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CAPTURING 'BEAUTIFUL DOT'



The Barney family in Dorchester Park last year. Photos by Mike Ritter/Ritterbin Photography

Photographer offers free portraits for Dot folks

By Michaela Brant SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

In September 2021, the photographer Mike Ritter spent his afternoons in Dorchester Park on yet another activity that the pandemic had made more difficult:

taking photographs in a public space to, in this case, study relationships, whether familial, romantic, or friendly, as part of a project he called "Get Close."

Ritter, a Dorchester resident, originally envisioned the project as a one-day event, but when he saw the magic he created by photographing people up close and personal, he decided to expand his work beyond one day, and beyond one portrait. He applied for and won a Community Arts Experience grant from the city, using his photographs from "Get Close" to promote the bid.



Two sisters at the Hyde Park library.

 $door\, and\, outdoor\, backdrops, Ritter$ hopes that the portrait sessions will entice people already at the libraries to have their portraits taken, and for participants to stick around. The sessions will be first come, first served, so if there is a wait, residents can fill the time by exploring what the libraries have to offer.

The immediate goal of this project was to provide Dorchester residents the opportunity to pose for free portraits, whether they are for family albums, updating a headshot, or a spontaneous friend group photo. But Ritter also hopes to arrange a showing of these images at City Hall so that folks from all over Boston can see the people of "Beautiful Dot" up close

Ritter became a Dorchester resident when he moved from Pennsylvania after graduating college, and has lived here ever since, now with his wife, Meredith and daughters Vivian and Abigail. When he lost his job at a photo gallery in 2005, he decided

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What to look for as the candidates prep for primary vote next Tuesday BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS

Managing Editor

Some voters will go to the polls in person next Tuesday to cast ballots to determine Democratic and Republican primary candidates, and, in some cases, to pick winners in the general election who are expected to face little opposition in November.

Early voting has been underway since last Saturday, and it ends on Friday this week. Voters had the choice of mailing in their ballots, though the state elections department noted that the US Postal Service recommends against mailing a ballot with less than one week to go before an election day. Add in the holiday weekend, and no mail on Labor Day, and "there is no guarantee that a ballot returned by mail this week will arrive in time to be counted."

The ballot includes contested statewide offices (governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and auditor) as well as local races for Suffolk district attorney, sheriff, Second Suffolk state senator, and Fifth Suffolk House representative.

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City proposal would remove ZBA role in cannabis permitting

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

The city of Boston is proposing a change that would take the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) out of the cannabis permitting process and leave decisions solely up to the Boston Cannabis Board (BCB).

At a meeting on Aug. 29, officials said such a change would create a situation where cannabis would be 'allowed' in all districts except residential, as opposed to having it 'conditional' and requiring ZBA action. The plan received great support at the meeting from city officials and cannabis industry leaders, but skepticism reigned citywide at the neighborhood level.

The proposal comes amid lawsuits over ZBA denials. In the six years since cannabis was legalized, only 12 shops have become operational in Boston

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Summer camp helps migrants adjust

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

The start of the new school term is just days away, and most BPS students are preparing to return to the classroom. But for many newly arrived Haitian migrant students coming via the Texas border, summer has been a time to prepare for the new experience of simply being in a classroom.

elementary school age. many of them, who began landing in Boston earlier this year, will be in school for the first time in their lives next week. Given

such a large gap to close before school begins, Mattapan's Immigrant Family Services Insti-Despite being well into tute (IFSI) partnered this summer with Boston Public Schools (BPS) and others to transform their traditional summer camp into a boot camp for basic school preparation.

Said Dr. Geralde Gabeau, executive director of IFSI: "This was so important for (Continued on page 15)

Right: Students at the IFSI Summer Camp and their violins. *Photo* courtesy of Teddy Keser Mombrun





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One dead after shooting near Carnival parade— A 33-year-old man was shot to death on Saturday afternoon on Blue Hill Avenue, near the route of the annual Caribbean Carnival, which drew tens of thousands of people to the neighborhood for festivities last weekend. The victim, later identified as Derrell Russell, was found suffering from a gunshot wound around 5:40 p.m. in the vicinity of 970 Blue Hill Ave. He was pronounced dead after being rushed to a local hospital, according to Boston Police, who say the murder is under investigation. Anyone with tips is asked to call them into detectives at 617-343-4470.

A non-fatal shooting was also reported earlier on Saturday during the pre-parade J'ouvert celebration near Talbot Avenue and Blue Hill Avenue. Boston Police arrested a Dorchester man they say showed up at J'ouvert with a gun loaded with seven bullets. Edinson Rosario, 26, was arrested on Westview Street near Franklin Field around 6:45 a.m. on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm and unlawful possession of ammunition. Police did not say if Rosario was connected to the shooting that happened around the same time. The Boston Globe said the victim is expected to survive and that the shooting remains under investigation.

A Dorchester man already behind bars awaiting trial for a Harvard Square bank robbery now faces up to 20 years in federal prison for that crime and additional bank robberies in Boston and Brookline.

A federal grand jury last week indicted Jacob Pimentel, 31, on four counts of bank robbery, the US Attorney's office in Boston said on Monday. In total, the feds charge, Pimentel made off with \$6,000 in robberies at the TD Bank branch in Allston on April 25, the TD Bank branch in Brighton on May 4, a Santander Bank branch in Brookline on May 13, and the TD Bank branch in Harvard Square on May 23. Pimentel's spree allegedly came to an end following the Harvard Square heist when Cambridge Police caught up with him as he tried to get into a cab at the Smith Center. A date has yet to be set for his arraignment in federal court.

A 17-year-old suspect in a July murder that happened in Georgia was arrested on Talbot Avenue last Thursday (Aug. 25). Police say that Jermaine Dondi Rimson was one of three suspects wanted for the murder of a 16-year-old shot in the chest at an apartment complex in Suwanee, GA on July 19. According to Boston Police, officers had tracked Rimson to a particular Talbot Avenue address and waited until he came out. Police say the suspect tried to run, but was taken into custody "after a brief struggle." Rimson was charged as a fugitive from justice and with resisting arrest. He now faces extradition to Georgia.

A 21-year-old Dorchester man was arrested last week for allegedly shooting a 13-year-old boy in the eye on Stratton Street on Aug. 21. Jashone Bullock, 21, has been charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon on a child under 14, along with several other firearm offenses.

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BPD Harbor Unit officers save two after boat sinks

A father and son tandem, Joseph Azeredo, 76, and Tommy Azeredo, 42, returned this week to express their gratitude to Boston Harbor Police Unit Officers Stephen Merrick and Garrett Boyle for saving them after their boat sank while they were out pulling lobster traps in the harbor last Wednesday (Aug. 24).

Merrick and Boyle were out on patrol near George's Island when they responded to a call from the US Coast Guard that a vessel in the vicinity of Graves Light was taking on water.

"On approach," said Boyle, "we saw just the tip of a submerged vessel and as we looked closer, we saw something that appeared to be a lobster trap a few yards from the boat, As we approached



BPD Harbor Unit Officers Stephen Merrick, left, and Garrett Boyle, flank a grateful pair, Joseph and Tommy Azeredo, last Sunday four days after their successful rescue off Graves Light. *Photo courtesy Boston Police Department*

it looked a little bigger and turned out to be a blue cooler floating nearby and we saw two heads just above water level hanging onto the cooler."

Added Merrick, "They looked nervous and you could see the fear in their faces. They were very tired and very cold and they were struggling to keep their heads above

the water. We got them in one by one and did a quick evaluation."

The men said they were pulling in recreational lobster traps when both of their motors got entangled in other trap lines and failed. The wind then blew them into rocks and punctured the hull, taking the boat underwater fast.

"These things happen

fast...The biggest thing safetywise is having life jackets nearby," he

Both victims were treated by officers and transported to Berth 10 where Boston EMS and made a full recovery. The boat was lifted and taken under tow to Thompson's Island.

SETH DANIEL

Monkeypox vaccine is available in two-shot option

City health officials have issued new guidance about the Monkeypox illness and the availability of a new vaccination option after 41 new cases were diagnosed two weeks ago across the state. A lower dose, two-shot vaccine is now being based on recommendations from the CDC and FDA.

People in Massachusetts can get the vaccine if they have known contacts identified by public health via case investigation, contact tracing, and risk exposure assessments (this may include sexual partners, household contacts, and healthcare workers); or if they know that a sexual partner in the past 14 days was diagnosed with monkeypox or had multiple sexual partners in the past two weeks in "a jurisdiction with known monkeypox."

Monkeypox often spreads through direct skin to skin contact with a rash, sores, or scabs. It can also spread through contact with surfaces that have been exposed to the monkeypox virus. Anyone who comes in close contact with someone who has monkeypox is at risk for becoming infected.

"I'm optimistic that the new approach to monkeypox vaccination will allow us to vaccinate more people, help ensure vaccines are distributed equitably, and ultimately support our efforts to control this outbreak," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission.

"Getting vaccinated against monkeypox is an effective way to prevent disease," he added. "I strongly encourage all residents who are eligible for vaccination to schedule an appointment as soon as possible."

The vaccine is currently available at the following locations in Boston by appointment only:

Boston Medical Center: Register for an appointment directly at bmc.org/monkeypox or call 617-414-2803 Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Codman Square Health Center: Please register for an appointment directly at codman.org/medical-service/x-clinic or call617-822-8271 Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. This site also offers vaccine appointments on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Additional locations can be found at mass.gov/monkeypoxvaccine.

-REPORTER STAFF

Old Uphams Corner comfort station OK'd as sit-down eatery; liquor permit pending

The Boston Licensing Board on Aug. 25 approved plans by Biplaw Rai to turn a long-abandoned comfort station on Columbia Road in Uphams Corner into a restaurant that serves food with "Asian and African inspiration" at night and more traditional cafe fare during the day.

The board also approved Rai's request for a liquor license for his Comfort Kitchen - but only if the board can find one lying around. If it can't, he might have to go on the open market to buy one.

Rai, who previously has managed the Dudley Cafe in Nubian Square, hopes to open the first week of October at the renovated trolley waiting station at 611 Columbia Rd. that has been vacant since 1977. The restaurant would be open until 10 p.m.

At a hearing last Wednesday, Rai's attorney, Ryan Gazda, noted that Uphams Corner, which is seeing an influx of new residents, "currently lacks a sit-down restaurant, let alone one with a full- access liquor license." He added that Rai's proposed pairings of African and Asian fare would be unique in all of Boston.

The board also approved a BYOB license for Cassandria Campbell's Fresh Food Generation at 185 Talbot Ave.

Last November, the board had okayed a beer-andwine license for her Caribbean eatery restaurant but had none to give her.

With her new license, patrons will be able to bring their own wine or beer to go with their meals.

Unlike with traditional alcohol licenses, there is no limit on the number of beer-and-wine permits the board can hand out, although they are limited to smaller restaurants outside liquor-heavy locales such as downtown and the waterfront.

-REPORTER STAFF

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Early in-person voting for the state primary election began in Boston on Sat., Aug. 27. The state primary is set for Tues., Sept. 6, the day after Labor Day. 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 Tues., Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Thurs., Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Fri., 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 Sun., Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 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. For more information about the car show, see dotpark.org.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. to discuss changes to a proposed mixed-use project at **270 Talbot Ave.** in Dorchester. The initial plan called for 21 rental units with ground level retail. The revised plan

calls for the construction of 18 condo units with ground level retail. See page 17 for more info on joining the meeting.

Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale: Sat., Sept. 10, from 9a.m. to 2p.m. (rain date Sunday, 9/11).

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department's ParkARTS program presenting Mayor Wu's Movie Nights in 11 city parks ends this Thursday, Sept. 1., With "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," Boston Common. All ParkARTS performances are free of charge. All shows begin at dusk.

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. to 3 p.m. for the final Open Streets Boston event of the year. For more information, visit openstreetsboston.org.

A fundraiser will be held at Florian Hall on Sun., Oct. 2, beginning at 3 p.m. to benefit the **family of Ciaran Moore**, who suffered a traumatic brain injury when he was assaulted in Dec. The event will include a silent auction, raffles, t-shirts and more. To donate, please make checks payable to Moore Family Benefit, Rockland Trust, 2250 Dorchester Ave., 02124.

Send in event notices to newseditor@dotnews.com.

New survey shows extent of parental dissatisfaction with city schools

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

Boston Public Schools officials fended off an attempted state takeover and now are looking ahead to a new superintendent in Dorchester's own Mary Skipper. But Skipper and other top school officials will be facing a drop in satisfaction from parents of K-12 students in the system, according to a new survey from MassINC Polling Group.

In the poll, conducted for the Shah Family Foundation, only 29 percent of public school parents said they were "very satisfied" with Boston's schools, a drop from 41 percent a year ago.

Some 43 percent said they were "somewhat" satisfied while 15 percent and 11 percent said they were "somewhat" dissatisfied and "very" dissatisfied.

Latino and Asian parents, who are more likely to believe Boston school officials are focused on serving students rather than teachers and politicians, and parents with an education level of high school or lower indicated higher satisfaction rates.

When asked about how well Boston Public Schools communicates with parents, a majority said they feel their input is "somewhat" valued, but half or less said they "strongly agree."

Parents were also quizzed on where \$430 million in Covid relief funding should go. They answered mental health needs, building upgrades, instructional materials, and staffing.

Most parents say they are closely following news about the school system, with forty percent saying they would choose a Boston public school even if they had other options.

"Parents want to be more engaged with their children's education, with 83 percent saying they want to be 'very engaged.'Even so, just 45 percent feel that BPS enables them to be 'very engaged," the polling outfit said in a statement. "On a similar note, 37 percent strongly agree that BPS makes it easy for them to share their concerns and 30 percent strongly agree their feedback is valued. Each of these figures has declined over

the last year."

Skipper, who is leaving the top job in the Somerville public school system and formally starting in Boston on Sept. 26, won the superintendent's post in a close Boston School Committee vote in June. The runner-up was Tommy Welch, the regional superintendent for schools in Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End.

As Skipper transitions between school systems, Drew Echelson is serving as acting superintendent

Skipper, who worked in Boston for 17 years before heading to Somerville in 2015, is tasked with working with school leaders and Mayor Michelle Wu, a mother of two boys in the Boston public schools. The new superintendent notably headed up Dorchester's TechBoston Academy, where students focus on science and engineering.

During the interview process for Boston superintendent, Skipper said that building trust with parents, with a healthy dose of honesty, is key. "I heard many parents talk about feeling that they can't trust what happens and that even if it's not the right answer, they just want the truth," she said at the time.

The sponsor of the MassINC poll, The Shah Family Foundation, is headed up by Jill Shah, an entrepreneur, a mother and the wife of Niraj Shah, CEO of the e-commerce company Wayfair.

Wu, bus union agree on added vans during Orange Line work

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The Boston Public Schools(BPS) and MayorMichelle Wu told parents in the district last week that an agreement with the school bus drivers' union will allow them to deploy 45 additional transport vans for outof-district trips as a way to mitigate the effects of the Orange Line closure and associated traffic delays between the first day of school, Sept. 8, and Sept. 19.

"These student transport vans will free up existing yellow school bus drivers to increase the number of buses available within city limits," the statement from Wu and BPS said. "Al-

though the Orange Line shutdown will undoubtedly raise challenges for BPS transportation, we are hopeful that these student transport vans will lessen the additional strain on our yellow school bus system," they added.

The letter detailed several precautions that will be taken, including district staff greeting students at every school. It also noted: "Students arriving late due to transportation issues will not be penalized."

That was an important item, one many parents were concerned about, particularly at the high school level where school starts just after 7 a.m. in most cases. Elementary

schools typically start much later, sometimes as late as 9 a.m.

A BPS Transportation Helpline – 617-635-9520 – will be set up for questions that might arise, though if a child is deemed lost, school staff and parents should call 9-1-1.

Up until Sept. 8, the hotline will be open from 9 a.m. to 5p.m. When school is in session, the hotline will be open for students and families from 6 a.m. to 7p.m.

The following bullet points were outlined in the letter:

•MBTA and BPS staff will provide additional staff support to help guide students along the Orange Line shuttle route. Keep an eye out for MBTA Transit Ambassadors wearing bright red polo shirts, sweaters, or jackets with T logos who can be found at stations throughout the system.

• Our BPS school community is here to serve our students as they arrive at school, ensuring access to the care, education, and healthy breakfast and lunch "after the bell" regardless of travel delays.

•Students who usually take the Orange Line may choose to use free shuttle bus service from the MBTA along the Orange Line route.

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have no value added.
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first time riding the Commuter rail, we encourage
you to read the city's
transportation resource
page. The city distributes
free CharlieCards at all
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• If your trip takes you on the Orange Line, you may consider alternate routes using the bus network or other rail lines.

•BPS has secured 5,000 free MBTA 7-Day Passes for families that have been delivered to schools across the district.

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CRUCIAL PRIMARY TUES., Sept. 6, 2022

Galvin: Send by-mail ballots early

This past Monday at 5 p.m. was the deadline for applying for a by-mail primary ballot. In order for a state primary ballot to be counted, it must reach the voter's local election office by 8 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 6.

"The US Postal Service typically recommends mailing a ballot no later than one week before Election Day. With the holiday weekend ahead and no mail delivery on Labor Day, there is no guarantee that a

ballot returned by mail this week will arrive in time to be counted," said Secretary of State William Galvin's office in a statement.

Voters can track their ballots at the website VoteInMA.com.



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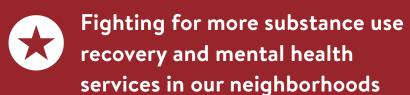
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What to look for as candidates prep for primary next Tuesday

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In local races, the primary winner, likely a Democrat, will end up taking office, since Republicans are not fielding candidates in those contests.

In the Suffolk DA's race, Hyde Park City Councillor Ricardo Arroyo is facing off against interim appointee Kevin Hayden, who was appointed to the job by Gov. Baker after the departure of Rachael Rollins for the US Attorney's Office and is now running for

 $Hayden\,previously\,served\,as\,head\,of\,the\,state\,board$ overseeing registered sex offenders, while Arroyo, a member of prominent political family, has been a city councillor since 2019.

Both of their candidacies have been knocked off-kilter by Boston Globe stories: The newspaper reported in early August that Hayden had offered a "series of shifting and contradictory explanations for his office's handling" of an alleged cover-up among Transit Police officers in a roadside dispute in Mattapan. Hayden has said the case is open and ongoing, even as one of his deputies reportedly told one of the Transit Police officer's attorneys that the prosecution would not go forward.

Weeks later, the Globe reported that when Arroyo was a teenager, he was investigated over accusations of sexual assaults, and the cases were later closed without charges. Arroyo has denied that he was aware of the investigations at the time and asserted that said he did not assault anyone.

On Tuesday night— just before the Reporter's deadline— the Globe published a new bombshell story featuring comments from one of two unnamed victims in their original story about Arroyo's alleged misconduct. In the story, the victim expresses outrage about Arroyo's denials and includes the text of explicit emails she said were sent by Arroyo to intimidate her in 2005.

The fight over the Globe stories has also spilled over onto the City Council, whose members aren't on the ballot this year. Dorchester Councillor Frank Baker filed an order asking for documents related to the Boston Police Department's Arroyo investigation, leading Jamaica Plain Councillor Kendra Lara, an Arroyo ally, to make a similar request for documents related to Baker's 1993 conviction for marijuana possession.

Meanwhile, City Council President Ed Flynn of South Boston, who had initially endorsed Arroyo for DA, rescinded his support and removed Arroyo as chair of the redistricting and government operations

Elsewhere in Suffolk County: The race for Suffolk sheriff's is on the ballot, with nine-year incumbent Steve Tompkins facing a challenge from Sandy Zamor Calixte, who has worked in various roles in the sheriff's department for 16 years.

Tompkins has touted the endorsement of Mayor Wu, while Calixte has picked up support from the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus PAC and former state Rep. Marie St Fleur.

Four candidates are facing off for the Second Suffolk Senate seat, which opened up after Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, who took office in 2009, decided to run for governor. Her gubernatorial campaign ended earlier this year, but the contest to succeed her continues: The open seat drew four contenders, including the woman Chang-Diaz knocked out 14 years ago: Former state Sen. Dianne Wilkerson, who is looking to return to the State House. Two House lawmakers, Reps. Liz Miranda and Nika Elugardo, are also on the ballot, as is Miniard Culpepper, a community pastor and former longtime HUD official.

Miranda's run for the Senate seat means her House seat is open. Chris Worrell, a Boston Planning and Development Agency official whose older brother Brian is on the City Council, is on the ballot with Danielson Tavares, who held top posts under Mayor

Lynch eyes lead role on House panel

Hours after US Rep. Jerry Nadler beat veteran Rep. Carolyn Maloney in a New York primary last week, Congressman Stephen Lynch announced that he will try to succeed Maloney in 2023 as the "lead Democrat" on the US House Committee on Oversight and Reform. With Democrats in control of the House, Maloney currently chairs the committee, but Republicans are hoping they will have a majority in the House, and control of its committees, after this year's elections.

Lynch, 67, who chairs the House Subcommittee on National Security, told colleagues in a letter last Wednesday. Noting that he is serving his 22nd year in Congress, Lynch said that he was the most senior member of the committee seeking the position and had pursued investigations under Democratic chairs Maloney, Rep. Henry Waxman, and the late Rep. Elijah Cummings. - MICHAEL P. NORTON, SHNS

Marty Walsh's administration. Althea Garrison, who has served as a state representative and city councillor in between multiple unsuccessful runs for public office, joins Worrell and Tavares on the ballot.

In contested races at the top, Maura Healey, now the state's attorney general, doesn't have competition for the Democratic nomination for governor. On the Republican side, businessman Chris Doughty is battling with Donald Trump acolyte Geoff Diehl.

The job of lieutenant governor is up for grabs on both sides of the aisle. While the job has few responsibilities, a number of candidates have stepped up: Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, Acton state Rep. Tami Gouveia, and Longmeadow state Sen. Eric Lesser are fighting for the Democratic nomination while Kate Campanale and Leah Allen, two former state lawmakers, are vying for the Republican slot.

In the attorney general campaign, Healey has endorsed Andrea Campbell, the 2021 candidate for mayor who represented Dorchester and Mattapan on the City Council. But Shannon Liss-Riordan, a labor attorney, has picked up the backing of Mayor Wu and Sen. Warren, among others, in her largely self-funded campaign. Former Obama administration official Quentin Palfrey won the endorsement of Democratic activists at the state convention in June, but on Tuesday this week, seven days before the election, he suspended his campaign and threw his support to Campbell, after spending months attacking her over super PAC spending on her behalf.

For secretary of state, incumbent Bill Galvin is hoping to fend off a challenge from newcomer Tanisha Sullivan, head of the local NAACP, as he seeks his eighth term in office.

On the auditor front, Chris Dempsey, a public transit advocate, faces state Sen. Diana DiZoglio for the job that incumbent Suzanne Bump is leaving.

The Democrats who win on Sept. 6 will in November face Jay McMahon, a Cape Cod attorney running for attorney general; Rayla Campbell, a far-right Republican who claims that "child porn" is available in public schools, for secretary of state; and Anthony Amore, security director for the Gardner Museum, for auditor.



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Voters will pick the next Second Suffolk senator on Tuesday

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Two state representatives jockeying for the same state Senate post. A former occupant, who held the post for 15 years, looking for a comeback after time in prison and a focus on community activism. A longtime federal housing official and local pastor making his first run for public office.

These four people state Reps. Nika Elugardo and Liz Miranda, former state Sen. Dianne Wilkerson, and Miniard Culpepper – are the major candidates in the Second Suffolk Senate

Whoever wins the Sept. 6 Democratic primary is certain to take office in January, as there will be no opposition for the candidate in the November general election.

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

For Elugardo, the path to victory runs through Jamaica Plain and Mission Hill. "We have a lot of undecided voters in Hyde Park, Mattapan, Dorchester, and Roxbury," she said. "I think we have the votes to win or be very competitive."

Elugardo touts her time working as a manager for a statewide foreclosure prevention program helping to keep people in their homes. While she had brief stints at the State House before she became a lawmaker – including working for Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, the Second Suffolk senator since 2009 — she counts her work on foreclosure prevention as among her most formative. (While focused on backing progressive candidates in down-ballot races since dropping out of the governor's race, Chang-Diaz conspicuously is staying out of the race to succeed her; she did not respond to phone messages seeking comment.)

While at the State House, where she's been since 2019 as a state representative, Elugardo has pushed for more funding for Main Streets and youth jobs. She

said she's seeking to offer hope, based on the response her campaign is getting on the streets.

"People are cynical and sometimes depressed about what we've been through. Not just through Covid, but the past couple of decades," she said. Life has been hard and it's been getting harder and harder. People have had shared suffering so great that we're ready to try something new, and I'm ready to lead that."

Miranda, her State

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Nika Elugardo

House colleague, has represented the nearby district, covering Dorchester and Roxbury, also since 2019. She has been on the campaign trail for the Senate seat since December, she said, highlighting her efforts in support of immigrant rights and police reform. "Every corner of this district knows who I am and knows of my work."

A first-generation immigrant whose brother Michael was killed in 2017 outside a Boston nightclub, Miranda said she has experienced what people in the district have gone through themselves, such as losing loved ones to violence. "These are all the things that I feel like the community is connecting to me on because they know I understand," she said, adding:

"Folks are obviously feeling the pinch more than ever, so health equity, housing, and



Miniard Culpepper

reframing and reimagining what public safety looks like is what's been most talked about at the door."

Culpepper, who served for 20 years as regional counsel for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, says he's the "housing candidate" in the campaign. Speaking just after he finished walking in the Caribbean Carnival parade last weekend, he pointed to endorsements from Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Owens and Bolling families, whose members have been a part of Boston politics for decades.

"I think we have the momentum, and if you look at Liz and Nika, they don't understand this district because if they did, they wouldn't introducing a bill that is virtually legalizing heroin," Culpepper said.

Elugardo fired back, saying Culpepper "doesn't understand policy legislation or how to read it" and adding that



Liz Miranda

he is attempting a "little bit of a political tactic to distract people." Miranda had filed a bill focused on decriminalizing drug possession, and Elugardo had recommended that they study what's happening in places like Portugal, which has legalized drugs in some zones, and testing to see how it works among different demographics. The bill remains in a Beacon Hill committee.

'We can't keep arresting our way out of a public health crisis,' Miranda said.

"I think that shows Rev. Culpepper's out of touch with what's really happening in our city, she added. "He is the only person in this race who has not been a legislator in the past."

Culpepper, in the interview, also took aim at the fourth candidate in the race, former Sen. Wilkerson. Bringing up in the same breath his time with HUD and her time in jail on bribery charges, Culpepper said,



Dianne Wilkerson

"I can be trusted. I will say that she breached her trust as a public trust officer."

Wilkerson's campaign did not make her available for comment at this point, but at a forum in July, she said that the last three years, which involved the pandemic, had spurred her to cofound a coalition focused on vaccines and testing within the Black community and were "determinative" in her desire to return to public office.

Earlier this month she pitched a \$7.5 billion "Contemporations" plan that she would promote were she returned to office. The money would be directed to the city's Black residents, including cash payments, support for Black and Latino businesses, and a homeownership fund. "

Two years ago, racial reckoning and social justice became a near household phrase," she said in a statement. "This plan will make it a reality.'

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Pre-Carnival breakfast served at City Hall

The Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston (CACAB) organization held its annual breakfast at City Hall on Friday morning, Aug. 26, a kick-off to the Boston Carnival weekend. The breakfast was a precursor to the J'Ouvert Parade early on Saturday, and the Carnival Parade later Saturday afternoon. The breakfast was first hosted by former Councillor Charles Yancey. This year it was hosted by Councillor at-Large Ruthzee Louijeune, who welcomed CACAB President Shirley Shillingford and several other guests, including former NBA Toronto Raptors star Jamaal Magloire. - SETH DANIEL



Wilma Clouden and Iysis Clouden, captain of the Step into Culture Dance Group.

Joe Johnson, Dominic Johnson, World Carnival Director Henry Antoine, CACAB President Shirley Shillingford, Parade Grand Master Sheriff Steven Tompkins, Dr. Carl Whitworth, with MC Wassy of New York City in front. Photos by Seth Daniel



Myrlene Burrowes, Councillor-at-Large Ruthzee Louijeune, and Pastor Jacqueline Coutain



Nicole Bowden of Eversource, with Boston City Councillor-at-Large Erin Murphy.



new look at its 460 Blue Hill Ave. location in Grove Hall that includes a new Community Wellness Space built to host robust programming. Another hallmark of the updated location will be a dedicated, in-store dietitian offering free nutrition programming through one-to-one consultations, community classes, and webinars.

The supermarket chain selected the Grove Hall location for this program because of the neighborhood's high rates of nutrition-related chronic conditions coupled with food insecurity and residents living below the poverty level.

"As Grove Hall's neighborhood grocer, we believe we have a responsibility to support the health of the community, and we're proud of the investments we've made to offer first-of-its-kind resources and programming for a grocery retailer in the city," said Gordon Reid, president of Stop & Shop.

"We're also incredibly proud of the work we've done to support local non-profits, public schools, and other partners in the neighborhood with innovative programs to drive more consistent access to nutritious food."

The new Community Wellness Space will feature free programs beginning next month, among them plant-based eating across cultures, high blood pressure classes, and healthy grocery shopping assistance through store tours for community residents of all ages.

The programming will also extend beyond nutrition education to offer first-time home buying and financial well-being classes. The space will be decorated with artwork hand-painted by members of the Yawkey Boys and Girls Club of Roxbury.

-SETH DANIEL



Gathering for the grand reopening of the reimagined Stop & Shop in Grove Hall on Aug. 19 were, from left: Gordon Reid, president of Stop & Shop; state Rep. Chynah Tyler; Tory Perry-Tsaku, Boston Community Hub School coordinator, Haynes Early Education Center; City Council President Ed Flynn; former at-large City Councillor Michael McCormack; and City Councillor Brian Worrell.

Photo courtesy of Stop & Shop

Mattapan's Vedrine joins The Bulfinch Group

Ketsia Vedrine has joined The Bulfinch Group, a wealth management firm headquartered in Needham, MA. A Mattapan native, Vedrine lived in Los Angeles for the last 10 years working in the animation companies, of French and Italian

including Nickelodeon. She recently moved back to the East Coast, settling into her Mattapan roots and enjoying spending time with her family. She also has a love for the outdoors, photography and interentertainment industry, national travel, where working for various film her language knowledge

often come in handy.

Vedrine earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Central Connecticut State University and a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Film and Television Production from the University of

Right: Ketsia Vedrine



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Henry Philips Oakman, 1831-1917: Streetcar Suburb Entrepreneur

Henry Philips Oakman was one of many enterprising developers who met the growing demand for housing in the decades after pastoral Dorchester was annexed to Boston in 1870. Newspaper articles indicate that his name was attached to many building permits in Dorchester at the end of the nineteenth century.

Henry was born in Marshfield, Mass., in 1831. In 1852, he married Arethusa Hatch in Marshfield, and they started their family there. When the Civil War began, Henry joined company K of the 38th Massachusetts Regiment. He was injured in the siege

of Port Hudson in Louisiana, and subsequently discharged in 1863.

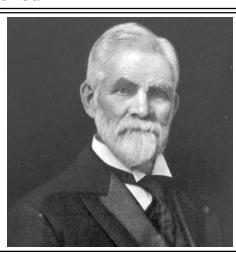
After the war, the family moved to the Neponset section of Dorchester, where they lived for the rest of their lives on the street bearing their name, Oakman Street. In addition to being a builder and carpenter, Henry held other jobs, including assessor, Marshfield selectman, postman, and justice of the peace. At the time of his retirement, he was working as the president and director of the Guardian Co-operative Bank.

At least two of Henry's sons, Arthur and Elmer, worked with their

father in the family business, H.P. Oakman Sons. Henry and Arethusa celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in March 1903 at 1 Oakman Street. Henry died on April 5, 1917. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society.org.

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.

Right: Henry Philips Oakman



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DIANNE WILKERSON

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Pressley on student loan aid decision: 'We were unrelenting'

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Earlier this month, US Rep. Ayanna Pressley and Sen. Elizabeth Warren sat down at long table at the Boston Teachers Union headquarters in Dorchester with local union leaders as part of the long effort pressing for student loan debt cancellation.

Warren told the gathering that President

Biden cares about labor, and that his labor chief, Dorchester's Marty Walsh, supported student debt cancellation, even though he was not present for the discussion.

Fourteen days later, Biden announced that the US Department of Education will offer \$20,000 in debt cancellation to Pell Grant recipients who have loans with the department, and up to \$10,000 for non-Pell recipients. Eligibility is limited to people with individual income of \$125,000 or \$250,000 for married couples.

Pressley was on the phone with Biden chief

of staff Ron Klain at 7 a.m. that day, arguing for the proposal to be even more far-reaching. But she'll take what was announced.

"I think student debt cancellation is good policy and good politics," Pressley said. "Democrats win when we deliver, when people feel the impact of our policies and advocacy on their behalf."

Biden's action was the result of two years of advocacy, according to

Pressley. "What tipped it is we didn't give up," she said. "We were unrelenting and we were malleable in using every tool available," she added, noting that top unions, as well as NAACP, backed the move.

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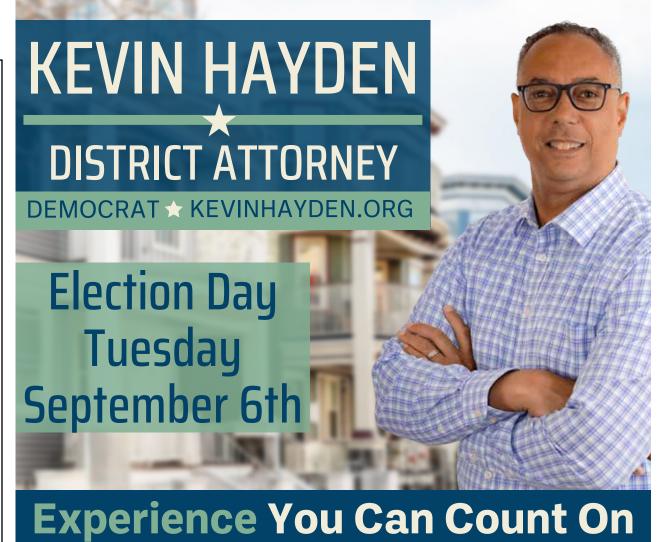
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Editorial

Is there room at the Inn for neighbors in need?

Anxiety and angst abound about the ongoing building boom that will add thousands of new units of rental and condo units along the Morrissey Boulevard corridor over the coming months and years. Neighbors, understandably, are worried about the impacts on the parkway's already frail infrastructure, increased congestion, and the hazards that already imperil pedestrians and bicyclists.

But, an emerging proposal to convert an existing 100-room budget hotel into supportive housing for aging, formerly homeless men and women — most of them from our neighborhood— should not be penalized for any of that.

The first public airing of Pine Street Inn's proposal to buy the five-story Comfort Inn in Neponset played out over Zoom on Monday evening and drew about 190 participants, many of whom learned of the project for the first time last week in these pages.

The plan is pretty straightforward. Pine Street, in partnership with a seasoned non-profit called The Community Builders, would buy the hotel and convert most of the rooms into studio apartments with kitchenettes. The first floor would be renovated to create office and common rooms for tenants to receive services from trained Pine Street social workers who would be on site 24-7, along with private security. Other than some improved landscaping, there's no major work planned for the exterior of the building, which is situated between the boulevard, the Red Line tracks, and a Jiffy Lube service shop.

Right off the bat, however, several people on the call gave voice to fears of drug users, sex offenders, and other ne'er-do-wells running amok in their neighborhood, with several pointing to the proximity of the Murphy School across the boulevard as a grave concern.

But, as Pine Street's Lyndia Downie patiently explained, this won't be a homeless shelter. It will house people who must sign leases and follow rules. Pine Street takes great care in screening tenants for its supportive housing, which now includes nearly 1,000 units across Greater Boston. The average tenant age at 900 Morrissey would be 57 years old. And about 50 of them would be people already living in scattered sites across Dorchester. Since only one percent of Pine Street's tenants have a vehicle, there will be fewer vehicular impacts on the site than there are now.

Some who spoke against the idea on Monday's call struck a cold, nativist tone — "Where do you live?" — towards the people behind this project. That tone is misdirected. Pine Street is a proven quantity in this town, certainly far more responsive and invested in our community than any budget hotel chain.

Elizabeth Doyle, president of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic group, noted that Pine Street has been a good neighbor in other parts of Dorchester. Plus, she added, the need to assist the unhoused isn't some far-off problem. It's on our doorsteps. "We care about homelessness, but we're not so concerned about solutions. And this is one of the solutions," she said.

The Pine Street-Community Builders proposal will need to secure a change-in-use permit from the city and, given the size of the existing Comfort Inn building, further review by the Boston Planning and Development Agency— a process that will allow for a full hearing to both proponents and critics. The city should expedite that review process and— if approved— the conversion of this hotel to safe and supportive homes for our neighbors in need.

- Bill Forry

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Orange Line service changes illegal, civil rights group says in asking US to weigh in

By Chris Lisinski State House News Service

Alleging that the MBTA failed to properly examine the impacts of the Orange Line shutdown on communities of color, a civil rights group on Aug. 24 asked federal authorities to intervene amid what it described as an "illegal and discriminatory" change in service

Lawyers for Civil Rights called for the T to undertake an equity analysis of the 30-day, end-to-end Orange Line closure, a step required ahead of any "major service change," and urged a group of federal officials to probe the agency's compliance with federal anti-discrimination law.

Gov. Baker and his deputies at the MBTA have said they received the Federal Transit Administration's blessing to take Orange Line service offline for a month of maintenance, an unprecedented step prompted by an ongoing FTA investigation that has already flagged major safety deficiencies at the T.

But LCR's leaders argued that the MBTA failed to study whether the plan would create disproportionate harm to riders based on race, color, or national origin, leaving issues that might have been detected ahead of time "addressed—if at all—in a haphazard, last-minute fashion."

"This exacerbates the harm of the closure on communities of color and low-income communities," LCR Executive Director Iván Espinoza-Madrigal and Litigation Director Oren Sellstrom wrote in a letter to MBTA officials. "For example, while the MBTA is relying heavily on communicating alternative routes to Orange Line riders, inadequate attention has been paid to the needs of those who are Limited English Proficient. While some signage is available in some other languages, this is inconsistent at best.

"Similarly, while the MBTA has relied heavily on personnel on-the-ground to direct riders to alternative modes of transportation, there is a distinct lack of such personnel who speak languages other than English."

During the closure of the Orange Line, which serves about 100,000 riders per day, the MBTA is running a fleet of shuttle buses, at no cost to riders, in legs covering subway stops north and south of downtown Boston. The MBTA will spend up to \$37 million on the shuttles, an effort that MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak has said would tap into "every accessible bus east of the Mississippi."

Espinoza-Madrigal and Sellstrom said "obvious

gaps in service" could have been avoided with greater analysis before the shutdown began. The T's decision to add another shuttle bus route and extra Silver Line service to connect Chinatown and Tufts Medical Center, announced one day before the shutdown began, was "only due to last-minute scrambling," they said.

An MBTA spokesperson did not immediately answer questions Wednesday morning about whether the agency performed a formal equity analysis before the shutdown or comment on the civil rights group's letter.

LCR said the issues "can only be expected to escalate in the coming weeks, as schools and colleges re-open."

The group, which has called for federal scrutiny of civil rights impacts stemming from MBTA decisions in the past, alleged five other instances of "inequitable conduct," including the cancellation of late-night bus service in 2016 and the May 31, 2020, shutdown of several downtown Boston stations in the immediate wake of racial justice protests.

In addition to its message to MBTA officials, LCR sent another letter to the US Department of Transportation, the FTA, and US Attorney Rachael Rollins asking them to launch a review of the T's compliance with a section of federal law banning discrimination in agencies that receive federal funding known as Title VI.

"It appears the FTA's most recent Title VI Compliance Review of MBTA was conducted in 2011. In light of MBTA's pattern of inequitable conduct over recent years, LCR respectfully requests that the federal government, including the FTA, conduct another Title VI Compliance Review of MBTA," the group wrote, adding. "Transportation equity has long been a critical component (of) the civil rights struggle, and LCR commends the leadership of the Department of Transportation and US Attorney's Office and your commitment to safeguarding civil rights."

An FTA spokesperson did not immediately comment, and spokespeople for USDOT and Rollins's office could not be reached immediately.

Baker, Poftak, and Transportation Secretary Jamey Tesler announced on Aug. 3 that the entire Orange Line would stop running a bit more than two weeks later, from 9 p.m. on Aug. 19 through Sept. 18.

Baker doesn't slam door on fossil fuel ban

By Chris Lisinski State House News Service

Gov. Baker "would want to try to be helpful" to the city of Boston as its leaders seek state approval to restrict fossil fuels in new buildings and major renovations, even though he continues to air concerns that the strategy could further strain the housing market.

Revisiting points he made leading up to and when he signed a major clean energy bill two weeks ago, Baker said last Thursday that he worries a section of the new law allowing 10 municipalities to limit the use of fossil fuels in their building sectors will allow local leaders "to just choose not to build any".

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu announced last Tuesday that she wants the Hub to get in the mix, too, a significant development that could fold the state's largest city into what lawmakers designed as a pilot program.

"I understand why she wants to get in and I know her motives on this one are what I would describe as appropriate," Baker said during an interview on GBH's Boston Public Radio. "But my big worry here is that before we even figure out on a pilot -- we're already heading down the road that the Legislature promised me they weren't going to do, which is just open this door up and basically say anybody who wants to come in through this door can."

The Republican governor said he gets "very nervous if we don't even bother to figure out what we can do with this fossil fuel ban and see what it does do to housing and housing production and housing costs."

But asked if that means he would not support adding Boston to the list of cities and towns empowered to restrict fossil fuels in construction, Baker kept the idea in play.

"If she actually can meet the test and all the rest, I know why she wants to get into this," he said, referring to criteria in the law. "It's one of the most expensive housing markets among urban communities in the country, so I do worry a little bit about that, and I have to see what it says. But I understand where she's coming from and would want to try to be helpful on this."

Baker tacked on an additional compliment for the first-term mayor, too, based on their work ahead of an impending 30-day Orange Line shutdown. "I will say this: she and her team have been terrific partners on a lot of this stuff around the Orange Line. They've been great," he said.

Before he ultimately decided to sign the clean energy bill into law, Baker told reporters the section allowing 10 municipalities to restrict or prohibit fossil fuel use in most construction or major renovation projects gave him "agita."

It's not yet clear whether Boston will win state approval to limit fossil fuels in its building sector or what form that would take. Wu said she planned to file a home rule petition, which will link the proposal's fate to a bill on Beacon Hill.

The wide-ranging climate legislation seeks to accelerate a transition to renewable energy sources and implement strategies to achieve the state's goal of net-zero emissions by 2050, including by eliminating the offshore wind price cap and overhauling how the state connects to power generated by turbines off its coast.

It also calls on the state to expand rebates for purchasing or leasing a new or used zero-emissions vehicle.

Instead of including new funding for that program and others in the clean energy legislation, lawmakers instead crafted the measure as mostly a policy-only bill and said that a separate \$4 billion economic development bill would provide the dollars needed for implementation.

The economic development bill remains in limbo more than two weeks after formal sessions ended amid a House and Senate disagreement on next steps for tax relief and spending, which Baker said complicates the outlook for the electric vehicle rebates.

"That's a great question," Baker responded to a GBH listener question inquiring when the rebates would launch. "The reason it's a great question is one of my other comments about this legislation I got, the climate bill, that gave me what was referred to in the media as agita was that the money to pay for the electric vehicle rebates is not in the climate bill, it's in the economic development bill."

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Wholesale supplier to bodegas celebrates new Hannon Street warehouse facility

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

Starting with a big dream in the humble beginnings of a Jamaica Plain basement, Francisco and Cindy Marte have built one of the pre-eminent wholesale companies in the city as they supply more than 300 bodegas and corner stores with tobacco products and accessories.

Last Wednesday, their 21 Wholesale Distribution company, which also has a retail presence on Washington Street at Los Caballeros Market, showed off its new, expanded headquarters on Hannon Street just off Norfolk Street with Mayor Michelle Wu looking on.

"We have been fighting for a long time, especially my brother Emanuel and my wife, Cindy; now, we made it," said CEO Francisco Marte Jr. "We serve about every store in the city...I've been here 30 years and I have worked every street in this city and I have walked every street in Boston...I have learned in that time that this is not just about money, but about people and who supports you and how you can improve

Cindy Marte said the company was most recently in a small warehouse in Jamaica Plain, but needed more space. From being in business at Los Caballeros, they knew a broker who said the Hannon Street site could be a good opportunity for their warehouse and wholesale arm. They purchased the building last November, built out the space over the last six months, and stockpiled inventory for the opening of a bright, clean, and well-organized warehouse that will be used for deliveries to convenience stores of tobacco products like cigars, smoking accessories, cleaning products and medicines.

The Martes, who also operate a 21+ smoke shop in Jamaica Plain, are key members of the Boston Convenience Store Owners Association, which is how the family first met Wu when she was a councillor inquiring about small business operations.

"I remember coming here a few months ago and it was a blank slate inside," said the mayor. "There was nothing here.



The ribbon is cut on 21 Wholesale on Hannon Street in Dorchester on Aug. 24. Seth Daniel photos



 ${\bf 21\,Wholesale\,CEO\,Francisco\,Marte\,Jr.\,(right)\,spoke}$ as Mayor Michelle Wu looked on.

Francisco and Cindy had a great vision. They saw what it could be and built it out... [A wholesale operation here] helps our small businesses save money and keep their

shelves stocked. It helps keep jobs and businesses in the neighborhoods." She added, "Our corner stores and bodegas are the eyes and ears everywhere in our city."



Francisco Marte Sr. shares a laugh with Mayor Michelle Wu before the ceremonial ribbon cutting.

The Marte business is known for its tobacco products, including sourcing tobacco and cigars from Santo Domingo under the Old Man Cigar brand. Both

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City proposal would remove ZBA role in cannabis permitting

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Segun Idowu, the city's chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, said the current process is outdated and a barrier to commerce.

"This cannot be the normal cost of business in the city of Boston," he said, noting the length of time and expense for getting through the approval process. "To put a finer point on this, out of seven applicants approved by the BCB and denied by the ZBA, four were equity applicants. They find themselves getting all the way to the finish line, only to get denied by the ZBA."

The Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) Bryan Glascock said the proposed amendment is at its first steps and will have to progress to the BPDA Board and then face a vote at the ZBA. The change would treat cannabis as a retail use, making it "allowed" in commercial and business sub-districts, but "forbidden" in residential sub-districts.

A second piece would put all siting decisions in the hands of the BCB. Applicants must now go through the city's BCB, the state's Cannabis Control Commission (CCC), and then get final approval from the zoning board.

"It's a very extensive permitting and licensing process that takes years and is very cumbersome and challenging for people to get through," Glascock said. "Any time you have a complex process, it tends to impact the people with the fewest resources, in this case the equity applicants... The time is right for taking the Zoning Board piece out of it and letting the BCB do what it does best and that's licensing cannabis entities.'

Jasmin Winn, a BCB administrator, said the board didn't exist when cannabis first arrived, but it is ready to fully take over the process. She noted they have made recent changes to include using a public score sheet for each applicant and to add two new seats to the board.

"We are not just looking at the applicants for a brief moment in time," she said. "We spend a good deal of time hearing their goals and their plans. We have matured as a board and have the ability to fulfill the purpose of the ordinance."

Three industry representatives also spoke at the meeting about the process, one of them Pure Oasis group from Grove Hall that found frustration when trying to expand in Brighton.

Co-owner Kobie Evans said they had a great experience licensing their shop in Grove Hall and thought it would be the same in Brighton. However, neighborhood opposition and bureaucratic delays foiled the expansion.

At this point, we in the industry are knee deep in a situation where we need guidance over which entity has domain over siting cannabis businesses in Boston," he said.

Jody Mendoza, of the Green Team, a group that once proposed a facility in Mattapan Square that was met with great opposition, said the convoluted and long process for locating in Mission Hill has left her in debt, and without a shop.

"Unfortunately the process takes an extremely long time and that far exceeds the \$15,000 [city grants] that are used to pay rent to hold a site," she said. "Now 4.5 years into this, I am not operational and don't expect to be operational. I have nothing at this point but a lot of debt and broken promises."

Mendoza's Mission Hill proposal was denied by the ZBA despite having community support, a Host Community Agreement, and a provisional BCB license, she said.

At the same time, neighbors at the meeting were not sure that the BCB was ready to take on such a challenge. Brian Graves of South Boston said he and his neighbors weren't confident about the change.

"I'm not sure I have complete confidence in the BCB process end to end," he said. "I know they have matured, but to allow applicants in every zoning district other than residential? I don't know if the experience of the BCB would

be commensurate with that task."

Others, such as Eliot Laffer of the Back Bay, said cannabis permits involve a two-step process like any restaurant: with the Licensing Board and the ZBA. He said cannabis runs into issues because they are "mostly unbanked" due to the federal policy that deems cannabis illegal.

City Councillors Kenzie Bok and Michael Flaherty weren't opposed to the changes proposed by the city, but said they had some concerns about areas where retail and residential are mixed. In some cases, Bok said,

the new regulations would make it easier to site a cannabis shop than a coffee shop. She and Flaherty presented amendments for consid-

"A café is conditional in most places in my district and it goes through a process before getting ZBA approval, but cannabis establishments wouldn't have that process," she

Public comments on the proposed amendments will be accepted until Fri., Sept. 9. Public comments should be submitted via email to BP-DArpz@Boston.gov.

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Haitian migrant kids, teens get prepped for BPS school year

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them. It helps them to understand what it means to go to a school. ... They've never stepped foot in a classroom because they have been travelling with their parents...It will really help them when they do go to school."

The IFSI Summer Camp has been in operation for six years, but this summer it expanded to about 250 students per day in a five-week program that ended in August. The growth came via migrant Haitian families who ended up in Dorchester and Mattapan after a long journey through South and Central America that ended at the Texas border in 2021. IFSI integrated the newly arrived students with the existing students to help acclimate them to a school setting.

IFSI Program Director Jennifer Pamphile said it was a challenging five weeks – but progress was made. She worries about how some of the new arrivals will do in classrooms this fall, noting steep learning curves on basic concepts as many of the parents are struggling with the children.

For "a lot of the newly arrived students ... just sitting down and not talking when the teacher's talking is very hard for them...So many people might be worried about them not knowing ABC's or 123's, but it goes so far beyond that."

Since the opening of camp on July 5, she said, there were successes and they were able to get kids somewhat used to a classroom – exposing them to academics, the arts, and socialization with peers who have grown up in Boston.

"We're not here babysitting kids; these have been instrumental times for these kids to mimic behaviors they will use in the classroom when school starts," she said

Inside the camp, which was held in a vacant Jamaica Plain school, students who are mostly from Mattapan and Dorchester were able to take a school bus via a BPS pilot program. Once there, experienced students sat side-by-side with them. It was about a 50-50 mix, said administrators. During the mornings, they focused on mathematics, English, and the sciences. In the afternoons, they focused on singing, musical instruments, dance, and drama with a group of college student volunteers who were running a drama program that enhanced vocabulary by encouraging kids to act out their meanings.

The attendance at the camp was outstanding, coordinators reported, noting that parents and students wanted to be with their peers this summer.

Camp Coordinator Sara Charles said staff was phenomenal in helping existing and new students at the same time. She noted that providing one-on-one help for the most challenging students proved a winning formula, and said that the camp was quickly booked up this year as word spread among members of the newly arrived migrant community, many of whom had sought out adult services from IFSI's office in Mattapan Square.

"Most of the growth this year is around the families just arriving from Chile and Haiti," she noted. "Many of them came to Boston and found us and I'm glad they did—not just because of the education here at camp, but also for the support for whole families need."

Support, for example, that played out inside a guitar classroom one afternoon in August as experienced fifth grade students and their new classmates, who had trekked across thousands of miles of South and Central America terrain en route to Mattapan, sang "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" together under the direction of a young adult camp counselor. All eyes twinkled when the counselor applauded the group for hitting all the right guitar chords.

Charles and Pamphile said if students were struggling in academics, they could perhaps succeed quicker in the arts. That, at least, would give them some confidence as they prepared for this new experience.

"With this program," said Charles, "you give them that stepping-stone and foundation they need. At least they are on the bike and beginning to ride."

Pamphile said the administrators at IFSI also saw real challenges in balancing successes and lagging issues that must be carefully navigated by school staff. It was their hope that the camp will have identified those students who need the most help before the first day of school, like those who can't yet write their names.

"One thing that popped out to me is how many students appear...to have some developmental delays – not being able to pay attention or not being able to make eye contact," said Pamphile. "We've had to prioritize them one on one...My biggest hope is that schools will acknowledge that – that school counselors will see they're not just dealing with trauma, but there are developmental barriers, and they'll be able to provide them with the supports that set them up for success."

Beyond the school settings, many Haitian Amer-



Staff and counselors at the IFSI Summer Camp helped returning students and newly arrived students assimilate in preparation for the school year. The five-week program pivoted to welcome Haitian migrant students who just arrived from the Texas border. *Photos courtesy of Teddy Keser Mombrun*

ican politicians, residents and organizations note the utter silence in the public square on the story of the Haitian migrants who have relocated to neighborhoods like Mattapan and Dorchester. They have felt ignored in their push to assimilate and help the migrants - both by the government and the media. When stories are as complicated as this one, Pamphile said, they tend to get passed over for stories that seem easier to solve.

"That's what I call poverty porn," she said. "I think sometimes people like to focus on the sexy stories that are glaring, and you can throw money at it and create a semblance of a solution...I do think this situation is forgotten because the situation doesn't seem so black and white. It's more complicated

and the media may not be able to figure out how to report on that."

And being ignored usually means being underfunded. When stories aren't told, donors are hard to find, and organizations like IFSI get overshadowed. Partnerships with BPS, Boston After School and Beyond and the City's SuccessLink have helped, but Pamphile said she is left wondering about the possibilities.

"There is so much power in our grass-roots organizations," she said. "So many people are doing this in a family-centered and community-centered way. It's not just the big NGOs doing the work; it's the small organizations like IFSI."





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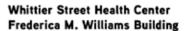
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In the market for an EV? How new federal and state laws might help you decide

By Miriam Wasser WBUR Reporter

August has been a big month for the environment. At the national level, President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act, which allocates over \$360 billion to help fight climate change. And more locally, Gov. Baker signed a sweeping state climate and clean energy bill into law.

Both laws cover a lot of ground. But one notable commonality is the emphasis on getting more electric vehicles on the road. To help make this happen, the laws establish tax credits or rebates for consumers — you don't have to choose one, you can take advantage of both — as well as mandates and incentives for building charging infrastructure.

So, whether you're already in the market for an EV, or just starting to think about making the switch, here's what you should know about how these two new laws can help.

Federal benefitsPrior to Biden signing this law, the federal government already offered a \$7,500 tax credit for buying certain EVs. But the Inflation Reduction Act makes some big changes to how the program works.

Lifts the manufacturer cap — Historically, the federal tax credit was only available for the first 200,000 cars sold by a specific manufacturer. This cap disappears in 2023, meaning you will once again be eligible for tax credits if you buy a Tesla, GM, or Toyota electric vehicle.

Makes credits available at the point of sale – Well, sort of. In the past, you had to pay the full sticker price of the vehicle and then fill out a special form with your taxes to get a reimbursement. But beginning in 2024, you can directly transfer the tax credit to a car dealer. This allows the dealer to claim the tax credit and should enable them to take \$7,500 off the price of your car.

This one change could go a long way toward helping more people afford to make the switch to an EV, says Joel Levin, executive director of the nonprofit Plug In America.

"The goal of these tax credits has always been to equalize the value of EVs with gas cars. So already today, if you take an electric vehicle and a gas car and you look at the whole cost of ownership — including maintenance and fuel — because gas is so expensive, EVs for the exact equivalent car are cheaper now," he says. "But that's not how people buy cars. People look at the cost of the car upfront."

So if people can get the value of the tax credit at the dealership and effectively knock off a chunk of the down payment, that should go a long way toward



An electric vehicle charging station on Gallivan Boulevard. Seth Daniel photo

making new and used EVs more affordable.

The federal law also creates a workaround for a different equity issue that arose in the past. Because you could only get the tax credit if you owe the government money at the end of the year, people who had no tax liability got nothing. In general, the people with low to zero tax liability tend to be lower income, meaning this tax credit disproportionately benefited the wealthy. By assigning the credit to a dealer, your individual tax liability is no longer a barrier.

Makes credits available for used EVs – For the first time, the federal government will now offer a tax credit for buying a pre-owned electric vehicle, which experts say could go a long way toward helping lower and middle income people afford EVs.

To qualify, the used car must meet two standards: it needs to come from a dealership and its value cannot exceed \$25,000. What's more, a pre-owned EV is only eligible for the credit the first time it is resold. (This will be tracked by the VIN number on the car.)

The tax credit is either \$4,000 or 30 percent of the sticker price of the car, whichever is lower, and like with new EVs, it can be transferred to a dealer so the buyer can recoup the savings at the point of purchase

Eligibility requirements – To help ensure the incentives go to those who need financial help the

most and spur manufacturing, the tax credits available in the Inflation Reduction Act come with a lot of other stipulations.

Income caps – Beginning in 2023, you can only qualify for the new or used EV tax credits if you make no more than \$150,000 a year – or \$300,000 if you

file jointly with a partner. **Vehicle value**—Beginning in 2023, tax credits will only be available for: Smaller cars and sedans costing no more than \$55,000; SUVs, trucks and vans costing no more

than \$80,000; used vehicles costing no more than \$25,000.

For new vehicles, the maximum cost is based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price.

Manufacturing requirements – The IRA aims to get more EVs on the road — but not just any EVs. The goal is to build up a domestic supply chain for American-made EVs. To that end, the law establishes three new manufacturing requirements that car makers must meet if they want their EVs to be eligible for federal tax credits.

• Made in North America — You can only get a tax credit for a new car if its final assembly was done in the US, Canada, or Mexico. This requirement — which does not apply to used EVs — went into effect as soon as Biden signed the law.

• The source of battery minerals — The law sets out gradually increasing standards for the percentage of battery minerals that must be extracted or processed domestically. Minerals that come from a country the US has a free trade agreement with or that are recycled in North America count, too. (More below on the challenges of determining this.)

To qualify, 40 percent of battery materials in cars made before 2024 must meet this standard. This rises to 50 percent for cars made in 2024 and continues to rise until it hits 80 percent in 2027.

The law also contains language stating that qualifying vehicles produced after 2024 can't have batteries containing critical minerals mined, processed, or recycled in a "foreign entity of concern." As of now, there is no official list of countries, but China, which is where the majority of batteries are currently made, is widely expected to be on it.

Other battery components — The law also establishes minimum standards for where battery components — everything from wires to the metal paneling — are manufactured or assembled.

Cars placed in service in 2022 or 2023 need at least 50 percent of the battery parts — as measured by the value of these components — to be manufactured or assembled in North America. This percentage rises to 60 percent for cars made in 2024 and 2025 and then climbs slowly to 100 percent by 2029.

So what does this all mean for you?

Assuming you meet the income requirements and the car you want to buy meets the cost requirements,

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Laws looks to ease transition from fossil-powered cars to EVs

you can only get the full \$7,500 tax credit if your car also meets the three manufacturing requirements. However, if your car is assembled in North America but only meets one of the battery requirements, you can qualify for \$3,750, or half of the tax credit. (No one said this was simple.)

Is any of this feasible? – To be blunt, there's a lot of confusion about what cars will qualify next year when the system goes into effect, and a lot of concern about how car manufacturers will meet the strict assembly requirements in the near future. Most EV batteries are currently sourced from foreign materials and assembled in China, and complying with the manufacturing rules is not an overnight process. (To be clear, you can buy an EV that doesn't qualify for the tax credit; you just won't get money back.)

The mineral and battery component requirements raise three important questions, says Levin of Plug In America: Are these things possible to calculate? Are they possible to achieve? And are they possible

"If you're GM or Ford and you buy parts from many, many different suppliers, and many of them buy their parts from other suppliers — you find out where every one of those parts was manufactured and where the minerals came from and where those minerals were processed." he says. "I have a feeling that a lot of the manufacturers today don't even know whether their vehicles would comply or not. And they're probably all scrambling to do that supply chain analysis.'

As for whether these standards are possible to meet, "I think the simple answer is no one knows, he says. Though in general, he's heard from EV manufacturers that the battery component part may be easier to achieve than the mineral sourcing requirement.

Processing the critical minerals used in most EV batteries is messy work, he says. "And to be able to set that up in the US in a way that you can get permits and meet various environmental and safety standards — it's not something you can do

In a statement released earlier this month, John Bozzella, president and CEO of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, also questioned the logic behind some of these standards. He went so far as to posit that very few — if any — electric vehicles currently for sale in the US will meet these requirements in the near term.

And then when it comes to enforcement, well, Levin says that remains to be seen.

Add all of these new stipulations to the existing EV shortages, and the likely outcome is a headache in the near future for prospective buyers. But in a couple of years, experts seem to agree that the law



An electric vehicle charging station is situated in a municipal parking lot on Adams Street near Fields Corner. Seth Daniel photo

could make EVs more affordable for people and provide a boon to domestic manufacturing.

Beginning in 2035, Massachusetts will ban the sale of new internal combustion engine vehicles, meaning many more people are going to be in the market for an EV. (Used fossil fuel powered cars are exempt from this sales ban.)

While some EVs are reasonably priced, many models aren't cheap. To help residents afford to go electric, the state is offering the following rebates and, importantly, making them available at the point of sale:

- \$3,500 for a new or used EV that costs no more than \$55,000;
- An extra \$1000 if you turn in a combustion engine vehicle with your EV purchase;
- An extra \$1,500 for lower income residents.

There are existing incentives for light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty

trucks, buses, and vans, but they don't change much in the new law. Help finding an EV As noted above, it's hard

to find electric vehicles

right now because of global supply chain issues. While there's very little Massachusetts can do to remedy this, lawmakers did require that the state build a website listing available new and used EVs at dealerships. It's unclear when this will be up and running, but it should, in theory, make the search for a car a bit easier in the future.

Making charging easier

The Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan released earlier this year called for 15,000 public chargers in the state by 2025, and 75,000 public chargers by 2030. Building out this infrastructure is critical for people who don't have designated parking spots or driveways - i.e., many people who live in urban areas — as well as for those concerned about their ability to drive an EV long distances.

But planning exactly where these chargers should go and what level of charge they should deliver isn't easy. And prior to the new climate law, there was no single state entity figuring this out. The law creates an interagency council to oversee this buildout and make sure it's done in an equitable and accessible way.

To help get things started, the law requires the state Department of Transportation to install fast chargers at all Mass Pike service plazas, five commuter rail stations, five subway stations, and at least one ferry terminal. The department will also need to collect and report data about issues with charging infrastructure.

What this means for you

Unlike the federal tax credits, the Massachusetts rebates are not tied to any specific manufacturing requirements. So, if you buy an EV in the next year or two and don't qualify for the federal credits, you might be able to at least get some money back from the state, assuming your car meets the criteria.

Big picture: The climate law should make it easier for folks to get into an electric vehicle, specifically a battery electric vehicle," says Anna Vanderspek, $director \, of the \, Electric \, Vehicle \, Program \, at \, the \, Green$ Energy Consumers Alliance.

"Our hope is that it will make going electric feasible for lots more people and kind of give us the kick start we need to get on the road to the 900,000 EVs that we need by 2030."

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Virtual Public Meeting

Virtual Public Meeting: 270 Talbot Ave.

Tuesday, September 13 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3b03jpu Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 **Meeting ID:** 160 166 9515

Project Description:

The Proponent is requesting to change the unit programing and unit count. The 2020 Board Approved project called for the construction of twenty-one (21) rental units with ground floor retail. The 2022 NPC calls for the construction of eighteen (18) condominium units with ground floor retail.



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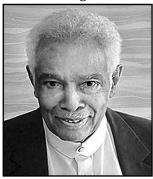
CASHMAN NYLEN, Rachael M. (Solimando), 90, of Hingham, formerly of Yarmouth Sarasota, FL, and Dorchester. Daughter to the late Michael and Madeline (Verrochi) Solimando. Wife of the late Richard A. Nylen. Mother of Madeline C. Furnish, Jay M. Cashman (Christy), James M. Cashman (Cathy), and Carolyn Skaves (James) and former wife of the

late John M. Cashman, Grandmother to six and great-grandmother to 4. Sister of Concetta Kelley (Gene), Michael Solimando (Robin), and sister-inlaw Marylou Freccero (Robert), Rae is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families, as well as Dick's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Donations in Rachael's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org

CAVANAUGH, Richard J. "Dick", 78, of Dorchester. He was the son of the late Richard P. and Helen V. (Collard) Cavanaugh. Brother of John W. Cavanaugh of Dorchester and Theresa



M. Carney of Natick. He is also survived by many friends and relatives. US Navy veteran, Vietnam Donations in War. memory of Richard may be made to the American Cancer Society - Massachusetts, P.O. Box 1120, Framingham, MA 01701 or cancer.org



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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU22P1866GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
DAVID WALTERS
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filed
by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in
the above captioned matter alleging that

the above captioned matter alleging that David Walters is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Rebecca Walters Davis o

requesting that Hebecca Walters Davis of Grady, AL (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

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You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/28/2022. This day is NOT return date of 09/28/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: August 24, 2022

Edvin, 97, of Dorchester. Husband of Hona L. Johnson. Father of Arnold C. Johnson with his wife Carolyn of Randolph, and the late Johnetta Allison. Grandfather of 4. He is survived by 5 great-grandchildren, extended family, Church family and a host of friends.



MITCHELL, Kathleen Mary of Milton, originally of Dorchester. She is survived by her sister, Anne (Mitchell) Connolly, and Anne's husband, Paul; her neph-ew, Francis Connolly, all of Milton; and her nephew Matthew Connolly and his wife, Elaine (Sullivan) and their sons, Colin and James, of Bridgewater. She is preceded in death by her parents, Francis Joseph and Margaret Claire

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FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU22P1762EA
ESTATE OF: RUTH T. SULLIVAN DATE OF DEATH: 08/06/2019

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy A Petitionfor Formal Agjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Eileen M. Sullivan of Braintree, MArequesting that the Courtenter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Eileen M. Sullivan of Braintree, M. be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve epresentative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervise

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n any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Date: August 17, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: September 1, 2022

charitable nature, her family encourages all who wish to make a donation in her name to St. Francis House, Greater Boston Food Bank, or Animal Rescue League of Boston.

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(Cushing) Mitchell. In Ipswich. She also served



SULLIVAN, Sr. Jon Julie, born Eleanor Janice Sullivan in 1940 in Cambridge to John David Sullivan and Doris (Cline) Sullivan. She taught at Holy Rosary in Lawrence, St. Mary's School in Lawrence, CCCH in South Boston and St. Mary's School in Lynn. She served as a counselor at St. Gregory's Church in Dorchester, served in campus ministry at Framingham State Čollege as well as Emmanuel College in Boston. She was a program consultant in religious education and lecturer. Active in the community, Sr. Jon Julie volunteered in social service outreach for Project Hope Family Shelter in Dorchester, pastoral care and advocate at the Notre Dame Long Term Care as well as the community coordinator for the Sisters of Notre Dame in

at the Carmelite Monastery, NDLTC, NDEC of Boston and the SND in Wakefield. She was predeceased by her siblings, John David Sullivan, Daniel Richard Sullivan, Doris Louis Vargus, John Edward Sullivan, Barbara Ann Sullivan, Thomas Edward Sullivan, Mary Emily Sullivan, and Brian Christopher Sullivan. She is survived by her brother, Francis Michael Sullivan; numerous nieces, nephews, and by her Sisters and Associates in the Notre Dame community, her many friends and former students. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Sisters $of Notre\,Dame\,retirement$ fund, 30 Jeffreys Neck Rd., Ipswich, MÅ 01938



TREMBLAY, Mary A. (Huxley), 70, of Revere, formerly of Dorchester. Wife to the late James P. Tremblay. Mother of Joseph R. Tremblay of Revere and Todd J. Tremblay and wife Leanne of Allentown, NH. Grandmother of 3. Great-grandmother of 2. Sister of Robert P. Huxley, Jr. and wife Patricia of Walpole, Helen Allen and husband Thomas of Florida and Michael Huxley and his late wife Judy of Falmouth. Also survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, friends, coworkers and extended family. Remembrances may be made to the "Little Ricky Foundation" c/o Ricky J. Freni, 37 Madison St., Revere, MA 02151



TURNER, Kimberlie Jean, 66, of Mattapan. Daughter of Eunice L. Turner (Bill) and the late Ann J. (Howell) Turner. Kim is survived by her father Eunice L. Turner and older siblings Kerry, Karan, and nieces; Melonie, Amana, Mia, Andrea, Samantha, Nakia, Nina, Nephews; Marc, Nicholas, Marcus, and Christian (DJ), and a host of family and friends.

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Docket No. SU21W0642WD DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING LIDIA ROSALES Plaintiff(s)

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vs. OSCAR CRUZ MEJIA Defendant(s)
To the above-named Defendant(s):
Oscar Cruz Mejia,

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff's Attorney Mirna Diaz, M. Diaz Law, P.C. 90 Everett Ave., Suite 5, Chelsea, MA 02150 seeking a complaint for Custody-Support-Parenting Time. You are required to serve upon: Attorney Mirna Diaz, your answer, on or before 10/26/2022. 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 in the office of the Register of this Court at 24 New Chardon St.,

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Boston Carnival masquerader calls for 'unity' to keep the tradition alive

News Editor

Many in the neighborhood might not fully comprehend the effort and lifestyle involved in leading a masquerade band, known as a 'Mas Band,' for Boston Carnival, but one life-long Dorchester resident has been living it since before she was born. She continued that tradition this past weekend when the 49th Boston Carnival Parade returned after a two-year COVID-19 hiatus.

Errin (Mayhew) Douglas, 26, has spent a better part of her life - including when she was in her mother's womb as she was marching in the Boston Carnival – immersed in the Trinidadian-style Car-

Her grandmother, Jean 'Mam' Mayhew, started one of the first 'Mas Bands' in Boston on Mt. Ida Road in the Bowdoin/Geneva neighborhood under the name 'Social Organization for Caribbean Americans (SOCA) & Associates.'

That 'Mas Band,' now under the leadership of Oswald and Margaret Black, has been one of the oldest and strongest throughout the years - planning their costumes, bending all the wires for the feathered plumes, and charting their masquerade dances up on Mt. Ida Road for decades.

"That home became the home to not only my mother and her six older brothers, but also has gone on to be a host to uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, cousins, friends, and strangers alike, that sought refuge and aide from the hardships faced when arriving in America and while growing and raising families here," Douglas said.

"My grandmother's home was filled with notes of Trinidad that could make you feel as if you were still on the island, while in reality you were right off of Columbia Road."

For many of those years, Douglas said, she was right beside her family as a child, and then at the center of it all as an adult. Though her days are spent as a partner in The Davis System, a strategic communications company that coordinates matters for their high-profile political and business clients, her free time is still spent at the 'Mas Camp' on



Errin Douglas in the 2019 Boston Carnival Parade.

"I have the honor of being a Boston-born Trinidadian-American and a masquerader for Boston carnival since in utero," she said last Friday during the Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston (CACAB) breakfast.

"Most kids in Boston spent their summer at Camp Harbor View, I spent my summers at 'Up on De Hill' at SOCA Mas Camp and that has given me a window into how carnival has developed over the years."

SOCA & Associates has won several first-place trophies and has been the Band of the Year in the past at the Boston Carnival as well as at carnivals in Cambridge and Worcester. They were known in the early days for their masquerade performance 'Pirates in the City.'

They've also had numerous kings and queens of Boston Carnival (Douglas was once a Junior Queen).

While she was growing up in Bowdoin/Geneva, and attending St. Peter's School, the Carnival lifestyle and experiences, she said, have shaped her as much as her schooling did. She called on all groups to come together and put differences aside to bring



Errin (Mayhew) Douglas was the keynote speaker at the CACAB Breakfast on Aug. 26. Seth Daniel photo

Carnival to a new generation.

"As we must honor the past, where we started and where we have been able to go, it is also critical that we look on to the future and bring in new perspectives and ideas to what Boston Carnival can be for even more generations to come," she said, adding:

"It is our duty to work together to prepare the next generation and honorably pass the torch to those who will champion our issues.'

She noted the work of past leaders, from CACAB President Shirley Shillingford to steel pan icon Carl Smith, to costume specialist Ansyl Niles to founder Ken Bonaparte Mitchell - among many others. Those leaders, she said, helped push Carnival to the forefront in Boston and prevented it from being shut down or the Parade route shortened.

Douglas said it would only be with renewed unity which has been a challenge among the Carnival crews over the last few years - that Boston Carnival will improve and continue on with the younger generations.

To illustrate that, Douglas said, all the mottos of countries like Trinidad, Jamaica, Guyana, Grenada, and Haiti are based around the concept of unity. She called on all the Mas Bands, CACAB, and all the others associated with Boston Carnival to unite.

"Although we represent different countries, generations, and perspectives, Carnival is what unites us all," she said. "It does not matter if you are a CACAB board member, a band leader, a promoter, a DJ, a photographer, a moko jumbie, a blue devil, an old 'mas wearer,' a 'pretty mas player,' or just a spectator - Carnival belongs to us all. It is our only time to be free and we cannot allow it to slip away because we as a people cannot agree."

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CITATION ON PETITION
FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Docket No. SU14P1009EA ESTATE OF: IDENE WILKERSON

Date of Death: 08/21/2013 To all interested persons:

A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Patricia Keane Martin of Wellesley Hills, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return do 199/22/2022.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

stice of this Court.
Date: August 18, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo

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CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
ESTATE OF: LOUIS MYERS
DATE OF DEATH: 03/14/1994
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Leroy Myers of
Boston, MArequesting that the court enter
a formal Decree of Complete Settlement
including the allowance of a final account,

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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 09/29/2022.

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Date: August 18, 2022

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Notice is hereby given by Always Open Towing at 18 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124 in pursuant to M.G.L. c.225, section 39A, that the following vehicles will be for sale at a private auction on September 15, 2022 at 8 am to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and notice of sale:

> 2007 Cadillac DTS Vin: 1G6KD57Y27U148128

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2009 Hyundai Sonata Vin: 5NPET46C69H549689

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to strike out on his own and do photography full

"I'm kind of glad I lost the job," he said. "I don't know if I would have gone out on my own without losing it.'

Once in the throes of the pandemic, Ritter, like everyone else, had to adjust. The adjustment resulted in the portraits that made up Get Close.'

"I feel like it was a step forward for my style and the things I'm interested in trying to express through my photography," he said of that project. "At this point, it is really just people enjoying one another and having fun and being in the moment."

"Beautiful Dot" is "about celebrating Dorchester," he said. "Many times, people only hear about Dorchester

(Continued from page 1) in the news, when crime occurs. I've always had that feeling like there's people here that really care and really pull for one another and you know, make big goals and achieve them.

"I wanted to help document and celebrate that part of things which... can be shortchanged sometimes," he added. "I'm not saying it's all perfect and everything, but I am saying there's things here that people are missing if all they look at is the bad stuff."

The schedule of the library branch portrait sessions:

- Sept. 10 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lower Mills Branch;
- Sept. 24 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Fields Corner:
- Oct. 1 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Adams Village; • Oct. 15 - 10 a.m. to 2
- p.m. in Grove Hall: • Oct. 22 - 10 a.m. to 2



Mike Ritter

p.m. in Codman Square; • Nov. 5 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Uphams Corner.

Mike Ritter will also be giving an artist talk about the story and process behind "Beautiful Dot" on Tues., Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the BPL's Fields Corner branch.

To see more of his work, visit mikeritterphoto.com/beautiful-dot-portraits.

Editor's Note: The Reporter is a media sponsor of the project.



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BGCD Members Enjoy Once in a Lifetime Trip with Rodman Disney for Kids: See details below.

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BGCD Members Enjoy Once in a
Lifetime Trip with Rodman Disney
for Kids: As part of the Rodman
Disney for Kids Program, now in its
30th year, children and chaperones
traveled to Walt Disney World in
Orlando, Florida this August with Boys
& Girls Clubs of Dorchester for an
unforgettable experience.

The program is funded by the incredible generosity of our friends at Rodman for Kids, and the many friends who support their efforts. This gives members of our Clubs and our partner organizations opportunities and memories that will last a lifetime. Our Club members had an amazing time this year as they visited different parks including Magic Kingdom, Universal Studios, Hollywood Studios and more.

Thank you for giving our youth this once in a lifetime opportunity!

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Concludes Successful
Safe Summer Streets Basketball
League: The 8-team division of the
Safe Summer Streets Basketball
League at Boys & Girls Clubs of
Dorchester concluded with an exciting
Championship game in which the
Leahy Holloran Community Center
team defeated BGCD Team 1 in a
tightly contested game.

Thanks to all eight teams on a successful season and to our friends at the Leahy Holloran Center on their well played title game. BGCD will be offering a Basketball Clinic program this Fall to assist players in getting ready for their respective High School seasons.

For more information on our upcoming Basketball Clinic, please contact Octavius Nunes at onunes@bgcdorchester.org.



DID YOU KNOW:

BGCD & Ron Burton Training Village Family Retreat - Register Today:
After several successful Retreat Days, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is proud to partner once again with the Ron Burton Training Village to host our first Family Retreat Day which will be offered on Saturday, September 17th.

We are encouraging parents and their children here at the Club ages 9-12 to join us on a fun-filled day of specially planned activities. There will be youth only activities planned which will give the parents opportunities to share time with one another, and then some joint activities to enjoy together. If you are interested in registering please use the QR Code under Upcoming Events.

For more information, please email Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester. org. We are looking forward to a fun filled day for all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BGCD Parent/Member Orientation September 6

> Ron Burton Family Retreat September 17 Scan OR Code to Register



Rodman Ride for Kids September 24 Register at http://do.nr/ybjeav

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Poll finds 'undecideds' outpacing candidates as primaries close in

By Colin A. Young State House News Service

With less than two weeks (Sept. 6) until the state's primary elections, "undecided" is leading the pack in nearly every race on both the Democratic and Republican sides, according to a new poll released Thursday by the Fiscal Alliance Foundation.

The results seem to indicate that statewide candidates have so far failed to make a big impression on voters, and there are opportunities for many of those in the running to break

through with the electorate in the final days of campaigning.

But the poll could also indicate how some people have already voted since many mailin ballots have already been marked. As of 11 a.m. last Wednesday, 652,471 voters had requested mail-in ballots, 636,867 of those ballots had been mailed out to voters, and 207,586 voters had returned their votes, according to the secretary of state's office.

On the Democratic side, Kim Driscoll was leading the lieutenant governor's race with 13 percent support (Eric Lesser with 9 percent and Tami Gouveia with 6 percent), but 72 percent of primary voters said they have not yet made up their minds.

Andrea Campbell led the attorney general primary (25 percent) followed by Shannon Liss-Riordan (20 percent) and Quentin Palfrey (5 percent); 49 percent said they were undecided about their choice. Neither candidate for auditor registered much support (Chris Dempsey at 15 percent and Diana DiZoglio at 10 percent) and 75 percent said they

were undecided.

Secretary of State William Galvin was the only candidate of either party to register at least 50 percent support. The poll found Galvin to have 55 percent support among Democratic primary voters to challenger Tanisha Sullivan's 14 percent, with 31 percent undecided.

Among Republican primary voters polled, Geoff Diehl led the gubernatorial contest with 42 percent support to Chris Doughty's 27 percent, but about one-third of voters said they are still undecided in that

contest. The poll was sponsored by the Fiscal Alliance Foundation, which overlaps significantly with an organization founded by Diehl's employer, Rick Green, the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance.

"File this poll under unethical," Doughty tweeted Thursday afternoon.

When it came to the lieutenant governor's race, 68 percent of GOP primary voters said they were still undecided. But Kate Campanale, who is aligned with Doughty's campaign, was running a bit ahead of Diehl's preferred running mate, Leah Allen – 19 percent of respondents said they support Campanale to the 13 percent who support Allen.

Paul Craney, a spokesman for the foundation and Mass. Fiscal, noted that the difference between Campanale and Allen was within the poll's margin of error (+/-7.2 points for Republican primary contests)

but said now is the time for gubernatorial candidates on both sides of the aisle to make sure their voters know whom they want to have working with them as lieutenant governor.

"If I was Geoff and Leah right now, I'd be really kind of focusing on making sure that connection is very clear leading into the next few days and then through early voting and on primary day," he said. "And then maybe if you're Maura Healey and you do have a preference, making that preference kind of known directly or indirectly the next few days is probably what their campaign is thinking for the LG race. Because again, that one seems to be pretty wide open.'

The high percentage of likely primary voters from both parties who are still undecided about the lieutenant governor primaries signaled to Craney that the race for that job is "an afterthought right now."

The poll surveyed 750 primary voters with a history of voting in primary elections on Aug. 22 and 23, and has a margin of error of +/- 4.1 points for the Democratic primary and a margin of error of +/- 7.2 points for the Republican primary. The poll was conducted by Jim Eltringham of D.C.-area polling company Advantage Inc.

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THE LOTTERY DRAWING will be held on November 1, 2022





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CITATION ON GENERAL
PROBATE PETITION
Docket No. SU15P3047EA
ESTATE OF:
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To all interested persons:
APetition has been filed by Thomas
M. Looney, Esq. of Dorchester, MA
and Selwyn Eccles of Dorchester, MA
wherefore, the Petitioner respectfully request that this Court: 1) Enter
a decree reforming the Decree of Sale
of Real Estate dated June 21, 2017,
nunc pro tunc and effective as of the
date, so as to include 8 Norton St.,
Boston (Dorchester), Massachusetts,
as part of the property to be sold by the
Personal Representative of the Estate
of Theodora Rosetta Griffith in Docket
No. SU15P3047EA. 2) Enter a decree
declaring that: (a) the Fiduciary Deed
dated June 23, 2017, and recorded with
the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at
Book 58126, Page 96 validly and effectively all of the real property described
in said Fiduciary Deed, including 8
Norton Street, Boston (Dorchester),
Massachusetts, despite the omission
of said property from the description
in the Decree dated June 21, 2017;
and (b); Selwyn Eccles is the lawful
owner in fee of 8 Norton Street, Boston
(Dorchester), Massachusetts by and
through said Fiduciary Deed, free
and clear of any interest of Theodora
Rosetta Griffith and all those claiming

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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 09/29/2022.

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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Docket No. SU22P1801EA
ESTATE OF:
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To all persons in the Setting of Potitioner

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Courtney M. Whelan of Boston, MA. Courtney M. Whelan of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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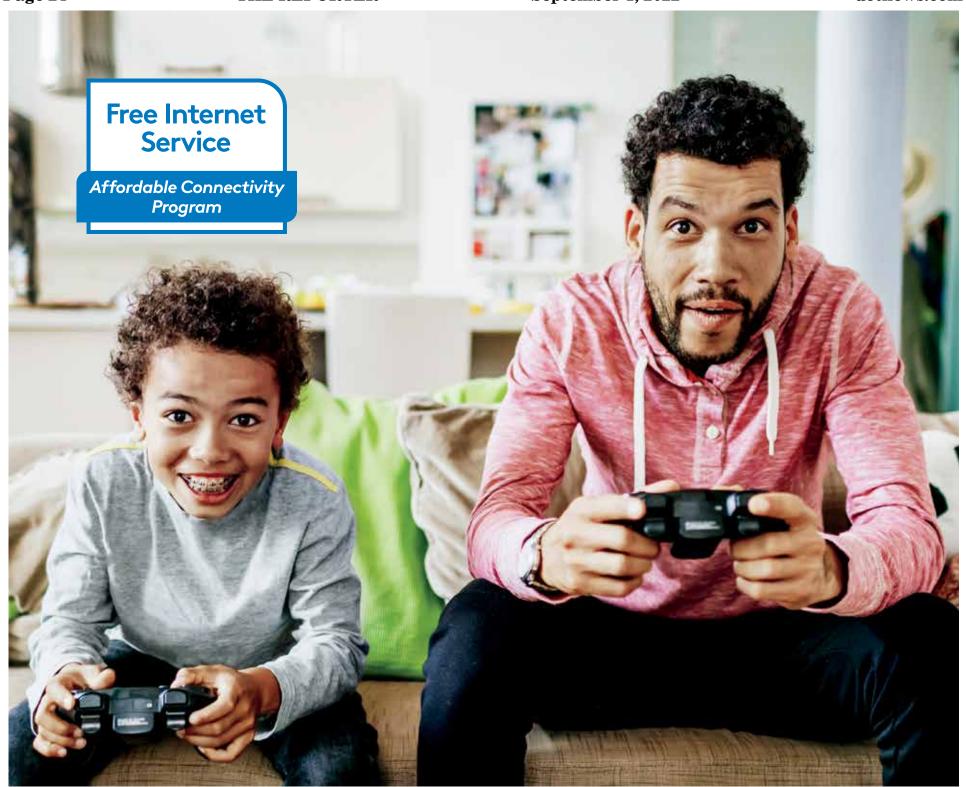
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