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The 2nd Boston Little Saigon Cho Dem (Night Market) drew thousands of people to Fields Corner for over five hours last Saturday for food, fun, and entertainment. This year's market shut down Dorchester Avenue again but kept things less congested by locating the entertainment and vendor tables at Town Field. The improved event was hailed once again as a home run for the neighborhood in just its second year – attracting many local residents and many from out of town as well.

Seth Daniel photo

'Night Market' features entertainment plus Vietnamese food, culture display

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

The second annual Boston Little Saigon Cho Dem (Night Market) presented a cavalcade of exciting entertainment, food, and fun on Dorchester Avenue and Town Field last Saturday, with thousands flocking to Fields Corner to take in the increasingly popular evening on the Ave.

This year, the city closed Dorchester Avenue from Adams Street to Park Street, making it a piazza for Night Market's feast of Vietnamese and Dorchester culture, food, and games. Restaurants and cafes from right in Fields Corner and other vendors serving Vietnamese specialties from out of the area set up shop on the street as about 20,000 people strolled the avenue for over five hours as the Red Line trains lumbered by on the bridge.

The excitement and vibe were

electric, but the main artery wasn't as congested with people as it was last year, mostly because the community vendors and entertainment stage were at Town Field this time.

There were community groups, cultural presentations, health/wellness demonstrations, and the Boston and Los Angeles-based K-Pop group "Hush Crew" performed, drawing hundreds of

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A pitch for White Stadium renovation

Women's soccer team backers eye a public-private partnership deal

By Lindsay Shachnow Special to the Reporter

City and school officials are weighing a public-private partnership with Boston Unity Soccer Partners, a group of investors seeking to bring a women's professional soccer team to Boston and proposing a \$30 million overhaul of city-owned White Stadium in Franklin Park.

"We believe that a stadium can serve as a catalyst for positive change, fostering economic growth, community engagement, and social development," Jennifer Epstein, Boston Unity's controlling manager, wrote in



A group of investors is proposing to overhaul Franklin Park's George White Stadium, a city-owned facility that was built in 1945.

Image via Boston Unity

the proposal. "We will center this project through an equity lens and move forward ready to listen, learn, and partner in ways that are authentic."

The stadium, originally built

for BPS athletic programs in the 1940s, was damaged in a fire years ago that destroyed the east grandstand interior.

In April, Mayor Wu announced

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\$5b Bay City project headed for BPDA vote before the fall

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

The master plan for the \$5 billion Dorchester Bay City project, which aims to remake Columbia Point into a commercial and residential hub just steps from the Red Line, is on track to head before the board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency in August.

The project last week received the approval of the Boston Civic Design Commission, a panel focused on architectural plans and a typical precursor to a project going before the BPDA's board.

Next up on the calendar is a July 26 virtual meeting that will be hosted by the BPDA with a focus on mitigation and updates. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Dorchester Bay City's top two developers, Kirk Sykes and Dick Galvin of Accordia Partners, view it as a defining project and envision a timeline of 10 to 15 years to build 21 buildings across 6 million square feet. The master plan is an overarching proposal; the buildings will need individual signoffs.

The developers are four years into their timeline, a span that featured multiple community meetings,

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New eatery on Dot Ave. delights patrons with its Pizza Alla Pala

By Cassidy McNeeley Special to the Reporter

The one-story brick building at 1739 Dorchester Ave., a short walk from St. Mark's church, has been home over the years to variously named bakeries and cafes, including Dot 2 Dot. On Easter Sunday this

year, a new name went up: Via Cannuccia.

The Italian restaurant run by the husband-and-wife team of Stefano Quaresima and Tsedenia Kiros offers a quaint dining room with low lighting, green walls decorated with artwork, large mirrors, and Italian signs. Wooden tables cover the floor from the front door up to the bar that overlooks the kitchen. But what the venue lacks in size, it makes up for in the talent of the chef, who



Stefano Quaresima of Via Cannuccia.

is garnering acclaim up and down the avenue.

Quaresima, born in Rome and classically trained in French and Italian cooking, has worked in France,

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Mattapan man faces firearms charges in death of 12-year-old

A 12-year-old boy was fatally shot last Thursday (July 13) in a home on Fessenden Street in Mattapan. Police were called to the home around 2 p.m. and found the victim suffering from a wound to his chest. Walter Hendrick, 22, of Mattapan, was arrested on charges that include improper storage of a firearm to which somebody under 18 could gain access. Hendrick, who was arraigned the next day in Dorchester Municipal Court, was also charged with illegal possession of a firearm and ammunition. He pleaded not guilty and a judge set his bail at \$2,500.

Morjieta Derisier, Hendrick's attorney, asked that her client be released on personal recognizance as he has no criminal record and his family wants him at home.

"As you can tell, this is a tragic situation. Mr. Hendrick's just lost his younger brother," she said in court, according to a WBUR report. "He's supported here by his family who is sitting in the front row. They want him home."

The victim was described by his grandmother, Diane Ellis, as "helpful, loving and respectful." She said she feels "numb" while talking with reporters outside of court.

Mayor called the boy's death a "nightmare."

Boston Police are looking for a man they said stole a pickup truck last Friday afternoon (July 14)



just before 3 p.m. with a two-year-old child still inside the vehicle. When the suspect realized moments later that he was driving around with a toddler, he drove back to the intersection of Geneva Avenue and Leroy Street and "placed the infant, who was still in the car seat, on the sidewalk," then sped off again, police say. Police

added that they later found the pickup, abandoned, just a mile up Geneva Avenue at Columbia Road.

Police say the child's parents had gotten out of the front seat of the pickup to check on their child in the rear seat, when the man jumped behind the wheel. In addition to theft charges, the suspect man also faces a charge of kidnapping, police said.

The suspect, shown here, is described as a heavy-set, light skinned Hispanic male, last seen wearing a grey shirt/grey pants with long hair and a beard. If he looks familiar, police ask people to contact detectives at 617-343-4335, or the anonymous tip line by calling 800-494-TIPS or by texting TIP to CRIME (27463).

Boston Police have arrested a 15-year-old they said was carrying "a Taurus Spectrum 380 with six rounds in the magazine" on Sunday evening. Officers on patrol stopped to talk to some men who were hanging out at Blue Hill Avenue and Johnston Road around 7:40 p.m. when one of them attempted to run off. "Officers stopped the suspect, conducted a pat frisk, and recovered a firearm from him," the police report said. The teen, too young to have his name released, was charged with being delinquent for illegal possession of a firearm and illegal possession of ammunition.

St. Mark's residents reject condo proposal for Parkman Street site

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

It's back to the drawing board for some refinements on a planned four-unit townhouse configuration for long-derelict 15 Parkman St. in the wake of a rejection of the project by the St. Mark Area Civic Association (SMACA).

The attorney Chung Lee presented the plan, and while it was a bit of a scattered presentation, the nuts and bolts include four townhouse units on the lot in a long building with entrances facing the side lot-line and not the street. The units would include two three-bedroom units (with three baths), and two two-bedroom units (with two baths). One of the four units would be designated as affordable housing, Lee said. The development would also include six parking spaces and an unfinished basement space.

The property has been unoccupied for many years and contains a vacant, boarded up on home that is reportedly full of feral pets and wildlife.

Lee said they are aiming to create townhouses for sale to families, hence the large numbers of bathrooms, which raised red flags for some SMACA members who thought it could be a rooming house in disguise.

"Right now, our goal is to sell the units and not rent them," said Lee. "We're looking for families. I believe successful communities need to have families...When you have families, you have kids, and when you have kids without bathrooms, it's (difficult)."

The building would be situated on a narrow, but long 6,200-square-foot. lot, which is very common on Parkman Street. The parking spaces would be in the back of the lot with some landscaping as

a buffer, and the height of the building would be three-stories, but only 34 feet.

Nearly everyone in attendance at the civic group's June 27 meeting who was from Parkman Street voted to reject the proposal – though most said it had some positive attributes. The vote was 7 to 6 to reject the project.

A previous plan from a different developer called for a larger building with more units, and that was turned away, too. But St. Mark's residents, those on Parkman Street in particular, said they have been battling developers for the past two years who have found great value in the large lots on Parkman Street and have proposed developments much larger than the one-family and two-family homes that dominate the area.

Some neighbors felt it wasn't the worst plan they had seen, but they wantedmoreinformation and felt the presentation wasn't complete. Others wanted more creative solutions for green space to reduce the amount of asphalt on the site. Other neighbors said the plan was "reasonable," but needed some refinement. Several said they liked the orientation with the building running lengthwise on the lot.

One neighbor said there was "a lot of good" in the plan, including volunteering one unit for affordable housing. Affordable units are not required by city officials with such a small project.

SMACA President Mike Folan said the group's development committee had looked at the project beforehand and recommended that the project come in at three units. "If they do that, all the dominos will fall into place – more green space, more land-scaping," he said.

Lee had told the audience earlier that three units was a breaking point, and four was the lowest they could go and still be profitable.

SMACA members agreed to invite the developer back for further conversation on the project, perhaps to refine it and make some changes.

ST. MARK'S NOTEBOOK

•Centre Street concerns: BPD Officer Mike Keaney was at last month's meeting and noted a drop off in incidents from the previous month, but there remains trouble in and around the street. He reported that on June 14 at 10:40 p.m., shots were fired into a parked Jeep with two passengers inside. Two bullet holes were found in the vehicle, and the passengers were found hiding in a backyard. They said they heard and saw the shots and then fled in fear. Officers noted they weren't very cooperative with police. District C-11 has been conducting several walking patrols in the area during all shifts to mitigate the issues that have gone on the past two months.

Police reported that on May 7, a single shot was fired at Centre and Clematis Streets. No ballistics were found, but



15 Parkman St.

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later a man showed up at Boston Medical Center with a gunshot wound to the torso. He later died in what is being considered a homicide tied to Centre Street. On May 11, shell casings were found at 378 Centre St. when the ShotSpotter detected shots, and on May 13 a $couple\,of\,shots\,were\,fired$ at the market at Centre and Adams Street, breaking glass and injuring one woman. On May 13, on nearby Whitten Street, a man in a car was shot in the neck and didn't know why. He was okay and it wasn't a serious injury. Finally, on May 6 in the early morning on Centre Street, a man fired a gun at two unidentified people, threw a brick through the window of O'Brien's Market, entered the store and stole cigars.

•Summer break: SMA-CA is taking the summer off after having had a successful summer BBQ at Loesch Park earlier this month. They will resume meeting on Sept. 26 in the basement of St. Mark's Church.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., July 26 from 6-8 p.m. to discuss the Dorchester Bay City project. See bostonplans.org for info on how to join the Zoom call.

New date for Neponset Day Fest— The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) has set a new date for their annual Neponset Day Festival: Sunday, July 30 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at DCR Neponset II Park in Dorchester, at the corner of Hilltop Street and Granite Avenue. The public is invited to participate in the free, family-friendly event. Activities include free boating with Paddle Boston, kids' crafts and games, music, food trucks, environmental exhibits, and more. The original date for the event was June 3, but was rained out. For more information about Neponset Day, visit neponset.org/neponsetday.

Dorchester Brewing Company will celebrate its 7th anniversary on Sat., July 22 with a party that starts at 11:30 a.m. with live music, carnival games, a dunk tank, special beer releases, food specials from M&M Barbecue, snow cones, birthday cupcakes

from DJ's Market, and special glassware giveaways for the first 100 guests. There will be a live performance by the Savin Hillbillies at 3p.m. 1250 Massachusetts Ave., Dorchester.

The Dudley Jazz Fest returns to Dorchester's Mary Hannon Playground, 621 Dudley St. on Sat., July 22, 12-6 p.m. Free. Featuring performances by the Beacon Bop from UMass Boston (12 p.m.), Pat Loomis (1p.m.), Fred Woodard Collective (2:15 p.m.), James Kamal Jones and Other Tongues (3:30 p.m.), and Ron Mandi and Rightly Guided featuring Nadia Washington (4:45 p.m.). For more info, contact ccarts@comcast.net or 617-631-9809.

The Urban Farming Institute of Boston's sixth annual Farm Stand is now open each Friday, 1-5 p.m. at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan. For more info, call 617-989-9920. Or visit urbanfarminginstitute.org.

The JFK Library is hosting a series of latenight openings and programs this summer, including a July 21 Swing Era Music and Dance with the Beantown Swing Orchestra starting at 5 p.m. Go to jfklibrary.org for more info.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's 2023 ParkARTS Citywide Neighborhood Concert Series will come to Dorchester Park and Hunt-Almont Park this summer. All shows begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. On Monday, July 31, National Night Out at Hunt-Almont Park will be celebrated with Conscious Reggae, 40 Almont Street, Mattapan. On Wed., August 2, River of Dreams (Billy Joel tribute), come to Dorchester Park, Adams Street, Dorchester. For more information, call 617-635-4505 or visit boston.gov/parkarts.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's live music offerings continue in 2023 with a series of Wednesday evening summer concerts on the patios at the City of Boston's two golf course clubhouses: George Wright Golf Course Clubhouse at 420 West St. in Hyde Park and the William Devine Golf Course Clubhouse at 1 Circuit Dr. in Dorchester. All shows are from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The William Devine Golf Course

Clubhouse concerts began July 12 and continues July 26 with rising R&B singer & songwriter Amari Alexander, and wrap up August 9 with New England-based solo acoustic artist Jon Hollywood.

The George Wright Golf Course Clubhouse concerts begins July 19 with a second appearance by Jon Hollywood and continue August 2 with Western Massachusetts-based singer-songwriter Grayson Ty, August 16 with guitar, vocal, and violin trio It's a "J" Thing, and August 24 with Boston's own country singer-songwriter Maddi Ryan.

Hearts, Hugs & Hope: A Virtual Alzheimer's Support Group Offered by Standish Village will be held on Thurs., July 20, 6 p.m. Call 617-268-5450 or email Dean Tricarico at dtricarico@compassonthebay.com for more information and to register for the virtual meeting.

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Dorchester Food Co-Op sees August as the end of long wait to open doors

By Cassidy McNeeley Special to the Reporter

For the past 11 years, the Dorchester community has patiently awaited the opening of a neighborhood food cooperative. This summer, the wait will be over, according to John Santos, the general manager of the Dorchester Food Co-Op at 195 Bowdoin Street, soon to be operating as Boston's only community and worker-owned grocery store.

The facility's goal is to challenge the traditional food system by nourishing, employing, and reinvesting in the neighborhood. The store will offer produce, pantry staples, household goods, and prepared foods while supporting local farmers and producers. In addition to aisles full of healthy items, the co-op will offer memberships, community spaces, outdoor seating, a living wall, and a cafe.

Santos joined the co-op last November as its general manager. A native of Guam, he grew up on the East Coast, and currently lives in Providence. He boasts of more than 45 years of experience in the food industry, most recently with the Urban Greens Co-Op Market in Rhode Island, which became popular in 2019 when the pandemic took a toll on regular grocery stores, as supermarkets could not depend on their warehouses.

But the co-op did not rely on these distribution systems.

Instead, Santos used his pickup truck to gather goods from multiple sources, which allowed the co-op to keep its shelves stocked.

As the Providence co-op succeeded during Covid time, individuals in Dorchester were looking to start a business in the neighborhood. After hiring an architectural firm to design their site, they visited the Providence location.

"They came down and saw our operation and then they interviewed me. I talked to the architect about how to use the space more efficiently and how to set up the aisles and different systems that were unfamiliar to a co-op, but I had seen in my career elsewhere," said Santos, who has worked for supermarkets such as Whole Foods and Tropical Foods in Roxbury.

In 2022, he had decided to step away from Urban Greens and when he was again approached by the Dorchester team, he was persuaded to take on the project in Boston.

"This is a very, very aggressive board, they have been super active in raising money and raising awareness about the co-op," said Santos. "These are people that were completely dedicated to bringing good food into this community and the opportunity to be an owner in a local business."

While Santos has held management positions for the last 30 years, running a co-op is

much different from a normal store, he says. "I've been the general manager for four non-co-op retail supermarkets. And, my responsibility is sales, profitability, and staff management. It's pretty much limited to that in a regular environment. In a co-op environment, you're wearing a different hat. You're not only doing those things but you also have a much greater commitment to the local community" –

like ensuring that staff comes from the neighborhood and represents the diverse population of Dorchester. Workers speak Haitian Creole, Portuguese, French, Spanish, Somali, English, and more all of which are displayed both in and outside of the store."

While many things have gone well for the co-op thus far, challenges continue to delay the grand opening. "We've got some construction issues in the supply chain for electrical components to power the facility. There's a real possibility we're looking at August as an opening rather than the end of July," Santos said in an interview with the *Reporter*.

Even though the site has not officially opened there are already over 1,500 members, a number, says treasurer Jenny Silverman, that is instrumental to the store's success.

"One of the things that's really important to do is to gauge community support and start finding members of the co-op,



The Dorchester Food Co-Op will open at 195 Bowdoin St. in August. It's the city's only community and worker-owned grocery store.

Image courtesy Dorchester Food Co-Op

so that's what we did. We were able to sell our memberships, which is a single-time \$100 fee, and that buys an equity share of the co-op," said Silverman."

Silverman has lived in Dorchester for more than 40 years and has played a role in the establishment of the store. She noted that residents had the idea to create a co-op space years ago because they often had to leave the community to find healthy and affordable food. This meant that people without proper transportation had to settle for whatever they found nearby.

"We deserve to have a beautiful store here in our community," said Silverman. "It's important to spend our money here rather than spending in places where the money is flowing outside of the community."

In addition to money being reinvested into Dorchester, Silverman hopes the store will have a positive impact on the health and well-being of Bostonians in the long run.

Sarah Assefa, another board

member, wants the same. She lives in Dorchester and is a coalition organizer at the Coalition for Worker Ownership Power. While her work with the Dorchester Food Co-Op is entirely on a volunteer basis, she sees the business model as transformative. "Too often food is done as a business and profit, but this is for the people," she said.

Assefa believes that food is a form of medicine, and that people are what they eat, therefore they should eat high-quality local food. She is pleased by her community's ability to come together to solve the issue of food accessibility and is especially thankful for Santos's knowledge and experience.

Santos likewise takes pride in working for an organization that is owned by the community and reflects its values. "I'm grateful," he said. "I'm 62 years old so I don't know how much more time I'm going to be doing this thing, but I get to bring everything I've learned to Dorchester."

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Mayor deems councillors' budget override attempt as an illegal vote

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Councillors spent more than seven hours on the last Wednesday in June deliberating over Mayor Wu's vetoes, and just one override went through, a proposal from District 3 Councillor Frank Baker to fund a salary increase for municipal security officers.



The override, which mustered support from more than two-thirds of the City Council, set aside \$584,000 for that purpose, out of a \$4.2 billion operating budget for fiscal year 2024, which started July 1.

The only problem, Wu said in a letter released this week, was that the move contravened city and state law, because councillors were inserting themselves into collective bargaining between labor officials working for Mayor Wu and the security officers.

Wu told the councillors that she'll ignore the override, pointing to the section of the city charter that prohibits councillors from getting involved in labor matters and contracts, as well as a section of state law that excludes third parties, such as the council, from participation in collective bargaining.

Referring to the Municipal Police Patrolmen's Association, Wu wrote, "Both the City and the Union agree that MPPA salaries should be adjusted, but the parties have yet to reach agreement on the size of the increase." She added: "There is no other interpretation of this override vote than as a directive from the City Council to the Administration to

adopt the MPPA's specific salary increase demands in bargaining, which is a clear cut violation of the City Charter and state law."

Councillors can vote on the appropriation of funds once negotiations are complete and the contracts are settled, but not before.

The letter closed the books on the second year in a row that the councillors, with expanded budgetary powers handed to them by voters through a 2021 ballot question, seemed unable to use them without breaking the law or violating the city's charter.

The Council had the power to amend \$1.8 billion, or 42 percent of the budget, but only if its final total didn't exceed what the mayor proposed. Before the voter-approved charter amendment, councillors could only sign off on, reject, or reduce whatever the mayor proposed.

Some councillors made an attempt this year to cut the Boston Police Department's budget. A similar effort last year was shot down by the mayor, as was this year's. Wu called the attempt "illusory" because the city is required to pay out salaries and overtime.

Ward 15 Dems support Johnson in D3; Louijeune backs an at-large challenger

The Ward 15 Democratic Committee last weekend backed Meetinghouse Hill activist Jennifer Johnson as its choice in the seven-way District 3 preliminary to replace outgoing Councillor Frank Baker.

Johnson, a member of the Ward 15 group, is also president of the Meetinghouse Hill civic group and a member of First Parish Church, Dorchester Arts Collaborative, and Bowdoin/Geneva Main Streets.

"For our members, Jennifer is the best known of

the candidates for D3. Her leadership in many local organizations has proven her commitment to issues of importance to the people of Ward 15," Ed Cook, Ward 15 co-chair, said in a statement. "She will bring that history and commitment to all the residents of District 3."

Johnson received the two-thirds majority necessary on the first ballot.

The District 3 preliminary is set for Sept. 12. The group plans to interview the eight at-large candidates, who do not have a preliminary, in September.

The at-large field features three incumbents (Julia Mejia, Ruthzee Louijeune, and Erin Murphy) and five challengers (Henry Santana, Bridget Nee-Walsh, Clifton Braithwaite, Catherine Vitale, and Shawn Nelson). There are four at-large slots on the November ballot.

Louijeune, a Hyde Park resident who was first elected in 2021, said Monday that alongside her own reelection effort, she plans to vote and support Santana, a former Wu administration aide.

"Henry is a community leader and a dedicated public servant. I have witnessed his commitment to the people of Boston and his passion for creating positive change," Louijeune said. "Henry's campaign is centered around community, listening to residents, and prioritizing quality city services. With his experience, integrity, and dedication, I am confident that Henry Santana will be a strong partner on the City Council."

Santana, a Columbia Point resident and an ex-aide to former District 8 Councillor Kenzie Bok, worked as Wu's director of civic organizing until April.

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Council redistricting comes to end in federal court

The city's redistricting saga, marked by councillors blasting each other in the battle over the boundaries of the nine district-level Council seats, ended with a quiet federal court filing last Friday.

The filing said the two sides — attorneys representing City Hall and the plaintiffs who had opposed a redistricting map drawn last fall—had met on June 22, when the plaintiffs agreed not to challenge the new map approved by councillors on May 24 and signed into law by Mayor Wu on May 26.

The plaintiffs included former Dorchester Coun-

cillor Maureen Feeney, a former writer for the Boston Herald, and Councillor At-Large Michael Flaherty's aunt, among others. Their lawsuit was bankrolled by the four councillors who opposed the map passed last fall: Flaherty, South Boston Councillor Ed Flynn, Dorchester Councillor Frank Baker, and Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy.

US Judge Patti Saris earlier this year ruled in favor of a preliminary injunction sought by the plaintiffs, saying that their case had a likelihood of success. The lawsuit claimed that councillors, in drawing a map last fall,

wrongly allowed race to be a predominant factor.

The lawsuit, and ensuing court hearings, focused on Dorchester's Neponset and Adams Village areas, which were carved up between Districts 3 (primarily Dorchester) and 4 (Dorchester and Mattapan).

Saris blocked last fall's map and kicked the matterback to the councillors, who spent weeks hashing out a new one. The final map made fewer changes to the boundaries of the district seats, and left Neponset and Adams Village in District 3, their original home.



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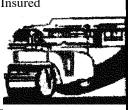
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When he's not playing soccer, Dot teen is building up his own online shoe store

By Cassidy McNeeley Special to the Reporter

There are high school students who spend their summers sleeping in, and there is Hayes Benzan, whose day begins around 5:30 a.m., when he wakes up to run around Harvard Stadium as part of his summer soccer routine. He then dedicates the rest of the day to more training and advancing his self-made business, BenzBoots, a marketplace for the selling and buying of cleats.

The 17-year-old Benzan, who has lived on the border of Dorchester and Mattapan his entire life, began his soccer career in the Dorchester Youth Soccer House League, where his coaches recognized his talent at a young age. Benzan began playing for the league's travel team and Valeo FC Boston Soccer Team. His favorite memories include playing soccer with his cousins, Diego and Mateo Buyu.

Currently a rising junior at Milton Academy, Benzan is a midfielder for the high school's team as well as for the New England Revolution Youth Academy. While soccer has always been big in his life, it was an injury that introduced him to another passion.

"I broke my leg in a game. I fractured my tibia (shinbone). You can imagine how difficult that is for a player to have six months of not being able to do what he loves," said Benzan. "I started reading a lot of personal finance business books and



Hayes Benzan (right), founder of BenzBoots, at the first BenzBoots Fest with friend Aiden Rodriguez.

Nina Benzan photo

acquiring all this knowledge about business and about finance."

As his recovery progressed, Benzan not only regained ability in his leg but he also recognized that soccer was more than just an activity – it provided him with a business opportunity that could better his family's life.

"I wasn't wealthy when I grew up, and I could see the financial struggles my parents went through and I always wanted to change that," Benzan said. "I learned that the best way to do that is through a business because

you can make money while sleeping and you don't always have to work."

He had seen teenagers on social media sites Instagram or Snapchat post photos of their cleats trying to sell them. "I tried to do this when I was younger, too, and I realized there's not a marketplace for kids to do this," he said.

With the support of his parents, Benzan created the online space that so many players seemed to be searching for. "My dad, he's been one of my greatest mentors," Benzan said. "He told me that I just got to go for it and to take imperfect

action."

Although BenzBoots currently operates through Instagram, the young entrepreneur expects his official website to be completed within the next few weeks. Once active, players will be able to upload pictures of their cleats to the site and sell them to other athletes in the area.

Benzan recognizes that websites like this exist for sneakers, but cleats need their own business. "Sneakers are about the value of them so it's about keeping them clean, but cleats, it's about the use of them. Cleats can have many lives."

On July 8, Benzan held the first BenzBoots Fest, a 5-on-5 soccer tournament, at Pagel Memorial Playground in Jamaica Plain. More than 100 people came out to support him at the awareness-building event and those who played in the tournament have already asked for a second one this summer.

He is working with Jamaica Plain Youth Soccer and the Boys and Girls Club to provide underprivileged kids with cleats. As his business expands, he wants to add a donation section to his website so that more children can fall in love with the game he cares so much about.

Benzan also hopes to use the money he makes from his business to help build enclosed soccer courts throughout the city. He believes that with more accessible fields, kids in the area will become involved in soccer and let the sport positively impact their lives as it has his.

While he plans on pursuing his athletic and business passions in college, he still has two years of high school left. "The most enjoyable part about this whole process has been honestly seeing myself follow through," he said. "I feel like so many people have business ideas but very few actually do something about it because of fear. Luckily, I've had my friends and family help me every step of the way."

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New eatery on Dot Ave. delights patrons with its Pizza Alla Pala

(Continued from page 1) Greece, England, and The Maldives. Ten years ago, he moved to Boston where he has worked as an executive chef at Petit Robert Bistro and a baker at Eataly in the Prudential Center.

"I always wanted to open a restaurant, it was my ultimate dream," said Quaresima. "We started looking for a restaurant five years ago but nothing good ever came until this space was available. It's really close to our home, and we're happy with the whole space."

While Quaresima runs the kitchen, his wife oversees the front of the house. Like Quaresima, Kiros is not originally from the United States. She moved to the US from Ethiopia when she was just seven years old. After growing up in Northern Virginia and attending college, she lived in New York City until she was recruited by Charles River Apparel. She accepted a job with the company and moved to Boston, where she met Quaresima.

The couple now lives in Ashmont and has become more involved in the community since opening their restaurant. "I worked in Sharon, Stefano worked in Boston, so we didn't spend that much time here," said



The team behind Via Cannuccia, a new Italian restaurant drawing acclaim on Dorchester Avenue. (L-R) Francis Gonzalez, Owner Stefano Quaresima, Camilo Lopez, Luciana (Lucy) Clinton, Pablo Hernandez, and Yory Aldana.

Seth Daniel photo

Kiros. "We were able to meet a lot of the community and they have been such a key point in helping us. Their support has been key to everything."

Even though other successful Italian restaurants exist in the area – Tavolo is just a 10-minute walk up the Ave. to Ashmont down the road, for example – the couple believes that their traditional menu makes their business unique. Specifically, Quaresima wants guests to enjoy the

Roman-style food that he grew up eating. "My grandmother, my mom, and my aunt were the best cooks in the world for me in my childhood, and that's what I want to represent," he said.

Not only did Quaresima's mother inspire the menu, but she also played a key role in the opening of the restaurant in April. The eatery site was purchased last September and required a lot of "internal work," as well as getting the proper

permits and licenses for operation.

"Stefano's parents came for months before we opened to help us set up," Kiros said. "And then they went back to Italy for about three weeks, and we cried a river, and they came back and stayed with us for two months. They were such a tremendous help for us and for Stefano. His parents were working 10 to 15-hour days with him."

Last week, Quaresima

dropped his parents off at the airport to return to Italy. Though they will be thousands of miles away, their presence remains in the dishes offered at each meal. The cafe, trattoria, and pizzeria is open from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and from 4 to 10 on Fridays. On Saturdays and Sundays, they're open from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. for dinner, with brunch offered from 9

Traditional food like

the Pizza Alla Pala, draws a crowd to dinner each night. The old-style meal differs from the Neapolitan pizza that most Americans are used to. It "comes from an ancient grain of Rome; it's basically French fermented sourdough pizza," said Quaresima. The couple imported an oven from Italy to make the pizza that is mostly only found in that country. The outcome is "like eating a cloud, light and fluffy," according to Quaresima.

He hopes to offer breakfast, lunch, and dinner daily, setting his goal as the end of the year. "On Saturdays and Sundays, we do brunch. That's where Stefano's love is. I mean, he loves baking bread, he loves baking just basic goods. It's really his forte," said Kiros.

Like others in the industry, the couple need to hire additional staff members before they can increase hours. They rely on the support of the community, which has continued to grow since opening day. "It was slow and steady, and then little by little, I think the community just kept getting a lot of repeat customers," said Kiros. "It's been great. It's more than we had ever expected in such a short period of time.'

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Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

Whittier Street Health Center hails 24th Annual Men's Health Summit



The Whittier Street Health Center held its 24th annual Men's Health Summit on June 24.

Photo courtesy Whittier Street Health Center



IreneHammer-McLaughlin has joined Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center as its inaugural Director of Development. Irene comes to Harvard Street from Emory University, in Atlanta, Georgia, where she oversaw fundraising for the neurosurgery and

neurology departments and managed the fund-

raising team of its Winship Cancer Institute. Prior to this, she served as a frontline fundraiser at Massachusetts Eye and Ear, Harvard Medical School, and the Alzheimer's Association. In her new position, she will design and implement a capital campaign to support the construction of a three-story, 42,000-square-foot health center facility and build a sustainable fundraising program for future growth. This marks the first such campaign for Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center - and the first time the health center has hired for this particular role.

Health Center called its 24th Annual Men's Health Summit on June 24 at the Frederica M. Williams Building in Roxbury a success, with an estimated 150 community leaders and residents in attendance. The theme at this

year's summit, "UNIT-ED for Men's Health: Grounded in Equity," prompted open and engaging discussion on how, across the country, gaps and disparities in health care continue to increase and persist.

"Open, honest, and genuine discussions were once again a highpoint of

Whittier Street this year's Men's Health Summit," said Frederica M. Williams, president and CEO of Whittier Street Health Center. "This important annual event aims to shine a light on and help to address preventable causes that contribute to increased morbidity and mortality rates, and decreased life expectancy for men, and in particular those of color."

> The gathering included a health fair, health screenings, and a panel discussion and conversation about men's health and wellness. A highlight of the Summit was the presentation of

this year's Men's Health Champion Awards. Local awardees included:

·Wilner Auguste, founder, Haitian American United (HAU), Mattapan;

• Rev. John Finley, co-founder and head of Epiphany School, Dorchester;

•Jean Prezeau, men's health ambassador, Whitter Street Health Center;

·William Watkins, MBA, vice president of digital strategies and partnerships, Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, Roxbury.

Serving as guest speaker was NBC10 News Anchor Glenn Jones.



At Standish Village in Lower Mills, residents recently had a wonderful afternoon baking fruit pizza. Residents were led in this activity by Programming Assistant Emily Daly. Shown here are resident Mary O'Toole doing some mixing, while residents Marsha Robins and Teresa Pero bake with programming assistant Emily Daly.

Healey appoints Linehan to statewide library board

Students in the News

American International College (AIC) in Springfield awarded degrees to 364 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students. Graduates from Dorchester include Elisa Cantito, Joshua Dudley, and David Wolf received Masters degrees in Education. Ajanay Hughes and Kyrie Williams, earned Bachelors in Science.

Local graduates from **Lasell University** included: Dorchester: Alivia Pelka; Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design; Keyhra Figueroa, Bachelor of Science in Psychology; Kyra Lendore, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice; Christian Otero, Bachelor of Science in Marketing.

Mattapan: Jalen Marcelo, Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Radio and Video Production); Kemley Joseph, Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Gov. Healey has appointed Joyce Linehan, a Lower Mills resident who was a top adviser to former mayor Marty Walsh, as a member of the nine-member Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). The panel was established in 1890 and works to improve library services throughout

the Commonwealth. 'I am honored and excited to be appointed by Gov. Healey and Lt. Gov. Driscoll to serve the Commonwealth and the MBLC. Libraries have been an intrinsic part of my life for as long as I can remember, and I am grateful to play a small role in stewarding these amazing resources," said Linehan, who formerly served as a trustee of the Boston Public Library.

Linehan and her co-board members will work to improve the operation and maintenance of public libraries, promote cooperation with all types of libraries, and ensure all residents of the Commonwealth have access to electronic information technologies and databases.

In addition to these responsibilities, Linehan also works at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design as the assistant to the president for special projects and as an adjunct instructor at UMass Boston in its Public Administrations Program.

- CASSIDY McNEELEY

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Grove Hall Universalist Church

Holy Tabernacle Church now occupies the site where the Grove Hall Universalist Church was opened in 1895 at 70 Washington St. between Columbia Road and Blue Hill Aveniue. The following is taken from the Parish Register of the Grove Hall Universalist Church, and Favorite Recipes, 1913:

"The Grove Hall Universalist Church came into existence March 3, 1878, being an off-shoot of the Roxbury Universalist Church, and in its inception received the cordial support of that parish. On January 9, 1878, a meeting was held at the residence of



(1894 illustration)

Mr. Franklin S. Williams for the purpose of organizing a church ... which amply served

the purposes of the society until about 1892, when the subject of a new larger church

was agitated, resulting in the building of the present edified

"The present edifice was completed in 1895, and cost, furnished, about \$45,000: \$25,000 of this was provided for by a mortgage; the balance was raised by canvassing our parishioners. To our good member, kind and generous neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Ivers W. Adams, we are largely indebted, both for their liberality in subscribing for the building and in their continued liberality in contributing to the wiping out of the mortgage debt, which has lately been accomplished and made possible largely through

their instrumentality."

References: The illustration of the church building is from American Architect and Building News, June 20, 1894. The society that built the church was the Grove Hall Universalist Church. Architect Francis R. Allen and his associate W. H. Brainerd designed the building.

These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society. org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m

Editorial

What do you want to hear from the D-3 candidates?

There is a spirited contest now underway in Dorchester to choose a replacement for Councillor Frank Baker, who has decided not to seek re-election to the District 3 seat that he has represented since 2012. Seven people have secured a spot on the Sept. 12 preliminary ballot: John FitzGerald, Jennifer Johnson, Barry Lawton, Joel Richards, Matt Patton, Ann M. Walsh, and Rosalind Wornum. The top two vote-getters on Sept. 12 will then compete head-to-head in the Nov. 7 general election, which will also feature eight candidates for the four at-large seats on the city council.

As we have in past election cycles, the Dorchester Reporter is preparing a questionnaire that will be sent to the District 3 candidates this month. Each individual will be invited to complete the questionnaire and send it back to the Reporter, which will lean on their responses for our coverage of the race. The completed questionnaires will be published at our website, DotNews.com, before the Sept. 12 election.

The questions are prepared by Reporter staff with input from our editors and contributors who pay close attention to city policy issues. But, as we finalize our survey, we invite you –our readers – to tell us what you'd like to know about the field of would-be councillors.

Here are some questions we have already, in addition to basic biographical information:

- What in your experience to date will most help you to be an effective leader? What is your party affiliation and how would you characterize your political ideology?
- Please name up to three of your political role models and explain their influence on your life.
- What would you do to increase voter turnout in the city of Boston? Do you favor same-day voter registration or lowering the voting age to 16? Do you favor mail-in voting?
 - What is your top priority if elected?
- How will you approach the issue of gun violence in our communities?
- Is there a specific city agency you see as in need of urgent reform? If so, please explain.
- What is your position on residency, i.e. requiring people hired by the municipal government to live in the city of Boston?
- Do you favor a return to an elected School Committee?
 - What is your position on rent control?
- What is your position on the reforms the Wu administration is undertaking, aimed at the zoning code and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA)?
- Would you support the elimination of civil service for hiring of police to be better able to hire candidates who are not former military?
- Do you support Mayor Wu's Urban Forest Plan? What should the city do to mitigate the impact of global warming?
- Do you think that Boston's property taxes are too high, too low, or just right? If not just right, what would you do to make them so?

This is just a sample of what we intend to ask. What would you add to the list? Please send us an email to letters@dotnews.com by Sun., July 23.

We intend to survey the field of at-large councillors, too, ahead of the November election. It's important that voters in Boston have a full picture of the men and women we entrust with city government.

- Bill Forry

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Commentary

Voter engagement can't wait until election season gets hot

By Eric Leslie Special to the Reporter

Boston's municipal election season is two months away but that doesn't mean we should wait to mobilize voters. Year after year, our unpreparedness for elections as a state and city is starkly exposed – and the impacts are felt along racial lines.

Well before this fall and next year's presidential election, state and city government officials and organizations must support programs that empower neighbors to educate and encourage other neighbors to vote. Without this localized approach, voter turnout will continue to languish and facilitate a less-than-representative democracy.

There is no doubt that our state's democracy is struggling – inequities in voter turnout bear this out. Massachusetts ranks 48th in the country for the gap between white and BIPOC turnout, according to locall -based nonprofit Partners in Democracy, and BIPOC communities in Massachusetts are registered to vote at numbers lower than the national average. A 2021 MassVOTE report echoes these findings, showing that 7 of the 10 municipalities with the lowest voter turnout in the November 2020 elections, including Boston, had non-white populations that exceeded 50 percent of their total population.

This disparity contributes to the sad truth that we've known – and that the think tank MassINC has found about our political representation: our local and state legislators don't reflect our diverse population.

This phenomenon conflicts with the very issue our Founding Fathers sought to eradicate, namely taxation (or legislation) without proper representation. In 2019, City Councillor Julia Mejia won her election by just one vote. In 2022, Kristin Kassner, now a state representative, from Hampton defeated a five-term incumbent by a single vote. With greater turnout, these elections could have gone differently and swayed policy and legislation on key issues like healthcare, housing, and cost of living that tend to more acutely impact BIPOC communities.

We must meet people where they are and acknowledge barriers to voting that inhibit turnout. A 2022 report from MassINC showed that 25 percent of polled Latinx voters who were eligible to register to vote but didn't said they "don't have time to," "tried to and couldn't," or "need to learn more." Without time in between jobs or other responsibilities, practical help with registering, and other resources, eligible voters may pass on voting.

Government officials and organizations can help meet this need by targeting the root causes of these voting barriers and facilitating neighbor-to-neighbor education programs. Massachusetts Voter Table (MVT) offers a robust example of what it takes to make voting more accessible. Along with their nonpartisan community-based partners and over 1,000 grassroots leaders they've trained, have had conversations with close to 750,000 unique voters in gateway cities and Boston. Their successful campaigns, bolstered by this relationship building, have yielded victories in policy areas such as earned sick time, a \$15 minimum wage, and affordable housing. We must facilitate campaigns like this one

When people feel connected to their communities, they have a higher stake in election outcomes. At Union Capital Boston, we recognize and reward neighbors for community engagement and relationship building through an online points platform that awards Visa gift cards. Through volunteer opportunities, workshops, network nights, and more, our members also become deeply invested in their neighborhoods, communities, and the issues that impact them. In turn, our members turn out to vote at a higher rate (62 percent in the November 2022 election) than the general Boston public (40.38% in the 2022 election).

Commentators and analysts have proposed several explanations for the cracks in our election system. Some point to Massachusetts's clear party imbalance, which produces uncompetitive elections and a sense that showing up to the polls is meaningless. Others say disparities in voter turnout persist due to voting accessibility issues, like long lines and a dearth of voting locations in less wealthy communities, that officials can address through measures such as same-day registration. Moreover, BIPOC constituents, who are less likely to live in wealthy neighborhoods, face growing voter suppression attempts that legislation and mobilization can combat.

While all these factors play a significant role in the democratic challenges we're facing, a primarily people-centered obstacle ultimately demands a primarily people-centered solution. Creating a representative democracy doesn't begin in the State House or with party politics. It begins in our neighborhoods and communities. Let's not forget that the large movement to correct our imperfect democracy must start with small local steps.

Eric Leslie is founder and lead organizer of the nonprofit Union Capital Boston.

Letters to the Editor

My belated response to Reporter articles that I can't get out of my mind

To the Editor:

I have had your April 30, 2023, issue on my desk since I finished reading it a few days after it arrived in the mail. Normally, I keep an issue until I'm finished with it and then in the recycle bin it goes. Not this one. One article by Gintautas Dumcius and an op-ed by Bill Walczak simply won't let go in my head. I've been chewing on them these last few months rereading them a few times over.

First, the old brick building in Port Norfolk, 98 Taylor Street, is too nice to tear down and then, of course, there is its history. Had the DCR maintained it, even at minimum, over the years, it perhaps wouldn't be in the shape it is now.

I moved to Dorchester ten years ago and I've been exploring it by foot ever since. I stumbled upon this building a few years ago and it was love at first sight. I sure hope DCR doesn't tear it down. Too much of that happens and it's sickening. I'm

in favor of restoring it either as housing or as a museum of Port Norfolk history.

About Mr. Walczak's editorial about the trash on I-93: I wholeheartedly agree with him. Why can't the state be more responsible? Until April of this year, I commuted from my home in Dorchester to work in Brockton. It was not uncommon for me to see crews on Route 24 picking up trash. In my ten years of living here, I can recall only once seeing a crew picking up trash along I-93.

Maybe Dorchester residents should pick up the trash along the Expressway, then we can rent a U-Haul and dump the contents along Route 24. At least we know it'll be picked up. I realize I've waited much too long to send this letter, but on the flip side, perhaps it'll keep these issues in people's minds.

> David Cline Dorchester

Credit Bill Walczak for his clear message

To the Editor:

Thank you, Bill Walczak for your clarity and perspective in your commentary on July 14 about state leaders having a chance to speak for the trees at the Shattuck site in Franklin Park. Urgent as the need is to provide safe refuge for the homeless and substance-dependent citizens among us, better alternatives do exist, political courage willing.

We need to recognize and prioritize the essen-

tial longer-term value that mature tree canopies and accessible open space provide for community health and climate resilience in our dense urban neighborhoods. The impacts of urban heat island effect are only accelerating, while our mature city tree census is increasingly challenged.

It's time to take a longer view of what constitutes livability and health in our 21st century city.

David Burson

State needs new laws to tackle 'ghost guns,' AG Campbell asserts

CHRIS LISINSKI STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Attorney General Andrea Campbell, the state's top prosecutor, wants legislators to do more to curb the rising presence of "ghost guns," and her office warns that it can be difficult under existing law to nail down cases against people assembling their own untraceable firearms at home.

Ghost guns, which refer to weapons that do not have required serial numbers or identifying marks, have become increasingly popular in Massachusetts in the past three or four years, according to police. And while the Bay State has some of the strictest gun laws in the nation – and the lowest rate of gun violence – officials are ramping up their calls for new reforms.

Seated at a conference room table filled end-toend with unregistered firearms and parts seized by police, Campbell told reporters on Tues., July 11, that her office has been in "close communication" with top lawmakers to urge a focus on ghost guns in any legislative action.

"We need to get these guns off the street and, frankly, out of communities that are seeing and have seen, probably for generations, an uptick in violence or gun violence in their community" she said

or gun violence in their community," she said.

State Police officials say they have observed a sharp increase in assembly of untraceable firearms since about 2019, attributing the spike to the growing popularity and availability of "80 percent frame" kits that can be legally purchased and then tweaked into functioning guns easily.

In November 2020, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security added "privately made firearm" and "ghost gun" as options in its reporting tool that monitors guns used in crimes each year. The office reported 181 privately made firearms seized in 2021 and 316 in 2022.

Many of those seizures involve people who were not licensed to carry firearms of any kind and were found in possession of untraceable weapons that they had assembled, some of which had been modified to allow for automatic fire or large-capacity magazines, police say.

It's legal in Massachusetts to privately make a firearm so long as the weapon is registered within seven days of completion.

"You can buy parts online or use a 3D printer to make a deadly weapon and completely circumvent our existing gun laws in Massachusetts," Campbell said. "So, it's not only troubling that ghost guns can be assembled, bought and sold so easily, but they are, of course, untraceable and then, of course, it makes it harder for law enforcement to investigate the crimes that occur using these types of weapons."

Campbell's office said a gun must be fully functioning, i.e., able to fire a bullet, for someone to be prosecuted for unlawful possession. That means there are times when prosecutors are considering a case against someone who they believe is illegally manufacturing firearms, but ultimately cannot charge the person because they did not at that point possess each of the required parts or a fully functioning weapon.

The briefing came as Beacon Hill power players eye action to overhaul gun laws, assuming they can first get past procedural disagreements.

Judiciary Committee Co-chair Rep. Michael Day,



Attorney General Andrea Campbell (second from left), flanked by staff in her office, tells reporters last Tuesday about the rise in untraceable "ghost guns" in Massachusetts like those arranged on the conference room table.

Chris Lisinski/SHNS photo

a top deputy to Speaker Ron Mariano who played a key role in the response to the US Supreme Court's New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen decision last year, on June 26 filed an omnibus bill that ranges from explicitly prohibiting carrying firearms in many public places to creating new offenses for firing a weapon at or near a dwelling.

Campbell's office on Tuesday revealed that it sent a letter last month – before Day filed his bill – to the Stoneham Democrat and fellow Judiciary Committee co-chair Sen. Jamie Eldridge outlining more than a dozen suggestions for legislative action on guns.

Most of those ideas, the office said, made it into Day's bill in one form or another. Campbell suggested criminalizing unlawful possession of the core parts used to build a firearm like receivers, and Day's bill would require receivers and barrels to be registered and serialized.

The attorney general's office stopped short of outright endorsing the legislation as Day drafted it and said the full package is still under review.

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"There's a lot in there, but we were really proud of some things that were included with respect to ghost guns," Campbell said of Day's bill. "Some of that includes imposing criminal penalties on the manufacturing, selling, and possession of ghost guns, ensuring consistent and uniform reporting of data on guns used to commit crimes, requiring all guns to have serial numbers, which is not currently the case, and ensuring that everyone in possession of a

gun actually has a license to carry one."

Day's sweeping legislation has drawn intense pushback from gun rights advocates and firearm owners.

The National Association for Gun Rights (NAGR), which has challenged states' gun laws in court, including the Massachusetts ban on assault weapons, said on Tuesday that Day's bill would "ostensibly ban more guns than any current law in the United States."

"This is probably the biggest and worst package of gun control regulation I have ever seen, and that is saying a lot," NAGR President Dudley Brown said in a statement. "Massachusetts just secured top position as the most hostile state in the union to gun owners."

Gov. Maura Healey, who preceded Campbell as attorney general, on Tuesday did not take a definitive stance on Day's legislation.

"I have to take a look at what is currently being debated. I haven't had a chance to do that yet. And I'll certainly review anything that gets to my desk," she told reporters at an unrelated morning event in Hyde Park. "As a general matter, though, I support strong gun laws as a matter of public safety. I did as attorney general and will continue to support that as governor."

SHNS's Sam Drysdale contributed reporting to this article.

Reaching back to when the Red Line worked well

By Chris Lisinski State House News Service

For Red Line commuters who have suffered through months of slow zones and more than a year of service cuts, an eight-minute trip from Harvard Square to Park Street might sound like a pipe dream. But that wasn't always the case.

As advocacy group TransitMatters pointed out on Monday, there was a time when making that Cambridge-to-Boston journey in only eight minutes was a selling point emblazoned on a large advertisement atop the Harvard Square subway station.

The group published a picture of the sign offering "rapid transit 8 minutes to Park St." that records suggest was taken between 1954 and 1959 in a blog post outlining new features available on its refurbished data dashboard that tracks trip times, service volumes, and slowdowns across the subway system.

"Today's Red Line riders might find the photo surprising. In the mid-1950s, a trip from Harvard to Park Street appeared to take eight minutes. Today it takes 50 percent longer than that," TransitMatters wrote. "If we want to hold our transit system to a standard



There was a time in the mid-1950s when making the Cambridge-to-Boston journey on the Red Line in only eight minutes was a selling point emblazoned on a large advertisement atop the Harvard Square subway station.

we know can be achieved, we need a detailed record of what used to be possible. And, fundamentally, that's what the Data Dashboard is for. We're building this for the transit riders of today, but also for the 2030s, 2040s, and beyond. Of course, we hope that they'll be enjoying a more expansive and functional system. But as likely as not, they'll find echoes of their problems in the ones we're facing now."

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For example, the Red Line typically ran about 200 round trips per weekday in May 2022, before MBTA officials slashed frequency in response to a federal investigation that found the dispatcher workforce was stretched too thin to operate safely, according to TransitMatters data. Last week, service on the Red Line averaged 124 trips per weekday, the data show.

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Cape Verdean community celebrates its Independence Day at Boston City Hall

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The Cape Verdean community celebrated 48 years of independence from colonial rule on July 5 at a Boston City Hall flag-raising ceremony. Numerous organizations were in attendance, including the Cape Verdean Association of Boston based on Bowdoin Street, the St. Peter's Teen Center, Cape Verdean Mayoral Liaison Alize Cabral, and representatives from St. Patrick's, St. Peter's, and Holy Family parishes.

After 500 years of colonial rule by Portugal, Cape Verde gained its independence on July 5, 1975, following decades of struggle by "freedom fighters" like Amilcar Cabral. Waves of immigrants came to Boston and New Bedford from 1940 to 1970, many of

them settling in Dorchester and Roxbury, where the community remains strong to this day.

"Cape Verdeans make up so much of this community and they have infused so much vibrancy in our neighborhoods of Roxbury, South Boston, and Dorchester," said Mayor Wu, noting that Praia, the Cape Verdean capital, is a sister city to Boston.

Cape Verdean Minister of Communities Jorge Santos noted that Boston is home to a huge number of the Cape Verdean diaspora and that there is a concerted effort by the government to reach out to young people in Boston. "The Cape Verdean community has a long history here," he said, noting that the story goes back to the days of the whaling ships in New Bedford.



From the St. Peter's Teen Center, Alana Almeida, Luisa Barbosa, Chaiana Fernandes, and Nilda Barros repped the Cape Verdean flag during the ceremony at City Hall.



Paulo Debarros, president of the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, presents the city proclamation to representatives of the Cape Verdean government.

Seth Daniel photos



Rev. John Currie, Jose Barros, and Rev. Steven Restrepo, of St. Patrick's, St. Peter's, and Holy Family parishes, respectively, in Dorchester and Roxbury.

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A pitch for White Stadium renovation

(Continued from page 1) a request for proposals (RFP) to "renovate, rebuild and reimagine" the stadium, which does not meet current codes or accessibility requirements.

Dion Irish, the city's chief of operations, said the RFP's key requirements were to "enhance and complement BPS athletics," "contribute to the economic development of the surrounding community" and "respect the impacts that activation has on neighbors of the park and White Stadium."

Brianna Millor, chief of community engagement, said she wants the public to be included in decisions about the partnership, which, she said, would still keep the stadium under BPS ownership.

Boston Unity Soccer Partners LLC, an entity registered in Delaware, is owned and managed by women, and it is a National Women's Soccer League professional club. It was the only responder to the RFP. Boston Unity's renovation timeline would allow for its team



An inside look under White Stadium. Image via Jeremiah Robinson/Mayor's Office

-at the stadium starting in the 2026 season.

More than 40 percent of Boston Unity Soccer Partners' invested capital is invested by people of color, and over 95 percent by women, Epstein said.

The group's proposal includes plans to improve the nearby grove — an amenity space — for sporting, private, and community events. "The goal of the grove is to create a flexible gathering place that can be reconfigured in a number of ways based on the activities desired," Epstein said. "It will become a magnet destination in

to hold games - 20 a year itself and enhance the activation of the park."

In other fixes, Boston Unity would renovate the west grandstand, and the city would upgrade the east grandstand.

Other than sporting events, the stadium would host graduations, youth summer camp, job fairs, seasonal activities, and cultural and music festivals.

The proposal also outlines how Boston Unity will engage with Boston Public Schools to support Boston's youth through a mentorship and internship programs and scholarship fund.

If awarded to Boston

Unity, the plan states, the investors would support the community by providing local food trucks and restaurants the opportunity to cater events. They also would hire and contract locally, creating over 500 new construction and 300 new permanent jobs.

"We intend to draw from and foster the people and businesses from these communities to create a lasting economic engine," Epstein said. Evan Brinkman, assis-

tant director for design in the city's Public Facilities Department, said last year that in collaboration with BPS, the department began a design and feasibility study for White Stadium.

The assessment identified a need for expanding office spaces, improving locker rooms, adding new track lanes, and renovating the press box. "Wish list" items include a center focused on strength and conditioning and sports medicine, and a half size indoor turf field.

During a meeting last week about stadium renovations, members of the public voiced their concerns about noise, traffic, and congestion, preserving nature and wildlife, and access to the stadium for community members.

Still, some expressed excitement about the project's prospects.

A self-proclaimed "soc-

cer fanatic," Juan Fernando Lopera, Beth Israel Lahey Health's chief of diversity and inclusion officer, said he supports the project because he believes "in the prosperity that the White Stadium renovation brings to the city. As a father of a three year old daughter... who's already showing a powerful soccer kick, I also feel that I'm investing in her future," he said. "I strongly believe that the success of this new soccer franchise will be because of the commitments we're collectively making to White Stadium, to the surrounding communities, to women, and to communities of color."

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1	One Bedroom + Den	935	\$2,219	-
10	Two Bedroom	1096-1262	\$2,464	4

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Minimum Incom	ne per Unit Size**	Maximum Incon	ne per Household Size*
Unit Size Minimum Income Requirement		Household Size	80% AMI Low Income
Studio	\$58,230	1	\$82,950
One Bedroom	\$66,570	2	\$94,800
One Bedroom + Den	\$66,570	3	\$106,650
Two Bedroom	\$73,920	4	\$118,450
		5	\$127,950
		6	\$137,450

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Local groups will split \$352k in Dot Block community funding

The Boston Planning and Development Agency's board signed off last week on the list of 16 entities that will share in \$352,000 in funding from an agreement struck between the city and the developers behind the Dot Block apartment complex. Samuels & Associates and Gerald Chan's Wintergold LLC work together on plans for the project.

Dot Block's boundaries are Dorchester Avenue to the east, Hancock Street on the south side, Pleasant Street on the west and Greenmount Street on the north. The project's buildings include hundreds of rental units, as well as amenities such as lounges, a fitness center, free coffee, and a pool deck. Leasing for two of the four approved buildings began in May.

Harrison Albany Block (The Smith - Phase 2)

South End, MA 02118 30 Income-Restricted Rental Units

89 East Dedham Street

# of Units	# of Bedrooms	Estimated Square Feet	Rent	Maximum Income Limit (% AMI)	# of units built out for Mobility Impairments	# of units built out for Deaf/Hard of Hearing
6	Studio	492	\$1,330	70%	1	-
16	1-Bedroom	538	\$1,559	70%	2	1
7	2-Bedroom	1,095	\$1,766	70%	2	-
1	3-Bedroom	1,337	\$1,978	70%	1	-

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))			Maximum Incomes (set by BPDA + based on household size Area Median Income (AMI))		
# of Bedrooms	Minimum Income 70% AMI		Household Size	Maximum Income 70% AMI	
Ct ali a	\$39,900		1	\$72,730	
Studio			2	\$83,160	
1-Bedroom	\$46,770		3	\$93,520	
1-DEG100111			4	\$103,880	
2-Bedroom	\$52,980		5	\$112,210	
3-Bedroom	\$59,340		6	\$120,540	

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Applications are available for 17 days, from Monday, July 17, 2023 - Wednesday, August 2, 2023.

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Day	Date	Time	Location			
Thursday	July 20, 2023	3 PM - 7 PM	BPL - Central Branch in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Back Bay, Mezzanine Conference Room 3			
Saturday	July 22, 2023	10 AM - 2 PM	BPL - Central Branch in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Back Bay, Mezzanine Conference Room 3			
Thursday	July 27, 2023	3 PM - 7 PM	BPL - Central Branch in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Back Bay, Mezzanine Conference Room 3			
Saturday	July 29, 2023	10 AM - 2 PM	BPL - Central Branch in Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street, Back Bay, Mezzanine Conference Room 3			

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than Wednesday, August 2, 2023

- Selection by Lottery. Asset & Use Restrictions Apply. Preference for Boston Residents.
- Preference for Households with at least 1 person per bedroom. Preference for Households with Mobility Impairments and/or that are Deaf/Hard of Hearing for accessible units
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For more on BPDA program eligibility, please visit http://www.bostonplans.org/housing/faqs





The 16 organizations receiving funds through the project, out of 30 that applied, are well-known in the neighborhood.

Boston Little Saigon, which seeks to highlight and preserve the area's Vietnamese American culture, is set to receive \$59,264, while the anti-violence Louis D. Brown Peace Institute is in line for \$35,282.

The Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester will receive \$35,000 and the Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp. (DBEDC) will take in \$30,000.

The other organizations are:

- Youth Enrichment Services, a nonprofit (\$10,000).
- White Snake Projects, a local opera production company (\$15,000).
- Teen Center at St. Peter's (\$16,000).
- Speak for the Trees, an environmental group (\$27,000).
- Somali Development Center (\$10,000).
- Irish Pastoral Centre (\$9,750).
- Fresh Food Generation, a Caribbean restaurant company (\$36,000). Boston Food Forest
- Coalition, a nonprofit (\$10,000).• Artists for Humanity
- (\$20,000).• Action for Boston Community Develop-
- ment (ABCD) (\$10,000). • All Dorchester Sports League (\$10,000).
- Boston Collegiate Charter School Foundation (\$19,204).

The BPDA and the developer signed an agreement that included the \$352,000 in February 2020. The agreement also called for \$2,500 to be paid to the Friends of Coppens Square, a nonprofit organization seeking to restore the Lyman Fountain at the intersection of Bowdoin Street and Adams Street, and \$25,000 to the Boston Police Department for security equipment.

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Local Real Estate Transactions

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Hamdan, Husam J		Edouard, Celeste		2 Howe Ter #8	Dorchester	06/30/23	\$340,000
Mathur, Vishakha		Devoto, Thomas J	Strauss, Margaret E	10 Coffev St #32	Dorchester	06/30/23	405,000
Tce Mt Vernon LLC		55 Mount Vernon LLC	, 3	55 Mount Vernon St	Dorchester	06/21/23	2,335,000
Tce Cottage LLC		209 East Cottage LLC		209 E Cottage St	Dorchester	06/29/23	2,475,000
Almeida, Sara	Hunt, Angela	Leggett, Lanee		93-95 Callender St	Dorchester	06/30/23	750,000
Tavares, Eneida		Mitchell, Richard		422 Bowdoin St	Dorchester	06/26/23	3,40
97 Brent LLC		Liang, Sulian		93 Brent St	Dorchester	06/30/23	1,170,000
Nguyen, Louis		Mead, Simone		94-96 Welles Ave	Dorchester	06/26/23	1,085,000
Curry, Casey		Wave Rt	Dromgoole, Thomas P	7 Wave Ave	Dorchester	06/27/23	890,000
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Nguyen, Tracy	Ly, Vinny	Lorraine Burke Lt	Burke, Jefferey J	76 Carruth St	Dorchester	06/26/23	982,000
Mclaughlin, Ryan T	Mclaughlin, Kerriann M	Odwyer, Michael E	Pagel, Cailin	27 Belton St	Dorchester	06/27/23	770,00
Johnson, Terrance	Thai-Johnson, Kunthary	Christopher E Walsh T	Walsh, Christopher E	135 Granite Ave #23	Dorchester	06/30/23	250,00
Williams, Samuel O	,	Collins, William C	, ,	135 Granite Ave #49	Dorchester	06/30/23	432,50
Do, Linh H		Big Oak Properties LLC		77-79 Lenoxdale Ave	Dorchester	06/27/23	1,215,00
Desroches, Fleurinor	Desroches-Joseph, G	Edwards, Yvonne		20 Mamelon Cir	Mattapan	06/28/23	745,00
Scali, William T	• •	Bertram, Lee M	Bertram, Lee R	8 Taft St #1	Dorchester	06/28/23	605,00
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The popular K-Pop group 'Hush Crew' – based out of Boston and Los Angeles – has been on the rise lately with its dance choreography and performances. The group headlined the entertainment stage at the 6 p.m. timeslot and drew hundreds of excited young people and adults to Town Field.

'Night Market' features entertainment plus Vietnamese food, culture display

(Continued from page 1) young people and adults to their 6 p.m. headliner show. Crowds also packed in for local groups like the Vovinam Lion Dancers out of Lower Mills.

Vovinam Director Johnny Ho said he and his group were the first act to kick off the Night Market stage, and the young people were honored to be part of such a growing and exciting festival in their home neighborhood.

"The Night Market is amazing," he said. "So far it is the largest crowd organized by the Vietnamese in the Fields Corner. There were many food stands and so many excellent performances. We were very proud to kick off the event with the lion dancers. What I saw was many happy faces and there were so many nationalities and different people that enjoyed watching the performers and trying the food. To me, it is a successful event.'

Said Jeannie Cai, of the Boston Night Market organization, "Street food and night markets are a big part of the culture in Vietnam, and to know that we were able to bring that experience to Dorchester for thousands of people to enjoy is a great success."

Vi Ta, Owner of Dorchester's H ng Quê Vietnamese Restaurant, said the event was much improved over last year, which was considered a great success.

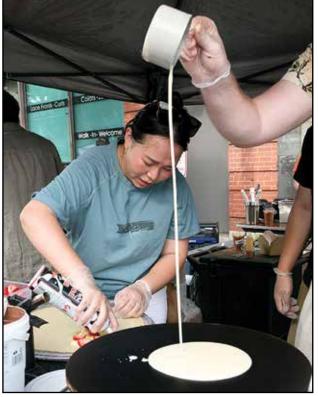
"For the second year that this event has happened, and with no mishaps and injuries, is already a major accomplishment," said Ta. "This event is very needed for the Vietnamese community in Massachusetts to have to celebrate together and share our culture with others, generally speaking, and for small businesses like mine to have a platform to be better recognized."



Left, Dorchester's Thea Nguyen jumped on stage with K-Pop headliners 'Hush Crew' during the interactive portion of the show, having a blast with Hush Crew's Alice Yih. Nguyen's mother said they know all the songs and dances because they listen to them at home all the time.

Right, Friends Lore Huynh, Dennis Do, Kimmie Huynh, and Rex Galecia, with Ghost the dog, had a great time strolling up and down Dorchester Avenue Saturday evening.

Seth Daniel photos



Yeanie Bach arranges strawberries and whipped cream on a crepe while Devin Jones (off camera) pours out another new crepe on their griddle.



Right, Enjoying some time on Dorchester Avenue were Chulan Huang, Mayoral Liaison for downtown/Chinatown/Leather District; Lily Huang; Bonnie Jin, of the Mayors Office's Digital Team; and Dorchester resident Anthony Nguyen, new director of SPARK Boston.





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A PATCHWORK NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB

Codman Square Senior Quilting Club shines in Spring Show

By Seth Daniel News Editor

By definition, a quilt is garment made up of many pieces – a patchwork of colorful and unique materials crafted into the warm embrace of a blanket. The same definition would suffice for the Codman Square Senior Quilting Club, people from the neighborhood who for decades have created a warm environment in which they come together and practice the fine art of quilting.

The group, which has now been reconstituted after a pandemic pause, recently celebrated their first Spring Show since 2019 in the Codman Square Library, where they meet weekly to work.

Elnora Thompson, a resident of Dorchester since 1970, discovered the group in 1999 when it was still operating out of the Kit Clark Senior Center in Fields Corner. The artists moved to the Codman Square Library in the late 1990s after librarian Janice Knight invited them to do so.

"I retired from the telephone company in 1997 and I went to the group when it was at Kit Clark and joined them and have been there ever since," she said, adding, "I just enjoy everything about quilting. When you hand-quilt, it's like meditation. I've been doing it since I was a kid. My mom and grandmother hand quilted. I grew up in Mississippi and it's part of the culture down there.'

Thompson said the group is quite prolific.



Librarian Janice Knight said the members of the club "let their stitches tell their story."

She made 26 quilts herself during the pandemic period. Last September, members came back to the library in person and have been working there through the conclusion of this season—which ended last month.

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"We love being here," said Thompson. "The heart of the neighborhood is right here at this library."

Duringthespringshow on June 15, scores of colorful and artistic quilts adorned the walls. There were quilts from first timers and from those who had been at it more than 20 years. And there were eye-popping creations from their resident artist - Susan Thompson, who makes quilts destined for a museum wall rather than a living room couch. Still, many of the quilts go to patients at places like Boston Medical Center, or the Boston Home in Dorchester.

Gwendolyn Lisenby, who has been part of the group for 20 years, said all are welcome and that's what she likes about it. She noted that she used to sew all her clothes until material became too expensive. Moving over to quilting was a natural step, she said.

Newcomers like Lisa Murphy have fit right in and have been quite



Gwendolyn Lisenby poses in front of a colorful quilt she put on display for the Spring Show at Codman Square Library.



Club leader Elnora Thompson stands in front of one of her favorite quilts – a piece she presented as a bridal gift to a family member. Thompson joined the group in 1999 and has stuck with it ever since.



The Codman Square Senior Quilting Club presented a gift to Librarians Yolanda Ortiz and Janice Knight.

productive. She said she has sewed all her life, and in her family, they made everything by hand. In high school, she learned about quilting and took a class with her grandmother.

This past year, she joined the Codman Square group and has been prolific, producing multiple quilts and one

for a resident of the Boston Home who has Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

"I try to do one community project a year," she said.

Then there's recently retired Donna Meredith, who joined the group recently and produced her first quilt ever. "I'm a beginner," she said. "It's only been four months,



Friends Alice Pettway and Eunice Ohrt have been part of the quilting club for decades, having joined the original group when it was at Kit Clark Senior Center in Fields Corner. Both have made too many quilts over that time to count.

and this is my first one... Right now I'm just doing squares, but the rest of the ladies are doing cuts and triangles. I'm retired and now I have some new friends and work with them a couple of days a week and they're wonderful."

Librarian Knight told

the group they are indeed a creative and talented group.

"These ladies are creating art with a sewing machine," she said.
"They let their stitches tell their story."

The club will resume its activities this September at the library.



Lisa Murphy (right) with her husband, Joe Levinger, and her daughter, Michelle Levinger, at the Codman Square Senior Quilting Club Spring Show on June 15. The club has survived for decades and is quite prolific



Donna Meredith (center) with her two adult children, Amanda and Lakeya Bryant, shows off her first quilt. She joined the club last winter.

Seth Daniel photos



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BGCD Attends DCR's Summer Nights Kickoff with Governor Healey: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Attends DCR's Summer Nights Kickoff with Governor

Healey: Boys & Girls Clubs of
Dorchester was excited to join a group
of 100+ representatives from nonprofit organizations from across the
state to celebrate the Department of
Conservation & Recreation's (DCR)
Summer Night's Kickoff event at the
Francis D. Martini Memorial Shell Park.
The group was joined by Governor
Maura Healey and Lt. Governor Kim
Driscoll. The DCR funding is supporting
BGCD's Safe Summer Streets program
which is offering teens a safe and
structured space five nights a week.

Thanks to Governor Healey, Lt. Governor Driscoll and the entire team at DCR for their support of our Safe Summer Streets program! For more information on Safe Summer Streets, please contact Chad Hassey at chassey@bgcdorchesterorg.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BPD Bureau of Community Engagement Visits BGCD Summer Camp: Boys & Girls Clubs of

Dorchester was excited to be joined by the Boston Police Department with a special visit from the BPD Ice Cream Truck as we officially kicked off our 2023 Summer programming. Officers came by two nights in a row to hand out delicious ice cream treats and meet both members taking part in our day camp and Challenger Basketball.

Thanks to our friends at the Boston Police Department's Bureau of Community Engagement for taking the time to visit. We are so grateful for the wonderful partnership we have with BPD and their Bureau of Community Engagement.

For more information on Partnering with BGCD, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.



DID YOU KNOW: BGCD To Hold College & Career Prep Summer Sessions for High

School Seniors: This Summer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Power Forward (College & Career Prep) Program is holding weekly checkin sessions with our incoming High School Senior Class members.

We kicked off the first session focusing on "College Choice." The workshop included: What to look for in a potential college including tuition costs, aid available, majors offered, sports & clubs to join, campus life, and more. The sessions are offered weekly during the summer and are open to all incoming Senior class members.

For more information on the Power Forward program, please contact Education Strategist Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org.

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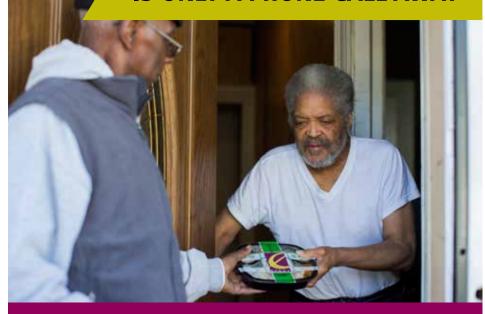
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\$5b Bay City project headed for BPDA vote before the fall

(Continued from page 1) tweaks to the project, and additions to the 36acre proposal, including the home of the Boston Teachers Union, which is building a new headquarters, and the Santander Bank building on Morrissey Boulevard.

"We're incredibly thankful for the support of the communities of Dorchester and South Boston, and also people's patience," Sykes said.
"These big projects take time and we'd like to see them happen fast, but they don't. That partnership is an ongoing one that will take place over the next 21 buildings. This is a project we hope everybody feels some pride of authorship for



A rendering of Dorchester Bay City, as seen from the JFK/UMass MBTA Station sidewalk. Image via Accordia Partners

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a/k/a ILENE BEATRICE MATTICK
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To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy
and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Judy M. Selman of
Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court
enter a formal Decree and Order and for such
other relief as requested in the Petition. The other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Judy M. Selman o Dorchester, MA, be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serv Without Surety on the bond in unsupervise

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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 08/04/2023.

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Sykes recalled the first meetings on what community residents wanted to see, from a boardwalk down to the water and preservation of green space at the water's edge. "All those ideas came out of the community and have matured, with the help of the city and state, and now will be a reality," he said.

If the project receives BPDA approval, an alphabet soup of agency approvals will lie ahead, from the state Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

The development team is hoping to break ground next spring or summer, with a large amount of infrastructure work that needs doing. The ground level must be raised five feet to mitigate projected sea level rise and help protect the peninsula. The project connects with Moakley Park, which is shared by Dorchester and South Boston.

The project is also meant to be a catalyst for roadway fixes and upgrades to JFK/UMass MBTA Station, a hub

that serves the Red Line and three commuter rail lines, as well as buses to Forest Hills and Kenmore Square, and shuttles to the UMass Boston campus and the JFK Presidential Library and Museum.

The affected roads include Morrissey Boulevard, Mt. Vernon Street, and the locally despised rotary, Kosciuszko Circle. The project will seek federal infrastructure dollars as it proceeds

"Big projects tackle big challenges and that's our objective here," Sykes said.

The project also calls for a new street system within its boundaries, and the creation of 1,957 new residential apartments. Twenty percent of the apartments will be designated as affordable housing.

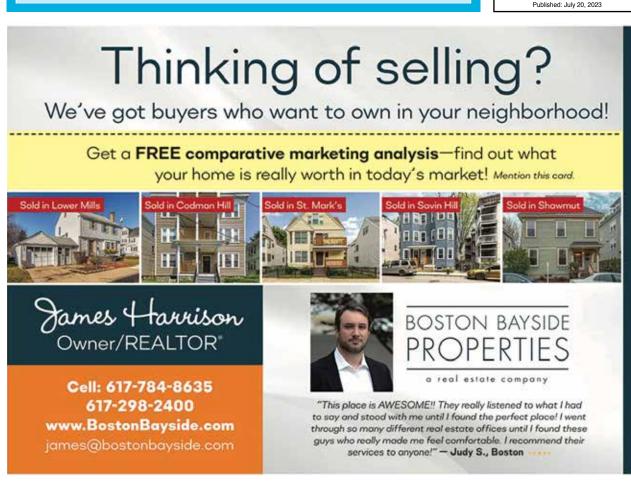
The developers are leasing much of the land for Bay City from UMass Boston, which in 2010 bought the now-demolished Bayside Expo Center and its parking lots behind the Doubletree Hotel, a total of 20 acres.

The revenue from the project will go toward UMass Boston, which has slowly overhauled a crumbling campus over the last 20 years.

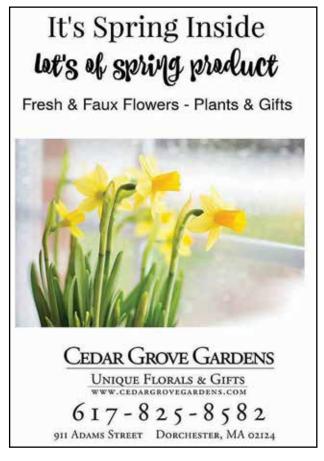
 $In\,a\,recent\,appearance$ on WCVB-TV, Martin Meehan, president of the UMass system, said the project is the "most important thing to happen to UMass Boston in 40 years."

The campus serves city residents who attended public schools, he said, and with the project, they'll get opportunities to internship at biotech and computer science companies due to their proximity of UMass Boston.

We would develop UMass Boston certificate programs for companies that are there," he added.



Accepting New Patients



Dot Tanks team swims, bikes, and runs toward to fitness, friendships



René Haile, Tamra Kim, Julian Cooney, and Phil Cheng at the Buzzards Bay triathlon last September – the race where the Dot Tanks team was officially

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

Last year, Dorchester's Rene Haile and then-downtown resident Julian Cooney were in their seventh - and last month of serving on grand jury duty when Haile leaned over one day and asked Cooney if he was interested in competing in a triathlon.

It was one of the first conversations they had had, and it featured a puzzling question in an odd location. Cooney was hesitant, but Haile was persistent. Soon enough, he was willing to give it a try. Now, a year later, Cooney is not only a loyal member of the new Dot Tanks Triathlon team, but he's also a new resident of Dorchester.

"[My wife and I] didn't know anything about Dorchester," Cooney said. "We were looking to move out of a condo and into a house. We were looking at other neighborhoods and in the suburbs. When I got on the triathlon team, we kept meeting more people on the team and from the community and found it was a really great neighborhood. We were very excited to be able to move here.'

And he was also excited to take up a sport he'd never tried before. Though he was into do the full professional

fitness, the tripartite barrage of swimming, running, and biking was very new.

"I couldn't even swim at first," he said. "I took a few swimming lessons from the group...I got a wetsuit the day before the race and got in Houghton's Pond to try it out. I had a total freak out... but I ended up getting in the water and got through it."

Haile's pitch, even during grand jury service, is not uncommon, other Dot Tankers mused. Since taking up triathlons six years ago, she has been pushing others to give it a shot. But it was only last September that the small group of "recruits" - while on the way to a triathlon in Buzzards Bay - decided they should form a neighborhood team.

"We hadn't even gotten to our first race, but we were adamant about this team," said a laughing Haile, who lives in the West of Washington neighborhood with her husband and kids, her biggest fans at every race. "The camaraderie was very real. I was thinking that the one thing that's better than doing a triathlon is doing a triathlon with several

Haile said they don't

triathlons, but rather the 'Sprint' races that include a one-quarter mile swim, a 12- to-15mile bike ride, and then a 5K run.

"My pitch to everyone has been that you don't have to be amazing to finish a sprint triathlon," she said. "It's not as daunting. As long as you're relatively fit, I think you can do it. That's how I've convinced people that they should give it a try."

So far, the Tanks have a new logo created by Dorchester artist Jesse Haley and about a dozen members who have signed up and completed at least one triathlon. Many of them had never attempted one until Haile brought them in the fold, but the fitness and the friendship has been life changing.

"I've lived in Dorchester for 13 years and...I had a lot of friends, but I hadn't really formed any new friendships in a while," said Andy Papia, who took third place in his age category at a recent triathlon. "I started with the Tanks, and it opened up...It shrinks the gap between you and others. As you get older and have kids and work, it gets harder to maintain friendships and maintain fitness, and in this you get both of those together.'

Added member Tamra Kim: "The community appeal is a big aspect especially post-Covid and how easy it is to just stay in your own world now. It's an easy on ramp to meet people. When people are engaging in an activity they are choosing to do, it's much different."

There's also the challenge of trying to improve at three very difficult sports. Cooney said training for a purpose has helped him to go further with his physical fitness

regimen.

"Working out just to work out gets boring and you may not push yourself so hard," he said. "When there's a race coming in four weeks, it's like you realize you need to kick your training in gear. Having a goal on the horizon is helpful and having a team to train beside inspires you."

Haile said they've had recent success at their races and have had more people show interest in the group. Though there

are no bylaws to the organization, and no set criteria for membership. she hopes the team can flourish throughout the neighborhood and within competitions.

"I hope it gets some more momentum and more people feel like they can try it out," she said.

To find out about Dot

Tanks or get in touch with them, send a direct message to their Instagram page (dot tri tanks).

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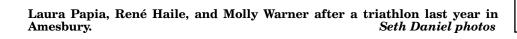
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RECENT OBITUARIES



BROWN, Ann Estelle (King) "Nana", 85, of North Carolina, formerly of Dorchester and Texas. Ann is preceded by her father Willie King Sr., her mother Ethel J. (Chase) King; Sisters, Ray June Coleman, Beulah Mae

trees.

King, and Ethel Mae King; Brothers, Leroy, Johnnie Lee, Willie Jr., Herbert, Roosevelt, Lawrence, and Clarence King; daughter, Karen Estelle; son, Harry Kenneth, and grandson Lance Brown. Ann leaves her sons, Michael E. King (Paula) of Oak Ridge, North Carolina; Rodney O. Brown of Fresno, California; her daughter, Jacqueline D. Blount (Dale) of Roxbury, Massachusetts; Sisters, Dorothy Hobson of Texas; Jewel Hayes of San Diego; Brothers, Robert, Earl King of Texas, and Ernest King of Corpus Cristy, Texas. 6 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and 1 greatgreat granddaughter. She leaves behind a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and cherished friends.



BROWN, Willie Arnett, 100 of Mattapan formerly of the South End, Roxbury and Dorchester. Daughter to the late Lawrence and Mary Haney the youngest of their three children (late Frances Martin and Lewis Haney). Wife of Rudolph Brown, Sr. She leaves her three chil-

LEGAL NOTICES

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. SU23C0359CA

IN THE MATTER OF: CHRISTIAN MARK HOECHST A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Christian Mark Hoechst of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Christian Mark Highland IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J.
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THE TRIAL COURT
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SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET

BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE

OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON

PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU23P1398GD

Docket No. SU23P1398ĞD
IN THE MATTER OF:
MARIA CENTEIO
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filled
by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of
Boston, MA in the above captioned matter

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alleging that Maria Centelo is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Francisca Centelo of Abington, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that

that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces-

sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this

specinic authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/17/2023. This day is NOT

a hearing date, but a deadline date by which

ou have to file the written appearance

you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the

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acts and grounds of your objection withir

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FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P1475GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
ROSALIA TORRES
OF LAWRENCE, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all othe interested persons, a petition has been filed by St. Elizabeth's Gpu at Carney Hospital of Dorchester. MA in the above captioned mat-

ter alleging that Rosalia Torres is in need of Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine

that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this

proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or our attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/24/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written afficavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P1403GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
MICHAEL MARSHALL
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham and Women's Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter Bostoni, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Michael Marshall is in need of a Guardian and requesting that P'Tah Anthony Johnson of Brookline, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian o serve on the bond

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

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of this Court.

dren, Beverly Brown-Carter, Rudolph Brown, Jr. (Terra) and Janice Brown; 4 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; as well as 13 great-great grandchil-



dren. And a host of friends and other relatives.

CORCORAN, John "Jack," 69. Born in Boston and raised in Dorchester, he was the son of Helen Scanlon Corcoran and the late P. Leo Corcoran. Survived by the mother of his children Kathleen Ring Corcoran. Father of John F. Corcoran of Los Angeles, CA, Kathleen Corcoran and her late husband, Walter Jones, Mary Davis and her husband, Erik, all of Milton. Grandfather of 4. Brother of Joseph Corcoran, Francis Corcoran and his wife, Ginny, Leo Corcoran and his late wife, Sara, and Timothy Corcoran and his wife, Susan.

Jack is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. In memory of John "Jack" Corcoran, expressions of sympathy may be made to Catholic Memorial, 235 Baker St., West Roxbury, MA 02132.



DALTON, Helen Valerie, 83, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester, and

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BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION TO
EXPAND THE POWERS
OF A CHARDIAN OF A GUARDIAN Docket No. SU19P2032GD IN THE INTERESTS OF: **CALONIA FUTRELL** of BOSTON, MA

Incapacitated Person/Protected Person incapacitated Person/Protectice Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filed
by St. Joseph Rehabilitation and Nursing of
Boston, MA in the above captioned matter
requesting that the court: Expand the powers
and Curvation

The petition asks the court to mak a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is

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North Port, FL. Valerie is survived by her son Bill Dalton, Jr. of Holbrook; brother of Phil (Ellen) Shea of Randolph; sister Marie Harris of South Weymouth, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her ĥusband, William Ř. Dalton; parents, Frank and Florence Shea; brother Francis W. Shea, Jr.; sister-in-law Catherine and brother-in-law James Harris.

KERRIGAN, Mary



Frances (O'Toole), 94, of Maine, a native of Dorchester. Mrs. Kerrigan is survived by her nine children, Maureen (Fred), Bill, Jr. (Janet), Monica (Chris), James, Julie (John), Christopher (Beth), Bernadette, Katie (Rick) and Seanna (Catherine); and her 24 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and five nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, William. Donations can be made to these special organizations: Good Shepherd Parish, Saco Meals Program, sacomeals.org and Hospice of Southern Maine, hospiceofsouthernmaine.org



Mac VARISH, Janette (Gillis) of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester and Glendale, Nova Scotia. Janette was the wife of the late Robert Joseph MacVarish. Mother of Andrea M. MacVarish of Braintree, and Robert C. MacVarish and his wife Kathy of Hanover. Sister of Margaret MacDougall,

Marie MacDonald, Alexander Gillis, and the late Duncan Gillis, Donald Gillis, and David Gillis. Janette is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends, including sister in-laws Kay Accardi and Mary Berlo, both of whom she adored. Please consider a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project support.woundedwarriorproject.org/ or The Diabetes Foundation - diabetesfoundationinc.org/



O'DONNELL, Elizabeth S. "Liz" (Sobczyk) of Dorchester and Quincy. Wife of Stephen G. O'Don-nell of Quincy. Mother of Kathleen O'Donnell of Dorchester and Diana O'Donnell and her wife, Caitlyn Corkum-O'Donnell of North Weymouth. Dear sister of Regina O'Neil and her husband, James of St. Albans, ME. Liz is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Elizabeth to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

PITCHEL, Martin "Marty," 92, of Glendale, Arizona, formerly of Dorchester. US Navy veteran. Husband of the late Rachel. Father of Larry, Steven (Kathleen). Stuart (Julia), Karen and Samantha; as well as nine grandchildren.

QUIRK, James S., 67, of Dorchester was born in Holyoke, MA, the son of Irene and Howard Quirk. He is survived by Nicholas Russo, his longtime partner, his brother, Jeffrey, and wife, Dolores of Plaistow, New Hampshire, two nephews of Princeton, New Jersey and a niece as well as many other relatives and cousins. Contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, 38 Chauncy Street, Suite 700, Boston, MA 02111 or online at cancer.org

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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU23D0342DR DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING RASHEEDA ABDUL-RAHIM

vs. Mustafa abdul-rahim

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

You are hereby summoned and equired to serve upon: Rasheeda Abdul-Rahim, 28 Circuit St., Roxbury, MA 02119-1176 your answer, if any, on or before **08/09/2023**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of f any, in the

Witness, HON, BRIAN J. DUNN, First stice of this Court. Date: June 14, 2023

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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. SU23C0358CA IN THE MATTER OF: BRIANNA KATHLEEN **HEALY-HOECHST**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Brianna Kathleen Healv-Hoechst of Boston MA requesting that the court ente Decree changing their name to Brianna Kathleen Highland IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for ourposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/17/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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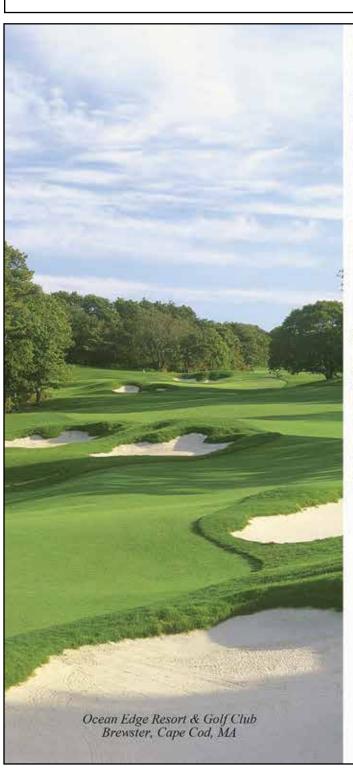


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