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# **CHASING VOTES IN DISTRICT 3**



District 3 council candidate John FitzGerald paused for a photo with Phil Cheng and his children, Elizabeth and James, at the Peabody Square Ice Cream Social last week. FitzGerald is one of seven candidates running to replace Frank Baker in the Dorchester council seat. Story, page 4. *Cassidy McNeeley photo* 



Ann Walsh talked with resident Michelle Dardy, middle, and her friend about street calming measures around Wainwright Park during a campaign canvassing this month. For more on Walsh's candidacy, see page 4.

Seth Daniel photo

# Candidates respond to Reporter's survey

### By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS **MANAGING EDITOR**

In the coming weeks, voters will get a chance to make their choices in the first round of balloting for the open seat for the City Council's District 3 as seven candidates vie to replace Frank Baker. The longtime councillor, first elected in 2011, isn't running for another two-year term on the 13-member body.

Open seats don't come along often: Before Baker, Maureen Feeney served as the District 3 councillor for 17 years. The preliminary is set for Sept. 12, and two finalists will face off on Nov. 7.

With that in mind, and as in past election cycles, the Reporter sent out a questionnaire to all seven

candidates, asking for their thoughts on a variety of topics, ranging from whom they view as their role models, to their top priority, and which specific agency they feel needs urgent reform.

Housing activist Rosalind Wornum did not respond in time for this presentation.

The responses of the other six, available in full this week on DotNews.com, varied. On the topic of gun violence, John FitzGerald, a Boston Planning and Development Agency official, said there are "too many guns" on the streets, and police must work to crack down on illegal firearms.

"At the same time, we need to be partnering with (Continued on page 5)

# Café Juice Up introduces a dining parklet at its Blue Hill Avenue site

# By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

When Denise O'Marde opened Café Juice Up on Blue Hill Avenue in 2019, it soon became a beacon for area residents who wanted to try something different, like healthy juices. Now, she and co-owner Dimitri Phanor



small and the parklet fits because people can order and go outside and wait," said O'Marde, who noted that she encourages neighboring businesses to use it, too. "They don't even realize if it takes some time for their order. Mattapan hasn't really had any outdoor things.

# T sets shutdown for Ashmont, Mattapan branches in October 'Critical' replacement work on tracks cited

### By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS **MANAGING EDITOR**

The MBTA plans to fully close the Ashmont branch of the Red Line and the Mattapan trolley line during the second half of October. The shutdown will last between Sat., Oct. 14, and Sun., Oct. 29, to allow workers to undertake what the agency says is "critical" replacement work on the tracks, which are some of the oldest in the system.

The Red Line in particular has been plagued by "slow zones," with long wait times at stations and trains inching along as cars and commuter rail trains fly past.

Track issues and rider time aren't the only safety concerns along the line. The stations in the Dorchester section of the Red Line -JFK/UMass, Savin Hill, Fields Corner, Shawmut, and Ashmont - also have crumbling staircases. The Mattapan trolley extension runs from Ashmont to Mattapan Square, with stops in Lower Mills and Milton.

Officials have said that without the shutdown in October, the work would take six months to complete over nights and weekends.

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# A day of violence along Blue Hill Ave. Gun battle injures eight near J'ouvert parade route

# By Reporter Staff

A day of violence along a mile stretch of Blue Hill Avenue from Talbot Avenue to Supple Road that started with a gun battle where eight were injured - including, police say, one of the suspected shooters – continued throughout Saturday even as police worked to keep Caribbe-

an Carnival goers safe. BPD officials reported the following about the harrowing day:

Three adult men and a teenager were arrested in the wake of after a gun battle that broke out around 7:45 a.m. on Talbot Avenue just steps from the J'ouvert parade A gun recovered from the on Blue Hill Avenue. Two scene. More on Page 21. of those arrested were **BPD** photos carrying loaded guns modified to let them fire continuously. One of the eight wounded. Sebastian Fernandez. 21, was involved in the shooting, according to surveillance video, although the gun he used has yet to be found. The video from the scene shows Fernandez and another male, possibly a 17-year-old who was arrested later in the day, opening fire on each other. (Continued on page 21)



are pioneering once again - they're setting up an outdoor dining experience on the thorough fare.

To date, participants in the city's outdoor dining program have been commonly located in the Back Bay, the South End, and East Boston. But late last fall, city officials contacted O'Marde and Phanor about adding a dining parklet in front of their store as a pilot. It went well despite being

Customers and Café Juice Up workers relax on the outdoor dining parklet last week, including co-owner Dimitri Phanor (second from left) and employee Timothy Jones (third from left). Seth Daniel photo

a bit of a cold spot, and this month, the parklet is again open for business. "It's a good fit, be-

cause prior to us recently improving our outdoor space beside the store, the inside space was They'll get used to it and I think they'll use it more, too."

Phanor said he was excited last year when they placed it outside, but there wasn't enough time before the winter for it to gather momentum. Now that the parklet is back in place, with the temperatures still warm, and flowers decorating the sides, customers are starting to embrace it. (Continued on page 12)



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# Police, Courts & Fire

# South Bay brawl draws a huge police response

Boston Police arrested eight pre-teens and teenagers between the ages of 12 and 17 outside the AMC movie theater on District Avenue in South Bay.

on Sunday afternoon in the midst of a large fight in which some of the combatants allegedly directed their fists at officers as well as at other combatants.

The brawl reportedly grew to include as many as 200 people at its height as theater employees tried to evacuate movie goers.

Police say officers from several districts and state troopers responded to the area between the old Olive Garden and the new Starbucks, around 4:50 p.m. for a fight involving a large group.

According to a BPD account: "Officers observed the large group of juveniles causing disturbances. Multiple juveniles failed to disperse from the area and became confrontational with officers. As officers attempted to apprehend suspects, they were met with resistance by other juveniles who began to assault officers."

Aside from one 14-year-old, who was charged with being delinquent for disturbing the peace, all the teens and the two 12-year-olds were charged with being delinquent for assault and battery. One of the 12-year-olds was also charged with being delinquent for assault and battery on a police officer, as were three 14-year-olds and a 17-year-old.

Two 13-year-olds were arrested for breaking into the Lilla G. Frederick Middle School on Sunday afternoon (Aug. 27). Police were called to the scene around 12:30 p.m. for a report of two young males "throwing rocks at the school causing a security camera to break." The two kids allegedly threw a brick through a glass door and entered the school, but eluded police. Later, around 3:30 p.m. police say they "observed the suspects matching the early description" and arrested them after a short chase.

A 66-year-old Cambridge man was arrested on Friday evening after police say he stabbed someone on Westview Street near Franklin Field and then fled the scene in a car. Roy Taylor was later taken into custody with the assistance of Cambridge Police. The victim in the incident was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Taylor was to be arraigned in Dorchester court for an A&B with a dangerous weapon and mayhem.

Police assigned to the anti-crime unit in District C-11 arrested a 31-year-old Dorchester woman last Wednesday night (Aug. 23) on firearm charges. Police encountered Sharae Rankin after she was spotted engaged in an alleged "drug transaction" in the area of 1911 Dorchester Ave. Arresting officers allege that Rankin was carrying "a large folding knife in her pocket" along with a "Ruger SR22 with six rounds in the magazine."

# August 31, 2023 ZBA okays 4-story building on Dot Ave. gas station lot

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday approved plans by the owner of the shuttered US Petroleum station at Dorchester Avenue and Semont Road to replace it with a 4-story, 14-unit residential building with 6 parking spaces and ground-floor space for a restaurant.

Dimitrios Gerasimidis's attorney, Nicholas Zozula, told the board that his client is looking at selling the units as condos, rather than renting them as apartments, but he has yet to make a final



An architect's rendering shows a proposed building at Dorchester Avenue and Semont Road. Image courtesy Derek Rubinoff.

determination. In either case, two of

the units would be sold,

or rented, as affordable, possibly with one at 80 percent of the Boston-ar-

Wu names first Cabo Verdean woman to School Committee

# By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS

**MANAGING EDITOR** Mayor Wu last week appointed Chantal Lima Barbosa, a Dorchester resident, to the citv's School Committee. She replaces Lorena Lopera, who resigned to join the school improvement nonprofit EdVestors as its vice president for advancement and external relations.

Lima Barbosa will serve out the reminder of her predecessor's term, which ends on Jan. 1, 2024.

She becomes the first Cabo Verdean woman to serve on the seven-member committee. (John Barros, who also lives in Dorchester and was appointed by Mayor Thomas Menino, was the first Cabo Verdean man.)

Cabo Verdean Creole is spoken by "seven percent of BPS families at home and is the third most common home language for BPS families after English and Spanish,<sup>3</sup> according to the mayor's office.

Said Wu in a statement: "Chantal is a dedicated public servant whose education background, experience as a BPS alum from an immigrant family, and love for BPS communities will benefit all BPS families, educators, and staff."

The daughter of immigrants, Lima Barbosa was born in Boston and raised in Praia, the capital of Cape Verde. She returned to Boston in 2010, where she graduated as valedictorian at Jeremiah Burke High School in 2012. She earned degrees in political science, and in higher education and administration, from UMass Amherst.

In February 2020, Mayor Marty Walsh appointed her as the liaison to Dorchester and Cabo Verdean communities in the Office of Neighborhood Services. She was later promoted to City Council liaison within the mayor's office of intergovernmental relations. Lima Barbosa currently works for Duet, a higher education coaching nonprofit, as one of the organization's directors of recruitment.

"I still remember my first day at the Burke as if it was yesterday and I'm humbled to now be sitting at such a critical table amplifying the experiences and voices of so many students, advocates, and families just like mine," she said in a statement. "This is a huge responsibility that I do not take

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ea median income and the other at 100 percent. However, part of the ZBA approval included discussions with the BPDA about possible lower prices for those units.

Zozula said that the project calls for eliminating the current wide curb cut on Dorchester Avenue for the gas station, which would add three on-street parking spaces. Access to the building's resident parking spaces would be on Semont Road.

Garasimidis said he has already removed the gas station's tanks and that he hopes to begin construction on the new building this spring.

- REPORTER STAFF



**Chantal Lima Barbosa** 

lightly. I am so excited to play a role in shaping the development and success of young people in the City of Boston.'

The school committee, which meets twice a month during the school year, is made up of mayoral appointees and chaired by Jeri Robinson, a Dorchester resident.

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# **UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**



This Fall at the **Edward M. Kennedy Institute** 

Educational Field Trips

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**Classic Car Show returns to Dorchester** Park— The 12th annual classic car show returns to Dorchester Park on Sunday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with a wide variety of antique vehicles, DJ, food truck, Clydesdale-drawn hay wagon and performances by students from the Boston School of Music. Sponsored by the Dorchester Park Association. For more information see the Dorchester Park page on Facebook or visit dotpark. org.

A long stretch of Dorchester Avenue will be closed the vehicular traffic and open to pedestrians on Sun. Sept. 17, as part of the Open Streets Boston initiative. Dot Ave. will be closed between Ashmont Street and Freeport Street from 10 a.m to

3:30 p.m. See boston .gov for more info. St. Mark's Community Education Program "Opening Doors: Celebrating hosts Immigrant Success Stories" on Sat., Sept. 16, 6-9 p.m. with former Boston Mayor and former US Labor Secretary Marty Walsh. Tickets are on sale now at stmarkesol.org.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. for a proposed new building at 81 Hancock St., Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application (SPRA) that was filed and its potential impacts. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public. The proposal consists of an approximately

32,309-square-foot building divided into 39 residential dwelling units - 24 studio units, 3 one-bedroom units, 6 twobedroom units, and 6 three-bedroom units. See Page 17 in this week's edition for more info on how to join the meeting. The Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale is set for Sat., Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date: Sept.16. For more information, email: savinhill@outlook. com

Mattapan Community Health Center's "Care in the Square" event takes place on Sat., Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1575 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. Free health and dental screenings, music, free bookbags for kids, food trucks, and more. See mattapanchc.org or call 617-



898-9053 for more info.

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute kicks off its Fall 2023 school programming for student groups on Sept. 14. Contact studentgroups@emkinstitute. org for more information on booking a classroom trip.

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music plans a concert of Persian Classical Music on Sun., Sept. 17, at 4 p.m. at Peabody Hall, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Children under 18 are free. Tickets for adults: \$25; students \$18. IC and ConnectorCare holders, \$3.

The Franklin Park Jazz and R&B Festival is set for Sat., Sept. 16, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. See franklinparkcoalition.org for more.

# THE REPORTER

# Officials cite federal monies available to BHA's Franklin Field development

# By Seth Daniel News Editor

When Jossie Leon is in her housing unit at the Franklin Field Apartments, she describes the air quality as being so bad it causes her to cough more inside than outside. In the winter months. snow sometimes comes through the windows, a common problem for many living in the public housing development west of the Blue Hill Ave.-Talbot Ave. intersection.

The indoor living environment badly needs investment, said Leon during a press conference last Wednesday (Aug. 23) outside the complex. Officials from federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael Regan, US Sen. Ed Markey to Gov. Healey and Mayor Wu were on site to tout the availability of money from the federal Inflation Reduction Act to improve windows, roofs, and heating/air conditioning units in seven of the development's buildings containing more than 500 housing units.

"I would like the children I raised and the children I teach to grow up in safe and healthy housing," said Leon, who is the leader of the Estrellas Tropicales dance troupe. "Today a lot of the discussion is about building, but this occasion is about more than that. It's about us, the residents of Franklin Field and our homes...We need better air quality in Franklin Field. Every level of government should invest in public housing first and not last."

The officials responded that that is what they are doing with the \$21 billion Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. Applications now available for money to help communities – particularly low-income communities and public housing developments – improve air quality and heating/cooling efficiency.

Kenzie Bok, the Boston Housing Authority administrator, and the BHA's Joel Wool said they hope to use federal monies to pilot innovations at Franklin Field and the Mildred Hailey Apartments in Jamaica Plain.

"We're in front of seven buildings connected by a central boiler plant," said Wool, noting that it used to be oil-burning, but was converted to gas in 2002. Added Bok: "Our plan was to replace this gas boiler and we decided instead to go fossil fuel free. We're trying to do that before 2030. The best way of going fossil fuel free is not to add more fossil fuel infrastructure."

She and Wool said they are looking at replacing windows, roofs, and updating heating/cooling infrastructure. That could include all new heat pumps (providing heating and cooling), or it could be a new network of geothermal technology on site.

"We're excited about looking into the geothermal opportunity here," said Wool.

For Sen. Markey, the event marked the culmination of decades of advocacy for a funding source called a "Climate Bank." He shared that as a congressman, he got it passed in the House of Representatives in 2009, only to have it cut in the Senate. His advocacy has continued over the years, but it wasn't until the Inflation Act that he was able to get everyone on board. Now, that funding mechanism he dreamed about to help elevate climate and resiliency solutions is at work in places like Franklin Field, he said.

"A vision without fund-

ing is an hallucination," he said. "After years of Republican climate denial, we are here to celebrate \$21 billion in funding...that has turned this vision into reality."

Healey was on hand to tell everyone that the state has already taken measures, like starting the new Community Climate Bank, to be ready for the billions available from the federal government for dedicated purposes.

"Our Climate Bank makes us eligible for the new funding at the federal level and our affordable housing focus gives us an advantage," she said. "This is a powerful example of how, if we go all in and work together, we'll see unprecedented returns."

She said she pledged to make sure that Massachusetts would be first in line for the new federal funding, using her newly formed Office of Federal Funds to seek out every dollar the state can get.

Said Wu: "We've been sounding the alarm for so many years on climate and racial disparities and calling people to be at the forefront of the biggest issues. This is an investment unlike any other."



State, local, and federal officials were on hand at Franklin Field Apartments last Wednesday (Aug. 23) to hear about the availability of federal funding for air quality and heating/cooling upgrades from the federal Inflation Adjustment Act. *Seth Daniel photo* 

The EPA's Regan congratulated Franklin Field, Boston, and Massachusetts for being ready to quickly jump on these funding opportunities to reduce climate impacts. "We're taking local and state stories here and turning them into a national story," he said. "We know solutions don't start at the top; they come from the ground level up."

Union leaders like Dorchester's Brian Doherty, of the Boston Building and Construction Trade Council, and Darlene Lombos, executive secretary-treasurer of the Greater Boston

The EPA's Regan ongratulated Franklin eld, Boston, and Massausetts for being ready quickly jump on these inding opportunities to educe climate impacts. Labor Council (GBLC), were also on hand to advocate and celebrate the use of union labor within the upcoming projects funded by the Climate

> The national clean financing network, which is based on Markey's Climate Bank idea, means to mobilize private capital into clean technology projects to create good-paying jobs and lower energy costs for American families, especially in low-income and disadvantaged communities, while cutting harmful pollution to protect people's health and tackle the climate crisis.



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# Page 4 THE REPORTER As councillor, Walsh would aim to leverage technology, relationships

## BY SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

District 3 City Council candidate Ann M. Walsh often mixes up her campaign clipboard with her coach's whistle in her daily, full-on dive into a campaign marked by a heavy dose of door-knocking, a busy schedule of lawn parties, and the shoe-horning of softball duties in between.

The longtime activist, former City Council staffer with John Connolly, and neighborhood softball coach, got into the race late, due to the redistricting process that initially located her Lower Mills home in District 4 before it was returned to District 3 at the end of May. Her mother also passed away this summer. The delay has led her to a quick ramp-up to faster and smarter work than all the other campaigns to catch up, she said.

"We're trying to target folks that are frequent voters to get through the preliminary and then we'll look at expanding



District 3 candidate Ann Walsh, center, on the campaign trail with her daughter Clare, right, and campaign chair Virginia Benzan. Seth Daniel photo

the voting universe, but I only got in on June 1," she said. "So, I'm months behind."

Walsh is leveraging her network of friends, acquaintances, and neighbors to close the time gap. For example, she said, she needed campaign logos for lawn signs and literature on the double

and had a long time friend come up with her light blue and yellow logo on the fly.

The same is true for her social media efforts. Every night she and her 17-year-old daughter Clare sit down at the kitchen table and plan posts, while her husband Jonathan and older daughter Maddy join in on strategy ideas.

"Clare has been campaigning with me forever," said Walsh. "She was in the car in 2006 driving people to the polls for Deval Patrick. She was an infant."

Inbetweendoor-knocking recently on homes by Wainwright Park, she texted a campaign worker who was late due to the Red Line. "One thing we're calling for is a transit system that works," she said between texts. "People come from work downtown and the breakdowns make them consistently late - even for campaign events and softball games."

The campaign works cohesively by using the "Minivan" app, which is becoming common, to integrate voter lists and guide volunteers by phone as they canvass, take notes, and report on issues and interactions. A key observation from those efforts, she said, was the fact that "doorbells are becoming an endangered species. It's wild."

During the canvass, during which she was accompanied by the Reporter, Walsh found several voters who expressed a wide range of concerns in 10-to-20-minute conversations. One woman was struggling to find a home to buy, and her young adult sons, who are Black, reported negative experiences with the police. Another interaction over a yard fence was about crosswalks and street calming. Yet another discussion in-

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volved an older resident who wanted information without having to go online. Finally, a couple talked at length with Walsh about voting accessibility for disabled residents.

The campaign had knocked more than 2,000 doors in the district by Aug. 8, said Walsh. "I've campaigned for a lot of people, but never for myself," she said. "When people get a candidate at the door, they are more interested in talking. I learned a lot more on the doors as a candidate than as a volunteer."

From there it was off to a lawn party sponsored by a group representing Ashmont-Adams and Savin Hill. On most nights, there's also a softball game to coach. But for Walsh, the key she's taking from it all is value in trying to bring those she meets and knows closer to their government.

"My approach will be to get the people who are end users in a room and find out if we need to fix problems so we're not fixing problems that don't need to be fixed, or that we're not fixing the right things," she said.



# On the trail, FitzGerald touts relationships that he forged inside and outside City Hall

## By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Last Thursday supplied a typical afternoon for John FitzGerald as he hit the streets as a candidate for the open District 3 City Council seat: A back-to-school BBQ and backpack supply event in Lower Mills, followed by an ice cream social in Peabody Square, and then a round of door-knocking in Savin Hill. All that came after he had punched out for the day at the Boston Planning and Develop-ment Agency (BPDA).

"I've worked at City Hall for over 17 years, and that really is irreplaceable in my mind because this city is still small enough that it's built upon relationships." said FitzGerald, who started inside City Hall under Mayor Thomas Menino. "There's a camaraderie that exists that is so important when getting stuff done. I think having that experience, that 17 years of building

really huge."

He said he had not always imagined himself as a politician, even though his father Kevin, a key model, served as a state representative for Mission Hill and Jamaica Plain for nearly three decades. FitzGerald also counts Marty Walsh, the former mayor and US labor secretary, as another politician whose counsel has been important to him. Walsh, a Lower Mills resident, is supporting him in the seven-way race to succeed Frank Baker, who opted against running for another twoyear term.

In April, a few days after Baker announced his decision, friends of FitzGerald approached him at the Dorchester Little League parade and asked him to consider running for the open seat. After a few calls and a sitdown with his family, the 41-year-old joined the race.

those relationships, is the day, it's just about going and thinking about all the trials and tribulations you've gone through in your own life and learning from that," FitzGerald said. "Whether it's being a father, whether it's just working at City Hall and being up in front in those public meetings when the lights are the brightest and the stage is big and everybody is asking you questions and looking for you to lead, I've done that my whole life, so this isn't going to be different for me.

"It's a bigger stage and I'm excited about that. The demand will be bigger, the lights will be brighter, and there are going to be more eyes. Let's go, bring it on.<sup>3</sup>

up at the doors. It's a priority for FitzGerald, a Boston Public Schools graduate who is married to Meghan, a public school teacher who works in neighboring Quincy. They have two children in Boston public schools.

"I know that [the schools] are the number one reason families are deciding to move [out of Boston]," he said. "There might be other factors that play into it, but the number one reason is the schools. If you build around families, the amenities that come from that benefit everyone, so it's vital to keep them here."

FitzGerald added that he doesn't want to live anywhere else but Boston. He and Meghan are

After Thursday's BBQ and ice cream social, he made his way to Savin Hill, going up and down the front stairs of dozens of homes to greet residents.

Education was one "I think at the end of of the topics that came

raising three children in Adams Village: Callan, Mac, and Reese.

"I tell people we decided to buy a house here and raise our family here in Dorchester thinking that things are going to be okay," he said. "Now

District 3 candidate John FitzGerald is shown on the campaign trail near the beach in Savin Hill, where he spent a couple of hours knocking doors to meet voters last Thursday. Cassidy McNeeley photo

we're worrying that maybe it's tougher than we thought, and I think a lot of families are feeling

that. I've got to go get a seat at the table to make sure I can stick around.'

# SEIU 1199 and two other locals back Richards for District 3 seat

Three unions, including the healthcare workers' SEIU 1199, have endorsed Fields Corner's Joel Richards in the seven-way race for the District 3 City Council seat.

The other two are SEIU 509 (social workers) and 32BJ (property service workers). In all, the three represent nearly 110,000 people.

"With the issues of quality healthcare, affordable housing, and equitable public education at the forefront of our community's concerns, we need a counselor who will center working people,"

Tim Foley, executive vice president of 1199SEIU, said in a statement. "We believe that Joel is the candidate who can make a meaningful difference and help create a Boston that works for all."

Richards, a member of the Boston Teachers Union, teaches at the Blackstone in the South End and is a board member of Dorchester's Little Saigon. His union is staving out of the preliminary

"Our district is home to the people who make Boston run, providing some of our most essential services," Richhonor to be endorsed by a union fighting for the fair treatment and security of so many of those neighbors. We need a City Council actively working to get investment on this side of town and for those workers that fulfill these roles. I look forward to partnering alongside SEIU members and organizers so that all who put their heart and muscle into this city's prosperity can benefit from it.'

Other unions have backed John FitzGerald, a top official at the Boston

ards said. "That is why it is such an Planning and Development Agency. The Greater Boston Labor Council, IBEW Local 103, and North Atlantic Regional Council of Carpenters are among the unions supporting him, while SEIU 888 (state and municipal workers) is supporting labor lawyer Matt Patton.

On Wednesday, Ann Walsh was endorsed by the editorial board of the Boston Globe, which cited her "own personal experiences [that] give her strong insight into the struggles of families in the city."

### THE REPORTER

# Former Gov. Patrick to host fundraiser for D3 candidate Patton

Savin Hill attorney Matt Patton, a candidate for the District 3 City Council seat, worked on then-Gov. Deval Patrick's 2010 reelection campaign as deputy field director and now Patrick is returning the favor by running a fundraiser for his former aide.

"Matt spent his career fighting for workers to have a voice on the job, for individuals to make their own health care choices, and for his neighbors to live in supportive, prosperous communities," Patrick, who donated \$500 to Patton earlier this year, said in a statement.

"We need leaders and doers on the Boston City Council, showing up and speaking out on behalf of their constituents — making government better. Matt is that kind of leader, and I know he'll be a dedicated city councillor for the people of District 3," he added.

The fundraiser is scheduled for next Tuesday (Sept. 1) at Tavolo, a restaurant next to the Ashmont MBTA Station. The Italian restaurant, which opened on Dorchester Avenue in 2008, is one of Patrick's favorites. During his two terms in the governor's office, Patrick lived close by in Milton. He currently lists his home base as Richmond, a town in the Berkshires

The fundraiser comes a week

before the Sept. 12 preliminary, which will narrow a seven-person field to two. The finalists will face off on the Nov. 7 ballot.

In an interview, Patton told the Reporter that Patrick "always lifted up everyone and fought to treat people with respect no matter their status. We need that level of compassion combined with the energy to get things done on education, infrastructure, and housing. I thank him for his endorsement and am honored to carry it throughout this campaign."

Tim Murray, who served as lieutenant governor while Patrick was in the State House, held his own fundraiser for Patton in June at the Dubliner restaurant in downtown Boston.

Patton, a labor lawyer, also worked on Elizabeth Warren's first campaign for US Senate in 2012 and John Barros's two runs for mayor of Boston.

# D3 candidates respond to Reporter's questionnaire

community organizations that will help get to the root cause of the violence. Both are necessary if we ever want to see lasting progress made here," he wrote.

Jennifer Johnson, a Meetinghouse Hill activist, said that by the time a young person has picked up a gun, "we have failed as a city, because that young person has lost hope." Public schools must "show our kids their opportunities based on their own skills, interests and talents,<sup>2</sup> she said in her response.

Matt Patton, a Savin Hill labor lawyer, called gun violence "far too common." As a parent of two children, "I am constantly looking for what exit I would use or how I would get my kids to safety when I bring them to the grocery

(Continued from page 1) store, restaurants, movies, parks, or any public place," he wrote. State and federal officials must step in with stronger gun laws, and there should be greater investment in after-school activities, job training, as well as school counselors," he wrote.

Joel Richards, who lives in Fields Corner and teaches in the South End, said he has personally witnessed and felt the impact of gun violence. He said more money must be spent on professionals to meet "youth where they are at," and "redirect them now before they do something they cannot undo."

Ann M. Walsh, a Lower Mills resident who recently led an education nonprofit, said that "while community policing and law enforcement are important pieces of the puzzle, crime reduction and public safety are not just the purview of the police." Providing jobs is key, she added. "I will focus on pathways to jobs for all, including for people with [criminal records], and the expansion of enrichment programs for youth to build stronger relationships in our neighborhoods."

Barry Lawton, a former schoolteacher who lives in the Uphams Corner/Savin Hill area, he would support anti-violence groups . He added that he will "emphatically inform those who treat our streets like the 'Wild West' that they will find no quarter."

The candidates also offered a wide-ranging list of role models. Walsh's three were the a late diplomat Madeleine Albright," who learned from her own experience as a refugee and spent her entire career speaking up for justice and human rights"; Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the National Farmworkers Association who led a movement for better pay and workplace safety; and American revolutionary Samuel Adams.

Richards listed his fellow educators and longtime Dorchester residents Roger and Claire Dewey, as well as Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman elected to Congress, and the late Mel King, a South End community organizer who ran for mayor. "His leadership in Boston has greatly influenced my work as a teacher, specifically that to truly uplift and educate our youth it takes organizing the community around them and collaborating with their family," Richards

wrote.

Patton listed four people whom he previously worked for, including Gov. Deval Patrick and Lt. Gov. Tim Murray, and Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who he worked with through the Special Olympics. John Barros, a former economic development chief and mayoral candidate, was the fourth. "Working for John, I learned the importance of uniting people and communities to advance common values - even if there are seemingly divergent interests," Patton wrote. "John showed that it's possible to lift up communities by creating broad-based coalitions." Johnson, who grew

up in Louisiana, pointed to the three Kennedy brothers: 'Jack, Bobby, and Teddy. President Kennedy and Attorney

General Kennedy substantially changed my life by using their power to desegregate schools in the South," she wrote. "I was the first person in my family to go to desegregated schools and having friends and classmates who were not white changed the course of my life.'

Lawton also picked President Kennedy, as well as the late state Rep. Doris Bunte and former state Sen. Richard Moore and his wife Joanne.

FitzGerald said his wasan easy pick: His father, the late Mission Hill and Jamaica Plain state Rep. Kevin Fitzgerald. "He did an amazing job as an elected official, and that only pales in comparison to the job he did as my Dad. I miss him every day and hope I can make him proud.'



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# Stitching together to bring awareness, empathy about an aggressive cancer

By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Before he left office, Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law the establishment of a permanent day of awareness for Inflammatory Breast Cancer (IBC), a rare but aggressive disease. This year, IBC Awareness Day will take place in Massachusetts on Tues., Oct. 10. Leading up to the recognition and education event, Stitch House Dorchester will be hosting two knit-along events, where residents will be invited to crochet and knit hats for chemotherapy patients.

Susan Asci, who once lived in South Boston and now resides in Whitman, is a 23year survivor of IBC. After completing her treatment, Asci felt that she could help others by establishing support groups and raising money for research. Her most recent project has  $been \ collaborating \ with \ Stitch$ House, which is located at 846 Dorchester Ave.

The yarn store will host two events in September to create and collect chemo hats for

donation to the Breast Health Center at Tufts Medical Center in Boston in recognition of IBC Awareness Day. The first will take place on Fri., Sept. 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; the second knit-along will occur on Sun., Sept. 24, from 4:30 p.m to 6:30 p.m.

"Participants are going to donate what they make but they also will have an opportunity to ask questions," said Asci. "We're going to have our educational brochures there and I'll be at those events myself. There are a couple of other survivors who may or may not pop in and be available to talk about their experience or to answer questions. It's a very grassroots way of sharing information and educating people about this disease.'

Even though the goal is to collect 100 hats by the end of September, those who do not know how to knit are invited to attend and learn about IBC.

"They can take that information and say, 'My sister needs to know about this, she needs to know what to look for,' or 'I've got three daughters, I need to share this information with them, so they see these certain signs of what potentially could be cancer and go to a doctor right away rather than put it off," Asci said.

When she was diagnosed with IBC over 20 years ago there was little research and awareness of this form of cancer. She hopes that seeing volunteers working with Stitch House will leave women battling the disease no longer feeling isolated but rather supported by a community empowered by knowledge.

"Just knowing that this is a handmade gift, that somebody made from their heart to say, 'I want to help you out,' that expression of kindness goes a long way in healing and comfort during a very challenging illness," said Asci, who still has hats and gloves she was gifted with during her chemotherapy treatment.

The owner of Stitch House, Annissa Essaibi George, is a former at-large city councillor and 2021 candidate for mayor



Stephanie Fall (left,) supporter, and volunteer, reviews knitting patterns with Susan Asci (right,) 22-year IBC survivor, in preparation for chemo hat donations for IBC Awareness Tom Hamilton photo Dav.

who now serves as the president of the board of directors for Big Sister Boston.

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"The Stitch House is very much a business, but I believe in the business of being engaged with our community at large," Essaibi George said.

"We've participated in projects like this in the past – a number of years ago we did scarves and hat-making for individuals experiencing homelessness - so it's not unusual for us ... we're thrilled that Stitch House can be a part of it.'

# State transportation chief Fiandaca to step down next month

Just three months after she finished building out her cabinet, Gov. Healey announced on Monday that Transportation Secretary Gina Fiandaca will resign on Sept. 11, making her the first secretary to depart since Healey began her term in

January. The leadership change comes as the state is sinking hundreds of millions of new tax dollars into transportation.

Fiandaca will continue to serve in an advisory role until the end of the year. Undersecretary for Transportation Monica

Tibbits-Nutt, a veteran of the field who has earned rave reviews from transit advocates, will take over as acting secretary.

In announcing Fiandaca's departure, neither Healey nor the secretary explained why her time in the administration will come to an end less than nine months after it began. Asked to elaborate, a Healey spokesperson said only that "the secretary made the decision to step down and we are grateful for her service.'

Fiandaca, who is being paid at an annual rate of \$181,722, was sworn in in me that led to signifion Jan. 30. She came to the administration from Austin, Texas. Before that, she had compiled a long resume in transportation affairs in in Boston.

"I am grateful for the trust Gov. Healey placed cant progress in virtually every facet of transportation in the Commonwealth," Fiandaca said in a statement provided by Healey's office.

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### By Seth Daniel News Editor

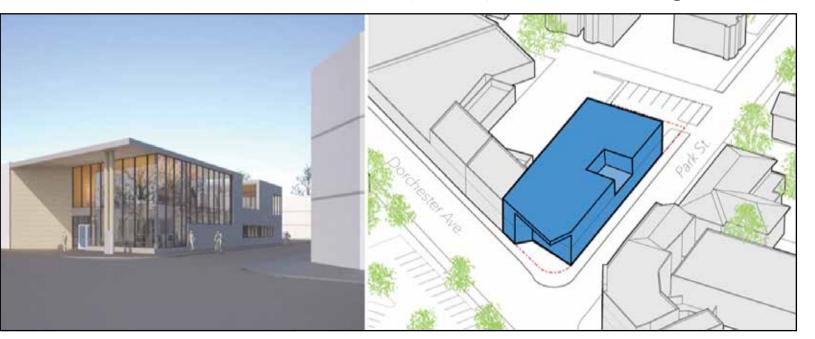
The Friends of the Fields Corner Library are more than happy that their branch is going into construction in early 2024, but at the same time they are sounding the alarm about the void that will be left in the neighborhood during the two- or three-year construction timeline.

Rachel Kemper, who is part of the Friends group, said the topic has come up frequently throughout 2023, and added that they have a petition in the community calling for temporary space in the area during construction.

"When they announced that they were going to build next year, immediately constituents who come to the library asked what they were going to do without the space for homework help, citizenship classes, computer access, and after school resources," said Kemper. "It is the only branch

"It is the only branch in Dorchester at a public transit hub," she noted. "This is not a matter of, 'Oh gee, we're not going to have story time for a few years. This is a two- or three-year period once they start the demolition."

The petition has been signed online by more



Arendering and site map of the planned replacement library in Fields Corner. *BPL images* 

### The exterior of the Fields Corner branch library. Google Image photo

than 100 people, the Friends group said, and they expect more.

"Thiscommunityneeds a temporary location for this branch library during construction," reads the petition in part, which cites "strong community support" for the idea and expresses confidence "that suitable space within a reasonable budget is available if the BPL agrees to consider" an interim site.



The new Fields Cor-

ner Library has been in planning and design for several years, and BPL officials said they would be hosting a meeting in September, with the most recent timelines indicating the a demolition could happen as early as

January. BPL officials confirmed that the project is on schedule and there have been no delays for a two-story library that is double the size of the present facility. At a meeting in April, BPL President David Leonard was asked by Kemper and other members of the Friends group about temporary space. While he didn't commit to the idea, he didn't rule it out completely.

So far, the BPL has suggested Fields Corner library patrons use branches in Codman Square, Adams Village, or Uphams Corner. There are also some notions about hosting services at local businesses or community rooms in Fields Corner, but nothing along that line has been cemented.

Said a spokesperson for the BPL: "We look forward to hearing from the community and having dialogue with the community to find out what services are most important to them, and we will look for creative ways to provide services to the community during the closure."

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# Students in the News

•UMass-Amherst said the following students made the Dean's List for last spring's semester: Dorchester: Oluwadamilola Temitayo Adeyinka, Abidjalyn Blanc, Chloe Rae Carver, Ivanna Stacey Castro, Desmond Ray Connelly-Zackular, Danny Ngoc Dang, Diana Tran Diep, Lisandra Francisco, Elsa A Hishe, Dylan Francis LaMonica, Crisbelys Melo Serrano, Yaderiz Marie Mendez Bacerra, Jenny Ngo, Christopher Hung Nguyen, Anna Nguyen, Phuc T. Nguyen. Also, Ifatayo O. Onifade, Sherman Pham, Mia A Ransom Yance, Jazmine Rosario, Djenabou Sow, Brendan John Cadogan, Charlton James Clough, Jamahl C Cruickshank, Peter Benjamin Datish, Matthew John Flagg, Grace Marie Gambardello, Dashiel Patrick Hamilton, Ricky Huynh, Victoria Huynh, Hoang Tho Hoang Nguyen, Lisa Elizabeth Nguyen, And Ryan Nguyen, Kalina Nurse, Latchman Ramlochan, Alpha Camila Recio Valerio Jr., Isaac Santana, Maximillian Munro Sonderegger, Wilma Guadalupe Tec-May, Genesis Aaliyah Toledano, Keera Faith Whyte, Sean Patrick Wyse, and Sarah Elizabeth Young. Mattapan: Victor Eneojo Abalaka, Elisabeth Fils-Aime, Destinea Imani Gray-Reed, An Dieu Nguyen Jr., Wuraola Peace Ogungbemi, Aliana Ralph, and Maya Simpson.

• The following students from Dorchester were named to the College of the Holy Cross's Dean's List for the spring semester: Teresa Fontes, Johanna Ledgister, and Jailanny Pena.

• **Tufts University** recently announced the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester for the following Dorchester students: Amandine Cardichon, Farshad Darvish, Devin Ho, Loc Mai, Sahr Matturi, Ashley McCarthy, Christina Nguyen, Sandy Nguyen, Thy Nguyen, Izzy Porro, Tammy Tran, Justin Tran-Le, Stephanie Tranduc, Beverly Vo, and Yutong Zou.

• The following students were named to **Emerson College's** Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester:

Dorchester-Zixiahan Xue, Ty'Bria Hill, Kei'Aria Gillard, Theodore Amatruda, Jacque Demesmin.

Mattapan-Darius Nelson, Marisa Negron, Ayiana Windett, and Samara Grant.

The following students from Dorchester were named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at Quinnipiac University: Nikea Dako, Cameron Guerard, and Aine O'Toole.

• Jamar Sequeira of Dorchester, made the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

• During Hartwick College's Athletics Award Ceremony held last spring, Jaiden Soberanis of Dorchester received the Philip S. Wilder Jr. Award for Academic Distinction. Soberanis is a guard on the men's basketball team at the upstate New York college

• Bryant University saluted two Dorchester students for their graduation with the Class of 2023 in May: Erin Burke (BS, Criminal Justice) and Vu Huynh (BS, Computer Science).

It also recognized two students from Dorchester who were named to spring 2023 Dean's List: Thomas Caulfield and Michael Roberts.

The University of Maine recognized two Dorchester students for making the Dean's List last spring: Ailsa Craig and Shane Donovan.

• Tinarith Tann of Dorchester graduated with a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling as a member of William James College's class of 2023.

• Darcy Culliton of Dorchester was named to the

# Two from Dot cited for work at direct-care group facilities

BY SETH DANIEL **News Editor** If passion for direct care services to those with disabilities is a requirement, then Dorchester residents Revnissa Prince and Ifeoluwa Alabi have gone well beyond that evaluation and as result, they recently received 2023 Maxo Joseph Direct Care Awards with \$5,000 bonuses from their employer, MAB Community Services. They were honored last month in a ceremony with several other providers who served clients in the same way.

"We're very grateful for the opportunity to celebrate our hardworking direct care staffers with much deserved recognition through these awards," said Barbara Salisbury, CEO of MAB Community Services. Prince, 27, a native of

Grenada, and was working at a Starbucks while contemplating what to do with her life when she was recruited by a customer who works for MAB. Now, she works at the MABWorks day program in Brighton as the assistant director. She said her passion for the job has only increased since starting her career there in 2017.

"I enjoy the feeling of accomplishment I get when I do administration work, but it also allows me to implement and develop things that are in the client's interest and help them reach any goals they want to succeed in," she said. "Seeing them happy and loving the activities or trips they planned to Boston, I love seeing them come back happy.'

Sheadded: "Itell others that if they have a heart that really cares about people and want to give help to people who want to succeed despite their disability...and have a passion for helping people, this is the field they should look into," she in 2019 said.



Elise Eckelkamp, MAB training consultant; Reynissa Prince; and Anastasia Kanistras, director of Day Programs and Quality Management.



Omoniyi Kareem, residential coordinator; Ifeoluwa Alabi and his wife Ruth Alabi. Photos by Darlene DeVita Photography

For Alabi, he had always been involved in service to the community and got a job in direct care while in college.

"When I got this job in college, I became attached to it because it's another form of service and help to guys I think need so much help...and to make them feel like they're part of the community and help them live their life as best as they can," said Alabi, 38, who started at MAB

home in Belmont, he often takes his clients out on the town to basketball games or other community events. He often gives them extras, like haircuts and shaves. going above his expected role in case management and direct care.

"It makes them happy, too, and it's part of what I like to do," he said. "They are my friends. I spend about eight hours a day with them. They are us. That's a great aspect of this job-you gain family wherever you work."

The awards are named for Maxo Joseph, a dedicated caregiver who served residents at MAB for more than 19 years before dying from complications of Covid-19 in 2020. Since 2021, the awards have celebrated Maxo Joseph's legacy by rewarding individuals who uphold the dedication that Joseph had to

Dean's List at Purchase College in New York, where he is studying Psychology.

like my second house and direct care excellence. Working at a group there's a bond between

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# Susan Fessenden

# 1840-1932

Susan (Snowden) Fessenden was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and attended the Cincinnati Female Seminary, graduating in 1857. She taught at the seminary, until her marriage in 1864 to John Henry Fessenden. She became interested in temperance work and felt that she could contribute most effectively as a speaker, not a writer.

In 1871, Fessenden moved



Susan (Snowden) Fessenden, president of the Massachusetts Woman's Christian **Temperance Union during** the 1890s

to Sioux City, Iowa, where she spoke on such subjects as woman's enfranchisement, help for the laboring classes, and prohibition of liquor traffic, and founded the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Sioux City. She moved to Boston in 1882 so that her children could attend college there. Her two daughters entered Boston University with the classes of 1886 and 1889, respectively, and later, her son joined the class of 1894.

Fessenden's friends persuaded her to work with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU). Initially she held the post of National Superintendent of Franchise. In 1890, she was unanimously elected to the office of State President of the WCTU of Massachusetts and served in that position for the next eight years.

These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety. org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m

## Editorial

# Takeaways from a violent weekend

Bostonians are a resilient lot. We take pride in celebrating together with large public events that become beloved traditions. And we defy those who disrupt and endanger these traditions with outrageous acts of lawlessness and violence by carrying on with our traditions, even in the face of mass casualty carnage and, sometimes, fatalities.

This "Boston Strong" ethos is fine to an extent, but there is a thin line between stoic resolve and head-in-the-sand denial that borders on recklessness. Such is the case, sadly, with the J'ouvert parade, which has become a favored platform for gunmen who have repeatedly targeted the late August event and its participants, both directly and indirectly, over multiple years.

Saturday's shooting incident in and around the Talbot Avenue terminus of the early morning parade left eight people with wounds from bullets. Miraculously, none were lethal, unlike in past years when an innocent bystander - Dawn Jaffier - was struck and killed by a stray bullet as she walked the route along Blue Hill Avenue. Last weekend's gunfire erupted close enough to the parade route that police, who were there in large numbers as they are every year, shut down the event as spectators rushed to find cover.

And yet, there's a reflexive political instinct to deny any connection between the parade and the violence that unfolded, as though it's normal for there to be a mass casualty event at Franklin Field on any given Saturday at 7:30 a.m. It isn't. While that specific neighborhood is too often the scene of gun violence, it's disingenuous at best to cast aside the obvious relationship between the mainly peaceful parade and the violence that has too frequently disrupted it.

Traditional events are valuable, but none should be beyond critique and reform when it becomes clear that it presents a pattern of trouble, injury, and danger to the public. This parade is unique in the city, as it starts at 6 a.m. with many of the participants staying up all night to "pre-game" the walk. Perhaps it's time for community leaders and organizers to re-think the timing or the route. It's clear that something must be done differently.

While J'ouvert is the most obvious candidate for such a review given this most recent mass casualty shooting, it is not alone in the context of citywide public safety concerns. Brawls and unruly crowds have become a scourge in multiple neighborhoods, including the North End, where street festivals have turned chaotic and violent on more than one occasion this summer.

Finally, it must be noted that our city's police force is stretched dangerously thin. Many officers are compelled to work "forced overtime" shifts to cover special events like street festivals, concerts, and sporting events— in addition to their "normal" tours of duty patrolling city streets and responding to emergency calls. In several instances this summer, that coverage included massive responses to diffuse large numbers of youth at South Bay Mall, which has become a magnet for problems in our neighborhood.

We do not have sufficient numbers of police officers in a Boston that is growing steadily in population and venues. Those who are in the ranks are over-taxed and over-worked and their families are similarly burdened. City government must take steps to relieve the pressures on individual officers and the department as a whole by investing in the recruitment and retention of more officers. And we should take a clear-eyed, tough-but-fair approach to evaluating how we celebrate together, with a keen eye towar public safety as the number one priority. -Bill Forry

# Why voters should show up at their polling places on Sept. 12 and Nov. 7

August 31, 2023

### BY BILL WALCZAK **Reporter Columnist**

Election Day is less than two weeks away. Four City Council races (Districts 3, 5, 6, 7) are competitive, meaning that there are more than two candidates on the ballot that will be winnowed through the Sept. 12 preliminary election to two contestants for the general election on Nov. 7.

The council has limited power but many of the initiatives that would reform city government require its approval, so where candidates stand on critical issues is important.

Our recent voting history, however, tells us that very few Bostonians will take the time to vote in these elections. With only the City Council on the ballot, we're likely to see less than ten percent of registered voters casting a ballot. This is based on the last three municipal elections with no mayoral contest, when an average of eight percent of registered voters cast ballots.

The general election will likely draw some 20 percent of registered voters to participate (the three-year average was 16 percent). In raw numbers, this means that about 400,000 registered voters (of 437,493 on the rolls) will not vote in the preliminary election and about 360,000 will not vote in November. This leaves who gets elected in the hands of an extremely small number of voters who typically represent the status quo. It's a sad commentary on Boston, which prides itself on being the birthplace of American democracy.

There are lots of ideas on how to improve election turnouts, most of which would need council approval. These include day-of-election registration, changing the preliminary election to the spring (like many other states), moving municipal elections to even-numbered years when turnout is twice as high, moving elections to a weekend day, or providing a tax rebate of \$100 to those who vote.

Many of these ideas are considered by District 3 candidates in the questionnaire available on the Dorchester Reporter's website this week, and the candidates have very different opinions on how to improve turnout.

There are many other issues that the City Council will need to consider if there are to be changes in how our city operates.

A major one is how the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) operate. When Michelle Wu was running for mayor, she advocated the abolition of the BPDA, but has walked that back in favor of reforming the BPDA.

The key issue here is that the BPDA and ZBA currently review all planned developments on a par-

### cel-by-parcel basis without considering impacts by other planned developments in the same area. The result, therefore, can be over-development without consideration of the infrastructural needs (transportation, open space, schools, utilities, etc.) of the total impact of all the developments.

In the end, it is the developers who determine what is built in the city, not the zoning code, which is the way most communities decide what is appropriate. In Boston, the code is ignored.

This could be resolved via comprehensive planning of city neighborhoods, or by creating zoning that takes community vision and needs into consideration in determining what can and cannot be built in each neighborhood. Add to that limitations on the ability of the ZBA to overrule zoning. This columnist has advocated re-zoning the city by taking into consideration what is appropriate and desired for each  $neighborhood, rather than \,the \,current\, process, which$ creates unnecessary fights between neighborhood residents and developers.

Other important issues include where the candidates stand on rent control, requiring city workers to live in the city via the residency law, and whether there should be an elected or appointed school committee, or an abolishment of the school committee. This columnist has advocated the latter, which would place all responsibility for the management of the public schools with the mayor instead of continuing to separate how schools are financed from how they are managed.

How our city will handle global warming is also on the ballot. Currently we have lots of plans but very little implementation. Where the money will come from to prepare Boston for dealing with rising sea levels is unanswered. Right now, we can only hope that a hurricane such as Sandy, which devastated New York and New Jersey, will avoid Boston at high tide. The damages could be in the billions of dollars.

It is this columnist's opinion that the city needs an audit that looks at how our city is managed and asks if there are better and more efficient ways to deliver services. Perhaps this would result in our ability to finance the long-term investments necessary to protect our coastline.

All these issues are on the ballot as voters determine who will make the decisions regarding these important issues. Check out the answers to the *Reporter's* questionnaire at dotnews.com and be sure to vote on September 12.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident and the co-founder of Codman Square Health Center. His column appears regularly in the Reporter.

# The importance of keeping Dot healthcare needs covered

### By Audrey Morse Gasteier SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

At the start of the pandemic, thousands of Massachusetts residents and people throughout the country lost their jobs and the employer health insurance coverage they relied on to stay healthy.

In compliance with federal law, MassHealth - the state's Medicaid program – was able to provide health insurance to keep people covered during this difficult time. Now, however, the federal government has ended the provision that suspended regular eligibility redeterminations.

MassHealth is in a year-long federally required

outreach, Health Connector and its local Navigator partners are working hard to reach people to enroll them into new plans.

To make sure that Dorchester residents remain covered, the Health Connector has:

 Launched an ongoing multilingual campaign with local Navigators at Codman Square Health Center and Uphams Corner Health Center to transition Mass-Health members into affordable Marketplace plans.

Planned a back-to-school roller skating event at Chez Vous in Dorchester on Sun., Sept. 10, featuring free skating for the family plus on-site Navigators to help with new plan enrollment.

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process of re-determining who remains eligible going forward. Because incomes and circumstances may have changed since people first enrolled in Mass-Health, many will to lose coverage over the next year and become eligible for other coverage options.

MassHealth members will be receiving a renewal form in a blue envelope in the mail to check their eligibility. All members should complete and return their renewal to receive the best health coverage they are eligible for. Some will remain eligible for MassHealth, and others may be determined eligible for health insurance through the Massachusetts Health Connector.

The Health Connector provides affordable health and dental coverage to about 275,000 Massachusetts residents who do not already have coverage from an employer, spouse, or other source.

According to projections, communities of color and immigrant populations may be disproportionately impacted during this transition. With its diverse population of Vietnamese, Haitian, Spanish, and Portuguese-speaking families, Dorchester is a top area of focus for state outreach efforts.

The Health Connector is working to contact and transition as many residents as possible into affordable plans during this time. Through use of local media, health fairs, and targeted person-to-person

For those who need health insurance – whether they are coming from MassHealth, are new to Massachusetts, or need insurance for other reasons - the Health Connector is ready to help.

Many people who will be losing MassHealth already have an account at MAhealthconnector.org. They can go into their account, update information, and then select a plan and get enrolled in new coverage. Many of them will qualify for help paying for their coverage through subsidized premiums, along with low co-pays and no deductibles for those who qualify for ConnectorCare.

People with questions can, along with local Navigators, call 877-MA-ENROLL (877-623-7773) and get help with their application and getting into coverage

Having access to reliable health coverage can make all the difference for a community: from improving physical and mental health, to preventing financial challenges due to medical emergencies.

Over the past several years, Massachusetts has reached record levels of health coverage across populations, age groups, and communities. The Massachusetts Health Connector is proud to be working to maintain those gains in Dorchester, and across the Commonwealth. Audrey Morse Gasteier is executive director of the Massachusetts Health Connector.

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# Poll: Little more than half of BPS parents satisfied with childrens' high school options

### By SAM DRYSDALE STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

A new poll shows almost half of Boston Public School parents are skeptical about the high school options available for their children, two months after the state education commissioner knocked the district for falling behind state-mandated improvement targets.

ThesurveybyMassINC Polling Group showed that only 55 percent of BPS parents said they were satisfied with the high schools available to their kids. When asked what matters most while choosing a high school, most parents' priorities were education quality and safety.

The public district narrowly avoided Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley declaring it "underperforming" last year, and with the new school year approaching, parents polled by MassINC in July and August seemed to remain skeptical.

Of the seven surveys MassINC has done in a series that began in summer 2021, the percentage of BPS parents who say the district is "partnering with the community, families, and students," and "transforming the lives of all children" hit record lows this summer – at 29 percent and 23 percent, respectively.

Among the parents of current high school students, 36 percent of those surveyed said they considered finding a new school for their child during the past school year.

MassINC also found that only 52 percent of parents say their child's school offers enough extracurriculars like art and music, 45 percent think there are enough afterschool sports, and 58 percent of high school parents say their child's school offered enough advanced placement classes.

The poll was sponsored by the Shah Family Foundation, a Boston-based nonprofit focused on food access, health and wellness, and education, and surveyed 841 parents.

In order to avoid the "underperforming" designation last year, the state and city hammered out an agreement to keep the district under local control while following a three-year, state-mandated improvement plan.

In the agreement, signed by Riley, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and others, the district pledged to make improvements in student safety, special education, transportation, facilities conditions, English learner supports, the lowest-performing schools, data collection and reporting, and accountability. The plan also steered \$10 million from the state to BPS to support the work.

At a June Board of Elementary and Secondary Education meeting, Riley criticized the district for blowing past deadlines outlined in the plan.

The administration signed a document saving that they would hit their goals. At best we can say their grade would be incomplete,' he said. "But I expect us to have a different discussion with this board starting if the buses aren't running to great capacity in the fall, if the special education plan isn't in place, if the agreed-upon bathrooms aren't fully redone, if the right people aren't hired for special education."

After that June meeting, the district hired Kay Seale as the chief of specialized services to expand inclusion and special education support services in BPS – a position that Riley said the schools were overdue on filling.

Seale formerly managed special education and intervention services at the Worcester public schools, and was a student and educator in Boston schools.

Riley said in June that the district submitted a revised timeline for bathroom facility renovations that did not align with their original commitment in last year's agreement. Since the spring, BPS has launched renovation projects in 16 schools, according to the district.

Many of these projects are major gut renovations, with new lavouts and the addition of gender-neutral and accessible bathrooms, new ductwork and exhaust fan upgrades, new low-flow toilet fixtures with automated flushers, electric hand dryers, and improvements to floors, ceiling, lighting, tile and paint. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of this year.

Pointing to some "bright spots" of progress made since last year, Rilev said the district has made progress in hiring drivers and monitors for buses, though it has not yet met its target of 95 percent of buses arriving on time. The commissioner added that since new superintendent Mary Skipper started last year bus arrival times have improved.

The district has hired more than 200 bus drivers since May 2022, and they anticipate starting the 2023-2024 school year with more than 700 monitors.

"The Boston Public Schools is committed to providing our young people with the best quality education," said BPS spokesman Max Baker. "We are proud to see that a large majority of survey respondents are satisfied with their individual schools, but

we also recognize that there are deep inequities across our District that we must work with urgency to address. "PDS is making neg

"BPS is making positive impacts on the lives of our students by working to hire and retain a talented workforce that reflects our student body, offering a range of advanced coursework including new Advanced Placement courses at 10 schools, and expanding athletics and extracurricular activities."



# **MUSING TIME**

# By James W. Dolan Reporter Columnist

Liberty is acknowledged interdependence.

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Reform is patient, balanced, incremental, progress. Hope, believing things will improve.

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Courage is the will to overcome adversity. Bravery, a willingness to risk oneself in that effort. Humility, understanding and accepting our flawed humanity.

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James W, Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge.

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# Page 12 THE REPORTER Café Juice Up introduces a dining parklet at its Blue Hill Avenue site



Café Juice Up co-owners Denise O'Marde and Dimitri Phanor relax on their new outdoor dining parklet on Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan with customers, including Holly Kirkpatrick, second from right. It is the first outdoor dining option set up on Blue Hill Avenue.

(Continued from page 1) Holly Kirkpatrick, who

"It looks good in front of the store," Phanor said. "There can be some inconvenience with it, parking-wise...Blue Hill is always busy. It's bringing some life to the avenue. People can come here to have a good time and relax."

Relaxing is just the word used by long-time Café Juice Up customer

said the parklet has made her favorite spot more of a destination.

"We need this kind of positive energy on Blue Hill," she said. "This place has been my second home and a place to relax my mind with great people since it opened...I love the parklet. Every time I come here now, I say, 'Let's sit out front.' Once

we start sitting there, people stop by and talk.'

Wadsworth Phoenix. a longtime adviser to the cafe, said the parklet is a sign of new things happening on Blue Hill Avenue. "Blue Hill Avenue was a five-lane highway on both sides decades ago before they restricted it,' he said. "Café Juice Up is offering something new, but the area just doesn't

have that element."

The eatery has been a favorite of Mayor Wu. "Cafe Juice Up has been an anchor in the neighborhood for healthy, fresh, and delicious food and drinks since it opened," she said. The mayor added she's

excited the "beautiful and relaxing patio will be permanently able to build community and host events and hope to see more spaces like this open up across the city."

O'Marde said she and Phanor entered into a partnership about a year ago, and made it official this year, because he had been a long-time employee and was "a man of integrity." She said that together they have dug their way out of

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IN THE MATTER OF:
LILLIE HAILSTOCK
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Person to be Protected/Minor
To the named Respondent and all other



Café Juice Up co-owners Dimitri Phanor and Denise O'Marde are relishing their outdoor spaces, including this outdoor dining space next to their shop, and the new outdoor dining parklet in front of their shop on the street. All of it equals more places for customers to stop, to relax and to enjoy their products. Seth Daniel photos

the instability wrought by Covid and are back to being innovative and efficient.

"There was a void. Mattapan is considered a food desert," she recalled. "I believed at the time we could be a beacon in the community and bring something good and bring healthier choices to the people. You would hear people say we have to go downtown or Brookline or Newton if you want anything good. I felt there was room here to develop this and do something the right way on Blue Hill Avenue."

That mission has now extended to the parklet, and the new outdoor space next to the café which, starting in 2007, O'Marde used to sell fruit while leasing the café space to other tenants. Doing things right, she said, also means cutting out waste, deploying technology, and letting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT

PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU23P1764GD IN THE MATTER OF: VERA AKA VERONIQUE IBOBOKIWE of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT

Phanor introduce things like customer loyalty programs and curbside pickup.

They also continue to refine their menu of juices, fruit bowls, and smoothies, with a nod to the predominant Caribbean culture around them. O'Marde, from Antigua, and Phanor, from Haiti, said they make sure to use goods like jackfruit, soursop, and dragon fruit-things Caribbean people will know about, and non-Caribbean customers can learn about and appreciate.

The idea of considering themselves pioneers with her cafe, or with Blue Hill Avenue's first outdoor dining parklet, is a strange word for O'Marde and Phanor to digest. "To be honest we're just humbled," O'Marde said. "Today maybe you can say we're pioneers in the area, but we started off just wanting to make a change or difference and we were able to do it. Maybe 'pioneer' is fitting now.'

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The petition asks the Court to determin that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of Conse vator is necessary, and that the propose Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

on file with this court. 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 09/21/2023. 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 written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without furthe notice to you. In addition to filing the writte 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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Register of Probate

Date: August 24, 2023

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by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of West-borough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Vera Aka Veronique Ibobokiwe is in need of a Guardian and requesting that or some other suitable person) be appointe

RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all oth erested persons, a petition has been file

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# DATE OF DEATH: May 5, 2023 SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Lance Zimmerman of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate Lance Zimmerman of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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## THE REPORTER

# Columbia-Savin Hill Civic holds second annual Community Picnic

Numerous residents celebrated the end of the summer with the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association at their 2nd annual Community Picnic at Pattens Cove. The Civic's events

committee planned a spectacular day for neighbors, family, and friends, and the weather cooperated. Folks enjoyed food, live music, games, and raffles from local businesses.

The event was sponsored by Southline Boston, MacKinnon & Co. realtors at Compass, Kyle Philbrook at Cross Country Mortgage, and The Banshee Bar.

For more information on the association, visit columbiasavinhillcivic.org -REPORTER STAFF **Photos courtesy** Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association



Welcoming everyone to Pattens Cove were officers from the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, including, from left, Michelle Miller (Events Committee co-chair), Alix Giannetti (Events Committee co-chair), Doreen Miller (Recording Secretary), and Elizabeth Doyle (President).



The band Sand Machine was one of three musical acts that entertained neighbors at the picnic.



Caricature artist John Doherty made fun pictures at the picnic, including with this family from Savin Hill.



Enjoying some BBQ lunch were neighbors Celina, with Aniela, and Caitlin, with Leo.



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### By SAM DRYSDALE **STATE HOUSE News Service**

Boston police would be granted the ability to take down tents at the intersection of Melnea Cass Boulevard and Massachusetts Avenue underMayor Michelle Wu's plans for a new approach to address the homeless encampments in an area that is the center of the state's opioid epidemic.

The mayor this week introduced an ordinance to "empower" the police to take that action at the site commonly known as Mass. and Cass, which she said can shelter illegal activity, including drug dealing and human trafficking, as public health concerns and violence have grown in the area.

"All of these challenges require coordination among our public health and housing and recovery community, and public safety ... today we're doubling down on that approach," Wu said. "There will be some serious disruption as well in the dynamic where people who have been used to gathering and congregating at Mass. and Cass. For those who are conducting criminal activity, that disruption is certainly warranted and we will not be tolerating



People congregated around the tents on Atkinson Street in the area known as "Mass. and Cass" on Aug. 25. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

illegal activity in any hub or location in the city."

Police would only be allowed to take down tents if individuals living there have already been offered shelter, transportation to that shelter, and storage for their belongings, Wu said. "That's very important for protecting the civil liberties and humanity of those we are looking, ultimately, to serve," she added.

Said Police Commissioner Michael Cox: "We're not trying to criminalize folks that are homeless, at all. But the fact is, there are certain people who prey upon

people who are down and out, and they come to the area hidden by shelter tents and tarps, and really the law is intended to disperse them, to get them away from the area, obviously, or to actually get them in the criminal justice system."

Under current protocol, Boston officials identify an encampment, then have 48 hours to work with the individual living there to remove the tent and either find shelter or move elsewhere. After 48 hours, if the individual resists, police officers can arrest them for civil disobedience.

Wu's proposed ordinance, however, would give police the legal authority to take away tents and tarps, even if they are an individual's personal property.

Wu's ordinance was to be introduced at Wednesday's City Council meeting. The mayor said the  $new \, plan \, focuses \, on \, tents$ because a "very small number" of people using tents and tarps are doing so because they are actually in need of housing. The makeshift structures otherwise are used to hide illegal activity especially drug dealing, violence against women,

and human trafficking, she said.

"There are people on Mass and Cass that are down and out, that are homeless, that are suffering from substance use disorder and that need help. And we intend, along with all of our partners, to offer that help," Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden said.

Along with strengthening police powers, if the city council approves the ordinance, Boston will also open 30 additional transitional beds near Mass. and Cass., Wu announced. They would be offered to those who lose tent shelters that they were living in.

"I want to be clear and acknowledge that the City of Boston's so-called 'law enforcement sweeps' in the past have not been successful. That is not what we are trying to replicate. It's very different, what we're proposing today," Wu said.

"Not only was there absolutely no infrastructure setup back then, several years ago at this point there were those images of a wheelchair being crushed and really no intensive efforts on the safety side without the coordination support and full long-term plans in place. But today, we have a year-and-a-half of being on the ground, really understanding the situation up close, knowing people who are in need of services and knowing who is not in need of services and are there to prey upon those who are looking for housing shelter."

Wu said Boston has built almost 200 low-threshold shelter units since January 2022, which will be important as the city moves to get people off the street. "Low threshold" housing does not require an individual to be drug-free to enter, as some other homeless shelters have traditionally done. These new transitional housing units admit chronically homeless individuals with substance use disorder, and offer harm reduction treatment.

As of Friday, Wu said 173 individuals were in the city's five low-threshold housing centers, where they stay in individual rooms until they are "stabilized" and can move to more permanent housing.

During the period of "stabilizing" the area, as Wu described it, the Boston Public Health Commission would establish clinical services to 727 Massachusetts Ave., as well as to the 30 new temporary beds.





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The Chinese firm responsible for building new MBTA Orange and Red Line trains is still crafting an updated schedule for the project after multiple delays, and T officials appear pleased with how well the vehicles have been performing lately.

MBTAGeneral Manager Phil Englast week told the agency's board that CRRC has "strengthened" its quality assurance team in the wake of numerous issues re-

manufacturing plant. Eng said he, Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville, Transporta-

tion Secretary Gina Fiandaca, Economic Development Secretary Yvonne Hao, and Undersecretary of Transportation Monica Tibbits-Nutt held a virtual meeting last week with CRRC's chairman that he described as "productive."

"They reiterated their commitment to this project, to improving pro-

ported at its Springfield duction, maintaining quality and in turn, we reconfirmed our continued partnership and full attention to this project as well," Eng said at the Aug. 24 board meeting.

The pricey project to replace the Red and Orange Line fleets with new CRRC cars, which began under former Gov. Deval Patrick, has run into multiple problems. Gonneville, who served as interim general manager for a few months before Eng took over, said last January that even the most recent forecast that the last Orange Line cars would be delivered by December 2023 and the final Red Line cars by September 2026 was likely to change.

On Thursday, Eng said that CRRC is still crafting a "revised schedule, which we will share with everyone upon completion." A new Orange Line train was expected to enter service last Sunday, reducing headways on that line to nine minutes

at peak travel times, he added.

Although problems and malfunctions involving CRRC-built trains have been regularly publicized, Eng said that the vehicles are in fact performing better than expected.

The new Type 14 Orange Line cars are averaging about 114,000 miles traveled between failures, Engsaid. That's more than a quarter more than the contract requirement of achieving 90,000 miles between failures, and nearly four times better than older Type 12 vehicles that averaged 30,000 miles between failures.

"While we're proud of the performance of the accepted fleet, we know that the current schedule needs to be improved, and we continue at the highest level tackling these challenges to improve production," Eng said.

– STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

# T sets shutdown for Ashmont, Mattapan branches in October

(Continued from page 1)

Free shuttle bus service will be available for customers during the shutdown, according to the T, operating every five to six minutes during peak weekday hours, and every ten to fifteen minutes during off-peak weekdays and weekend hours, making that service faster than the current Red Line trains.

Four "open houses" will take place in September to give the public details of the construction work and allow them to voice their thoughts. As of Tuesday, the MBTA had not released dates for the events.

"Safety of the MBTA system is paramount, and this 16-day closure allows us to address many of the Red Line's worst speed restrictions much faster than we've been able to accomplish during night and weekend work," Phillip Eng, the MBTA's general manager, said in a statement. "We understand service changes can be frustrating, and I want to thank the public for their patience while we perform this critical and targeted work between JFK/UMass and Ashmont Stations and on the Mattapan Line.'

The Ashmont branch accommodates some 40,000 riders on a daily basis. The Mattapan line serves 3,700 riders daily.

The shutdown announcement came at a meeting of the MBTA board last Thursday



The Sydney Street exit inside JFK/UMass MBTA Station. Tofficials are shutting down the Ashmont branch, which is served out of JFK/UMass, for 16 days in October. The Mattapan trolley line will also be shut down for repairs.

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, a Hyde Park resident who represents Dorchester and Mattapan and had previously lived in apartments across from Ashmont Station, also voiced support for free commuter rail during the shutdown in October.

"Riders have unfortunately been put in a situation where you're deciding between safety and service," she said, "and that's happened because of decades of underinvestment and mismanagement."

But she also said she was encouraged by the changes in leadership ushered in by Gov. Healey's administration and she expressed hope that the embattled MBTA was starting to round a corner. "They've inherited a lot from the prior administration in this regard," said Pressley, who has called for more federal funding for public transit. "This is deeply frustrating. Certainly, this burden will be felt the most by the most marginalized." The MBTA appeared to balk when asked about free commuter rail. "Because the Ashmont branch stations do not align with the commuter rail, there will not be a change in the commuter rail fare structure," said an agency spokesman, Joe Pesaturo. "If customers in the Ashmont branch corridor take buses to the Fairmount Commuter Rail Line, they will pay a fare of only \$2.40 (same as a regular subway fare). The bus shuttle will be free and

service will be frequent." T officials said that

during the shutdown, they plan to take advantage of "these full-access closures by identifying additional work opportunities along both lines to improve the rider experience through station enhancements, such as painting, power washing, and repairing lighting fixtures; vegetation re-

Gintautas Dumcius photo moval; the elimination of tripping hazards; and accessibility improvements.<sup>2</sup>

Some of the stations are in sore need of such fixes and upgrades. Savin Hill was briefly shut down during a June weekend due its decrepit staircases, and various entries and exits at JFK/ UMass Station, a key transit hub, have been shuttered in the last few years.

As a prelude to the half-month shutdown in October, the MBTA plans a weekend-long closure at the end of September. Shuttle bus service is scheduled to replace Red Line trains between Broadway Station in South Boston and Ashmont Station, as well as between Broadway and North Quincy, for the entirety of the Sept. 30 weekend.

"This service change allows MBTA crews to perform critical work on the Savin Hill Avenue and Dorchester Avenue bridges, to perform necessary tunnel inspections on the Ashmont Branch, and to accomplish station-brightening work at JFK/UMass Station," the T said in a notification to customers.

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(Aug. 24), with Mayor Wu in attendance. She noted that during last year's Orange Line shutdown the agency essentially made free commuter rail available, and ridership boomed, and voiced a hope that free commuter rail would be on the table for the Red Line shutdown, too.

JFK/UMass has three commuter lines heading to the South Shore every day, including the Mid-dleborough/Lakeville, Kingston, and Greenbush (Scituate) lines. The Fairmount Line, which leaves from South Station and runs down to Hyde Park's Readville area, has multiple stops in Dorchester and Mattapan.

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# City no longer asks gender for marriage certificates

Bostonians will no and necessary to inquire longer have to identify their sex or gender on marriage certificates, and city workers will operate under new guidance on understanding when it's appropriate

about a constituent's gender identity as well as standards outlining the best way to pose those questions and broach topics like pronouns and chosen names.

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The city launched "gender aware guidelines and standards" for a variety of services, aiming to promote more inclusive language and communication involving residents who identify as transgender or nonbinary, according to Chief of Equity and Inclusion Mariangely Solis Cervera.

In a related step, City Hall on Tuesday began issuing marriage certificates without listing sex or gender for the involved parties.

"A marriage certificate is a symbol of love and commitment. But unfor-

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DATE OF DEATH: 04/05/2019 A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Peter

D. Pasciucco on behalf of Home Reconstruction, LLC of Hingham, MA requesting that the court enter a

formal Decree of Complete Settlement distribution, Adjudicate the final Settle-ment of the Estate and other such relief

as may be requested in the Petition. **IMPORTANT NOTICE** 

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to

this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/14/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but the difference of the source of the source of the source of the term of the source of the so

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COMMONWEALTH OF

MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE and FAMILY COURT

SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 SUMMONS Docket No. SU23E0057QC PAULA DELACRUZ PINEDA

VITAL RECORDS AND STATISTICS

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Paul Delacruz

Pineda, 26 Dudley St., Saugus, MA 01906 your answer, if any, within 20 days after service of this summons upon

you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you. You are also

required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Unless otherwise provided by Mass R. Civ. P. Rule 13(a), your answer must

To the Defendant(s):

First Justice of this Court.

tunately, for people like me, their certificate's outdated and narrow gender markers were a glaring reminder that our city still had a long way to go to acknowledging our existence," said Kimberly Rhoten, a city employee who identifies as nonbinary. "They were a subtle, yet powerful, message that our love, our relationships and our identities were somehow less valid and less recognized underneath the eyes of the law and the city of Boston."

- CHRIS LISINSKI SHNS

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK, ss. DOCKET No. SU23E0026 To: Hugh D. Mattison, Roy A. Mattison L.A. Mattison and to all other persons L.N. Mattison and b an other persons interested. A petition has been presented to said Court by Cheryl Soto of Holbrook in the County of Norfolk, representing that he holds as 10% share as tenant in common undivided part or share of certain land lying at 64-64 Elmont St., Boston, MA in said County and briefly described as follows: WESTERLY - on said land of McKay, six-ty-five (65) feet, thence turning and running NORTHERLY - on said land now or formerly of Greenwood, ninety-nine (99) feet, thence turning and running EASTERLY on said land now or formerly of Kreen, thence turning and running SOUTHERLY - on said Elmont Street, ninety-nine (99) feet to the point of beginning Said premises contain 6,455 square feet interested.

Said premises contain 6,455 square fee of land, more or less.

of land, more or less. setting forth that he desires that all the following described part of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than \$650,000.00 dollars. And praying that partition may be made of all the land atoresaid according to law, and to that end a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all or any nat of sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said and which the Court finds cannot be

said and which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 18th day of September 2023, the return day of this citation. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 7th day of August 2023. Vincent Procopio

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**COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COUR 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0402CA IN THE MATTER OF: NIT HANG NIT. HANG

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Ni T. Hang of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing

their name to: Hang-Ni Thi Nguyen IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court





7:30-5:30

617-265-2665

email: dorchesterpreschool@yahoo.com

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state as a counterclaim any claim which pefore 10.00 a.m. on the retu you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or day of 09/07/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline occurrence that is the subject matter of by which you must file a written plaintiff's claim or you will thereafter be barred from making such claim in any appearance if you object to this proceeding. other actions. Witness, HON. BRIAN J Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, DUNN, First Justice of this Court First Justice of this Court Date: August 25, 2023 Vincent Procopio Date: August 9, 2023 Vincent Procopio Register of Probate Published: August 31, 2023 Register of Probate Published: August 31, 2023

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# 81 Hancock Street



Zoom Link: <u>bit.ly/3smCN11</u> Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 1160 189 6263



# **Project Proponent:**

Huy Nguyen

# **Project Description:**

The BPDA is hosting a virtual Public Meeting for the proposed 81 Hancock Street project located in Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application (SPRA) that was filed and its potential impacts. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public.

The Proposed Project consists of an approximately 32,309 square foot building divided into 39 residential dwelling units- 24 studio units, 3 one-bedroom units, 6 two-bedroom units, and 6 threebedroom units. Additionally, there will be 14 parking spaces, and 40 bicycle parking spaces. The ground level will provide public access to the community serving retail establishments, as well as resident access to the lobby.

mail to: Scott Greenhalgh

	Boston Planning & Development Agency
	One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
	Boston, MA 02201
phone:	617.918.4271
email:	scott.greenhalgh@boston.gov

**Close of Public Comment Period:** 

9/27/2023

BostonPlans.org | (5) @BostonPlans Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

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# THE REPORTER

### City of Woburn Income-Restricted Rental Opportunity

J Woburn Heights, Phase 2

# 1042 Main Street Woburn, MA 01801

25 Income-Restricted Rental Units

# of Units	# of Bedrooms	Estimated Square Footage	Rent	Maximum Income Limit (% AMI)	# built out for Mobility Impairments	# built out for Deaf/Hard of Hearing and/or Visual Impairments
8	1-Bedroom	752-867	\$2,019	80%	2	-
17	2-Bedroom	983-1,205	\$2,420	80%	2	1

Minimum Incomes (set by owner + based on # of bedrooms + Area Median Income (AMI))			Maximum Incomes (set by HUD + based on household si Median Income (AMI))	
# of Bedrooms	Minimum Income 80% AMI		Household Size	Maximum Income 80% AMI
1-Bedroom	\$60,570		1	\$82,950
I-Bedroom			2	\$94,800
			3	\$106,650
2-Bedroom	\$72,600		4	\$118,450
			5	\$127,950
-	-		6	\$137,450

do not apply to households receiving housing assistance such as Section 8, MRVP, or VASH

Applications are available during the application period, from Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023 - Monday, October 23rd, 2023.

To request an online application or to have one sent by email, visit <u>www.JWoburnHeightsLottery.com</u>, email <u>WoburnHeights@MaloneyProperties.com</u> or call (617) 639-3064 Ext 731 | US Relay 711.

If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at (617) 639-3064 Ext 731 | US Relay 711, to request that we mail you one and/or to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application

> Applications may also be picked up in-person at: Woburn Public Library 45 Pleasant Street Woburn, MA 01801 Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm Friday & Saturday: 9am-5:30pm Sunday: Closed

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than Monday, October 23rd, 2023 Mailed to:

Maloney Properties, Inc. Attn: Woburn Heights Lottery 27 Mica Lane, Wellesley, MA 02481.

Information Session

### Wednesday, September 13th, 2023 @ 12pm Meeting ID: 836 9016 6774 Passcode: 711318 One tap mobile +13017158592,,83690166774#,,,,\*711318# US (Washington DC) +13052241968,,83690166774#,,,,\*711318# US Selection by Lottery. Use & Occupancy Restrictions Apply. Household Size Preference applies. Preference for Households with Mobility Impairments for ADA units. For more information, free language assistance, or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please call (617) 639-3064 Ext 731 | US Relay 711 or email WoburnHeights@M erties.com 仓

Equal Housing Opportunity



# **Virtual Public Meeting**

# **PLAN: Newmarket Zoning Implementation**



Zoom Link: <a href="http://bit.ly/PLAN-Newmarket-Zoning">bit.ly/PLAN-Newmarket-Zoning</a> Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 160 926 4104



# **Project Description:**

Please join the BPDA for a virtual public meeting on September 6, 2023, to discuss the Draft Article 90 Zoning Amendment resulting from PLAN: Newmarket. BPDA Staff will present the zoning amendment, highlight key takeaways, and be available for questions and comments from meeting attendees. This is a public meeting: all are welcome to join, comment, and discuss the proposed zoning changes.

# **TELEVISIONS** (all models)

# **COMPUTERS** (Laptops, Desktops)

# GAMES CONSOLES: PS3-PS4, PS5 & XBox (special HDMI port replacement, same day service.) DVD transfer from video tapes (VCR tape, DV tape)

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# <u> Open Monday – Saturday</u> 9am-5pm Closed Sunday

The Draft Article 90 Zoning Amendment was posted on August 17, 2023. A public comment period on draft amendments will be open until September 8, 2023. Revised text amendments may then go to the BPDA Board on September 14, 2023 and then the Boston Zoning Commission.

mail to: Jack Halverson Boston Planning & Development Agency One City Hall Square, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02201 phone: 617.918.4461 jack.halverson@boston.gov email: website: bit.ly/bostonplans-plan-newmarket

**Close of Public Comment Period:** 

9/8/2023





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..... Buy for \$26,498 2019 Honda Accord Sport 1.5T..... Stk# BH24381, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 43,380 mi

Stk# BH81138A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 38,443 mi

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Prices exclude, doc fee, sales tax and registration. \*Financing requires \$1,000/\$1,500/\$2,500/\$5,000 down and finance for 60/72 months at 5.8% with Tier 1 credit. Offers only available on in-stock vehicles. Pictures are for illustration purposes only. Excludes prior sales, APR offers available to qualified buyers, See dealer for details, Expires 9/5/23.





BGCD's Teen Power Forward Program Takes Tour of Mass Maritime Academ: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: **BGCD's Teen Power Forward Program Takes Tour of Mass** Maritime Academy: As a part of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Power Forward (College & Career Prep) Program, we recently took a tour of Massachusetts Maritime Academy with our High School age members. Our members and staff had the opportunity to tour the beautiful campus, enjoy lunch and take part in a simulation exercise where they piloted ships into port. This program is specially curated to create opportunities for our youth to explore different career paths available. Thanks to our friends at Massachusetts Maritime Academy for their hospitality. The Power Forward program will return in the Fall with our Dotoberfest kickoff event on September 20th. For more information on Power Forward, please contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@ bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Tween Program Takes Field Trip to Blue Man Group with Rodman for Kids: This Summer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester offered a special Tween program for our 13 year old members at two of our sites, serving 26 members in total.

In addition to onsite activities, the group enjoyed several off site trips including most recently an exciting outing to see Blue Man Group at the Charles Playhouse.

A special thanks to our friends at Rodman for Kids for providing the tickets and making this opportunity available to our members.

For more information on the Teen program at BGCD, please contact Declan Hall at dhall@bgcdorchester. org.



BGCD Tween Program Field Trip to Blue Man Group with Rodman for Kids: See details below.

**DID YOU KNOW:** Not Too Late to Ride with Us! Rodman Ride for Kids 2023: Join us on Saturday, September 23rd for the 33rd Annual Rodman Ride for Kids! In partnership with Rodman for Kids, BGCD has the unique opportunity to participate in this collaborative event that helps 42 charities supporting atrisk youth. This is a critical fundraiser for our Clubs as part of our Annual Campaign to raise \$350,000. The Ride offers a 25 or 50 mile route that will begin and end in Foxboro. After the event there will be a bbq and celebration. If you can't Ride, you can still participate on your own time with "Choose Your Own Adventure". The options are unlimited: run, walk, bike, etc. on your own time. Please note, in-person riders must commit to a \$2,000 fundraising minimum, and virtual riders must commit to raising at least \$500. Please join our team at http://do.nr/ticun6.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Rodman Disney for Kids Trip August 27 - September 1 \*Invite only

Labor Day - BGCD Closed September 4

Rodman Ride for Kids September 23 \* Register at do.nr/ticun6!

Power Forward Dotober Fest September 20

> Alumni Reunion October 7





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# THE REPORTER

# Quaker Meadows WAITLIST OPENING FOR 2 AND 3 BEDROOM APARTMENTS ONLY

HUD Section 8 Waitlist for 2 and 3 Bedroom Apartments Now Open from September 1-29, 2023. Placement is determined by lottery.

The income eligibility requirements are as follows:

No. of Persons	Max. Annual Income 50% AMI
2 Persons	\$59,400
3 Persons	\$66,800
4 Persons	\$74,200
5 Persons	\$80,150
6 Persons	\$86,100

Eligibility is determined by HUD Section 8 Program regulations. Rent is 30% of household's adjusted gross inco

To apply, download application at quakermeadowsapts.com, send an email to vflores@cjmanagement.com or call 781-599-7295 from:

September 1-29, 2023

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 am to 4 pm Tuesday, September 19, 5 pm - 7 pm Saturday, September 23, 10 am - 12 pm

Applications may also be picked up in person at: Quaker Meadows Manageme 90 Green Street, Lynn, MA 01902

Completed applications must be:

- Submitted by September 29, 2023 at 4 pm Droped off at the management office, emailed to vflores@cjmanagement.com or faxed to 781-599-3820 Postmarked by September 29, 2023, if sent by U.S. mail
- The lottery will be held remotely on October 26, 2023 at 11 am.

# WE WELCOME APPLICANTS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS For more information, language assistance, or reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities, contact the Quaker Meadows Management Office.

781-599-7295 | TTY: 711 www.quakermeadowsapts.com | www.cmjapts.com Professionally Managed by CMJ Management Company

### LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COUR 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0422CA IN THE MATTER OF: WARREN DOUGLASS STONOM A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Warren Douglass Stonom of Boston, MA equesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Warren Douglass Brown

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/14/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 17, 2023 Vincent Procopic Register of Probate Published: August 31, 2023

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 FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU23P1732GD IN THE MATTER OF: DONALD SANON of BOSTON, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all othe 24 NEW CHARDON STREET To the named Respondent and all othe sted persons, a petition has been filed

MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU23D1441DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING ENTZ MODE AU FRITZ MOREAU

COMMONWEALTH OF

### JUNY SERMOT To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and

required to serve upon: Fritz Moreau 154 Seaver St., Apt. 6, Boston, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before will proceed to the hearing and adjudica-tion of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court. Date: August 14, 2023 Vincent Procopic

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PUBBLIANT TO G L G 190B 55-304 PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU23P1345GD IN THE MATTER OF: LILLIE HAILSTOCK of DOBCHESTER MA of DORCHES IEH, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham and Women's Hospital of Boston, Main theo before another allocing

# LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE and FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT FFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COL 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU23PD197PM ESTATE OF: LUIS BIRFIRO LUIS RIBEIRO

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by Brian J. McLauglin of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the First and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/28/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object

appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court Date: August 17, 2023 Vincent Procopio Register of Probate

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P1787EA ESTATE OF: SONITA VILBRUN DATE OF DEATH: 03/24/2015

DATE OF DEATH: 03/24/2015 To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Tes-tacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Giovanni Thomas of Quincy, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as request-ed in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Giovanni Thomas of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. he bond in unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court backer 1000 and the period at the total of the second se Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/05/2023.

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# UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIDEN THE MASSACHOUSE ITS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal the administration directly from the Persona Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of dministration

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First stice of this Court. Date: August 24, 2023 Vincent Procopio

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P2795EA ESTATE OF: ELCIE EUSTACHE a/k/a: ELCIE HERIVEAUX

DATE OF DEATH: 10/21/2021 Petition for

# August 31, 2023



# **Got Yearbooks? Got Photos?**

The Dorchester Historical Society welcomes donations of high school yearbooks and school photographs from Dorchester's past. Tell us what you've got at

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NOTE: The 1661 James Blake House (735 Columbia Road) and the 1806 William Clapp House (195 Boston Street) are now open for tours on the third Sunday of the month, from 11am to 3pm. Come visit!

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### **CITY OF BOSTON/COUNTY OF SUFFOLK BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES (BCYF)**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS BCYF DRAPER POOL SHELL REPAIR** 

EV000012966 **CONTACT INFORMATION** HAZEL MCAFEE GRANTS MANAGER 617-961-6933

The City of Boston (the City), acting by the Commissioner of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, hereinafter referred to as the Official, invites sealed bids to do Repair Services to the Shell at Draper Pool located at 5275 Washington Street West Roxbury, MA 02132

The bid documents will be accessible online from Monday, August 28, 2023, through Monday, September 11, 2023 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at boston.gov/procurement/ and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # EV000012966

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance, and performance bonds as may be applicable. All bids for this project are subject to M.G.L. c.30, s. 5 and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents.

Sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than 4:00 pm on Monday, September 11, 2023 by login onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above listed event number. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will commence on or about Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

> Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner (August 28, September 04, 2023)

# **ADVERTISEMENT**

**CITY OF BOSTON/COUNTY OF SUFFOLK BOSTON CENTERS FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES (BCYF)** 

> **INVITATION FOR BIDS Data Tracking System**

EV00012971 **CONTACT INFORMATION** HAZEL MCAFEE GRANTS MANAGER 617-961-6933

by Boston Medical Center of Boston. MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Donald Sanon is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Marie Sanon of Randolph, M/ (or some other suitable person) be appointed or Quardia to cancer the head

as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces e appointment of a Guardian is necessi spropriate. The petition is on file with this purt and may contain a request for certain secific authority. You have the right to object to this recording it was using to do so was a

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The City of Boston (the City), acting by the Commissioner of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, hereinafter referred to as the Official, invites sealed bids for a Data Tracking system.

The bid documents will be accessible online from Monday, August 28, 2023, through Monday, September 11, 2023 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at boston.gov/procurement/ and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # EV000012971

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance, and performance bonds as may be applicable. All bids for this project are subject to M.G.L. c.30, s. 5 and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents.

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> Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner (August 28, September 04, 2023)

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# August 31, 2023 THE REPORTER A day of violence along Blue Hill Ave. Gun battle injured 8 near J'ouvert parade

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Fernandez, who was shot in the leg during the volleys, limped into a nearby tow lot where he had a tourniquet applied to him by officers and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. He remains there under police guard.

The second shooter, who was wearing a black hoodie with white writing on it fled on foot into the rear of the Boys and Girls Club toward Franklin Field and made good his escape.

About 1:50 that afternoon, officers spotted an individual matching the description of the person about a mile away, on Westview Street in the Franklin Field development. They stopped him to conduct a threshold inquiry and found the 17-year-old male from Dorchester in possession of a Polymer 80 pistol equipped with a Glock switch [which turns a gun into an automatic weapon]. He was initially charged with illegal possession of a firearm but could face additional charges as the investigation continues.

Arrested at the scene by officers already on patrol along the J'ouvert route were Gerald Vick and Dwayne Francis, both 30 and both from Dorchester. Officers recovered from Vick a 9mm pistol with a large capacity magazine that also was equipped with a Glock switch. Francis was found to be in possession of a loaded 9mm



An aray of frearms recovered or confiscated from Saturday's gun battle in **BPD** photo the vicinity of Blue Hill and Talbot Aves.

Smith and Wesson pistol. Both were charged will illegal possession of a firearm and arraigned in Dorchester court on Monday, where they pleaded not guilty.

Five men, including Fernandez and one woman, were transported to local hospitals with gunshot wounds, none considered life-threatening. Two other people were treated at the scene for graze wounds.

At a press conference on Saturday afternoon on Martin Luther King Boulevard, Police Commissioner Michael Cox said the Talbot Avenue shootings apparently stemmed from a beef between two groups who had nothing to do with Carnival. Cox declined to get specific about what led to the shootings, because they remain under investigation.

Mayor Wu, who also spoke at the press

conference, called it "heart-wrenching" that the Carnival would be tagged with the morning's violence, noting that it is in its 50th year, one of the largest such events in the world, and a key part of Boston culture.

"There's absolutely no excuse for something open to the community and part of Boston's culture and heritage to be talked about this way," she said. "We're going to have a great rest of the day."

Like Wu, Shirley Shillingford, a Carnival organizer, said the violence had nothing to do with Carnival. "Kudos to my Boston police, especially to B-3," she said.

The department reported a number of other incidents on Saturday.

• Gang officers arrested Nakhi Cox-Obryant, 18, of Dorchester at Blue Hill Avenue and Columbia Road after finding her with a loaded 9 mm Taurus G2C. She was charged with illegal possession of a firearm, ammunition, a loaded firearm and a large-capacity feeding device.

• Then, around 5 p.m., gang and drug unit officers responding to a report of gunfire at Ellington Street and Old Road, just off Blue Hill Avenue, arrested Maceo Withers-Brewer, 21, of Roxbury on charges of possession of a machine gun, illegal possession of ammunition, possession of a high-capacity magazine, and resisting arrest. Withers Brown was arraigned in Dorchester court on Monday in front of Judge Jonathan Tynes, who scolded the defendant, who pled not guilty. His bail was set at \$1,500.

• At about the same time, officers assigned to Carnival duty along Blue down by someone reporting a man with a gun.

'Officers were made aware that the suspect was behind a motor vehicle. As officers approached it, they observed two male suspects. Officers immediately were alerted to one suspect as they observed a firearm inside a fanny pack.

"The suspect attempted to reach for the firearm, and a violent struggle ensued. Officers were attempting to handcuff one suspect, and the other suspect attempted to pull the fanny pack away from the officers. With the assistance of responding officers, the suspect was handcuffed, but the other suspect fled the scene. The firearm was later determined to be a Ghost Gun with one round in the chamber and ten rounds in the magazine.

Limondji Simon, 26, of Medford, was charged with illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of ammunition, and illegal possession of a large-capacity feeding device.

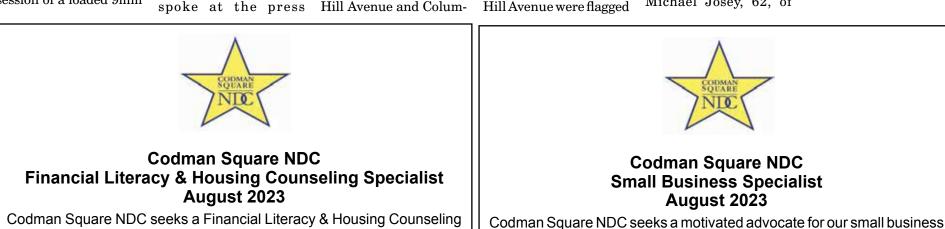
Almost simultaneously, just three blocks away at 522 Blue Hill Ave., officers assigned to Carnival duty arrested a Medford man they say came to town with a gun loaded with 11 bullets.

• At about 6 p.m., police arrested a man they say stabbed an unidentified victim with a screwdriver at 493 Blue Hill Ave. in Grove Hall. Police say Michael Josey, 62, of Roxbury, ran away, only to be quickly caught by officers looking for a suspect described as a man with a screwdriver. Police said the victim was taken to a local hospital with injuries not considered life threatening.

Just before 9 p.m., police found a man shot in the throat at Blue Hill Avenue and Glenway Street.

• Then, shortly after 9 p.m., police arrested a man after a fight on Blue Hill Avenue between Columbia Road and Seaver Street. "Officers were flagged down in the area of 590 Blue Hill Avenue for a report of a person with a gun. Officers observed a victim being assaulted by multiple individuals. As they approached the group, officers observed one of the suspects holding his waistband. They attempted to apprehend the suspect and were pushed back by another suspect in the group.

"Officers, who were able to place one person into handcuffs while the rest of the group fled the area, recovered a spring-loaded knife from the suspect. They continued to canvass the area and located an Airsoft Glock Style pistol." In that instance, John Davis, 32, of Roxbury, was charged with assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, and illegally carrying a dangerous weapon.



Codman Square NDC seeks a Financial Literacy & Housing Counseling Specialist to join its Economic Development department, which has a district to support business owners within the community. focus on building/preserving assets and wealth within the community. The position is the agency's primary provider of small business technical I ne position is a vital part of our ability to deliver programs and services that allow residents to safeguard and build their assets. The goal is to provide organized opportunities to residents of the NDC's service area to acquire the critical skills, knowledge, and confidence to manage money wisely as well as foreclosure prevention/housing counseling activities. Associates degree of higher plus 2-4 years' experience or 2-4 years relevant experience in providing financial and housing counseling/ coaching and foreclosure prevention services. HUD housing counseling certified or on track to obtain certification preferred.

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assistance, serves as instructor for small business development workshops, is the main liaison with our small business constituents, and supports and empowers business owners to be active agents of change and advocate for the Codman square business district. The Specialist collaborates with all CSNDC departments in these activities as appropriate, including the Organizing and Real Estate Development departments.

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# **RECENT OBITUARIES**



**BYRNE**, Catherine (McDonagh), "Kay" of Dorchester. 83, Daughter to the late Coleman McDonagh and Ann (Conneely) Mc-Donagh, in Rath Cairn, County Meath, Ireland. Wife of the late Nicholas "Nick" Byrne. She and her husband owned and operated the Lower Mills Pub for many years. Mother of Lorrainne and her husband Edward Connolly of Manchester, NH, Bri-an Byrne of Wareham, Nicholas and his wife Melissa Byrne of Marlboro, Kathleen and her husband John Bruce of Hanover, Maureen Byrne and her dear friend Robert Sterling of New London, NH, Philip and his wife Nicole Byrne of Weymouth, and Derek and his wife Kelly Byrne of Braintree. "Nana" of 13. Great-grand-mother of 5. Sister of Brid and her husband Mick Kerrane, Padra-ic and his wife Mairead McDonagh, Mairtin McDonagh, Sean Mc-Donagh, Annie and her husband Tom O'Sullivan, Tony McDonagh, and the late Maureen and her husband John Boles, Colin McDonagh, and Micky McDonagh. Catherine is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Donations in Catherine's memory may be made to The Irish Pasto-

Boulevard, Dorchester, children. MA 02124.



HANLEY, Aonghus of Dorchester, formerly of Galway, Ireland. Son of Mary Hanley (Con-neely) and the late Michael of Galway. Brother of Earan Hanley, Ciara Kerins and her husband, Alan, Finian Hanley and his wife, Pauline and Caoimhe Flynn and her husband, Connor, all of Galway. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.



KAENEMAN, Ann (Busheme), 75. She was the wife of Rob-She ert D. Kaeneman of Dorchester. She was the daughter of the late Paul Busheme and Rosina (Bordieri). Mother to Roseanne (Sobel) of Vermont, Robert of Westford, Paul of Tewksbury, John of Pembroke, Joan (O'Donoghue) of Pembroke, and Karl of Dorchester. Also survived by 10 grandchil-



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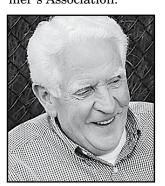
O'CONNOR, John J., 92, of Dorchester. Husband of Pauline (MacInnis) O'Connor and the late Nancy (Coughlan) O'Connor. Father of Erin C. McDonough and her husband Paul of Dorchester and the late Gerard O'Connor and his surviving wife Carolyn. Grandfather of 4. Stepfather of Joseph MacInnis, his wife Pam and their 3 children; David MacInnis, his wife Lisa and their 2 children; Greg MacInnis, his wife Ellen and their 2 children; Andy MacInnis, his wife Angelyn and their 2 children. John is also survived by 4 greatgrandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Donations in his memory may be made to the Katie Strong Foundation, 22 Bateswell Road, Dorchester, MA 02122.



**RIMOVITZ, Helen P. "Tootsie"** 79, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester,. Daughter of the late William Rimovitz and Helen (Kinski) Rimovitz. Sister of Joseph and his wife Chris Rimovitz of Quincy, and the late Virginia Fleming and William Rimovitz. Sister-in-law of Gwen Rimovitz of Brockton. Survived by many nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grandnephews. Donations in Helen's memory may be made to



Barthelmess, Edward Sullivan, and Daniel Sullivan. Patricia is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Patricia to the Alzheimer's Association.



ROPER, Min. Michael George of Dorcheser. George was born in Kilbarron, Ballyshannon; County Donegal, Ireland. George worked as a carpenter at Boston College for over 42 years. Husband of the late Barbara. George was a devoted father, and grandfather to his children, and eight grandchildren. He is survived by his daughter Ann Roper and her partner Vincent Drago of Canton, sons George and his wife Kathleen of E. Bridgewater, Sean and his wife Kristen of Quincy, Michael and his wife Jodie of Quincy; and his 8 grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Mary Roper. If desired, contributions may be sent in his wife Barbara Roper's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 4780 Pleasant St., Wa-

tertown, MA 02472. SAMPSON, John J. Jr. of Saugus, formerly of Dorchester. Late member of Ironworkers Local #7. Husband of the late Olympia M. (Cataldo) Sampson. Father of Kathy DeSantis and her husband, Paul of Saugus and Greg Sampson and his wife, Carol of Topsfield. Brother of Frank Sampson of Canton and the late Theresa Hartley, Anna Reddington, Constance Sullivan and Buddy Sampson. Grandfather of 4. Late US Air Force veteran, Korean War. Donations in his memory, may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org SANDERSON, Elaine Maria, 82, of Dorchester. She was the daughter of Mary Sanderson Callahan and Anthony Gallo, and mother of Sherrin Sanderson of Quincy. Grandmother of 2, and sister of Patricia Goroshko and her husband Michael of Dracut, and brothers Thomas Callahan of West Hol-



Čallahan of Quincy. Donations in Elaine's memory may be made to the MSPCA-Angell, 350 South Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130 or at mspca.org.



SAVICKE, Anne M. (O'Neil), 67, of Dorchester. Wife of Richard J. Savicke. Mother of Robert and his wife Meghan Savicke of Dorchester, Richard Savicke Jr. and his wife Alison Savicke of North Attleboro, and Rachel and her husband Greg McPherson of Dedham. "Grandma" of 7. Daughter of the late Francis J. O'Neil Jr. and Mary D. (Muldowney) O'Neil. Sister of James and his wife Kathy O'Neil of Rockland, Jean and her late husband John Wolowicz of Quincy, Dorothy O'Neil of Dorchester, Edward O'Neil of Dorchester, Mark and his wife Theresa O'Neil of Dorchester, Eileen and her husband Ralph Caya of Florida, and the late Thomas O'Neil. Anne is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Donations in Anne's memory may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute at dana-farber.org.





is also survived by her many extended family members; mother Alice Lavigne of Weymouth; sisters Eileen Martini of South Yarmouth and Catherine Martini of Florida; brothers Thomas Martini of South Yarmouth, Robert Martini of Florida, and Edward Martini of Florida; as well as many, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She is predeceased by her father David Martini, and brothers David, Kevin, and James Martini.



SIRULL, William, 81, of Canton, previously of Milton and Dorchester. Son of the late Ada (Nankin) and Max Sirull. Brother of the late Betty Bohn of Lexington, Robert Sirull of Palos Verde, CA, Leo Sirull of Boynton Beach, FL, and Paul Sirull of Phoenix, AZ. US Army veteran. Donations in William's name may be made to Hebrew Senior Life, at hebrewseniorlife. org/giving/ways-give/ gifts-honor-or-memory



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ROCHE, James A., Jr. "Jimmy", of Pel-ham, NC, originally from Dorchester.

RONAN, Patricia (Sullivan), 94, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Leo J. Ronan. Mother of Dennis Ronan and his wife Gail of Westwood, Patrick Ronan and his wife Maria of Rockland, Michael Ronan Ret. BFD and his wife Anna of Sharon, and Brian Ronan ISD of Brighton, and the late Leo J. Ronan Ret. Detective BPD of East Braintree. Grandmother of 10. Great-grandmother of 7. Sister of the late John Sullivan, Mary Fitzgerald, Margaret

SEELEY, Marilyn M. (Miller), 93, of South Boston and Dorchester. Wife of the late Gerard Seeley. Sister of William J. Miller, and the late James Miller, and Lillian Powers. Marilyn is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

SINNOTT. Anna E., (Martini), 68, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Anna is survived by her husband, Jack F. Sinnott, as well as their son William P. Dresden, daughter-inlaw Sasha C. Dresden, and 3 grandchildren. She

WIGGINS, Richard **D.**, Sr. 86, of Mattapan. He was born to Mary and Ernest Wiggins, Sr (both are deceased) in Alabama. He is survived by his sister Laura Herring of Columbus, Ga; his sons Richard Wiggins, Jr and Fitz-gerald Allen of Bos-ton, Norris Wiggins of Waldorf, Maryland; his daughters Glenda Powe and Tabatha Peterson of Boston: many grands, great grands and great great grands. Father of the late Linda Hawes, Philandre Wiggins and Kenneth Riley. Brother of the late Freddy, Ernest, Edester, Anne, John, Lonnie, Samuel, Jimmy and Lee.

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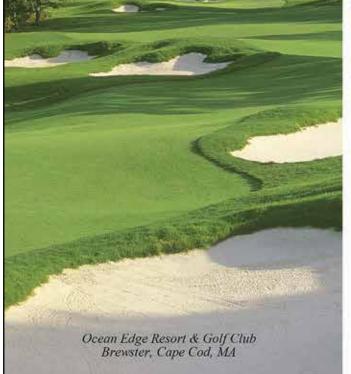
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