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17 hopefuls make their cases for at-large seats on the City Council

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dozen candidates. When Michelle Wu will be on the ballot on Sept. 14. and Annissa Essaibi George decided to run for mayor and not seek re-election 17 will continue campaigning for the 4 of Hyde Park; Alex Gray of Jamaica to their City Council At-Large seats, at-large seats on the 13-member body. Plain; David Halbert of Dorchester; Dorchester. a large group of Boston residents The general election is set for Nov. 2. Ruthzee Louijeune of Hyde Park; Carla stepped up to jockey for the two slots. Two incumbents, Michael Flaherty and

Julia Mejia, are running for re-election, Flaherty and Mejia, who won her seat Monteiro of Dorchester; meaning that 17 candidates who have in 2019 by just one vote, are joined by Also, Bridget Nee-Wa

Two vacancies and more than a been certified by city elections officials Said Abdikarim of the South End; Kelly Bates of Hyde Park; James "Reggie" Co-After the preliminary election, 8 of the limon of Roslindale, Domingos DaRosa phy of Dorchester; Roy Owens Sr. of

Also, Bridget Nee-Walsh of South Boston; Jon Spillane of Beacon Hill; Nick Vance of Hyde Park; Erin Mur-Roxbury; and Donnie Palmer Jr. of

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New Adams Street library 'raises the bar'

Reopening scheduled for July 31

By BILL FORRY **EDITOR**

The brand-new Adams Street branch library, an \$18.3 million investment by city government, will open to the public during a ribbon-cutting celebration on Sat., July 31. The building replaces a smaller structure that housed the branch from the 1950s until 2019, when the Walsh administration launched a promised reinvention of the facility that's situated two blocks from the Adams Village business district.

The reboot nearly doubles the footprint of the old branch, offering 260 seats and 27,000-plus volumes in its collection.

The exterior of the 13,450-square-foot building is striking, its sharp angles finished with glazed terra cotta panels and copper. Inside, the space is brightened by floor-to-ceiling windows that offer substantial views of the surrounding neighborhoods, a lovely rock garden, and beyond to the Blue Hills. Overhead, the undulating ceiling



A bicycle rack outside of the new Boston Public Library branch library on Adams Street. The just-finished building will open to the public during a ceremony planned for Sat. July 31. Bill Forry photo

is accented wood-beam baffles meant to mimic the peaks of the roofs on

neighboring homes.

feel of the old library, where the walls were lined with books. Instead, the bookshelves Gone is the closed-in have been pushed inside so that seating- including laptop bars and colorful lounge chairs are grouped along the (Continued on page 12)

Once the subject of outcries, super PACS now attract little fuss

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

The super PAC backing Acting Mayor Kim Janey is swinging into action, pulling in nearly half a million dollars while focusing on canvassing efforts.

The super PAC, supported by the hospitality workers union known as UNITE HERE Local 26, received \$420,000 in donations from New York affiliates, according to recent campaign finance filings.

The outside group has spent some of that money on pro-Janey flyers while deploying canvassers.

The other super PAC in the race, going by the name 'Better Boston," is supporting Andrea Campbell, the District 4 city councillor.
Super PACs, typically deployed by wealthy do-

nors and unions, can raise unlimited amounts of money but cannot coordinate their moves with the campaigns they support.

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School board approves new exam schools policy

By Max Larkin WBUR REPORTER

Last Wednesday night, the Boston School Committee tried, by a unanimous vote, to solve a problem almost a quarter-century in the making. Since a judge threw out a prior system of racial quotas in 1997, the city's three exam schools — especially the Boston Latin School - have become far whiter and wealthier than the district at large, which is

now nearly 75 percent Black and Latino and 63 percent low-income.

At around 6 p.m. that night, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius proposed that, going forward, students applying to the schools should be judged by their test scores or middle-school grades - but with an eye toward their backgrounds. The new system will not consider (Continued on page 15)



Teresa Maynard, owner of Sweet Teez bakery. Photo courtesy BGCD

Sweet Teez on 'Taste of Ethnic Boston' roster

REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The seventh annual food festival known as "A Taste of Ethnic Boston" is set to return on July 27. The festival, which will include a Dorchester bakery and other neighborhood business-

By Rebeca Pereira es, aims to unite Boston's shop at Big Night Live, a as a reminder that people most intrepid eaters under one roof while drumming up business for entrepreneurs of color.

More than 20 featured vendors from a variety of culinary and ethnic backgrounds will set up venue by Boston's North Station. Participants will have a chance to engage ravenous attendees with samples of their creations while networking for a larger client base.

"This year, A Taste of Ethnic Boston will serve

can use the power of their purse to help revitalize Boston's restaurants,' said Colette Phillips, founder of Get Konnected, an organization working on the festival. Phillips's group focuses (Continued on page 17)



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Crime rate continues to fall in Boston

By BILL FORRY **E**DITOR

Amid reports of a spike in violent crime nationally, Boston's streets have remained relatively peaceful this summer, with reports of crimes in all major categories down significantly over the same time frame last year. Overall, according to statistics released this week by the BPD's Boston Regional Intelligence Center, so-called 'Part One' crimes are down 17 percent year-to-year and are mostly well below the five-year average.

The decrease in re-

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ported incidents has been even more precipitous in Dorchester's two main police districts: Area C-11, which includes much of coastal Dorchester from Lower Mills to Columbia-Savin Hill; and in Area B-3, which includes areas in Mattapan and west of Washington Street.

In C-11, the overall crime rate is down 26 percent compared to last year in mid-July.

36 percent. Area B-2, which includes Roxbury and parts of Dorchester, including the Dudley Triangle, crime is down 19 percent. The South Boston-centric Area C-6 district, which also includes Columbia Point and the Polish Triangle sections of Dorchester, has posted a 4 percent decline.

There have been 20 homicides in the city so far in 2021, which is 8 In B-3, the rate is down fewer than last year and

13 below the five-year average. In Area B-3, which saw 13 murders between January and mid-July in 2020, there have been five murders so far in 2021. Incidents of shootings are also down significantly, according to the BPD, from 141 last year to 113 so far in 2021, through July 18. That represents a decline of 28 percent.

One statistic that has jumped up is firearm arrests. There have been 334 gun-related arrests made by police officers thus far in 2021, compared to 263 in 2020.

Centre Street dispute ends in standoff, arrest

A dispute that turned violent between neighbors on Centre Street turned into a standoff that prompted a response from a Boston Police SWAT team last Thursday night. Police from Area C-11 were called to the street in the St. Mark's Area just before 9 p.m. after neighbors reported a "disturbance." Police say it was caused by Shawn Savo, 51, who allegedly entered his neighbor's home and pistol-whipped

him during an altercation. Savo is also alleged to have thrown a knife at the victim before vandalizing his car.

Savo then barricaded himself inside his own home and police declared a "code 99," set up a perimeter around the home and eventually - at 12:30 p.m. the next day got him to surrender. He has been charged with home invasion, along with assault and battery with a gun and knife.

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Ward 13 Democratic Committee will caucus on Thurs., July 29 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom to elect 15 delegates and 4 alternates to the state party platform convention. The convention will convene on Sat., Sept. 25, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. All registered Democrats in Ward 13 are eligible to run for delegate and to vote at the caucus. To register to attend, email Ward13Dorchester@ gmail.com. The Zoom link will open at 6 p.m. and the caucus will begin at 6:30 pm. You can find more information at massdems.org.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., July 29 to discuss a proposed new four-story, 74-unit apartment complex on Cheney Street in Dorchester. The proponent is Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corp. The meeting will take place at 6

p.m. via Zoom. See DotNews.com for the link info. The project manager is Lance Campbell, who may be reached via email at lance.campbell@boston.

A proposed project for 24 Ericsson St. in Dorchester will be the subject of a virtual public meeting on Monday, Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m. It consists of the redevelopment of an approximately 156,816 square foot site off of Ericsson Street in the Port Norfolk area of Dorchester. The current proposal consists of multiple buildings and includes 120 residential units, approximately 23,400 square feet of office space, approximately 11,000 square feet of community/office flex space, approximately 3,600 square feet of retail space, a boathouse, and 159 vehicle parking spaces. The project manager for the BPDA is Makena Parker, 339-832-7766. Email: makena.c.parker@boston.gov. page 15 for Zoom link.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a virtual public meeting on Monday, July 26 to discuss a proposal to construct a 270-unit residential apartment community in nine detached, three-story buildings with 415 parking spaces and a freestanding clubhouse at 990 American Legion Highway. The meeting will be held from 6-8 p.m. See DotNews.com for info on the Zoom link. The project manager is Caitlin Coppinger. She may be reached at Caitlin.coppinger@ boston.gov or 857-205-3429.

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

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

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Pressley urges US to take more preventive action on Haiti crisis

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley said last week that the US should take steps to prevent further destabilization of Haiti after the country's president Jovenel Moïse was assassinated on July 7.

"There are many urgent needs and multiple layers of trauma there," Pressley said. "What we need to prioritize right now is security, stabilization, peace.'

[There was movement over the weekend and on Monday on the island nation: Acting Prime Minister Claude Joseph told the Washington Post that he will hand over power to Ariel Henry, who has been backed by the international community, in an effort to

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Haitian Americans United held a 'Peace for Haiti-Solidarity Vigil' on Sunday, July 18 to "express condolences" to the family of slain President Jovenel Moïse and "to pray for a speedy and full recovery for the First Lady" in front of St. Angela's Church in Mattapan. Among those in attendance was Acting Mayor Kim Janey, shown above with members of HAU. Chris Lovett photo

diffuse the roiling crisis. Earlier, on Saturday, Martina Moïse, the widow of the assassinated leader, returned to the country from Florida, where she was being treated for wounds suffered in the assault on her husband and their home, to prepare for her husband's funeral, an official said. She was seen at the airport in

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Port-au-Prince wearing an arm sling and a bulletproof vest.]

Speaking to the Reporter after an unrelated meeting with IBEW Local 103, the electrical workers' union based in Dorchester, Pressley pointed to a letter she had signed as a member of the House Haiti Caucus that was sent to President Biden's homeland security chief, Alejandro Mayorkas.

The caucus urged the Biden administration to move more swiftly in publishing new rules that redesignate Haiti for temporary protected status (TPS) for immigrants. The administration should also halt all deportations of Haitian migrants, the letter said. More than 2,000 of them have been deported since January, according to the caucus.

"Specifically, the Biden Administration's continued use of the Trump era 'Title 42' policy has resulted in unjust removals and expulsions of Haitian asylum seekers," the caucus said in its letter. "This is both unconscionable, inhumane and unjust."

Pressley, a Boston Democrat whose Congressional district includes a high concentration of Haitians, said her position was informed in part by conversations she had with faith leaders. Haitian Americans United, and consultations between her office and current elected and former elected officials of Haitian descent. Those conversations shaped the letter, according to Pressley.

Other members of the House Haiti Caucus, which was resurrected earlier this year, include Yvette Clark of New York, Andy Levin of Michigan, and Val

Demings of Florida.

The letter also calls for Mayorkas to reinstate a program that has lapsed, Haitian Family Reunification Parole, allowing US citizens and lawful permanent residents to apply for parole for family members in Haiti who are facing a backlog in visa processing.

"Due to the ongoing turmoil in Haiti, this program is absolutely crucial in reuniting families and keeping loved ones safe," the letter said.

Separately, Pressley also discussed the \$3.5 trillion spending proposal released by Senate Democrats on July 13. The plan, based on new tax revenues, focuses on expanding Medicare and funding climate change initiatives, and comes in addition to a \$600 billion infrastructure proposal.

"I'm encouraged by what the Senate outlined late last night," she said. "Encouraged about the placement of childcare, paid leave, expanded Medicaid, dental and vision coverage for seniors."

The meeting with IBEW Local 103 officials underscored the need for infrastructure investments, according to Pressley. "We were talking about physical infrastructure, the need to invest in public tran-

sit," she said. "If we're creating jobs but people can't get to them rapidly, it doesn't matter. If we are successful in expanding access to high quality affordable childcare but people can't get there and get there rapidly, it doesn't matter."

Lou Antonellis, the union's business manager, said they discussed the electrification and expansion of public transit, among other Biden administration initia-

'We know it's a snake pit down there," he said. We know how tough it is down in Washington D.C. And we're very appreciative that she's carrying our issues."

He also voiced support for funding the proposals through taxes on the wealthy. "When the richest people in the world have got so much money where they can fly into space but they don't want to pay for the roads and for the human infrastructure that's needed here on earth, we know that's a problem," he said, referencing the space tourism efforts of Richard Branson and Jeff Bezos.

"I thought I'd save the 'tax the rich' takeaway for you," Pressley cut in. "Although, I vigorously agree."

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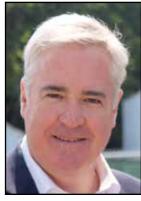


A look at the 17 vying for an at-large Council seat

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Michael Flaherty

Born and raised in Boston, the 52-year-old Flaherty was first elected to the City Council in 1999. Ten years later, he unsuccessfully challenged Mayor Thomas Menino, who had been in office for 16 years. He returned to the council, winning an at-large seat in 2013. Two years ago, he placed third in the at-large field, behind Michelle Wu and Annissa Essaibi George.



Michael Flaherty

What sets him apart from the field, Flaherty said, is his "leadership and experience. I was the first citywide elected official to support marriage equality, one of the first to support the Community Preservation Act, and to increase the linkage formula."

Flaherty said he supports satisfying housing goals by recalculating the area median income (AMI) set at the federal level for Boston by removing

MetroWest from the equation. That would make it more representative of the city, as well as bolstering partnerships with nonprofits, he said.

When it comes to education, he supports using exams as the admissions criteria for Boston's three exam schools. He also thinks the city should: Ensure that curricula should match "Boston's workforce demands," improve infrastructure at all public schools, focus on making Madison Park a "top-notch" leading vocational school, and improve literacy rates citywide.

"We have one of the best police departments in the country," he said when asked about police reform. "Are we perfect? No, we are not. We can always do better, but I am proud of the work that the men and women of the Boston Police Department do."

Endorsements: Boston Teachers Union, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Teamsters Local 25, SEIU NAGE, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, Boston Carmen's Union Local 589.

Cash on hand: \$276,095.

Website: michaelflaherty.com.

David Halbert

A former aide in Gov. Deval Patrick's administration, Halbert placed eighth in the 2019 at-large race. The 37-year-old Dorchester resident currently sits on the boards of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, East Boston Main Streets, and the East Boston Project Advisory Committee (PierPAC.)



David Halbert

"I have an academic background in public administration, 15 years of experience in public service, and I'm a Boston Public Schools parent," Halbert said. "The lack of a Black male voice on the council is the most apparent thing that makes me stand out, but beyond that I have a wide range of experiences."

He said he wants to "work at the policies that we can control at City

Hall," such as the IDP percentage, which, he said, "should be at a minimum of 20 percent." He's also a proponent of "smart density"—larger housing projects, sited close to public transit, that improve infrastructure for bikers and pedestrians.

Halbert supports universal K-0 and K-1 access, comprehensive wraparound services, and making sure that BPS staff is reflective of the student body's diversity.

In terms of public safety, Halbert said, the city should "make sure that we're making mental health clinicians and substance use counselors and social workers available," and working with the police department at "the collective bargaining table."

Endorsements: State Senators Sonia Chang-Díaz, Sal DiDomenico and Joe Boncore; state Rep. Nika Elugardo, State Rep. Dan Ryan and State Rep. Adrian Madaro; former at-large candidates Alejandra St. Guillen & Jordan Meehan, former state Rep. Charlotte Golar-Richie; Mass Nurses Association; North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters.

Cash on hand: \$85,592. Website: david4boston.com.

Julia Mejia

The Boston City Council's first Afro-Latina member says she has "unfinished business" on the council. "I need a do-over, nothing about my first term has been normal," she said with a laugh, pointing to her one-vote victory in 2019 and her first year in office during an unprecedented pandemic.



Julia Mejia

Mejia, 51, called the field an "incredibly diverse" group. "Everyday people are realizing they can do it, too. You don't have to be part of any dynasty or super polished. Your pedigree doesn't dictate your ability to lead these days," she said.

What makes her stand out of the field, she said, is her "lived experience as a Boston Public Schools graduate and parent, and as a single mom in the city."

"I am an immigrant and my daughter is first generation, so I think that I really reflect the city's demographics," she added.

If elected to a second term, Mejia said, she wants to embark on a "deeper dive" into education equity and planning and development. "There are a lot of people experiencing housing and security and that's something I really want to tackle."

Endorsements: Boston Teachers Union; Mass Nurses Association.

Cash on hand: \$101,040. Website: juliaforboston.com.

Nick Vance

A Hyde Park resident who grew up in Dorchester and Mattapan, Vance, 30, is a community relations manager at METCO. In the past, he has served as political action co-chair for the Boston NAACP and worked as a recruiter for Encore Boston Harbor casino. He has also worked for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston and City Year.



Nick Vance

"I truly have been in the trenches in our communities working on the key issues and I practice what I preach," Vance told the Reporter.

If elected, his top priorities would be increasing affordable housing for "generations of people who can't afford to live in the city," providing high paying jobs that match inflation, and finding an "outside of the box solution" to address the substance abuse disorder

and mental health crisis at Mass & Cass.

He is also interested in ensuring that all public schools are equipped with updated infrastructure that is adequate for a safe reopening.

While Vance does not support cutting the police budget, he thinks the department could improve: "We need to work with police and look at their training when it comes to diversity and de-escalation. There is a need for more officers, and we need to work on their community relationships. As of now, just sitting in a cruiser at the corner isn't doing enough."

Endorsements: Josh Kraft, former president and CEO of Boys and Girls Club of Boston; Joseph Feaster, Esq., chairman of the board at the Urban League; Thelma Burns, community activist; Dr. Jean McGuire, former executive director of METCO Inc.; and Melvin Vieira Jr., president-elect of the Greater Boston Association of Realtors.

Cash on hand: \$8,342. Website: nicholasvance.com.

Ruthzee Louijeune

The 34-year-old lawyer and advocate from Mattapan is running to become the council's first



Ruthzee Louijeune

Haitian-American member. "Boston has a vibrant Haitian community that hasn't been represented on the Boston City Council," Louijeune said. "It's a group of folks who are often not invited to the table."

She said she's wellequipped to tackle an array of issues, pointing to her work representing families facing evictions and foreclosures while at Harvard Law School, her

experience working as a member of the Massachu-

Erin Murphy

A lifelong Dorchester resident, Murphy, 51, has worked for 24 years in the city school system. She finished sixth in the last at-large race.



Erin Murphy

She said she supports keeping exams as the admissions criteria for the city's three exam schools, but wants to improve the quality at all Boston public schools.

"I think it's key that every family and every child has the opportunity to get a seat at a good quality school that's close to home," she said

She's also in favor of uni-

versal pre-kindergarten, increased mental health services at all schools, more attention to special needs and ESL classes, and equitable tech support for all students.

When it comes to housing, Murphy said, "affordable housing is not affordable for the working class." She noted that she rents the second floor of a three-decker, and that her children could be faced with leaving the city because of high housing costs.

As for the Boston Police Department, Murphy praised Boston's community policing model, but added that the department should hire more officers.

Endorsements: State Rep. Dan Hunt, Councillor Frank Baker, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Mass Nurses Association, Laborers Local 223.

Cash on hand: \$45,921. Website: erinforboston.com.

Carla Monteiro

A social worker and Dorchester native, Monteiro is a first-generation Cape Verdean, and a 38-year-old single mom. She holds a master's degree in social work from Boston College and deals with patients



Carla Monteiro

who are struggling with mental health issues and substance use disorder at Boston Children's and Brigham and Women's hospitals. She is also the founder and president of the Cape Verdean Social Workers Association.

Monteiro told the Reporter that her "lived experience navigating city services and advocating for her community" is what would make her a great councillor.

When it comes to housing, Monteiro said the city should make sure development projects are affordable for the people who live in the communities they're built in. She wants to expand renters' rights and protections and use available city land for affordable housing.

Monteiro does not support using the exams as an admissions process for Boston's three exam schools, but she supports universal pre-K, hiring more nurses, social workers and therapists, and investing in a green infrastructure for all Boston Public Schools.

As to public safety, Monteiro is in favor of ending shared information between BPD and ICE (US Immigration and Customs Enforcement) and reallocating funds from the police overtime time budget to create a 24/7 crisis center run by the city that responds to mental health crises, homelessness, and people experiencing substance use disorder.

Endorsements: Sheriff Steve Tompkins; NASW-MA PACE.

Website: carlaforboston.com. Cash on hand: \$19,257.

setts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA). and her years as a student in the Boston Public Schools.

Louijuene said she was an "integral player" in drafting MAHA's Saving Towards Affordable and Sustainable Homeownership (STASH) program, which provides homebuyer education and helps with down payments on homes.

"I'm a first-time candidate, but it's not my first time working on any of these issues," she said. "My fluidity of being able to sit at all these different tables and feel comfortable will be an asset to the city."

Endorsements: US Sen. Elizabeth Warren; state Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz; state Rep. Liz Miranda; City Councillors Lydia Edwards and Kenzie Bok; Boston Firefighters Local 718; Mass Nurses Association; Boston Teachers Union.

Cash on hand: \$151,946. Website: ruthzeeforboston.com. **Alex Gray**

A former adviser to Gov. Deval Patrick, and a policy analyst in City Hall.



Alex Gray

Gray, 36, hopes to become Boston's first blind elected official. "My work life, but also equally importantly, my lived experience is what makes me a great candidate for city council," he said, adding, "I think that 2021 has to be the year that the disability community has to have a seat at the table."

Rental relief will be extremely important coming out of the pandemic, said

Gray, noting that the city needs to be "creative" in its approach to expanding affordable housing projects— possibly by building housing on top of public libraries and looking at city-owned parcels.

Gray said that an exam should "play a role in the admissions process to our public exam schools." He has called for the school committee to have a dedicated seat to represent the interests of the special education community.

"Boston is a leader on community policing," he said, when asked about what the police department is doing well. He also cited the department's body camera program and de-escalation techniques. Gray said that constituents want "reliability and accountability," when it comes to policing.

Endorsements: Laborers Local 223, former Patrick state budget chief Jay Gonzalez.

Cash on hand: \$42,364. Website: votealexgray.com.

Bridget Nee-Walsh

A South Boston native, ironworker, and small business owner, Bridget Nee-Walsh, 42, favors more vocational programs to teach trades in Boston Public Schools. She would like to see every school have a class like woodworking or sheet metal. "Not all kids are going to be college material, but they can all earn a living wage," she said.

She also advocates for "re-



Bridget Nee-Walsh

She also advocates for "responsible redevelopment." On her website she argues: "The people of Boston would much rather see a 3-story parking garage go up than more empty 'luxury' condos."

A single mom who hails from a "large blue-collar, working class family," Nee-Walsh owns two specialty stores specializing in Irish-American goods, including a storefront in

Dorchester's Adams Village called Babe Mannion's Irish Shoppe. She is also an ironworker, who serves as the first female elected to serve on the executive board of the Local 7 union. She is presently the local's recording secretary.

Endorsements: Ironworkers Local 7, IBEW Local 103; IBEW 2222 and Boston Firefighters Local 718, Sheet Metal Workers Local 17, Carmen's Union.

 $\textbf{Cash on Hand:}~\$9,\!810.65$

James "Reggie" Colimon

A Haitian-American who served as a City Council liaison for former Mayor Martin Walsh, the 55-year-old Colimon said he would focus on breaking down language barriers and systemic inequities. He holds a political science degree from Salem State University, a master's in international policy studies, and an MBA from Middlebury College.

Colimon said he would



James Reginald "Reggie" Colliman

Colimon said he would be ready to "hit the ground running on day one" due to his experience working in municipal government.

He supports universal pre-kindergarten for all, would look to create pathways for vocational training, and explore ways to fund a program for Black and Brown students who want to go to law school.

Colimon said the Boston Police Department needs to be adequately staffed. He

cited the department's community policing model as something he would work to support.

In terms of housing, Colimon said the city should continue prioritizing transit-oriented development (TOD), with the goal of making Boston a "15-minute city" —so that goods and services would be well within reach for everyone. He would work to adjust the zoning rules to allow smaller-scale multi-family housing.

Cash on hand: \$21,798.
Website: colimon2021.com.

Kelly Bates

The president of the Interaction Institute for Social Change and a founding board member of Emerge Massachusetts was asked what sets her apart. Bates, 50, pointed to 25 years of experience as a lawyer and nonprofit and crisis management leader.



Kelly Bates

"I'm a lawyer and a bridge builder," she said. "When things are difficult in the city, it's so important to have people who can help different communities communicate issues and really figure out how to create solutions."

She added: "I'm a Black and Irish woman, and given the very tough issues we have in Boston around race and how it relates to schools policing and housing, it's so

important to have a reasoned voice that can bring people together."

If elected, Bates said, she would make sure that "every single public school receives all of the resources that they possibly can through the new federal funds coming into the city to make them more equitable and improve infrastructure."

She's not in favor of any of the current proposals for BPS exam school admissions criteria.

In terms of police reform, Bates said the community policing model works well, and thinks the city should work to improve the relationship between officers and advocate groups.

Endorsements: State Sen. Sonia Chang Diaz, former NAACP Boston Branch President Michael Curry.

Cash on hand: \$65,562. Website: batesforboston.com.

Jon Spillane

A former employee of the city's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) and a recent graduate of Suffolk University Law School, Spillane, 30, worked most recently as a staffer for District 8 Councillor Kenzie Bok.



Jon Spillane

"I think I'm one of the few candidates who has worked for the city council," Spillane said. "I've also worked for DND and I believe housing is the top issue in the city."

Spillane would like to incentivize developers to build more affordable units through priority permitting. He would also hire more Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and Zoning Board

of Appeal (ZBA) staff, and reform zoning laws.

For Boston Public Schools, Spillane would prioritize using federal relief funds to improve infrastructure and take "advantage of low interest rates for capital projects."

He also supports expanding the city's universal pre-K program, looking at creating early childhood care, and using an exam "in some capacity going forward" as a component for exam school admissions.

On the topic of police reform, Spillane said: "In this past year we've done a lot toward police reform including the creation of [an oversight] board. I think we need to make sure that that board is fully funded so it can succeed."

He added that he opposes a general reallocation of overtime funding but thinks "that we have a responsibility to make sure that we are using funding responsibly."

Endorsements: City Councillor Kenzie Bok Cash on hand: \$26,040.

Website: jonforboston.com.

Roy Owens Sr.

A perennial candidate for office in the city for decades, Owens has worked as a public school teacher



Roy Owens, Sr.

and social worker for the Department of Public Welfare. He said that "church" and "faith-based" values should be incorporated into BPS along with mental health support.

As to police reform, Own

As to police reform, Owens said that faith-based methods should be incorporated into the department's community policing model.

Cash on hand: \$0.
Website: royowensboston.mysite.com

Domingos DaRosa

The two-time (2017, 2019) candidate for the same seat and SEIU Local 888 leader is the owner of DaRosa Property Maintenance. After his family



Domingos DaRosa

moved to Boston from Cape Verde Island when he was an infant, DaRosa, 43, grew up in Roxbury, Dorchester, and Hyde Park. He's a graduate of Madison Park High School and holds a degree from the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology.

"I have a track record of doing work in the community and building relationships. I'm not groomed by the powers to be, and my values have not been com-

promised," he said. "Day in and day out you can find me mentoring kids in the neighborhood."

As for Boston Police issues, DaRosa said that officers are "stretched thin. They need mental and physical health support," adding that while he doesn't necessarily support cutting funding, the city could "do a better job at managing funds."

On the topic of development and housing, DaRosa said his top priority if elected will be advocating for more affordable homeownership opportunities. "We need to use whatever parcels we have left to create affordable homeownership," he said.

Cash on hand: \$2,664.
Website: darosaatlarge.org.

The following candidates either did not respond to request for comment before publication or else declined to be interviewed by the Reporter:

Althea Garrison

After Garrison placed fifth in the 2017 election, she moved into an at-large council seat briefly in 2019



Althea Garrison

when Ayanna Pressley left for Congress. She failed to retain her seat in the November 2019 election, finishing seventh.

In an interview with the *Reporter* in February, Garrison, 80, who has at times run as a Republican, touted her support of the Boston Police Department and bemoaned the fact that, in her opinion, the council has swung too far left. "I'm

running to bring it a little more center," she said.

Said Abdikarim

A refugee from Africa who settled in Boston as a teenager, Abdikarim attended Boston Public Schools. He sold newspapers at age 14 and sent the money home.



Said Abdikarim

According to his website, he is running "to make sure that all Bostonians get equal opportunities and use his background living in low-income communities, and as a black immigrant working in technology, investments and business, to fight for a level playing field."

He also wants to bridge the economic gap through STEM and vocational education in Boston Public

Schools and advocate for equal opportunity through a redistribution of city resources like housing, workers' rights, and childcare opportunities.

Cash on hand: \$35,208. Website: sa-id.com

Donnie Palmer Jr.



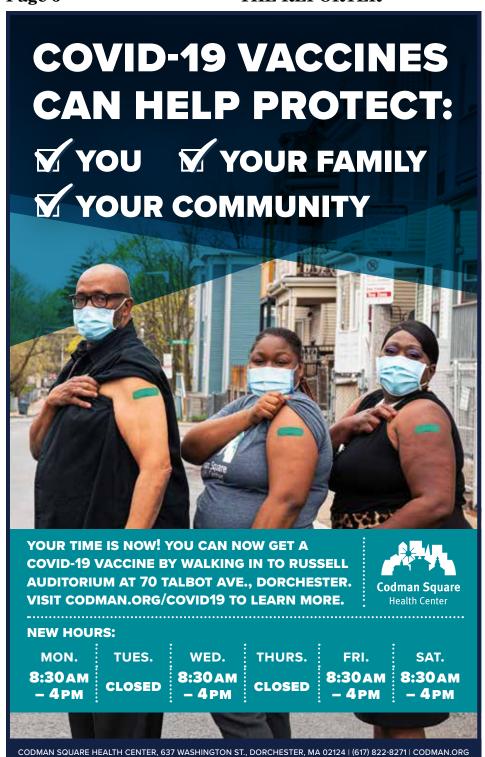
Donnie Palmer, Jr.

A former professional heavyweight boxer who survived a shooting in Dorchester in 2015, Palmer describes himself as a conservative Republican. His social media is heavy with pro-Trump references. On his website, he describes himself as "the only candidate that wants to stop teaching racism in the schools."

Cash on hand: \$1.02 Website: palmeratlarge.

org.

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Five years in, Dot Brewing figures it's time for a 'bash'

By Katie Pedersen Special to the Reporter

The year 2020 was meant to be a banner 12 months for Dorchester Brewing Company. The Massachusetts Avenue brewery, which also goes by DBCo, rang in the new year with a new roof deck and garden, dubbed the "Hopservatory," and a partnership with local pop-up operation M&M BBQ.

Just over two months later, the Covid pandemic shut down the state, and in the 16 months that followed, DBCo pivoted to distribution and virus-safe events, such as socially distant dinners, to stay afloat. Those moves helped the company survive to celebrate five years in business this Saturday (July 24) with an "Anniversary Bash."

"Opening Dot Brewing five years ago was a long process," said Holly Irgens, co-founder and marketing director. "We looked at different properties and tried to figure out the best place in Dorchester. Two of the co-founders, Matt Malloy and Travis Lee, were Dorchester residents. It was always part of the goal to be in Dorchester. We wanted to be part of the community, support the community, and create a new place



Dorchester Brewing Company – or DBCo as many regulars call the Mass Ave brewery – will mark its fifth year in business with an anniversary "bash" on Sat., **July 24.**

Photo courtesy DBCo

Dorchester Brewing Company's roof deck (right) - and its partnership with M&M BBQmake it a popular year-round destination.

Photo courtesy DBCo

that people wanted to go within Dorchester."

Since its launch in 2016, the brewery's business has grown "exponentially," according to the brewery.

"When we opened, we weren't distributing our beer, we were just Irgens said. "We were



doing contract brewing for other brands,"

doing some of our own beers, but only in-house. We went from doing more contract brewing to brewing more of our own beers. We signed on with a distributor last December, so now you can find our beers in hundreds of liquor stores around Massachusetts, whereas five years ago, vou couldn't even find them in a liquor store in Dorchester. So that's been a big shift over the

last five years."

As it has expanded, DBCo has also become a hot spot for local community events.

In an interview, event manager Derek Rayner was quick to spotlight some of the brewery's recent inclusive events, including Drag Bingo and Drag Brunch. He's also proud of the socially distanced course dinners that DBCo put on throughout the pan-

"They would do a menu item, and we would pair a beer with it," Rayner said. "The dinners were a great way to get people in the space while still keeping it Covid-safe."

Each dinner sold out quickly. "People were clamoring for something to do while still staying safe," he said.

As DBCo continues to develop, the founders hope to stay inclusive and rooted in Dorchester. At a time where many craft breweries have come under fire for a lack of diversity, DBCo is proud to have gay and female leadership.

"Between myself and Lee, it's always been our mission to make DBCo a welcoming place for everyone, our customers, and our employees," Irgens said. "I think that we try to make it that environment where everyone can be themselves. Even with customers, if someone's not a beer person, that's fine with us. We're not the typical beer snobs."

In a nod to its diverse clientele, DBCo sells craft seltzer, cider, wine, and nonalcoholic beverages in addition to beer.

Looking ahead, with the pandemic fingering, Rayner says he's "cautiously optimistic. We're not sure what's going to happen in the fall; we're not sure what's going to happen with the Covid variants; but we're hoping that the worst of it is behind us and that we can keep progressing."

For details on the fifth anniversary event, visit DBCo's website at dorchesterbrewing.com/events/ event/5th-year-anniversary-bash/.

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News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Dorchester Little League team wins District 9 championship

Dorchester Little League players are District 9 champs after beating South Boston and Charlestown earlier this month. The tournament was played in a round robin format with teams from other two neighborhoods.

The Little League is open to players ages 4 to 12. Founded in 2018, the Little League program is the result of a merger between Cedar Grove Baseball and Savin Hill Little League.

The team beat Charlestown on June 27, 19-2, in 4 innings. Adrian Carmona pitched 3 innings, allowing 2 runs, and Nick Couture notched a scoreless final inning. Brady O'Connor went 4 for 4 at the plate.

In the finals, Dorchester faced South Boston in a best-of-three series. In Game 1, Dorchester prevailed easily, 18-6.



Back, left to right: Coach Nathan Robbins, Coach TJ Couture, District 9 Administrator Paul Caron Middle: Brady Robbins, Drew Brock, Adrian Carmona, Bear Janicki. Front: Dylan Noto, Liam Yandle, Owen Higgins, Brady O'Connor, Nick Couture, Brendan Pugsley, Josiah Lopez. Not pictured: Coach Drew Brock, Tommy Barry, Landon Healy. Photo courtesy Dorchester Little League

Brady O'Connor pitched 4 innings and Tommy Barry, who went 4-for-4 final 2 innings.

at the plate, came on in relief to pitch a scoreless

Game 2 was another blowout for Dorchester,

South Boston's 3. Adrian Carmona pitched 5 inwhich scored 20 runs to nings, allowing just the

3 runs. Thunderstorms suspended play for about an hour-and-a-half after the fifth inning. In the top of the sixth, Dorchester added 8 runs to the 12 it had scored before the delay.

Nick Couture came on in relief and struck out the side in the sixth.

Dorchester moved on to the Sectional Tournament in Newton along with Parkway, Needham, and Melrose. While Dorchester played tough in all three sectional games, Melrose was the eventual winner, beating Needham, 12-3, in the final game. The northof-Boston squad will play in the state finals in Andover this weekend.

Dorchester is currently playing in the regular season of the Suburban League Region 1, which consists of teams from the South Shore area.

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Free Tuesday performances planned at Franklin Park

The Franklin Park Coalition and Boston's Parks and Recreation Department will mark the 100th birthday of the late Elma Lewis with a series of free performances at the Playstead near the giraffe entrance of the zoo. Lewis, a Roxbury native who founded the original Playhouse in the Park in 1966, died in 2004.

The performances this summer, which began on July 20, will include Tuesday morning children's shows at 11o'clock for summer campers, families, and child care programs. Evening shows, starting at 6 p.m., will offer classic R&B, Motown, Jazz, and Reggae bands with popular local performers and bands. Food trucks and vendors, picnic blankets, and lawn chairs will fill the audience area. Mz. Rhythm and the Boston Rhythm Riders will lead line dances during intermission.



The OrigiNation Dance Troupe performs.

Photo courtesy OrigiNation Troupe

The lineup for Tues., July 27, is Music by Monet at 11 a.m. with R&B perform- OrigiNation Dance Troupe at 11 a.m.

er scheduled for 6 p.m. On Aug. 3, it's

with a reggae band leading Caribbean Night at 6 p.m. And on Aug. 10,

Music by Monet performs again in the morning with the evening shift covered by E-Water Band celebrating Eric Watson with Elan Trotman and other local musicians joining the band.

"This is a tradition that our community anticipates and looks forward to every summer, as they did during Elma Lewis' time," said Rickie Thompson, Franklin Park Coalition Board President and Playhouse coordinator. "After this challenging pandemic year, our audience and musicians alike are excited to be back at the Playhouse."

Performances will be canceled in the event of rain. For more information, call 617-908-4002 or visit franklinparkcoalition.org.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY The James Blake House

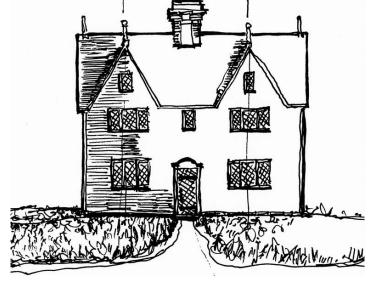
Following are excerpts from the Society's description of the Blake House:

The 360-year-old James Blake House, at 735 Columbia Road, is the oldest existing house in Boston. We are sorry that the house is not open for public tours at this time.

The first accompanying illustration was drawn by John Goff to show the appearance of the house at the time it was built, based on the architectural evidence. The second illustration appeared in "The Memorial History of Boston" in 1880. The way the house looked in 1880 was very much the same as today.

An analysis of tree rings in a representative sampling of the timbers in the framing has shown that the trees were felled in the winter of 1660-1661. The house would have been built the following

The house was built on land that is approximately where



the Eversource facility is located today on Massachusetts Avenue. At the time the house was built, there was no roadway nearby. When Massachusetts Avenue was created, the road ran right next to the Blake House property.

The original occupants of

the house were James Blake and his wife Elizabeth Clap Blake. He was born in the area of England near Pitminster. in 1624, and emigrated with his parents to Dorchester in the 1630s.

In 1895, the City of Boston acquired the property to complete a large parcel for the building of municipal greenhouses. The Dorchester Historical Society, which had been incorporated in 1891 undertook the preservation of the Blake House as its first major project. The Society persuaded the city to grant

the Society the house and the right to move it to Richardson Park at its own expense. By January 1896, the house had been moved to its new location.

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

Editorial

Dot-rooted song's vibrations still felt three decades later

July 1991. Here in Dorchester, we were midstream through a summer punctuated by a still-smoldering wave of violence that had peaked the year before with a body count of 152 souls, still an all time high for Boston. For me, it was the break between high school graduation and college orientation. It was spent mainly at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Marr building on Deer Street, where I worked alongside fellow teens lucky enough to get hired to supervise younger kids. For many of them, it was their refuge from rival street gangs and other monsters who stalked their peers for fun and petty treasures.

The music of that era on the streets of Dorchester was a blend of boom-bap rap and RnB swing popularized in films like New Jack City. Bell Biv Devoe (BBD), the offshoot of Boston's own New Edition was on tour promoting, among other hits, the immortal "Poison." Boyz II Men was out with "Motown Philly," their smash debut produced by BBD's own Michael Bivins. "I Gots to Have It" by Roxbury's own Edo G and Da Bulldogs — the closest thing to a rap anthem ever generated by a Boston crew— was on heavy rotation.

Then, in mid-July '91, a new entry started moving up the charts: "Good Vibrations" by Marky Mark and Da Funky Bunch, fronted by Dot native Mark

I'd seen 'Marky' before. In July 1990, I agreed to drive my younger sister to see her favorite band, New Kids on the Block, who performed at Foxborough stadium. Mark — then an unknown artist — opened for the world-touring boy band, which included his older brother Donnie. Even with a pair of earplugs firmly in place, I couldn't hear much over the din of 50,000 screaming pre-teen girls. But it's safe to say Marky Mark wasn't the highlight of the night.

But "Good Vibrations" - dropped the next summer— proved memorable. A catchy blend of House and pop-rap with a looped sample of Loleatta Holloway piping out the title words. Its success was fueled in part by a video that featured a frenetic 20-year-old Wahlberg working out (and making out) alongside dancers, exhorting listeners to "C'mon, c'mon, feel it, feel it!" The song caught fire and ended up being number one in the US and Europe.

Thirty summers later, Good Vibrations is still getting played and MC Spice the Legend-a Roxbury-raised MC who actually penned the lyrics and tutored Wahlberg in the salad days of his music career—is still getting paid.

This week, Spice - also known as Amir Shakur dropped a re-mix of Good Vibrations to mark the song's pearl anniversary. He also penned and performed a new, more spiritual version of the classic, a collaboration with the singer Phajja.

"I felt that a lot of people who grew up on 'Good Vibrations' are attracted to the infectious, feel-good hook. In the 30th anniversary version, we gave it a totally new sound, and the rapping is on a different level with a new cadence and flow.'

Neither Wahlberg who was part of the original song— Donnie was a co-writer and producer—appear on the tracks. Mark Wahlberg has long since left his rapper days in the rear view and is loath to even discuss it publicly. There's no such reluctance on the part of MC Spice, who was recruited by Donnie Wahlberg to teach his younger brother how to rap—in part, he says—because their mother, Alma Wahlberg, who died earlier this year, was concerned about her younger son's future.

"Donnie told me: 'My mother is getting on my case about not leaving Mark behind.' I said, 'So you're gonna put him in the band?' And Donnie said. 'No. he doesn't want to be in New Kids, he thinks it's whack. Can you teach him how to rap, he'll listen

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MC Spice says he gave Mark a crash-course in hiphop music and culture, driving around Dorchester and Roxbury and introducing him to rap icons like KRS-One and Public Enemy. When the time came to record an album, Spice wrote Good Vibrations and several other songs on the Funky Bunch's debut album, Music for the People. In fact, four of the songs on that record—including another Wahlberg semi-hit "Wild Side" were actually songs that MC Spice the Legend had written two years earlier for his own project with Atlantic Records, which was never produced.

According to his account, MC Spice the Legend wrote Good Vibrations during a car ride with Donnie Wahlberg on their way to record a track at a studio owned by Peter Wolf on the South Shore.

"It was a beat that Donnie created and I gave it some input. I wrote it in like 15 minutes while we were driving and listening to that loop," said MC Spice, who also recorded an initial take of the song

for Mark Wahlberg to listen to and learn.

"I wrote Good Vibrations for him specifically. You can hear how it was all about partying on a

MC Spice was surprised to find that the future Hollywood mogul was a fast learner.

"The very next day we were in Roxbury at Maurice Starr's studios and they said, 'Yo, Mark's ready to record the song.' Even then you could tell he'd be a great actor because this dude shows up and he was telling me the words."

Now 54, MC Spice says revisiting the original song he made famous with the Wahlbergs is a labor of love for his own label — 2626 Entertainment, which he co-owns with a longtime friend, Cornell Brown.

'It means way more to me," he told the Reporter. "I love the fact that it was done. The world thinks the hip-hop still holds some dangerous connotation. But this song helped to propel the culture that I believe in - peace, unity, love and respect."

Learn how to get drug convictions expunged

To the Editor:

Should we punish people for crimes that no longer exist? This question has arisen in states like Massachusetts that have legalized cannabis for medicinal and recreational use. As people across the Commonwealth recover from the pandemic and internalize lessons from movements for racial justice, the answer has become overwhelmingly clear: No.

Letter to the Editor

Although cannabis remains criminalized at the federal level, Massachusetts has been a modern

leader in liberalizing laws concerning the substance. In 2008, Massachusetts voters chose to decriminalize possession of up to one ounce per person. In 2016, we enacted controlled legalization, allowing adults to possess a maximum of one ounce on their person and ten ounces in their homes.

These victories did not occur arbitrarily. Rather, they owe their existence to decades of activism from the most impacted communities. Proponents of legalization understood that the War on Drugs was not just a policy failure, but a war on people of color.

According to the ACLU, Black people are four times as likely to be arrested for cannabis than white people in the US, even though they use the substance at roughly the same rate.

Despite our relatively progressive laws, Massachusetts does not escape this trend. In Suffolk County, for example, from 2014-2019, 50 percent of people charged with Class D possession of marijuana were Black, even though they made up under one-quarter of the population, according to the *Boston Globe*.

Although the most harmful rules no longer apply, their impacts are still felt. In Massachusetts, interactions with the criminal justice system are gathered in the form of a Criminal Offender Record

Information, or "CORI." For decades, a less than perfect CORI has prevented people from accessing employment, housing loans, and community engagement opportunities.

While some may argue that employers and landlords should have the right to deny opportunities to people with marks on their CORI, it is difficult to justify why people should continue to face punishment for transgressions society deems are no longer, well, transgressions.

In 2018, the Massachusetts Legislature recognized the importance of remedying this harm, enacting the "Massachusetts Criminal Justice Reform Law." It offered a pathway for individuals to seal (hide) or expunge (erase) criminal records for offenses that are no longer crimes. With a CORI sealed, most landlords and employers are unable to see past offenses.

However, these new opportunities to seal and expunge parts of one's CORI remain underutilized. Six months after the new system began, only 219 requests for expungement were filed.

Massachusetts' current system places the entire burden on the individual, undermining the effectiveness of state law. The process is complicated, lengthy, and costly, disincentivizing the most impacted from completing it (even if they know it exists). Flawed and inadequate before Covid-induced court shutdowns, backlogs now present near insurmountable obstacles to unrepresented petitioners.

For these reasons, the Safety Net Project of Harvard Law School's Legal Services Center is hosting free virtual seminars to help people seal their CORI. Our next seminar will take place on Fri., July 30, from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Register at the link (https://bit.ly/ LSCCORI) or visit our website for more information.

Andrew Steinberg Harvard Legal Services Center

For Dorchester's Baez, his pro baseball odysey has begun

Joshua Baez, the one time standout baseball player at two Boston high schools, Cristo Rey in Dorchester and the Snowden International School in the Back

Editorial Notebook

Bay, moved one big step closer to his goal of playing in the major leagues on Monday

when he signed a contract worth a reported \$2.3-\$2.5 million with the St. Louis Cardinals of Major League Baseball's National League at the team's home park, Busch Stadium.

He had earlier committed to play at Vanderbilt University, an NCAA Division One baseball powerhouse. For choosing them over academia at this point, the Cardinals included the cost of tuition to pursue an undergraduate degree in the contract, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The 6-foot-3, 230-pound Baez, a native of Boston who spent his early years (to age 11) in Santo Domingo before coming back to live in Dorchester, turned 18 last month and closed out his high school career this spring as a senior standout at the Dexter Southfield School in Brookline where he pitched (a 1.94 ERA) and played outfield and batted .378. He was a member of the Boston Blue Jays of the Boston Park League until he was drafted.

"I'm just glad to be here," he told reporters after a round of batting practice at the stadium. He will now join the world of the minor leagues at the Cardinals' facility in Jupiter, Florida. "For now, it's just about getting better, continuing to work on it," he added.

The following is what he needs to work on, per Baseball America's scouting report on his prospects as cited by the Post-Dispatch:

"He performed well last summer on the showcase circuit and he started the spring by managing his at-bats well, but as the season progressed, he got team's garb. more out of sync and swung



Joshua Baez in his new

through a lot of ordinary Massachusetts high school pitching. Baez isn't a free swinger, but there's some stiffness to his stroke and he tends to get his front arm extended early, which hampers the adjustability of his swing to be able to react to and square up different pitch types and locations. In center field, Baez shined all spring. He's a solid-average runner underway who doesn't have typical burner speed or long gliding strides for the position, but he's a power runner who has good instincts, reading the ball well off the bat with good routes to both gaps. He's built like a corner outfielder and many scouts believe he will ultimately outgrow the position and head to right field, but he has enough athleticism and ball skills to start out in center.'

And so begins Joshua Baez's hopeful trek to the bigs, under the watchful, discerning eyes of those scouts and the prayers of his fans in Dorchester, the Back Bay and Brookline.

In the meantime, though, there's that house he said he's going to buy for his mother. That's a big

- TOM MULVOY

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these blue-green algae

blooms in the region

"have occurred with

greater frequency over

the past several years,"

and scientists say climate

change is exacerbating

There's certainly a lot

of work to be done to

improve water quality

in the Charles, Mystic,

and Neponset Rivers in

the future, said Debo-

rah Szaro, acting EPA

Region 1 administrator.

But these annual report

cards are also a testa-

ment to how much clean-

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Boston Harbor, which

they all flow into - are

today than they were 30

"In the 1980s, Boston

Harbor was really one of

the most toxic harbors in

America," she said. "The

wastewater treatment

or 40 years ago.

the problem.

Boston rivers tested pretty clean in 2020; sewage issues cited

By Mirian Wasser WBUR REPORTER

It's report card time for the Charles, Mystic, and Neponset Rivers, that is.

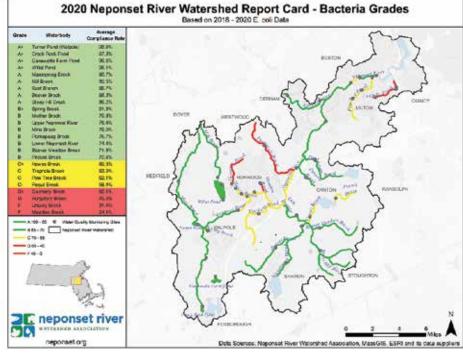
As part of an ongoing effort to monitor water quality in these rivers and raise awareness about pollution, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) uses data collected by local watershed groups about bacteria levels to calculate annual letter grades.

As has been the case in years past, most segments of the Charles and Mystic Rivers received As or Bs, indicating that the water met swimming or boating standards most of the time.

This was the first year the Neponset River received a report card, and it, too, got mostly As

But there were also several Cs issued for parts of the Mystic and Neponset, meaning that the water quality met swimming standards only some of the time and boating standards most of the time. And, owing to ongoing problems with stormwater runoff and sewage, all three rivers had at least one D or F.

"One of the major problems that we found in these rivers is sewer connections that are illegally hooked up to storm drains," says Ken Moraff, director of EPA Region 1's Water Division. "Sewage is supposed to go into sewer pipes that lead to Deer Island and get treated, but sometimes we find a pipe that will go into a stormwater drain. So when it rains — or sometimes even in dry weather — there can be a continuous flow of sewage into a water body.'



Finding these illicit hookups and then fixing them is no easy task, but over the last few decades, cities and towns in the region have made progress. In 2017, for example, Chelsea identified two illicit hookups — one from a big apartment complex and one from the New England Produce Center — and rerouted the waste. The following year, the Island End River ended its failing streak and got a B.

In addition to these improper hookups, two other sewage-related infrastructure problems continue to plague these rivers: combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and leaky wastewater pipes. Both allow untreated sewage to enter the rivers, and during particularly rainy weather can cause E. coli concentrations to spike to dangerous levels.

"Much municipal effort goes into the detective work of hunting down these sources and eliminating them," Andy Hrycyna of the Mystic River Watershed Association wrote in an email. He added that the city of Cambridge has invested more than \$150 million in separating combined pipes to help address serious water quality problems in Alewife Brook.

Regionally, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) has also worked to repair old pipes and close CSO outfalls. In the last few decades, it has eliminated 35 CSO outfalls, which has reduced wet weather sewage discharges by approximately 87 percent.

While the EPA's report cards reflect the level of E. coli in the water. pollutants from stormwater runoff — like lawn fertilizer, road salt, and gasoline, to name a few also create serious water quality issues. Fertilizers in particular can lead to dangerous cyanobacteria blooms during the summer. According to the EPA,

They were dumping bacteria and toxins off the shores of Winthrop and Quincy. Sewage overflowed regularly onto our beaches. Fish had tumors and other diseases.No one wanted to go anywhere near the water." But following several

plants were falling apart.

federal lawsuits and billions of dollars of cleanup, Szaro said, the remediation of Boston Harbor [is] "undoubtedly one of the greatest environmental success stories in the country." And now, she adds, "we're focusing our attention on more upstream areas, on the three major rivers that feed into the harbor."

The EPA first launched the Charles River water quality report card 25 vears ago so citizens could track the cleanup progress. The agency began issuing grades to the Mystic River in 2007, and this year added the Neponset. Citizen scientists with local watershed groups collect data from the rivers and submit the results to the EPA, which calculates a grade based on a threeyear rolling average of bacteria levels.

"The report cards are really a tool to drive action on further cleanup," Szaro said. "This is really important on the segments of the river where water quality improvements are needed, and especially in environmental justice neighborhoods that have

been disproportionately impacted by pollution and don't have the same resources as other more affluent communities [for cleanup efforts]."

Earlier this month, Gov. Baker wrote to the EPA in support of listing the Lower Neponset River as a federal superfund site. This part of the river, which runs through Milton, Hyde Park, Dorchester, and Mattapan, has a long history of industrial pollution, including PCPs. Whether the Neponset gets listed is technically unrelated to the water quality report cards, which measure E. coli, not toxins in the sediment.

Szaro, who grew up near Hyde Park, remembers being told as a child to stay away from the Neponset River because it was so dirty. She also recalls many floating objects in the water and a noxious smell emanating from it. She added that the regional office is also advocating for superfund site designation with EPA headquarters.

She said she hopes all three major rivers in the Boston area will be places where people "can enjoy the natural beauty, take part in nature, recreate and just get a break from daily life by enjoying the scenery."

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New Adams Street library 'raises the bar'

(Continued from page 1) windows, with plenty of outlets for visitors to plug in and juice their laptops and smartphones.

"We're thrilled and we hope the community will be, too," said David Leonard, the president of the Boston Public Library. "The old branch was much-loved, but this completely new building certainly raises the bar."

One element of the old branch that has been preserved is an impressive oak tree that rises high above the building at the northwest corner of the site, at Adams Street and Oakton Avenue.

"One of the things that was really important to the community was keeping this beautiful tree healthy and protected, and it was," said Priscilla Foley, director of neighborhood services for the BPL. "It got regular inspections during the construction. And we're able to keep the reading garden in the same space that it was before. It's also open to the community when we're not open, which is one of the things that we appreciated about it before."

Everything else about the branch is brand new and better than before. In the old library, books were stacked in shelving along the walls. Tiny windows offered little in the way of natural light. The new building turns that concept on its head with clear glass curtain walls on all sides that allow natural light to pour in.

"What we've done is actually made the neighborhood and the library to connect in," said Alison Ford, director of major projects for the BPL. "So, you can see everything that's happening outside from every part of the library. And then similarly people can see in. And so that transparency is really just a way to open up the library."

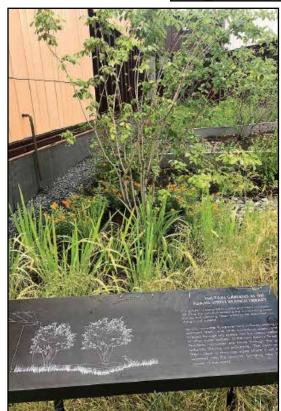
The branch also fea-



Top: The new-and-improved Adams Street branch library's children's section includes age-appropriate seating and a storytime 'early literacy' section complete with a custom-made mural etched into millwork, shown below.

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From left: A rain garden on the library's property along Delmont Street. Middle: A view inside the library's adult section. Right: A giant oak tree was preserved on the library's northwest corner by Oakton Avenue.

Bill Forry photos

tures a large community room, which can accommodate 100 seats. The space has been named for the late Ashmont-Adams civic leader Patricia O'Neill, who died last year at age 80. The room will be used for special events and will be a polling location, although it is not yet clear whether it will be online in time for the September preliminary election. It features a drop-down screen and modern audio-visual system.

There are also two conference rooms that patrons can reserve for meetings. And, in a first for a branch library in Boston, the Adams Street location includes a music room, which will function as a sort of "instrument petting zoo," according to Foley.

Another highlight of the branch is a large early literacy space with low-seating for smaller children and a custom-designed mural etched into millwork featuring various faces from the Animal Kingdom.

"We wanted the early literacy space to be really welcoming and large for the community. And we anticipate larger afterschool crowds because those kids have grown up and they'll want to be here," said Ford.

Staff began working

Staff began working inside the branch on Tuesday, but the doors will not open until July 31 to give librarians time to get settled into their new workspace and put the finishing touches ahead of the grand opening, which will be led by acting Mayor Kim Janey.

The large investment in the Adams Street branch and other BPL locations— including a newly-renovated facility in Roxbury's Nubian Square — reflects a major commitment from the Walsh administration, which budgeted \$130.5 million for renovations and new construction of library buildings in his most recent capital plan, which extends out to 2025.

Leonard says that if past is prologue, the sparkling new Adams Street branch can expect to see a significant uptick in patronage when the doors swing open a week from Saturday.

"We've seen in the last six years that when we renovate, the usage goes through the roof. We saw a 40 percent increase at the central library after that was renovated in 2016. And we see it occur in the branches, too," said Leonard. "It's about realizing the role of the library. It's much broader now. Yes, there are books and story-time and homework help, but there's a whole wide range of programs that cover everything from cultural engagement to workforce development."

BPDA okays a 403-unit project for Boston Street

A proposal to develop 403 residential units off Dorchester's Boston Street received approval last Thursday from the city's planning agency.

The board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved the new residential housing and retail project, which includes nearly 50,000 $square\,feet\,of\,open\,space$ that will be available to the public.

Known as the Jan Karski Way Extension Project, the residential units, spanning nearly four acres in buildings of four to five stories, will include 60 units designated as affordable housing. The project also calls for 14,655 square feet of retail space and 268 parking spaces.

The developer, Bass Realty LLC, tapped Stantec Architecture and Engineering as the designers for the project, which is located at 173



A rendering of a mixed-use development that calls for 403 residential units and 14,665 square feet of retail space, as viewed from Boston Street. Image courtesy Stantec Architecture and Engineering

prise streets between the traditional three-deck-South Bay shopping pla- ers and next door to the

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ment in the area near The project comes the South Bay shopping plaza, which itself has seen an overhaul, with a movie theater and new restaurants.

The Boston Street project is also close to public transit; it's about a ten-minute walk to both the Andrew MBTA Station and the Newmarket commuter rail station. Plans call for 88 visitor bike spaces and a BlueBikes station, as well as new bus stop shelters on Boston Street. Additionally, one-way Enterprise Street will be reconstructed.

The project is expected to boost Boston property tax revenues by \$2 million a year and bring in 400 construction jobs.

Once the building begins, it's estimated to last about two years. When the project was first proposed in September 2019, the first available residential units were slated to open in autumn 2022.

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Kosciuszko planning study moves ahead

A study of Kosciuszko Circle and Morrissey Boulevard took another step forward last week when Boston planning officials signed off on funds for the effort. The study comes amid a development boom in the area, from the Dorchester Bay City project at the former Bayside Exposition Site, the Beat at the Boston Globe's former headquarters, and the redesign of Moakley Park, among others.

Morrissey Boulevard continues to see heavy traffic, and major flooding, a problem likely to continue as sea levels

The study, expected to cost \$1 million just to start, is set to launch this summer and take 12 to 18 months.

Several state and city agencies are undertaking a joint planning study to "evaluate the existing and future multimodal transportation conditions" at the rotary, also known as K Circle, and Morrissey Boulevard, "to develop and analyze alternatives for the corridor," according to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

The BPDA's board signed off on spending \$500,000 on the study last Thursday. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is kicking in an additional \$500,000.

The study area includes Preble Street on the north side, Neponset Circle in the south, with Dorchester Bay

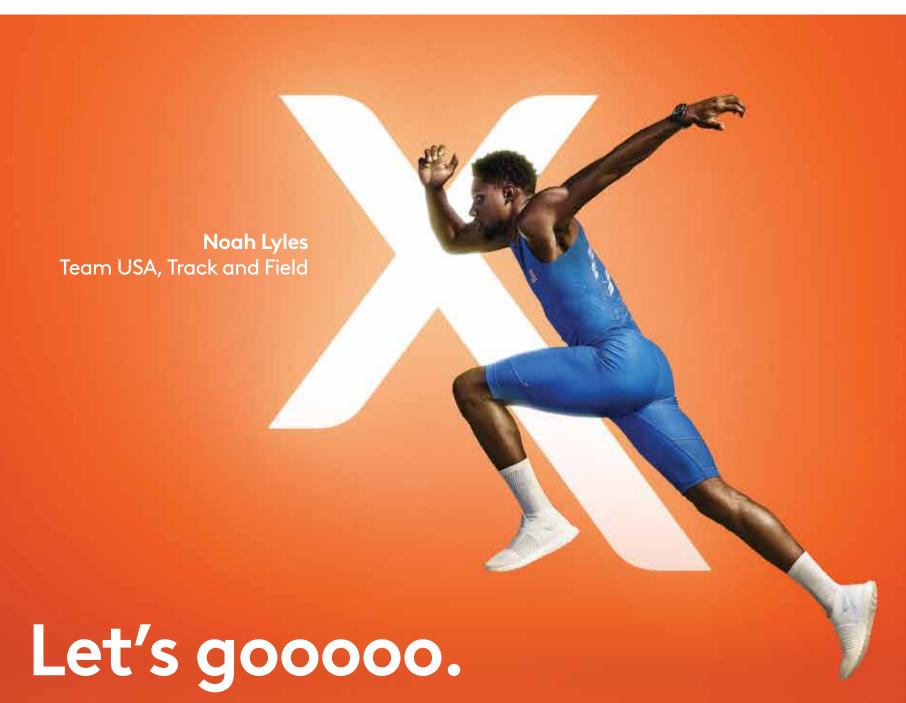
as its eastern boundary and Dorchester Avenue as its western boundary.

The study will consider a range of alternatives, from improving roadway and pedestrian connections, bus rapid transit, open space, and climate change mitigation.

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School board OK's new policy for 'exam' schools admissions

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race directly, instead comparing eligible students within one of eight socioeconomic "tiers" based on their home addresses.

Cassellius came to Boston in 2019 as an advocate for marginalized students, and a skeptic of standardized tests. In her opening remarks on Wednesday, she said, "It's entirely possible for us to hold two truths at once. It is true that for some of us, this policy doesn't go as far as we might wish, and we are impatient and frustrated with the pace of our progress.

"It is also true that we are taking a significant step forward this evening," she added, "in our march toward greater justice and equity."

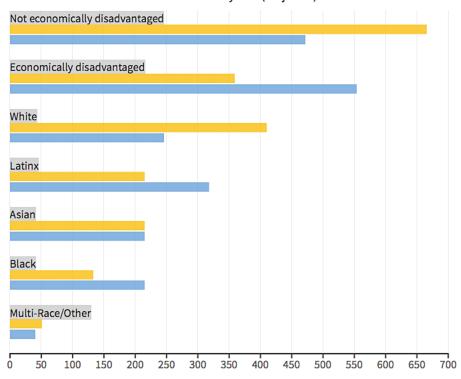
The policy is expected to have a leveling effect on the makeup of the exam schools' incoming classes. According to the district's own projections — which, they stress, are simulated and based on incomplete data hundreds more qualified low-income students may get into the selective schools under the new policy starting next year.

Cassellius did not mention another truth in her remarks: that many in the city remain skeptical of — or even

How The New Admissions Policy May Reshape Entering Boston's Exam **Schools**

Projected number of students admitted to all three schools each year (assuming 1,025 open seats)

> Under Prior Policy (2019-20 Cycle) Under New System (Projected)



Number of students admitted by group (based on percentage of 1,025)

Source: Boston Public Schools projections, "Exam School Task Force Recommendation & Data Analysis," July 7, 2021 (PDF) • Based on a simulation: does not include applicants from private schools, students applying from outside Boston, or academically-ineligible students.

hostile to — the change.

Earlier on Wednesday, Cassellius pointedly rolled back a lastminute change made to the proposal drafted by a district task force, one that would have

allowed for 20 percent of seats to be allocated through simple citywide academic competition and would have favored white and wealthier students. Task force members had suggested that

change was made under pressure from unnamed politicians.

A Flourish data visualization

There were relatively few voices of dissent among the 50-plus members of the public who spoke at Wednesday's

meeting; most spoke in favor of the change, often enthusiastically.

But over the course of nearly a year of public debate, many have argued that this reform patterned on one adopted in Chicago in 2009 — will undermine the mission of the selective schools.

Several Asian parents asked for the policy to be amended to give more weight to standardized test scores, which will only count toward 30 percent of students' overall ratings under the new system.

Judith Nee sounded a similar note, saying she does "understand the attempts to make a level playing field." But, she asked, "do you really think depriving firefighters' and civil servants' kids... is the way to do this? What does it get you, other than deprive everyone of perhaps the one real, authentic step up in the world — by weakening the rigor at [Boston Latin School]?"

Darragh Murphy asked the committee - which is still down two voting members after scandals related to the policy change — to postpone the vote until after the mayoral election. Murphy is part of the **Boston Parent Coalition** for Academic Excellence, which unsuccessfully

sued to block a similar, temporary admissions policy earlier this year.

Those legal efforts seem likely to pick up steam in the weeks ahead. William Young, the federal judge who ruled on the case, has withdrawn his opinion in response to allegations that the district withheld text messages that showed former committee members Alex Oliver-Dávila and Lorna Rivera criticizing white parents from West Roxbury during a public meeting on admissions reform.

Shortly before the vote, all of the committee's six remaining members spoke in support of the final recommendation and the public process that yielded it. Committee chair Jeri Robinson noted that she graduated from "Girls Latin" — now the co-ed Boston Latin Academy — before there was an entrance exam, and said the school was "a critical piece in our lives."

After months of public process, Robinson said, the city needs "to have as much passion, and hours ... to make sure every student, no matter what school they go to, will feel the pride, will feel the support. This, for me, is just the beginning."



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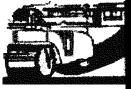
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Sweet Teez on 'Taste of Ethnic Boston' roster

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on generating revenue and visibility for the city's entrepreneurs of color.

"This is an opportunity to ensure an equitable recovery for all our neighborhood food and beverage establishments," she said.

A percentage of profits from ticket sales will benefit the Boston Black Hospitality Coalition, which was selected as the event's partner nonprofit for its efforts to preserve the Black neighborhood bars and restaurants.

The organization estimates that 90 percent of local neighborhood restaurant revenue comes from foot traffic and on site consumption, which became unfeasible for many small-capacity establishments amid social distancing guidelines and the stay-at-home orders during the height of the pandemic last year.

Sweet Teez, a Dorchester-based bakery, was one of many businesses that felt the financial destabilization of Covid time' After experiencing its most profitable first quarter, Teresa Maynard, the shop's proprietor said, "everything came to a screeching halt" in March.

That month, she packed up her wares and left the food business incubator at CommonWealth Kitchen on Quincy Street, and two months later, in May, she contracted tye coronavirus. It took her a month to recover so she could bake again.

"I had never felt so sick in my entire life," she said. "But, toward the end, I thought that 'if I live through this, I have to hit the ground running, I have to live my life to the fullest,' and that's what I've been doing."

When Sweet Teez reopened in September, fortified by a \$5,000 grant from the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts (BECMA), Maynard noticed that customers often inquired



Merengue Restaurant, a Dominican American eatery on Blue Hill Avenue, will return as one of the Dorchester businesses represented at the 2021 "Taste of Ethnic Boston" event set for July 27. *Photo courtesy Get Konnected*

about six-inch pies, smaller than the shop's smallest standard size.

The bakery's reopening had been discouraging, so she decided it was time for a "pivot" to corporate events and online sales.

The business used funds from the BECMA grant to purchase an Eddie® edible ink printer, which has already gotten plenty of wear-and-tear. Maynard also began to explore e-commerce, and, with the help of Women Innovating Now (WIN) Lab, an eight-month Babson College accelerator program, she shifted her business model to become primarily delivery-based.

"The pandemic happened and it was terrible, but sometimes a shakeup is beneficial. It reorients your perspective," she said. "Sometimes, when your hands are tied behind your back, you're forced to get creative.

"For us, having to figure out a way to pivot was really a learning curve, but I feel like we came out better and more efficient than we were before," she added.

Sweet Teez has been a featured vendor at A Taste of Ethnic Boston in previous years, but Maynard plans to approach the event with a fresh take this year. She's still weighing whether to break out the logo printer and individually package her cupcakes, bite-sized edible advertisements, or to circulate her traditional offering: a sampler platter stacked with mini pies, brownies, and cakes.

Either way, her crowd-pleasing "tipsy cake" – a boozy recipe adapted from her Jamaican grandmother's no-measurement, bake-by-heart culinary portfolio — is sure to make an appearance.

Three years ago, Maynard's grandmother passed away at 102, leaving behind her granddaughter's childhood memories of sharing the cake at Christmas. The batter has taken on new sentimentality. "Baking the cake and taking it out of the oven is like getting to hug her again," Maynard said.

At the "Taste of Ethnic Boston" festival, Sweet Teez will be among the hundreds of what Phillips, the event organizer, calls "hidden gems": Small businesses primarily owned by people of color and immigrants who are often overlooked by mainstream food industries.

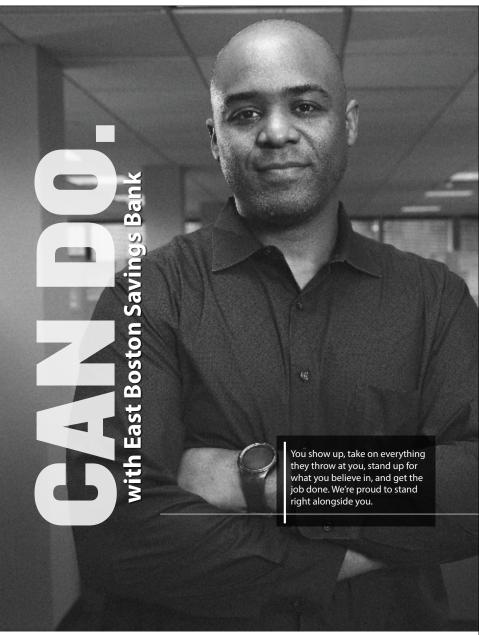
Also slated for the event is the Cape Verdean joint Restaurante Cesaria, Fields Corner's Pho Le, and Merengue Restaurant, a Dominican establishment on Blue Hill Avenue.

"Unfortunately, several of the restaurants we've previously worked with were unable to survive the pandemic; it devastated our restaurants," said Phillips. "What we're doing is raising money to support and to spotlight the restaurants that have surmounted this public health obstacle but may not get patronized like their counterparts in more affluent communities."

With help from partners such as Big Live Entertainment, the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, Samuel Adams Boston Brewery, and CommonWealth Kitchen, Phillips and other sponsors hope to attract new customers to storefronts as they reopen.

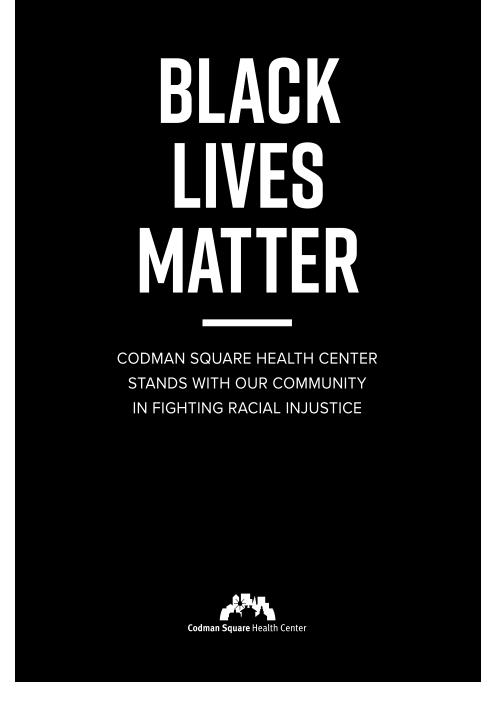
"My takeaway each year is always a sense of utter joy," she said. "There's a certain satisfaction in writing a check and supporting institutions that are working to diversify the culinary ecosystem in Boston."

Phillips added: "We're not raking in money, we're giving it away. The joy is in giving."





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Baker signs \$47.6b budget, notes strong tax collections

By Katie Lannan STATE HOUSE News Service

Gov. Baker on July 16 signed into law a \$47.6 billion budget for this fiscal year, striking \$7.9 million in spending from the bill lawmakers had sent him a week ago and also vetoing a section that further delays implementation of a charitable giving tax deduction approved by voters in 2000.

In a message to legislators, Baker said the bill grows spending by about 3.6 percent over last year, excluding cer-

tain fund transfers. The draft of this budget, final budget contains \$2.9 billion more than the spending plan Baker filed in January but is also based on significantly higher tax collection estimates than were in place over the winter.

More than half of that increase, or \$1.4 billion, is in MassHealth, "where the extension of the federal public health emergency leads to higher enrollment projections, but also higher federal reimbursement that offsets the spending increase," Baker wrote.

"In the six months since I filed the first the reopening of the economy has allowed our residents to start to reengage with the routines of public life," he said. "Meanwhile, to an almost unprecedented degree, federal fiscal and monetary policies have supported household, business, and government spending. As a result of this economic activity, tax collections this spring substantially exceeded forecasts."

The surge in tax collections led legislative negotiators to boost revenue expectations and safeguard savings by

canceling a planned \$1.5 billion withdrawal from the state's rainv day fund.

In a cautionary note, Baker wrote that the state must "remain alert to the risk that economic activity has been bolstered by ultimately unsustainable levels of federal spending, and that our currently high tax revenue growth might slow down as federal emergency spending phases out."

He added: "Reflecting this mixture of confidence and caution, the Legislature proposed that we set aside \$600 million in this budget for future education and pension costs (\$350 million and \$250 million respectively). We applaud the instinct to use unanticipated revenue for future liabilities, but respectfully suggest that we could achieve the same result, with less risk, by making those transfers from the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) surplus rather than a projected future surplus.

The governor returned 25 policy sections to lawmakers with proposed amendments, including the sections transferring \$250 million to the Commonwealth Pension Liability Fund and \$350 million to a new Student Opportunity Act Investment Fund.

"Both transfers have merit," Baker wrote, before cautioning that the state's fiscal picture could change and offering language that would instead transfer the same amounts of money from surplus fiscal 2021 funds.

Baker said he vetoed "\$7.9 million in spending that I see as problematic for reasons specific to the particular line items involved" and approved about \$90 million earmarked for one-time local projects, a decision that will go over well with legislators who inserted those spending directives.

Of the 149 outside sections, Baker also vetoed two and signed 122.

One of the rejected sections called for a study on the pandemic's impacts on children's behavioral health and related services, and the other postponed the implementation of a tax deduction designed to increase donations to charities and non-profit organizations.

Voters approved the charitable deduction in 2000, but its implementation has been frozen and delayed over the years. Baker said he struck the latest proposed delay because the combination of strong state revenues and serious needs facing non-profits and charitable organizations necessitates this tax deduction's going into place."

The Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, which supports the veto, estimated that more than 627,000 low- and middle-income donors would use the deduction each year.

"This is the right time to restore the state charitable deduction," Jim Klocke, the network's CEO, said in a statement. "It will promote charitable giving, and will benefit donors across Massachusetts - most of whom are low- and middle-income residents. State revenues are growing rapidly and now we can restore the deduction."

Lawmakers described their budget as having a \$48.1 billion bottom line. The smaller \$47.6 billion total the administration uses excludes a Medical Assistance Trust Fund transfer.

The new budget does not include any broadbased tax hikes, and it increases Chapter 70 funding to local school districts by \$219.6 million, to a total of around \$5.5 billion.

It makes the state's film production tax credit permanent by removing a 2022 sunset date and imposes more stringent eligibility requirements around the program.

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BGCD & Elevate Youth Kick Off Summer Program with Blue Hills Hike: See details below

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD & Elevate Youth Kick Off Summer Program with Blue Hills Hike: Last week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester kicked off our summer partnership with our friends at Elevate Youth by hosting two hikes at the Blue Hills Reservation.

Upcoming outdoor adventure activities include sailing, kayaking and horseback riding. Any BGCD members that would like to take part in our Elevate Youth trips must be preregistered.

BGCD and Elevate Youth have been partnering together for year-round **Outdoor Recreation & Education** activities for the past 4 years. We are so thankful to our friends at Elevate Youth for continuing to provide these amazing opportunities to our members.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Hosts Alumni Night for Teen

Members at Harbor Point: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted a special alumni night for our teen members. Alumni from BGCD came to speak to the teens, giving advice on the importance of trying to get great grades, scholarships, dealing with mental health issues, joining a club at college, playing a sport, as well as exploring more options besides college, and much more. No matter where their paths may take them, we remind our teens and alumni that BGCD will always be here for them.

Thank you to our amazing panel of alumni for joining us and doing a fabulous job.

For more information on our Alumni, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@ bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Hosts Alumni Night for Teen Members at Harbor Point: See details below

DID YOU KNOW: BGCD & Upham's Corner Health Center Hosting COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics On Thursdays: This past week Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester kicked off a 6-week partnership with the Upham's Corner Health Center to offer a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in our outdoor court. The team from UCHC will be on hand to accept registrants and administer the shot for those

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At Dot forum, mayoral candidates consider post-Covid workplace scene, deride Seaport

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

In a forum in Dorchester last Thursday, the five major mayoral candidates laid out how they would handle coronavirus-driven changes to the Greater Boston economy and avoid creating another neighborhood like the Seaport.

The candidates appeared before nearly 150 people inside the offices of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters. The forum was moderated by CommonWealth editor Bruce Mohl and put together by the Responsible Development Coalition, a group that includes the carpenters union and developers.

The five candidates are Acting Mayor Kim Janey, District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell, City Councillors At-Large Annissa Essaibi George and Michelle Wu, and former city official John Barros.

Mohl asked the candidates about a McKinsey and Co. report released last week on the post-pandemic future of work in Massachusetts. Commissioned by Gov. Baker and costing \$1.6 million, the report said demand for office space is expected to drop, while commuter rail and airline traffic would fall as more employees continue to work from home.

Janey said there's "no question" workplaces may change for some. But, she added, many are not able to sit home while on Zoom, a video conferencing tool that became



Mayoral candidates appeared in-person at a forum on Thursday, with development as the focus. From left to right: CommonWealth Magazine editor Bruce Mohl, City Councillor At-Large Michelle Wu, District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell, Acting Mayor Kim Janey, former city economic development chief John Barros and City Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi George. Gintautas Dumcius photo

widely used during the pandemic. Her administration is preparing for the changes with "fierce urgency," and, she noted, she has created the Cabinet-level position of labor and workforce development.

In his response to the question, Barros pointed to a marketing campaign he helped come up with while working for former mayor Marty Walsh, whose departure led to Janey, due to her status as City Council president, becoming acting mayor. "I want to thank Mayor Janey for launching it for me," he said.

We need a mayor who is going to sell our city and bring people back in," he added, touting his experience as Walsh's chief of economic development.

Essaibi George said city officials must think creatively about the future of commercial space and make sure the talent pool is ready to work in a different manner. "There is no secret that our future remains uncertain. It is why we are all invested in the race," she said.

Campbell, as she did earlier this week, pitched revamping vacant city lots into affordable, mixed-use development in her first 100 days. "We can definitely activate those spaces," she said.

For her part, Wu said that while it's unclear what the downtown Boston economy will look like, "now's the moment to reach back and tackle the challenges that our residents were facing long before the Covid-19 virus," such as a lack of affordable housing and childcare.

The candidates were also asked how they would handle development in the city, a question that led to the Seaport district to come in for a rhetorical drubbing. Boston's newest neighborhood is often criticized for its lack of diversity and tepid building design.

"For folks who can

afford the Seaport, I'm sure it looks great," Janey said. "But the reality is there are a lot of folks left out of that." She said neighborhood $development\, must\, make$ sure there is mixed-income housing. "The hope and goal is that we never repeat the Seaport," she said.

"To me, the Seaport looks like a playground for the rich," Wu added. She noted that transportation remains a problem there, and a few years ago developers were considering spending \$100 million on a gondola system because of the terrible traffic. And considering the effects of climate change and rising tides, the Seaport won't exist in a few decades, she said.

"It is the end result of a system that is broken," said Wu, who has pitched the abolishment of the Boston Planning and Development Agency. Her proposed overhaul calls for a planning department within City

Hall, with a process that doesn't let developers "get away with a handshake."

Campbell noted with dismay that there is one Black business in the Seaport: A barbershop. "That is abysmal," she said. If city officials can create a whole new neighborhood like the Seaport, why can't it do the same on Blue Hill Avenue or in Codman Square, she asked, drawing applause from the crowd.

Once we do that, we become the best city in the country because no urban city in the country has figured out how to close these [racial and wealth] gaps," she said.

Barros noted that when Walsh came into office seven years ago, he challenged developers to come up with better building designs. He also acknowledged the lack of diversity but pointed to the administration seeking to bring cultural spaces to the neighbor-

For Essaibi George, the Seaport is in many ways "Anywhere, USA," without much about it that is unique. City officials need to "double down" on master planning efforts so each neighborhood says "You're in a special place," she added. While there have been efforts to make the Seaport more aesthetically pleasing and add open space, affordable housing is a missed opportunity there, according to the councillor.

After the forum, Joe Byrne, the executive secretary-treasurer of the carpenters union, defended some of the Seaport's decade-long building boom.

"If it wasn't for the Seaport, a lot of the people sitting in this room today wouldn't've had jobs during those times,' he said.

"Some candidates think that it could've done better," he added, saying he agreed with them. "But I don't think it was necessarily a completely negative thing by any means."

Overall, he considered the forum a success. The Responsible Development Coalition, when it launched earlier this year, quickly enlisted the candidates to sign their pledge saying they support union jobs, equal pay, and energy efficiency in real estate development.

"It was good to hear some of the development they were talking about, some of the creative ways to make it happen," he

District 7 Council candidates weigh in on housing and public safety issues

By Rebeca Pereira REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Seven candidates for the District 7 City Council seat convened in a virtual forum last Thursday, exchanging ideas and delineating their differences on key subjects including housing affordability and homelessness, public safety, and equity in education.

The list of District 7 hopefuls includes Tania Anderson, Brandy Brooks, Angelina Camacho, Marisa Luse, Leon Santiago Rivera, Lorraine Powell Wheeler, and Joao DePina. They were joined by representatives from a number of neighborhood organizations and ward committees that partnered in sponsoring the forum.

The candidates are vying for the seat held by Kim Janey, who became acting mayor in March. She is running for a full four-year term as mayor, opening up her seat,

Plain, Fenway, Roxbury, and Dorchester's Wards 8 and 13.

The candidates fielded questions from Janey's predecessor, Tito Jackson, who moderated the forum. He gave up the seat to unsuccessfully run for mayor in 2017.

"We all need to understand we're not running against each other; we are actually running for the district," said Jackson. "There's not winners and losers, because each of you will stay engaged in the community re $gardless\, of\, what\, happens$ at the ballot box.'

With the Sept. 14 preliminary looming, candidates sought to distinguish themselves from their collective experience in community advocacy and activism.

A majority of the candidates are Roxbury natives, expect for Anderson, a Cape Verdean expat, and Brooks, who describes herself as "born in South Carolina,

which includes Jamaica raised in Georgia, and developed in Roxbury." All candidates currently reside in Roxbury.

Candidates floated a litany of affordable housing solutions and potential remedies for homelessness and housing insecurity

Anderson, who lived in a Roxbury housing project at age ten, suggested a citywide rental subsidy for residents spending upwards of 35 percent of their monthly income on rent, and cosigned onto several other candidates' affordable housing solutions.

They ran the gamut from reinstating the eviction moratorium, which drew wide support, to expanding workforce development and utilizing federal funds received through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) for rent relief, both championed by Wheeler, an attorney and founder of the Roxbury Path Forward Neighborhood Association.

Boston is poised to receive a \$500 million boost from the Biden administration, with another \$400 million reserved for Boston Public Schools.

A proposal from Rivera to significantly augment the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), the threshold requirement of affordable housing units in new housing developments, also surfaced in the debate.

Currently, the IDP requires the designation of 13 percent of newly constructed units in a housing development as "affordable," a margin determined by the area median income (AMI). Rivera, a community organizer focused on homelessness and the opioid crisis, would like to see this threshold lifted to at least 40 percent.

"Right now, what we're seeing that's being built isn't actually affordable for many families. It can't just be one solution, we have to tackle it from different angles, short

ning against each other; we are actually running for the district." – Tito Jackson

"We all need to understand we're not run-

and long term as well," said Rivera.

Emotions ran high as discussion veered toward public safety and policing, and calls abounded for the introduction of an unarmed trauma response as standard practice in law enforcement and the routine training of officers in racial sensitivity and community awareness.

'We also have to really work on acknowledging in the city of Boston that there is a racism issue, that we need to address that issue across all departments, that we need to address that in our neighborhoods and even in our own homes. We need to decolonize our minds," said Luse.

Candidates touched by gun violence spoke about prioritizing safety without compromising on reform. Luse, who lost her brother to homicide in 2006, offered solutions like the reallocation of funds to decentralize addiction relief services

and create a more robust mental health response, saying, "Every time there's a homicide in the city of Boston, understand that that has a long term effect on all the individuals in that community."

Brooks, a professor at Bunker Hill Community College, also advocated for increased funding to the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, a police oversight committee signed into being by former mayor Marty Walsh in Jan. 2021.

"This is where the rubber hits the road," Brooks said. "What we spend our money on tells you a lot about our values, and one thing we know looking at the city budget – we spent close to \$90 million on police overtime – one thing we have to understand is that a gun, a badge, and a cruiser does not mean safety for some communities.'

Campbell touts plan to 'activate' vacant city lots for development

By Rebeca Pereira Reporter Correspondent

As she seeks to stand out in a field of five mayoral candidates, City Councillor Andrea Campbell is promoting a plan to speed up affordable housing development and close the racial wealth gap.



Joined
by supporters at
a vacant
lot at the
corner of
Blue Hill
Avenue

and Floyd Street last Wednesday, Campbell spotlighted her plan to "activate" 100 vacant city-owned lots for affordable, mixed-use development within her first 100 days as mayor.

Housing is a top issue for Boston voters, according to a June poll published by the Boston Globe and Suffolk University, Acting Mayor Kim Janey and City Councillor At-Large Michelle Wu topped the poll, which showed that many voters remain undecided. City Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi George and Campbell, the District 4 councillor, came next in the poll, followed by state Rep. Jon Santiago, who dropped out of the race last week, and John Barros, an economic development official in the Mayor Walsh administration.

"Housing affordability is the single biggest issue Bostonians are worried about," Campbell said at the gathering on Wednesday. "Providing the leadership, vision, and management necessary to transform housing in Boston must be our next mayor's top priority."

Barros has touted his record in support of affordable housing while he worked for Walsh, while Wu has said she is the only candidate who supports a return to rent control. Essaibi George is calling increasing housing supply a priority forjher. Janey has noted that as acting mayor, she has put \$50 million toward rent relief for residents amidst the pandemic.

Campbell has previously focused on vacant lots as a district councillor representing Dorchester and Mattapan. In 2019, she partnered with the Wentworth Institute of Technology, a host of community residents, engineers, and designers during a 24-hour "Reclaiming Space" workshop to generate practical fixes on blighted or underutilized parcels.

Proposed solutions ran the gamut from transit-centered gardens to flexible apprenticeship spaces and mixed-use, youth-oriented hubs. The workshop sought to breathe life into the Blue Hill Ave. Action Plan, an initiative aimed at reclaiming and redeveloping 30 vacant lots along the Blue Hill Avenue corridor with affordable housing in mind.

"I am frankly proud that I know I am the only candidate in this race that has a housing plan that is specific, that is practical, that is doable, that is creative, and that builds on

a long record of accomplishment that is quite specific," Campbell said.

Her proposal also includes a number of secondary priorities, including reforming permitting, processing, and zoning procedures.

Developers face notoriously protracted permitting approval processes, and larger established development corporations often outflank smaller competitors in the Request for Proposal bidding protocol.

Campbell's plan would favor small and mid-level developers, and seek to further cut through the bureaucratic morass surrounding developments by removing affordable housing from the purview of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), a city agency.

Property service workers union backs Janey, may start super PAC

Janey snagged a key endorsement on Tuesday as 32BJ SEIU, which represents property service workers, threw its support to her. She might also get super PAC help from them, too.

The union represents 20,000 workers in Massachusetts, many of them immigrants and people of color who work inside commercial office buildings, biotechnology companies, higher education campuses and Logan Airport. GBH News first reported the endorsement.

Roxana Rivera, 32BJ SEIU's vice president, noted that



Mayoral candidate Andrea Campbell pushed her affordable housing plan alongside supporters at a vacant lot on Blue Hill Avenue on July 14. The plan centers on the redevelopment of vacant and underutilized lots.

Rebeca Pereira photo

Janey recently signed an executive order raising the wage of security officers and cleaners in Boston buildings to \$20 an hour from \$14.85.

Roughly 6,000 32BJ SEIU members live within the city of Boston. Another 5,000 work in the city, but live in Chelsea, Lynn, Everett, and Revere.

In the 2013 mayoral preliminary, the union backed then-Councillor Felix G. Arroyo in the 12-person race, and Marty Walsh, the eventual winner, in the November final election.

The union indicated that it could start up its own super PAC, a spokesperson confirmed, in a move similar to that of the hospitality workers union, UNITE HERE Local 26. The hospitality workers union has also endorsed Janey and launched a super PAC.

Super PACs — typically powered by unions and wealthy donors as each group is able to drop tens of thou-

sands of dollars into television advertising, mailers and canvassing efforts — are flocking to the first open race for mayor since 2013, as they did when Mayor Thomas Menino opted against seeking a sixth term that year.

Tuesday's 32BJ SEIU endorsement of Janey came as part of a package: UFCW 1445, which represents Massachusetts workers in warehouses, supermarkets, food delivery, health care and the cannabis industry also announced its backing.

Janey has also pulled in formal endorsements from City Councillor Ricardo Arroyo and his father, Suffolk County's register of probate.

The twin endorsements last Thursday from the Arroyos came after South End state Rep. Jon Santiago, who would have become the first Latino mayor of Boston if he'd won, dropped out.

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Super PACS attracting little fuss in Boston mayoral race

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Another super PAC may surface. 32BJ SEIU, a union that represents property service workers, is weighing launching its own in support of Janey, similar to the one from Local 26.

Compared with the 2013 mayoral race, which saw some candidates attempt to curb outside spending, the outcry this time around is far more muted, at least among the candidates.

Janey has decried super PACs and their outside money, but in recent comments to the *Reporter*, she sought to make a distinction between the one aligned with Local 26 and the one backing one of her four rivals

The pro-Campbell "Better Boston" super PAC hit the airwaves in June, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a TV ad promoting Campbell, who represents Dorchester and Mattapan on the city council and worked as a deputy legal counsel to former Gov. Deval Patrick.

That super PAC has pulled in donations from Nonnie Burnes, a former Superior Court judge who served as head of the state Division of Insurance under Patrick; Donna Gittens, who owns a local media and marketing firm; former Boston Public Schools chief financial officer Eleanor Laurans, who also co-founded home security company SimpliSafe; Analog Devices founder Ray Stata;



Members of UNITE HERE Local 26, which endorsed Acting Mayor Kim Janey and has a super PAC supporting her, attended the Janey campaign's opening of its Jamaica Plain office.

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former Democratic candidate for governor Chris Gabrieli; and former Massachusetts GOP chair Jennifer Nassour.

The super PAC also has on its donor rolls a number of supporters with ties to backers of charter schools, which, teachers unions say, are a threat to public education as they divert funding from school districts. Supporters of charter schools say they are independently run public schools that offer parents more choice.

In a late June email to supporters as "Better Boston" ramped up, Janey's campaign said super PACs are "trying to use their unlimited spending power to buy this election," adding, "While my opponents count on super PACs to win, I count on grassroots supporters (like you, friend!)," the Janey campaign said in asking for small dollar donations.

Asked after a mayoral forum whether she would ask the Local 26 super PAC supporting her to stand down, Janey said, "Here's what I would say to that: I am very grateful to have the support of workers, particularly in the hotel industry who have been devastated by this pandemic. Most of whom are poor, most of whom are immigrants, most of whom are women."

Janey, who worked as an education activist before her election to the City Council in 2017, added: "They are doing

important work. I've been proud to stand with them, I've been proud to have their support. What I am standing up against are money and organizations who are trying to privatize our schools. Our schools need to be public schools for all children and I do not want to see the privatization of our schools gaining ground through super PACs supporting candidates."

supporting candidates."

The pro-Campbell Better
Boston super PAC did not
respond to a request for comment.

For her part, Campbell, when asked about the super PAC, said, "I'm focused on my campaign raising the resources we need to be successful." The answer mirrored a campaign statement when the super PAC first formed back in March.

Super PACs supporting the other candidates may emerge as the September preliminary, which will narrow the field to two, gets closer.

A third super PAC, which some say may have ties to City Councillor At-Large Michelle Wu, has filed paperwork with state campaign finance regulators but remains publicly inactive. Wu's campaign declined to comment.

The campaign of John Barros, a former city official, also had nothing to say.

Nicole Caravella, a spokesperson for Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi George's campaign, said that "over the next few weeks, Annissa will be focused on meeting and speaking with as many Boston residents as possible, because come September 14th, that is the support that matters most."

Even if candidates called on the super PACs to stand down, it's something that's easier said than done.

When super PACs crashed into the last open Boston mayoral race in 2013, Councillor At-Large John Connolly, a former teacher who made education a top focus of his campaign, said he didn't want outside groups spending money on his behalf as he faced off against Marty Walsh and ten others in the 2013 mayoral preliminary.

But after pro-Walsh super PACs — later revealed to be tied to unions — pumped millions of dollars into TV ads and mailers, the Massachusetts branch of Democrats for Education Reform decided to ignore Connolly's request and plunged its own money into the final face-off between the two.

"With just 25 days until the election and over one million dollars already spent by other groups, we feel compelled to directly tell voters the value of John Connolly's experience," the group said.

Walsh, who rejected a pledge to curb outside spending in the race as other rivals criticized its presence, went on to win the November election with 52 percent to Connolly's 48 percent.

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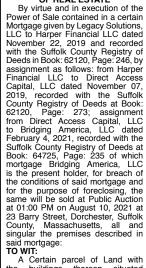
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Being the same premise conveyed to Steven Mathieu and Sharon Mathieu by Deed dated September 26, 2018 and recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 60220, Page 251. These premises will be sold and

conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND
(\$5,000.00) DOLLARS by certified (\$5,000.00) DOLLARS by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Braucher & Amann, PLLC, 764 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104, Tell: (603) 486-1530 within highty (30 days from the date of sale. U3104, Tell: (003) 4861-350 Willfull hitrify (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said of the prelimes contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

Bridging America, LLC

Present holder of said

mortgage. By its attorneys, Martha L. Davidson Braucher & Amann, PLLC 764 Chestnut Street Manchester, NH 03104 Tell: (603) 486-1530

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of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Howard Foreman Sr and Rosalie Foreman (alive) in Birmingham, Alabama. Rosalind leaves behind her two children Jackie Foreman, Quincy Foreman, and 2 grandchildren; 4 siblings Pamela Foreman-Searcy, Janice Collins, Catina Foreman, Howard Foreman Jr, brother in laws Eugene Searcy, Willie Collins, sister in law Sheila Foster, Aunts Gladys Lane, Hinson, Uncles Diane Ricky Summerville, Jerome and wife Elaine Summerville, a host of cousins, neices, nephews and extended family and friends.



HARDING, John W. MD, 84, longtime Shrewsbury resident and pediatrician. He leaves his wife of 57 years, Grace M. (O'Flaherty) Harding; his children, J. Gregory Harding and his wife Roxanne, of Millbury,

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P1082EA
ESTATE OF: YAEKO BOYD DATE OF DEATH: 07/21/2018

Appointment of Personal Representative Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Susan M. Boyd of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Susan M. Boyd of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(so said estate to serve Without Surety or

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 08/19/2021

of 08/19/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

Personal Representative appointed under the control of the control A 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 n the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Persona Representative and may petition the Court n any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 13, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate

of Mattapan. Wife of Douglas A. McDonald. Mother of Andrew Mc-Donald and his wife MyLan Quach of Quin-Grandmother of 2. Donations may be made to the Brewster Ladies' Library Association, 1822 Main St., Brewster, MA 02631.

Ian A. Harding and his

wife Tracy, of Boylston,

Marcella B. Rezendes

and her husband Tom,

of South Yarmouth,

and Torbin P. Hard-

ing and his wife Shari.

brother, Joe Harding;

and several nieces and

nephews. John was

predeceased by his par-

ents, the late Warren

G. Harding and Loret-

ta (Papillon) Harding,

Uncle Joseph E. Le-

Febvre, and his broth-

er, the late Warren G.

Harding, Jr. John was

also a Captain in the

U.S. Army Reserves,

and was honorably dis-

charged in 1972. He

began his medical ca-

reer in 1964, at Carney

Hospital. Memorial do-

nations may be made

to Visitation House in

Worcester at Visita-

HARRINGTON.

Kevin P. of Stoughton,

formerly of Dorchester.

Son of the late John and Margaret Harrington.

Brother of Michael Har-

rington, B.P.D. and his

wife Charlene, Patricia

Harrington, and Paul

Harrington. Also sur-

vived by many nieces,

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Shrewsbury;



O'NEILL, Hugh A. of Jamaica Plain, formerly of Caragh Lake Co. Kerry, Ireland. Husband of 57 years Eileen (O'Donoghue). Father of Hugh B. O'Neill and his wife Marci of Milton, Sean M. O'Neill and his wife Lisa of Mansfield, Owen P. O'Neill and his partner Jennifer Ford of Billerica, and the late Rose Roulier. He is also survived by his son-in-law Paul Roulier of Rehobeth. Grampy of 9. Great-Grampy of 1. Hugh was a Korean War era paratrooper, a longtime member of the Old Colony Yacht Club and an avid boater and fisherman. Donations may be made in his name to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. (dana-farber.org)



McDONALD, Linda A. (Manning), 69,

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU21C0262CA

CHARLINE GAY A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by CharlIne Gay of Dorchester, MArequesting that the court enter a Decree

IN THE MATTER OF:

changing their name to: Hannalise Phillips IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the peition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **08/05/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this

proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 07, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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89, of Boston, originally from St. Kitts, West Indies. Beulah was employed at the Beth Israel Hospital and then with the City of Boston Mattapan Chronic Hospital. where she worked until her retirement. She is preceded in death by her parents John and Elizabeth Caines, stepmother Sarah Thomas, son Trodville Roach. sister Jane West, and brothers John, Daniel, Royden, James, Benjamin, and Edgar. She leaves her husband William Roach, son Joseph Roach and daughter-in-law Song Roach, 2 grandchildren; sisters: Hildah (Albert) Johnson, Phoebelyn Reid, and Kathrina Čaiby, 7 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews,

and friends.

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info@bcca.comcast.net

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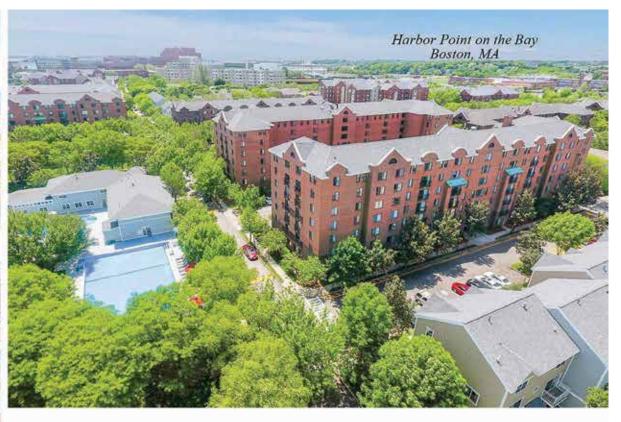
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