Developer eyes 6-story, 200-unit complex on Old Colony property
Community outreach set for this month

By Bill Forry

A landmark Morrissey Boulevard dining and function facility to be transformed into a six-story, 200-unit apartment complex under a proposal that will be reviewed this month by a community review board.

Kristina Vagen, a vice president for Michaels Development, a New Jersey-based company that has recently-sited residential buildings in Cambridge and Brighton, said in an interview that the Morrissey Boulevard location is ideal for the company’s business plan.

“Not all sites have to be large to make a big impact,” Vagen said. “This site called to us as a location where the market could do more affordable living options in the downtown area and it could jump start a revitalization of the community.”

The parcel in question is now owned by Phillips Family Properties, which also owns Symphony Bowl, Phillips Candy House, Ramada Inn, and Comfort Inn among other Dorchester holdings.

A newcomer’s guide to living in Dorchester

By Daniel Sheehan

Every year on Labor Day weekend, thousands of people pack their suitcases, load up their moving vans, and make the drive (or flight) to their new residences in Boston. If you’re a current Dorchester resident, don’t be surprised if you see a few new faces around town: September 1 is the day when 70 percent of leases begin in the city.

And if you are one of the many people who set up shop in Dorchester this past weekend, welcome to the neighborhood! You’ve come to the right place to get an overview on this incredible neighborhood.

Here are some basic things for your information:

- You now live in Boston’s largest, most diverse neighborhood, alongside roughly 120,000 other residents. People from numerous cultural backgrounds live here, including, to name a few, Vietnamese, Haitian, Irish, Cape Verdean, Polish, Jamaican, and Dominican.
- Speaking of which, Dorchester offers one of the most colorful arrays of multicultural cuisines in the city! Banh mi, jerk chicken, lemongrass, cachaça, pho, roti, soda bread, curry goat, tacos, mofongo – it’s all here, and chances are it’s right down the street from you.
- Dorchester is bustling with art and live music. Check out the Dorchester Art Project in Fields Corner, the Dorchester Arts Collaborative in Four Corners, All Saints Church in Ashmont, or The Gaslight Tavern, is now being used to store automobiles.

For Norfolk Hardware, a lot has changed, and a lot hasn’t in 85 years

By Daniel Sheehan

When Stew Rosen’s grandparents opened Norfolk Hardware in 1934, the business operated out of a small 1,500-square-foot space on Norfolk Street in Mattapan and sold a small array of plumbing products. In the decades since, the family-owned business has become a staple in the neighborhood, remaining amid times of change and providing a homeowner’s sanctuary for waves of newcomers to the area.

Today, Mattapan is home to some of the city’s largest, most diverse neighborhoods, including a number of Afro-Caribbean communities. But in the 30s and 40s, the neighborhood was predominantly Jewish.

“This was this place, Ginsberg’s Bakery right across the street, where they sold the best bread and pastries you could find,” said Rosen.

In those days, the family trade was introduced to its family members at a young age. Rosen says he first became interested in the business at age five.

Climate Ready Dorchester plans open house discussion

By Katie Trisciano

The city of Boston will launch its Climate Ready Dorchester (CRD) initiative this month with an open house at the Lickly-Halloran Community Center on Warell Street in Neponset. Climate Ready Boston (CRB) and The Project Team will convene the meeting on Wed., Sept. 25, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This event will be one of two public meetings held by the city to try to engage residents, community organizations, business owners, city and state agencies, and stakeholders to help identify risks and create solutions for what looms as a climate-change crisis.

Organizers will call for community input and feedback throughout their design process, hoping to incorporate CRD into ongoing city and neighborhood sustainability efforts.

In July, after a trip to the nation’s capital with Gov. Charlie Baker, Mayor Martin Walsh addressed the Dorchester Board of Trade on the subject of infrastructure and climate resiliency.

“We’ve talked a lot about quality of life issues in the neighborhood, but the Dorchester waterfront is also part of our community,” the mayor said. “We’re seeing roads flood more often than

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Bike & Brew party is set for Sept. 21 in Peabody Square

The 4th annual Bike & Brew will take place on Sat., Sept. 21 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Peabody Square. The event, which is co-sponsored by Greater Ashmont Main Streets, MassBike, Dorchester Brewing Company, Mayor Martin Walsh, and the Dorchester Reporter, is a family-friendly event. A music festival designed to showcase the growing cycling community in Dorchester.

This year’s event will feature foot trucks, a DBCO beer garden with craft beers, cider, and wine, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission H2Ogo ice cream truck. There will also be several bike advocacy and social groups tabling, “a bike rodeo” for kids, Ashmont Farmers Market lawn games, and live music.

Greater Ashmont Main Streets executive director Jen Cartee told the Reporter that this year’s format will be “looser” than in previous iterations.

“With the city’s co-sponsorship we have resources to make the entire street the designated beer garden area, so there will be more freedom of movement, and more of an ability to wander around in the area,” she said.

The event will be held on Talbot Avenue between Freeport Avenue and Welles Avenue, a block that will be closed to vehicular traffic. The event is free and open to the public.

Condo complex pitched for vacant Dudley St. lot

A developer has filed plans with the BPDA for a five-story, 26-unit building on what is now a vacant lot at the intersection of Dudley and Humphreys streets in Four Corners Plaza public meeting — A public meeting on a proposal for Four Corners Plaza will be held on Mon., Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation has requested Notice of Project Change to its previously BPDA Board Approved project. The requested change is reducing the commercial retail space from approximately 8,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet and an increase of four additional residential units. Four Corners Plaza was originally approved on August 13, 2015. The meeting will be held at Greenwood Memorial United Methodist Church, 378 Washington Street #A, Dorchester. For more information, contact John Campbell at 617-918-4382 or email: john.campbell@boston.gov.

In addition to the BPDA, the Zoning Board of Appeal will also have to approve the project. 

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Climate Ready Dorchester open house on Sept. 25 – Climate Ready Dorchester, part of the city’s ongoing climate change resiliency program, will hold its first open house on Wed., Sept. 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the BCYF Leahy-Holloran Conference Center, 195 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. The open house event will be a short presentation about the risks, open poster session for participants to learn about various aspects of the project, taxidermy exhibit, free bike valet provide by MassBike, free bike valet, as well as purchase local arts and crafts, bike, as well as purchase local arts and crafts.

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In a statement, Mayor Martin J. Walsh said: "The type of behavior that’s being investigated will not be tolerated in any way, shape, or form."

Mayor Walsh’s department has been a key city housing official for several years behind bars after he agreed to plead guilty last February 2018 to accepting bribes from a real estate developer.

John M. Lynch, 66, admitted to accepting $50,000 for using his influence to secure the support of an unnamed member of the city’s Zoning Board of Appeals. Lynch resigned from his role as Assistant Director of Real Estate at the Economic Development Institute (EDI), a division of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) just weeks ago.

According to the terms of the plea agreement, detailed by US Attorney Andrew Lelling, Lynch pleaded guilty to one count of bribery involving an organization receiving federal funds, and one count of filing a false federal tax return that failed to report his receipt of the bribe payments.

In exchange for admitting guilt, the government will recommend a sentence of 46 to 57 months’ imprisonment.

According to Lelling’s office, the bribe was paid to Lynch by an unnamed developer for Lynch using his influence at the BPDA to secure a one-of-a-kind development site 6–24, 2019

DOROTHY DUGGAN

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

Friday (6th) — New programs for the Boston City Councilors sing in September. Auditions are happening at the open house during the evening of the event.

Saturday (7th) — More local events: on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., a variety of vendors will sparkle like gems in historic Dorchester Park.

Monday (9th) — Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East First St. For info: columbia-savinhillcivic.org. The next meeting is Mon., Sept. 7.

Tuesday (10th) — Cedar Grove Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at Pine Hall, 1928 First St., Dorchester. The civic group meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

Tuesday (17th) — Lower Mills Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at St. Gregory Auditorium. Dues ($7) are now due. See the web page: dorchester-lowermills.org.

Thursday (20th) — Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association meets at Plasterer’s Union Hall, 7 Fredericka St., Dorchester, at 7 p.m.

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Search for UMass Boston chancellor is renewed

By Michael P. Norton

STATE NEWS SERVICE

Fifteen months after a previous search collapsed in 2018, University of Massachusetts officials gathered Aug. 27 to launch a new search for a permanent chancellor for the Boston campus, which serves more than 16,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

“Our job is straightforward - it doesn’t mean that it’s easy,” search committee chairman and real estate lawyer Norm Peters said, calling the diverse make-up of the search panel its greatest asset.

“There is a good deal of competition for the quote-unquote best candidates.”

The new panel has 21 members, compared to the 15 members of the last search panel, which was helmed by UMass trustee Henry Thomas. With five faculty members and two deans who are also faculty members, the search panel has now grown to 115.

In May 2018, ending a chancellor search, UMass President Martin Meehan said, “This is important stuff,” he said, later clarifying the seat was “unsurprisingly vacant.”

As you can imagine, there’s so much faculty representation here. I actually have professor at UMass Boston said search committee member Joyce Linehan, and also a dean, Augustine Martinez. We’re looking for somebody who sort of understands the root causes of poverty and understands the population that’s being served there.

“With five faculty members, the deans who are also faculty members and two deans who are also faculty members and two deans who are also faculty members, the process of vetting candidates. The previous search was the right fit, one faculty council member said at the time. Reyes Colli-

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“Intensification of due diligence, I think we're in a better place. They’re looking forward to figure out what’s going on and there’s no need to be just as aggressive in protecting the integrity of the process and also protecting those folks who are willing to put themselves forward as a potential candidate.”

Asking what had changed since 15 months ago, when Meehan said it would be futile and untenable to restart a chancellor search, Meehan said construction on the campus has subsided, new dorms have been built, and there’s an agreement to bring $365 million to the campus from redevelopment of a preferred location.

“The decision of the three finalists to drop out of last search came after a university-wide meeting where more than 200 faculty members decided none of the candidates were the right fit, one faculty council member said at the time. Reyes Colli-

“I would probably like to have someone in place by July 1,” Peters said. “I agree with them. So, I think we’re in a better position certainly than we were at that time.”

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New BPS chief to tour city schools, seek feedback

Superintendent of Boston Public Schools (BPS) Brenda Cassellius will visit schools across the city over the next four months as part of a Community Engagement Tour designed to collect feedback from diverse community voices to help shape BPS priorities. Her first stop will be in Dorchester where she will stop by two schools on Fri., Sept. 6, the first day of school.

Cassellius presented the plan for the tours, which will involve public discussions in neighborhoods and parent groups across the city, to the School Committee last Wednesday.

“A great education for every child is the goal shared by every Bostonian I’ve met since the first day of school. In Dorchester where she visited yesterday, Brenda Cassellius will make the Boston Public Schools even better.”

Information collected from the engagement tours will inform December updates to Cassellius’s strategic policy plan to reflect diverse community voices throughout the fall.

If all goes to plan, by early December, Cassellius will have visited seven neighborhood-specific town hall style community meetings, convened six school-parent council meetings, and participated in 26 community sessions.

“Superintendent Cassellius is doing a tremendous job ensuring all voices across the city are heard and taken into consideration,” the mayor said. “I encourage residents to reflect diverse community voices to help shape BPS priorities.

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New bus routes announced as T talks up a better bus system

By Chris Lisinski

More than two dozen MBTA bus routes changed on Labor Day weekend – ranging from the elimination of service to trips to the addition of new weekday service – as the transit authority begins implementing widespread and customer-driven changes to the entire bus system, officials announced last week.

The alterations include both addition and subtraction of stops, new weekday service, and elimination of a handful of trips. Designed with input from officials and thousands of public comments over the past year, the modifications are the first as part of the MBTA’s Better Bus Project to redesign and modernize the bus network.

MBTA officials say that as the new changes may require some passengers to travel to different stops or alter their commutes, they will help increase reliability and frequency of service across the bus network. “The modifications to these select routes are the first wave of changes to improve service for close to one-third of MBTA customers who depend on our buses to get to work, school, and other activities,” MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said in a press release. “These modifications represent the most significant changes to our bus service in over a decade and are the results of both a comprehensive analysis of how our bus routes perform, and an unprecedented level of engagement with our customers.”

A total of 29 routes will change effective Sept. 1. Five different routes – the CT1 across Boston and Mattapan, the CT4 through Dorchester and South Boston, the 448 and 449 running from Boston to Marblehead, and the 459 covering Boston to Salem – will be permanently cut.

However, 7 officials said most of the lost service will be covered by additional trips on similar bus routes. The Route 16 bus to Back Bay and the Route 76 from Mattapan to Stony Brook will be replaced by two new routes. The Route 90 will no longer travel to Wellington Station, instead stopping at Assembly Row, while the Route 92 will begin and end at Sullivan Square and will not travel to Assembly Row.

A full list of the changes is available at mbta.com. The T’s oversight board earlier this year approved an additional 24 route changes, and those will go into effect in the winter or later. Officials said buses across the entire MBTA system host an average of more than 340,000 riders every weekday, and an unprecedented level of engagement with our customers.

The alterations in -
By SImon Res

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) closed a playground inside Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset as it prepares to begin work on modernizing the play area. The rest of the 72-acre park will be open to the public while a small area containing the children’s playground remains fenced off.

The playground will be closed due to site preparation work, which includes the construction of fencing around the park, in anticipation of the demolition of the current facility and construction of a new playground. Playground demolition will continue throughout the fall of 2019, with construction set to begin in spring of 2020. Olivia Dorrance, a spokesperson for the state agency, said that DCR is “working to complete conceptual designs of a new playground that will provide residents and visitors of many ages and accessibilities increased outdoor recreation opportunities.”

DCR will facilitate a public meeting that is expected to take place in the coming weeks to present preliminary design plans and anticipated demolition and construction schedules. Rep. Dan Hunt—who has been pushing for the renovation project, said, “We’re shooting for a meeting on Sept. 30th, in the evening, pending confirmation when we approve a location.”

According to Rep. Hunt, the reconstruction of the playground is approved for “up to half of a million dollars,” and will come from the Environmental Bond Bill which Rep. Hunt and Rep. Nick Collins supported. The Environmental Bond Bill is an act passed in 2016 promoting climate change adaptation, environmental and natural resource protection and investment in recreational assets and opportunities.

At right: The playground as seen on Tuesday.

Example of the sort of vintage cars on display at classic car show.

Classic Car Show is on for Dot Park on Sunday

A wide array of antique cars and trucks from the early to mid-20th century will be on display this Sun., Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the seventh annual Classic Car Show in Dorchester Park.

The event, which is sponsored by the Dorchester Park Association, will also include refreshments provided by an assortment of food trucks, live music courtesy of students from the Boston School of Music, and horse and wagon tours of the park.

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Mayor Walsh greeted BPS students at his back-to-school ice cream social and supply drive.

Mayor Walsh hosted back to school social and supply drive at IBEW

By Katie Trojanova Reporter Staff

On a rainy, end-of-summer August evening at the Local 103 IBEW headquarters on Freeport Street last Wednesday, more than over 250 Boston Public School students were offered ice cream, backpacks, and school supplies by Mayor Martin Walsh who was hosting the back-to-school supply drive and celebration for elementary and junior high students and their families.

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Students lined up to select their ice cream and toppings, pick out backpacks and various supplies, and socialize with other students and teachers.

“I want to thank everyone that came out in the torrential downpour that we’re experiencing tonight,” Walsh said to the room. “We’ve already collected over 500 backpacks for the kids of the City of Boston.”

The back packs that were not claimed by students at the back-to-school night will be distributed to kids in need of supplies in the first few weeks of school, which starts Sept. 6.

“This is about the future of our kids. It’s up to us to make sure we take care of the kids in the City of Boston that are in need— and that’s what we’re going to do,” the mayor said.

“This year’s budget in the school department is $14.1 billion dollars and it’s the largest in the history of our school department.”

Walsh talked about the city’s responsibility to give back to communities like Dorchester as development continues to expand.

“You think about the growth of our city,” he said, “but not everyone is benefiting from the growth and that’s why we have to have drives like this tonight.”

Peter Arazeno, who grew up in Miami and currently lives in Dorchester, was among many community members who donated supplies.

“I’m here because when I was a kid I was on the other side. I grew up with a single mother and my little sister,” he said. “If it weren’t for the kindness of strangers I know I wouldn’t be here today. I think this is a chance for me to say thank you— by giving back.”

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Dashon Burton performs at Bach Project season opener

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music kicks off its 2019-2020 season on Sun., Sept. 29, with the Bach Project performing a free concert at All Saints’ Church in Ashmont. Burton will join the Bach Project Orchestra and the boys choir of the All Saints’ Choir to present a concert of music by Johann Sebastian Bach. The project exists to bring the music of Bach to the general public. The project Roomful of Teeth.

Dorchester Historical Society

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we have been featuring mini-biographies of Dorchester residents who served in World War I. This week, we feature Clarence William Clark, who lived up the street from the Clarks on Blue Hill Ave. They had a son, William F., who was born in November 1915.

On April 13, March 25, 1917, Clarence mustered as a sergeant in H Company, 99th Infantry, later reclassified as the 101st Infantry of the 26th Division, or Yankee Division. He departed for France on Sept. 7, 1917, and in February 1918 he was promoted to Second Lieutenant. By the end of the war, he was serving as a First Lieutenant in the 414th Military Police Company. He was discharged on July 15, 1919. After the war, Clarence and Gertrude continued to live with her family on Blue Hill Ave. They eventually had three more children: Do- ris, Marjorie, and Virginia. According to the census, in January 1920, Clarence was working as an automobile mechanic. In April 1922, he was selected as federal pro-hibition enforcement agent in the Worcester district. A month later, a story headlined "Dry Sleuths Make Worcester Gangster "Up"" tells of his team going undercover "as laboring men with a thirst that can't be quenched." Operating stings in "former barrooms, hotels and other places," catching those who violated the Volstead Act. In 1925, Clarence ran unsuccessfully for City Council.

The year 1933 is the last listing for Clarence W. Clark living at 11 Rector Road, Mat- tapan. It appears his marriage ended sometime in the 1930s. He served in World War II, from April 1942 on, staying in the Army until November 1945, retiring as a colonel. On April 9, 1953, he married Mary Duncan in Georgia. By 1981, he was living in Aurora, Colorado. He died on Aug. 19, 1981, at the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Denver. He le- ced performance," he said. "You've got to get it in the right order.

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Dot kids lose their biggest benefactor

By Pastor Rick Grant

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As the founder and former pastor of Rescued Church Boston, I have worked with more than 15 young people who were first-generation churchgoers. I am partnering with Mass Mentoring Partnerships (MMP) as a part of the Mayor's Mentoring Movement in an effort to identify the young people in our community that are engaged in mentoring that occurs in faith communities as well as to encourage community members to volunteer at formalized mentoring programs. All of this is being made possible through support from Bank of America.

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‘Free public college’ not a radical, or new, idea

By Jeff Klein

The University of Massachusetts system is raising tuition yet again. Incoming freshmen and returning students will now be facing costs of up to $30,000 per year—for many adding to already crippling college debt burden. It is a trend that has continued for many years, and not just for our state. All over the country, public university tuition rates have been increasing steadily, contributing to sharply rising student debt that now totals $1.5 trillion (that’s $1 trillion with a ‘T’) for more than 44 million student borrowers. 

A corporate-led globalization has caused the decline of good-paying union and manufacturing jobs, a college education has become, as their only ticket for entry into an economically stable career. But the costs and debts are huge, forcing a new generation well into their adulthood. And the student debt overhang is an ongoing drag on our economy as a whole.

It wasn’t always this way. For most of the 1950s and 60s, UMass tuition was a nominal $100-200 a year, as it was at many public institutions of higher education. At the City College of New York—a branch of the highly respected City University system that I attended in the 1970s—tuition was free.

Now the issue of free or low-cost public college tuition has become a campaign plank of several Democratic candidates and increasingly a topic of public debate. Naysayers claim that our country “cannot afford” free public higher education. But somehow, decades ago, when the US economy was one-third as large as it is today, free or low-cost public college was nearly universal.

What happened? State and federal aid to higher education stagnated or declined for many years. This is the underlying cause for soaring public college tuition. It is understandable that states have had trouble keeping up with the costs of their public colleges, but the starvation of education budgets did not just happen by chance. It was the outcome of tax and economic policies that were imposed from the 1970s to the present.

In 1963, when I entered tuition-free City College, the top marginal federal tax rate on high incomes was 91 percent. Corporate income tax was 52 percent, and capital gains were taxed at 25 percent. Top estate tax imposed early in the century under the theory that US democracy should not enable the creation of huge inherited fortunes and a hereditary plutocratic class, were 80 percent. Corporate CEO’s were well compensated in those days, but their incomes were decidedly modest when compared to the huge top salaries of today.

Remember that this “high-tax” era was a period of unprecedented US economic growth that we cannot even dream of approaching now. What is more, this growth was widely shared across the economy as more and more workers were able to join a rising middle-income style.

All of this was destined to change as Big Money asserted increasing control over both political parties. Politicians were urged to jettison the Reagan-Bush-Trump tax cuts, the top income tax rate for the rich is now 37 percent (down from 70-91% in the 1960s.), and corporate taxes are capped at 21 percent. The estate tax has been nearly gutted over the years.

And these reductions ignore the huge amounts of wealth that are exempt from taxes due to burgeoning loop-holes and modern methods of hiding trillions in secret tax havens around the world.

Soaring public college tuitions were not an accident. In New York City, one of the conditions for Wall Street help in overcoming its 1975 fiscal problems was the imposition of tuition at the City University—along with the diminishing of union power an pay for public workers.

Here in Massachusetts, wealthy and corporate interests have combined to stymie attempts to make our state income tax more progressive and have the rich pay a larger share.

Meanwhile, on the federal level, the corporate gold income tax revenues that survive are increasingly spent on funding the military. In 2019 the Pentagon accounted for more than 50 percent of discretionary spending—higher in real terms than during the height of the Cold War and the conflict in Vietnam. (Our military spending is more than the next dozen or so spending countries combined, many of them US allies.) Federal education spending at all levels accounts for only 5 percent of the federal discretionary budget.

No wonder the states are strapped for money to pay for public higher education. It doesn’t have to be this way. In 2020, voters will have a chance to vote for presidential and Congressional candidates who are committed to restoring affordable public higher education, while reducing or eliminating the crippling burden of student debt. Their plans are funded by restoring some of the tax burden on the wealthy and the corporations that has been eroded over the years.

Free public higher education is the foundation for broadening economic opportunities in our society. It represents an important step if we are going to reclaim our democracy, provide for widely-shared prosperity—and loosen the grip of wealthy interests on our government policies.

We can afford this. In fact, if we value the seriously eroded “American dream,” we can’t afford not to.

Jeff Klein is a retired local union president and is active with Dorchester People for Peace and Massachusetts Peace Action.

Richard Foundation to suspend marathon teams post 2020; put focus in MR8K, giving

By Daniel Sheehan

ArtS & Features Editor

The Martin Richard Foundation will field teams in the Boston, New York, and Chicago marathons for the last time in 2020, the organization announced last week. It plans to refocus its efforts on deepening its community impact through civic engagement and philanthropic work.

While the nonprofit will reduce its presence on a national scale, it will commit to growing the MR8K, a fundraising race held in Boston annually on Labor Day, as the foundation’s signature event. “The MR8K allows us to continue to engage with runners to advance our Foundation’s mission and drive awareness around how we can collectively do more to empower our young people,” said Bill Richard, co-founder of the Martin Richard Foundation and MR8K. “The energy and passion that have brought to this event, in just six short years, is incredible, and we know the impact it has for the individuals and organizations that selflessly give of themselves will continue to reflect that.”

As part of its enhanced Giving Program, the foundation will introduce new community engagement campaigns in October: the Bridge Builders, a Challenge, and Sports campaigns. These initiatives will help advance the organization’s service projects and a new inclusive sports league. In addition to these new fundraising campaigns, the organization also reiterated its commitment to promoting equity and inclusivity through community work.

“The Martin Richard Foundation is ready to put our values of peace, justice, and kindness into action to show our runners that all people should be valued if given the means, opportunity, and sense of belonging to be able to read the press release.

It added: “We believe that community begins at the grassroots level and is necessary for society to flourish. We are once again asking people regarding income or social status to feel safe, valued, and welcomed across our community.”
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For Norfolk Hardware, a lot has changed, and a lot hasn’t in 85 years since its opening

(Continued from page 1) came involved in the business at age eight.

“We sold bottles of paint additives sealed with cork,” he said, “and I would go down to the basement, fill up the bottles, and then stock the shelves.”

Today, some things about the store have changed. The Rosen's now operate Norfolk Hardware at 981 Morton St., out of a newly renovated, 42,000-square-foot building. The store's inventory has expanded to include tools, kitchen appliances, building materials, lawn and garden products, automotive wares, electrical supplies. In other words, pretty much anything you can think of.

But other aspects of the company have remained the same. As far as Rosen is concerned, his family still runs the store the way his grandparents did.

“Told you, the community is the only thing that’s changed,” he said. “With the store, over all those years, nothing’s changed. It’s the same family-owned business, same full-service neighborhood store, same value-oriented material selections.

“Anybody can go to a big box store like Home Depot or Lowe's to buy sophisticated. When they come here, they get the same value, but they’ll get full service in addition to that. In most places, it’s one or the other. But here we own the building, it’s family-run, and we have the right mindset.”

Those customer values are what have kept Norfolk Hardware in business for 85 years. This month, the store will celebrate that landmark with a special darling event on Sat., Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on company property. For a party of this magnitude, the Rosen family is pulling out all the stops.

The celebration will include live music by rock/country band the Bourbon Chasers; BBQ from World Champion pitmaster Andy Husbanks of The Smoke Shop restaurants; wine and beverages provided by Gordon’s Wine; special raffles and “30-minute flash sales”; family-friendly activities including a craft, table, a dunk tank, cornhole, and lawn games; appearances from Mayor Martin Walsh, Rep. Dan Cullinane, and Rep. Russell Holmes. The event’s emcee will be Billy Costa of Kiss 108FM and NESN.

Donations will be accepted on the day of the event, with proceeds raised going to the Pine Street Inn, an organization currently marking their 50th anniversary of helping homeless men and women in Boston. Rosen’s son Ben, the current vice president and fourth generation in the family business, echoed his father’s sentiments about the store and the community-based values that have kept its doors open for decades.

“While the size and scope of the business has changed with several locations and over 160 employees, the same commitment to community and level of customer service has been unwavering,” he said in a press release. “It’s difficult to maintain these characteristics in many businesses as they scale, but we are still family-owned and operated and these values are at the heart of everything we do.

“Our goal this year, as we celebrate our customers, community and employees, is to introduce an entirely new generation of people to our business and put meaning behind where and why you purchase that may seem like everyday items.”

The 85th anniversary bash will kick off a year-long celebration featuring continued “flash sales,” workshops with 15-minute crash courses on DIY homeowner jobs like painting and flooring, and harvest, Halloween, and holiday events in the coming months.

The September 21 event is open and free to the public with an RSVP online. For more information on Norfolk Companies, to RSVP for the event, or for details on any of the upcoming programming, visit norfolkhardware.com/85years.

MCHC event set for Sat., Sept. 7

Mattapan Community Health Center (MCHC) will present its 23rd annual Health Care Revival on Sat., Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 249 River Street in Mattapan. This year’s event will provide health info and resources for Mattapans residents, including free health and dental screenings, a physical wellness station, a diabetes chat station, and a mammogram chat station. Programming will also include discussion topics concerning parenting skills, coping with trauma, and strategies for aging in place. Attendees can expect door prizes and raffles, children’s activities, spiritual/religious music, and a light lunch. The event is free and open to the public and will take place rain or shine. For more information, call 617-898-9053.

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Testimony hints at direction on state gun policy

By Katie Lannan

The day after a gun legislation at the State House, Public Safety and Homeland Security Co-Chairman Rep. Harold Naughton said he was overseas during the deadly mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, on Aug. 3 and Dayton, Ohio, on Aug. 4, and for the shooting of six Philadelphia police officers during an Aug. 14 standoff.

"It is not an exaggeration for me to say to you that I had several solders from those areas of the country that were on that mission say to me that they felt safer where we were than they would have back in their hometown," Naughton said.

In the wake of those national headlines, and several shootings in Boston throughout the summer, the committee solicited testimony on 70 firearm-related bills.

Themes that emerged during testimony -- and during testimony -- could be areas for further discussion.

"There is no success in these gun laws," said Rep. Chynah Tyler, a committee member who has sponsored a handful of bills aimed at preventing gun violence. "I'm optimistic that after today's hearing we will be in a position to put together a comprehensive package to address that black and brown lives matter," she said.

"Watching their faces and wondering what must they be thinking about their chances of survival, when their classmates who had done everything right -- strong student, wonderful kid by all accounts, not involved in any trouble or street life -- if that's what happened to him," she said. "We all know as human beings and as policymakers how terrible it is to feel powerless, but in that moment as a policymaker, we are powerless to bring back that young person and relatively powerless to guarantee to those young children at the Timilty Middle School that they will never have to go through it for their community. But we do have power here today to tackle the issue of the illegal gun market and make sure we are taking steps to address the problem as urgently as we are taking steps to address mass shootings.

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Ken McKay, who testified in favor of the bill she filed with Rep. Marjorie Decker, said he had buried a friend and a police officer. "Watching his faces, and understanding where are these guns coming from out-of-state. It's not fair, particularly to neighborhoods that still see that happening," he said.

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"As a matter of fact, the only thing these gun laws have done is to make the people I represent, who try to get through these laws without being in violation, and, frankly, the inner-city people that are being targeted, the people that are being over-policed, those people also have to actually re-address all these laws with the knowledge that they have not been successful.

"Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, who represents some of the same Boston precincts as Tyler, her district may be the one in the state that is most affected by gun deaths. The Jamaica Plain Democrat recalled attending the funeral of a teenage shooting victim and seeing her middle-school classmates walk to and from her open casket.

"Watching their faces and wondering what must they be thinking about their chances of survival, when their classmates who had done everything right -- strong student, wonderful kid by all accounts, not involved in any trouble or street life -- if that's what happened to him," she said. "We all know as human beings and as policymakers how terrible it is to feel powerless, but in that moment as a policymaker, we are powerless to bring back that young person and relatively powerless to guarantee to those young children at the Timilty Middle School that they will never have to go through it for their community. But we do have power here today to tackle the issue of the illegal gun market and make sure we are taking steps to address the problem as urgently as we are taking steps to address mass shootings.

"Wearing a yellow shirt last year said "We will not comply" and a "Self-defense is a human right" pin, Sen. Sal DiMasi told committee members their responsibilities is to protect the rights of citizens. "It could be one voice out of thousands, those rights, and I don't see that happening," Miller said. "Mather. There's not a soul in here that has [a license to carry a firearm] or a gun that doesn't wish that he was at El Paso or any other area where there is an actual dangerous situation. That's why we carry. We want to protect ourselves and we want to protect our families and we want to protect those around us.

"Ken McKay, who testified in favor of the bill she filed with Rep. Marjorie Decker, said he had buried a friend and a police officer. "Watching his faces, and understanding where are these guns coming from out-of-state. It's not fair, particularly to neighborhoods that still see that happening," he said.
A newcomer’s guide to living in Dorchester

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The annual Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale is on Sat., Sept. 14 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. With a rain date of Sunday, 9/15. For more information, a copy of the map, or to get your sale address on the map, please email savinhill@outlook.com.

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

AUDITIONS ONGOING FOR BOSTON CITY SINGERS
New programs for the Boston City Singers start in September. Auditions are happening at the Episcopal Church, 154 Centre St., Dorchester. More audition sessions are planned on Sept. 6 and 7. For more information, see citysingers.org or call 617-825-0674.

FIELDS CORNER MAIN STREET ART-INI
Fields Corner Main Streets annual fundraiser—the ART-INI—will be held on Sat., Oct. 19 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. featuring a gallery show and silent auction. Stop by and meet Mr. Shane Dorchester Avenue for some conversation with the artists, wine, beer and cider, and a silent auction. Talk with members of the Fields Corner Main Streets board and hear about all that is going on in our community. Then, stay or come back from 7 p.m. for the big event. Enjoy an original art exhibition by local artists, dine, drink and dance.

ABCD GALA TO Feature SINGER AUDRA MURPHY
Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) hosts its annual gala that recognizes and honors community volunteers on Friday, Nov. 8 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave, Boston. The evening kicks off with a Social Hour at 5 p.m. and the dinner program at 7 p.m. The event will feature a performance by record-breaking Tony, Grammy and Emmy award winning performer Audra McDonald. More at abcdheroes.org.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.
The association meets on the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Upham’s Corner Health Center, 638 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH SQUARE TO BACK TO SCHOOL WALK FOR PEACE

GEORGEY CANADA FEATURED AT NEW FORUM ON CIVIC CHANGE AGENTS
Georgey Canada, founder and president of Harlem Children’s Zone, will help the Edward M. Kennedy Institute kick off a new forum in September. The Stone Social Impact Forum will be an annual event highlighting leaders who advance social change and address problems of inequity in society. The forum plans its kickoff on Tues., Sept. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kennedy Institute in Dorchester. In addition to this other work, Canada is the author of two books, "Fist Stick Knife Gun: A Personal History of Violence in America" and "Raising Up for Manhood: Transforming the Lives of Boys in America." The James M. and geoFFRey Canada FeatuRed at

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By Christel Guerra

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The portraits, and stories, of diverse Bostonians touch on how he overcame alcoholism. “I am not defined by my alcoholism, but by my recovery. It gave me a second chance to rebuilt my life. My recovery and the support I received along the way ‘uncornered’ me and gave me the opportunity to live out my dream of being Mayor of the greatest city in America,”

Perea spoke about serving his second sentence: “On my second bid, years after my first, I saw the same dudes, still locked up doing the same things as when I was just a youngin’. That’s when I realized couldn’t be a lifer with nothing to look forward to. I wanted my own life and became ‘uncornered’.”

The Boston Uncornered program was an innovative if controversial idea that first began several years ago. The program provides a weekly $400 stipend to certain students as they pursue degrees. Michaela Caldeira, senior vice president of College Bound Dorchester whose portrait is also featured, hopes the photographs allow people to identify with the students.

“We’re hoping that people will see the exhibit...”

Perea understands why some guys don’t trust anyone, why they’re hesitant to open up, and why many return to the streets. The now 41-year-old Perea struggled after prison because “nobody wanted to hire a felon.” He served time twice, the first for three years, and the second for five years.

Two years ago in 2017, Perea was shot while talking to someone at College Bound Dorchester. Later, alone in a hospital bed, he remembers his anger surging. He wanted payback. Perea calls that moment a test he never knew he needed. He took a bullet in the abdomen that’s my ‘uncornered’ moment,” he said.

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CONNECT THE DOT:
**BGCD Gets Ready for Back to School:** Starting September 5th, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester will be open again at 2PM for our members who have renewed membership or have attended new member orientation. We are very excited for our members to join us again after the summer break.

Fall program registration will take place on September 14th at 10AM for parents to sign their children up for activities in art, music, athletics, and many more! We wish our members the best of luck in their upcoming school year and cannot wait to see you soon.

To learn more about our programming and upcoming events at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, please contact Brendan McDonald at bmc_donation@bgdorchester.org or visit bgdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
**BGCD Travels to Disney with Rodman for Kids:** 130 of our members and chaperones took part in Rodman’s Disney for Kids Program this past week. This opportunity allowed our members to go to Walt Disney World with their closest friends and staff. They enjoyed parks such as Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, and Animal Kingdom. They also went to Universal Studios, which consists of two parks filled with many themed rides. A special thanks to Rodman for Kids for allowing our members to go on this once-in-a-lifetime trip.

During this time, we would like to express our sadness over the recent passing of our friend Don Rodman. The world lost a man who was dedicated to ensuring that thousands of the most vulnerable, at-risk children reveled in amazing opportunities. He will be missed more than words can describe.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS
- **September Orientation**
  - September 5th
- **Fall Program Registration**
  - September 14th from 10AM-12PM
- **Rodman Ride for Kids**
  - September 21 – Ride for BGCD!
- **Duxbury Beach Party**
  - September 21
- **KING’S Classic Tournament**
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- “Harry” of Holbrook, formerly of Dorchester, 87. Husband of the late Margaret M. “Margie” (D’Ibarr) Norris, former resident of Quincy. Also survived by 3 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. His wish would be that you consider making a gift in his memory to Mission of St. Joseph’s, 401 Quincy St., Dorchester, MA 02124.

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