Weekend shut-downs set on MBTA subway lines

Buses will replace trains on select days

By Katie Troiano
Reporters Staff
On Monday, the MBTA announced a $27.5 million plan for an accelerated repair project that will require rail service interruptions along the Red, Orange, and Green lines on multiple weekends after Labor Day through December.

The agency’s rationale for implementing the weekend closures is in lieu of overnight work that is they will shorten the overall project timelines, allowing for the completion of ten intersection updates in five fewer months than originally planned.

Workers will replace 7,000 feet of track—including hard-to-reach sections in downtown that haven’t been updated in over 30 years and address Americans with Disabilities Act compliance issues at seven stations. According to the MBTA, these projects will mitigate the risk of service interruptions, improve safety, on-time performance, and accessibility for passengers. The Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) approved the accelerated plans at its meeting on Monday.

“We know that diversions in service are an inconvenience in the short term, but these shutdowns will allow us to quicken the pace of investments in the system more efficiently and effectively,” MBTA General Manager Steve (Continued on page 12)

A walking tour of the city by a Red Line refugee

By Chris Lovett
Special to the Reporter
It was just another morning, and just another problem on the Red Line. I can’t remember whether it was at North Quincy, JFK/UMass, or Broadway, but I knew I’d had enough.

I decided to walk out. Going back as far as the 1960s, my walkouts used to be exceptions caused by the weather. That changed in 2002, when I moved with my family to North Quincy and, for the next 11 years, rode the Red Line five days a week. It didn’t take long

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District Five council hopefuls meet up with Mattapan voters

From left, District Five candidates Cecily Graham, Justin Mirad, Alkia Powell, Ricardo Arroyo, Jean-Claude Sanon, Mimi Turchinetz, and Maria Estela Farrell at the Brooke Charter High School.

By Caleb Nelson
Reporters Correspondent

The seven candidates for the District 5 City Council seat, which includes most of Mattapan, outlined their programs during a forum at the Brooke Charter High School last Saturday. The district 5 seat is now represented by Timothy McCarthy, who announced earlier this year that he will not seek re-election. The candidates will face off in a primary election on Sept. 24, with a run-off between the top two finishers set for Tues., Nov. 6.

Questions at Saturday’s forum, which was convened by the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) and was led by the group’s chairperson, Fatima Ali-Salaam, ranged from addressing violence and poverty to school funding, to the siting of cannabis shops. But, the matter of whose voice can best carry the shared concerns of the district to fight for larger pieces

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A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Thursday (15th) – Registration is now open for Dorchester Youth Soccer’s fall season. Registration closes today so the league can have time to assemble teams, order uniforms and equipment, and generate schedules. Ages 4-13. Travel teams play Saturday and Sunday mornings, with home games on Saturday afternoons. Home field is Pope John II Park. Game times to be determined. For more information, contact Dorchester Youth Soccer at dysofamc@aol.com.

Friday (16th) – The Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmers Market is open for the season at the Ashmont Neighborhood Association. The market will be open every Friday from 3-7 p.m. through Oct. It includes farm-fresh produce, local meats, artisan breads and pastries, wildflower and native plant vendors, and more. www.vegoutatnunyl.com/AFMCalf.

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

• 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.

• Bowdoin Street Health Center, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. More on-line at bowdoin.org.

• Franklin Park Zoo will close at 2:30 p.m.

• Cape Cod. Wednesday (21st) – “Black Panther” is screened at Mattapan Classic Car Show. 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the field. One of Henry’s rounds hit Maloney in the head, killing her, King said. A Suffolk County grand jury continues to investigate the incident.

Lynch asks FAA chief to meet on plane noise
On April 6 of this year, a Roxbury man fired eight shots during a gun battle with a Mattapan man that ended with both men injured and the Mattapan man’s grandmother with a fatal bullet wound to the head, a prosecutor charged. Lynch said he would like to meet with the FAA to discuss ways to control airplane noise that “can be particularly concerning” during the minds of noise abatement efforts. Lynch will be released from confinement to home arrest, but without bail. She said King provided no proof that Henry had actually fired shots and that her client has no record, lives with his mother and two siblings, and would get up at 4 a.m. to get to his job at a Walmart on Cape Cod. LYNCH SAYS FAA CHIEF TO MEET ON PLANE NOISE

ADAM Gaffen
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The new administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, who was sworn in on Monday, will find a letter from Congressman Stephen Lynch awaiting his attention in his new office. Lynch wants to meet with the FAA’s chief to discuss ways to control airplane noise that “can be particularly concerning” during efforts to control noise abatement. Lynch provided no proof that Henry had actually fired shots and that her client has no record, lives with his mother and two siblings, and would get up at 4 a.m. to get to his job at a Walmart on Cape Cod. LYNCH SAYS FAA CHIEF TO MEET ON PLANE NOISE

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### Dot Park Classic Car Show on Sept. 8
Classic Car Show returns to Dot Park — On Sunday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. a wide variety of antique vehicles will sparkle on the historic Dorchester Park for the Seventh Annual Classic Car Show. On display will be cars and trucks many visitors will remember from their youth and some that were in use early in the last century. The sound of classic vehicles will be joined by many of beautifully restored vehicles and food trucks will provide refreshments. For more information about the car show or the DPA, see dotpark.org or Dorchester Park in Massachusetts on Facebook.

Dorchester Bike & Brew takes place on Sat., Sept. 21 from 5 p.m. in Peabody Square. The fourth annual Dorchester Bike & Brew takes place on Sat., Sept. 21 from 5 p.m. in Peabody Square. Co-Presented by Greater Ashmont Main Street, Massbike, Dorchester Brewing Company, The Dorchester Reporter, and the City of Boston, Mayor Marty Walsh.

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Residents get closer look at updated Mattapan Station project

BY CALEB NELSON
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

A community meeting to discuss the status of a $57 million mixed-use development on what is now a little-used parking lot next to the Mattapan T station drew a small but vocal group of about 40 residents to the Mattapan branch of the BPL last Wednesday evening.

The 154-unit, six-story apartment building - alongside two rental townhouses - will be built by Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) and Nuestra Comunidad Community Development Corp., which have secured a 99-year lease for the land needed for the buildings.

The project won city approval last year, and with financing now in place, construction is slated to start next spring.

The building will have first-floor retail space, a community room, and the MBTA will continue to use the parking lot for commuters. There will also be 40-45 spaces for residents of the new building.

A below-grade parking garage that was in the initial plan for the complex has been nixed from the initial plan for the building.

“Going to have a ripple effect into the square and bring more traffic and bolster the businesses that are already there,” said Valerie Copeland, who grew up in Mattapan and recently moved back to the city. The Red Line, Ashmont and Jackson Square. I’m actually happy to see something like that happening in Mattapan. I think it’s going to have a ripple effect into the square and bring more traffic and bolster the businesses that are already there. Another Mattapan resident, Beverley Johnson, pointed out that Mattapan Square is already a congested area on a good day, and that extra attention will need to be paid to pedestrian crossings. Also, the proposed restaurant space and the increasingly popular recreation areas around the development will make the square a destination.

“I don’t understand where people are really going to park,” said Johnson. “But people here don’t really take public transportation. When they come home in the evening, they want their car.”

Dirac said that the developers hope new amenities will serve residents who already live close by. “We are creating affordability in housing choice in an area where it was not. There are going to be people that do not have cars that are going to want to live here,” he said.

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Walsh aides found guilty in Boston Calling case

By Jerome Campbell

Two aides in the administration of Boston Mayor Marty Walsh were found guilty last Wednesday of federal conspiracy charges in the Boston Calling extortion case. Kenneth Brissette, 54, Boston’s chief of tourism, was found guilty of Hobbs Act conspiracy.

“Today’s verdict is a reminder to public officials that pursuing a particular political agenda is one thing, but forcing citizens to do your bidding through threats of financial ruin are something else,” said Walsh’s attorney, Tom Sullivan.

Sullivan said the verdicts should be rule in favor of the order.

“The fight continues,” said Thomas Kiley, an attorney for Sullivan. “As you know, the judge held open our motions for acquittal. We will be briefing that. We will be briefing it with intention to win.”

The trial, which lasted just over two weeks, centered on whether the aids had abused their positions as public officials by trying to secure a labor contract between Crash Line Productions, which put on the 2014 Boston Calling music festival, and members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local 11 union.

Throughout the trial, federal prosecutors characterized Brissette and Sullivan as calculating masterminds who sought to withhold permits for the event to intimidate its operators into hiring IATSE 11 members.

Attorneys for Brissette and Sullivan had argued that when the men learned IATSE 11 members might picket the festival, then held at City Hall Plaza, over Crash Line’s decision to hire nonunion labor, they tried to broker a deal to get nine IATSE members hired for the event.

“Brissette was doing his job: trying to solve the potential problem of a union demonstration on a city property,” William Kettlewell, Brissette’s lawyer, said in closing arguments Tuesday.

“That is a public servant, doing what a public servant is supposed to do.”

Defense attorneys also maintained that neither aide had any control of the permitting process.

The government argued, however, that the two men were motivated to secure union labor as a political favor to Mayor Walsh, a former union chief who had been elected to office the year before the 2014 festival.

If Crash Line did not agree, prosecutors said, the company would have faced financial harm from lost revenue and possibly shut down.

Prosecutors presented evidence that IATSE 11 President Colleen Glynn talked to Sullivan and Brissette about securing a union contract with the festival operator. Then, after the contract was signed, she sent an email to her members, recognizing the aides’ actions as payback for supporting Walsh’s campaign.

“I have made clear from the beginning that there is only one way to do things in my administration and that is the right way,” Walsh added in his statement. “I have always believed that their hearts were in the right place. We have taken several measures at the City of Boston to ensure that every employee has the right tools and training to perform at the highest ethical standards, which has always been my expectation.”

District Court Judge Leo Sorokin had told jurors that political favors do not rise to the bar of a federal extortion charge under the Hobbs Act, a charge specific to a public official.

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New immigration rule could impact 500k state residents

By Shannon Dooling
WBUR reporter

The Trump administration on Monday published new rules vastly expanding the list of public benefits federal immigration officials may take into consideration when determining whether an individual should be allowed to enter the country or obtain permanent residence.

A Boston-based group estimates that it could affect more than 500,000 residents in the state.

Known as the “public charge” provision, the process evaluates a person’s likelihood to become primarily dependent on government assistance. It is used as a basis for admissibility into the US and as a determining factor when immigrants are trying to adjust their immigration status to obtain legal permanent residency.

Currently, immigration officials can only consider records of cash assistance or long-term care at the government’s expense when making these decisions. Under the new provision, any immigrant who had lawfully accessed housing, healthcare, or nutritional assistance could be deemed a “public charge.”

Non-cash benefits like enrollment in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), or food stamps, certain Medicaid programs and Section 8 housing subsidies, including the Housing Voucher Program, may all be considered by US Department of Homeland Security officials in determining whether an immigrant is likely to become a “public charge.”

Individuals deemed “public charges” may be denied entry into the US or denied a green card.

A report issued in June by the Boston Foundation found these new changes could impact up to 510,000 Massachusetts residents, including 160,000 children.

These estimates take into account immigrants who may voluntarily unenroll or forgo assistance from programs for which they are eligible in order to avoid being deemed a “public charge,” an action that in turn could jeopardize immigration status.

In a press release, President Trump said, “To protect benefits for American citizens, immigrants must be financially self-sufficient.”

The final rule is scheduled to go into effect in mid-October.

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A new art exhibition is adding a pop of color to home.stead bakery & cafe. "Psychedelic' feel at home.stead bakery & cafe. Daniel Sheehan photo depending on how closely the viewer stands from the artwork."

Original artwork and prints are available for purchase at home.stead bakery, as well as on the artist's website, NickCarlisle.net.

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Two Dorchester-based musicians are among the 60 artists slated to perform in Concert For One, a new music series that comprises of one-minute concerts that will take place in two Boston-area locations from September 20 through September 29. Violist Ashleigh Gordon and flutist Mayshell Morris will both be featured in the music series, which was created to promote “concentrated listening” and “foster intimate connections between performers and audience members.”

The concept for the music series comes from violinist and New England Conservatory graduate Rayna Yun Chou, who started the project in Taiwan in 2016 in an effort to make classical music more accessible. While the original Concert For One featured only classical musicians, the Boston iteration will include performers and instruments across several genres. Chou told the Reporter the idea for the concert series — presented by Celebrity Series Boston — began with a quote from Winston Churchill.

“One of my professors at the conservatory gave us a quote: Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to think, to listen,” she said. That image inspired her to conduct a “social experiment” in which musicians sit in one chair and play to a random listener in an adjacent chair.

“In Taiwan there’s a large group of people that love classical music, but there was a bigger group who have never had the opportunity to experience live music like that,” explained Chou. “This is my way of creating a middle ground for listeners and musicians to meet, in a format that reduces expectations and stereotypes, and creates necessary space.”

The one-minute performances, which are free and open to the public, will take place inside two specially outfitted shipping containers, one located in the Rose Kennedy Greenway’s Chin Park in Chinatown, and the other located at the Harvard Science Center Plaza in Cambridge.

Gordon said she is looking forward to the “hyper-intimate experience” of the series.

“The intimacy will be increased because of the restrictions of space and the shortness of time,” she said. “First impressions can make lasting impressions, and in this case those impressions will be very personalized.”

Gordon, an internationally lauded violinist, is also the executive director of Castle of our Skins, a Boston-based concert and educational series devoted to celebrating black artistry through music. In accordance with that series’ mission, Gordon said she plans to perform an excerpt from a piece of music by a black composer or a composer from the African diaspora.

Dorchester resident Ashleigh Gordon, right, is an acclaimed violist.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we have been featuring mini-biographies of Dorchester residents who served in World War I. This week’s subject is Thomas L. Monahan, who was born on June 21, 1900, at 64 Walker Street in Boston. By 1930, his parents were deceased. On the 1930 census he appears in Lakewood, Ohio, living with his sister Georgiana’s family. Thomas married Elizabeth Hunt, known as Rita, on Jan. 5, 1932, in Columbia, South Carolina. The couple later moved to Lakewood, where they resided until July 2. After the armistice was signed in November 1918, Thomas was hospitalized until July 4. He was demobilized and discharged later that month at Camp Lee, Virginia.

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A decade of cross-racial and intergenerational activism—organized in part by the Black Women's Collective—ultimately won federal recognition in the form of the 1968 Civil Rights Act. This landmark legislation outlawed discrimination in housing and public accommodations for the first time. The act was a significant step forward, but it was only a beginning. The struggle for housing justice continues today, as evidenced by the ongoing fight for affordable and safe housing for all.

The need for this fight is clear. According to a 2018 report by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the gap between what low-income households can afford and what they need to pay for basic needs like housing, food, and healthcare is growing. This gap is exacerbated by the high cost of housing in many areas, as well as the widespread lack of affordable housing options.

In response to this crisis, many communities are taking action. In Boston, for example, the city has implemented several policies aimed at increasing affordable housing and protecting tenants from eviction. These policies include rent control and a moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent.

However, these policies have not been enough to address the root causes of the housing crisis. The lack of affordable housing is a顽固问题, and it requires a comprehensive solution. This includes increasing the supply of affordable housing, improving access to credit for homeowners, and increasing the availability of rental assistance.

In conclusion, the fight for affordable housing is a struggle that continues to this day. We must continue to work towards a future where all individuals have access to safe, affordable housing that allows them to thrive.

The Reporter
T expects to know ‘root cause’ of June derailment in 2 weeks

By Chris Lisi

STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

MBTA officials hope to have a clear answer in roughly two weeks about what caused a June 11 Red Line derailment as they await final test results from an outside laboratory.

T officials said on Monday that engineers have reviewed preliminary results of a metallurgical analysis undertaken to determine what caused a breakdown on the 50-year-old train car or its five-year-old wheel truck, but that they want to receive responses to several key questions before reaching a conclusion.

Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville said he expects that work to wrap up in about two weeks. “Once that is done, we will be at a point where we can identify clearly what we believe the root cause of this incident is,” he said.

Investigators had previously ruled out problems with the track, operator error, and foul play as possible causes.

As the train derailed just outside the JFK/UMass stop, it damaged two buildings housing signal infrastructure and destroyed a third, essentially knocking out the automated signal system. Since then, crews have had to signal trains manually whenever it is safe to proceed, a process that has slowed rail travel.

Some electronic signals have been restored, but sections of the system between JFK/UMass and both North Quincy and Fields Corner are still using employees to direct trains by hand. Gonneville said repair work should be completed in October.

“Att this point we feel confident that we should be fully restored by October but there is a strong possibility that we will be able to do better than that,” Gonneville said, adding that the p.m. rush hour delays are a secondary effect of the derailment. Because the Red Line has “very little operational flexibility,” other incidents such as medical emergencies, police actions or disabled vehicles — which have happened frequently in recent days — are more likely to cause delays.

Trips from Braintree to South Station are still delayed by 10 to 15 minutes, Gonneville said, compared to 25- to 30-minute delays soon after the derailment.

While the MBTA is once again running close to a full fleet of Red Line trains during the morning rush hour, it has had about four fewer trains per hour on the tracks in the evening in recent weeks.

The derailed Red Line train at JFK-UMass station on June 11. SHNS photo
BPS Holds Registration at Local Sites

Parents who have not yet registered their children for public schools in Boston can do so at the Holland Community Center on Olney Street in Dorchester on Sat., and 17; Grove Hall Senior Center on Geneva Avenue on Sat., Aug. 17; and Gallivan Community Center in Mattapan on Aug. 17. The first day of school in Boston is Thurs., Sept. 5. For more info see bostonpublicschools.org/registerbps.

At-Large Candidates to Appear at Mattapan Forum

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will host a Town Hall forum for candidates running for the At-Large seats of the Boston City Council on Sat., Aug. 17 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Morning Star Baptist Church, 1257 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. Direct questions to info@gmncouncil@gmail.com.

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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 dyssoccer.com.

Dorchester Bike & Brew on Sept. 21

The fourth annual Dorchester Bike & Brew takes place on Sat., Sept. 21 from 5 p.m. in Peabody Square. Co-Presented by Greater Ashmont Main Street, MassBike, Dorchester Brewing Company, The Dorchester Reporter, and the City of Boston, Mayor Marty Walsh. This family friendly community festival is designed to showcase the growing cycling community in Dorchester; food trucks; Dot’s very own Dorchester Brewing Company’s beer garden with their craft brews as well as hard cider and wine; and the City’s Boston Water and Sewer Commission H2Go water trailer on site with Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council.
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Red, Orange, Green Lines to see weekend rail interruptions this fall

(Continued from page 1) Poftak said in a statement. "We’ve heard loud and clear that we need to accelerate the pace of improvements. This is an especially important opportunity for the MBTA to replace track in areas that aren’t accessible to workcrews due to these shutdowns.”

The Red Line will see shutdowns between Broadway and Kendall over the course of four consecutive weekends from Nov. 16 through Dec. 15, excluding Thanksgiving weekend. Work at Park Street and Downtown Crossing stations will take place during these four weekends, including improvements to the condition and appearance of weekends, including place during these four weekends. The Red Line that we haven't replaced in about 30 years,” Poftak added. “When we get the opportunity to reach that area, we have to take it.” Service on the Orange Line will be closed between Tufts and Sullivan Station for six straight weekends – Oct. 5-6, Oct. 12-13, Oct. 19-20, Oct. 26-27, Nov. 2-3, and Nov. 9-10. Improvements will include replacing 2,250 feet of track at three different Orange Line stations, cleaning and painting Chinatown Station, and repairing stairs and tiles.

Closures are set for the Green Line, where the C branch (to Cleveland Circle) will be offline an extra weekend (Oct. 26 and 27), and the B branch (Comm. Ave/BC) will see shutdowns on Sept. 7 and 8, Nov. 2 and 3 and Nov. 23 and 24.

Officials have been under public pressure to address the frequency of disruptions on the MBTA. Six passenger trains have derailed this year, according to the State House News Service, including the major Red Line incident on June 11 at JFK station that damaged signal infrastructure and continues to confront riders with delays.

In June, Governor Charlie Baker’s administration rolled out an $8 billion, five-year plan to modernize the T. Transportation officials said the plan would improve the system faster.

In a statement to the Reporter, Mayor Martin Walsh said that he “looks forward to the State committing to the necessary work.”

“A Boston has been calling for more reliable, more accessible MBTA, and this acceleration plan is a first step towards better service.” Walsh said. "It is imper-ative that this work happen efficiently and with as little disruption as possible.”

State Rep. Russell Holmes, who represents parts of Dorchester and Mattapan in the Legislature, said it was “smart” of the MBTA to get the work done before winter. “It’s about time that they take the extraordinary measures that are needed in these extraordinary circumstances,” Holmes said. "I think folks have had enough of feeling like the systems weren’t working well.”

The MBTA is in the process of preparing another aggressive schedule of shutdowns for the 2020 construction season that may include weekend shutdowns in addition to a greater frequency of weekend shutdowns. Details of this plan are expected to be released with the public later this year.

Reports from the State House News Service contributed to this article.

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Riders outside a disabled train at JFK/UMass station in October 2010. Chris Lovett photo

orange-and-white trains were still running — if less reliably and more rusted — along the Southwest Corridor.

After Washington Street, I followed the avenue past Wally’s, the newer Orange Line, and Symphony MBTA.

Then I turned at Weston Avenue, heading toward the Back Bay Fens. Having made it this far, I felt less like a refugee than a purgatorial climber, finally approaching a semblance of Earthly Paradise through the Westland Gate.

The BALLAST OF HABIT

Over 11 years, my detours also became a form of collecting in the way that people accumulate travel souvenirs on their bumpers or refrigerators. Having abandoned North Quincy for every single Red Line stop in Dorchester, I had mental postcards of our leaky platforms at Shawmut and the lure of a beachfront in Savin Hill. Even more eye-catching, I had developed a foot on the ground between North Quincy and Kenmore Square. It was an achievement that would have been impossible without the MBTA.

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AUDITIONS ONGOING FOR BOSTON CITY SINGERS

New programs for the Boston City Singers start in September. Auditions and dunk tank by appointment at the Ephiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dorchester. More audition sessions are planned on Sept. 6 and 7 at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dorchester.

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Consensual Reggae Band featuring Lower Mills business owner Robin Nicholson from Eve & Eye Duties will perform in concert on Thurs., Sept. 26, at 8 p.m. at the Gilman Chapel of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams St., Dorchester. $15 charge. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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Cost-saving care program approved for statewide expansion

BY KATIE LANNAN STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

About a year after lawmakers funded the development of a mobile integrated health care program targeted as one way Massachusetts can reduce its costs — total health care spending in the state grew to $61.1 billion in 2017, according to the Center for Health Information and Analysis.

“We think the uptake will be quite significant,” said Lawrence Hotes, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Carney Hospital. "His experience and leadership will prove to enhance the expert level of care we currently offer in our Orthopedic and Joint Replacement Center.”

Dr. Cluett’s special interests include arthroscopic surgery of knees and shoulders, total and partial knee replacement, and anterior hip replacement. Dr. Cluett is now accepting new patients at the Orthopedic and Joint Replacement Center.

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Dr. Jonathan Cluett has joined Carney Hospital’s Orthopedic and Joint Replacement Center. Dr. Cluett earned his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, New York and completed a Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy fellowship at Santa Monica Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Group in Santa Monica, California. He completed his residency in George Washington University Hospital in Washington, DC.

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Florida Street couple make their home and garden a city standout

Over a decade, their hard work has turned the garden into a perennial heavyweight contender for the mayor's annual competition, which began 23 years ago as a way to encourage residents to help beautify Boston. Each year, winners are chosen in nine different categories — vegetable, community garden, storefront business, etc. — from a pool of roughly 150 submissions. Smith and Johnson placed third in the large garden category in 2017 before winning it all last year. Parks and Recreation commissioner Ryan Woods told the Reporter that this year, Smith and Johnson’s garden elicited awe from contest judges.

“Our judges score everything on a score sheet, ranging from variety of plants and materials as well as color,” said Woods, adding that for Smith and Johnson’s entry, “two of the judges just wrote ‘WOW’ with an exclamation point... How meticulous the garden was kept set them apart.”

The couple, who say they receive daily compliments on their property, were feted on Aug. 6 at a downtown award ceremony in the Public Garden, where Mayor Walsh presented them with the “golden trowel” for the second straight year.

“I honestly never thought people would enjoy the garden almost as much as I do,” said Johnson. “The neighborhood has really embraced them with the golden trowel” for the second straight year.

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For Johnson, sharing tips and plants with his neighbors is even more rewarding than being recognized for his work.

“Half the fun of having a garden is sharing it,” he said.

Editor’s note: Errol and Jan Uys of Range Road in Dorchester placed third in the senior garden category in this year’s Mayor’s Garden Contest. For more information, see boston.gov/ departments/parks-and-recreation.

A quiet place in the garden. Daniel Sheehan photo
Seven candidates make case for 5th District Council seat

(Continued from page 1)
of the city budget became a key point of the event, which drew an audience of about 50 people.

The candidates agreed that affordable, reliable public transportation is an important challenge to overcome as the city’s population continues to increase.

Cecily Graham, a lifelong resident of Hyde Park, began her career as a banker, where she saw many disparities in business loan opportunities for people living in Mattapan. She now works as a school teacher and regularly attends community meetings in Mattapan.

“I am focused on affordability, equity, climate change resilience, and public safety,” said Graham. She pledged to work for “inclusive development that helps members of the community that are struggling with health costs because you should not have to choose between your health and housing, but also equity focusing on transportation, public education, and tackling zoning laws that fuel institutional racism.”

Justin Mirad lives in Hyde Park and works for the city of Boston as a paralegal. “As city councillor I hope to bring everybody together so we can do this work at the same time. No one is left out,” Mirad said. “We should be bringing people into our community and also helping those who are already here by helping them to afford housing, to be able to move into the city, and also to avoid foreclosure with assistance through the city.”

Alkia Powell grew up in Mattapan and now lives in Hyde Park with her 14-year-old daughter. With over 20 years of experience in public service, Powell has worked at UMass Boston, for Fair Housing and Equity and in the office of Economic Development in Small Business for the city of Boston.

“I love my city. I love my children, which is why I’m running,” said Powell. “I know the struggle of losing folks to trauma because I’ve been there. I understand how hard it is to live paycheck to paycheck because I’ve been there. Having been able to work in non-profit, corporate, private sector, and city government, and state . . . I can get things done, and I want to be that voice for you.”

Ricardo Arroyo grew up in Hyde Park and worked as a public defender for four years. “I became incredibly troubled by mass incarceration and the over-criminalization of black and brown people when I was in high school,” said Arroyo, who said he wants to fight for more city contracts to go to people of color who own businesses in Boston.

“When we give out $665 million in discretionary contracts for landscaping, for food production, whatever it may be, less than one percent of that goes to people of color. That’s not a secret. That’s not something that would continue if I were your city councillor.”

“Housing prices have doubled in ten years,” Arroyo said. “But the median income has stayed the same, and so it’s becoming harder and harder for working class families, for black and brown families to live and work in our communities.”

Jean-Claude Sanon is a native of Haiti who moved to Boston as a young man. He attended English High and Newbury College where he studied computer science. Sanon, who has mounted several previous campaigns for various offices over the last two decades, described himself as a “family man.”

He added, “I have worked tirelessly in this community. I have a vested interest in this community, and I have proven the fact that I can lead in Mattapan, and now lives as Roslindale. Especially the people of Mattapan, the issues of the city are your issues and I am well aware of them, so elect me to be the servant who will be the voice of the voiceless.”

Mimi Turchinetz, who was born in Mattapan and now lives in Hyde Park, is an attorney and a community organizer who pointed to her advocacy on behalf of residents at a new 27-unit residential complex next to Fairmount Station.

“As an activist and lawyer, as a community organizer what I will do is integrate my knowledge base into this struggle,” said Turchinetz. “When a developer wants to get engaged they don’t go to the community first. Instead, they go to the city. . . I’m running to build community, strengthen neighborhoods and knit the district together.”

Maria Edeal Farrell, a mother of six and lifelong resident of District Five, currently works in Councilor McCarthy’s office. She was an aviation science major at Bridgewater State University. “But then I got derailed by some young love and I found myself as a single mom for 11 years struggling to make it,” said Farrell. “With some family encouragement and a lot of financial aid I went to trade school and became a hairdresser.” It took her ten years to finish her bachelor’s degree as she also worked in multiple positions. “What we do is we make things happen,” she said.

One focus of the forum was on the challenge of keeping existing residents from being displaced. “I know what it’s like to be priced out of your home and these developers are coming in and are not held accountable for the affordable housing required,” said Powell. “We want to keep our residents here, and I totally agree. I want to be that voice that makes sure that the process is followed.”

Incidents of violence that have impacted parts of the district are another point of discussion. Turchinetz vowed to apply her experience to addressing this problem. “I was an assistant district attorney and one of the reasons I left was that I felt that prosecution and jail was not the right answer for most of the folks who came to the courts,” she said.

“What people needed, they needed programs, they needed services, they needed ways to address their drug addictions . . . Jails are not the thing. We need to increase communication within the system, make sure that the [Area] B-3 [Boston Police] meetings are happening again so that people are talking.”

Farrell said that the next councillor will need to coordinate the various community groups in the district, including Main Streets and GMNC.

“We have a lot of great things out there, but we need to have the pathways to connect. So I think it’s important to be a city councillor who’s in and around, someone who can help and be a valuable resource, presently, upfront and personally to help educate families, educate our students, to know what the possibilities are growing up in the community, especially whose potential is being undermined and undermined.”

The GMNC will host another forum this coming Saturday (Aug. 17) at 11:30 a.m. for candidates running for at-large city council. The event will be held at Morning Star Baptist Church, 1257 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan.

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To the above-named Defendant(s):

You are required to serve upon the Plaintiff, Raquel O.W.C: 8th Floor, 500 Chauncy Street, Boston, MA 02111, a copy of this Summons and the Complaint filed herein. You are required to serve upon the Defendant(s), the Affidavit of Service required to support your answer in the office of the Register of Probate for the Probate District of Suffolk County, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 19th day of October 2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action.

This complaint is on file at the Clerk's office, Dorchester, MA 02124. Your answer must be served on the Plaintiff, if any, on or before 10/03/2019.
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CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Members Attend Beach Festival at Malibu Beach:
Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester teamed with the Leahy Holloran Community Center, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation and Recreation to host a Beach Festival at Malibu Beach.

Our Beach Festival is one of many being offered this Summer across the metropolitan region from Nahant to Nantasket to encourage all to take advantage of their local beaches as a resource and to highlight the improvements in water quality that have occurred over the years.

Many thanks to our friends at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the State’s Department of Conservation and Recreation’s Better Beaches Program for their support of this special event for our members.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Members Participate in Yoga Classes Onsite at the Club:
BGCD members had the opportunity to take part in yoga classes last week thanks to Theresa Colantuono, who stopped in to host sessions for several different age groups. We are excited to be offering additional classes as part of the school-year program coming up in the fall.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is committed to promoting healthy lifestyles to all of our members. Members are always encouraged to try new sports and participate in and learn about small group and individual fitness and nutrition opportunities.

To learn more about our healthy lifestyles programming please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org or visit bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD is Recruiting Riders for the 2019 Rodman Ride for Kids:
The Rodman Ride for Kids is an annual fundraising bike ride taking place on September 21, 2019. This is one of our major fundraising events hosted throughout the year. If you are interested in taking part in the Rodman Ride for Kids, either biking or as a ‘virtual rider’ where friends of the Club are encouraged to raise money without having to ride out on the course, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org. In 2018, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester’s riders and supporters raised over $500,000 for our Clubs! The Rodman Ride for Kids and the nearly 50 youth-serving affiliated nonprofits together raised $13.3 million last year and more than $108 million since the start of The Ride in 1991. Visit bgcdorchester.org/rodman-ride-for-kids for details.

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