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#### A GARDEN GROWS ON ROSELAND ST.



Tuyet Nguyen at the edge of her backyard garden on Roseland Street in Dorchester. In the background are the former St. Mark's Convent and Grammar School. Below, Nguyen greets a visitor with a smile. Rebeca Pereira photos

# Urban oasis with Vietnamese accent 'creates belonging' with its produce

By Rebeca Pereira REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

For the third consecutive summer, a row of homes belonging to Vietnamese immigrants on Roseland Street is in bloom. The informal urban garden, home to buzzing pollinators and scallions that reach three feet tall, is restoring collaboration and cultural connection in a small slice of the St. Mark's Area area, even as its creators continue to work behind masks.

"We've been lucky, we haven't lost anyone to the coronavirus, but that's only possible because they plant the majority of what we



eat," said Huong Nguyen, whose mother, Tuyet Nguyen, and her cousin, Trong Nguyen, operate the small-scale urban farm out of their backyards, vending their surplus harvest to inquiring neighbors and cooking the rest themselves.

Cradling a shriveled Vietnamese squash in one hand, its growth stunted by July's persistent rains, Tuyet points to the pair of 50-gallon drum barrels stationed under the shade of her back deck. They're nearly overflowing with rainwater.

To mitigate waste, the Nguyen cousins collect rainwater for ir-(Continued on page 10)

## In Boston, Walsh promotes paid leave push, bats back queries about what he left behind

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

US Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh came to Copley Square on Monday to tout the Biden administration's support for 12 weeks of paid family or medical leave for every American worker. Then, once that was dispensed with, he fell into a scrum of reporters, a familiar scene from before the pandemic, when he was still Boston's mayor.

The outdoor event, in



US Labor Secretary Marty Walsh chats with Acting Mayor Kim Janey in Copley Square on Monday at an event promoting a national paid family leave policy. Mayor's Office photo/Isabel Leon

front of a bus bearing the slogan "Paid Leave for All," was his first public visit to one in the city since he joined the Biden cabinet. "The president wanted me around the country," he said as his top Labor Department aide, Dan Koh, and several candidates hoping to succeed him as mayor, hovered behind the crowd. "He didn't want me in Boston; he wanted me around the country. I've been doing that." (Continued on page 13)

# finding support among Walsh's coalition backers By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Acting Mayor Kim Janey is seeking to reconstruct the coalition that sent Marty Walsh to City Hall. How far along she is in assembling that coalition, a mixture of progressive activists and union members, depends on whom you talk to, including her predecessor, as the Sept. 14 preliminary approaches,

Her campaign has touted the endorsement of an assortment of liberal community groups operating under the banner of Right to the City Vote, which announced its support for a full four-year term for Janey last Saturday.

Outside Roxbury's Dudley Cafe, members of the UNITE HERE Local 26, the hospitality workers union, joined members of Chinese Progressive Political Action and Mijente Boston Asamblea in backing Janey.

In their endorsement, the groups noted Janey's background as an education advocate for a nonprofit before she joined the City Council in 2018.

"I have worked with Mayor Janey for many years (Continued on page 13)

### Eight candidates eye Janey seat in District 7









The Sept. 14 preliminary election for the City Council seat in District 7 now held by Acting Mayor Kim Janey, which includes parts of Dorchester, Roxbury and the South End, has attracted eight candidates.

Janey, who has held the seat since 2018, is running for full, four-year term as mayor, and not seeking re-election to the council.

The district includes parts of Dorchester along the Blue Hill Avenue corridor, including Grove Hall and the Dudley Triangle.

The Reporter's Rebeca Pereira, who has recently spoken with 7 of the 8 candidates, offers a look at the personalities in the race, which will be narrowed to two finalists who will face off in a general election on Nov. 2. See Page 4.

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### Police, Courts & Fire

# Probe ongoing after 3 die in Suffolk custody

The Suffolk County sheriff is investigating the deaths of three people, two of whom died on July 28, the day they were brought to the House of Correction. Their deaths do not appear to be related. according to a statement from Sheriff Steven Tompkins, which said that 35-year-old Ayeshia Johnson had been civilly committed and was waiting to go to a treatment program when she was found alone and unresponsive in a holding cell. Despite emergency medical treatment, she did not survive.

Less than an hour later, 42-year-old Edward Isberg was found unresponsive in a medical unit and also died. The sheriff says foul play is not suspected.

On Monday evening, group of protestors held a vigil outside the South Bay jail calling for answers for Johnson's family. The group included Rep. Liz Miranda, who tweeted: "Her family sent her to get help and now she's gone. Unacceptable."

Separately, the department is investigating the death of 31-year-old Rashonn Wilson, who became sick from an unspecified illness on July 12 and later died in



A vigil for Ayeshia Johnson was held at the jail on Monday evening.

a hospital. He had been incarcerated for four months.

– WBUR

A former Boston Police Department auto repair technician has agreed to plead guilty to a scheme to embezzle more than \$260,000 from the department in auto parts and supplies, federal prosecutors said last Saturday.

Bahram Gharony bought parts and supplies, claiming they were for the police department, and then turned around and sold them to others, said prosecutors who noted that he tried to cover his tracks by submitting bogus invoices to the police department. The 36-year-old from Boston has agreed to plead guilty to two counts of wire fraud.

– WBUR

# Meeting to review latest plans for Port Norfolk set for Monday

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

A developer's proposal to build a new complex of residences and mixeduse buildings on the Port Norfolk waterfront will get a fresh public hearing next Monday (Aug. 9).

The Boston Planning and Development Agency(BPDA) had scheduled a virtual meeting in late June, but it was postponed to next week.

City Point Capital's latest plans for 24 Ericsson St. —what is now the MarineMax/Russo Marine site next to Venezia restaurant and function hall - include 120 residential units in 3 residential complexes, along with approximately 23,400 square feet of office space; 11,000 square feet of community/office flex space; 3,600 square feet of retail space, a boathouse, and 159 on-site parking spaces.

According to plans submitted to the Boston Civic Design Commission (BCDC) in May, the team identified a few key elements as "design



The latest rendering of the Port Norfolk plan.

Courtesy RODE Architects

drivers," including sustainability measures to protect the neighborhood from climate change effects, improving neighborhood connections, creating a contextually responsive landscape and "develop[ing] a program that serves the community."

Over the past four years, the proponents have transformed their plans for the 156,816 square-foot property after being met with resistance from some residents mainly concerned with the project's potential traffic impacts, how it would confront coastal flooding, and the buildings' heights.

An earlier iteration of plans, pitched in 2017, called for a total of 150 units, a 25-room boutique hotel, covered parking, some commercial space, and renovated boat storage and service facilities.

In 2018 the team's proposal included 185,150 square feet of construction spread across four buildings. The most upto-date design would include a scaled-back total of 146,000 square feet.

Over time the developers have revised their original designs to include roof shapes and building materials that would be more in step with the traditional ar-

chitecture and industrial character of Port Norfolk.

At the last public hearing in April, the latest version was generally well received, indicating that the team could soon be moving toward community approval.

The BPDA, which facilitates the review of large projects and ultimately decides their fate through a vote of its board, has sought to kick-start private investment on the property. Local labor unions and some Port Norfolk residents have also indicated strong support, citing the potential for jobs and an economic lift for the peninsula.

Monday's meeting will include a brief presentation by the development team, a prioritized conversation with the Impact Advisory Group (IAG), and a question-and-answer session with the general public.

For more information, contact Raul Duverge, the BPDA project manager, at 617-918-4492 or atraul.duverge@boston.gov.

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# Dot native Farrell a Baker judge pick

Gov. Baker tapped a District Court clerk-magistrate and a supervisor in the Middlesex County District Attorney's office for judgeships last week, teeing up two more nominations that will go before the Governor's Council in the coming weeks.

Baker nominated William Farrell, a longtime attorney and first assistant clerk-magistrate in Somerville District Court, as an associate District Court justice and Samir Zaganjori, a former defense attorney who now oversees prosecutors in the Middlesex DA's office, as an associate justice in the Boston Municipal Court.

Farrell earned his



William Farrell

law degree from Suffolk University Law School in 1989 and spent five years as an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County, an experience bookended by stints in private practice, according to a copy of his resume provided by the Governor's Council.

Farrell is a longtime board member and supporter of the Dorchester-based Project DEEP program.

Since 1998, he has held assistant or acting clerk-magistrate positions in Dorchester Municipal Court, Plymouth District Court, Cambridge District Court, and now Somerville District Court, where he has served as the first assistant clerk-magistrate for the past 14 years.

Zaganjori worked as an assistant district attorney in Middlesex County for six years before taking a job as a criminal defense attorney at J.W. Carney Jr. & Associates, where he worked on the defense team in the 2015 sexual assault case against New Hampshire student Owen Labrie.

His resume says he also led research and drafted legal pleadings in James "Whitey" Bulger's federal racketeering trial.

Since January 2019, Zaganjori has been a regional district court supervisor in the Middlesex DA's office, where he supervises prosecutors in four district courts and two juvenile courts.

The council, an eight-member elected body that vets and confirms judicial appointments, scheduled a hearing for Zaganjori at 1 p.m. on Aug. 11. Councilors plan to decide next week when they will host Farrell's hearing for the District Court judgeship.

— CHRIS LISINSKI SHNS

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

A proposed project for 24 Ericsson St. in Dorchester will be the subject of a virtual public meeting on Monday, Aug. 9 at 6:30 **p.m.** It consists of the redevelopment of an approximately 156,816 square foot site off of Ericsson Street in the Port Norfolk area of Dorchester. The current proposal consists of multiple buildings and includes 120 residential units, approximately 23,400 square feet of office space, approximately 11,000 square feet of community/office flex space, approximately 3,600 square feet of retail space, a boathouse, and 159 vehicle parking spaces. The project manager for the BPDA is Makena Parker, 339-832-7766. Email: makena.c.parker@boston. gov. See DotNews.com for Zoom link. A proposal for a mixed-use development in Uphams Corner will be the subject of a virtual public meeting hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at 6 p.m. The proposal for 554-562 Columbia Rd. includes 72 new residential units including the four-story Fox Hall Building

to be renovated along with 5,524 sf of commercial space in combination with construction of a six-story addition at the rear along with a 24 space parking garage and associated open space and amenities. The project manager is Stephen Harvey, who may be reached at 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov. Info for the meeting link can be found at bostonplans.gov.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is teaming up with the Boston Bruins Foundation to host the Willie O'Ree Street Hockey Clinic Series for boys and girls ages 12 and under at five Boston parks in August, including Almont Park in Mattapan on Tues., Aug. 31. Learn or hone your street hockey skills at these free clinics featuring giveaways with all equipment provided. All clinics begin at 3:00 p.m. To register, call Damien Margardo at 617-961-3083.

The mayor's office will sponsor a movie night series in city parks this month, including a screening of "Raya and the Last Dragon" on Tues., Aug. 24 at Dorchester's

Ronan Park at dusk. See boston.gov for more details and other screening dates. The show starts at dusk.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., Aug. 11 to discuss a proposal by Lincoln Property Group to build 270-units of housing in nine detached, three-story buildings at 990 American Legion Highway. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. See page 13 for Zoom link and more info.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a virtual public meeting on Monday, Aug. 9 to discuss a proposed change to a BPDA approved project at 37 Wales St. in Dorchester by the organization Heading Home. The proposed changes include reducing the number of units from 23 to 20, the number of stories from 5 to 4, the addition of off-site parking spaces, increased open space, among other changes. Go to bostonplans.org for Zoom link info. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

We Sing Dorchester — a community singing event for families of all ages and skill levels— will take place on August 8

from 2-3:30 p.m. at Town Field in Fields Corner. Presented by Friends of the Public Garden and Boston Childrens Choris in partnership with ADSL. Go to give. bostonchildrenschorus.org to register.

The Franklin Park Coalition and Boston's Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park — a series of free performances at the Playstead near the giraffe entrance of the zoo— on Tuesday mornings and evenings this summer. The children's shows at 110'clock for summer campers, families, and child-care programs. Evening shows, starting at 6 p.m., will offer classic R&B, Motown, Jazz, and Reggae bands with popular local performers and bands. For more information, call 617-908-4002 or visit franklinparkcoalition.org.

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# State guidance: Masks optional for vaccinated students

By Kathleen McNerney and Max Larkin WBUR Reporters

Vaccinated students should be allowed to go to school without masks on, according to updated Covid-19 guidance state education and health leaders released last Friday.

The update comes as several school committees are weighing whether to mandate masks in their districts. Boston Mayor Kim Janey said last month that all students and staff would be required to wear masks in city schools this fall.

The state's guidance comes three days after the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged everyone to wear masks indoors in places with "substantial" or high transmission, regardless of vaccination status. The CDC also recommended that all students and school staff wear masks.

The transmission rate of Covid-19 is now considered to be "high" or "substantial" in more than half of the state's 14 counties with residents of and visitors to Barnstable and Nantucket counties considered to be the most at risk, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nine counties now fall

under the CDC's updated guidance recommending that masks be worn by vaccinated individuals in indoor public settings in areas of high or substantial transmission. While Cape Cod and Nantucket are the only areas of "high" transmission, Middlesex, Essex, Plymouth, Worcester, Bristol, Hampden and Suffolk counties are all in the "substantial" transmission category, according to data collected from July 26 to Aug. 1.

Massachusetts leaves it up to individual school districts to decide whether to have mask requirements in the new school year, an issue which has been causing heated debate in some cities and towns. The state has already removed remote learning as an option for most districts.

Under a federal order, students and staff are required to wear masks when on school buses.

when on school buses.

"One thing's clear: All schools and all districts must be open every day to every student no matter what," Baker said at a press conference Friday.

"The documented negative impact on children that resulted from the uneven, unpredictable and profoundly difficult year that students had last year cannot and must not happen again."

The memo by Massachusetts leaders did not make any requirements of schools, but did "strongly recommend" unvaccinated staff and students wear masks when indoors (particularly children under age 12 who are not yet eligible for vaccination). The memo cited high vaccination rates in the state overall and research showing children generally have a lower risk of serious illness from the coronavirus.

The recommendation that vaccinated students be able to shed their face coverings inside Massachusetts schools also came as the state issued updated guidance for unvaccinated people, people who may be more vulnerable to serious illness due to age or medical conditions, and those who live with them to wear masks in indoor spaces outside their homes.

The state policy seems to depart from stricter national guidance, issued this month by both the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics, which calls for universal masking of at least unvaccinated people in schools. Baker enlisted the latter group during his push to reopen school buildings

earlier this year.

Merrie Najimy — president of the Mass. Teachers Association, the state's largest teacher's union — said she learned of the "reckless" policy half an hour before it was formally published.

"We don't feel that this is any kind of guidance at all," Najimy said. She added that the union is committed to in-person learning, but helped along by "upgrades to building ventilation, regular surveillance testing" and the use of masks at least until the latest, Delta variant-driven outbreak shows signs of waning or the vaccine is available for children younger than 12.

As he defended the difficult needle.

policy Friday, Baker said that broad differences between districts — in their rates of transmission and of vaccination — were "part of the reason we believe that we should issue this as guidance, with recommendations," rather than a stricter, statewide policy.

The policy does have more vociferous supporters in the medical community.

Shira Doron was one of three physicians to call for an end to mandatory masking in an op-ed published by *U.S. News* earlier this month. For her, the state policy "did a great job of threading a really difficult needle."

"The [CDC] recommendations are for an entire country, some of which is on fire again — drowning in Covid, with overwhelmed hospitals," Doron noted. She added that any such guidance needs to be adapted to localities, "using the prevalence of disease, and the proportion of the population that's vaccinated, to make those decisions."

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# Janey voices skepticism on requiring proof of vaccine

Acting Mayor Kim Janey appeared to voice skepticism on Tuesday about Boston copying New York City's move to require proof of Covid-19 vaccination inside restaurants and gyms.

The New York requirement goes into effect later this month and enforcement begins in mid-September, according to news reports. New York is the first major US city to initiate such a policy.

The requirement comes as US cities and states grapple with the contagious Delta variant.

"We know that those types of things are difficult to enforce when it comes to vaccine," Janey said at an unrelated event, according to the Boston Herald.

"There's a long history in this country of people needing to show their papers," Janey added, referring to both during and after slavery, up to "what the immigrant population has (had) to go through" more recently.

"We've heard Trump with the birth certificate nonsense," she continued. "Here, we want to make sure that we are not doing anything that would further create a barrier for residents of Boston or disproportionately impact BIPOC [Black, indigenous and other people of color] communities."

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# Eight candidates eye Janey seat in District 7

#### BRANDY BROOKS

The director of adult education at Bunker Hill Community College, Brooks has worked on suicide prevention and made community development and engagement the priority of her candidacy.



**Brandy Brooks** 

Her policies would promote small businesses, affordable homeownership, educational opportunity, mitigate homelessness, and center on financial empowerment as the cornerstone of these issues.

"We have to focus on creating, building, and sustaining wealth within the district," she said, "helping businesses acquire capital and helping constituents afford their own feast of the American dream."

Brooks, 40, is a proponent of expanding the budgetary powers of the City Council who argues for the creation of a no-interest small business loan fund working in tandem with educational workshops around the certification and contracting processes to uplift up-and-coming entrepreneurs of color.

She currently works as the director of operations for both the Roxbury Unity Parade and Deedee's Cry, a nonprofit that facilitates psychosocial education in communities of color. Mental health, she said, is a "critical determinant of a community's success and wellbeing," and should be centered in all social discussions.

"In policing, for example, we're often reactionary instead of proactive," she said. "We need to provide short term solutions and relief to homelessness, gun violence, and crime, but we also need to provide opportunities for homeownership and create a more equitable police force, too."

Brooks, who was born in South Carolina and raised in Georgia before pursuing higher education in the Northeast, also proposed introducing vocational education in middle schools. She has emphasized expanding academic and extracurricular opportunities for students at non-exam schools.

"We need to focus on other schools in the district with the same care, same intensity as exam schools?" she said. "We may not agree on everything, we've seen that much so far, but we all want the same things — a more equitable city for everyone, for every child."

WEBSITE: brandybrooks4d7.com NO ENDORSEMENTS CASH ON HAND: \$1,471.49

#### **MARISA LUSE**

Born and raised in Roxbury, Luse said her focus is "being a part of the solution, working directly with people, and helping them lead productive and prosperous lives."



Marisa Luse

She points to low voter engagement in District 7 as a metric for a "widespread hopelessness and lack of trust in city government," a sentiment she witnessed firsthand as a Northeastern co-op working in the city's first community service pilot program.

Since then, Luse, 47, has done community service work with the Women's Service Club as well as with City Mission Society, an organization that works to transition,

rehabilitate, and reintegrate incarcerated women from prison into the workforce.

Luse, who lives in Roxbury, also founded the website mydorchester.org, hiring programmers from within the community to build an open-source community dashboard in the early aughts of internet programming. She said the experience helped "this Roxbury girl engage with people in Dorchester and see the similarities in our communities' needs.

"People want a presence in the district, and we can fill that with online forums, block parties, community advocacy, but it's all futile if our elected officials aren't engaging with the community, aren't responsive, if there isn't a real standard for a community process," she said, alluding to the bearing her background in social work had on her decision to run for city council.

While she's hesitant to affirm her support for specific policies, Luse, who lost her brother to homicide in 2006, has expressed support for the police accountability department established by former Mayor Marty Walsh, and has called for a conscientious response from law enforcement to racial bias concerns.

"We need officers, but we need officers who understand how to be anti-racist, not just because they went to a training, but because they're willing to function proactively and deliberately as anti-racist members of our police force," she said.

Luse added: "We should be having round-table discussions, should be door-knocking, engaging with and listening to constituents, and working toward creating a sense of cohesion and belonging in the district. I don't want policy without people."

WEBSITE: marisaforboston.com ENDORSEMENTS: None listed. CASH ON HAND: \$7,339.71

#### **JOAO DEPINA**

A Cape Verdean immigrant and child of foster care, DePina has said his candidacy focuses on helping families establish roots and creating a sense of belonging in District 7, a mission he felt called to in 2002 after the death of 3-year-old Malik Andrade Percival.



Joao DePina

"The trauma that results from gun violence ripples through the community. I've lost cousins, foster cousins to gun violence, and, in 2014, my brother was murdered on Taft Street," DePina, 42, said. "I've kept doing this work since, because we ought to feel safe in our communities."

DePina has served as the treasurer of the Ward 12 Democratic Committee for almost a decade. He ran unsuccessfully for District 7 councillor in 2017. He cur-

rently owns At Your Time Of Need Floral Designs, and said swift and comprehensive Covid recovery for micro-businesses like his own are a priority.

"We need to economically stabilize the whole of the district, we need to ensure there's an economic piece to our recovery and make sure that our small businesses are able to thrive," he said. "I have a passion for making sure our community is served. I see so many disparities and things that can be fixed, but it starts with taking care of the community economically."

DePina has suggested overhauling the police department, calling for a pivot to dissolve "obsolete" police units, offering the auto-theft unit as an example, as well as the hiring of a female police commissioner from out of state to lead the force.

"A woman has never been offered that position, and I think we need someone with a little bit of a different perspective, not someone we hire internally who also has a relationship with the people they're overseeing," he said. "Police policing themselves isn't working."

DePina has also emphasized the need to fortify mental health programming for the district's homeless individuals, and has advocated for expanded mental health services in schools.

WEBSITE: depinaforboston.com NO ENDORSEMENTS CASH ON HAND: \$3,024.22



#### LORRAINE PAYNE WHEELER

An attorney, Wheeler is a board member of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Roxbury and a volunteer with Roxbury United Neighbors and the Roxbury Strategic Masterplan Committee who has spent the last decade with Roxbury Path Forward, a neighborhood development organization.



Lorraine Payne Wheeler

Wheeler, a lifelong Roxbury resident, is now angling to take her experience in development to the city governance and is making homeownership and housing equity the centerpieces of her campaign.

"Affordable homeownership is really the only thing that will bring stability to the area," she said. "Some areas in the district have high homeownership; for others, the city has not been as responsive to concerns about zoning, development,

affordability, and quality of life."

Wheeler, who also sits on the board of the Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation, has said successful development is "inclusive of the surrounding community." She pointed to failures in consulting homeowners around new school and affordable housing constructions as the source of community disenchantment with local politics.

Her teenage years were marked by the murders of her father and grandfather, and, since then, Wheeler has advocated for increased investment in students' social and emotional wellbeing and has also expressed support for community policing tactics that build trust between communities of color and police officers.

"It's hard to sign on to a reduced police force, but I do support more funding for social work resources within the department to aid with responding to mental health crises," she said. "Police should be more available to the community, they should live on our streets and come to neighborhood association meetings, they should know us."

NO WEBSITE NO ENDORSEMENTS CASH ON HAND: \$100

#### SANTIAGO LEON RIVERA

Born to a single Dominican mother and inspired to enter politics by former District 7 City Councillor Chuck Turner, Rivera said his main priority is increasing engagement throughout the district.



He said his priority is to "clean up" littered hotspots where homelessness and drug use are rampant by decentralizing harm reduction services to mitigate the concentration of needles and other addiction paraphernalia at store fronts, bus stops, and school grounds.

"We know the hotspots where we'll find needles and excessive trash, but we lack Santiago Leon Rivera basic constituent services where the district needs it

most," he said. "If you go down to Mass and Cass, you'll see six, seven, even eight cruisers on patrol at once, watching people overdose."

Rivera, 31, added: "We need to decentralize services, we need additional mental health workers, and we've got to partner with state reps for regional strategies to provide supportive housing instead of just harm reduction."

A graduate of West Roxbury High School and a Boston Public Schools parent, Rivera, who grew up in Uphams Corner, wants comprehensive financial literacy curricula in schools and new partnerships with surrounding colleges and universities for student success.

"Our buildings are still crumbling, we're still struggling with poor ventilation, overcrowding, and I don't see the effort to engage parents sincerely in the process of allocating [American Rescue Plan] funds headed to BPS," he added, a nod to the \$400 million in federal pandemic-relief funds set aside for the district's schools.

"I've been to forums with only a handful of parents. They feel disconnected. We need teachers and families working together to better our children's education," Rivera said.

**WEBSITE:** leonrivera.com NO ENDORSEMENTS **CASH ON HAND:** \$3,574.31

#### ANGELINA 'ANGIE' CAMACHO

Calling herself a "peacemaker with a pitchfork," Camacho launched her bid for a city council seat with a promise to deliver "a win" for working people.



Angelina Camacho

"What's the definition of insanity?" she asked. "Do the same thing over and over expecting a different outcome," she concluded, saying, "It's time to try something different. As a candidate, I'm just a person with ideas, but as an elected official, I'm saying I'll listen to the people."

The child of immigrants, a single parent, and a person who endured a three-year disability as the result of a car accident in 2009, Camacho said her campaign's goal

is to "move people from the margin to the center." The 46-year-old Roxbury resident's four-point platform includes strengthening senior services and adapting existing resources for the 21st century to spare them from phishing scams; establishing an education task force to build equity across all BPS schools; expanding workers' rights and benefits through aggressive labor reform; and creating continuity and stability in District 7.

"There's a need to provide stability for part-time workers, for people of color, single moms, and to fight for their financial empowerment. I am that story, and my campaign is a promise that everyday people create solutions to everyday problems," she said.

Camacho, an advocate for universal pre-school and the expansion of vocational programs as strategies for narrowing the achievement gap, champions term limits on city contracts as accessibility opportunities for first-generation entrepreneurs.

**WEBSITE:** camacho4community.com

ENDORSEMENTS: Greater Boston Labor Council, Boston Teachers Union, North Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters, Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus

**CASH ON HAND:** \$18,880.25

Roy Owens, Sr.

# ROY OWENS, SR.

A perennial candidate for office in the city for decades, Owens, has worked as a public schools teacher and social worker for the Department of Public Welfare. He said that "church" and "faithbased" values should be  $incorporated\,into\,BPS\,along$ with mental health support. Owens is also on the ballot for at-large city council.

CASH ON HAND: \$0.

WEBSITE: royowensboston.mysite.com

#### TANIA ANDERSON

A native of Cape Verde and a longtime Roxbury resident, Anderson wants to amplify the "silent struggle" of immigrants, women, and single parents in District 7.



**Tania Anderson** 

A previously undocumented person who has faced eviction, deportation, and the "violence and neglect that exists in and around public housing," Anderson, 42, has focused her career on advocating for under-resourced communities.

"I'm not an idealist. There is dysfunction in this city and we need solutions that allow people to live with integrity and dignity," she

said. "I don't know shit about politics, but I know that when people are desperate, they deserve mercy."

Her work with disadvantaged and incarcerated women through the Roxbury Multiservice Center and organizations like Project RIGHT and Project HOPE has focused on providing wraparound services including counseling, sexual health education, and language interpretation and translation, but Anderson has worn many hats.

"I've painted, I've cleaned bathrooms and people's homes, I've been a security guard, I've done whatever it took to survive. I've worked with women who are doing everything it takes to land on their feet and to survive," she said. "So, I know what it's like for people who struggle in our community."

Anderson has also served as the family and community outreach coordinator for Boston Public Schools and is currently the director of Bowdoin-Geneva Main Streets, two positions that inform her platform priorities: education and financial empowerment.

She's called for initiatives that stabilize the real estate market to enable homeownership, including investments in unrestricted deeds in low-income developments, allowing rental history to replace credit scores for first-time homebuyers, and building rent-to-own developments.

"Before we talk about policy, we need to restore a foundation of trust and transparency; people need to believe that we have their best interest in mind when we say we prioritize certain things," said Anderson.

On education, she is a staunch advocate for greater availability and accessibility of comprehensive mental health resources in schools.

"Education needs to be approached in a holistic way. Yes, we need to rehabilitate the curriculum to include financial literacy, civic engagement, music education, to really equip students with skills they need to succeed and do so equitably across the city," she said, adding:

"But we need to recognize that if I don't have a bed to sleep in, a plate of food, the proper mental health support, I can't focus on my work."

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# Essaibi George hosts hopefuls for the seat she's leaving at 'meet & greets' in her home

By KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF

House parties are a tried-andtrue method of connecting with voters— something that mayoral candidate and current at-large councillor Annissa Essaibi George knows well. She has frequently used her home on Mayhew Street in Dorchester's Polish Triangle as a gathering spot for her sup-

This summer, however, she has opened up her home to candidates who are looking to fill the at-large council seat she is leaving to run for mayor instead of re-election.

Last weekend, she hosted the latest batch of hopefuls, introducing Nick Vance, Bridget Nee-Walsh, and David Halbert to her neighbors. On July 18, she hosted Ruthzee Louijeune, James "Reggie" Colimon, and Carla Monteiro. She kicked off the series on July 11, when she welcomed Kelly Bates, Erin Murphy, and Jon Spillane.

Essaibi George said she wants to create a space for the candidates to air their platforms amidst the backdrop of Boston's mayoral



Annissa Essaibi George, at right, with her weekend guest, at large candidate Bridget Nee-Walsh.

race. She plans to welcome three candidates each weekend over the coming several weeks.

Essaibi George has not made any public endorsements in the at-large race, but says she's "proud to play a small part in assisting them all reach residents and share their ideas. I often say that government is a team sport because the work of leading this city is too important not to pull up a seat at the table for one another.

"These meet-and-greets are one way I can do that. I've been in these candidates' shoes and know how difficult it can be to build a network, especially when there's a mayor's race happening,"

The next event is set for next Sunday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Attendees will hear from Alex Gray, Domingos DaRosa, and Donnie Palmer.

People who want to attend can register for the event below:

mobilize.us/annissaforboston/ event/404995/.

There are 17 at-large council candidates on the preliminary ballot set for Sept. 14. That number will be cut down to eight finalists for the Nov. 2 general election.

# Essaibi George takes campaign to TV with \$200K ad buy

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

The airwaves are starting to get crowded with mayoral advertisements. Annissa Essaibi George, one of the five major mayoral contenders, on Tuesday released a 30-second spot that her campaign says will run on broadcast, cable, streaming services, and digital platforms. The campaign is spending \$200,000 for two weeks of airtime.



The ad, called "Together," focuses on her time as a city councillor at-large, a Boston teacher, owner of the knitting shop known as the Stitch House, and the mother of four boys. The Dorchester native, whose father immigrated from Tunisia and whose mother is Polish, was first

elected citywide in 2015.

Essaibi George, who grew up in a Dorchester three-decker, also touts endorsements from five unions: public employees with AFSCME Council 93, Boston firefighters local 718, IBEW Local 2222, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, and the city's EMS workers.

"Never one to shy away from hard work and opportunities to collaborate, Annissa will draw from her unique experiences to lead this city, while also fighting to ensure that everyone has a voice in shaping Boston's bright future," Cam Charbonnier, her campaign manager, said in a statement.

South End state Rep. Jon Santiago was the first candidate to hit the airwaves in June, and the first to drop out of the race after failing to gain traction in publicly available polls.

A super PAC known as "Better Boston" has been supporting City Councillor Andrea Campbell's mayoral bid, launching two ads touting her candidacy and spending nearly \$900,000 overall.

Essaibi George's ad comes a week after the Boston*Globe* reported on a potential violation of the state conflict of interest law due to her council office's efforts to block a project next door to a condo building that her husband, Doug George, built.

Her campaign told the newspaper that they've reached out to the state Ethics Commission for guidance on the questions it had raise. She later said that her husband, who is also a landlord, would "conduct



Annissa Essaibi George is shown in a new commercial that will air on television in Boston to promote her candidacy for mayor.

Image courtesy Essaibi George campaign

no new business" in Boston if she is elected mayor. Asked about the ethics questions, Campbell told reporters, "She clearly is looking into whether or not there were violations there." Public officials are held to "higher standards," she added.

John Barros, a fellow mayoral contender, called the Globe's report "troubling if true." "Failure to comply with the state ethics laws by concealing personal interest in real estate development projects raises legitimate concerns about the misuse of public office for personal gain," he said in a statement.

**Endorsement corner: Backing** from unions, councillors stacks up

A flurry of endorsements for at-large city council candidates have rolled in over the last few weeks. The Sept. 14 preliminary election will trim the field of candidates down to eight finalists who will compete for four citywide slots on Nov. 2.

Julia Mejia, who is one of two at-large incumbents running for re-election, on Tuesday touted the endorsements of state Sen. Sonia Chang Diaz, state Rep. Nika Elugardo, and state Rep. Russell Holmes. "We've got so much left to accomplish, and we can only do it with all hands on deck," she said in a statement.

Meanwhile, the Dorchester-based Local 103 IBEW endorsed two candidates, Erin Murphy and Ruthzee Louijeune, for at-large seats.

Murphy, 51, is a Dorchester resident, mother of three, and longtime public school teacher. She was endorsed last weekend by the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 888.

Murphy finished sixth in the Nov. 2019 general election. In this cycle, she has notched endorsements from state Rep. Dan Hunt, City Councillor Frank Baker, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Laborers Local 223, Boston EMS.

Louijeune, 34, has served as senior counsel for Warren's presidential and Senate campaigns, has roots in Mattapan and Hyde Park, and hopes to become the first Haitian American woman elected to the council.

She was endorsed last week by the Greater Boston Labor Council (GBLC), as well as IBEW 222 and

"I am honored to have the endorsement of the GBLC. I am fully committed to pushing for a city that puts people before profit, welcomes safe jobs that pay a living wage, and centers the needs of our working class families," said Louijeune.

David Halbert was endorsed last Wednesday by District 5 Councillor Ricardo Arroyo, and his father, Suffolk County Register of Probate Felix D. Arroyo.

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

"We share a belief in collaborative politics and putting equity at the forefront of our decision-making," Councillor Arroyo said. "David is exactly the kind of person I want to have as a partner on the Boston City Council."

Councillor Frank Baker this week endorsed Jon Spillane, a former employee of the city's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND). Spillane, 30, worked most recently as a staffer for District 8 Councillor Kenzie Bok.

"Jon supports reopening Long Island, utilizing the Shattuck Hospital, and building bridges with our state and federal government, all crucial tools in our efforts to house our neighbors and deliver supportive services," Baker said.

Spillane also has been endorsed by City Councillor Kenzie Bok, state Rep. Jay Livingstone, state Sen. Joe Boncore, Ward 5 Democratic Committee, Laborers' Local 223, and Plasterers Local 534.

- KATIE TROJANO

# Mayoral contenders weigh in on waterfront issues

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Boston's eastern boundary is nearly all waterfront, from the mouth of the Neponset River between Dorchester and Quincy, to the Belle Isle Marsh by Logan International Air-

But getting to those spaces isn't easy, even for mayoral candidates who recalled how inaccessible it could be and how much potential there is for improvement.

Their comments came at a forum last Thursday at the New England Aquarium put together by a coalition of nonprofit groups focused on the waterfront that included the Port Norfolk Civic Association and Fields Corner Main Streets, among others.

Shirley Leung, columnist and associate editor at the Boston Globe. and Alberto Vasallo III,



Four mayoral contenders talked about what they like, and don't like, about the city's waterfront. From left to right: Michelle Wu, John Barros, Andrea Campbell and Annissa Essaibi George.

Mundo Boston, served as up since the 1980s. moderators.

to the rivers, the four candidates who attended offered a mix of remarks.

John Barros, who grew up in Roxbury, gave it a "C" for connectivity to the rest of the city and neighborhoods like his, while noting it gets an "A+" for

president and CEO of El how it has been cleaned

Barros recalled that Asked to grade the wa- as a young man growing terfront, from the harbor up in the city, there were areas he went to where he felt he was trespassing. "We've got to break down those invisible walls," he said.

Andrea Campbell, the District 4 councillor, said she was directing her letter grade of "C" to city leadership on the waterfront, while Michelle Wu said "needs improvement."

Annissa Essaibi George, who taught at East Boston High School, quipped that letter grades are her speciality. She said the waterfront's still-untapped potential merits an "A+." But, she added, "we continue to fail every single day we have not created opportunities"

for young people to dip their toes into the water or for older residents to climb into a kayak."

Acting Mayor Kim Janey was unable to attend the forum due to a recent death in her family, according to her campaign. The candidates who attended were also asked about where on the waterfront they like to take their children.

Campbell, a Mattapan resident, cited the Neponset Greenway trail, while Essaibi George, a Dorchester resident, said McConnell Park, where her sons, who are in the Dorchester Little League, play against the backdrop of Savin Hill Bay.

Wu, a Roslindale resident, pointed to Piers Park in East Boston, because of its views of the city skyline. She also gave a shout-out to Castle Island in South Boston, where she takes

her children to get hot dogs and shakes.

For Barros, it is UMass Boston's campus on Dorchester Bay. "It's big, it's majestic," he said.

The candidates weighed in on what they would like to see. Essaibi George reiterated that she wants to see more children learn how to swim on the waterfront, while Wu answered with inner-harbor transit op-

Barros pitched for more things for people to do on Thompson Island while calling Georges Island one of his favorites in Boston Harbor. "The islands could be our classrooms," he said.

Campbell called for more restaurants and music close to the water, noting that Baltimore has a number of options for people. "We can do way better than Baltimore," she said.

# Janey is urged to withdraw downtown harbor plan

By Michael P. Norton STATE HOUSE News Service

Cautioning against efforts to "privatize the shoreline and forfeit opportunities for waterfront parks and open space," seven environmental protection groups are calling on Mayor Kim Janey to withdraw the city's downtown waterfront harbor plan from a state rule-making process, saying it departs from regulations intended to protect public access and rights.

The pending plan, the Conservation Law Foundation says, "diminishes these rights and presents the most extreme departure from those regulations ever approved."

The groups asked for

the plan to be withdrawn by the end of public comment period on Friday (Aug. 6) on proposed Department of Environmental Protection waterways regulations.

In a July 29 letter to Janey obtained by the News Service, CLF and the heads of Green Roots, Alternatives for Community & Environment Inc., The Harborkeepers, the Charles River Watershed Association, Piers Park Sailing Center, and the Trustees of the Reservation wrote that the plan "represents a growing and disturbing trend toward allowing developers to monetize the loss of public access and benefit through discretionary and randomly calculated lump sum payments rather than

through appropriate mitigation onsite.

"If this plan is allowed to stand, it will create a troubling precedent for waterfront planning and development in neighborhoods all across the city. We cannot allow development on Boston's waterfront to continue to privatize the shoreline and forfeit opportunities for waterfront parks and

open space, environmental justice, public access, and climate resilience,' the groups wrote.

They urged Janey's office to act now in part because there is currently no process at the Department of Environmental Protection to amend or renew municipal harbor plans after they are formally promulgated.

# Reporter's People

# News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

# Ten years later, One Love Sports is still going strong

By KATIE PEDERSEN REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

One Love Sports Academy founder Jamaal Wornum doesn't just help Boston youth find their way—he sees himself in them.

Wornum started One Love as a memorial basketball tournament in honor of his late brother, Aaron, a 25-year-old man with a passion for music and youth empowerment who was shot to death on Sumner Street in Dorchester in 2011.

Jamaal used the tournament as a starting point for the development of a sports league with several programs in his brother's memory.

Currently, the league is based at Mary Hannon Park on Dudley Street in Dorchester. It runs through August 30.

According to Wornum, One Love "started essentially as me wanting to do a memorial basketball tournament in Aaron's honor on top of me being an outreach worker for the city of Boston. There was a lack of resources and recreational sports activities for kids from 12 to 18 years of age, so I made a decision to start a basketball league for those kids but still keep it in memory of my little brother.

"The hard part was that during the winter and the fall, a lot of the kids I had built relationships with in the summer I would see during my job as an outreach coordinator [in reports or court]. So, I decided to extend what I do during the season."

In 2014, he consolidated his efforts into One



Jamaal Wornum, top left, with participants in the One Love Sports Academy at Mary Hannon Playground on Dudley Street.

Love, largely funding the organization out of his own pocket. Since then, he has continued to expand his offerings in an effort to reach more kids in Dorchester and surrounding neighborhoods. One Love currently offers a sports league, workout program, financial literacy course, yoga course, unity healing circle, book club, and more.

Warnum is thrilled by One Love's progress.

"It grew from me having 50 kids to me having 125 kids, so now it's a full-fledged non-profit," he said. "Its focus is on offering these kids proper resources, creating a safe space for them to grow, develop, play, all that stuff, and at the same time, just providing them with different avenues or outlooks that they may not get if they're not involved in the league. It has grown into something that the community expects and that the kids need."

He added: "When I was young, I was in a lot of

the positions that these kids are in. The same opportunities that [youth organizations] offered for me, I'm doing that for the next generation coming up. I don't have any magic tricks—I'm just there. I'm just available."

Neema Avashia, a civics teacher at Boston Public Schools and liaison to One Love, recalled her interactions with Wornum very positively.

"I got to know him first in his capacity as a streetworker for the city of Boston," she said. "We had some young people who were struggling, and we were trying to think creatively about how to support them. He was a friend of a friend, and he was like, 'Yeah, I'll come in. It's not during my work hours, but that doesn't matter to me. I care about the kids. I'll come in, I'll mentor kids, I'll check in, I'll build relationships.' And he started coming in on his own volition every week, week-and-a-half to meet with young people. To try to get them to programming, to support them, help them to see that there are people in the community who care about them and are invested in them." And that all predates the organization, said Avashia. "But that's Jamaal. That ethic, that level of care and investment in young people, is what makes his work so important. He will go to every extent to make sure that young people are getting what they need.

She added, "He's really good at seeing the relationship between what happens in school and what happens out of school. With a lot of organizations in the city, there's a hard line. But Jamal understands that there has to be a dialogue between school-based programming and out-of-school programming."

Tome Barros, a personal friend of Wornum who has volunteered with One Love, echoed Avashia's sentiments. "Jamaal's had quite the lifetime experience — some positive, some not so great. But he has been able to balance all the

trials and tribulations of his life and managed to be on the right side of doing some amazing work. Any time I talk to someone about him, I use these words: Jamaal is the 21st century version of what a non-profit should look like. What he's building is grassroots and community-built.

"If you look at a lot of the non-profits that are out there now, the executive director doesn't know what our youth truly need in terms of full wrap-around services. They may know sports, and arts, and how to keep kids busy, but what separates Jamaal is that he understands those wraparound services, those certain traumas he went through as a child. So really," said Barros," he's looking at it from a preventative lens, where he wants to shield these youths from what he went through in his youth."

As One Love continues to grow, Wornum hopes that it becomes "the standard-bearer" of how non-profit organizations deal with and interact with youth.

"I want kids to grow within the organization. If we have a kid at 11, by 16 he should know where he wants to be in life and where his path is. If we get him at 16, by 18 he should acquire job skills. As long as we're elevating and evolving each year as the kids grow, I'm fine with that. Actually, great with that."

Avashia adds: "I hope that this is an organization that people show up for. I've worked in Boston for a long time, and there are a lot of organizations that say they're working with the young people of Boston, but they're only  $working\,with\,a\,subset.\,A$ lot say they're working with the most vulnerable kids, and they're not. That's Jamaal's story. He was the kid that struggled. He knows very intimately what it means to be the kid that nobody was paying attention to that got lost. There's not many organizations in Boston where the leadership has that experience."

To learn more about One Love, sign up for its services, volunteer, or donate, visit onelovesports.org.

# Dorchester students named to honor roll at BC High

The following students from Dorchester have been named to the Third and/or Fourth Quarter Honor Roll at Boston College High School: Jayson Barros'22, Ruben Berganza'24, Dyllan Bui'21, Brendan Burke'22, Jack Burke'22, Jamari Carvalho'24, Thomas Caulfield'21, Anthony

Cellai '22, Nolan Cleary '24, Mason Cleary '24, Timothy Cole-French '22, Charles Comeau '23, Niall Dalton '22, Nealon Fernandes '23, Braedan Finnigan '23, Thomas Flaherty '21, John Forry '22, Huy Giang '22, James Gibbons '23, Carlos Henriquez '24, Luke Hugo '24, Matthew Hunt '24, Jaron

Josephs'23, Declan Joyce '21, Grayson Kamadeu '24, Donald Le '22, Marvin Le '23, Zachary Melo '22, Brian Nguyen '21, Ryan Nguyen '22, James O'Connell '22, Peisong Qin '23, Syrus Richter '21, Ezra Richter '23, Korey Sam '21, Matthew Studley '23, Timmy Tran '21 and Shizan Wang '23.

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The S.S. Pierce Homestead

Samuel Stillman Pierce, the son of Daniel, a cabinetmaker, and Lydia Davenport Pierce, was born in the farmhouse owned by his family in what is now the Cedar Grove section of Dorchester. The house appears to have been built in the 18th century, although there is no documentation to provide an exact date. At an early age, Samuel worked for a firm of importers in Boston, then went into the grocery business for himself. In 1831, he started his own grocery store, specializing in products for the well-todo residents of Boston. The firm S. S. Pierce became widely known for catering to the cosmopolitan tastes of its



customers and for introducing new foods to the market.

Samuel maintained a home on Union Park and the family homestead in Dorchester, both residences noted in the Boston Directory. He married Ellen Maria Theresa Wallis in 1836, and they had eight children. The family lived in Boston during the winters and summered at the family house he owned in Dorchester.

According to Anthony Sammarco, the house was enlarged after the Civil War to accommoon a knoll overlooking both Adams Village and the Neponset River. The estate comprised a house and stable, with ten acres and marshland. Samuel died in 1880, and his son, Wallis Lincoln Pierce continued the trademark name and standards established by his father.

The family included Samuel S. Pierce, Jr., who died as a young man in California, Dr. M. Vassar Pierce, a noted physician in Milton, and Holden White Pierce, who took over management of the family's Back Bay store.

They maintained their connection to Dorchester through their sister, Henrietta Pierce, who still summered in the

date his family. It stood on a knoll overlooking both Adams Village and the Neponset River. The estate comprised a house and

Henrietta died in 1920, and her heirs sold a portion of the property to the archdiocese of Boston, and shortly thereafter St. Brendan's Church was built facing the new Gallivan Boulevard. The remaining portion of the Pierce Estate was laid out as Lennoxdale, Myrtlebank, Rockne, and Crockett streets and St. Brendan's Road in the late 1930s, allowing for the building of the many new houses.

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

#### **Editorial**

# NYC on vaccine pass

No one wants to return to the dark days of 2020with restaurants shuttered, classrooms emptied, and hockey rinks and stadiums devoid of fans. But with a dangerous variant of the Covid-19 disease careening through the US and right here in Massachusetts, it's time to take more urgent steps to protect ourselves, our kids, and the economy.

On Tuesday, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that the Big Apple would phase in a mandate that all people eating, working, and seeking entertainment in indoor spaces prove that they've been vaccinated. The so-called "Key to NYC Pass" will launch this month, with enforcement set to kick in by September. Those who haven't been jabbed at least with their first dose will be denied entry, according to de Blasio, although it's not yet clear whether those restrictions would apply to children under 12, who are not yet eligible to receive vaccines.

"It's time for people to see the vaccine as literally necessary for living a good and full and healthy life, de Blasio said during a Monday press conference. "This is crucial because we know this will encourage a lot more vaccination. We've seen it already.'

Boston's acting Mayor Kim Janey should move swiftly to stand up a similar program here in Boston. Janey has already shown leadership by sticking with a mask mandate for city schools this fall, a sensible move.

But, when asked on Tuesday about a potential NYC-like vaccine pass program, Janey seemed reluctant— at best— to go there. Her response to the question from reporters hinged on concerns about disproportionately creating barriers for residents of color, who have lower vaccination rates than the citywide average. She cited Jim Crow era laws, anti-immigrant sentiment and even Trump birtherism in her response.

Janey later amplified her position on Twitter, saying that while there are "no current plans for business sector vaccination mandates." But her position seems to be unchanged: she doesn't want to "ban" unvaccinated people from public spaces, she told WBUR the next day.

One of her mayoral opponents, Andrea Campbell, called Janey's rhetoric "dangerous."

There is already too much misinformation directed at our residents about this pandemic, particularly Black and brown residents and it is incumbent upon us as leaders, particularly those of us who are Black, not to give these conspiracies any more oxygen," said Campbell, who supports requiring proof of vaccination for entry into dining spaces and large venues.

As of Monday, 4,366,853 people in Massachusetts were fully vaccinated against Covid-19, according to data provided by the state's Department of Public Health. That's roughly 64 percent of the state's population— well ahead of the national average of roughly 50 percent. In Boston, according to the Public Health Commission, roughly 67 percent of eligible residents have received at least one dose of vaccine through July 27.

But more than one-third of the city and state's resident aren't yet protected, whether because of age ineligibility or because they have selfishly and foolishly refused to get it. In the case of adults, there should be a price to pay for this resistance to helping all of us as a society put this pandemic in the rear-view mirror. If you're not on the team, keep your unvaccinated butt on the sidelines.

It's not enough to simply hope more people listen to common sense and get vaccinated. Janey and her administration should take action immediately to get Bostonians, visitors, and our hospitality industry equipped to deploy a robust vaccine mandate and enforcement protocol to align with that of New York City, and, no doubt, other major metropolitan - Bill Forry centers.

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#### **Looking Up Longfellow Street**

# Boston should follow Updating the Coppens Square rehab: 'Shovel ready,' with one last hurdle

#### By Edward M. Cook REPORTER CONTRIBUTOR

Seven years ago, a small group met around the small defunct fountain in Coppens Square Park across Bowdoin Street from St. Peter's Church. The city's Browne Fund was holding \$20,000 in reserve for a study of the renovation of the park and had approached Jennifer Johnson, the head of the Dorchester Arts Collaborative about accessing the funds.

Jennifer reached out to Davida Andelman (Greater Bowdoin/Geneva Neighborhood Association) and myself to join her and representatives of the Browne Fund, then-Commissioner Chris Cook of the Parks and Recreation Department, and City Councillor Frank Baker. Everyone agreed that the park was long overdue for renovation and that the decrepit fountain should be replaced.

Cook suggested that the project would benefit greatly from the formation of residents' group to support the renovation and so was born The Friends of Coppens Square (FOCS).

I have written in this space several times about the history of Coppens Square, the mysterious disappearance of the original, magnificent fountain, and the efforts to renovate the park. Today I am giving the latest update.

 $Over the years, FOCS \, has \, led \, the \, effort \, to \, renovate$ the square in every regard. We created a non-profit corporation to accommodate fundraising. We hired a landscape architect and conducted public meetings, advertising throughout the neighborhood in English, Spanish, Cape Verde and Haitian creoles and Vietnamese. Our landscape architect identified the last remaining US foundry that specializes in making fountains and helped us develop a design for a new one. They also arranged for a local fountain engineer to become involved.

Our meetings were attended by hundreds of residents, city officials, and elected representatives, scores of whom became FOCS members. We raised over \$40,000 toward on-going maintenance of a new fountain and applied to several funds and foundations for money to finance the project. We were granted \$100,000 from the City's Community Preservation Committee for a final design plan.

We also hit many brick walls. Money approved in the state Senate budget that would have paid for the entire project turned out to be inapplicable since the state does not pay for city park renovations, only for those at state-owned parks. Even though our years of work, planning, and meetings involved



Coppens Square Park

city elected officials and staff from the Parks and Recreation Department, no one ever told us that our entire planning process had to be redone because it had not been funneled through the city's planning process and we had to begin all over again. Which

Then the pandemic hit.

Today we are very nearly at the goal line. And just in time, as the top of the dinky fountain that replaced the original recently fell over. The capital budget for Parks and Rec, including the cost of the renovation of Coppens Square, was approved by the City Council at the end of June. We are "shovel ready" and waiting for work to begin.

But one big hurdle remains for FOCS: raising the funds for the continued maintenance of the new fountain when it is installed. The city will maintain the renovated grounds but FOCS will be responsible for the estimated \$10,000-\$12,000 annual cost of maintaining the fountain: cleaning, its computer-run pumping system, emergencies, etc. The plan is to invest at least \$250,000 in a managed fund and pay for the maintenance with the interest from the fund. To date we have about \$40,000 on hand, or 16 percent of what we need, and we are intending to create a FOCS website with a "donate" button for local contributions.

Still, we are facing a steep climb to our goal as this neighborhood, whose gateway is Coppens Square, does not have deep pockets. What we really need is help from Dorchester folks who have loyalty to their hometown and access to financial help. Updates to

The author is the President of The Friends of Coppens Square.

# Package stores proffer compromise to food stores on licenses, cap issue

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE **News Service** 

Package stores in Massachusetts are offering a compromise ballot question that would increase the number of licenses available to food stores, but leave a license cap in place.

The head of the Massachusetts Package Store Association, which has filed with the attorney general's office to launch a 2022 ballot question campaign, described the proposal as an "olive branch" to food and convenience stores who previously sought to uncork an unlimited number of beer and wine licenses and may do so again with their own ballot law proposal.

"We should be working through the Legislature, not working through this process, but we're in a situation where if we don't do this, my members face extinction, and that's just not acceptable," MPSA Executive Director Robert Mellion said. "That's the reason why ultimately we had to do this. We felt like we had no other alternative."

The proposal would also limit how many licenses permit the sale of spirits, explicitly ban the sale of alcohol at self-checkout stations, and would allow alcohol sellers to rely on identification from another state as part of a "reasonable defense" against allegations of selling to a minor.

Sellers can currently accept an out-of-state ID, but only Massachusetts IDs, passports, and military cards offer defense against liability for selling to a minor. Mellion said some sports venues such as TD Garden have at times required patrons with outof-state IDs to be 25 or older to purchase alcoholic beverages due to the current status of state law, which he said it at odds with the legal landscape in all other states.

The proposal also states that any store that sells alcohol to someone younger than 21 could be fined based upon gross sales rather than just alcohol sales,

a stricter punishment aimed at cracking down on underage purchases.

In 2020, Cumberland Farms pushed its own ballot question, opposed by the package store association, that would have created a new food store license for the sale of alcohol and eventually lifted all license caps. The company suspended its campaign several months before the election and said it would try

In an interview on Friday, Mellion said he anticipates that Cumberland Farms and its allies will bring a new ballot question forward before this week's deadline reflecting the intent of bills (H 318, H 319) and H 414) that would authorize food store alcohol sales or repeal license limitations. "We're trying to get ahead of the issue," he said.

Because many shoppers want to purchase beer or wine alongside their groceries and because package stores rely on spirits to drive much of their business, the language could serve as a compromise that offers benefits to both camps, Mellion said.

"We have to be the adults in the room," he said. "This bill should be the basis of any possible compromise down the road. It gives Mass Food what they've been wanting. Cumberland Farms could potentially walk away with nine additional licenses. It's something our members could live with.'

Each corporate entity or individual is currently limited to a maximum of nine alcohol licenses total, split between malt beverage and wine licenses and all-spirits licenses. The package store-backed question would increase the number of alcohol licenses a single company could hold to 12 starting in 2023, 15 starting in 2027 and 18 starting in 2031. Only seven of those licenses at maximum could allow the sale of all liquor and spirits, while the rest could be for beer and wine. Any licensee with nine all-liquor licenses now would be grandfathered.

# Baker 'anxious' as feds probe latest MBTA crash

STATE HOUSE **News Service** 

Gov. Baker on Monday described himself as "really anxious" for federal investigators to publish early findings about a Green Line trolley crash on Friday and hinted that it could take a month or longer to convene a new governing body for the MBTA.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) jumped into the investigation one day after the incident, in which a Green Line trolley traveling westbound on the B Branch struck another trolley from behind near Babcock Street and Comm Ave. caused visible damage to both vehicles.

First responders provided medical attention to 25 people after the crash, according to the T. Baker, who said he spoke with Transportation Secretary Jamey Tesler several times over the weekend, told reporters Monday that "thankfully, everybody there seems to be okay.

The MBTA placed one Green Line driver. a seven-year veteran who was operating the front car on the trolley that struck the other vehicle from behind, on administrative leave. Other drivers have not been put on leave.

"I'm really anxious to

find out exactly what happened because this could have been a far more significant incident than it was given the estimates that are out there about how fast that train was traveling when it hit the other train," Baker said at a housing event in Everett.

MBTA officials have not said how fast the vehicles were traveling at the time of the impact. But the Boston Globe, citing a preliminary NTSB probe, put the speed of the trolley that crashed into the car ahead at 30 mph in a zone marked at 10 mph.

Shuttle buses replaced trolleys in the affected area Friday night.

"We will obviously get to the bottom of this. This should not happen, and we will find out why it happened and ensure it won't happen again," MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak told reporters at the scene Friday, according to audio a spokesperson provided.

The NTSB, a federal agency that examines transportation-related accidents and pipeline incidents such as the 2018 Merrimack Valley gas explosions, deployed four investigators with specialties in "operations, crashworthiness, and human performance" to the scene of the Green Line crash, a spokesperson said.

an investigation, NTSB does not state a cause but will provide factual information when available," NTSB spokesperson Jennifer Gabris said in a statement on Monday. "Investigations involving injuries and other major investigations currently take between 12 and 24 months to complete. A preliminary report is expected to be published in a few weeks."

Baker said he expects the NTSB to be "the final word on this." Once the federal team submits its findings, Baker said his administration will "work to move on the things that they recommend."

The NTSB's probe appears to be the agency's first into an MBTA incident in more than a decade. Records show the NTSB's last rail investigation in Massachusetts occurred in 2009, when a Green Line train collided with another train in an underground tunnel near Government Center, derailing both vehicles.

New Red and Orange Line trains remain out of passenger service after a March derailment on the Orange Line revealed an issue with side bearer pads on the cars manufactured by Chinese firm CRRC.

For much of the past



Two Green Line trains collided on Aug. 6 in front of Boston University's Agganis Arena. Boston Fire Department photo

six years, MBTA officials would provide updates in the aftermath of derailments and other incidents at regular meetings of the Fiscal and Management Control Board. However, the T is currently without its own dedicated governing body since lawmakers allowed the FMCB to expire on June 30, and the Department of Transportation's board of directors will handle those duties in the interim.

After months of discussions about the composition of a new board, Baker last week signed a law creating a new, permanent seven-member MBTA board of directors to succeed the FMCB.

Baker will appoint five members: one with safety experience, one from a transit operations background, one with experience in finance, one T rider from an environmental justice population, and one who must come from a shortlist crafted by the Massachusetts AFL-CIO.

The MBTA Advisory Board, an independent agency representing the interests of cities and towns that help fund the T, will select a sixth member, and the secretary of transportation will serve as the board's seventh member in an ex officio capacity.

Baker said Monday it could take at least a month for the new board to come together.

"I really appreciate the House and the Senate coming to terms on that because it's obviously an important issue for us," he said. "But I think you can expect that sometime between now and – I hate putting a date on this, because I might getitwrong-I would just say sometime in the next four to six weeks, how's that, we'll probably put a team together and make our appointments."



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# Urban oasis with Vietnamese accent 'creates belonging' with its homegrown produce

(Continued from page 1) two identical bathtubs rigation, meaning that even last month's thunderous deluge — the second wettest July in the city's recorded history had its silver lining.

The green-thumbed septuagenarians aren't unaccustomed to abundance. On the contrary, they always grow more than they can eat, and the mass appeal of the Vietnamese staples they harvest among their community of expats guarantees that none of their surplus goes to waste.

Pennywort, a leafy South Asian herb proliferated in soil-dense crates, can be juiced for its homeopathic properties. Malabar spinach, or Mong Toi, is commonly used in broth-based soups, as are the Thai chili peppers and bean sprouts that grow alongside them.

In Trong's backyard, Su-su vines, which blossom and yield an equatorial squash akin to chayote, crawl along a knotted makeshift trellis fashioned out of red plastic ribbons and contorted wire fencing.

In the abutting lot, Tuyet has planted rows of water spinach in poached from friends' home renovations and repurposed for her small farm.

Even the low, threefoot fence between the two homes is lined with a sheet of uniform vegetation, the coiled stems of bittermelon bulbs peeking through the diamond-shaped chain

"It's nice because during Covid this gave us something to do to keep ourselves busy and it also brought a sense of community during an isolated time," said Trong, communicating with interpretation assistance from Huong.

Before immigrating to the United States in 2006 and settling first into his son's Adams Street home, Trong worked for decades as a field laborer in Vietnam.

The differences between Vietnamese soil and the mixture of soil and manure from Home Depot that he uses now are undeniable, and, over the years, he has devised a number of workarounds, like reusing empty egg crates to support herbs with less durable roots and to prevent soil erosion.

In his retirement years, the garden not only offers Trong a symbiotic connection to his cultural community and some pocket change, but it offers some catharsis after years of sacrifice.

On Roseland Street, where Trong now lives with his daughter, his work has become his leisure time.

'In Vietnam, he grew these plants and these vegetables himself, but, when he moved here, he noticed the ground just wasn't conducive to the same kinds of vegetables he was used to cultivating at home and the ones he was interested in continuing to cultivate himself because they're very hard to find, or could be very hard to find," said Huong.

"He started collecting these pots and crates to plant the food he knew, the food he wanted to eat, and that's essentially how it started," she added. She is herself a Vietnamese refugee, having fled after her father's imprisonment during the Vietnam War.

A Boston Latin graduate, she has lived in this corner of Dorchester a block from the Shawmut MBTA station with her



Trong Nguyen tends to his backyard garden.

mother for more than holds on more strongly 30 years. The bumper of

parked out front leaves reads: "I love Dot." "Obviously, there's an

her black Toyota Corolla

older generation that

to Vietnam because they have stronger memories of home there, but they've still managed to create a community and a home here, too," said

Rebeca Pereira photo

Huong. "It's like they're creating belonging with food, and I think that's just so cool and should be celebrated."

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## Condos, senior apartments pitched for Grove Hall sites

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Developers at the non-profit Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC) aired their revised proposal for a three-building development near Grove Hall that would include homeownership and affordable rental units for seniors during a virtual meeting last Thursday.

The development team told about 35 attendees on a call hosted by the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) about plans to construct a four-story complex on a 46,679 square-foot site at 4-18 Cheney St. in Dorchester. The complex would include 59 rental units for seniors and 15 condos for families in two smaller buildings, with nine 3-bedroom units at 24 Cheney St. and six 3-bedroom flats at 3-5 Schuyler St.

All of the units would be income-restricted at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) and 20 of the 59 units would come with project-based subsidies, meaning that residents would not pay more than 30 percent of their income to cover rent.

The proposal includes 28 underground parking spaces with two more located on Schuyler Street. The project would also house a conference room, outdoor courtyard space, and an on-site resident services coordinator managed by the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organization in partnership with Uphams Corner Health Center.



A rendering shows the three-building development near Grove Hall that would include homeownership and affordable rental units for seniors.

Image courtesy ICON Architecture

Some on-site PACE medical services would be available to neighborhood residents regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in the program.

The team hopes to provide open green space and trees in order to capture stormwater runoff.

Rebecca Mautner, interim director of real estate development at JPNDC, said the mix of condos and senior apartments meets the needs of the immediate neighborhood for "a variety of reasons. This is a significantly sized site and we saw that it lends itself to be able to address a lot of the needs of the community. As a developer we recognized that the neighborhood is not monolithic. It's not just homeowners, renters, elderly people, or families."

She added: "Our job as mission-based, community-oriented developers is to provide what the private market does not, and in this neighborhood that means elderly rental housing and homeownership units."

The group purchased the site in 2018, a time when Mautner said there were "very little homeownership resources available." She said the land-scape has changed since then.

"Research shows there's a huge affordability crisis for elderly folks and a desire for homeownership, so we tried to come up with a proposal that meets the variety of needs in the neighborhoods and is also financially feasible," she said.

Some neighbors who joined the call voiced a few concerns, mostly around public safety issues, but no one voiced outright opposition to the project. Some noted they would like to see a transportation study completed and asked the developers to consider the possibility of making the homeownership units townhouses instead of "flats" or condos.

Deborah Bolling, a nearby homeowner, was concerned about crime in the area, and said that by making a clear path through the project, Cheney Street would become a "cut through... for people to get away from the police."

"From the very beginning we have been against there being a flow from 3-5 Schuyler St. to Cheney Street," said Bolling. "We know what happens in this neighborhood and we have been very clear with JPNDC

regarding this matter."

"We asked for a full fence, not a gated fence, that closes off Cheney St. from Schuyler St. and the JPNDC said they would be willing to do it but got pushback from the city. There will be people running away from the police coming across Cheney Street through your area into Schuyler Street."

Sam Montaño, associate director of community organizing at JPNDC, said that the team created a fenced structure to close off the inner open space so that it's accessible to seniors in the housing complex but not people outside of the building to remedy the community's public safety concerns.

Michael Kozu, who leads Grove Hall's Project RIGHT, asked why the developers didn't make the entire project affordable homeownership units since, he said, that is lacking in Grove Hall.

Replied Mautner: "It's not feasible to make only affordable homeownership units at this site. We are maximizing the amount of homeownership units we can provide. We also believe it is important to provide deeply affordable housing for low-income seniors."

There are currently no additional meetings scheduled for the project, although there will be additional steps in the city's review process. The BPDA's public comment period is now open, but scheduled to end on Aug. 13. Comments and feedback can be submitted online at bostonplans.org.



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# Janey candidacy finding support among Walsh's backers

(Continued from page 1) and have witnessed her passion and commitment to addressing the opportunity gaps for low-income students, immigrants, and students with special needs," said Suzanne Lee, a longtime Chinatown activist and former Boston Public Schools principal.

"She has proven how she uses her lived experiences to inform her decisions toward governance," Lee added. "She is the person we need at this time in history to unite our city to be a more equitable and inclusive Boston for all residents."

While the endorsement didn't mention it, Janey, who is the first woman and person of color to serve as the city's chief executive, is also aided by an almost-incumbency as she faces off against four rivals for the job.

Janev ascended to the mayor's office in March when Walsh left to head up President Biden's labor secretariat. While in the chair, she has elimi-



Acting Mayor Kim Janey (front row, center) poses with members of the Right to the City Vote coalition that endorsed her in Roxbury.

nated late fees at the Boston Public Library and temporarily eliminated fares on the Route 28 bus, an idea first pushed by City Councillor Michelle Wu, a mayoral rival.

During the 2018 election cycle, Right to the City Vote supported Ayanna Pressley's Congressional bid and Rachael Rollins's campaign for Suffolk County district attorney.

The group also supported Walsh's first run for mayor in 2013. That was in the final, however. In the preliminary, they supported John Barros, who lost to Walsh and City Councillor At-Large

John Connolly. Barros went on to serve as Walsh's economic development chief and is now again running for mayor.

Walsh himself, when asked on Monday about the state of the coalition that carried him into office for two terms, was circumspect.

"I think anytime a sitting mayor or governor leaves, the coalition always talks about sticking together," he told reporters after attending an event promoting the Biden administration's support for a universal paid leave policy for American workers.

"But there were a few

mayoral candidates here and there were people with them, and they were all I guess with me at one point," he said, a reference to Janey, Barros, Annissa Essaibi George, and Andrea Campbell, who attended the event in Copley Square.

"Every race is different," he said. "Every race is a different field. It's going to be incumbent upon the candidates to be able to build those coalitions now in primary and in the final.'

The Right to the City Vote also has a super PAC it plans to deploy on Janey's behalf. The second such outside group to swing into action for Janey, it plans to also jump into district and atlarge City Council races.

The coalition's super PAC was created in 2019, with Noemi Ramos, a Dorchester resident, as its chair.

The PAC spent \$14,760 during the 2019 election cycle and its biggest donor, with \$10,000, was Maria Jobin-Leeds, a self-described philanthropist, according to publicly available campaign finance filings.

Janey, who criticized super PAC spending earlier this year, has previously sought to differentiate between the super PAC supporting her and another supporting one of her rivals that has charter school supporters among its donors.

UNITE HERE Local 26 formed a super PAC in June to support Janey. The outside group has already started spending money on canvassing efforts while 32BJ SEIU, the property service workers union, has floated the possibility of its own pro-Janey super PAC.

Other mayoral candidates have pulled in support from super PACs, which can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money. In Massachusetts, super PACs, which cannot coordinate with the campaigns they are backing, typically depend on unions and wealthy donors for support.

Andrea Campbell, the District 4 councillor running for mayor, has the super PAC "Better Boston" supporting her. Donors include charter school supporters and others, such as a local advertising executive and the manager of a Jamaican restaurant in Codman Square.

Another super PAC "Bostonians for Real Progress," told the Reporter in late July that it's throwing its support behind City Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi George's mayoral bid.

The "Boston Turnout Project" super PAC, run by a former aide to US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, filed paperwork to set up earlier this year but has remained publicly quiet, with no spending or fundraising yet reported. The aide, Jason Burrell, declined to comment when reached by phone last week.

## Back in Boston, Walsh bats back queries about what he left behind

(Continued from page 1)

Walsh was heading to New York on Wednesday, and then Washington on Thursday and Friday. But the questions from reporters were of a local variety, from the fiveway race to succeed him to some of the problems he left behind in City

Asked to rate the acting mayor, who took over in March, Walsh said "Kim's doing a great —" before catching himself and tweaking it to "good job."

Perhaps mindful of what the other four mayoral candidates — Councillors Annissa Essaibi George, Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell, and his former economic development chief. John Barros — might say, he added: "Everyone's doing a good job. I'm going to leave it at that."

Walsh reiterated that while he plans to vote in the Sept. 14 preliminary, he will not endorse any of the candidates. He is limited from getting involved in politics as a federal official.

One reporter noted that he left behind a police department in disarray, with Dennis White, whom he tapped to replace Willie Gross as commissioner, quickly removed from the position after the Boston Globe reported on yearsold domestic abuse accusations, and a scandal involving former Boston police union chief Patrick Rose, who is accused of molesting children in the 1990s.

Walsh seemed to point to bumps in any transition as typical between administrations. "It happened with me, from Tom Menino to me, from me to

Kim, to Kim to whoever's after Kim," he said. "It's unfortunate."

Turning to the White case, Walsh said, "The one situation I feel bad about is the Dennis White situation. I made it very clear I wanted to resolve that before I left, and unfortunately wasn't able to. But you know, Kim took action. I watched what she did. And now there's a search for a commissioner and that's the right way to

White is fighting the removal in court, calling allegations against him

past.

false and claiming he is the victim of racial discrimination.

Walsh took incoming fire on the matter from Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins in June. Before she was nominated by Biden to be the US attorney for Massachusetts, she said during a sit-down interview with WCVB-TV that Walsh either "knew about" the allegations against White "and he's lying," or he didn't know about it and "[he's] a terrible manager, right?"

When a reporter asked Walsh about her remarks, the former mayor was diplomatic. "Rachael's my friend," he said. "Politics is politics. She's my friend and I wish her well in the  $process\,moving\,forward."$ 

Walsh also fielded

questions on how he's taking to the new job. The former mayor Walsh, who served as a Dorchesterlawmakerfor 17 years before he won the top job at City Hall, said he is experiencing echoes of his days at the State House now that he's a member of Biden's cabinet.

"It's more like being a legislator than an administrator," he said. "But I'm adjusting."



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# Critics say Fair Housing laws lack teeth; lawmakers file a bill to enhance legal bite

#### By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

Shanyce Parker has a credit score above 800, a long history of work as a housing advocate for individuals struggling with homelessness, and she has typically paid her rent on time, all characteristics she believes should make her a top candidate for apartment openings.

But when Parker informs realtors that she qualifies for a housing voucher, the South End mother of two told lawmakers on Monday, "they usually ghost me."

"I stopped keeping count of the number of apartments I've been turned away from over the years," Parker said. "I used to try to educate agents about vouchers

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and how they work, but Board of Real Estate faced discrimination in now, when someone says no, I don't fight them anymore."

Massachusetts has anti-discrimination laws on the books, but specialists and advocates warn that insufficient training and a lack of enforcement allows discriminatory housing practices to fester, curtailing the options for many who already face other obstacles.

Taking aim at the issue, lawmakers pushed a bill (H 428/S 208) Monday that would lengthen the license suspension periods for those found to discriminate, empower fair housing enforcement agencies to refer more cases to registration boards, and add a fair housing and civil rights licensing expert to the

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The legislation, filed by Rep. Ādrian Madaro of East Boston and Sen. Adam Gomez of Springfield, would also require all real estate brokers or salespeople to complete at least four hours of dedicated fair housing training as part of the regular courses they must undergo to acquire or renew a license.

Madaro said that stronger penalties would prompt "a deeper culture shift and change within the housing market. By enhancing the strength of existing fair housing laws, we can create a more robust response to the housing crisis we're dealing with here in the commonwealth," he said, adding:

"A failure to address discrimination against voucher-holders jeopardizes the efficacy of one of the best tools we have available in our fight against the housing crisis.'

Researchers from Suffolk University Law School, Analysis Group, and The Boston Foundation sent mock renters out to the greater Boston market to investigate how renters' age or ethnicity and voucher status impacted their results.

They found substantial gaps: Black testers seeking apartments

71 percent of cases, and those with Section 8 housing vouchers faced discrimination in 86 percent of cases regardless of their race, researchers concluded last year.

Catherine LaRaia, who worked on the research team, told the committee that the people recruited for the experiment faced "blatant" discrimination, often obvious enough that they "knew exactly what was happening."

In one case, LaRaia said, a tester reported that a realtor responded enthusiastically by phone during an inquiry about an apartment, but that the tone "changed abruptly" when the tester provided the first name Kareem. The agent said they would call a day later, but never did so.

LaRaia recalled another tester, a white woman who did not describe any need for a voucher, who toured an apartment and was then pulled aside by an agent, who invited her to join a private showing for an unlisted unit. Two Black testers and one who was white but held a voucher were never extended the same opportunity, she said.

'We didn't design this study to look at brokers, but we found them, LaRaia said. "Over 90 percent of testers interacted with real estate



Three-deckers are shown on Edgewood Street in Dorchester. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

agents, and these are licensed professionals engaged in discriminatory practices."

No one spoke in opposition to the legislation at Monday's hearing.

The Massachusetts Association of Realtors backs separate legislation on Beacon Hill (H 333/S202) that requires additional fair housing education to acquire a real estate license and imposes additional continuing education requirements, but does not include strengthened enforcement mechanisms.

Theresa Hatton, the association's CEO, said in a statement to the News Service that housing discrimination "remains a significant concern" despite her group's effort to educate members. Hatton said she looks forward to working with supporters of the Madaro-Gomez bill and the committee "to craft legislation that will further the goals of

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TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU21C0238CA IN THE MATTER OF:

**KAVAR MARICHAL** 

JONES-FRANKLIN

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Ka

var Marichal Jones-Franklin of

Dorchester, MA requesting that

the court enter a Decree changing

Kavar Marichal Franklin

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Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **08/19/2021**. This is NOT a hearing

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Published: August 5, 202

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First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 22, 2021

Any person may appear for

eir name to:

the Fair Housing Act.

"The Massachusetts Association of Realtors is committed to upholding the Fair Housing Act and opposing housing discrimination," Hatton said. "Our members are bound by a code of ethics to provide equitable and non-discriminatory treatment to all clients. The Massachusetts Association of Realtors supports this duty by providing comprehensive fair housing education throughout the state in cooperation with the Suffolk University Law School, a library of continually updated transactional forms with built-in protections against the use of discriminatory language, and innovative programs such as Fairhaven, and online fair housing simulation training platform."

Will Onuoha, executive director of the City of Boston's Office of Fair Housing and Equity, told the committee that he has observed "overwhelming evidence" of housing discrimination across the city. The conditions that LaRaia and others at the hearing described. Onuoha said. are "exactly what we see on a day-to-day basis."

'There's a reason why Boston in the state of Massachusetts has a moniker of being called a racist city, and housing discrimination is at the center of it," he said. "This bill is so impor ant because it will force real estate brokers to be responsible for their part in housing discrimination."

For Parker, the bill's stakes are clear. "If this bill had already been passed, I'm sure I would have moved years ago,'

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## Baker signs off on mail-in voting bill

By Sam Doran STATE HOUSE **News Service** 

Gov. Baker signed a \$261.1 million fiscal 2021 supplemental budget bill that revives mail-in and expanded in-person early voting through Dec. 15 and establishes a new MBTA board of directors.

Baker signed the bill (H 3973) last Thursday in full, approving all spending items and outside sections in the budget sent to him the week before.

While the bottom line includes spending that will be reimbursed by the federal government, the bill carries a net cost of \$64 million to the state and includes \$29 million for Covid-19 response



Elections department workers sort through mail-in ballots during the 2020 Photo via Boston Elections Department/Twitter election.

expenses, such as the

millions will go toward funding the new Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, and an additional \$12.5

million will go toward and fiscal 2022.

The new seven-mem-

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tion from a Massachusetts AFL-CIO shortlist.

Baker's approval of the mail-in voting exten-

sion means that voters in municipal elections

this summer and fall,

including Boston's may-

oral race, will be able

to utilize the coronavi-

rus-era election reforms.

Boston's preliminary

election is set for Sept.

14. The winners of the

preliminary will face off

in the final election on

Nov. 2.

#### SENIOR REAL ESTATE PROJECT MANAGER

Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC) seeks a Senior Real Estate Project Manager to join our talented real estate team. CSNDC is an ambitious NeighborWorks organization. We have been working in the Codman Square and South Dorchester neighborhood of Boston for 40 years, with a focus on issues of anti displacement, equitable economics, and sustainable real estate development

#### The Organization and Its Programs

ber MBTA board replac-

es the defunct Fiscal and Management Control

Board. It will be composed of the MassDOT

secretary, an appointee of the T advisory board

who has municipal gov-

ernment experience, and

five appointees named by

the governor — one with

safety experience, one

from a transit operations

background, one with

experience in the finance

world, one T rider from

an environmental justice

population, and a selec-

CSNDC is building a cohesive and resilient community in Codman Square and South Dorchester. We develop affordable housing and commercial spaces that are safe, sustainable and promote economic stability for low-and moderate-income residents of all ages. We provide employment and business development programs and embrace and value diversity. CSNDC partners with residents, non-profits, and local businesses to encourage civic participation and increase community influence in decision-making, esource allocation and comprehensive plans for our neighborhood.

#### Real Estate Development

CSNDC's real estate team is led by an experienced Director of Real Estate. The team currently includes two Real Estate Project Managers and an Asset Manager who oversees the organization's 1,000 unit portfolio. CSNDC seeks an experienced real estate professional who will join the team and embrace the organization's mission to prevent displacement and preserve existing affordable homes in the neighborhood.

CSNDC has a robust pipeline with transformative projects at various phases of development. We have 77 new affordable housing units, major rehabilitation of 59 units, and 4,000 square feet of commercial space in various stages of planning or development, including:

- Talbot Commons I 40 -unit rental housing development
   Talbot Commons Phase 2 42-unit rental housing development
- Four Corners Plaza 35-unit mixed use rental housing and commercial space project, and

  Orlando Waldeck (Walando Homes – 59-unit rental housing development.

. Our real estate department also actively monitors our portfolio of properties and manages the restructuring of those properties as needed. From 2021 to 2023, four Codman Square wholly owned properties will be refinanced or restructured, including:

- Erie Ellington scattered sites with 50 units
- Washington Columbia I scattered sites with 151 units Washington Columbia II scattered sites with 175 units, and
- Talbot Bernard Homes scattered sites with 44 units. CSNDC is part of the Fairmount Collaborative, which includes Dorchester Bay EDC

and Southwest Boston CDC. The Collaborative targets development opportunities near

#### Responsibilities

The Senior Real Estate Project Manager will be responsible for all aspects of assigned real estate development projects. They will initially manage at least 2 projects. The Senior Project Manager will report to the Director of Real Estate. They can expect increased levels of responsibility over time including opportunities to support and mentor Real

#### The Senior Project Manager's responsibilities will include: • Seeking new real estate opportunities and conducting early-stage feasibility analysis

- Assembling financing and submitting applications for grants, equity and loan programs
- Managing permitting, planning and the community process with community partners
- · Soliciting, negotiating and overseeing third party consultant services and project
- Managing the closings for purchase, loan and equity investments
- Overseeing project budgets, the construction process and schedule
- Ensuring compliance with funding requirements and city, state and federal regulations
- Overseeing project marketing and lease up Maintaining investor and lender relationships
- Assisting with understanding residential market trends in the neighborhood
- Representing CSNDC before relevant boards, committees and neighborhood groups,

#### Other related duties as assigned. Our Ideal Candidate

Our ideal candidate will be a team player with a demonstrated ability to deliver high quality, affordable housing projects on time, within budget and with positive community impact. They will be seeking a real estate development opportunity that will encourage and support their professional growth and leadership development. The Senior Project Manager will possess many of the following skills and qualifications:

- At least 3 years of experience in real estate development or finance
- A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in real estate, urban planning, community development or a related field; additional work experience may be substituted for degrees · A thorough understanding of deal structuring, finance, design and construction
- · Familiarity with public, private and quasi-public financing programs for affordable
- housing and commercial real estate, preferably in Massachusetts Demonstrated ability to lead complex partnerships of public, non-profit and private
- · Experience with large scale mixe-use, mixed-income development projects and
- public land disposition preferred
- Strong critical thinking and negotiating skills
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and assignments in a fast-paced environment Persistence and skill working independently and as part of team
- Excellent verbal, written, technology and organizational skills
- Ability to work collaboratively with a wide range of people in a variety of settings,
- · A commitment to the organization's mission and philosophy of community empow-

#### The Selection Process

Please send cover letter and resume to: Dominica Man, Director of Real Estate Development & Asset Management at CSNDC, 587 Washington St., Dorchester MA 02124, or email: dominica@csndc.com

Codman Square NDC seeks to fill this position during the spring or summer of 2021. Applications will be reviewed and acknowledged as they are received

Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation is an equal opportunity employer. Local residents, people of color and women are encouraged to apply.

call-up of the National Guard, and appropriations tied to the 2020 policing reform law. \$5

implementing policing reforms in fiscal 2021

# Chase opens Mattapan branch; says focus is the 'underbanked'

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

As part of its efforts to expandintonew markets, JPMorgan Chase has opened a branch on Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan.

The banking giant, headquartered in New York, is focusing on supporting the "underbanked" - people who typically rely on money orders and payday loans rather than a bank ac $count\ or\ credit\ card\ -\ in$ Boston.

The new branch, at 1617 Blue Hill Ave., is offering financial advice such as workshops on budgeting and building credit, skills training and mentoring for entrepreneurs who will also have access to pop-up space to display and sell their merchandise.

The branch, which opened at the end of July, also has a "living room" area that can be used for events, and free internet for community groups and residents who want to use it for remote learning and work.

The branch is led by Roxann Cooke, a Mattapan resident who grew up in Dorchester and Roxbury and now works as Chase's head of branches for New England and Pennsylvania. She has previously worked for Eastern Bank, Citizens Financial Group, and Bank of America.

Chase has 4,700 US branches, with plans to expand into Greater Boston and elsewhere in the country. Its new branch in North Quincy, just across the Boston border, is No. 200 in the bank's quest to open 400 in new markets, the Boston Business Journal recently reported.

"We see our branches  $as\,beacons\,of\,opportunity$ and access, and this new branch will help us do even more for the Mattapan community," Cooke said in a statement. "We are supporting one of our country's most diverse neighborhoods and helping to boost people's opportunities to thrive and build wealth."

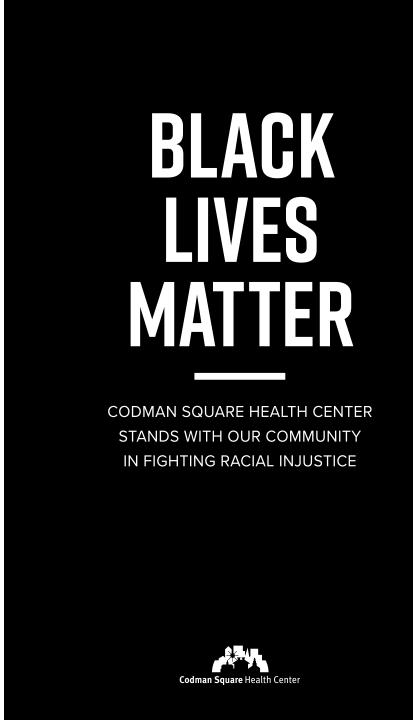
The bank employs 200 local bankers in 23 branches in Greater Boston. The Mattapan facility is one of 16 community branches nationwide. The company has hired a community manager, Sabrina Antoine Correia, who will serve as "local ambassador" for the bank. She is being tasked with setting up free programs on budget building, home buying, and how to fund small businesses, among other topics.

"My goal is to address economic inequality for Boston's residents by listening, learning, and connecting them to resources that improve their financial health,"

Correia said, adding:

"The Mattapan Community Center branch is part of a thriving community full of potential and Chase is proud to call the neighborhood our newest home."

Mattapan has two other bank branches: Citizens and Santander, according to the Boston Business Journal. The Bank of America branch closed last year.







Reopening plans continue to expand: vaccinated grandparents are once again hugging grandchildren, and things are moving in the right direction. But whether you're vaccinated or not, it's important to remember that COVID-19 is still out there. By activating MassNotify on your phone, you'll be alerted about possible exposures to COVID-19, helping you take action and keep you and your loved ones safe. MassNotify is an added layer of protection, which helps us safely return to the activities we love. To find out more about MassNotify, visit Mass.gov/MassNotify



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Local Dorchester Restaurants Lucy's & The Bowery Host Charity Fundraiser for BGCD: See details below.

**CONNECT THE DOT: Local Dorchester Restaurants Lucy's & The Bowery Host Charity** Fundraiser for BGCD: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester would like to thank our friends at Lucy's American Tavern and The Bowery Bar for choosing BGCD as a part of their "Cocktails for a Cause" fundraiser. For the past few months, every time a "Find Me in the Club" drink was purchased, \$2 would directly go to supporting BGCD. The two restaurants raised over \$2600 for BGCD. A huge thank you to Lucy's American Tavern and The Bowery Bar for being continuous supporters and partners of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. Your commitment and generosity to BGCD and the community is truly appreciated. For more information or would like to partner with BGCD on similar initiatives, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@ bgcdorchester.org.

**FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Tween Inclusion Group Takes Field Trip to West Newbury** for Farm Fun: Boys & Girls Clubs of **Dorchester's Tween Inclusion Group** visited Old Stone Farm and NEER North (New England Equine Rescue) in West Newbury for a fun and educational field trip. Our members were able to tour both sites and learn all about how things grow and how these organizations take care of and rehab animals to place in new homes. Members were able to pick fresh blueberries, pet some friendly sheep and learn different ways of how vegetables grow. At the end of the day, each member who attended was able to take home a beautiful bouquet of freshly picked flowers.

To learn more about BGCD's Inclusion Programming, please contact Mary Kinsella Scannell at mkinsella@ bgcdorchester.org.



DID YOU KNOW: Win an XBox at BGCD & Upham's **Corner Health Center COVID-19** Vaccine Clinics On Thursdays: BGCD is in the midst of hosting a 6-week Covid-19 vaccination clinic in partnership with the Upham's Corner Health Center. Vaccines will be offered on Thursdays through August 26 from 3-5pm on our outdoor court. The team from UCHC will be on hand to accept registrants and administer the shot for those ages 12 and older. Please note, all 3 vaccines will be available. Another exciting opportunity is that each participant in the vaccine clinic will be entered into a raffle to win an XBox game. There will be three winners drawn at each Clinic. To pre-register please go to https:// uphamscornerhealthcenter.org/ covidpatient/. To find our location site please select "Other" as a site and enter BGCD. For more info, please

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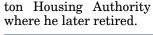


AGABIDES, Alexis Lee. Daughter of Dawn Agabides and her husband Sam Ebrahimi. Sister of Thomas Agabides, Ashley Agabides, and the late Michael Agabides. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**BOWEN, Winston E.,** 89, of Dorchester, orginally from Barbados, West Indies. He is predeceased by his parents, Ida and Cameron Springer; his son, Bert Bowen; his sisters, Heather Springer and Shirley Paul and his dog Chico. He leaves two children. Shacora Williams and Corev



Bingham; three sisters, Melda Greaves, Ilene Springer, and Norma Cadogan; three brothers: Colvin Springer, Emerson Springer and Jeffrey Springer along with a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, family and friends. He also leaves behind his long time companion Katrina Bingham and best buddy Rawlin Phillips. In 1965 he started his own businesses: Bowen Realty and Management and Bowen Home Improvement both located in Roxbury. He worked as a carpenter at Quincy Shipyard and at Bos-





EGAN, Carolyn Anne, 39, in Dorchester. Carolyn was born in South Boston to Paul W. Egan and the late Margaret "Mary." Carolyn is survived by her daughter Brileigh Raya and Brileigh's father Fred Mahoney. Youngest sibling of Paul Egan Jr. of Dorchester, Christina Nagorniak and her husband Peter of Kennebunk, ME and Dianna Egan and her partner Michael Devlin of Fall River. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



GOLD, Herbert, 82, of Scottsdale, AZ, originally from Dorchester. Husband of Judith Gold, father of Scott Gold (Diana Olick) (Washington, D.C.), Lesley Gold (Scott Sutherland) (San Francisco, CA), Nicole Christopher (Jordan) (Warren, N.J.), Samantha Lippitt (Pam Goodwin) (New York, N.Y.), and Taylor Barron (Scottsdale, Az.). Grandfather of 10. Son of the late Harry and Sophie Gold. Herbert was a retired John Hancock Executive. Please direct remembrance contributions to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 East Flower Street, Phoenix, AZ 85014, or Temple Solel 6805 E. McDonald Dr., Paradise Valley, AZ 85253.



HOGAN, Kenneth D. of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Ken is survived by his wife Sandra A. (Watkins) Hogan. Ken was a 25-year employee of Anheuser-Busch, in Medford. Ken was a member of The St. Kevin Emerald Knights Drum & Bugle Corps of Dorchester which impacted his life in a positive way teaching him hard work, practice, discipline, and camaraderie.



McDONOUGH, John L. of Quincy. Husband of Mary F. (Mc-Carthy) McDonough. Father of Patrick E. Mc-Donough and his wife Kristin of Marshfield and the late Matthew J. McDonough. Pa of 3. Brother of Elizabeth DiGirolamo of Canton, Thomas McDonough of Scituate and the late Edward "Buddy" Mc-Donough and Helen Twohig. John is also

survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. John was retired from the MBTA and a member of Machinists Local 264 and currently worked as a bartender at Darcy's Pub in Quincy. Donations in John's memory may be made to the Matthew J. Mc-Donough Scholarship Fund, c/o Stonehill College, 320 Washington Street, North Easton, MA 02357. MIERZEJEWSKA.

Anna (Wlodkowska), in Dorchester. Wife of the late Michal Mierzejewski. Mother of Marian and his wife Bogumila Mierzejewski of Poland, Grazyna Witteman of Germany, Malgorzata and her husband Krzysztof Kosakowski of Braintree, Jerzy Mierzejewski of Poland, and the late Krystyna Mierzejewska and Jaroslaw Mierzejewska. "Babcia" of 7. Great-grandmother of 3.

NEWMAN, Be-atrice, 91, of Sharon. Wife of the late Emanuel J. Newman. Mother of Ellen Rothberg and her husband Howard, and Art Newman and his wife Sara. Grandmother of 7. Great-grandmother of 3. Daughter of the late David and Ida (Tobias) Weidenfeld. Beatrice grew up in Dorchester with her siblings: Hilda, Amy and Morris. Donations in Beatrice's memory may be made to Magen David Adom or Temple Israel of Sha-



RYAN, Robert F. "Bob" of Medfield and formerly of West Rox-

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 BOSION, MA UZ114
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
DOCKET NO. SU21P0669EA
ESTATE OF:
MARIE RUTH EDDY
a/k/a: MARIE R. EDDY
DATE OE BATH. 02/06/2021

DATE OF DEATH: 02/06/2021 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sandra L. Eddy of Boston, MA and Andrew L. Eddy of L. Eddy of Boston, MA the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Sandra L. Eddy of Boston, MA and Andrew L. Eddy of Lyman, ME be apposited as Eddy of Lyman, ME be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an

unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You 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 09/08/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. nay be taken without further notice to you UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

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

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First stice of this Court.

Date: July 28, 2021

Register of Probate Published: August 5, 2021

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 GOSTON, WA UZ114
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P1457EA
ESTATE OF:
JOHN T. ROCHALSKI
DATE OF DEATH: 02/17/2016

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Tes-tacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Arlene Rochalski of Las Vegas, NV request-ing that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Arlene Rochalski of Las Vegas, NV be Afficite Hochalski of Las Vegas, NV bi appointed as Personal Representative(s of said estate to serve Without Surety of the bond in an unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have a right to object to this proceeding To do so, you or your attorney must file written appearance and objection at thi Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return da of 09/02/2021

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UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

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

Justice of this Court. Date: July 29, 2021

Felix D. Arrovo Register of Probate Published: August 5, 2021

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

COMMONWEALTH OF THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR Docket No. SU21P1420GD IN THE INTERESTS OF SANDY MELISSA CALDERON-ESTEBAN OF Boston, MA MINOR

MINOR
Notice to all Interested Parties
1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a
Minor filed on 06/30/2021 by Judith Milagro
of Boston, MA will be held 09/22/2021 09/30/40
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2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor 4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this

of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorned should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

going to be heard.

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

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important and the minor that may affect your rights has

court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact ar attorney for legal advice. Date: July 7, 2021

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bury, Detective Sergeant Boston Police Department (retired). Son of the late George D. and Josephine (Quirk) Ryan. Husband of the late Ann M. (McMullin) Ryan. Father of Diane Ryan-Franklin and her late husband Roger of Medfield, Robert F. Ryan, Jr. and his wife Rita of Abilene, TX, Doreen Harriman and her husband James of Bridgewater, NH and the late Karen Sheingold whose husband John still resides in Medfield. Bob leaves behind his sister Marilyn Field of Manchester by the Sea whose husband Ed died previously, his brother Joseph Ryan and his wife Franny of Hull, and was sadly predeceased by his brother George Ryan whose wife Joanne resides in Waltham. He is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. A disabled American Veteran, Bob served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean War. Donations in Bob's memory may be made to Cops For Kids With Cancer.



WATSON, el L. (Gionfriddo) of Dorchester Wife of the late Donald Watson Sr. Mother of Donald Watson Jr. of Dorchester, Jennifer Watson of Braintree, Keith Watson of Shrewsbury and Kerri Jackson of Dorchester. Sister of Margaret Gionfriddo of Weymouth, Joseph Gionfriddo of Ohio and the late Jacqueline Casey and James Gionfriddo. Also survived by 10 grandchildren and 2 greatgrandchildren.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU21C0296CA IN THE MATTER OF:

SUNSHINE THANH VO A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Sunshine Γhanh Vo of Boston, Μ΄A requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

#### Sunshine Vo Felber 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 **09/02/2021**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 29, 2021

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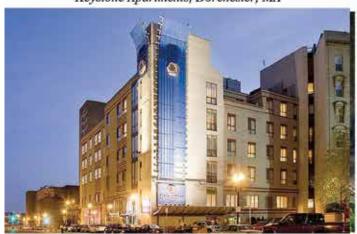




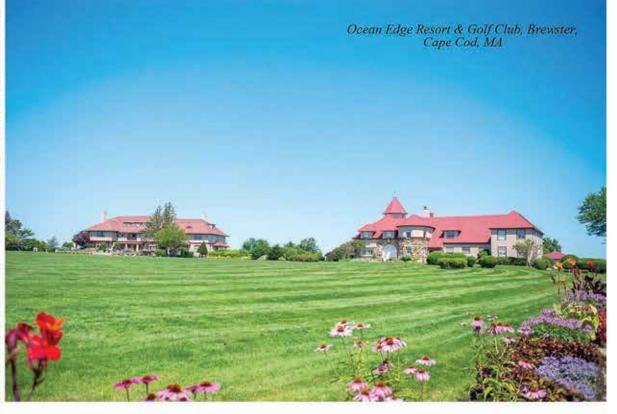
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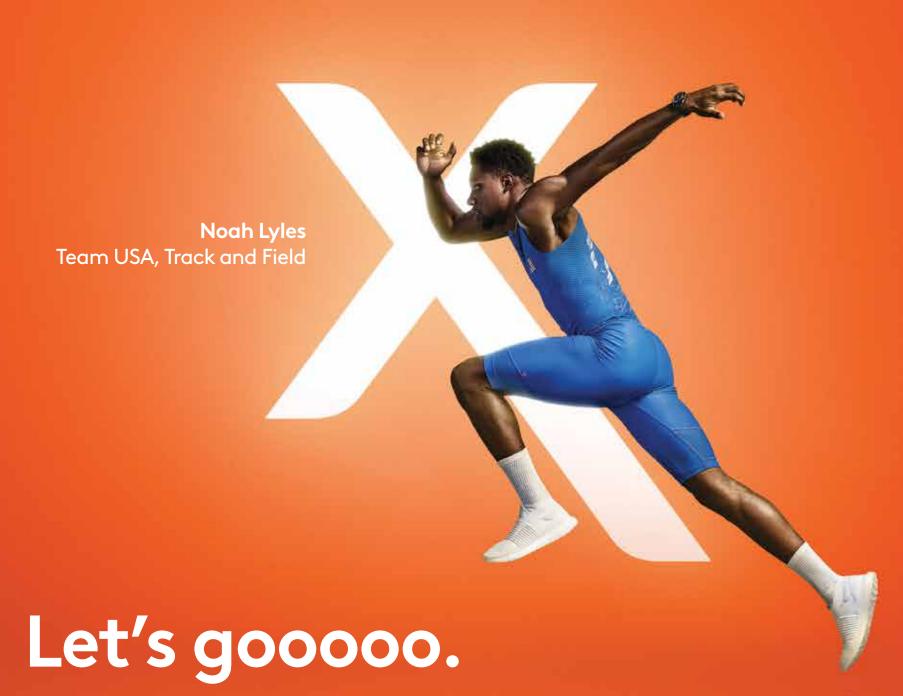


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