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‘Resiliency’ plans a sticking point in Port Norfolk build-out

New housing, marina proposal have been on hold as city ramps up ‘climate-ready’ effort

BY SIMÓN RIOS
WBUR REPORTER

To the untrained ear, it sounds like a grand slam for Dorchester: Revitalize a ramshackle waterfront lot and open public access to the water, build 85 units of desperately needed housing, boost tax revenue, and do it in a way that defends a section of the coastline from rising seas.

But to some longtime

residents of Dorchester’s Port Norfolk neighborhood, all they see is more traffic, the arrival of six and seven-story buildings — and on top of it all, the absence of a plan to protect the neighborhood from flooding.

The Port Norfolk peninsula is a hybrid of Boston and Cape Cod: a waterfront neighborhood with an old nail factory next to a marina.

The streets are lined with humble abodes and the neighbors know each other’s names. Ben Tankle is a 90-year-old World War II vet who lives in Port Norfolk. When he first arrived, Tankle said, crime was rampant and the residents were derided as “port rats.”

Today, he considers his neighborhood among
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A rendering shows the proposed Neponset Wharf development. RODE Architects

Tenean Beach gets a Saturday in the spotlight

BY ALENA KUZUB
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Last Saturday, Tenean Beach, one of Dorchester’s three public beaches, was unusually busy. Moms and dads strolled with baby carriages along the walkway. Children joyfully screamed in a red, blue and yellow bouncy house. Songs like “Uptown Funk” and “I Like to Move It” blared from a DJ’s speakers and iridescent soap bubbles from two foaming machines filled the air.

At 11 a.m. Tenean Beach Day, a free public annual event put on by the Port Norfolk Civic Association with the help of a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Better Beaches Program, was in full swing.

Visitors from various neighborhoods of Boston and beyond were treated to free pizza and ice cream from the Boston Police ice cream truck and entertained by the mingling performers of the Boston Circus Guild.

The goal of the event was to bring more people to the beach, said Maria Lyons, a resident of Port Norfolk and a member of its civic association.

Tenean Beach is located on the Neponset River delta along Conley Street and is separated from the rest of the Dorchester by I-93 near Exit 12. The sandy beach is more than 600 feet long and about 60 feet wide at high tide. It offers a view of the “Rainbow

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Tim Ellis, top, and Alex Jackson of Boston Circus Guild during Tenean Beach Day on Sat., Aug. 3.

Alena Kuzub photo

Committee formed to seek new UMass Boston leader

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

The UMass Boston Board of Trustees approved last Friday the launch of a 21-member search committee that will be tasked with finding a new permanent chancellor for the university. The panel, which includes UMass Boston faculty, deans, students, alumni, and community leaders, will seek a successor for Dr. J. Keith Motley, who stepped down in 2017.

Katherine Newman is currently serving as interim chancellor at the Dorchester campus. Barry Mills served in the same post in 2017-2018.

The committee will be chaired by R. Norman Peters, who is vice chair of the university’s board of trustees, and UMass Boston faculty member Jean Rhodes will serve as vice chair of the committee. Among the local

names on the committee are Linda Dorcena Forry, a vice president at Suffolk Construction and a former state senator representing Dorchester and the UMass Boston campus. (Forry is married to *Reporter* publisher and editor Bill Forry.) Joyce Linehan, a senior policy advisor to Mayor Walsh and a Lower Mills resident, is also on the committee.

An earlier attempt to find a permanent successor to Motley ended contentiously in April 2018 amid sharp criticism from some members of the faculty. UMass President Marty Meehan announced his intention to begin a new search last May.

“This committee is distinguished and diverse, and is determined to provide strong candidates to lead UMass Boston,” said Rob Manning, chairman of the UMass (Continued on page 3)

Neil F. Jones, master of the performing arts, at 78

The following obituary was compiled and written by relatives and friends of the deceased:

A funeral Mass will be held on Sat., Aug. 24, at St. Ann Church in Neponset for Neil F. Jones, a dancer, a singer, actor, and Dorchester native who over a long career in the perform-

ing arts appeared in a string of Tony-winning Broadway musicals.

Mr. Jones, the second son of James C. and Eleanor F. (Stillman), died earlier this summer, on Sun., June 2, at Boston Medical Center. He was 78.

While growing up in
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Neil F. Jones: Neponset native died on June 2.

Two ways to strengthen Boston’s Resident Jobs Policy

BY TRAVIS WATSON
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The Boston Residents Jobs Policy (BRJP) was established in 1983 to set employment standards for construction projects in Boston. Several articles have been published about the challenges of meeting

Commentary

the policy’s goals. But people are missing the two most significant factors contributing to non-compliance: the lack of a baseline for the total number of residents, people of color and women employed in

construction in Boston; and the state’s public bid law.

Challenge One – No Baseline

The unknown total number of residents, people of color, and women currently employed as construction workers in Boston poses one of

the biggest challenges to compliance with the BRJP. When construction projects in Boston fail to meet the BRJP goals, it is, at times, due to a lack of available Boston residents, people of color, and women. To check, we need to divide the total number of

residents, people of color, and women working by the total number of residents, people of color, and women currently employed in construction. We need a baseline.

We judge construction project compliance in two ways: assessing
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Thursday (8th)—Youth justice organization I Have A Future will host its 3rd annual all-ages fundraiser cookout at Dorchester’s Ronan Park on Thurs., August 8 at 5 p.m. The free event will include music, performances by honoree Center for Teen Empowerment, family-friendly games, and food from Dorchester’s own Fresh Food Generation. Ronan Park is located at 43 Juliette St., Dorchester, 02122.

Monday (12th) – Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s Movie Nights, part of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s ParkARTS program, returns at Moakley Park, South Boston with “Ralph Breaks the Internet.”

Tuesday (13th) – Rosalita’s Puppets Marionette Performance will be at 11 a.m. at Town Field, Dorchester.

Thursday (15th) – Registration is now open for Dorchester Youth Soccer’s fall season. Registration closes today so the league can have time to assign teams, order uniforms and equipment, and generate schedules. Ages 4-13. Travel teams play on Saturday and House League plays on Sundays. Home field is Pope John Paul II Park. Game times to be determined. Please register today at dysoccer.com

Saturday (17th) – Health and Wellness Fair at Bowdoin Street Health Center, 11 a.m.- 2p.m. More online at bidmc.org/Bowdoin.

- 10th annual Brew at the Zoo at Franklin Park from 5-9 p.m. is a 21-plus beer-tasting event that offers guests the opportunity to walk on the wild side as they sample offerings from local breweries and restaurants. Franklin Park Zoo will close at 2:30 p.m. (last ticket sold at 2:00 p.m.) in preparation for this event. Tickets cost \$55 through July 31; \$60 August 1 – 16; \$65 day-of. VIP tickets are available for \$100.

Sunday (18th) – Join the Friends of the Public Garden for a free screening under the stars of the Academy Award-winning film Glory at the Boston Common Parade Ground on Tues., Aug. 13 at 7:45 p.m.

Monday (19th) – Boston Harbor for All: Mattapan and Dorchester boat cruise aboard the Provincetown II, 6:30-8 p.m. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to departure from Seaport World Trade Center. More online at bostonharbornow.org/mattapancruise.

Tuesday (20th) – “Black Panther” is screened at Walker Playground in Mattapan at 7:45 p.m. at part of Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s Movie Nights.

Wednesday (21st) – “Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse” is screened for Wed., Aug. 21 at 7:45 p.m. (dusk) at Ronan Park, Dorchester.

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T now says Red Line delays will extend into October



The June 11 derailment at JFK-UMass. State House News Service photo

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

MBTA officials who initially said delays on the Red Line would continue “at least through Labor Day” are now targeting sometime in October for restoration of full service.

Some progress has been made to repair signal infrastructure damaged by a June 11 derailment, and the Red Line is now running as many rush hour trains as it normally does, albeit at slower speeds. However, MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said on Monday that he expects it will take about another two months to return the entire system to fully automated electronic signals.

“We are currently running a full schedule of trains during rush hour – 28 trains,” Poftak told reporters at a South Station event, according to audio provided by the MBTA. “However, because they are still manually signaled through several major portions of the route, it’s obviously slower than we’d like. We are still working really hard to get everything back. We expect everything to be back at some point in October.”

Poftak said that several “incremental repairs” between now and the fall

should help reduce delays, which were initially forecast at 10 to 20 minutes in the wake of the derailment when fewer trains were running.

Signals between JFK/UMass, where the derailment occurred, and Broadway were restored recently, a project that MBTA officials said should trim five minutes off most trip times.

A T spokesman said on Monday that there is no updated estimate of delays because workers first need to analyze trip time data now that a full 28-train rush hour fleet is running.

“We have a number of incremental repairs that we hope will improve trip times,” Poftak said. “Right now, we’ve got the capacity up to where it was before, but the trains just aren’t running as quickly as they can when we are automatic.”

Officials still have not announced the cause of the derailment, which saw a train with 60 passengers on board damage two signal bungalows and destroy a third. Investigators ruled out foul play, operator error and a problem with the track infrastructure, and are now examining whether the 50-year-old car or its wheel truck were responsible.

BPS sign-ups at neighborhood sites

Parents who have not yet registered their children for public schools in Boston can do so at city community centers beginning this weekend, including several in Dorchester and Mattapan.

The first day of school is Thurs., Sept. 5.

The expanded registration system will deal with the annual trend of late-summer demand for seats after the normal registration ends. About twenty percent of BPS students have been enrolled in August or September over the last three years, BPS officials say.

The “neighborhood registration sites” include the Holland Community Center on Olney Street on Sat., Aug. 10 and 17; Grove Hall Senior Center

on Geneva Avenue on Sat., Aug. 17; Mildred Ave. Community Center in Mattapan on Sat., Aug 10; and Gallivan Community Center in Mattapan on Aug. 17.

BPS Welcome Centers across the city— including the one on Dorchester Avenue— will also be open. Families registering their students for school at a Neighborhood Registration site or a Welcome Center must bring: Parent/guardian’s picture identification (ID); a student’s original birth certificate, passport, or I-94 form; a student’s up-to-date immunization record(s); and two proofs of residency.

For more info see bostonpublicschools.org/registerbps.

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Police & Fire

Gunshot victim ID’d – Police have identified the victim of an fatal early morning gun attack on Percival Street last Thursday (Aug. 1) as 30-year-old Alfredo Centeio, who was found inside a car outside Boston Medical Center. According to the police, the shooting took place outside 58 Percival St. around 12:45 a.m. A second man was found suffering from gunshot wounds inside the hospital, but he is expected to survive. Boston Police detectives are asking for the public to help by calling 617-343-4470 with any tips.

Missouri man col-lared at South Bay with meth, gun – A 31-year-old Missouri man was arrested near the South Bay Mall on Monday afternoon in what police say was an “ongoing investigation.” Andrew Carter was arrested by a group that included DEA officers and postal inspectors. A BPD report of the arrest said that police recovered a “loaded Beretta 9MM with 15 rounds in a high capacity magazine, 2 additional high capacity magazines, both of which were loaded with 17 rounds each.” Carter was also charged with possession of a “clear plastic bag containing a crystal rock like substance believed to be Methamphetamine.” He was set to be arraigned in South Boston District Court.

Fire strikes Blue Hill Ave. block – A three-alarm fire early last Friday morning at 600 Blue Hill Ave. near Columbia Road caused an estimated \$500,000 in damage to stores, including the Fernandez Brothers Grocery. The three-story building has two floors of apartments above the stores, but nobody was living in the apartments, the Fire Dept. reported, adding that there were no injuries. The cause of the fire, reported around 5:30 a.m., is under investigation.

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Public meeting to discuss Mattapan station redevelopment – A community meeting will be held on Wed., Aug. 7 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Mattapan Public Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan to discuss updates on the progress of Mattapan Station parking lot redevelopment. For more info, contact Diane Clark at dclark@nuestracdc.org or 617-989-1210. See mattapanstation.org for more details.

Aug. 8 meeting on Violence Prevention—City Council President Andrea J. Campbell will host a public hearing on Violence Prevention on Thurs., Aug. 8 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. The hearing is intended to examine how much money to city spends on violence prevention efforts and where/how effectively those funds are spent.

Pressley to be honored at Codman’s annual meeting – U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley will be the guest of honor at the Codman Square Health Center’s annual public

meeting on Thurs., Aug. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Open to the public. See codman.org for more info.

Town Hall meeting with District 5 candidates— The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council will host a “town hall” for candidates running for the District 5 seat of the Boston City Council on Sat., Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. at Brooke Charter High School, 200 American Legion Hwy. Please direct all questions to info.gmncouncil@gmail.com.

PeaceDay Basketball Tourney at Roberts Playground— City Councillor Andrea Campbell and TwoLitt presents an afternoon of basketball, networking, food and fun on Sat. Aug. 10 at Roberts Playground, 53 Dunbar Ave., Dorchester. Team RSVP: jguevara203@gmail.

MR8K- A Run for Gratitude set for Sept. 2 – The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports, will host the second annual MR8K - A Run for Gratitude on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2 at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing in Brighton. Registration is \$45, with proceeds benefiting the Martin Richard Foundation. Participants who choose to fundraise and commit to raise a minimum of \$300 for the Foundation will receive free entry into the race and a limited edition 2019 MR8K Team MR8 race shirt. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children. Register now at BostonBruins.com/MR8K.

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Hike puts UMass tuition near \$30K amid words of caution

BY KATIE LANNAN
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE
University of Massachusetts trustees last Friday approved a 2.5 percent tuition increase for in-state undergraduate students, as members of the board cautioned of “clouds on the horizon” in enrollment and revenue trends.

The vote, held about a month before the start of fall classes, was postponed this year as UMass officials waited to see how the late state budget would handle their \$558 million appropriation and the tuition rates paid by nearly 50,000 undergraduates. Senate-backed language calling for a tuition freeze this fall, which the school said would lead to cuts affecting students, was dropped in favor of a new requirement that university officials meet with lawmakers to discuss financial and enrollment information. With room, board, and mandatory fees factored in, the average increase for an in-state undergraduate student across the Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth and Lowell campuses works out to \$887, for a total cost of \$29,058. Five years ago, when trustees approved the second year of a two-year tuition freeze, the

cost of attending the flagship UMass campus in Amherst was \$24,215. This fall, that cost will be \$29,393, an increase of over \$5,000. UMass President Marty Meehan said tuition increases at UMass have averaged 3 percent over the past 10 years, while state universities and community colleges have hiked their rates by an average of 6 percent. Meehan said UMass will form an advisory group with the goal of working “with the governor and the Legislature to keep tuition flat or below the rate of inflation next year.” He said the group will focus on issues of access, affordability, quality and efficiency. In a press release from the Hildreth Institute, a nonprofit focused on college affordability, UMass Amherst student Madison Billingsley called the tuition increase “really frustrating. Especially for a state school, the

price for in-state tuition is simply not acceptable, or attainable for most students,” Billingsley said. “The university should really reassess what they are prioritizing for the school, and how much of the spending results in a higher financial burden for students.” Education Secretary James Peyser said UMass remains a “tremendous value,” though students are still coming out with “significant debt” in many cases and some struggle to pay for their education. For graduate students, the Amherst, Boston and Dartmouth campuses will each raise their rates 3 percent, while Lowell is holding its tuition flat at \$14,590 for Massachusetts residents and \$26,370 for those from out-of-state. The Lowell campus is increasing its out-of-state undergraduate tuition by 2 percent,

while Amherst, Boston and Dartmouth out-of-state undergrads will pay an extra 3 percent this year. The Amherst and Boston campuses are also raising their student activities fees. At UMass Boston, the \$40 increase from \$76 to \$116 will be used to lower students’ costs for T passes, bringing what’s now an 11 percent discount to a 50 percent discount. Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman said students approved the “self-tax” via a referendum, which she called “quite remarkable.” “About half of our students commute on the T. It’s a significant expense for them,” Newman said. “If there’s one thing in the world I could move, it would be the cost of their commute, because it’s really quite extraordinary.” UMass is projecting a slight enrollment increase of 0.7 percent

in the coming school year, to 65,816 full-time equivalent students across the five campuses. That figure reflects 1.3 percent growth in in-state students, who account for 76 percent of the student body, and a 1.2 percent decline the out-of-state student population. In total, UMass enrollment is projected to grow by 468 students in fiscal 2020, including 275 at Amherst, 261 at Lowell and 50 at the medical school, and declines of 79 students at Boston and 39 students at Dartmouth. Newman said enrollment has become “much more volatile,” making it more difficult to make forecasts based on history and indicators like the number of applications completed. She said the Boston campus has planned “some significant belt-tightening” as it grapples with a combination of

enrollment fluctuations and higher depreciation and interest costs associated with ongoing projects. A voluntary separation incentive program is under way, and Newman said she expects to know the full results of that program in a few weeks and the school will “probably have to do layoffs” if the desired reductions aren’t reached. Trustee Robert Epstein urged the chancellors to look at cost centers they haven’t previously addressed, saying the 1 percent margin in the university system’s budget left “no room for oops.” “The Legislature was kind this year in comparison to what will happen if we don’t come up with zero tuition growth for next year,” he said.

Committee to seek permanent UMass Boston chancellor

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board of trustees, in a press release. “UMass Boston epitomizes public higher education at its best -- providing students and society with a path to a better and more equitable future. This position offers the right

person an opportunity to lead an outstanding urban public research university destined for even greater things.” Added Meehan in a press release: “Without question, this is one of the most impressive search committees I

have seen in my years at the university. This committee reflects the excellence, achievement, quality and diversity that define UMass Boston.” The committee was constructed through formal requests for nominations made to

the student government and the Faculty Council. Members will develop a pool of candidates and submit finalists to Meehan, who will then recommend a candidate to the board of trustees for approval. The Boston-based executive recruit-

ment firm Isaacson, Miller will assist in the search. According to the press release, the committee is expected to hold its first meeting as soon as schedules permit. For more information, visit massachusetts.edu/chancellorsearch.

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(Continued from page 1) the safest places in the city.

“It’s the community... away from all the helter-skelter,” he said. “And the houses are all about the same, kept in very good condition, and almost every one of them... once you pass away it’s never sold; it’s always in the family. What a way to grow up. I want to live here like we did in the West End.”

The West End of Boston is where Tankle was born and raised. Once a dense and bustling Italian and Jewish enclave, it was bulldozed in the 1950s to clear the way for the development you see today around Massachusetts General Hospital.

To many, the razing of the West End remains the epitome of “urban renewal” gone wrong. Tankle points out that the same agency that led the redevelopment of the West End — the Boston Redevelopment

Authority, now called the Boston Planning and Development Agency — is overseeing a big new construction project proposed for Port Norfolk. And he hears echoes from the neighborhood he lost.

“The BRA knew what they were doing,” Tankle said. “We didn’t. And it was too late. And that’s what gets me peeved. ... You can change the name of a skunk. But once you smell it, that’s a skunk no matter what you call it.”

Tankle is raising the parallel because of the prospect of Neponset Wharf, a new development at the end of the peninsula, which if approved would increase the number of housing units in Port Norfolk by 65 percent. Neighbors’ concerns range from traffic to gentrification, but it’s the sticking point of climate resilience that illustrates the difficulties that could lie ahead for communities trying to leverage private investment to fortify the



Longtime Port Norfolk resident Ben Tankle.

Jesse Costa photo/WBUR

waterfront.

Times have changed since the 1950s, and in many ways the urban renewal agenda that doomed Tankle’s West End has been substituted with a new urbanism agenda of density, walkability, and historical preservation. Climate resilience is a top priority, and even as the city pursues further zoning restric-

is impermeable now), add a “tidal garden” to dampen wave activity, and comply with state and federal guidelines for building in flood zones.

But the neighbors opposing the project argue the resilience measures will only protect the project site, not the neighborhood behind it, and they’re calling on the city to not issue permits until more is known about the climate threat.

“Absolutely,” said Maria Lyons, a Port Norfolk resident since 1981 and environment chair of the Port Norfolk Civic Association. “It’s one thing if somebody wanted to build a single family or two-family or whatnot. But when you’re talking about multiple developments, that’s a problem.”

Last summer, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh personally intervened on planning for Port Norfolk, asking the developer City Point Capital to go back to the drawing board and come up with a plan more amenable to the neighbors.

Wait for ‘Climate Ready Dorchester’?

While Neponset Wharf remains in a holding pattern, much of Boston’s waterfront has been studied in granular detail through the city-led Climate Ready Boston program, with a series of adaptation plans already released in neighborhoods including East Boston and Charlestown. Next comes the final waterfront neighborhood, Climate Ready Dorchester, which is expected to be launched in the fall. Analysts will be charged with locating flooding flash points and

delivering proposals to keep the waterfront dry. Lyons says everyone should wait until that information is available before making any big decisions about developing in a flood zone.

“To me that’s the ultimate question: how can you approve anything until they come and really do a study? Are they going to be able to help us?... What’s going to be the future for this area?”

But Deabler replies that even though the Dorchester study is yet to come, the larger Climate Ready Boston initiative has been in the works for three years, and the Neponset Wharf proposal is being tailored to square with the city’s adaptation agenda.

“We want to make sure that whatever is being proposed is not just our idea,” he said, “but is something that we... dovetail into the greater planning process... for Dorchester, for Port Norfolk.”

City officials say there’s no reason the development wouldn’t fit into a more comprehensive plan to protect Port Norfolk. But that plan doesn’t exist yet, and officials say they can’t hold a developer to a plan that hasn’t even launched. “It has to be resilient by our regulations,” said Tim Czerwinski, himself a Port Norfolk resident who is overseeing the Neponset Wharf proposal at the BPDA. “And quite frankly, just by the business of development, it doesn’t make sense to develop a property that’s going to be underwater. So it’s in their interests for their site to be resilient.”

In order to defend an area from the ocean, neighbors, landowners, and government agencies have to arrive at some level of consensus. But what’s happening in Port Norfolk could be a case study in the difficulty of satisfying stakeholders with opposing views. Even in some of the more vulnerable areas, other concerns seem to trump the threat of climate change.

A recent poll by the Conservation Law Foundation found that nearly twice as many Bostonians cited overdevelopment above climate change as the greatest threat to the waterfront. Concerns over density and traffic are guaranteed to draw broadsides of NIMBYism (“not-in-my-back yard”), but Jesse Keenan, a resilience expert at Harvard’s Graduate School of Design, says opposition from NIMBYs can democratize the development process.

“One way to think of [NIMBYism] is as a barrier, but it may actually be a productive barrier in the sense that it forces

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Neighbors split on pros, condos of building out waterfront

the real politics of the planning and execution of these investments to really give consideration to local communities.” But Keenan says neighbors often favor the status quo — and that can tack toward the opposite of resilience.

“They may be making decisions that are in the interest of the present... but are they really thinking about the long term? Or are they thinking about their short-term housing values?” Keenan asked. “And I think that’s a conflict that is difficult for public sector entities and agencies to navigate.”

Some neighbors are backing the proposed development on Port Norfolk, saying it would increase property values and open up access to the water. “It brings up the neighborhood,” said John Ryan, who lives up the street from the Neponset Wharf site and says he supports it as long as they mitigate traffic.

Now, he said, “it’s just a desert. It’s just a boatyard doing nothing.”

The developers behind the Neponset Wharf project, City Point Capital, did not respond to multiple requests for comment. But the man who sold them the land did.

“This would be a first class hidden jewel in Port Norfolk,” said local landowner and entrepreneur Ralph Bruno. “I got more to lose than anybody else if I don’t put a good project here,” he said while sitting on the deck of his restaurant and banquet hall, Venezia, which sits adjacent to the lot in question.

Bruno considered developing the lot himself before deciding to sell to City Point, whose vision he said squares with his own.

“That’s why I tied up the property,” he said. “I’ve been here almost 38 years now and I want to make sure it’s a good property everybody’s going to be proud of.”

Bruno doesn’t think developers can wait until the city’s climate assessment is released. The property is too valuable to go undeveloped, he said, and it won’t be the first time the neighborhood has changed.

“When I first came here in 1985, (34 years would be 1981) people said. ‘Oh my God, you’re gonna get killed by the neighbors.’”

But Bruno said if you come up with a plan that makes sense, the neighbors will eventually come around.

“You know you’re going to have a tough time at the beginning, but people

are going to realize, ‘Hey, this is good for us.’”

Bruno is skeptical of climate doomsday scenarios, but he knows the ocean is encroaching. And once it’s clear what needs to be done, he said he’ll protect his own

property, hopefully in coordination with the 85-unit development proposed for the lot next door.

But if the neighbors of Port Norfolk can’t come to an understanding with the developers, the

Neponset Wharf project will face a difficult path to getting the city to sign off -- no matter what kind of adaptation measures are on the table.

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Murals add splash to Gallivan’s walls

The BCYF Gallivan Community Center has undergone an artistic transformation thanks to four local artists who painted murals on the center’s walls on Wed., July 24, as part of a partnership with LIFEWTR, a bottled water company whose initiative to restore arts education curriculum and sponsor local beautification projects has seen similar murals pop up across the country.

Local artists Destiny Palmer, Sophy Tuttle, Chris Piascik, and Cedric Douglas all contributed a mural of their own design and inspiration to the Mattapan community center’s walls.

Palmer’s piece, titled “Dreaming Isn’t So Concrete,” draws from her background in abstract art and education, creating a mural that “reflects unity in the community through the universal language of art.”

Tuttle’s work, “Whale Song,” depicts whales and seaweed in a nature-focused piece intended to “help create community, initiate dialogue, and inspire change.”

Douglas’s mural, “Birds Eye View,” uses graffiti art and “incorporates nature and local metropolitan staples to inspire the youth to



Above, l-r, Chris Piascik, Sophy Tuttle, Destiny Palmer, and Cedric Douglas outside of the Gallivan Community Center, where they collaborated on a mural project. At right: Chris Piascik at work.

discover themselves and their place in the world through art.”

Piascik’s offering, “Make Your Own Path,” was “inspired by the Mattapan community” and is “reflective of his mission to teach others how art can positively impact their lives and help build communities.”

A former resident of



Lower Mills, Piascik said the mural project made him think about the universality of art.

“I was thinking about how there’s sometimes a misconception that art education is just for artists or for art students. Art can lead you in different directions, and that’s kind of what I hope people get from the mural.”

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To all interested persons:

A petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gina Caban of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Gina Caban of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/23/2019.

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Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)

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

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Dot's Maya Saunders feted by NAACP at national parley



Chairman Emeritus Roslyn Brock of the National NAACP board of directors with Maya Saunders.

By JASMINE BRASWELL
REPORTER
CORRESPONDENT

Maya Saunders of Dorchester was one of two Boston women honored at the 110th national convention of the NAACP in Detroit last month. Saunders, 26, and a graduate of the NAACP Next Generation (NextGen) Young Professional Leadership Program, works as coordinator of government affairs and public policy at the

Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers.

The other honoree from the NextGen program was Ayanna Polk of Roxbury, who in her decade or so with the NAACP in Boston has concentrated on civic engagement.

The 12-month program works with young adults ages 21 to 35 in local NAACP branches whose main focus is a voter action plan. They also develop civil rights

competencies and leadership skills to use as social justice advocates.

"I've joined the membership committee (of the Boston Branch) and I'm actually in the midst of planning with a few other members, a young adult mixer," said Saunders. "I feel that even people my age that aren't involved in the NAACP have a notion that it's an old people organization. I think that a lot of people don't realize that there are young people in the NAACP doing great things. Many of them live in Dorchester as well."

The program, she says, has helped build her network in the city.

"Everyone is doing great things and supporting each other. I think the key is that we've all been supporting each other. And that's really what got me through the program, just that network, a lot of us feel like family now," she said.

Boston, home to the NAACP's first chartered branch, which was founded in 1911, will host the organization's national gathering next year. Saunders said that the convention in Detroit has her pumped up. "I left there feeling extremely motivated," she said.



A group of about 45 volunteers gathered at the Bikes Not Bombs warehouse on Harvard Street in the Four Corners section of Dorchester on July 28 to help load a shipping container destined for El Salvador. The contents: 615 recycled bicycles and parts that will be sent to the Salvadoran Center for Appropriate Technology, an environmental group. The volunteers gathered during a break in their work to listen to a call for an end to Trump administration detention camps. Above, Bikes Not Bombs co-founder Carl Kurz (standing), immigration attorneys John Willshire Carrera and Nancy Kelly (both seated on the container) who direct the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic at the Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) are shown. The organization has sent over 77,000 bicycles to Africa, Central America and the Caribbean since 1984. James Wang photo



Members of the Wahlberg family, got together last Wed., July 31 to celebrate the series finale of Wahlburgers with a viewing party at Wahlburgers in Dorchester. The reality show wrapped after a successful 10 seasons with over 95 episodes. Pictured (l-r): Paul Wahlberg, Alma Wahlberg, Arthur Wahlberg, Bob Wahlberg.

Dot's Barros to perform at Boston GreenFest

Dorchester's Bino Barros will take the stage at the 12th Annual Boston GreenFest & Tech Expo on Sat., Aug. 17 with a performance of Cabo Verdean folk music enriched with soul that captures the hearts of listeners of every age and background. Barros will perform at 7 p.m. at Christopher Columbus Waterfront

Park, Long Wharf.

A singer, songwriter, guitarist, bassist and composer born in Santiago, Cabo Verde, he is the founder of Atlant Music, an events and artists' management agency. Barros is also the co-founder of a Unity Peace Festival held last June in Ronan Park, Dorchester.

A storyteller by heart, he

believes that it is important to laugh and enjoy the best of life while reaching out to help others. "I am so honored to be part of GreenFest," Barros said. "It gives me the opportunity to share my music with people from all walks of life and to do my part to raise consciousness of the importance of banding together to save our environ-

ment. I truly feel that music can give us hope and joy in these difficult times."

The 12th Annual Boston GreenFest & TechExpo is organized will be held August 16-18 on the Rose Fitzgerald Greenway and historic Long Wharf. More info at boston-greenfest.org and binobarros.info.



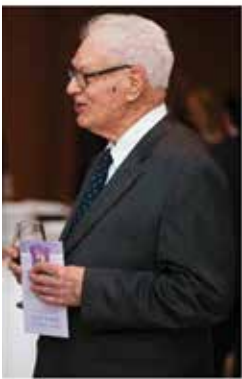
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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A few weeks ago we featured a vintage photo of 16 Howe Street alongside a more recent one. More information has come to light about the history of the house and its owners, according to this post by Marti Glynn. The little house at 16 Howe Street, built in 1836 for Nahum and Hannah Bragg, has long been known in the neighborhood as the "original Howe family homestead" because the property was occupied for over 100 years by Leonard Howe and his descendants, a family with a long and distinguished history in Massachusetts.

What has been little known until now, however, is that it was the last occupant of the house who has provided its greatest distinction and most lasting legacy. In 1948, Lowell Kingsley bought 16 Howe Street and with his wife, Charlotte, called it home for nearly 60 years.

Lowell Vincent Kingsley was born in 1918 in Illinois to Dr. Howard and Edith (Halliday) Kingsley. Howard later became a professor of psychology at Boston University's School of Education. And in 1936, Edith joined BU's Educational Clinic, which focused on remedial reading, a field then in an embryonic stage. Two years later, with her colleague Helen Loud, Edith founded the Kingsley School in the Back Bay, believed to be the first school in the nation to provide intensive reading instruction to children of normal or higher intelligence who struggled to read.



Lowell Vincent Kingsley 1918 - 2017



16 Howe Street, Dorchester

In 1948, Lowell Kingsley became the director of the Kingsley School, a position he held for thirty-seven years. Working in the early days of what is now called "special education," the Kingsley School's talented, innovative teaching team explored and often succeeded with experimental ways to teach young people who had not succeeded in traditional classrooms. Mr. Kingsley believed children would try harder to learn if they weren't designated as difficult and if their efforts weren't measured solely by the traditional grading system within a standard school's class structure. Rather

than issue report cards, his school prepared written reports for parents that discussed their children's accomplishments in detail.

Enrollment began to dwindle after 1972, when the Legislature approved Chapter 766, which established the right of young people in the Commonwealth to have access to education programs best suited to their needs. In 1991, when the Kingsley School had relocated to Fairfield Street, it merged with a Montessori school housed in the same building.

Thirty-four years after the Kingsley School first identified the need and then opened its doors to educate children with learning disabilities, the concept the school pioneered was codified in Massachusetts law and, through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, made available to children across America.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. Please Note: The Society's historic houses are open on the third Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661); Lemuel Clap House, 199 Boston Street (1712 and remodeled 1765); William Clapp House, 195 Boston Street (1806).

Failure to control mass murder weapons weakens our Union

From the get-go it has been an unwieldy experiment, this union of ours. Conceived amid grievances shared, forged in protracted battle against foreign lords and their mercenaries, it was launched as a practical necessity for the survival of a fragile, newborn republic.

A faulty foundation of human bondage and stolen land made it destined to result in friction and fracture and near-collapse some four score and five years later. The narrative of that time handed down to 20th-century Americans was blissfully straightforward: Four years of fraternal conflict wiped out the evil of slavery and prevented our wayward southern neighbors from dissolving our sacred union. But the great victory came in the aftermath as we labored to “bind up the nation’s wounds,” as Abraham Lincoln prescribed in the days before his murder by a secessionist gunman.

E pluribus unum. Out of many one. It’s the official motto of the nation, and while the modern interpretation has grown to include our absorption of people from around the globe in our melting pot, its origin was a reference to the coalescing of the former colonies into a single nation-state. It was the notion that — despite significant differences— we are stronger together.

That is still the case. And despite the appeal of this current president to the most craven among us, it’s still an ideal worthy of our devotion.

That said, the pace and frequency of mass murders using weapons intended for battlefield use may be the greatest test of this union’s endurance since Lincoln entered the White House.

Imagine yourself the mother or father of a Sandy Hook child who had been slaughtered in her classroom. Or the sibling of a slain teen in a Parkman High hallway. Or the orphan left crying in her parent’s gore in a Walmart aisle in Texas. Or the widow or widower left behind after the next one. And the next one. And the next one.

What are battered and bloodied partners to do when their other halves refuse to lock down their arsenals or even to have the discussion? Shall we just resign ourselves to being a nation of ritualistic wholesale massacres of our children and neighbors?

This is not a Second Amendment matter, by the way. Reasonable firearm ownership for personal protection can and should be allowed. And this is not just about Trump, although his racist rhetoric is clearly intended to incite those intent on targeting people of color in particular. He is guilty of widening the racial chasm and spurring on the crazies who hang on his every tweet.

But the truth is that madmen were mowing down innocents long before this president took office, and, sadly, they’ll likely do it again under the next one without dramatic change. When Trump has left the stage, there’ll still be large sections of the nation where the majority of residents refuse to halt the proliferation of lethal, mass-casualty weapons of war on our streets. And since he is clearly untrustworthy and without conviction to begin with, we all just have to move past him as if he were already gone.

The general hopelessness and malaise that now greet each successive wave of bloodletting is at once our national disgrace and our heaviest burden. What will it take to break the vise-like grip of the gun lobby on reasonable men and women in Washington? Americans across all lines must muster the courage to challenge their friends and relations - who apparently have not yet seen enough carnage – and talk to them about what this onslaught of violence is doing to us as a people.

Bill Forry

Citing ‘fed up’ as reason to again vote for Trump delusional – and dangerous

BY JAMES W. DOLAN
REPORTER COLUMNIST

In a recent letter to the *Boston Globe*, the writer commented on a Scott Leigh column highly critical of President Trump. After acknowledging that Trump is a “dishonest, divisive, dysfunctional president,” the writer asked, “What it would take for Republicans to abandon him? Since the government is “hopelessly broken and dysfunctional, too,” he suggested, Americans may want a “bull in the China shop to disrupt things.”

Apparently, adding more chaos to what he views as an untenable situation is preferable to “traditional politicians who pander and grandstand, who seek the moral high ground on every issue, and who are beholden to special interests and the less moderate primary voters.”

He complained of traditional politicians “promising everything to everyone, including things they know can’t and won’t be accomplished.” Saying he was “fed up with business as usual,” he apparently believes, even after three years, that Trump is the better alternative, although, as a nation we are more divided and less respected.

How can the writer fail to see that Trump fits precisely his definition of a “traditional politician” with the obvious exception of “seeking the moral high ground on every issue?” For someone without character, honor, veracity, integrity, humility, or restraint, there is no moral ground. There are no core values beyond his own desire for power and adulation.

I understand why many are fed up with business as usual. But to see Trump as a solution is delusional. He has all the worst characteristics of traditional politicians with none of the values associated with many of the best. Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, and Barack Obama, to name a few.

The solution to being “fed up” is not to wreck the joint in the belief that things can’t get worse. They can. I believe there are no solutions to the human

I, and we, oppose the charter school expansion

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposed expansion at the Neighborhood House Charter School located at 21 Queen St., Dorchester. I attended the public hearing held by the Board of Appeal at City Hall and I was appalled at how the meeting flowed where so many residents of the immediate neighborhood, including many abutters who had taken the day off from work to be able to voice their concerns before the board, never got the opportunity to do so.

There is so much neighborhood objection to these plans and we as a neighborhood never even got a chance to express them. That’s appalling, to say the least. Observing the members of the board during the meeting either texting or emailing on their phones, and others making facial expressions during the discussions was beyond belief. In considering a matter so crucial to our neighborhood where we wanted our voices heard I was left to believe that there was minimal interest by some board members and that our voices were falling on deaf ears; that’s horrendous and shameful.

The school plans to add 21,000 square feet to its footprint with 12 new classrooms and a one-story gymnasium. And they will increase the population of the school up to 525 students.

I object to their proposed plans for the following reasons:

- Traffic congestion: In spite of what is proposed and has been discussed, traffic, which is horrendous already, is only going to get worse.
- Nuisance: Any expansion is only going to exasperate the state of nuisance that exists today. There are many issues today that are nothing but a nuisance to the area and we certainly do not want any new ones.
- Child/Neighborhood safety: Already a child was struck by a car on Train Street and any expansion is going to magnify the potential for another accident.
- Construction: Where will all the cars park if the construction were to start? What about safety during this time? There is no plan in place to address space/parking/safety during any construction they wish to pursue.
- Green space: Expanding the school is going to cut down on the green space that we have in the neighborhood. Trees destined to be cut down are well over 100 years old. Respect the property as it is today and leave it alone.
- The voices of the neighbors: A large majority of the neighborhood (in the 98 percentile) do not want the expansion. Listen to us! Hear us! Stop

condition, but there are better ways. More often than not, incremental changes that address institutional failings can strengthen our democracy and improve lives. Campaign finance reform, term limits, elimination of the Electoral College, requiring balanced budgets, reducing military spending and, perhaps most important today, fostering a spirit of bipartisan cooperation.



James W. Dolan

I once was skeptical of term limits but am now convinced that with two-term limits, political survival would no longer be the primary motivation for elected officials. They could spend less time raising money and more trying to achieve meaningful accomplishments. The time now spent in assuring re-election far outweighs that devoted to enacting constructive legislation.

Disappointment, frustration, and anger with Washington are understandable, even unavoidable, but “fed up” is dangerous. It provides an excuse for an extreme response. The kind that can and has produced demagogues. Balance and moderation are early casualties when a seriously flawed candidate prevails. Promising a return to “the good old days” is a false option.

First, because when carefully examined, they were not as good as may appear in hindsight. Second, evolution cannot be stopped. Each generation must deal with the often unique problems of its time. However, the need for leaders of character, honor, integrity, and humility is constant. Bull in a china shop is a “break it down” strategy when what we need are leaders committed to “build it up.”

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.

this expansion.

- Fire/Ambulance/Emergency Vehicles: There is very limited access for such vehicles now and an expansion will only magnify the potential for a serious safety situation. Lives could be at stake should a fire ever occur.
- The history of school actions: Several items that were a nuisance to the neighborhood in the past were discussed with the school authorities and we were told they would be addressed and resolved. It was to no avail; they were left untouched. The school’s credibility on addressing items specific to the neighborhood is now non-existent. We cannot and do not trust what they tell us.
- Rock throwing: I am a direct abutter to the school. On numerous occasions, not just once, I have had rocks thrown at my home by the children playing in the yard. I witnessed and videoed them on my phone. These students on several occasions were trying to hit my windows. I also have found rocks in my driveway that had been thrown there by students.
- Summary: I wholeheartedly object to this proposal. I have lived in my home here on Train Street for more than 25 years. There is no way that adding buildings and more student population to this property is going to work. Why can’t the NHCS go elsewhere with their plans, to an area where they can create a school that will work for now, next fall, next year, for five years, for the next fifty years. Make a change, do it once, and make it work. But it won’t work here.

This is a fantastic neighborhood and everyone you speak to that lives here doesn’t just like it here, they love it here. We are a great, close-knit community with a warm and friendly regard for each other. We have more than 175 signed petitions objecting to the proposed plans. It is very, very clear that as a neighborhood, we object greatly to these plans. We are the neighborhood, we are concerned, we care, we live here, we don’t want it.

Dan Howe
Train Street

CORRECTION

An article in last week’s Reporter about a marijuana dispensary that will open in Grove Hall this fall included an error about the Cannabis Control Commission program that assisted the proprietors in seeking approval. They sought assistance from the CCC’s economic empowerment program, not the social equity program as the article indicated.

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Benchmarks, bid law reforms needed for city’s Job Policy

(Continued from page 1) the process by which a project tries to reach the BRJP employment goals and analyzing actual results versus the goals. Judging the process is straightforward; a project either did or didn’t follow the best-practices provided to them by the city.

Judging actual results versus the goals is nearly impossible without a baseline.

For example, if a project is achieving 25 percent resident participation versus the 51 percent goal, then one of two things is happening: either the project isn’t hiring residents as it should, or there aren’t enough residents available to work to reach the goal. Without a baseline, we can’t confidently determine what that 25 percent truly represents.

Creating a baseline is challenging, though. First, there are two forms of construction in Boston – union and open-shop. Union construction doesn’t collect residency, ethnicity, or gender information from their members, and if non-union firms do, it’s firm-specific and sporadic, at best. Second, that information is private, and companies are not obligated to provide it. Additionally, construction workforces are fluid.



Travis Watson

Each company has a “core crew,” or permanent employees, but the total number of employees on a given project varies depending on its size and need for additional, temporary labor.

A recommendation: Collect baseline data on the total number of residents, people of color, and women employed as “core crew” employees with construction companies working in Boston.

Challenge Two: The Public Bid Law

Public bid law states that public construction project contracts must be awarded to the “lowest responsible and eligible bidder,” with “responsible” meaning “possessing the skill, ability, and integrity” necessary to perform the work, and “eligible” meaning a bidder “who shall certify that he is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements

of labor employed or to be employed on the work.” (from Julianne Fitzpatrick’s “Massachusetts public bidding laws: What contractors need to know before & after they bid.”)

In 2018, 44 of the 239 BRJP projects were Public Facilities Department (PFD) projects, which are subject to the public bid system. When bidding for one of these jobs, contractors are made aware of the BRJP employment goals. However, their past compliance with the goals is not taken into consideration when contracts are awarded. Much like history, workforce compliance often repeats itself.

Past performance with BRJP goals needs to become a part of the public bid selection process. The system is broken and poses a real challenge to projects that are trying their best to adhere to the BRJP goals.

Recommendation: Update the definition of “responsible” to include a history of BRJP compliance. Let’s weigh a contractor’s ability to provide residents, people of color, and women with employment as equal to their skill, ability, and integrity.

Between the lack of a workforce baseline and the public bid law, one might argue that the

BRJP operates in a dysfunctional system. But as former New England Council of Carpenters leader Mark Erlich argues, “If there’s a dysfunctional system and it keeps staying in place, at some point it’s not dysfunctional because it’s functional for somebody. This current purgatory that we have has served many people extremely well.”

While I am not addressing wage theft, Mark’s words resonate with the system in which the BRJP operates. As it stands today, the

construction system is functioning exceptionally well for contractors that have no intention of hiring residents, people of color, and women under the BRJP. Moreover, these same contractors continue to win contracts to work in Boston, often via public bid.

To truly determine compliance with the BRJP, we need to have baseline data. The data will help inform whether compliance, or the lack thereof, is due to a shortage of available workers or a failure to hire them. We also need a public

bid law that incorporates BRJP compliance into the award process. These two recommendations will create a system that can both accurately determine compliance efforts and award firms that hire residents, people of color, and women with future contracts.

Travis Watson is the chair of the Boston Employment Commission. He serves as Community Impact Officer for Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation.

Thanks to all who helped when fire struck Old Morton Street


To the Editor:

On June 15, my wife and I saw the smoke from all the way down in Hingham where we were driving. It was from the nine-alarm fire that damaged seven homes on Old Morton Street in Lower Mills. Two firefighters and two residents were hurt at the scene. Damage to property will likely be in the millions. We thank our firefighters, EMTs, and concerned citizens who helped immediately for their bravery.



Would you be surprised to learn that Dorchester and Mattapan neighbors and small businesses have responded with many donations for the suddenly homeless families of Old Morton St.? They have. A Go-Fund-Me page has raised over \$20,000. On Sat., July 27, a fundraiser for the families was held at St. Gregory’s Hall and was organized by the Lower Mills Civic

Association and others. Terry Dolan spearheaded the whole thing, so we want to acknowledge her and all her volunteer helpers. There was a spread of pasta, meatballs, chicken tenders, cold cuts, sliders, etc. donated by the Lower Mills Tavern, Pat’s Pizza and ice cream sundaes donated by the Ice Creamsmith. Other donations were made by St Gregory’s Church, Cedar Grove Gardens, City of Boston Credit Union, Senator Nick Collins, Dolan Funeral Home, Dorchester Reporter, Gibson Sotheby Realty, Pat’s Pizza, Castlemaine, Cleary Elevator, East Boston Savings, Neponset Realty, Denis Keohane, Carney Hospital, XFINITY and many, many more neighbors, supporters and friends. Thanks to them all.

- Lew Finfer, Dorchester



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PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS MATTAPAN STATION REDEVELOPMENT
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PRESSLEY TO BE HONORED AT CODMAN'S ANNUAL MEETING
U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross will be the guests of honor at the Codman Square Health Center's annual public meeting on Thurs., Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. at the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Open to the public. See codman.org for more info.

AUG. 8 MEETING ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION
City Council President Andrea J. Campbell will host a public hearing on Violence Prevention on Thurs., Aug. 8 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. The hearing is intended to examine how much money to city spends on violence prevention efforts and where/how effectively those funds are spent.

DISTRICT 5 CANDIDATES IN MATTAPAN FORUM
The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council will host a "town hall" for candidates running for the District 5 seat of the Boston City Council on Sat., Aug. 10 at 11 a.m. at Brooke Charter High School, 200 American Legion Hwy. Please direct all questions to info.gmncouncil@gmail.com.

DORCHESTER YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION
Registration is now open for Dorchester Youth Soccer's fall season. Registration closes on August 15 so the league can have time to assign teams, order uniforms and equipment, and generate schedules. Ages 4-13. Travel teams play on Saturday and House League plays on Sundays. Home field is Pope John Paul II Park. Game times to be determined. Please register today at dysoccer.com.

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By NEIL JANULEWICZ
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The Dorchester Little League 10-and-Under All-Stars captured the Mayor's Cup championship last week by defeating crosstown rivals and No. 1 seed Parkway in a nail-biting 2-1 game. Dorchester entered the championship game as the second seed after defeating Mission Hill and Charlestown in the opening weekend, then defeating Mission Hill again in the quarterfinals and Allston-Brighton in the semi-finals.

The championship game was a thriller. Dorchester struck first in the top of the first inning when Quinn "Q-Tip" Taylor singled and immediately stole second. Andrew "Lefty" O'Malley drove in Taylor with a grounder past the second baseman, putting Dorchester up 1-0. Dorchester's pitching and slick fielding kept the score locked at 1-0. Taylor threw a three-pitch bottom of the first, inducing grounders that James "The Flash" Janulewicz, Thomas "Terrific" Quinlan, and Taylor gobbled up.

Parkway scratched a



Front Row (left to right): Colin Yandle, Andrew O'Malley, Thomas Quinlan, Michael Quinlan, Quinn Taylor, and Raymond Nunez. Second Row (left to right): Matthew O'Loughlin, Brandon Clark, Christian Noto, Brayden Buckley, and James Janulewicz. Not pictured: Jayson Damas and Coaches Neil Janulewicz, Dan Cotter, Marty O'Malley, and Patrick Ryan.

run across in the bottom of the fourth inning, setting the stage for a terrific ending to the championship game. With two outs in the top of the sixth, with the game still at 1-1, Brayden "Buck" Buckley laced a double to right. With the go-ahead run now in scoring position, Colin "C-Y" Yandle — having come back from summer vacation to play in the championship

game — grounded a single just past the reach of the second baseman, driving in Buckley and sending the bench and the crowd into a frenzy. Confident in their pitching and defense, Dorchester headed out for the bottom of the sixth to defend the 2-1 lead. Buckley struck out the first Parkway hitter looking. The next batter smashed a grounder between the

first and second basemen that Janulewicz got to and threw to first for the second out. Needing only one out to seal the win, Buckley induced another ground ball to the shortstop. Quinlan smoothly gathered the ball and fired a strike to O'Malley at first to capture the Mayor's Cup championship for Dorchester.

While the players celebrated together on the mound, the many family and friends in attendance congratulated the boys on a fantastic season. The Mayor's Cup championship was the second tournament title this summer for Dorchester's 10U team. Earlier, they won the Little League District 9 Championship, defeating South Boston, Allston-Brighton, and Charlestown, and earning a spot in the Massachusetts Section 3 Tournament.

Dorchester received key contributions from every player to win both championships. Raymond "Ray Ray" Nunez, Matthew "Matty O" O'Loughlin, Jayson "The Kid" Damas, and Brandon "Mr. Smile" Clark had big at bats in both tournaments and made key plays in the field. And Christian "C Notes" Noto and Mickey "Boom Boom" Quinlan chipped in huge pitching performances in the early Mayor's Cup games.

In the first game of the Sectional Tournament, Dorchester, in a true team win, defeated a

tough Brookline team that won the state championship last season. Taylor, Buckley, Janulewicz, T. Quinlan, and O'Malley combined to give one of the best pitching performances of the summer, holding a powerful Brookline offense to single run in a 3-1 victory.

Despite the big win over Brookline, Dorchester finished just one run short in the tiebreaker to play in the Section 3 championship game. Coaches Neil Janulewicz, Dan Cotter, Marty O'Malley, and Pat Ryan agreed that this group of players was one of the best to coach. They always picked each other up and battled as a team.

Dorchester has seen a lot of success on the diamonds of the city this summer. The Dorchester Little League 12U team won the Williamsport District 9 tournament and finished as runner-up for the Mayor's Cup. The ADSL Softball program claimed the Mayor's Cup a few weeks ago. Congratulations to all!



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How Massachusetts lost count of its poor students

By MAX LARKIN
WBUR REPORTER

Massachusetts lawmakers are working this summer to overhaul the state's approach to financing public schools with a particular goal of targeting more resources at the state's lowest-income students.

But there's a problem: Lawmakers don't know just how many low-income students there are in the state or where they go to school.

The trouble began in 2014, when officials at the state's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education began to introduce a new metric regarding students in poverty called "economic disadvantage." The new definition was automatically applied to students enrolled in state-run assistance programs like SNAP or MassHealth.

But activists and superintendents say the change had unintended consequences that set back the state's neediest students.

First, it made almost a third of them statistically invisible. After the change went into effect, almost 115,000 low-income students vanished from state data.

Look too fast and the numbers can suggest a radical real-world decline in the problem of poverty in Massachusetts schools. But independent studies don't bear that out.

Ed Moscovitch, the researcher who designed the state's 25-year-old funding formula, described the relabeling as "a disaster, from a research point of view."

"It destroyed the statistical basis for sorting out what teachers do [versus] the impact of where the kids were when they came" to school, Moscovitch said. And in a system still singularly focused on standardized testing, he argued, that matters: How can the state determine what's working to improve low-income students' performance if it can't locate and track

those students? But the fallout wasn't limited to data. The change distorted the state's picture of who is struggling financially in Massachusetts classrooms, and troubled its efforts to help them.

Good Intentions
Dianne Kelly, the superintendent of schools in Revere, said her district still hasn't recovered from the change. But she noted that it started out as part of something "well-intentioned."

In 2011, as part of the push (led by Michelle Obama) for better nutrition for young students, the US Department of Agriculture launched the Community Eligibility Program, or CEP, to expand the federal program offering free and reduced lunch.

The federal government's original free school lunch program dates to the Truman administration, and covered more than 5 billion meals a year in 2011. But it required millions of families to submit paperwork to confirm that their incomes were close enough to the poverty line to qualify.

CEP changed that. Starting in 2011, if at least 40 percent of students in a district or school were enrolled in government assistance programs, the federal government would allow them free or reduced lunch to all students, then reimburse them for part of the cost. (Given the reimbursement mechanism, the program only became valuable in districts where the percentage was higher: around 60 percent or greater.)

A 2016 guide to CEP listed its potential benefits. The program would automatically enroll needy students based on existing data. It would end "the peer-group stigma sometimes associated with free or reduced price status." And it would cut down on paperwork both for families and for districts, "easing the administra-

tive burden." In Boston Public Schools, city officials saw CEP as a "win-win." Former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino said the city "jumped at the chance" to join the program as a pilot district in 2013, when 77 percent of its students were classified as "low income."

Menino praised the program for taking "the burden of proof off our low-income families," which it did. Starting the following year, Massachusetts' Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) actively encouraged all eligible districts to take part in CEP as it was rolled out, and let income reporting fall away.

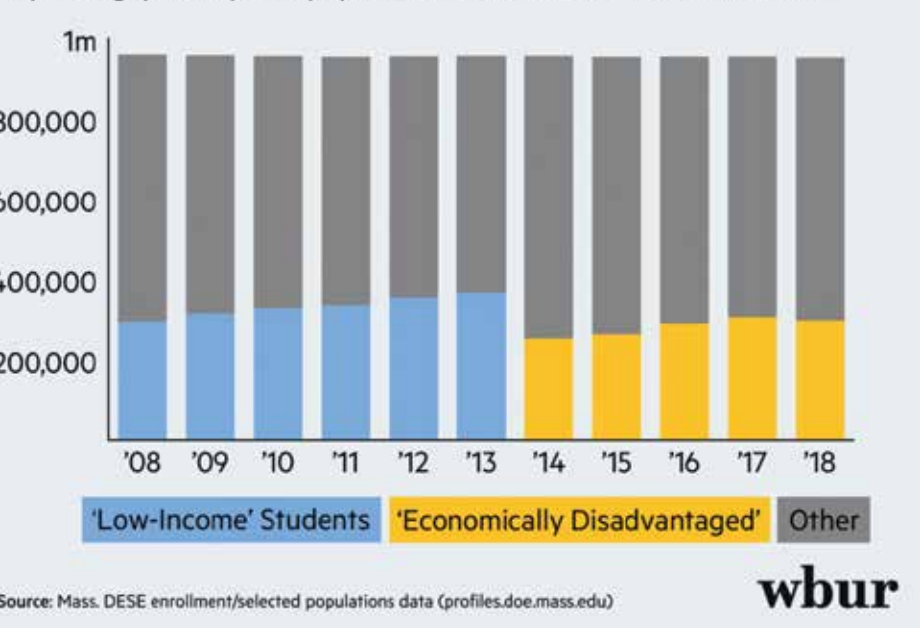
But Moscovitch said that from the beginning, he and others saw potential downsides. The program involved giving away the clearest map of poverty in state schools, which was based on families' annual paperwork. Moscovitch's hesitation came from how the policy change would affect immigrant families. Most legal immigrants are barred from using benefits like SNAP for their first five years in the United States. (Other states did both: California accepted CEP into schools, but continued to collect income information every four years and from new students.)

Any administrative savings, Moscovitch said, came at a high price: "We adopted a definition of poverty that effectively required, with one small exception, that you be a legal resident of the country for at least five years. ... How do you defend that?"

And Mary Bourque, superintendent of Chelsea Public Schools, said that many undocumented immigrants might enroll in MassHealth Limited on a temporary basis — thereby turning up in state databases — but then choose not to renew it for fear of attracting attention that could lead to deportation.

What's In A Name?

The 2015 decision to redefine the category affecting low-income students led to a 12 percentage point drop in the proportion of those students counted in Mass. schools.



"Many of them are afraid," Bourque said. "And so naturally what ends up happening is our students fall off the rolls. It's reflective of the times we live in."

The redefinition ended up skewing the picture of who attends school in Massachusetts to considerable effect.

For instance, last year, state data show 58.3 percent of Boston students as "economically disadvantaged." But district officials said their own internal reporting said the actual number was 66 percent, suggesting the state didn't count approximately 4,000 students in need of extra resources.

And since districts get an aid "increment" for each "economically disadvantaged" student they enroll — at least \$3,755 under the latest budget — the change inevitably led to declining aid in districts with high concentrations of low-income immigrants or unenrolled families.

DESE policymakers did acknowledge that the change had its flaws.

That 2017 review noted that since "refugees and undocumented im-

migrants are disproportionately under-counted" and concentrated in a handful of districts, and it conceded that "it is reasonable to assume that [the new metric] creates some systemic bias."

And in her statement, Reis added that the districts that were set back will likely benefit from a forthcoming bill that would rework the state's education finance system.

The lawmakers working on a bill to reconfigure school financing in Massachusetts are eager to make a change on this score — though they're loath to talk about what it might be as a deal takes shape.

Sen. Jason Lewis, co-chair of the Legislature's Joint Committee on Education with Rep. Alice Peisch, is leading the negotiations.

Lewis also echoed Reis in saying that after a broad review, he and others have found that "there's no perfect solu-

tion" when it comes to capturing the prevalence of poverty in schools. But he also conceded that the status quo "is not equitable — schools that serve large numbers of poor students, immigrants, students of color have far fewer resources."

Lewis was mum about how the bill — which lawmakers hope is set to arrive before the end of this year — might end the under-counting of poor students, except to say "we have some good ideas."

But Lewis, who represents Malden, another district that lost out in the change, was emphatic on one point regarding the under-count: "Any education funding reform bill needs to address it, once and for all."

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FREE SCREENING OF FILM “GLORY”

Join the Friends of the Public Garden for a free screening under the stars of the Academy Award-winning film *Glory* at the Boston Common Parade Ground on Tues., Aug. 13 at 7:45 p.m.

FARMERS MARKET IN PEABODY SQUARE

The Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmers Market is open for the season at the Ashmont MBTA plaza. The market will be open every Friday from 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 18. It includes farm-fresh produce, local meats, artisan breads and pastries, live music and more. See the weekly vendor line-up at tinyurl.com/AFMCal.

AUDITIONS ONGOING FOR BOSTON CITY SINGERS

New programs for the Boston City Singers start in September. Auditions are happening by appointment at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dorchester. More audition sessions are planned on Sept. 6 and 7 or by appointment. See bostoncitysingers.org or call 617-825-0674.

FREE MOVIE NIGHTS IN CITY PARKS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s Movie Nights, part of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s ParkARTS program, return in August and September giving residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy popular films under the night skies in 11 City of Boston parks. All shows begin at dusk (approximately 7:45 p.m.). The series begins on Mon., Aug. 5 at Fallon Field, Roslindale with “The Incredibles 2.” On Mon., Aug. 12 at Moakley Park, South Boston it’s “Ralph Breaks the Internet.” Ramsay Park in Roxbury (Wed., Aug. 14) will feature “Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse.” On Mon., Aug. 19, “Dumbo” will be screened at Rogers Park, Allston-Brighton. “Black Panther” is the choice for Tues., Aug. 20 at Walker Playground, Mattapan. “Spider-man: Into the Spider-Verse” is set for Wed., Aug. 21 at Ronan Park, Dorchester. “Wonder Park” will be screened on Thurs., Aug. 22

at Hynes Playground, West Roxbury. Noyes Park, East Boston will host a screening of “How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World” on Mon., Aug. 26. “Dumbo” will be on the big screen at Winthrop Square, Charlestown on Tues., Aug. 27. Hyde Park’s Iacono Playground gets “The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part” on Thurs., Aug. 29. The series concludes at the Frog Pond on Boston Common on Fri., Sept. 6 with “Avengers: Endgame”. For more information please call 617-635-4505 or visit the Boston Parks and Recreation Department online on Facebook or at boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation.

FREE PARKARTS WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s annual ParkARTS program sponsored by Holly Bruce returns in July for kids ages three to ten at the Artists in Residence Workshops held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in parks across the city. Participation is free and all materials are provided, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of eight or more must make prior arrangements by calling the Parks Department at 617- 635-4505 or emailing boston.gov/parks. In addition, the New England Aquarium will bring its traveling tide pool exhibit to four locations and the Marionette Puppet Show series will return in July and August at 11 a.m. at various children’s workshops. Experience the unique charm of Rosalita’s Puppets featuring marionettes made by professional actor-puppeteer Charlotte Anne Dore. Artists in Residence Workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays, July (9, 16, 23) at McConnell Park, Dorchester. They will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 13 at Town Field, Dorchester; and on Fridays— August 2, 9, 16— at Hunt/ Almont Park, Mattapan. Rosalita’s Puppets Marionette Performance will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 13, Town Field, Dorchester.

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The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports, will host the second annual *MR8K - A Run for Gratitude* on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2 at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing in Brighton.

Produced by DMSE Sports, Inc., the 5-mile course will take place at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing. More than 2,000 people participated in last year’s inaugural event at TD Garden, which resulted in a \$100,000 donation to McLean Hospital’s LEADER program to support first responders.

Registration is \$45, with proceeds benefiting the Martin Richard Foundation. Participants who choose to fundraise and commit to raise a minimum of \$300 for the Foundation will receive free entry into the race and a limited edition 2019 MR8K Team MR8 race shirt. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children. Register now at BostonBruins.com/MR8K

PARKS SUMMER FITNESS SERIES

Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield is a four-month-long series that will offer 30 free classes per week through September 28 in 19 neighborhoods across the city. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for kids and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes. For a full schedule please visit bphc.org/summerfitness. For updates, follow @HealthyBoston and @BostonParksDept on Twitter, or call 617-534-2355.

BREW AT THE ZOO ON AUG. 17

Don’t miss the 10th annual Brew at the Zoo! Brew at the Zoo— Sat. Aug. 17 from 5-9 p.m.. is a 21-plus beer-tasting event that offers guests the opportunity to walk on the wild side as they sample offerings from local breweries and restaurants. Franklin Park Zoo will close at 2:30 p.m. (last ticket sold at 2:00 p.m.) on August 17 in preparation for this event. Tickets cost \$55 through July 31; \$60 August 1 – 16; \$65 day-of. VIP tickets are available for \$100. The entire zoo, with the exception of the Bird’s World building and playground, will be open for this event (weather permitting). Sip some delicious brews and visit with western lowland gorillas, and many other animals. Proceeds from Brew at the Zoo support the operation and continued growth of Zoo New England.



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New web tool is meant to help lawyerless eviction defendants

By SIMÓN RIOS
WBUR REPORTER

In Massachusetts housing courts, more than 60 percent of landlords have legal representation. That's not the case for tenants; less than 10 percent go to court with an attorney.

The nonprofit Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) says it's now trying to "level the playing field" with the release of a web tool designed to help give legal guidance to people facing eviction.

"It helps them with the very basics," said Quinten Steenhuis, an attorney at GBLS and creator of the online tool, "which is filling out paperwork that they can use to lay out their case and to explain to the judge, and to the other side, why they should not be evicted."

There is a 25 percent default rate in eviction cases, according to Steenhuis. The free tool, MADE: Massachusetts Defense for Eviction can change that, he said, by reminding people of court dates and assisting them with legal forms.

MADE asks a series of questions about a person's eviction case. From start to finish, the process takes anywhere from 25 to 90 minutes. It begins with a video that

explains how landlords must take tenants to court to remove them. Then, questions are asked, including ones about court dates and whether the user wants a jury trial.

After doing eviction defense work for the last decade, Steenhuis said he developed the tool because many people weren't able to attend GBLS legal clinics. And even if they did attend, he said the process was often time-consuming and inefficient.

"When they're doing this on their own [with the tool], they're just seeing the things that are relevant to their case," he said. "So, it's saving us a lot of time and expanding access to a good defense in court."

The tool's release comes as lawmakers on Beacon Hill consider the so-called "right to counsel" bill, which would guarantee legal representation for most tenants facing eviction.

Despite the disparity in legal representation between landlords and tenants, Skip Schloming, of the Small Property Owners Association, said landlords in lower income neighborhoods often don't have attorneys either.

"We have landlords who are not getting rent,

and in order to fight a tenant with an attorney they probably need to pay an attorney, too, if they can afford it," he said. "If they can't, where is the level playing field?"

Schloming believes that legal assistance also should be available for landlords. He has long advocated for the creation of an escrow law that would require tenants to pay into escrow during a dispute with a landlord. Because that's not on the books, he said, tenants often abuse the state law that allows for rent-withholding in

order not to pay rent at all.

More legal representation, Schloming said, will make it even more difficult to evict problem tenants. The vast majority "of all evictions are for non-payment," he said. "That's a very simple question: 'Did you pay your rent or did you not?' Do you need a lawyer to go into court for that? What will the lawyer do? The lawyer will stretch out as long as possible."

The GBLS tool is not the same as legal representation, but it's a stop-gap measure

aimed at empowering those facing eviction and ultimately increasing housing stability for low-income renters.

The tool is online now in English and Spanish, and with an assist from the city of Boston, it is in testing now for use in Vietnamese, Chinese, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole.

Although it's designed for people in Massachusetts, Steenhuis said it's open source and can be adapted for use in other states.

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Docket No. SU19W0184WD
Suffolk Division
ASTRIDES RODRIGUES MIRANDA
V.
MARCELINO MIRANDA and
JOSEPH J. KOZLOWSKY

To the above-named Defendant:
Joseph J. Kozlowsky
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Astrides Rodrigues Miranda, seeking a Complaint to Establish Paternity.

You are required to serve upon Astrides Rodrigues Miranda and her attorney Sandra D. Long, Esq. – whose address is O'Neil + Hauser PC, 262 Washington St., 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02108 – your answer on or before the **September 5, 2019**.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 18 Day of July 2019.

Felix D. Arroyo
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Published: August 8, 2019

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU19P0698EA
ESTATE OF:
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A petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or appointment has been filed by Carmel E. Precia of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Carmel E. Precia of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **08/27/2019**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Sexual assaults, domestic violence accounts up 25 percent

By KATIE LANNAN
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The \$43.3 billion state budget signed into law on July 31 includes a total of \$80 million across various agencies toward preventing, raising awareness of and supporting victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito said.

After Gov. Charlie Baker signed the budget, Polito said she was “very pleased” that their administration has increased funding for sexual assault and domestic violence accounts by 25 percent since taking office in 2015.

The \$80 million, according to Baker’s office, includes funding to provide emergency shelter for domestic violence victims and their children.

Polito, who chairs the Governor’s Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, thanked lawmakers for including \$1.5 million in support of an ongoing public awareness campaign aimed at educating teenagers about healthy

relationships.

Launched on social media platforms in May with a focus on youth between the ages of 12 and 18, the RESPECT-fully campaign is the state’s first public awareness campaign related to sexual assault and domestic violence in almost 20 years.

The budget also contains \$2 million that the administration said would support increased staffing at the State


Police Crime Laboratory in connection with a requirement in last year’s criminal justice overhaul that crime labs test all sexual assault evidence kits within 30 days of receiving them from local governments.

A separate line item within the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, dedicated to the purchase and distribution of sexual assault evidence kits, is funded at \$86,956.

Other elements of the justice reform law represented in this year’s budget include extra money for the Parole Board to support an anticipated higher caseload of individuals newly released into supervision and additional funding for education, mental health and medical staff at the Department of Correction, Baker’s office said.


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PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
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Docket No. SU19P1608GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
TWSHAWN K. LEE
OF DORCHESTER, MA
MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 07/10/2019 by Shiela A. Lee of Roxbury, MA, August 29, 2019, 24 New Chardon Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114.

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Tenean Beach gets a Saturday in the spotlight

(Continued from page 1) Swash” National Grid natural gas tank, downtown Boston downtown, UMass Boston, and nearby marinas.

Lyons said the DCR has been improving the beach for the past 10 years. A paved walkway that is lined with benches and lighted at night runs along the beach. Four wooden shelters provide shade. One can also take refuge in a small green park on the right side, which offers several picnic tables. There is a playground, two tennis courts, and a basketball court nearby.

“I bring the kids here every once in a while,” said Sophia Gittens of Lower Mills, who brought her three, aged 7, 10 and 12 to Tenean Beach Day. “This is something good for the kids to do out in the community.”

There were things to do both for children and their parents. Many children surrounded New England Aquarium’s tanks, where they could touch local marine wildlife like muscles, scallops, sea urchins, a spider crab, and a bright orange bat star, native to Northern California. A separate tank contained baby mud snails and long clawed hermit crabs that the aquarium representatives collected

at the beach. Armed with buckets and magnifying glasses, children were encouraged to go into the water to search for more snails and crabs on their own.

Another popular activity was painting. Dot Art, a local non-profit organization that encourages children ages 3 to 10 to make art, set up a tent with painting supplies and easels, and children could exhibit their creations on lines that were hung along the perimeter of the tent.

Adults were able to find out more about the community and local initiatives. A Greenovate representative was informing visitors about the kick-off in September of Climate Ready Dorchester Program, which is a part of the city’s initiative to prepare neighborhoods for the impacts of climate change, specifically coastal flooding and sea level rise.

Representatives of the Neponset River Watershed Association and Neponset River Greenway Council were on hand to talk about protection of the river basin as well as exploration and enjoyment of the river by bike or kayak.

Some visitors, like Robert LeBron, 17, Bobbie Odom, 27, and Nazia



Shannon Murphy, left, from the Blue Hills Trailside Museum demonstrates a barn owl born in 2007 during the Tenean Beach Day organized by the Port Norfolk Civic Association in Dorchester on Saturday, August 3, 2019. Alena Kuzub photo

Perry, 23, didn’t know about the event. They live near Ashmont Hill and sometimes walk down to the beach. Now they were enjoying ice cream and discussing the event. “This is super cool,” said Perry.

“We wish more people just knew about it. There is a lot of people and a lot of kids in Dorchester, and people would enjoy this,” said Odom. The group knew of someone who swam at the Tenean

beach, but they said they were not keen on swimming in the water without knowing how clean it was.

A DCR sign on a lamppost says that the beach is open for swimming. According to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, in 2014-2018, 71 percent to 95 percent of water samples have met swimming standards at Tenean Beach. There are no more combined sewer

overflows that impact the beach. Currently, sources of bacteria at the beach include animal and bird waste and urban stormwater runoff in wet weather.

Still, it is a good idea to call the DCR beach line at 617-626-4972 that is prerecorded every morning at 6 o’clock. The phone message details the beaches in the Commonwealth that have been issued a warning or are closed for swimming.

Another improvement that the beach is still lacking is its own bath house with showers and toilets. Sal Giarratani, a silver-haired former resident of Clam Point who now lives in East Boston, said such amenities are important to promote the beach.

“I used to come over here because there is no one. Nobody knows about it. And you just open up your chair...and just relax.”

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GLENNON, Kevin P. of Weymouth. He was 61. Kevin worked for the MBTA for 24 years. Husband of Diana (Haley) Glennon of Weymouth. Father of Kyle Glennon and his wife Angela Lippens-Glennon of Weymouth, Robert Glennon of Weymouth and the late

Sean Glennon. Grandpa of Ethan and Madelyn. Son of Bridie Glennon of Dorchester/Quincy and the late William Glennon. Son-in-law of Betty Haley of VT. Brother of Michael Glennon of Norton, William Glennon of Easton, Stephen Glennon of East Bridgewater and Mary War-

ren of Pembroke. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

HUSTUS, Anna Marie (Cady) of Waltham, age 66. Wife of the late David T. Hustus. Mother of Kara Ann Hustus of North Charleston, SC and Taryn Skye Helsmoortel and her husband Robert of Wattertown. Daughter of Anna Marie Cady of Weymouth and the late Walter Michael Cady, Jr. Sister of Beatrice Perry, Coreen Barese, Walter Michael Cady, III, Kelley Cady, and the late Kathleen Ploof and Joseph Sean Cady. Grandmother of James Brothers, Nathaniel and Isaiah Etienne, Sean Russ, and Gabrielle Patterson. Great-grandmother of Luke Parker.

JACOPPO, John A. of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. John proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 34 years before retiring as a Master Gunnery

Sergeant with several service medals earned. He was a passionate track and field coach for 50 years at many high schools including Hull High School and Xaverian High School. John was a former athlete himself, playing 3 sports in high school. Husband of Marilyn (Malone) Jacoppo of Weymouth. Father of Paula Gauthier of NC, John Jacoppo of Weymouth, David Jacoppo of Kingston and Brian Jacoppo of NJ. Grandpa of Brian and Melinda. Brother of Charlie Jacoppo of Wattertown, Mary Murray of Dorchester and the late Marcella MacInnis. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of John may be made to Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Gift Processing Administrator, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, VA 22172.

KEOUGH, James W. of Boston, vice-president at Daniel A. Mullin Associates. Son of the late James A. and Louise (Tanner) Keough. Brother of

Louise D. Thompson of Arlington, Alice Melville and her husband Donald of Carver, Patricia Keough of Readville, Robert Keough and his wife Katherine of Dorchester, Mary Keough of Readville and the late Edward Keough.

Jim is also survived by 15 nieces and nephews, many grandnieces and grandnephews and close friends Daniel A. Mullin, Lyle Howland, Florence Mackie and Suzanne Iannella.



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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU19P1697GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
NILTON RAMOS
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Nilton Ramos is in need of a Guardian and requesting that David Cuna of Peabody, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/22/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

Date: July 25, 2019

Published: August 8, 2019

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU19P0436GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
VANAYA PARKER-BATTISTE
OF ROXBURY, MA
MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 02/27/2019 by Pauline Silva of Roxbury, MA will be held 08/23/2019 08:30 AM Review Hearing, Located 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 Probation Dept. 3rd Flr.

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CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU19C0098CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
MELIZA ANN JONES

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Meliza Ann Jones of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Melissa Ann Lopez
IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/22/2019. 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: August 02, 2019

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NOTICE AND ORDER:
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OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU19P0435GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
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OF ROXBURY, MA
MINOR

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Docket No. SU19D1062DR
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To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage under MGL 208 Sec 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Nguyen T. Ngan, 9 Dicken St., Dorchester, MA 02122-1223 your answer, if any, on or before 09/12/2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: July 31, 2019

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TRUST CITATION
Docket No. SU19P1361PO
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
617-788-8300

IN THE MATTER OF:
MATTIE POWELL FAMILY TRUST
w/d/t 10/21/14, MATTIE POWELL,
Settlor

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by: Keisha Powell-Burgess of Dorchester, MA requesting Appointment of a Successor Trustee.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 08/27/2019.

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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 16, 2019

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU19P0433GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
VAWN JOHNSON-BATTISTE
OF ROXBURY, MA
MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 02/27/2019 by Pauline Silva of Boston, MA will be held 08/23/2019 08:30 AM Review Hearing, Located 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 Probation Dept. 3rd Flr.

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 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 attorney should be made immediately by filing 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.

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 court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.
Date: May 24, 2019

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The image features a large orange banner at the top with the text "BOSTON HARBOR POU TOUT MOUN: MATTAPAN & DORCHESTER" in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below this text, in a smaller white font, is the message: "Vin jwenn ansanm avèk nou pou yon kwazyè GRATIS nan Boston Harbor pou vwazen nou yo nan Mattapan! Vin Jwi manje, atizay, mizik, epi gade tout bagay abò Provincetown!! a." Below the text are two logos: "BOSTON HARBOR NOW" and a shield-shaped logo with a tree and the text "BOSTON HARBOR NOW". Below the orange banner is a blue banner with the text "LENDI 19 OUT 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM" and "SEAPORT WORLD TRADE CENTER" in white, bold, sans-serif font. The background of the entire page is a photograph of four young girls on a boat, looking out at the water. The girls are seen from the back, and the water is a deep blue. In the distance, there are buildings and a small red buoy in the water.



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