told a crowd that included members of the local youth sports leagues, Savin Hill residents, and members of the US Army Corps of Engineers, which helped with the project. The upgrades were paid for through the mayor's capital improvement plan, in addition to a \$1 million land and water conservation fund grant.

The park's athletic fields have been fully renovated, with new LED lighting, bleachers, and dugouts with shade. A new Little League field is complete with a batting cage and drinking fountains, along with irrigation.

Other features include a multi-purpose softball field with ball netting; a small soccer field in the outfield; and a Challenger ball field for inclusion leagues with a closer

accessible short pile artificial turf field surface.

"The park provides a buffer against infrequent but devastating high water events, and neighbors can enjoy the site's open skies, fresh air, and sea views every day of the year," said Ryan Woods, the city's parks and recreation commissioner.

Baker, who represents Savin Hill on the City Council, acknowledged that the project took on some challenges because of the number of city. state and federal agencies involved, and he thanked the neighbors for enduring years of construction noise.

Added his colleague, At-Large Councillor Murphy: "This is a success story and it's because we're working together."

Additionally, the park features a plaza with a relocated memorial stone and bronze plaque memorializing its namesake, Capt. Joseph Mc-Connell, who was killed in action in France in

1918. A North Adams native with a law practice in Boston, Capt. McConnell married Dorchester's Pauline Claxton in 1917, before he headed off to

State Rep. Dan Hunt, first elected in 2013, recalled his time working at the state Department of Conservation and Recreation when the conversations first started about improvements to McConnell Park. He credited Mayor Marty Walsh for putting the project into motion, and acting mayor Kim Janey, and Wu for continuing the project. McConnell Park is a regional asset. Hunt said, noting its proximity to the Savin Hill MBTA Station.

Mike Szkolka, who took part in the community design process while president of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, said that the park is the site of many childhood memories for him and his friends. "It's endlessly exciting that so many people will get to enjoy this space for decades to come."



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The Dorchester Girls of Summer bring the Mayor's Cup back to Dot



The Dorchester ADSL U14 team included: Olivia Flaherty, Alannah Tankle, Nia Phillips, Rosaleen McLaughlin, Katie Kelly, Lila Curly, Audrey Kelley, Maeve Pugsley, Christina George, Kelly McKenna, Isabelle McQuaide, Rylee O'Conner, Jade Domenici, Alliah Rosa, Addie Willet, and Julia Studley. Coaches included Kevin George, Dennisse Rorie, Jason Willet, and Mike Hegarty.

By Kevin George Special to the Reporter

This past weekend, the ADSL's girls softball team competed in and won the Mayors Cup U14 Championship, meeting their goal of bringing the Cup back to Dorchester for the first time since 2019.

Katie Kelly, Lila Curley, Kelly McKenna, Audrey Kelley, Addie Willet, and Christina George were all on that first-ever Dorchester championship team and they wanted to experience victory again.

After competing against each other in the competitive ADSL playoffs just weeks ago, the girls joined forces to take on the rest of the city in some friendly neighborhood rivalries.

Game time arrived on

July 9 and the ADSL girls learned they would be facing Parkway. ADSL batted first and the Parkway pitcher mowed down the first three ADSL batters including two strikeouts. Christina George took the mound for Dorchester and was just as impressive striking out the first Parkway batter and getting the next two hitters to hit grounders back to her

for the 1-3 putouts. After two innings, Parkway led 2-0, but the very vocal younger ADSL girls' team, which had just finished their own Mayor's Cup game, came over and cheered very loudly for the U14 team.

That boost changed things over the third and fourth innings when the ADSL squad exploded for five runs. Alannah Tankle, Katie Kelly,



Alliah Rosa digs into the batter's box and gets ready for the next pitch.

Maeve Pugsley, and Izzy McQuaid got it going, followed up by big hits by Nia Phillips and Audrey Kelly.

Christina George continued to throw strikes and the ADSL infield defense of Izzy McQuaid, Audrey Kelley, Julia Studley and Kelly McKenna was flawless resulting in no runs in the third and fourth innings for Parkway. Outfielders Katie Kelly, Lila Curley, Aleah Rosa, Rylee O'Conner, Maeve Pugsley, and Alannah Tankle were sharp in the outfield backing up plays and hitting cutoffs.

In the fifth, ADSL picked up five runs with George, Rosa McLaughlin, Julia Studley, Lila Curley, Rylee O'Conner, and Katie Curley getting on base and Nia Phillips smashing a triple to bring runners home. In the bottom of the fifth Parkway scored two runs and had a girl on first base with one out. The next Parkway hitter hit a grounder to second that Julia Studley fielded cleanly then tagged the runner and fired to Kelly McKenna at first. The ball skipped by McKenna who chased it down and fired a perfect strike to Kelley who tagged out the Parkway runner trying to advance, ending the intense inning.

Going into the last half of the sixth, ADSL held a commanding 12-4 lead with George cruising on the hill. Parkway refused to go down without a fight. After a series of hits and home run, suddenly it was a 12-8 ball game. George settled down, though, and pitched her way out of the jam and Dorchester got the win and remained in the winner's breaket.

in the winner's bracket.
On Sun., July 10, the girls were back on the diamond, and because Parkway had beaten its opponent in the loser's bracket that morning, it was a rematch of the day before.

Nia Phillips took the mound for ADSL with Audrey Kelley behind the plate. Parkway got on



Jade Domenici gets ready on in the field. Photos courtesy of ADSL/Erin Kelly

the board early, taking a

3-0 early lead. Phillips

settled in, and it became

a pitcher's duel the rest

of the way between Phil-

lips and Parkway's Nina DeVito. ADSL scored

three in the third to tie the game with aggres-

sive baserunning and

timely hitting. Parkway

had to earn everything

as ADSL's defense was

again flawless, led by the

infield of Kelly McKenna,

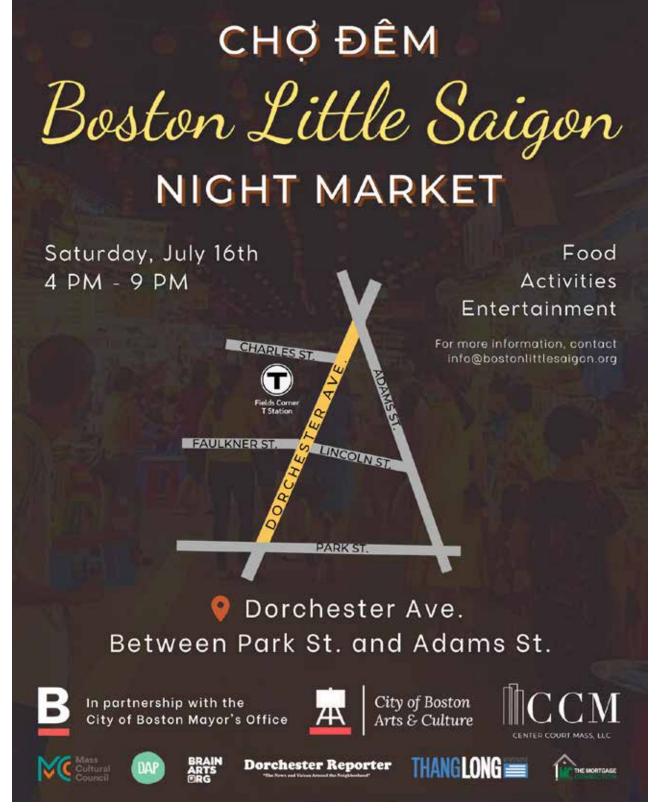
Julia Studley, Christina

George, and Addie Willet

who made tough plays all game. ADSL was down, 5-4, going into the fifth, and Phillips was intentionally walked, with Audrey Kelley following up with a base hit. ADSL pulled off a double steal and now had runners on second and third. Phillips and Kelley scored on balls that got away from the catcher, sliding into home and giving Dorchester a 6-5 lead.

Star Dorchester base-ball player Brady O'Conner and star U12 softball player Ava Tankle started a "Let's go Nia" chant when Phillips took the mound to start the fifth inning, and Phillips responded to the cheers by shutting down Parkway in the fifth and sixth. Helped by a sparkling infield defense, she led ADSL to the 6-5 win and the Mayor's Cup title.

Kevin George is president of the All Dorchester Sports and Leadership Softball League.



Lynch: There's ample money for re-development of Morrissey; it 'needs to be a priority'

(Continued from page 1) residents on the west Kosciuszko Circle, the hellish traffic rotary off I-93 and Morrissey that also goes by the name "K Circle."

"It just needs to be made a priority," Lynch told the Reporter.

Lynch chalked up the problem to "inertia." He recalled meeting with Gov. Baker and Marty Walsh, back when President Biden's labor secretary was the mayor of Boston, about the issue. Baker is "painfully aware of the dilemma down there and he knows what an important access road that'll be over the long term," Lynch said.

"Every time we get a decent storm, a high tide, that's underwater," he added. "We've got to figure that out."

Councillor Frank Baker, who represents Dorchester on the City Council, noted that the last year has brought changes in government, including inside City Hall. "Without transportation improvements, we on that side of Kosciuszko Circle will be stuck over there for the rest of our lives." he said, referring to

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side of the Southeast Expressway.

Rep. Dan Hunt, who is part of the Dorchester delegation at the State House, said he has worked with other lawmakers to fund the raising of the boulevard to mitigate the high tides. The money has already been set aside, and he hopes the boulevard-raising moves separate the larger project involving the redesign of the corridor.

"It's my desire that the robust community process resume in earnest as soon as humanly possible," he said of the larger project.

There has been some activity on the boulevard: The Department of Conservation and Recreation recently repaved the roadway between Freeport Street and the rotary by Pope's Hill Street. A DCR spokesperson said the repaying was to ensure safety for vehicles.

But a planning study, first announced in early 2021 and involving multiple city and state agencies, remains active en route to developing a fix to the Morrissey/

Kosciuszko Circle corridor. A report is expected to be completed by late 2023, meaning the ultimate fix, whatever it is, remains years away.

The study is expected to project traffic and public transit demand into 2040, and, into 2070 for environmental projections, taking into account climate change and sea level rise.

The travel projects will be developed based on information available from data and models provided by ongoing development projects, such as "Dorchester Bay City," a \$5 billion plan to turn 36 acres on Columbia Point into a cluster of life science and technology companies steps from Morrissey Boulevard and the JFK/ UMass MBTA stop.

The involved agencies include DCR, the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the Governor's Office of Energy and Environmental affairs, City Hall, and the Boston Planning and Development Agency. The state and city have split the \$1 million cost of the study.



A view of Morrissey Boulevard as it goes under elevated train tracks by the Richard J. Murphy School. Department of Conservation and Recreation photo



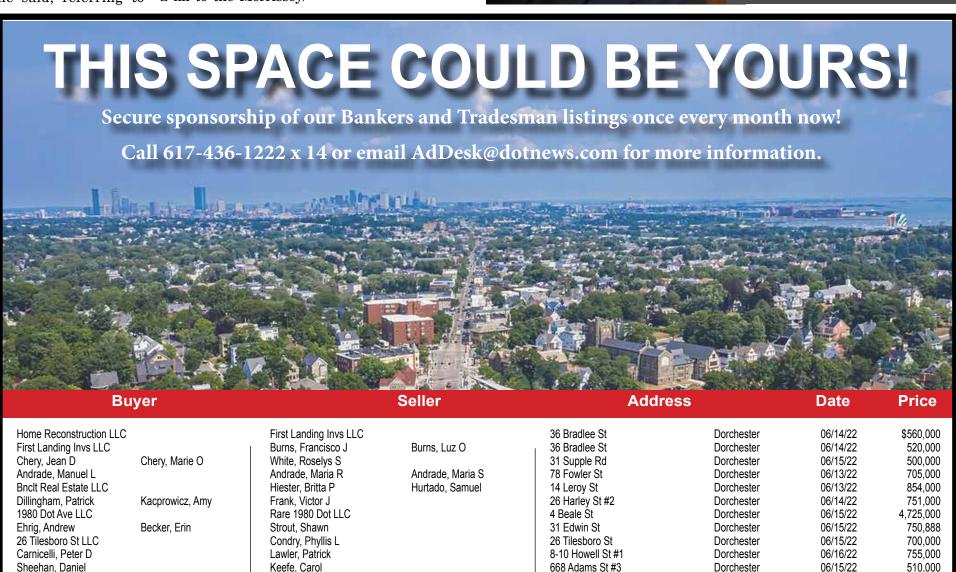
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DA Hayden: Easy gun-access states need to consider effects of trafficking on cities

Day weekend wracked

After an Independence by gunfire throughout and Monday alone police

Boston – on that Sunday responded to more than

across Boston that left 10 people injured – Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden appealed to governors and legislators in states with easy-access

gun purchase laws to consider the impact that firearms trafficked from their states are having have on cities like Bos-

a dozen shooting scenes

"The cold truth is that more than 75 percent of illegal firearms used in Boston-area crimes originated in another state," Hayden said. "There's a lethal river of steel flowing from northern and southern states onto the streets of Boston, and our neighborhoods are suffering from it. When one state's extreme interpretation of Second Amendment rights causes extreme suffering in another state it becomes a prob-

"We're seeing more daylight shootings on busy streets and more

lem for all Americans."

guns in the hands of teenagers. The common thread, beyond shooters willing to send bullets flying regardless of where they are, is that the guns were likely trafficked in from another state," Hayden added.

Earlier this year,

Hayden's office, which serves Boaston, CVhelsea, Revere this year joined with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Boston Police Department to create Boston FIRST, a program that uses a federal database to track guns and gun casings recovered from crime scenes to their source of origin, and to connect them to other crimes.

Data collected by Hayden's office, which serves the communities of Boston, Winthrop, Revere, and Chelsea and federal authorities

show that most illegal guns seized in Boston come from Maine, New Hampshire, Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Guns have also been traced to Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Ohio.

The data also show that of the 441 traceable guns seized in Boston in 2021, 271, or 61 percent, originated in those nine states; 67, or 15 percent, originated in other states; and 103, or 23 percent, originated in Massachusetts.

"When more than three out of four guns seized in Boston come from out of state it tells me three things," Hayden said. "First, gun laws in Massachusetts work well. Second, gun laws in many other states don't. And third, gun traffickers know which states are easiest for them to amass their murderous inventory and which states are best to sell that inventory."

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Boston is investing \$20 million to expand early education access

By Max Larkin WBUR REPORTER Boston will take an-

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other step toward universal pre-kindergarten with a \$20 million investment to add seats across its diverse childcare ecosystem.

Mayor Michelle Wu made the announcement outside the Acorn Center for Early Education and Care in Chinatown last Wednesday morning, describing the investment as the latest step in the gradual process of guaranteeing free, high-quality child care citywide.

The money, drawn from both the Boston Public Schools budget and the city's threeyear-old Quality Pre-K Fund, will allow grants to bring in new community-based seats as early as this fall.

But it will also let family-based centers join the city's infrastructure of universal pre-kindergarten. Over the course of the next school year, city officials will work with providers to devise a way to include those home-based centers in Boston's existing system of grants, training, and quality monitoring.

The investment also reworks city aid so that it's distributed per classroom, not per student, which would ease financial uncertainty for centers at a time when child care enrollment and attendance have fluctuated.

As a mother to two young boys, Wu said, she knows the status quo can feel like a "chaotic, impossible juggle" of various "systems of enrollment, multiple pickups and drop-offs [and] lotteries." She said the long-term goal is to develop a "one-stop shop" for families seeking child care to choose among several high-quality options.

The mayor argued that home-based providers can play an important role in delivering on the vision of universal pre-kindergarten, because of their convenience, native-language or cultural compatibility, and longer hours.

This latest investment will bring the number of city-approved child care seats at community-based providers to nearly 1,000 and the total number of universal pre-K seats to over 3 500 when counting those within Boston Public Schools.

Wu acknowledged that there is more to do before Boston is de $livering\, ``true\, universal$ pre-kindergarten," especially when it comes to guarantees of high quality.



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Denied delivery by gunfire near school, Charlestown High valedictorian's message of perseverance still resounds

its message about perseverance and continuing to seek success no matter what craziness might be going on in the background – like news about school shootings and gun issues that had even popped up in their own school that spring when two students were found with loaded guns.

"Thankfully no people were killed or shot," add-ed Sahdala. "Some peo-ple were hurt because of people stomping on each other and stampeding. It was terrible."

Despite that shocking finish to their time at Charlestown High, Sahdala and other students defended their time at the school. He said it was a great experience for him and he learned so much there – as well as

(Continued from page 1) at the Crimson (Harvard University) Summer Academy each summer for the last four years.

> "I wish that didn't happen," he said, "because we were already in a bad light because of the previous incidents when the two students were found with guns. I still think that if I had a kid, I would send him to Charlestown High.

> "It's like the saying not to judge a book by its cover. Because it happened, it doesn't mean it's the worst school. In my four years it's the first time that ever happened – ever... Charlestown High gets so many bad reviews, but it's not like what they say when you're actually there."

The 18-year-old Sahdala found his academic groove at Charlestown High after coming to the United States during the middle of seventh grade from the Dominican Republic. He started out at the Lila Frederick Pilot Middle School on Columbia Road, where he quickly became fluent in English and continued his love for math and computers.

"I was very content and there were a lot of really good teachers there," he said. However, his plan to go to Boston Latin School (BLS) didn't work out and he ended up at Charlestown High on a random assignment from the district.

"I had only been in the country one and a half years, and I had a lot of catching up to do," he said. "I didn't get accepted into BLS or any other school I applied to...I ended up at Charlestown."

Though the one-hour commute from Grove Hall was tough, and Charlestown's infamous five-story staircases weren't always a wel-

come sight, he said he learned,"he said, noting really settled at the school, participating in the Boys Honor Club, the Debate Club, and the Calculus Club.

This fall he'll be at Boston College beginning his pursuit of a degree in computer science. He said his dad got him interested in computers as far back as the age of 6 when they were in the Dominican Republic. His dad worked in that field and had a whole room full of them.

"I was poking around on the computers at the age of 6," he said. "I'm still really interested in technology. ... It's fun to see that everything we're using now is the future and it's really popular. The STEM fields are so hot."

He said he's motivated as a "coder" to implement the math he has learned and to be able to be a good writer as well.

"I've learned that the difference between a good coder and an average coder is in the ability to implement the math and information you've

that he feels it's important for computer scientists to be able to write as well as they can perform math equations.

In addition to being very thankful to his parents, Bichara and Karina, Sahdala said he's also thankful for his ability to be resilient, that even though he didn't get to give his valedictorian speech, or to hear his name called as he walked across the stage, he's thankful to be safe and headed in a positive direction.

Even so, Sahdala said he had been thinking about school shootings since he was in the eighth grade in 2018, when there were several in one day around the country. This year, when two students were found with loaded weapons in Charlestown High, he said it really hit home. The shooting near the graduation only hammered home the point he had hoped to make that day.

"I was actually going to talk about the situation with the two kids that were found with guns in my speech, and then this happened in addition," he said.

"It was going to be about not letting incidents and circumstances or situations break you down; that we should keep standing up because you already worked this hard and spent four years and didn't fall down," he said.

"I wanted to tell them to keep working in life and don't give up no matter what it is that happens around you."

Those words, he said, applied as much before the graduation as they did after it.



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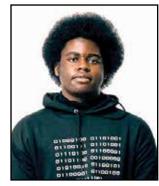
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It's farmers market season – a time when communities 'come together through food'

By Michaela Brant

SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER The farmers market summer season has returned in Dorchester and Mattapan. Michael J. Zayas, the program coordinator for Greater Ashmont Main Street, said that the markets give communities "a great opportunity to speak directly with people that are growing your food." He added that the Ashmont Farmers Market, which takes place on Saturdays, has become "a hub for the community to come together through food."

Below is a list of the local farmers markets running throughout the summer and into the fall.

Tuesdays - The DotHouse Health Health Farmer's Marketopened July 12 and will remain open from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. until Oct. 4.

Thursdays - The Market offers produce Boston Nature Center will sell organic produce from the Moose Hill games, and activities markets, Mayor Wu and Wildlife Sanctuary from at the Ashmont MBTA now until Sept. 18, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. And ReVision Urban Farm's farm stand, already open at 1062 Blue Hill Ave, will be on hand from 3 to 6 p.m. until Oct. 20.

Fridays-Farmacy, a combined farmer's market and health fair in Neponset, is already in full swing for the month of July. On July 15, 22, and 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., visit the 10 Minot Street parking lot for locally grown produce and health resources; Fowler Clark Epstein Farm and the Urban Farming Institute of Boston will host a market starting July 15 and running through Nov. 18 at 487 Norfolk Street from 1 to 4 p.m.;

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and baked goods, local crafts, live music, Plaza from 3 to 7 p.m. through Oct. 28. For updates, follow@Ashmont-FarmMkt on Facebook. Twitter, and Instagram.

Saturdays-The Mattapan Farmer's Market began July 9 and will operate from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Oct. 29 at the corner of Cummins Highway and Fairway Street; The Codman Square Farmers Market will kick off its 15th season this Saturday (July 16) and continue until Oct. 8. The market will be set up from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Codman Park; Fields Corner will open its farm stand this Saturday as well, at 500 Geneva Ave. in the Park Street shopping center lot. The stand will be open from 9:00 to 11:00

a.m. through Oct. 29.

In addition to these the Mayor's Office of Food Justice announced the start of the Boston Summer Eats Program, which began July 5 (boston.gov/summereats). Throughout the summer, youth 18 and under can visit one of 155 sites for free breakfast and lunch. No ID or registration is required. Since 2017, Summer Eats has sought to address the summer food gap for students.

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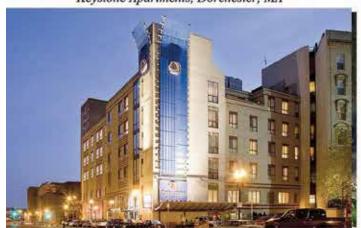




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BGCD Holds Safe Summer Streets Kick-Off Event for Teens: See details

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Holds Safe Summer Streets Kick-Off Event for Teens: This past week, BGCD kicked off the 33rd year of the award-winning Safe Summer Streets program which extends our summer hours for teen members. As part of opening week, we hosted a field day event which included music, food, inflatables, graffiti art hats, a prize raffle, the Boston Police Department Ice Cream Truck and more. For our Friday Nights, BGCD is partnering with the West End House BGC and Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston to host a rotating series of events for our members to engage with one another in a safe and fun environment. For more information, or to register for the Safe Summer Streets program, which will include an 8-team Basketball League, non-contact Boxing, Career Night, Art, a Trades Fair, College Alumni Night, and lots more, contact Chad Hassey at chassey@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: **BGCD Summer Programming Begins with a Superhero Start: BGCD Summer Camp has successfully** kicked off, as staff greeted our members dressed up as superheroes. They wanted to create a fun and welcoming start for our members. Camp is designed for members to get exposure to all the fun spaces and activities offered. Each day they take part in daily activities in each program space such as the gamesroom, gym, outdoors, swimming, art, music and more. This past week members engaged in activities such as "Protect the President" and "Copy That", having the opportunity to take part in large group games fostering teamwork and collaboration. Please note that Summer Camp pre-registration is required. For more information on Camp, please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@ bgcdorchester.org.



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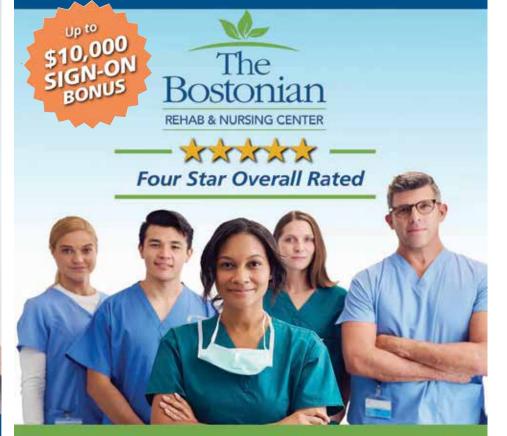


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sister, Barbara Flaherty

of Norwood; sister-in-law

Virginia M. Flaherty of

Jamaica Plain; nephews

Peter A. Flaherty of Los

Angeles, CA and Brendan

R. Flaherty of Chelsea.

Also survived by several

cousins. Memorial contri-

butions may be made in

Jim's memory to St. Fran-

cis House, 39 Boylston St.,

Boston, MA 02116.

KEARNS,

"Lefty", 87, originally from Dorchester. Hus-

band of Nancy Sullivan

Kearns and predeceased

by E. Patricia (Niles)

Kearns. Father of Eileen

Friedland and her hus-

band Steve of Marshfield,

Jack Kearns and his wife

Colleen of Easton, Bren-

da Green and Chris of

Plymouth, Steven Kearns

and his wife Bridget of

Quincy, and predeceased

by Michael Kearns who

is survived by his wife

Susan Kearns of Rock-

land. Father of Charlie

Peterson and his wife

Jean of Milton, Stephen

Peterson and his wife

Beth of Milton, Michael

Peterson and his wife Jo-

Anne of Milton, and Chris

Peterson and his wife Amy

of Hudson. Grandpa of 25.

Jack was predeceased by

his parents, William and

Nora Kearns of Ireland.

He was the brother of the

late Joanne Shine, Kath-

leen Guest, Billy Kearns,

Jerome Kearns, and Mary

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT

SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED DEPSON

FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU22P1408GD IN THE MATTER OF:

FREDERIC A. STUPPARD of DORCHESTER, MA

RESPONDENT

interested persons, a petition has been filed by Shreekant Vasudhev, M.D., Carney H o Dorchester, MAin the above captioned matte alleging that Frederic A. Stuppard is in need

of a Guardian and requesting that Velma

Brinson of Hyde Park, MA (or some othe suitable person) be appointed as Guardia

to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine

that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate The petition is on file with this court and mar

ontain a request for certain specific authorit

proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance

at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on th

return date of 08/11/2022 This day is NO return date of 08/11/2022. This day is NO1 a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, actior may be taken in this matter without furthe

notice to you. In addition to filing the writte

appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts

and grounds of your objection within 30 day

You have the right to object to thi

Alleged Incapacitated Person he named Respondent and all othe

Jack



COOKS, Gregory Nathan, 63 of Boston.Father of Gregory R. Cooks and Genise Marion-Kay

Crooks, both of Lynn. Son of Mary Cooks of Dorchester and the late Joseph N. Cooks, Brother of Ricky Cooks (Christie) of Roslindale. Gregory also leaves 4 nieces, many aunts and uncles as well as a host of family and friends.

FILS, Angele, 82, of Dorchester. Mother of the late Donald Pierre, Macdala Pierre and Mario Fils. She leaves behind 11 grandchildren and many



other relatives that will miss her.

FLAHERTY, James P."Jim", 71, of Norwood, formerly of Quincy and

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M.F.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT NORFOLK DIVISION 35 SHAWMUT ROAD CANTON, MA 02021 Docket No. NO20D0075DR DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING **ESMERALDA CASSEUS NOEL**

vs. WIDMARC NOEL

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court An Automatic Restraining Order ha been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financia status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Esmeralda Casseus Noel, 253 Linden Street, Needham, MA 02492 your answer. any, on or before **08/17/2022**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. PATRICIAGORMAN,

First Justice of this Court. Date: July 7, 2022

Colleen M. Brierley

Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU21P2011GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
VICTOR "SKYLAR" CORNELIO
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all othe Nieves Martinez of Dorchester MA in the by Nieves Martinez of Dorchester, MAIn the above captioned matter alleging that Victor "Skylar" Cornelio is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Nieves Martinez of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve cot the head.

on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this specific authority.

You have the right to object to this

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/16/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if our object to the petition. If you fail to file you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date

IMPORTANT NOTICE

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limi or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions abou personal affairs or financial affairs or both The above-named person has the right to as or a lawyer. Anyone may make this reques on behalf of the above-named person. If the n behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawve above-named person cannot afford a lawye one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

of this Court.

Kearns. Jack was also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Korean War veteran. If you choose, donations would be appreciated in Jack's memory to: The LaSalette Shrine, c/o Rev. John P. Sullivan, P.O. Box 420, Enfield NH 03748 or The Boston Park League, c/o Walt Mortimore, 3 Strathmore Circle, Braintree, MA 02184.



MILLER, Edward D., 91, of Milton, originally from Dorchester Son of John and Helen Miller. Eddie is survived by his wife, Patricia (Klier) Miller, by his nine children: Jeannie Hynes of Milton; Stephanie Greene and her husband, Tom, of Boston; Eddie Miller Jr. and his wife Julie (Cook) of Milton; Christine Miller of Centerville; John D. Miller of Boston; Michelle Miller of Providence, RI; Gretchen (Miller) Johnson of Needham and her husband, Chris; Gregory Miller and his wife Helen of State College, PA and Julie (Miller) Freking and her husband, Dean, of Milton. He is also survived by two sisters, Kathleen Riley of Weymouth and Margaret Miller and is the brother of the late Rosamond Abbott, Frances Lynch, Virginia Sullivan, Marie Melchin, Louise Burke, and Gerard Miller. Eddie is also survived by 23 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren, and by numerous nieces and nephews. US Marine veteran. He served as both president and commissioner of the Boston Park



years Donations may be made to: The Edward D. and Patricia K. Miller Scholarship Fund for Boston College, Citizens Bank Business Banking, 420 Granite Avenue, Milton, MA, 02186. Att: The Edward D. and Patricia K. Miller Scholarship Fund, Giving account #9208

MURPHY, George William, 69, of Rockland, formerly of Dorchester, Quincy, and Marshfield Hills. He was the son of the late George W. and Selena (Meleedy) Murphy. George was a retired Boston EMS Captain with 33 years of service. George is survived by Hazel MacDonald of Portland, ME. He was the brother of Patricia Murphy of Quincy, and the late Henry T. Cunniff, III. He is also survived by many extended family members and friends. Memorial contributions may be sent in George's name to the National EMS Memorial Service by visiting: national-ems-memorial.org/ donate

YOUNGER, Norman V., Jr. (known to many as Duke), 91, of Dorchester, formerly of W. Virginia. Son of Norman and Virginia Younger Sr. Husband of the late Ellen Murphy. Father of Denise, Vatchel, Derek and the late Norman. Norman leaves behind two sisters, Marjorie Jones, Gertrude McLaurin, the late Vera Harding and Paul Younger. 4 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. US Army veteran.

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LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD BOSTON, MA 02125

NOTICE OF NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, Boston, MA Proposed Charlotte Street–Esmond Street Historic District. The proposed district includes properties on Blue Hill Avenue, Bradshaw Street, Charlotte Street, Esmond Street, and McLellan Street in

A public informational meeting at which the proposed nomination will be discussed will be held on August 23, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Details on how to attend will be posted on the Boston Landmarks Commission website no later than 10 days before the meeting date (https://www.boston.gov lepartments/landmarks-commission#hearings-and-meetings).

The National Register of Historic Places is the federal government's official list of historic properties

EFFECTS TO HISTORIC PROPERTIES

*consideration in the planning for federally assisted projects *eligibility for certain Federal tax benefits

consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit

where coal is located 'qualification for federal grants for historic preservation when funds are available

Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register of Historic Places have an Owners on private properties informated to the National Heigheit or historic Praces have an opportunity to concur with or object to listing in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 60. These regulations require that owner objections be notarized. However, Section 1746 of Title 28 of the U.S. Code provides a generally applicable alternative to these notarization requirements. Accordingly, the NPS must consider objections made under penalty of perjury consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 1746 to be valid objections, even if they are not notarized, if those objections otherwise comply with the requirements in the NPS's regulations. To comply with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the objection must state one of the following: must state one of the following:

- If executed without the United States: "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)".

 If executed within the United States, its territories, possessions, or commonwealths
- "I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on (date). (Signature)."

For a single privately owned property with one owner the property will not be listed if the owner For a single privately owned property with one owner, the property will not be listed it me owner objects. For a district with multiple ownership, or for a single property with multiple owners, the distric or property will not be listed if a majority of the owners objects. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of how many properties or what part of the property that party owns, if the property cannot be listed because the owner or majority of owners objects prior to the submission of a nomination to the Keeper of the National Register by the State, the State Historic Property of the property of th Preservation Officer may submit the nomination to the Keeper for a determination of the eligibility o the property for inclusion in the National Register. If the property is then determined eligible for listing although not formally listed, federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council on Histori vation an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project tha

will affect the property.

Listing in the National Register, or the determination of a property's eligibility by the Keeper of the National Register, automatically brings with it inclusion in the State Register of Historic Places. The State Register provides for review of state funded, licensed, or permitted projects. If a property is listed in the National and State Registers, the owner may do anything with it that he/she wishes, unless stat or federal funds, permits, or licensing are used, or unless some other regional and/or local ordinance

poincy is in eliect.

If an owner wishes to object to the listing of a property, an objection must be submitted to Brona mon, State Historic Preservation Officer, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 220 Morrissey bulevard, Boston, Massachusetts, O2125, by September 14, 2022.

Inclusion in the National and State Registers of Historic Places does not guarantee that cultural resources will be preserved. Rather, it ensures that the historic value of listed properties will be

considered during the planning stages of any federally or state sponsored project.

The nomination will be considered by the State Review Board of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Details on how to attend will be posted on the MHC's website closer to the meeting date (www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc). A copy of the nomination, and the criteria under which properties are evaluated, are available from the Grove Hal Branch of the Boston Public Library.

action may be taken in this matter withou urther notice to you. In addition to filing the vritten appearance, you or your attorney acts and grounds of your objection within to days after the return date. IMPOMAIN NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the

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of this Court.

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: July 05, 2022

Register of Probat Date: July 05, 2022 Published: July 14, 2022

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU22P1081EA
ESTATE OF:
SHIRLEY V. MILLER
a/Wa: SHIRLEY VIRGINIA MILLER
DATE OF DEATH: 01/15/2022 DATE OF DEATH: 01/15/2022

To an interested persons A
Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert A. Miller of Roslindale, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitione ests that: Robert A Miller of Roslindal MA be appointed as Personal Representa-tive(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day

of **08/03/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. I vou fail to file a timely written appearance and you lain to lie a unley whiten appeal airce air bobjection followed by an affidavit of objection: within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you

NAME OF THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) Personal Representative appointed unde the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annua accounts with the Court. Persons intereste in the estate are entitled to notice regarding he administration directly from the Persona Representative and may petition the Cour in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of

administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court

Date: June 24, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Proba Published: July 14, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Devict No. S1/23/12/SEA Docket No. SU22P1335EA ESTATE OF: RUTH EVELYN JACKSON a/k/a: RUTH E. JACKSON DATE OF DEATH: 04/04/2021

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joyce Person of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a forma Decree and Order and for such other relie as requested in the Petition. The Petitione requests that: Joyce Person of Dorchester MA be appointed as Personal Representa tive(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **08/12/2022**.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by

which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. It you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objection within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you

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the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court Date: July 08, 2022

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Mentoring program for Blacks with trade skills hails its partnership with IBEW local



BY MICHAELA BRANT SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The Community Mentoring Team (CMT), a program that connects Black Bostonians with mentors and trade skills, celebrated its partnership with Dorchester's IBEW Local 103's electrician apprenticeship program during an event on June 30 at the union's headquarters on Freeport Street.

A group comprising 25 young men and women have completed orientation and training with CMT support and been accepted into the IBEW apprenticeship program that will prepare them for union licenses and jobs.

CMT was founded in 2016 by Bill Moran, an educator and community activist who was driven to help close the wide wealth gap between Black and white Bostonians. Along with a group of peers from

various professions, Moran began mentoring the group of 25 whose ages ranged from 18 to 40, preparing them for seeking apprenticeships

with IBEW.
"This would not exist without mentors," Moran said at the event. "They are the backbone of this program."

Since its founding, CMT has grown to incorporate more participants, more partner organizations, and more opportunities for change. In 2020, Suffolk Construction began a partnership with CMT, and the next year, unions representing sprinkler-fitter, carpenter, ironworker, plumber, sheet-metal, and elevator workers followed suit.

Participation in CMT is free, and in addition to mentoring and workforce preparation, the program offers wellness classes, financial literacy resources, and access to

financial assistance for occupational necessities like exam fees and tools needed on the job. With all of these facets, CMT continues to work toward providing economic stability and growth to young Black Bostonians.

"This program is unlike any I have seen before," said Sean Fontes, vice president and legal counsel for CMT.

Next year, the first group of mentees to enter CMT will complete electrical apprenticeships and earn licensing from IBEW Local 103's training program, which they started working with in 2018. The anticipation of that moment, along with the recognition of those who have just been accepted to the apprenticeship program, was cause for reflection on Thursday.

Said Robert A. Lewis, one of CMT's first mentors: "We dreamt about this day."

Said Lou Antonellis, Local 103's business manager and financial secretary: "CMT's doing amazing work, providing opportunities. As a representative of Local 103, I couldn't be more proud to just be a part of their team and part of making a difference in these folks' lives."

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- COVID-19 vaccines are available for patients & community members at the **Health Center.** Call **(617) 822-8271** to schedule.
- Walk-ins *may* be accepted, on a first-come, first-served basis, if space allows, **Mon Fri, 8:45 am noon and 1 pm 4:30 pm.**
- **SATURDAY VACCINE CLINICS:** 8:45 am − 12:30 pm,

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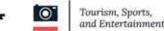
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