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Comfort Inn on Morrissey in Neponset eyed as housing for formerly homeless

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

Pine Street Inn, the largest homeless services provider in New England, is looking to team up with a developer to convert the Comfort Inn on Morrissey Boulevard into permanent, supportive housing aimed at formerly homeless people.

Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders would turn the 130-room hotel at 900 Morrissey Blvd., the site of one of the earliest Howard Johnson's restaurants, into a housing complex with 105

to 110 units and lounges and office space for Pine Street Inn social workers.

In the complex, formerly homeless people would be tenants with leases, and management staff would have the space to help tenants transition out of shelters.

Lyndia Downie, president and executive director of Pine Street Inn, said the nonprofit has looked broadly inside and outside Boston for a hotel since the start of the pandemic.

“This hotel, a lot of things worked, both in terms



New deal for busy site? *Reporter file photo*

of size and location,” she said.

Andy Waxman, regional vice president of New En-
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5th Suffolk: It's about connections



Blue Hill was the place to be this month for 5th Suffolk House candidates Chris Worrell, left, and Danielson 'Donny' Tavares as they had numerous meets and greets with residents along the busy district corridor as primary election day approaches. *Seth Daniel photos*



For Worrell, community ties

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Chris Worrell's knock at the door was answered with some hesitation by a neighbor on Nonquit Street in Uphams Corner last Saturday evening. Standing inside was a woman who was listening as Worrell – who is running for the open seat in the Fifth Suffolk District vacated by state Rep. Liz Miranda – stood on the doorstep and explained who he was and why he was asking for her vote.

The awkwardness was quickly bridged, though, when the candidate asked the woman if she knew a friend of his. That friend turned out to be the woman's sister.

“I've known her a long time,” said Worrell. “Tell her you met Chris Worrell, and please, I need your vote on Sept. 6.”

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For Tavares, doors, doors

BY MICHAELA BRANT
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

On a recent Saturday, seven supporters joined Danielson Tavares, who is on the ballot for state representative in the 5th Suffolk District on Sept. 6, inside the first-time candidate's campaign office on Bowdoin Street in Dorchester. His sister and cousin were among them, as was a retired state trooper. The 36-year-old candidate was dressed casually, with a white polo shirt, slacks, and checkered Vans sneakers.

The orders went out: Use an app to keep track of which voters' houses to visit and remember. Campaign literature can't go into mailboxes. When talking to voters, feel free to pass out his cell phone number and note that he worked in City Hall (chief diversity officer under Mayor Marty Walsh).

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Orange Line work going 'smoothly,' T chief says as riders adjust ways

BY CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Four days and two weekday morning rush hours without Orange Line service in the books as of Tuesday noon without serious disruption gave some validity to MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak's cautious assertion on Monday that everything was going “relatively smoothly” as the unprecedented upheaval moved into the active stage.

With the MBTA standing in perhaps the most intense spotlight in its century-plus lifespan amid a federal investigation and dramatic lurches for passengers and T workers alike, Poftak said the 30-day “super surge” taking the entire Orange Line offline for maintenance is “progressing as planned.”

By Monday, workers had replaced about 2,400 feet of rail, including a stretch of southbound track between Downtown Crossing and State Street that is the site of one of six speed restrictions Poftak hopes to be able to lift after the shutdown is complete.

“Overall, we are cautiously optimistic at this point in time that things are going pretty well,” Poftak said.

The Orange Line shutdown began at 9 p.m. Friday (Aug. 19), and another shutdown of Green Line service between the newly opened Union Square station and Government Center started on Monday. Both diversions will run through the end of the day on Sept. 18.

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Allan's Formal Wear, Blue Hill Ave. mainstay, to launch city's initiative on Legacy businesses

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Peddling fruits and vegetables on Blue Hill Avenue in the 1960s for college money, Allan Edwards had dreams that he thought would come true when he was sitting in a university classroom. But after he was told that he wasn't college material, his dreams instead came true beginning with a set of five three-piece black

ensemble tuxedos.

Last Thursday, Mayor Michelle Wu, Segun Idowu, the director of the city's Economic Development, Inclusion and Opportunity program, and the Edwards family came together on Blue Hill Avenue across from Franklin Park to celebrate the story of the 54-year-old formal wear business, which has outfitted generations of folks from near

and far for weddings and proms and other occasions and also to highlight the news that the city has chosen the store's location to launch its new Legacy Business Program that will run throughout September as a way to identify businesses like Allan's Formal Wear.

Edwards, his wife Joycelyn, and his successor, his son Hameen, welcomed everyone to the



Allan's Formal Wear owner Allan Edwards—known fondly to all as ‘Mr. Allan’—shows Mayor Wu around the storage area of the 54-year-old Blue Hill Avenue formal wear shop. *Seth Daniel photo*

store, where they shared the history of the iconic shop.

“I was in high school [at Boston Tech], and

they told me I wasn't college material,” said Allan, a native of Monserat. “I had saved
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Early voting starts Saturday, ends next Friday
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Police, Courts & Fire

Man convicted of rape in Codman Sq. eatery

A Suffolk Superior Court jury last week convicted Shawn McClinton for beating and raping a woman in the men's room of the Codman Square McDonald's in 2018, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

The 42-year-old McClinton, who faces a possible life sentence at his Aug. 31 sentencing hearing, is still awaiting trial for another rape he allegedly committed after the Massachusetts Bail Fund paid \$15,000 for his release while he was awaiting trial for the Codman Square attack. A trial for that case has not yet been set.

McClinton was earlier convicted on a charge of rape in Bristol County in 2007 and the rape and abuse of a child in 1994, according to state records.

On Aug. 17, the jury convicted McClinton, who lists the Pine Street Inn as his address, and who represented himself in court, of kidnapping, aggravated rape, strangulation, and three counts of assault and battery, but acquitted him on charges of witness intimidation, threats, and a second count of aggravated rape.

The DA's office gave the following account of the crime: The victim met McClinton in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Topeka Street one day in February 2018. They "went to McDonald's on Washington Street in Dorchester. While using the women's

restroom at the restaurant, the victim heard a knock on the bathroom door and opened it to find McClinton. He assaulted her and dragged her into the men's restroom, where he raped her, hit her repeatedly, strangled her, and threatened to kill her.

"The survivor was able to flee from the restroom, wearing only a ripped bra. McClinton ran after her, yelling. She was able to run back to the men's restroom and lock the door behind her until Boston Police arrived."

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A Dorchester man who met a teen on social media then persuaded her to travel to Boston from another state is being held without bail on charges of trafficking a person under 18 for sexual servitude and assault and battery on a household or family member, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office reported while noting that a South Boston Municipal Court judge yesterday ruled that Jimall "Progress Lu" Dawn Brown, 33, was a potential danger to society and ordered him held without bail.

The DA's office says Brown took the victim to a hotel and posted ads on websites trafficking her for commercial sex. Over a period of several months, Brown received thousands of dollars a day in profits from the underage victim having for sex with men. He allegedly beat the victim on several occasions, according to prosecutors.

Teen accused of attacking Henderson principal is upgraded to adult status

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The Mattapan teen accused of punching and knocking out Henderson School Principal Patricia Lampron in November 2021 was arraigned on upgraded charges and identified publicly in Dorchester District Court last Wednesday.

Laurette LeRouge, now 17, appeared in court with her mother and siblings, with some of Lampron's family also present, to face upgraded charges of being a "youthful offender." That status allows for her, if convicted on the felony charges, to be sentenced as an adult and to be identified publicly for the first time since the attack.

LeRouge was first arraigned last November in the Juvenile Division of the court on assault and battery charges, which prevented her from being identified and facing adult penalties. District Attorney



Former Henderson School Principal Patricia Lampron was represented in court last Wednesday by members of her family.

Kevin Hayden said his office does not usually push such charges on a juvenile offender, but this case was different.

"Our priority is to keep young people out of the court system through diversion programs and other alternatives to prosecution," he said. "But the severity of this attack justifies an approach that will provide

a judge more sentencing options than are available under traditional juvenile procedures."

On Monday, the grassroots Boston Safety of Our Schools (SOS) group – which has been very outspoken since the attack on Lampron – released a three-pronged plan for school safety as students prepare to return to the classroom next month. It noted an increase in assaults on students and staff last year and the fact that 12 guns were confiscated in schools.

"There must be a new comprehensive strategy that provides for the safe learning environment our students deserve," the group said in a statement. "We believe that Boston should provide a world-class education for every student. In order to accomplish this goal, we must provide safe schools because this is the foundation of a great education. We believe that a three-pronged

approach is necessary for safe schools which includes metal detectors, school police, and a comprehensive early intervention strategy."

The call for a return of the School Police follows the dismantling of the old Boston School Police force, which was replaced in July 2021 with the Office of School Safety – a program that removed enforcement and arrest powers from the agency's mission. Many have called for the return of the officers, while others have argued that traditional policing has no place in a school setting.

They need "to develop a clear, updated MOU between BPS, BPD, and MBTA police in order to have clear lines of communication that address the intersection of serious school and community safety issues," reads the BostonSOS plan.

The full text can be found at bostonsos.com.

BPDA board okays condo plan on Rent-All site in Lower Mills

The board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) earlier this month approved a five-story, \$15.2 million condominium project at 1169-1171 Adams St. in Lower Mills. Construction is expected to start early next year.

The fifth floor will be smaller than the rest of the building and set farther back from the street. There will be 29 residential units – 17 one-bedrooms and 12 two-bedrooms – along with 29 parking spaces in a below-grade garage and 29 bicycle spaces inside the building.

Five units in the building will be designated as Inclusionary Development for applicants making up to 80 percent or 100 percent of the area median income.

The development is projected to create 60 construction jobs, ac-



The current state of the Rent-All site and plans for 29 residential units. Images via Boston Planning and Development Agency



According to a memo from BPDA staffers to the board, which approved the project on Aug. 11.

The building will be located on the site of the longtime tool and party supply store, Rent-All of Boston, which will be demolished as will a vacant single-story residential building. It is within walking distance of the Mattapan Trolley line, MBTA bus routes, and a supermarket in the busy Lower Mills business district.

As part of the plan, the developer, 6M Adams Street LLC, will make donations to the improvement of Dorchester Park, the new residential treatment facility known as Eileen's House for Women, a bikeshare, and will provide the first group of new residents with a one-month MBTA T pass and a Bronze-level BlueBikes group rate. – MICHAELA BRANT

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The 49th annual Boston Carnival Parade is set for Sat., Aug. 27 starting at 1 p.m. from MLK Boulevard in Roxbury via Warren Street and Blue Hill Avenue ending at Franklin Park. See CACAB.org for more info.
Save the Harbor/Save the Bay hosts a Beats on the Beach Block Party on Sat., Aug. 27 at Malibu Beach in Dorchester from 12 - 5 p.m. Free music and dance performances, local vendors. Seltzer and beach blankets will be provided by Topo Chico, and The Pull Up will be serving food.
Early in-person voting for the state primary election begins in Boston on Sat., Aug. 27. The state primary is set for Tues., Sept. 6, the day after Labor Day. Four early voting locations are in Dorchester and Mattapan, including the Murphy School and the Kroc Center on Dudley Street (Aug. 27-28, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m.), Mildred Avenue Community Center (Tues, Aug. 30, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

and BCYF Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester (Thurs., Sept. 1, Noon to 8 p.m.) Boston City Hall will be open on Monday, Aug. 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday, Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, applications for mail-in voting must be made by 5 p.m., Mon., Aug. 29. The ballot must be received by the Election Department by 8 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 6.
The annual Classic Car Show returns to Dorchester Park on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On display will be antique cars and trucks many visitors will remember from their youth and some that were in use early in the last century. The event will also commemorate the 200th birthday of Frederick Law Olmsted, the renowned

landscape architect whose firm designed Dorchester Park in 1893 as well as Boston's Emerald Necklace and New York's Central Park. For more information about the car show see dotpark.org.
Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale: Sat., Sept. 10 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. (rain date Sunday, 9/11). For more information, please email savinhill@outlook.com
The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's ParkARTS program presents Mayor Wu's Movie Nights in 11 City of Boston parks ends this Thurs., Sept. 1. With "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," Boston Common. All ParkARTS performances are free of charge. All shows begin at dusk.
Live jazz music at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm Stand, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan on Friday, Aug. 26 and Sept. 2 and 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m. More info at urbanfarminginstitute.org.

Grove Hall branch of the BPL hosts an ice cream social on Thurs., Aug. 25 at 4 p.m. in partnership with J.P. Licks. On Friday, Aug. 26, the Grove Hall branch welcomes Oceans of Possibilities for an Animal Adventures event at 2 p.m. The branch library is located at 41 Geneva Ave., Dorchester.
A long stretch of Dorchester Avenue between Freeport Street and Gallivan Boulevard will be closed off to vehicular traffic on Sat., Sept. 24 from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. for the final Open Streets Boston event of the year. For more information, visit openstreetsboston.org.

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Owners detail plans for former ‘New Kids’ Melville Ave. home

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

An architect representing the owners of the storied property at 10 Melville Ave. earlier this summer detailed extensive plans for renovations on the inside and outside of the property to create a two-family home.

On July 26, the renovations were detailed during a Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) meeting. The plans with suggested changes were approved by an 8-0 vote of the BLC on Tuesday, Aug. 23. Additionally, the property could end up becoming a Boston landmark, due to the ownership of the Fields family, which Fields Corner is named after, and perhaps more noteworthy, the later ownership by the Knight family, of New Kids on the Block fame.

The property changed hands from the Salvation Army Jubilee House earlier this year to a private owner who is about to undertake the extensive renovations.



10 Melville Ave., a potential Boston Landmark.

The home was built in 1880 by the leather merchant John Fields of Fields Corner, and designed by George Meacham, the architect behind the Boston Public Garden. The home has a twin in Newton, known as the Haskell House.

The detailed plans for 10 Melville brought relief to a cadre of neighbors in Melville Park who have been paying close attention what’s going on at the property, with some having expressed worries that a developer might try to raze

the home to build a larger structure on the massive lot.

Derek Bloom of Bloom Architects appeared before the BLC on July 26 to for the first discussion of exterior modifications, which are few, and to note that the owner will be turning the home into a two-family building.

The second unit would be on the third floor and consist of an attic apartment accessed through an existing stairway on the left side of the home, which would be wrapped with

wood slats, and a new spiral fire escape staircase on the right side of the property that would connect to a new door added in an existing third-floor window.

“Most of the house is intact,” said Bloom. “There was a water leak when the previous owner vacated and caused bad damage to the rear. There are no ceilings and floors in back because of water damage.”

The Salvation Army’s commercial kitchen will be removed, and a traditional kitchen would be added with new glass-style doors leading to the back. Though not part of the current application, Bloom shared that the owners do intend to rebuild the carriage house behind the home—which has partially collapsed.

“They have added some bracing inside, which are temporary measures to keep it from fully collapsing,” he said. “There are plans being developed to create a new foundation. That will be subject to separate permits and separate

historical review when the time comes.”

For the most part, members of the BLC had no qualms with the outside modifications. However, they did raise concerns about a new third-floor door and spiral fire escape. Bloom agreed to have the owner choose a door that had more glass and mimicked a window and move the spiral stairs further back from the street. Those changes were included in new drawings presented at Tuesday’s meeting.

BLC member Bradford Walker talked about the color scheme and the borrowing of too many elements from other places for the new additions. “To me, that is just trying too hard,” he said. “It looks like some kid that got into his mother’s closet and is trying on too many clothes.”

Bloom noted at this week’s meeting they had made modifications to the new stair addition, making a simpler element on the outdoor stairway.

Trooper acquitted for role in Neponset fight sues for back pay

A state trooper acquitted last year on assault-and-battery charges for a 2018 fight outside Dorchester’s Dorset Hall that left a woman with a broken leg is suing State Police for back pay and lost benefits for the 26 months he was on unpaid suspension after the incident.

Matthew Hickey of Dorchester was initially charged by Boston Police with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon causing serious injury in a fracas outside Dorset Hall on Neponset Avenue on Dec. 1, 2018, while he was off duty - for the broken bone police say

he gave a woman in a fight involving him, his girlfriend, and another woman.

On March 8, 2021, however, a Suffolk Superior Court judge found him not guilty following a trial. Hickey said he was acting in self-defense, that the other two women attacked him

and his girlfriend.

In his suit, filed on Aug. 10 in Suffolk Superior Court, Hickey cites state laws that he says entitles him to the roughly \$180,000 in lost wages and benefits from that period because he was found not guilty of the charges that led to his suspension.

Hickey says he was suspended as a trooper not long after he was first formally charged in Dorchester court, initially with pay, but then without pay or health insurance for a total of 26 months. Following his acquittal, the lawsuit continues, State Police let him resume work but

only on “restricted duty” for six months. He was finally returned to full duty last December, his complaint says.

Hickey’s lawyer filed for payment of his lost wages and benefits on May 2, but he was denied.

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Palfrey ups criticism of Campbell's super PAC backing in AG race

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

Quentin Palfrey is again taking aim at Andrea Campbell, a fellow Democratic candidate for attorney general, saying a super PAC's support of her candidacy is raising the prospect of "significant" conflicts of interest.

Palfrey, a former Obama administration official, and Campbell, who represented Dorchester and Mattapan on the City Council before running for mayor last year, are facing off in the Democratic primary with labor lawyer Shannon Liss-Riordan. The winner will face Cape Cod Republican Jay McMahon in November.

"My concern relates to any outside spending that implicates the responsibilities of the attorney general," Palfrey said, referring to the super PAC and its donors.

The group, which has ties to the advocacy group Environmental League of Massachusetts and operates without spending or fundraising limits while unable to coordinate with the candidates it supports, backed Michelle Wu in the mayoral race. Now it has turned its attention to statewide and local races, supporting Campbell as well as Attorney General Maura Healey for governor and Chris Dempsey for auditor.

But Palfrey is now noting that the super PAC has drawn in the "big corporate donors" who backed Campbell, through a separate super PAC, "Better Boston," in 2021. Better Boston has stayed inactive during the attorney general race.

"The corporate super PAC support for Campbell will make it impossible for her to be the people's lawyer,"



Andrea Campbell
Seth Daniel photo

Palfrey said. The Campbell campaign declined to comment on Palfrey's comments.

The super PAC is spending its money on digital advertising on Facebook and YouTube, as well as on mailers. Most of the money is coming from the Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund, a separate but related entity.

Andrew Balson, who works in private equity at Cove Hill Partners, and Amos Hostetter, who helped cofound C-SPAN, are among the major individual donors.

Elizabeth Henry, treasurer of the group, said in a statement that her group's priorities are climate change, clean energy, and environmental justice. "Our engagement with voters in this election is solely focused on electing bold, transformational candidates who will make Massachusetts a national leader on these vital issues, and those who have chosen to contribute to this work share that mission and those values."



Quentin Palfrey
State House News Service photo

Hospitality workers' union endorses Miranda for Senate

UNITE HERE Local 26, the 12,000-person union representing hospitality workers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, is swinging its support to state Rep. Liz Miranda as she runs for the Second Suffolk Senate seat.

"Liz grew up in a Local 26 household," the union's president, Carlos Aramayo, said in a statement. "She has been at our side at the negotiation table, and we know she can deliver for our members in the Massachusetts Senate."

The Second Suffolk district includes Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, the South End, Fenway, and Mission Hill.

The other major candidates in the race are state Rep. Nika Elugardo, former federal housing official Miniard Culpepper, and former state Sen. Dianne Wilkerson. The state Democratic primary, which will likely determine who takes the oath of office in January due to a lack of a Republican contender in November, is set for Tues., Sept. 6.

Local 26, which is based in Medford, has made several endorsements in a number of local races this year, including the Suffolk DA's race (Ricardo Arroyo over Kevin Hayden) and the East Boston-based Senate seat (Lydia Edwards over Anthony D'Ambrosio).

Its members work at various hotels and colleges in the Boston area, as well as at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, and Logan Airport, according to its website.

During last year's mayoral race, the union endorsed Acting Mayor Kim Janey in the preliminary. A super PAC with ties to Local 26 swung into action on her behalf, but it has been quiet this year, aside from funneling \$15,000 to a separate super PAC funded by unions and a top lobbyist backing state Sen. Diana DiZoglio for state auditor.

Another union super PAC, this one with ties to the Quincy-based Massachusetts Teachers Association, is backing Elugardo in the Second Suffolk Senate race. According to filings with state regulators, the group has spent nearly \$17,500 in support of Elugardo.

Separately, Elugardo on Tuesday announced a slate of a dozen endorsers with ties to the city's Mission Hill neighborhood, including City Councillor Kenzie Bok and Ron Bell, a community organizer and voting rights activist.

The organization Communities of Color will host a forum for candidates running for election to four contested seats on Wed., Aug. 31, at Morning Star Baptist Church in Mattapan. The forum will begin at 5:30 p.m. and include candidates for DA, 5th Suffolk and 6th Suffolk state representative and 2nd Suffolk Senate. Several Democratic ward committees in Boston— including Wards 14, 15 and 17 — are co-sponsoring the event. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Worrell counting on community ties in 5th Suffolk campaign

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That sort of interaction has been the formula for the Worrell campaign. The candidate said he doesn't employ, or rely on, consultants or strategists. Instead, he walks the streets, connecting with people he has known through his years in the neighborhood — and those whom his family, including his brother, District 4 City Councillor Brian Worrell, knows.

"We are out hitting the doors every day, 10-hour shifts, since the get-go," said Worrell last Saturday as he campaigned door-to-door on Monadnock Street with brother Brian, and other volunteers. "Tying together names and tying together faces, it always happens at the doorstep... Our family is a big family and when you knock on the door, the Worrell name is known."

Chris, 36, grew up on Hewins Street and makes his home in Grove Hall on Normandy Street with his wife and two young children. Unlike Brian, who was considered a political outsider when he won a Council seat last year, Chris worked for state Sen. Nick Collins as a community liaison and then moved to City Hall for a job with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

He said he has been used to working behind the scenes and getting problems resolved quietly.

But now, he said, he sees a unique opportunity to align with his brother at the city and state levels to improve the neighborhood's quality of life issues and to address the opioid epidemic.

"We have a moment in history to be very intentional," he told one family relaxing under a shade tree in their Virginia Street front yard. "A lot of things come from the city and get lost in the paperwork at the State House. I'm going to pick that up."

The partnership idea between the Worrell brothers is one they tout, but Chris has said not everyone likes the idea. The Ward 15 Democratic Committee is one such community player; it gave its electoral nod to Worrell's opponent, former City Hall and State House aide Danielson Tavares.

Perennial candidate Althea Garrison is also on the Sept. 6 ballot.

"We're not trying to be the Owens or the Bolling families," he said, referring to two prominent Boston political dynasties. "We're just trying to be the Worrells and bring change to a community we live in and that really

needs it... It's not a power trip, it's two brothers loving their community."

Aside from Brian, Chris said his team of canvassing volunteers often includes state Rep. Jon Santiago, and former City Council candidate Carla Monteiro, who help him connect to neighbors and break into tight-knit streets in the district, which includes parts of Dorchester and Roxbury.

But sometimes it comes down to just a lifetime of knowing people, Worrell said.

On Saturday, as they finished canvassing Virginia Street, having left literature on the doorstep of former mayoral candidate John Barros, who is supporting Tavares, a long-time friend and former business partner drove by. He stopped to let them know his family lived on the street and they were with Chris.

"My uncles live up here," said the friend. "Go up and tell him you know me. He'll want to hear you out." So, the Worrell campaign made its way back for another face-to-face connection.

"Some people want to sit behind a desk," said Chris. "For me, it's all about being in the community, knowing people and connecting with them and their families."

MOH Income Restricted Rental Opportunity

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# of Units	# of bedrooms	Estimated Square Feet	Rent	Maximum Income Limit	# built out for mobility impairments	# built out for Deaf/hard of hearing
1**	1 BR	664	\$1,578	60% AMI		
1**	1 BR	664	\$2,105	80% AMI		
5	2 BR	875	\$1,577	50% AMI		
1**	2 BR	875	\$1,577	50% AMI		
18	2 BR	875	\$1,893	60% AMI	2	1
3	2 BR	875	\$2,524	80% AMI	1	
1**	2 BR	875	\$2,524	80% AMI		
2	3 BR	1,154	\$1,823	50% AMI	1	
4	3 BR	1,154	\$2,187	60% AMI		
4	3 BR	1,154	\$2,917	80% AMI		

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3 Homeless Set-aside units will be filled through direct referral from HomeStart. For more information please contact us at the email address or phone number below. For direct referrals, please visit <https://www.homestart.org/bostonhhsa>

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# of bedrooms	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI	Household size	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI
1 BR	N/A	N/A	\$54,102	\$72,137	1	\$29,460	\$49,100	\$58,920	\$78,550
2 BR	N/A	\$54,085	\$64,902	\$86,537	2	\$33,660	\$56,100	\$67,320	\$89,750
3 BR	N/A	\$62,506	\$75,008	\$100,011	3	\$37,850	\$63,100	\$75,720	\$100,950
					4	\$42,050	\$70,100	\$84,120	\$112,150
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For Tavares, it's doors, doors and more doors in 5th Suffolk

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To a reporter tagging along, Tavares said he makes sure to visit any house with a sign for his opponent, Chris Worrell, to try to flip their votes. "Same routine every day: Doors, doors, and more doors," he said.

Shifts typically start at 11 a.m. since work patterns during the pandemic have allowed for more contact with voters later in the morning, though they still try in the evening, too.

Tavares, who is Cape Verdean, is hoping to turn out the local population in what's a heavily Cape Verdean district. Born in Praia, he has lived in Boston for 28 years, raised in Dorches-

ter with five siblings. The district's current House lawmaker, Liz Miranda, is also Cape Verdean.

"They're willing to show up for us," Tavares said.

For her part, Miranda will be on the ballot in the Second Suffolk Senate race, as she faces off against fellow state Rep. Nika Elugardo, former state Sen. Dianne Wilkerson, and senior pastor Miniard Culpepper.

As election day draws closer, the busy ballot has caused some confusion, as some people don't realize that Tavares and Worrell are in the same House race. Perennial candidate Althea Garrison is also on the 5th

Suffolk ballot.

Voters in the district, which includes parts of Dorchester and Roxbury, typically tend to come down in the middle of the road, according to Tavares. "The left is the loudest, [but that] doesn't mean they're in the majority," he told the Reporter.

For example, he said, the police should not be abolished or defunded, though reforms are needed, and more transparency should be shown with officer disciplinary records. He also pointed to a cadet program that

he oversaw while working in City Hall as part of an effort to diversify a white police force.

"I would love to see more kids who grew up in the neighborhood become law enforcement agents," Tavares said, noting that the department is understaffed.

The day on the trail also included stops at a Grove Hall fair for people recently released from prison and their families, with cornhole, popcorn, and cotton candy, as well as a swing through Cushing Manor, a senior living community

around the corner from the Strand Theatre.

Cushing's residents were interested in what Tavares had to say. Their main issue: the lack of air conditioning in the bedrooms of the old building. Another issue? Low Social Security payments as they try to make ends meet every month.

Tavares brought up the Fair Share Amendment, which will be on the November ballot. If approved throughout the process, it would institute a 4 percent surtax on household income above \$1 million per year,

meaning a household's first \$1 million would be taxed at 5 percent, as is the case now, but anything over that would be taxed at 9 percent.

State lawmakers can fight to direct some of that added tax revenue toward seniors, he said.

"The chess board is resetting; we have a whole lot of new leaders coming in," Tavares said, and he hopes to be one of them.

Reporter managing editor Gintautas Dumcius and the State House News Service contributed to this article.

Early voting starts this Saturday, and ends next Friday

Early voting in the state primaries starts this coming Saturday (Aug. 27) and runs through next Friday (Sept 2) at various sites across the city (see a full listing on Page 6).

The state Democratic and Republican primaries are set for Tues., Sept. 6., with

the ballot featuring party races for governor, lieutenant governor, and auditor. Locally, Democratic primaries are being held in the Fifth Suffolk House and Second Suffolk Senate, which are expected to be

determinative, with no Republican challenger lined up for the November election.

Voters can also cast their ballot via mail by applying for vote-by-mail ballots through a mailing sent to their homes. Applications for mail-in voting must be made by 5 p.m. next Monday (Aug. 29). The ballot itself must be received by the Election Department by 8 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 6, to count.

Early voting will return for the Nov. 8 election.


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I was hoping that the reprobates would not interfere with the 5th Suffolk District election. However, these reprobates, who don't live in the 5th Suffolk, have chosen to invoke themselves and, as a candidate, I have no other choice than to respond to their actions. My opponents – C. Worrell and Mr. Tavares – don't have any experience at being an elected official. I have lived in the 5th Suffolk for more than 50 years and, as an activist, I know who has done the work in the district. My two opponents sure have not done the work, such as regarding black-on-black crime. Experience does count, and I have been elected twice.

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- James F Condon Elementary School**
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- Jackson Mann School**
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50 Bunker Hill Street,
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2730 Washington Street,
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- District Hall**
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Dianne Wilkerson Announces Transformational 'Contemporations' Plan for Black/Latino Boston

On August 8, 2022, former State Senator, Dianne Wilkerson announced a bold and transformational plan to address the decades of neglect and economic violence perpetrated by the federal, state and city government and private partners upon the Black residents of Boston. In these unprecedented times, with the Commonwealth of MA flush with cash, private sector, and federal and city government all professing commitments to racial reckoning and social justice, now is the moment to move towards redress.

CONTEMPORATIONS is defined as the systemic approach involving public and private policies and actions, to address, arrest and reverse the economic and social marginalization of Black individuals and communities in Boston.

Homeownership - The Royal Bolling Jr. Fund

- Provides \$2B for Black families to purchase homes in Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan with a special focus on those seeking to re-claim their families' homes or those with homestead history in those same communities.

Black/Latino Businesses - Bruce Bolling Sr./Chuck Turner/Wilson Pickett Fund

- Provides \$1B to provide direct financial support to existing/new Black/Latino-owned businesses.

Health Equity - Dr. Ken Edelin Fund

- Provides \$4B (over an 8-year period) to address the massive health disparities that existed and substantially worsened during the pandemic for Boston's Black/Latino residents. The fund would tackle the social determinants of health which exacerbated the mental and physical health of residents and even resulted in a major decrease in life expectancy in Roxbury for Black men.

Eradicate the Gap - The McGuire/O'Bryant/Batson Project

- Will provide \$40M for the 2 two-year cycles of a total immersion program full summer and school year program for Black/Latino students run by the community, operated out of houses of worship and public-school buildings, to reduce achievement gaps, exacerbated by the pandemic. The program will run after school during the public school year and full-time during the summer. The program will be developed in-community, run by the community, educational professionals, and community stakeholders to produce a program in reading, writing, and math and supplemented with civics, financial literacy, arts, and history all in a culturally affirming environment. Teachers, current and retired, will be paid in a manner consistent with the enormity of the task.

The Virgil Wood Fund

- \$2.5B provided to provide \$15K cash grants to each Black resident of Boston as of March 4, 2020 (commencement of Declaration of Emergency) to seed the beginning of a new wealth creation ecosystem to begin to rebuild what was destroyed in the 60's/70's. That number is an estimated 160,000 Black residents. Proof of residency will be required.

The Legacy Fund

- To provide \$1B for the perpetuation of a community fund to underwrite a series of activities deemed important to the Black community, veteran's services (Timilty House), Green Corps, Re-Entry for Returning Citizens, new job readiness training. To be funded in part by a \$1K donation from every Black resident paid from the Virgil Wood Fund. Fund will hold Virgil Wood payments due to minors in an interest-bearing account until they reach the age of minority.

Fmr. Sen. Wilkerson is serious about lifting up Boston's Black/Latino Community, but to do so, she needs your help. Please vote for Dianne Wilkerson on September 6th.

For more information, contact Info@wilkersonforsenate.com or 857-395-8641

Woman suing BPD over her firing awaits call on the case Question before the court: Did a confrontation take place, or not?

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A Mattapan native who is suing the city of Boston for lost wages and damages after she was fired from her job as a Boston police officer in 2014 is awaiting a final decision from a state judge sometime soon.

Brenda James, 59, says she was unfairly punished and eventually terminated by a department she characterizes as a “good ol’ boys network” that persists, despite the elevation of leaders of color to command posts, including commissioner.

“I would advise any young person to take a hard look at the culture and make sure they are protected,” she told the Reporter in an interview this month. “I never felt in danger on the street as a police officer, but my life was put in danger that night inside the police station.”

That night in question was June 8, 2012, when James was called into Capt. Paul Russell’s office in the E-13 (Jamaica Plain) police district stationhouse. According to James, her commander wanted to discuss an extended absence that had occurred months before. James said she was hesitant to go in without a union representative present, but did so anyway. Russell then issued her a five-day suspension, a penalty that was later rescinded by the state’s Civil Service Commission.

What happened next is what is in dispute. James, as backed up by the testimony of other officers, says that Russell forcibly removed her gun from its holster in an awkward and dangerous confrontation. Now retired, Russell and the city say that confrontation never happened, and that James was not being truthful.

Seven days after the meeting, James filed an official complaint, launching a legal battle that continues today. Two years later, in 2014 she was fired by then-Commissioner William Evans, partly for the incident with Capt. Russell, she said, asserting that “It illustrates that if you’re not



Former BPD Officer Brenda James with a community award that she received for her work with children and families while she was an officer from 1994-2012. Seth Daniel photo

a member of the good ol’ boys, you won’t get protection.”

Adds her attorney, Max Stern: “And God forbid you challenge that. She put in a complaint against Capt. Paul Russell. His father was a police superintendent. That’s who she was challenging.”

Spokespersons for the BPD and the city said they could not comment on the case, as it is ongoing litigation.

Mayor Wu’s office said her administration is working to diversify the police force and believes that with more opportunities, such a job will be a great career for anyone, including young people of color from neighborhoods like Mattapan and Dorchester.

“Through initiatives like the cadet program, the city is striving to create more pathways into the Boston Police Department,” read a statement. “Mayor Wu is committed to ensuring the city workforce reflects Boston’s neighborhoods and the residents we serve, including our public safety agencies. Our administration is working to break down barriers to expand opportunities for women and people of color to join every department in city government.”

This month, Wu swore in a new police commissioner, a longtime BPD veteran Michael Cox who was the subject of one of the department’s most infamous internal affairs cases. He was badly beaten by fellow officers in a case of mistaken identity during a police

pursuit in Mattapan in 1994. The case resulted in the prosecution of several officers who were convicted of lying about what happened to Cox that night.

Cox has been framed by some as a reform agent for the Boston Police Department, but James insists that her unresolved case is evidence that young people of color should think twice before joining the department’s ranks.

“They talk a lot about opportunity and access,”

said James. “I was deprived of my career. I don’t think I would honestly advise any young person to become a part of that culture and world without having some kind of protection. You would have to go in expecting to be treated unfairly and subjected to disparate treatment.”

Her case was the subject of a hearing in July before the state’s Division of Administrative Law Appeals. A judge could render a decision any day.

James regards her legal fight as a combination of making sure nothing like this is repeated and preserving her good name that existed before the 2012 incident.

She joined the department in 1994 and says her 20 years were filled with commendations for her work as a patrol officer and as a liaison to children and families.

If successful, she said, she is not sure that she would seek to renew her policing career. No outcome in her case,

she said, will change the culture she said she ran up against, and which she believes would still confront other diverse candidates.

“For diversity to work, we need to ensure people can finish their career and not just to fulfill some hiring numbers,” she said. “I was a person that got recruited to preserve that appearance of diversity and look what happened to me...It’s just a roll of the dice if you’re not a member of the good ol’ boys.”

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Guild Works to use parcels from city to pursue its Urban Wild dreams for greenscape, housing at Four Corners

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

It's almost as if the oak trees next door to the Guild Works on Washington Street in the Four Corners neighborhood were calling out to the organization and community around them for help.

Last week help came in the form of an announcement that the city had conveyed four parcels (32,000 square feet total) of severely sloped woodlands leading up to Mt. Bowdoin to the Guild Works, the first step in what the organization envisions as a fully redefined Urban Wild concept with the potential for evolving further into one of the more innovative green housing plans likely ever presented to the city.

"We're very, very excited about this designation," said Guild founder and CEO Jhana Senxian. "One of the key features is a canopy walk through the trees. With that and everything else, as far as we know there's nothing like this in the state...All of it is also co-designed by the neighbors and the residents."

She added, "This is a huge milestone for us right now...It's really our chance to start this



Standing in what will soon be a better-defined urban forest in the Mt. Bowdoin neighborhood are, l-r, CJ Jean-Louis, William Ruiz, Gustavo Adolfo Herman, Jhana Senxian, Davika Parris, Michael Massey, Victor Fantauzzi, and Christian Massey, of the Guild on Washington Street. *Seth Daniel photo*

project and it's a real vote of confidence and show of trust by the city...to convey this land to us and say to us, 'Here's your shot to really do this.'"

What they intend to do is create an outside-the-box Urban Wild with performance space, the tree canopy walk, art immersion, retaining walls, and a reworked streetscape on Washington Street – all on a piece of land that has never been developed and sits at a 45-degree angle going up to the Mt. Bowdoin neighborhood.

The possibilities are limitless, said Senxian, but the overall idea will be in line with the mission of the Guild – which is about healing and wellness in the community.

Part of the healing in this instance is taking a site that has for a generation or more has been a bit scary, a home for illegal dumping and a repository for broken glass and litter.

A previous plan for the space from as long as 14 years ago called for garden plots and some trails, but Senxian said

her observation of traditional Urban Wilds is they are not accessible to the whole community, so in 2015 they began "visioning something more dynamic."

Senxian recalled walking past the forest as a child going from Grove Hall to Four Corners, noting that no one wanted to be around it. "When you got to the forest you would cross the street," she said. "It was creepy and daunting, and the slope fell onto the sidewalk. It was a site where you stayed away and

looked away from it. It wasn't inviting and it was hulking over you."

That changed in 2015 when the Guild set up shop next door and began to care for the space informally. The designation conveyance? last week by the Public Facilities Commission unlocks a more formal arrangement – as well as \$850,000 to get started on Phase 1, which Senxian said is a 90-day project for which surveying should begin "any moment," with completion by next spring. Work will include stabilizing the hill, building retaining walls with imprinted art from Guild board member and acclaimed artist Moyo Okediji, defining the streetscape on Washington Street, and creating a landing area entrance on Washington Street.

Added to that will be the removal of invasive species from the forest and the preservation of the existing oak forest.

More fundraising is needed for later phases, but beyond that, the Guild has a much larger vision: creating housing on top of its existing one-story programmatic space – a project that would be enveloped and function in unison with

the forest. They are eyeing 70 units on top of the Guild space.

"The idea is to create an inter-generational community for those that deal with a lot of isolation – seniors, families with chronic health-care issues, young people aging out of the foster care system – and just really re-defining what supportive housing is," said Senxian. "A lot of supportive housing is for single individuals and very little is for families."

The Guild hopes soon to begin working on the pre-development stage for the housing piece of the plan and then seek funding next fall. For now, they are listening to the call of the trees and going out on a limb with Phase 1.

"We believe this can be a model for green infrastructure development," she said. "Every single thing we have done we've never done before. We like being on the edge of things. It's been wild and woolly at times, but very beautiful."

The Guild is located at 260 Washington St. in Four Corners, and has been there since 2015, but traces its community work in Dorchester back to 2012.

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The All Dorchester Sports and Leadership's girls softball team won the RBI city championship on Aug. 6 at Garvey Park in Dorchester. The Dorchester team competed against other neighborhoods as part of the RBI league sponsored by the Red Sox Foundation. The championship squad includes older, teen players who are part of the ADSL program. For more information, see alldorchestersports.org. Photo courtesy Kevin George

Dot day at Malibu

Over 250 kids from the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester and BCYF Leahy Holloran Community Center attended BeachFest at Malibu Beach in Dorchester on Aug. 10. The event, made possible through a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), offered free activities, music, sports, food and more on the beach. Kids lined up to get caricatures drawn by local artists and face painting from South Shore Pottery Shop while the Circus Guild, shown here, astounded kids with acrobatics.

"Dorchester has some of the region's secret gems when it comes to public beaches at Malibu and Savin Hill, and it's great to see so many new young people experiencing these spectacular urban natural resources right here in Boston," said Chris Mancini, executive director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "Thanks to Mike Joyce and everyone at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester for putting on this amazing event year after year and helping create a new generation of environmental stewards who understand these beaches belong to them."

(Photo courtesy SH/SB)



Museum of Bad Art to open gallery in Dot Brewing space



One of the art pieces that will be featured in the Museum of Bad Art gallery inside Dorchester Brewing Company is this oil painting, "Spewing Rubik's Cubes" by K. Kock.

Planet Fitness awards scholarships to Mattapan, Dorchester teens



Erica DePina of Dorchester



Bryan Bailey of Mattapan

Planet Fitness announced it has awarded \$5,000 scholarships to Bryan Bailey from Mattapan, and Erica DePina from Dorchester. This award was granted for their inspiring efforts to create a kinder world for today's youth as part of the company's Judgment Free Generation philanthropic initiative, which aims to prevent bullying and promote kindness in their communities. This fall, Bailey is set to attend University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and DePina is set to attend Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

In partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Planet Fitness has awarded \$250,000 in scholarships this year. Bailey's winning submission outlined how he experienced a new-found passion while being in a leadership program at Yawkey Club of Roxbury: "I learned the importance of caring for others in your community. Being a community member who respects and loves everyone even if you do not personally know them is critical." Bailey is also the first generation in his family to go to college.

DePina's winning sub-

mission outlined how a Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester staff member in the early education department saw how she could calm a frustrated child and make them feel safe and heard, pulling her aside to say, "this is what you're supposed to

do." DePina now plans to study cognition science with a minor in psychology; she says her experiences with the Boys & Girls Clubs early education program inspired her to learn more about autism and psychology to help others.

The Museum of Bad Art, which bills itself as "the world's first and foremost museum dedicated to the collection, preservation, exhibition, and celebration of bad art," will open a temporary gallery inside the Dorchester Brewing Company next month. The museum — formerly based in Somerville — has collected and exhib-

ited items found in yard sales, in thrift stores, and in sidewalk trash since 1993. The new gallery will show about 40 pictures from MOBA's collection of more than 800 pieces.

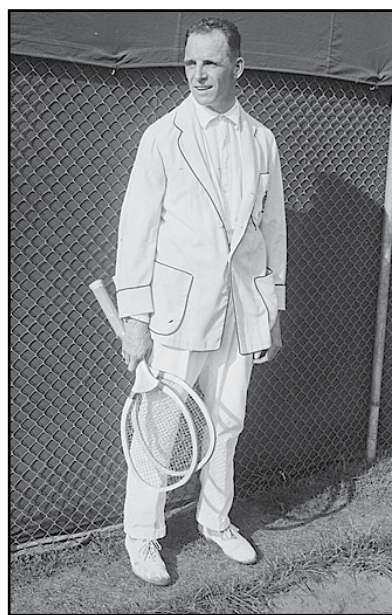
Organizers are planning an opening reception for Tues., Sept. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at DBCo, 1250 Massachusetts Ave., Dorchester.

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Beals Coleman Wright (1879-1961)

Beals Coleman Wright was an American tennis player who was active at the end of the 1890s and early 1900s, winning the singles title at the 1905 US National Championships against defending champion Holcombe Ward, and two gold medals (singles and doubles competitions) in the 2004 Olympics.

He was born in Boston in 1879, the son of George Wright, a legendary pioneering figure in the sports world of his time, especially in baseball and golf, and also for his nationally known sporting goods store, Wright & Ditson. He also was the brother of Irving Wright, a nationally ranked tennis player, with whom he won the Canadian tennis



championship four years running (1901-1905).

In 1887, George Wright moved his family to Savin Hill, at 24 Grampian Way. Beals was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1956. He died in Alton, Illinois, on Aug. 23, 1961.

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

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The Society's historic houses are closed at this time due to the pandemic. For now, our in-person programming has been suspended, and we are using Zoom instead. Watch for announcements.

Editorial

City Hall gives Strand a boost

The Strand Theatre – the only performing arts venue owned and operated by the city of Boston – is getting a helping hand from the Wu administration this season in the form of \$200,000 in grants aimed at spurring more programming at the Uphams Corner venue. It's a positive signal that the mayor and her team are putting some thought and resources behind the venerable stage that has been in service since 1919.



The \$200k pot is being split among a dozen individuals and organizations in the performing arts space in Boston, including the Company One Theatre, which booked the Strand last month for a four-week run of Boston native Francisca Da Silveira's play, "can i touch it?"

"This grant gave us the opportunity to reinforce our mission – amidst a pandemic – by returning to the Strand with a story focused on its own community, told by a writer who calls both Roxbury and Dorchester home," said Summer L. Williams, the play's director.

Other recipients of Strand grants include the Tony Williams Dance Center, a familiar name to Dorchester audiences. Williams is planning a "multimedia piece that tells the story of African slavery in America and includes dancers and spoken word." Another neighborhood-based troupe – 4 Star Dance Studio – will use its grant from the Wu team to stage a 20th anniversary event. And the Roxbury Center for the Performing Arts will pump its grant dollars into "Nubian Nativity," an all-Black show planned for this November at the Columbia Road theatre.

"The Strand Theatre has been an iconic landmark in the Dorchester neighborhood for more than a century," Wu said this week, "and it's great to see such a diverse group of presenters sharing their work at the theater over the next year."

"This grant program provides us with a unique opportunity to support those presenters, while also making these productions more accessible to the surrounding community."

The city is planning another round of grants – from \$5,000 up to \$80,000 – aimed at bolstering the Strand's calendar for next year. Any grantee that gets \$25,000 or more will be required to offer at least some free tickets to the community – or a "pay-what-you-can" model for admission. The next round will be open to groups focused on dance, music, theater, film, and video. Applications will open in the fall and be posted on boston.gov/strand.

All of which is a novel approach to helping artists and the Strand venue get renewed traction as we continue to navigate the Covid pandemic. So, too, is an effort by city and state leaders to get the theatre a liquor license to support special events and offer refreshment sales during shows. This makes a lot of sense and we hope the Legislature moves expeditiously to approve the measure.

As we have declared more than once from this space, the Strand desperately needs an activist and thoughtful mayor in its corner to succeed under city stewardship. These latest actions indicate that Mayor Wu and her team have a keen understanding of that dynamic and are taking action to back that up.

-Bill Forry

Commentary

Teens help identify needs and wants in Codman Square business district



BOLD Teens Zaquarah Cadwell, Devon Johnson and Justin-Jabari Gichuru meeting with Councilor Brian Worrell on Aug. 3 at the Codman Square Library to discuss their assessment and survey. Photo provided by Cynthia Loesch-Johnson.

By RICHARD SCOTT AND KRISTINA PRUITT
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

This summer, the BOLD Teens of Dorchester have been researching what businesses exist in Codman Square and what residents in the community would like to see more of.

According to the Boston Public Health Commission, families in this predominantly Black neighborhood suffer from asthma, hypertension, obesity, diabetes, and heart and lung disease at a higher rate than the rest of the city of Boston. The BOLD Teens believe that the disproportionate distribution of tobacco permits and licenses to serve junk and fast food in Codman Square contributes to these health inequities.

Working closely with the Codman Square Neighborhood Council and their president Cynthia Loesch-Johnson – an advisor to the BOLD Teens – the group has helped to prevent an additional fast food chain, Popeyes, from opening in between two existing fast-food chains on Washington Street. Loesch-Johnson is now working with the landlord of that site to hopefully bring in some diversity to the commercial district and better alternatives.

The BOLD Teens are looking to better understand what residents of Codman Square desire in their community and to learn what money is being spent on outside of the neighborhood. They have developed a survey and have been collecting responses this summer from families, youth, adults, seniors, et al., at community meetings such as the Codman Square Neighborhood Council and West of Washington meetings; Social Saturdays at the Codman Square Farmers Market held at the Codman Square Park; Friday Night Movie Nights held at Dr. Loesch Family Park; and at the BOLD Teens free Summer

Meals distribution which takes place at the Codman Square Library on Tuesdays – Thursdays.

Justin-Jabari Gichuru – a BOLD Teen member – was among those who assessed the commercial spaces along Washington Street, Talbot Avenue, and Norfolk Street in Codman Square. Many residents, he said, are frustrated to hear that there are 31 beauty, hair, nail or barber shops in the community or 19 convenience stores, and that families struggle to find a place to have a sit-down meal with their families.

Of the 207 people who have responded to the survey so far, 70.5 percent say they want sit-down restaurants, 55.6 percent want coffee shops, 50.2 percent want cafes with more diverse food options, 55.6 percent want a bookstore, and 49.8 percent want an indoor kids play area.

The BOLD Teens are huge fans of Fresh Food Generation, which recently opened in Codman Square on Talbot Avenue. They recently enjoyed an event on its outdoor patio and appreciated its delicious, healthier food options.

The BOLD Teens have met with several landlords of commercial spaces and their brokers over the summer to learn more about the challenges of bringing in new businesses to Codman Square.

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council intends to support the efforts of the BOLD Teens by coordinating a meeting with the landlords to share more about the advancements in the neighborhood such as the Codman Square Park capital plan, new developments, and the city resources available to commercial districts like the Square.

Richard Scott is the coordinator of BOLD Teens. Kristina Pruitt is a teen member of the organization.

It's show-and-tell by remote as panel takes up Nubian Square license bids

By SAM DORAN
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

As the Legislature considers keeping committee hearings accessible on a hybrid model, two public officials showed what's possible on Monday for speakers who call into hearings from outside the State House.

The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee, which handles scores of liquor licensing bills each term, opened up a remote hearing that day on a single petition to grant four new liquor licenses for use in the Bolling Building in Nubian Square and one license for the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner.

When bill sponsor Rep. Chynah Tyler was called up to testify, she was with Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune inside Soleil, one of the restaurant spaces at the Bolling Building that is looking to score an all-alcohol license out of the legislation.

After the pair finished their initial testimony, committee Co-Chair Rep. Tackey Chan suggested "we could take a stroll. In the day of video, you could actually take us around the building if you like. Just pick up and walk," he said.

Tyler and Louijeune acted as tour guides while Tyler's laptop camera panned around Soleil and the

pair moved toward the entryway.

Their WiFi connection was interrupted as they moved outside, so Chan called on state Sen. Lydia Edwards, who testified in support of the bill (H 5139) while buckled into the front seat of a car. Then it was back to Tyler and Louijeune, now broadcasting from Louijeune's cellphone outside the entrance to Jazz Urbane Cafe, a restaurant and performing arts venue slated to open in early 2023 that is also seeking one of the proposed new liquor licenses.

"Wow, very rarely do we get a testifier who's actually in the building that wants the licenses," Chan said during the hearing. "So we figure, take advantage of the unique opportunity in the world we live in today."

Louijeune testified that liquor licenses can be "economic drivers for our neighborhoods" and that authorizing new targeted licenses for majority-minority areas like Nubian Square is "one piece of the puzzle" to solve "structural disinvestment."

"There are 1,448 liquor-related licenses in the city of Boston," she noted. "These include hotels, bars, stores, clubs, restaurants, breweries, etc., but as a city with a majority of people of color, only 2 percent of those licenses are owned by Black folks," Louijeune said.

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When world-weary families join the neighborhood, please say 'hello'

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

One of the more interesting things to happen in the neighborhoods west of Washington Street this summer has been the arrival of Afghan families one year after they were uprooted from their homes some 6,550 miles away.

West Side Stories

They have come as families and been dispersed in pockets around Dorchester. They are known officially as refugees, but I'd rather call them our new neighbors.

Afghanistan and its capital, Kabul, fell to the Taliban for the second time a year ago this month, and we watched in horror the desperate attempts by Afghan people, who had helped America and who wished only for peace, try to escape at the Kabul airport. Many narrowly escaped, and many were left behind.

So, it came as quite the surprise this summer when some of these same folks began appearing in the neighborhood, so friendly and so full of gratitude to be here. It has been a joy to hear their stories about how they made their way out, about buying time in Qatar, then landing state-side at military bases in the Midwest. Now, they are here in Dorchester looking to start over.

This is extraordinary. Others may shrug their shoulders, but I think it's a noteworthy event in our corner of Boston. A few of these new neighbors were very excited recently to see our family garden, the cucumbers and tomatoes and hot peppers growing right there by the porch. I figure it's a scene probably very familiar to them, something maybe they did at home in Afghanistan during more peaceful times. I enjoyed giving them a few cukes as a token of welcome, and now we count them as friends.

It seems almost ethereal to have prayed intently for these folks just a year ago, and then to have them with us seeking peace west of Washington.

Many Haitian refugees from Texas arrived here earlier this year as well, and many of them still live here. I believe many of them found some peace here just as the Afghan folks are now doing. This is not the kind of thing that happens everywhere, and it offers a great opportunity to practice humanity. I invite all my neighbors to extend the hand of friendship to these folks who have traveled to Dorchester along so many perilous paths.

A homage to the red plastic cover

With Boston Carnival this weekend, Caribbean-American heritage of all kinds is as much in full bloom as the hydrangea plants. There are a ton of little and big differences between the islands, some of them too big to overcome for the insider groups. But one thing I've come to find is there are more things alike than different. In that vein, I honor the red plastic cover thingy (see photo). If you've been in a Caribbean home, or live in a Caribbean home, then you know of the red plastic cover thingy. One note – it can be turquoise or yellow, but it's usually red and a massive two feet in diameter. The cover has been brought from all sorts of warmer climate countries, but mostly it is a critical piece of the Caribbean kitchen. The covers are used to put food under, whether cooked food or ingredients – the idea being that the plastic dome-like cover will keep out flies, bugs, creepy-crawlies, varmints, critters, or anything else that might threaten the foodstuff.

I am an enemy of the red plastic cover thingy. I



The infamous red plastic cover thingy – a staple of most every Caribbean kitchen.

don't like it. I think it's sort of a man-fortress thing; no man likes to think his house has any kind of infiltration. I've tried to get rid of the red thing from our kitchen more than a few times, yet it always comes back sooner or later.

"We don't need it," I say. "But we could, and sometimes we do," say those in charge of the kitchen. My lines-in-the-sand are always met with a counter-offensive in defense of the red plastic cover thingy, and that defense includes "the sucking of the teeth in disgust," maybe spiced with staccato, "Hmms" afterward. That's called a Caribbean cruise missile. If you know the red plastic cover thingy, then you know the power of "the sucking of the teeth in disgust." If you don't know it, you've been spared.

Summer tradition on Hewins Street

The block party is perhaps the wheel that turns the summer in the neighborhoods west of Wash-



The Hewins Street Block Party has celebrated summer with an old-fashioned block party for 50-plus years. Here, a young man from the street enjoyed diving in the dunk tank. Now that's one way to beat the heat.
Seth Daniel photos

ington and no one does it better than those who live on Hewins Street who run the oldest and longest-running block party in Boston, which is saying something because there are more than a few block parties on the books.

Hewins Street did it up again this month, with the sounds of a parties and the smells of BBQ meats and burgers lingering up and down the street. Bouncy houses, a dunk tank, some notable political drop-ins, and a good old-fashioned game of musical chairs – that was the program, along with great neighbors having a good time before the pleasant days give way to cold afternoons and Bostonian hibernation. Congrats to Hewins Street on 50-plus years of summer fun.

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Comfort Inn eyed as housing for the formerly homeless

(Continued from page 1)

gland development for The Community Builders, said the look of the hotel wouldn't change much. They plan to improve the landscaping, make some renovations inside, and add a kitchenette to each room.

He said his company has an agreement to buy the property, but the proposal remains in the "exploratory" phase as it gathers feedback from neighborhood residents while making sure the building, which was built in 1985 and offers 47,000 square feet of living space, is in good condition. He declined to say how much they would pay for the property.

Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders will hold a virtual community meeting, the first in a series, about their proposal next Monday (Aug. 29) from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Comfort Inn property is owned by the Strazzula family and assessed at \$13.2 million, according to city records. The Strazzulas, who opened the nearby Phillips Candy House in 1952, also control Boston Bowl and the 780 Morrissey and 800 Morrissey parcels, which are on track as the sites of hundreds of apartments.

The 780 Morrissey project is underway, having received city approvals in 2021, while 800 Morrissey, which has a Ramada Inn on site, is before the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

The two planned apartment buildings are just a few of the projects transforming the look of the Morrissey Boule-



The Comfort Inn in Neponset sits on the site of one of the earliest Howard Johnson restaurants. *Reporter file photo*

vard corridor. Farther north, "Dorchester Bay City," a \$5 billion project, is making its way through the city's approval process, with plans for office, residential, and lab space.

The former Globe headquarters will soon be home to biotech companies and a fitness apparel company, with another building behind the

old newspaper facility being proposed as a home for more biotech companies.

Gov. Baker recently signed legislation creating a special commission to review the Morrissey corridor as it faces rising sea levels and the surge in development.

The Comfort Inn parcel, which sits across Morrissey

from a Stop & Shop supermarket and the Richard J. Murphy K-8 School, is located between MBTA commuter rail tracks and the boulevard.

Pine Street Inn's current timeline calls for buying the property sometime in early 2023, starting the renovation during the summer months, and having tenants living

there in 2024.

The proposal needs zoning approvals to change its use from hotel to residential, and it will also need the BPDA's sign-off, according to Waxman.

Pine Street Inn today has 34 permanent supportive buildings in the Boston and Brookline area. "Most people think of us as a shelter and don't know we are often a service provider," Downie said. Part of the reason for that is that the permanent housing buildings are quiet, she said.

"Once people are no longer homeless, life changes dramatically for them," Downie added. "We know this is a model that works. We know it helps end homelessness. There's a misperception of what Pine Street Inn does and a worry that there's going to be a lot of loitering. Once people become tenants in this building, they're no longer homeless. They have a place to go."

Waxman said there is likely to be a reduction in traffic in the area, as well, since there will be fewer units than there were hotel rooms, and less need for people to be coming and going. A shuttle bus would take tenants them to JFK/UMass MBTA Station and medical appointments, since many of the residents would be older.

Most of the people in Pine Street buildings don't drive; they also tend to stay in the units for the long term.

"We're not expecting a lot of turnover," Downie said.

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Latest Morrissey housing project – 230 units near Boston Bowl site – stirs talk about density and access

By JENNIFER SMITH
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Developers of a proposal to bring 230 new residential units to an increasingly busy stretch of Morrissey Boulevard in Neponset pitched their updated version of the project to neighbors during a public meeting last week. Reaction was mixed, with comments largely focused on concerns about access to the site, which now houses a Ramada Inn hotel, and the future of the surrounding neighborhood.

The proposal would replace the hotel at 800 Morrissey Blvd. with a five-to six-story building with 230 rental units and 152 parking spaces. According to the presentation, 35 of the units would be affordable. The building would rise next to the already approved 780 Morrissey Boulevard residential project, which is now under construction.

The building's design and site plan between the boulevard and I-93 are meant to accommodate any future development of the neighboring Boston Bowl property, said Jay Russo, vice president of the New Jersey-based Michaels Organization, which is working with property owners The Phillips Group to develop both 780 and 800 Morrissey.

Several attendees of an Aug. 17 virtual meeting, which was hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency,

referred to rumors that the nearby Comfort Inn would also be converted to residential units.

The Reporter published a story online earlier this week noting that the Pine Street Inn is working with a developer to convert the Comfort Inn into permanent housing for formerly homeless people. See the update on Page One.

"These two projects, the Boston Bowl, then there's the Comfort Inn, and it's all sort of one big island," said Impact Advisory Group member Henry Wessman. "This project is at such a scale it's more like an urban redesign project rather than just a residential project. Is there any assurance that Boston Bowl won't just be taken over for another residential project?"

Russo said his company does not own the Boston Bowl site, though it has "tried to buy it multiple times." The Phillips Group also controls Boston Bowl and Phillips Candy House.

Boston Bowl is a "functioning business right now that's doing pretty well now that we're out of the pandemic," Russo said. "I think it will do better when there's more residents there. It's a hard situation for me, because of course I would love to have it. I've been asked that question in every meeting I go to: What's going to happen with that?"

As to broader plan-

ning for the Port Norfolk-Neponset area, BPDA project manager Stephen Harvey said there is no neighborhood plan in place, nor an upcoming one expected.

"I hear the conversations with the city," Russo said. "It would be nice to plan it all out at once, but right now we tried to plan – were asked to plan – our building appropriately so if in the future someone were to take that parcel and try to redevelop it, we weren't doing anything quote-unquote that would stop that kind of good development."

Since the last public meeting in December, the 800 Morrissey project dropped four units and gained two full parking spaces and seven tandem parking spaces. The team "carved away and molded the shape of the building," said John Harding, architect with the Lawrence-based firm Cube3.

In general, the structure is still laid out with a "strong focus on studios and one-beds," Harding said, with about half of the units designated as studio apartments and 37 percent as one-bedrooms.

The entryway for the site has been relocated with a new plaza, a shorter driveway, and space for short term parking and shuttles on the driveway. Developers said other updates include landscaping and art integration along

multi-modal pathways, as well as separated bike and pedestrian connector paths with BlueBikes bike shares alongside.

A work-from-home patio for residents would be placed near the corner of Freeport Street and the multi-modal path, also with additional landscaping.

Impact Advisory Group member Stephen Le queried the team about on-site maintenance to keep the "beautiful" images in the rendering clean. Le also worried that people living in, or accessing, the 800 Morrissey site would prefer to dash across Morrissey Boulevard at an unsafe spot rather than walk to a nearby pedestrian bridge.

Wessman suggested some material changes to the exterior structure and expressed concern that there would still be too much sound coming into the site from I-93 and Morrissey Boulevard despite the additional landscaping.

"Nothing is final until we get approved," said Russo.

The developers hope for a meeting before the Boston Civic Design Commission in September but are still gathering comments. An Impact Advisory Group meeting was scheduled for Wednesday of this week, with the public comment period ending on Sept. 2.

In response to later inquiries about meet-



An architect's rendering of what would replace the Ramada Inn on Morrissey Boulevard in Neponset. Rendering courtesy of Cube3

ing with the Neponset Greenway Council and Port Norfolk Civic Association, Russo said the team would work to coordinate presentations before both groups.

Several attendees asked about the amount of bike infrastructure included in the design without planned improvements to the connecting area. Phil Carver noted the area in front of Phillips Candy House as a likely access point for cyclists and pedestrians, which he said was "a mess" and called for some foot traffic mitigation if the 800 Morrissey project brought the nearby residential count to almost 500 units.

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association member Kristine Hoag said she appreciated the idea of promoting bike usage, but worried about the lag with redesigning and improving Morrissey Boulevard bike infrastructure.

"Where's everyone riding their bike to?" she asked. "I tried it and I feel like I'm going to die every time I get on the road."

City zoning requires one-to-one bike storage ratios, Russo said, noting that whenever the Morrissey Boulevard redesign and renovation is

completed, it will include a bike route from Milton all the way past Carson Beach.

Other points of contention during the meeting involved continued objection to a proposed digital billboard at the Boston Bowl site and union work ratios.

Maria Lyons, of Port Norfolk and the Neponset Greenway Council, said the proponents should ask the property owners to "do something magnanimous" and withdraw their digital billboard proposal as neighborhood impact mitigation.

Local union representatives Raheem Shepard of the Carpenters Union and John Cody of the Sheet Metal Workers asked Russo for commitments for their workers at the meeting. Both men referenced the nearby Dot Block project as a 100 percent union job, while this project is about 60 percent, according to Russo, who said he would do "everything in my power to get union people to work."

He added that the team had, and would continue to, reach out to the union representatives to see if the bids could hit a "reasonable number."

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Proposal would make room for foster families at Olmsted Village

The developers of the Olmsted Green development on the old Boston State Hospital along Harvard Street in Mattapan will soon file plans for six new buildings with 265 apartments and condos - including one building that would have 20 apartments for families with foster or adopted kids and 40 apartments for seniors who would agree to help them out.

In a letter of intent filed with the BPDA last Friday (Aug. 19), Jerome Rappaport, Jr.'s Lena New Boston II and 2Life

communities say their proposal to finish off a 20-year redevelopment at the 52-acre site, now home to some 500 housing units, would include a six-story building that would have 127 apartments for senior citizens, a day care, a wellness center and convenience store, and buildings with 78 condos aimed at moderate-income families.

In their filing, they call the final 10-acre undeveloped piece of the old state-hospital site Olmsted Village, and detail their proposal for the Treehouse at Olmst-

ed Village as "an inter-generational affordable housing community" in partnership with the Treehouse Foundation and Plummer Youth Promise, "two nationally recognized foster care service providers."

The plans will include "40 affordable apartments for seniors committed to providing mentoring and compassionate support to 12 foster/adoptive families and 8 youth (18-24 years of age) aging out of the foster care system, and a 5,000-square-foot community center for the

residents of Treehouse and the broader Boston foster-adopted community to be developed by 2Life."

The plans also in-

clude "preservation and restoration" of existing wetlands and woodlands on the site, a shuttle bus to and from the Forest Hills MBTA station, and

"short term, attractive equity investment opportunities to a socially and culturally diverse group of investors."

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Home sales slow as prices continue to soar

Sky-high prices and rising mortgage rates have put a bit of a chill on the Massachusetts housing market over the summer, but analysts at The Warren Group said last week that the cooling of the market might be just what it needs.

There were 5,266 single-family homes sold in Massachusetts in July, a 17.4 percent slowdown from July 2021. At the same time, the median sale price shot up 8.3 percent year-over-year to \$585,000 -- a new high for July, The Warren

Group reported Tuesday..


Year-to-date, the 29,819 single-family home sales in Massachusetts represents an 11.8 percent decrease from the first seven months of 2021 and the year-to-date median price is up 9 percent to \$553,000.

"Mortgage rates are now over five percent while a year ago they were under three percent. The single-family home median price is \$45,000 higher than a year ago. Increases in wages and salaries are

not keeping pace with inflation that is now running at 8.5 per cent. Plus, homebuyers face a very low inventory of homes for sale. All this leads us to a cooler real estate market," Tim Warren, CEO of The Warren Group, said.

"We've seen the same trend occur for many consecutive months now; prices reach new highs while the total number of sales declines on a year-over-year basis.

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Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy will offer healthy meals every school day. The Massachusetts legislature has provided funding to make meals available at no cost to all students during school year 2022-2023, regardless of household income. However, families should still complete a Meal Benefit Application as this provides data for key funding for academic resources and may also connect families to additional benefits. This data will also support the additional funds provided by the Commonwealth for this pilot.

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-K program.

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

Household size	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$17,667	\$1,473	\$340	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$484
2	\$23,803	\$1,984	\$458	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
3	\$29,939	\$2,495	\$576	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$820
4	\$36,075	\$3,007	\$694	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$988
5	\$42,211	\$3,518	\$812	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$1,156
6	\$48,347	\$4,029	\$930	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$1,324
7	\$54,483	\$4,541	\$1,048	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$1,492
8	\$60,619	\$5,052	\$1,166	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$1,659
Each additional person:	+6,136	+512	+118	+8,732	+728	+168

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application. Applications also are available at the **Columbia Campus, Lower Mills Campus, and the Neponset Campus in the main office.**

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact **Kathleen Duggan** at any time to request an application.

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When known to Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the:

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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU22C0360CA
IN THE MATTER OF: JEREMY WASHBURN BELL

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jeremy Washburn Bell of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Andrea Christiana Rojas

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 **09/01/2022**. 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 3, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR REMOVAL
Docket No. SU19P0586EA
ESTATE OF: CONSTANCE SULLIVAN
DATE OF DEATH: 12/01/2018

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by Sean M. Sullivan, Sr. of Norwood, MA requesting that Margaret T. Sullivan of Quincy, MA be removed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate.

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 **09/07/2022**. 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.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU22D1044DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
DINA D. ALLEN
vs.
LONNIE D. WRIGHT

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has 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: Dina D. Allen, 112 Dacia St., Boston, MA 02125 your answer, if any, on or before **09/30/2022**. 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 22, 2022
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU22C0369CA
IN THE MATTER OF: JOSHUA LEE KOECHLIN NAGY

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Joshua Lee Koechlin Nagy of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Joshua Lee Nagy-Koechlin

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 **09/07/2022**. 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 10, 2022
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU21D1946DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
VENCENT NGUYEN
vs.
HA THANH NGUYEN

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has 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: Stanley H. Cooper, Esq., Law Office of Stanley H. Cooper, P.C., 124 Watertown St., Ste. 2A, Watertown, MA 02472 your answer, if any, on or before **09/30/2022**. 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: August 5, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: August 25, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU22P1581EA
ESTATE OF: TREVOR DAVID ETHERIDGE
DATE OF DEATH: May 15, 2022
SUFFOLK DIVISION


To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Megan Etheridge of Jamaica Plain, MA. Megan Etheridge of Jamaica Plain, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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Codman Square Health Center

Work begins on fitness wear company space at ex-Globe site



Construction is underway on the new Morrissey Boulevard headquarters of fitness wear company Nobull inside the former home of the Boston Globe.

Nobull is among the first tenants to occupy space in the redeveloped building, which housed the Globe's newsroom and printing presses before it moved downtown in 2017.

Nobull, which currently has offices by South Station, is expected to be joined by life science, medical, and high-tech companies as time goes by.

Nobull which served as title sponsor of CrossFit Games and the PGA

Tour, will occupy 86,000 of the 700,000 square feet at 135 Morrissey Blvd. Quincy-based contractor Lee Kennedy Co. is handling the buildout.

Studio Luz Architects of Roslindale designed the space, which includes workout and studio areas, locker rooms, a sauna, plunge pools, and a rock-climbing wall. A set-off track will be available throughout the office so that workers can do meetings on foot.

Nobull cofounders Michael Schaeffer and Marcus Wilson host a podcast titled "Behind the Horns," and the space also has room for a photography studio and a recording office.



Renderings of the inside of Nobull's headquarters, where the Boston Globe once had its operations on Morrissey Boulevard. (Images courtesy Lee Kennedy Co.)

Retail and outdoor space will follow in spring of 2023, after the interior headquarters is built out.

Nobull's operations will be at the back of the building, where trains used deliver newsprint to the Globe

"We are excited to begin the work on Nobull's headquarters at the BEAT," said Scott Giles, a vice president at Lee Kennedy, referring to an early name given the building as a nod to former Globe reporters. "Their innovation and creativity into their new office is a perfect fit for the diversification of LK-CO's Interiors/Special Projects sector. We are

looking forward to providing an inventive space for Nobull to continue to expand and grow their business."

The entire building, once it's fully occupied, is expected to have 3,000 employees working inside, steps from the JFK/UMass MBTA Station.

The developers who converted the former Globe headquarters are eyeing an additional six-story building directly behind The Beat, with the hope of additional life science companies coming in.

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 Docket No. SU22P0449
 To all persons interested in the matter of: Betty Klash of Dorchester in said County of Suffolk - a person under conservatorship.
 A petition has been presented to said Court, for license to sell a private sale certain real estate of Betty Klash, 5 Wayland Street, Boston, MA 02125 MA in the County of Suffolk, for maintenance and praying that the petitioner Jonathan Davey, Esq. may become the seller of said real estate.
 A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in that part of Boston called Dorchester in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and numbered 5 Wayland Street and being part of Lot No. 9 on a plan recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1064 Page 185, and bounded and described as follows:
 SOUTHWESTERLY: by Wayland Street formerly called Howard Street, fifty (50) feet;
 SOUTHEASTERLY: by Magnolia Street, formerly called Myrtle Street, fifty-five and 62/100 (55.62) feet;
 NORTHEASTERLY: by land conveyed to William A. Holland, sixty-three and 86/100 (63.86) feet, and
 NORTHWESTERLY: by land formerly of Brown, fifty-two and 98/100 (52.98) feet.
 Containing 3,009 square feet of land.
 IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY SHOULD FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON ON the 29th day of September, 2022, the return day of this citation.
 Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, ESQUIRE, First Judge of said Court, this 16th day of August, 2022.
 Felix D. Arroyo
 Register of Probate
 Published: August 25, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court
 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 Docket No. SU19P2600EA
 ESTATE OF:
LESLIE DENISE RAMSAY
DATE OF DEATH: 05/26/2019
 A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Akia I Obas of Dorchester, MA and Saran Ramsay of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
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 09/10/2022.
 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.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
 A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
 Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: August 10, 2022
 Felix D. Arroyo
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First run deemed a success for Veterans Motorcycle Ride

Motorcyclists took to the streets of Mattapan and Dorchester on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 14, for the 1st annual Boston Veterans Motorcycle Ride to benefit the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center's Veterans Outreach Center. The Ride was sponsored by the William Carter American Legion Post #16 on Blue Hill Avenue, as well as by numerous other contributors and sponsors – including state Reps. Chynah Tyler and Liz Miranda and Boston Veterans Commissioner Robert Santiago.

Director Mary-dith Tuitt, the commander of the Carter Post who organized the Ride, said the turnout was excellent and that all involved were happy with the first effort and ready to continue the tradition. Riders from all over Boston and New England participated to help returning veterans in need, with many citing the mission statement of the Ride, "Not Every Illness Can Be Seen."

The route began at the Carter Post on Blue Hill Avenue and traveled along River Street, Dorchester Avenue, Talbot Avenue, and ended at Harambee Park in Franklin Field. A cookout and veterans info tables greeted the riders at the finish line.

Seth Daniel photos



Showing off their affiliations are Marcus and Marcellus Bowden, Carter Post Commander Mary-dith Tuitt, Tyrone of the Red Knights, and Theresa Haymon of the Noble Ryderz.



Representatives from several motorcycle clubs joined Organizer Mary-dith Tuitt at Harambee Park in Franklin Field at the conclusion of the 1st annual Ride.



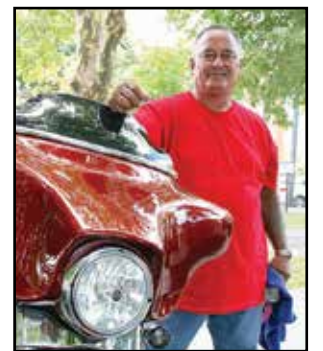
Carter Post Commander Mary-dith Tuitt with Bob Erbetta, the Northeast coordinator of the Navy's Drug Free program, and Conrad McKinney, a 30-year Army veteran and member of the Essex County Sheriff's Dept.



Carter Post Commander Mary-dith Tuitt with Quincy City Councillor Nina Liang and Fitzgerald Allen.



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Allan's Formal Wear, Blue Hill Ave. mainstay, will launch city's initiative on Legacy businesses

(Continued from page 1)

\$1,000 for college by selling fruits and vegetables and so I took the money and instead bought five complete black ensembles and five black formal jackets...I bought them in 1966 and registered with the IRS for the business, then kept the suits stored in the closet until I graduated high school. After graduation in 1967, I started the business."

He recalled how he would keep suits in his mother's closet in the early days on Geneva Avenue and when he saw people booking a nearby function hall, he would grab the suits and run down to the hall.

"I would stand right there and show them these great new suits and let them know they were for rent if they needed them; that's how it started," Allan said.

The early days in business weren't easy, he noted, sharing how he would return to his old school to get lunch in between renting suits.

"I had no money in those early days, so for three years after I graduated, I would return to the Boston Tech cafeteria and get my lunch there because it was only 25 cents," he said.



Allan's Formal Wear founder Allan Edwards and his successor, his son Hameen, speak at the gathering inside the Blue Hill Avenue business. Seth Daniel photo

"I couldn't afford lunch out here."

Getting the suits was makes for a lively, if racially unfortunate, story. One of Edwards's friends, Richard West, had the idea for the formal wear business on Blue Hill Avenue, and Allan was ready to run with it. Yet they didn't know where to get the tuxedos and formal suits they needed. He said they went to a formal wear store and memorized the phone number on the catalog so they could call it later to place an order.

"There was a prob-

lem, though," Edwards recalled: "Richard said I couldn't call because I had an accent and they would know I was Black and he couldn't call because they would know he was Black and wouldn't sell anything to him, either. We knew they wouldn't detect anything with Richard's wife, so we gave her the number and she called, and we were able to get the suits."

Those first ten suits have blossomed over 54 years into hundreds of suits and tuxedos of all sizes, from children's outfits to stylish ensem-

bles for grown men. Allan and Jocelyn have passed the family business onto the next generation within the family, and it continues to find great success.

In its role as a launching pad for the Legacy Business Program, Allan's Formal Wear will be one of 25 businesses that have been in operation for more than 10 years in one location that will have access to several resources. The city will form partnerships with external stakeholders to promote each business as well as provide targeted technical assistance with

a focus on succession planning and employee ownership, a commercial lease toolkit, and free legal consultation.

Qualification as a Legacy Business also means that the business is a contributor to the cultural, historical, and societal assets of Boston's community or neighborhood (e.g., the business is in the Little Saigon cultural district); and that it will maintain its business in the city after being designated.

Ed Gaskin, director of the Grove Hall Main Streets program, said Edwards is a model businessperson in the area because he started something from nothing and stayed on Blue Hill Avenue through tough times.

"He was here in the 1960s when we had the riots and things here were burned down, and he actually stayed," said Gaskin. "He didn't retreat to another neighborhood."

Said Wu, referring to an idea she talked about for legacy operations when she was at-large city councillor: "We need to make sure as the city grows, we are growing around the deep roots of legacy businesses that

have got us to this point in our history."

At the gathering, Idowu produced a photo of himself outfitted in a snazzy white tuxedo, which he said he rented from Allan's Formal Wear for his junior prom in high school. "This young man has been styling generations of people in Boston more than 50 years now," he said. "We are here right now to honor that investment in our communities."

Said State Rep. Liz Miranda, "These immigrant businesses are very important because folks like Mr. Allan are building from the ground up, usually without much but the hustle and hard work they brought with them."

Edwards said he was proud of his business and thanked his customers from the neighborhood.

"This community was known as the worst community in the state, and nobody would patronize the businesses ... but for some reason they patronized Allan's Formal Wear and we survived," he said.

The Legacy Business Program will launch on Sept. 6 and nominations will continue through Sept. 30.

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BGCD Members Collaborate with Fresh Films for "Adventure Kids" Program: See details below.

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BGCD Members Collaborate with Fresh Films for "Adventure Kids" Program: This past week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester teamed up with our program partner, Fresh Films to host a week-long intensive program for teens at BGCD and in the community who were interested in film production. The Fresh Films team traveled to Boston to help create an episode of the "Adventure Kids" which is a current series they have been working on. During the session, teen participants helped set up the scenes, planned out work assignments, learned skills and applications of working behind the camera before being able to film actual scenes with younger BGCD members. The Fresh Films program will be offered again during the 22-23 school year. If any teen is interested in learning more, or would like to register please feel free to contact Chad Hassey at chassey@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Members Travel to Maine for a Week of Fun at Camp Northbound: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members finished off an amazing summer with a week at Camp Northbound in Bridgton, Maine. Throughout the week, members enjoyed activities such as swimming, arts & crafts, obstacle courses, kickball and more. There were also special events including a talent show, dances, and camp fires for everyone to relax after a long day. To finish it all off, members took part in some friendly competition between the blue team and green team as part of the annual Color War to claim bragging rights as camp champions.

Thank you to the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation for supporting Camp Northbound, and to Camp Micah for collaborating with BGCD on this amazing experience for our members.



BGCD Members Travel to Maine for a Week of Fun at Camp Northbound: See details below.

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At long last, Medina Dixon's legacy is put on the record

There was no shortage of honors that late female basketball phenom Medina Dixon brought to the table – including Division 1 NCAA championships, gold medals from international tournaments, and even a Bronze Olympic medal. However, no accolades existed in her home city of Boston, or her neighborhood of Mattapan, to denote the women's basketball pioneer – who grew up on Wildwood Street with a large basketball family, playing at Cambridge Rindge & Latin High School, Old Dominion University and then professionally in Italy and Japan. Had there been a WNBA in her time, many believe she would have been the first star of that league.

The anonymity in her own backyard all changed Saturday morning at the Walker Playground (known as Norfolk Street Park) when the refurbished basketball courts were named for Medina Dixon – the very courts where she learned to play the game that took her to great heights and earned her the nickname 'Ice.'

Dixon passed away from pancreatic cancer in the fall of 2021.

"This is the first outdoor basketball court to be dedicated to a woman

in Boston," noted Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods.

Said Mayor Michelle Wu, "I am deeply sorry to the family for your loss and wish we had more time together... This will ensure her legacy will always forever be here as a platform to let others build on as well."

Dixon's brothers, Zach and Rob, gave remembrances from the family, noting that it was long overdue and probably a little late.

"Nothing against Boston, but I always ask why it took so long for her to be remembered," said Zach. "She was in the Olympics, and she was a NCAA National Champion. What more could she have done? I do have to say though that we are grateful that we're doing this now."

Said Rob Dixon, "I don't know how to explain it now, but Medina didn't just affect Boston, or Massachusetts or NCAA Women's basketball, but really she transformed women's basketball across the county."

The event was emceed by Alfreda Harris, who discovered Dixon on the Norfolk courts when a neighbor on Norfolk Street called her and told her about Dixon.

"I remember," noted



Mayor Michelle Wu and the Dixon family gather around the new sign and display a Medina Dixon Dream Team jersey. *Seth Daniel photos*

Harris, "my friend on Norfolk Street called and told me I needed to get down here soon because there was a girl who could really play, and she was tall, and talented and was beating up on all the boys. I didn't believe her at first, but once I saw her, it was true."

Other officials in attendance included Police Commissioner Michael Cox, and Councillors Brian Worrell, Ricardo Arroyo, Ruthzee Louise and Erin Murphy.



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Microchip critical to odds of being reunited with your lost pet

By Dr. Edward Schettino

While there are pet holidays scattered throughout the calendar year, Aug. 15 marked National Check the Chip Day, highlighting an important aspect when talking about tools to use should your pet go missing.

Sadly, millions of household pets do so every year, something that every pet owner fears despite our best efforts and intentions.

According to the American Humane Association, approximately 10 million dogs and cats are lost or stolen in the United States annually – and about one in every three pets will go

missing at some point in their lives.

While the reasons are numerous, there is one measure you can take that drastically increases the likelihood of being reunited with your beloved pet – microchipping.

A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice that is programmed with an identification number unique to your pet. It is non-toxic, non-allergenic, and lasts the life of your pet with no maintenance required.

A study by the American Veterinary Medical Association found that just 22 percent of lost dogs, and fewer than two percent of lost cats that entered animal

shelters, were reunited with their families. However, for animals that were microchipped, the return-to-owner rate for dogs was more than 52 percent, and more than 38 percent for microchipped cats.

The numbers speak for themselves: Microchipping increases the chances that you will get your pet back if it becomes lost or stolen. But it should not be the only part of your lost-pet strategy. Collars with up-to-date tags are the main form of identification and the quickest way to identify a found pet.

Tags and microchips are only useful if the contact and registration information is current.

Make sure to check the information annually to keep everything up to date.

In that moment of realization that a pet has gone missing, it's important to stay calm, and take immediate action by following these 5 steps to increase the likelihood of a happy reunion with your pet:

- Call the Animal Control officer of the town where you live, and of the town that your pet went missing in.

- File a lost report with the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) either in person, over the phone, or online. This lost report is seen by all three ARL locations. The staff will ask you to

provide a photo of your pet.

- Contact your pet's microchip company, if your pet has one, to notify them that your pet is lost. Be sure to confirm that your contact information is current.

- File a lost report with every shelter within a 60-mile radius of where your pet went missing. Oftentimes, concerned citizens will pick up a stray pet they see on the side of the road and bring it to a shelter that is close to their destination where they found the animal.

- Don't give up! Many pets go missing for months before being reunited with their owners. Stay positive, stay

vigilant, and continue to search for them as long as you can.

Additionally, you can also reach out to local missing pet groups online – Missing Dogs Massachusetts has a large following on Facebook and the more eyes you have looking for your pet the better. Networking with other animal lovers to help in your search increases your chances of having your beloved pet returned safe and sound.

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, and has a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

Orange Line work going 'smoothly,' T chief says as riders adjust ways

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Addressing reporters from Sullivan Square Station in a Monday afternoon press conference, Pofatk said the army of shuttle buses deployed to replace Orange Line trains north and south of downtown Boston have faced "reduced traffic" on the roads.

"If you've stopped driving because of this, please continue to stop driving," Pofatk said. "Just because things have gone relatively smoothly today does not mean you should jump back in your car. Please continue to avoid these diversion routes."

Both Gov. Baker and Mayor Wu took public transit this week to see how the shutdowns

were affecting everyday riders. "I got on the bus with my fingers crossed and it turned out okay," Wu said on Monday during an appearance on WBUR's Radio Boston.

Still, Wu said, she was taking notes on ways the city and the MBTA could improve the experience. "I did not see multilingual signage in places that we need it and expect to have it, and so just making some tweaks there and send that feedback to the MBTA," she said.

Wu, who frequently takes transit while commuting from her Roslindale home, mentioned that city staffers have a Slack channel on which they will share feedback like hers on their com-

muters. The hope is to bring the comments to the MBTA to fix in the coming days.

Separately, on Monday afternoon, Baker said on Twitter that he had taken a train on the Haverhill Line as the T

faced its first workday commute with the shutdowns in place for major maintenance work. "Glad to report it was an on-time commute," the governor said.

Transportation Secretary Jamey Tesler told

WBUR on Sunday night that all Orange Line work is on schedule after the first weekend of the shutdown.

"We are where we wanted to be from where we started on Friday night, when we closed

the system and the last train ran," Tesler said. "So these first two days have gone as we had hoped they would."

Material from WBUR was used in this report.



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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 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P1633EA ESTATE OF: MARLENE M. GIBBS A/K/A: MARLENE LEZAMA DATE OF DEATH: 05/25/2022

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Anthony B. Long, Jr. of New York, NY requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Anthony B. Long, Jr. of New York, NY be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 09/12/2022. 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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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 01, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: August 25, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P1733EA ESTATE OF: ALICIA L. KURDZIEL DATE OF DEATH: February 28, 2022

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Patricia Kurdziel of North Kingstown, RI requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Patricia Kurdziel of North Kingstown, RI be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 12, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: August 25, 2022

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To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by William M. Murphy of Pepperell, 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: Cedric C. Cooper of Boston, MA and William M. Murphy of Pepperell, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 18, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: August 25, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P1737EA ESTATE OF: ANTHONY HENRY DATE OF DEATH: 11/29/2021

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gladys B. Henry 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: Gladys B. Henry of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in 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 09/23/2022. 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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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 19, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: August 25, 2022

RECENT OBITUARIES



CLAYBON, Joana, 65, of Dorchester, formerly of Cape Verde. She is predeceased by her mother Albertina Teixeira, and her father Cerilo Cecelia. She is survived by her husband, Manuel Brito, her daughter, Paula Brito, her son Eugenio Brito, and her youngest son, Edson Brito.

and formerly of Newton and Dorchester. Veronica is survived by her husband Yuzo; her sister Theresa McCloud; her sons Malcolm and Paul; and her grandsons Paul, Jr. and David.



GREEN, Verna Mae, 74, of Dorchester, formerly of Mission Hill and North Carolina. Daughter to the late Louise Cooper and Percy Worrell. Verna is preceded in death by her parents, Cora Lee Artis, Leandus Artis; Husband, Willie Green; sons Brian and Willie Cooper; sister Shirley Anderson; brothers, Charles Hunt, Randolph Hunt, Melvin Worrell and Harry Artis and her Cat Jax. Mother of Hermina Cooper (Eric

Holman), Tamara Cooper; Grandmother of 5; great grandmother of 5; Great grandmother of 1. Verna is survived by her aunt, Pattie Williams; aisters Anne Hunt-Pope (Henry) – Como; Etta Mae Parker, ; Eula Paige Crockett; Audrey Wilkerson (William); Delphine Stephenson; Lisa Justice, Rose Joyner; brothers Hurley Artis, Woody Artis, Willie L. Worrell (Kim) and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.



KLEIN, Daniel "Danny" of Allston, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Cecilia and Paul Klein. Brother of James Klein and his wife Marilyn of Dorchester, and Patricia O'Neil and her husband Michael of Abington. Uncle of Thomas, Patrick, Zachary, and Jacqueline Klein; and Colleen Bonadona and her husband Daniel, and Jennifer O'Neil. Please consider making a donation in memory of Danny to the American Diabetes Association.



McDONAGH, Maureen (Talbot) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Patrick McDonagh. Mother of Michael McDonagh, Patrick McDonagh and his fiancée Stephanie Santarpio, all of Dorchester. Sister of Philip Talbot and his wife Catherine, Thomas Talbot, and the late John Talbot and Edward Talbot. Sister-in-law to Connie Talbot, Mary McNiff and her husband Ned, Deborah McDonagh, Margaret "Peggy" McDonagh, and the late Jane Talbot, Michael McDonagh, and Matthew McDonagh. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Maureen maybe made to the MSPCA Animal Care & Adoption Center, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130, mspca.org.

Phyllis E. Devlin

Phyllis E. Devlin of Dade City Florida, formerly of New Hampshire, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 19, 2019, at the age of 74.



She was born on August 3, 1944, in Dorchester, Massachusetts to Henry and Sarah Margaret Ricker. Phyllis married her late high school sweetheart, Robert N. Devlin on April 24, 1965, and together they had two beautiful daughters. They raised their family at West Point, New York where Bob was a career musician with the USMA Band and Phyllis worked for General Goodpaster, (USMA Superintendent), as an event coordinator. She also worked at the USMA Post Exchange where she received multiple excellence awards for her outstanding service. In 1995 they retired and relocated to NH where she worked in a family friend's jewelry store for a few years and Crotched Mountain Foundation, a rehabilitation center for people with disabilities.

Phyllis is survived by her daughters Christine (Devlin) Colpitts and Lisa (Devlin) Putnam and their children, Sydnee, Madison, Oliver, Levi, and Sawyer. She is also survived by her sister Peggy Langevin, two sons-in-law, Jim Colpitts and Jim Putnam, and many nieces and nephews.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her parents Henry and Sarah Margaret, step-mother Jessie Ricker, and her husband, Robert Devlin.

In 2005, shortly after the unexpected loss of her husband, she received a devastating diagnosis with six months to live. During the following fifteen years, she exemplified courage and tenacity defying the odds and amazing her doctors. Phyllis was an encourager and an overcomer who persevered through difficulties in life having lost her mother at the tender age of ten. Her greatest gift was her ability to be an excellent mother in spite of the absence of her own. She always said her greatest accomplishment was raising her daughters, and her greatest blessings were her grandchildren.

She was selfless and had a gentle spirit. Her belief in herself seemed understated. She walked humbly and joyfully in her faith-filled life serving the community while spreading kindness wherever she went. She was an incredible hostess, enjoyed interior decorating, had an eye for detail, and had the cleanest home in town. Most often you would find all the children in the neighborhood at her back door looking for sweet treats.

While living at West Point, Phyllis often held gatherings after church on Sundays where she would host cadets and friends. There was always lively music and enough food to feed an "ARMY"! Everyone eagerly awaited the moment when she would stop serving her guests, grab her tambourine and join in the jam session. Her zest for life was infectious and contagious!

She excelled in motherhood and was a nurturer by nature. Her thoughtfulness and her ability to love others well was what attracted people to her and she became a mother to the motherless throughout her days.

Let your life be your best message. In honor of her request, no funeral service was held and cremation has taken place.

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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU22C0256CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
DAVID LOPEZ

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

Josiah David Perreault
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 **09/08/2022**. 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 09, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
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Published: August 25, 2022



MEYER, David F., Sr., 86 of Dorchester formerly of Weymouth. Husband of the late Patricia F. (Rivelli). Father of Felicia J. Meyer-Hernandez of Dorchester and David F. Meyer, Jr. of Raymond, NH. Grandfather of 4. Also survived by several cousins and extended family. David was a retired Master Chief of the United States Navy serving his country for over 25 years.



OLDERICH, Joanne Marie (McGuire), 70, of Pembroke, formerly of Dorchester. Mother of James Olderich and his wife Carolyn of San Antonio, TX. Grandmother of 2. Sister of Gail Sullivan and her husband Kevin of Fairhaven, Andrea Williams and her husband Alex of Maryland, George McGuire and his wife Julie of East Boston and Ruth McGuire of Duxbury. Daughter

of the late Andrew and Joan (Gearin) McGuire. Former spouse of Carl Olderich. Joanne is also survived by her loving niece, nephews, and many friends.

SELMON, Pamela D., 58, of Dorchester. She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Willie and Matilda Selmon; father Wilbert Sonny Smith, mother Patsy Ann (Selmon) McCullough, uncle Clifford Williams, aunt Betty Ann Seay, siblings: Broderick McCullough, Angela McCullough, Valencia Wells, Maebell Kelly, and cousin Mister Selmon. Mother of son Ajhani Selmon-Lynch. Sister of Alton McCullough, Oryn-



thia Smith, and Andrea McCullough, Annette Hardy, Francine Smith, Willie James Smith, Wilbert Lewis, and Brenda Ross. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, and a host of special cousins and friends. Please a make donation to St. Jude.

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