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Ben and Stew Rosen in front of their store in Mattapan.

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

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

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 tides of change and providing a homeowner's sanctum for waves of newcomers to the area.

Today, Mattapan is home to some of the city's largest Haitian, Jamaican, and other Afro-Caribbean communities. But in the 30s and 40s, the neighborhood was predominantly Jewish.

"There 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 be-

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

By BILL FORRY **E**DITOR

A landmark Morrissey Boulevard dining and function facility that shut its doors in 2017 would be transformed into a six-story, 200-unit apartment complex under a proposal that will be the subject of a community review starting this month.

The acre-and-a-half parcel at 780 Morrissey Boulevard, once home to the popular Phillips Old Colony House and Freeport Tavern, is now being used to store automo-

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 we could do more affordable living options than downtown, and it could jump start a revitalization of the community."

The parcel in ques-



Parcel involved in the proposal is highlighted in the above photograph.

tion is now owned by Phillips Family Properties, which also controls Boston Bowl, Phillips Candy House, Ramada Inn, and Comfort Inn among its the site from Phillips Dorchester holdings. (Continued on page 15)

None of those businesses will be involved in this transaction.

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Vagen said that Michaels Development intends to purchase

# A newcomer's guide to living in Dorchester

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

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, legume, kielbasa, cachupa, 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

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## Don Rodman, kids'champion, dies at age 88

He was a Dorchester native and one of the neighborhood's most passionate advocates. His legacy is perhaps best defined by the Rodman Ride for Kids, a charity cycling event that he launched in 1991. The event has raised more than \$143 million over the decades for groups that work specifically with children, many of them in our neighborhood.

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# Climate Ready Dorchester plans open house discussion Wed., Sept. 25, in Neponset

#### By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

The city of Boston will launch its Climate Ready Dorchester (CRD) initiative this month with an open house at the Leahy-Holloran Community Center on Worrell 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 resilience. "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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## **DOT BY THE DAY** Sept. 6 - 24, 2019

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

**Friday (6th)** — New programs for the Boston City Singers start in September. Auditions are happening by appointment at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dorchester. More audition sessions are planned on Sept. 6 and 7 or by appointment. See bostoncitysingers.org or call 617-825-0674.

**Sunday (8th)** — On Sunday, Sept. 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. a wide variety of antique vehicles will sparkle like gems in historic Dorchester Park for the Seventh Annual Classic Car Show. For more information about the car show or the DPA, see dotpark.org or Dorchester Park in Massachusetts on Facebook.

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

Tuesday (10th) - Cedar Grove Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at Fr. Lane Hall, St. Brendan Church, 15 Rita Rd. The civic group meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

Saturday (14th) - The annual Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale is on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9a.m.-2p.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.

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

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

Tuesday (24th) - St. Mark's Area Civic Association meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Church lower hall, 1725 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester.

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Attendees mingled at last year's Bike & Brew celebration. Tran photo/Greater Ashmont Main Streets

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

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

This year's event will feature food trucks, a DBCo beer garden with

wine, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission H2Go trailer, and the Boston Police Department's Operation Hoodsie 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 Jenn Cartee told the Reporter that this year's format will be "looser" than in previous itera-

"With the city's cosponsorship 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 Dorchester 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 Dudley and Humphreys streets in Uphams Corner.

The proposal by Greg McCarthy of Charlestown calls for 25 twobedroom condos and a single one-bedroom unit. McCarthy has proposed 26 parking spaces in an underground garage and enough storage space for 26 bicycles.

About three of the units will be sold as affordable, which means buyers cannot make more than certain limits set by

the city, and will have deed restrictions keeping them that way for at least 30 years. Ground-floor retail space is also part of the proposal.

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

– REPORTER STAFF

#### City official faces jail after admitting taking a \$50k bribe

REPORTER STAFF

A Dorchester man who has been a key city housing official for since the 1980s is facing several years behind bars after he agreed to plead guilty last Friday 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 Industrial Corporation (EDIC), a division of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) just weeks ago.

According to the terms of a plea agreement detailed by US Attorney Andrew Lelling, Lynch was charged with "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 within the range of 46 to 57 months' imprisonment."

According to Lelling's office, the bribe was paid to Lynch by an unnamed developer "in return for Lynch using his influence at the BPDA to secure a vote from a ZBA member."The Boston Globe on Sunday reported that the bribery scandal involved the extension of a permit for a South Boston condo project and was now 'the focal point of a federal investigation... that shows signs of spreading beyond the one official who has already been charged."

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."

#### **UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10**

Climate Ready Dorchester open house on Sept. 25 -Climate Ready Dorchester, part of the city's ongoing climate resiliency planning, will host its first open house on Wed., Sept. 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the BCYF Leahy-Holloran Community Center, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester. This event will be a short presentation about the risks, open poster session for participants to learn about various aspects of the project, talk to experts, and provide their input for key considerations. Learn more at boston.gov/climate-readydorchester. More info at greenovate@boston.gov or call

Sept. 8 Block Party at Neponset Park Splash Pad - The Cedar Grove Civic Association will host a Block Party at the DCR Neponset Park— on Hallet Street near Granite Avenue— on Sun., Sept. 8 from 12-3 p.m. with a First Responder appreciation theme. Food by Wahlburgers. Music, games and ice cream.

JFK Library Forum: "Brexit: What's Next?" - Panelists including Gerard Baker, editor at large at The Wall Street Journal, Ambassador (Ret.) Nicholas Burns, Harvard professor of diplomacy and international relations, and Karen Donfried, president of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, discuss current developments in the Brexit process on Tuesday, Septe. 10, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Kennedy Library. All JFK Library forums are free and open to the public. Reservations for forums are strongly recommended. They guarantee a seat in the building but not the main hall. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors to the main hall open approximately one hour before the program begins. Make a reservation online or call 617-514-1643. For more information, visit jfklibrary. org/forums.

Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council meeting - The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, Sept. 9, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Ctr. Speakers will include State Representative Dan Cullinane and State Representative Russell Holmes. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. as there is a full agenda. Please forward all questions to info.gmncouncil@gmail.com.

Meeting on potential re-development at Phillips Old Colony House - Michaels Development will host an informational meeting on Wed., Sept. 18 to "start a dialogue with the surrounding community" about a proposed redevelopment of the former Phillips Old Colony House and Freeport Tavern at 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Old Colony House.

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 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. For more info call John Campbell at 617-918-4282 or email: john.campbell@boston.gov.

**Uphams Corner Health Center and Uphams Corner Main** Street – will host the fourth annual Outdoor Art and Health Street Festival on Columbia Road on Sat., Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees will have an opportunity to gather information from local organizations, purchase business products, taste an assortment of delicious food, enjoy live entertainment, receive free health education and screening as well as purchase local arts and crafts.bike, as we'll have free bike valet provide by MassBike.

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# Search for UMass Boston chancellor is renewed

By Michael P. Norton STATE HOUSE News Service

Fifteen months after a previous search collapsed in discord, 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 but that doesn't mean that it's easy," search committee chairman and real estate lawyer Norm Peters said, calling the diverse makeup 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 new panel features increased representation from a faction that was disappointed by the last search.

"We are at an inflection point, I think, where we could really become a world-class institution with the right leader,"

said search committee vice chairwoman Jean Rhodes, a psychology professor at UMass Boston. "We can get there. And that's our charge here. I actually have been talking with the other faculty members. We're delighted that there's so much faculty representation. We think that's going to make a huge difference."

Committee members discussed the qualities they'd like to see in a new chancellor-strong, strategic, inclusive, innovative - and said serious candidates need to be mindful of the challenges associated with tackling infrastructure challenges on the campus and the weight of UMass-Boston's "legacy debt" load.

"It's really important that we very intentionally position UMass as an urban institution," said search committee member Joyce Linehan, policy and planning chief for Boston Mayor Martin Walsh. "We're looking for somebody who sort of understands the root causes of poverty and understands the population that's being served there."

"I would probably like to have someone in place by July 1," Peters told the News Service after the two hour-plus could feature candidate interviews in February and the announcement of finalists in April.

UMass President Martin Meehan said he would do "anything and everything" that committee members request to help recruit candidates but said he will not be involved in the panel's day-to-day activities and asked for recommendations to be made "independent of me." During the meeting, he called UMass Boston "the most important institution in Boston" and said the campus graduates more people from diverse backgrounds than any other university in New England.

"I think that UMass Boston is in a great position to attract worldclass candidates from all across the globe,' Meehan said.

Isaacson Miller partner John Isaacson compared the search committee to a "little legislature," with members representing various constituencies, and encouraged them to focus on learning throughout the process of vetting candidates.

Mentioning the diversity of the campus, Isaacson said the firm

meeting, describing a is also making a "major UMass trustees were tentative timeline that commitment" in the scheduled to vote on a search to seeking diversity among candidates.

Search firm officials plan to visit the Dorchester campus and meet with stakeholder groups on Sept. 11, with the search committee meet-

ing again on Sept. 18. Committee members spent the bulk of their first meeting introducing themselves, being briefed on ways to handle media inquiries, and being warned about ways they can unintentionally violate open meeting laws, including with email chains can become subject to being turned over if public records requests are made.

Chancellor searches have previously been undermined by honest mistakes, said Meehan. "This is important stuff," he said, later clarifying that there have been searches in the past where candidates have leaked their own names out, a choice that Meehan said usually hurts candidates.

In May 2018, ending the previous search, the three chancellor finalists each withdrew from consideration, citing "extreme disappointment" with actions by the school's faculty council, Meehan said at the time. On the same day that

new chancellor, Meehan wrote in a letter that the seven-month search had come to "an unceremonious end" and named Katherine Newman as interim chancellor.

The three finalists were Kathy Humphrey, the senior vice chancellor for engagement and secretary of the Board of Trustees at the University of Pittsburgh; Peter Lyons, the vice provost and dean of Perimeter College at Georgia State University; and Jack Thomas, president of Western Illinois University.

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. Reves Coll-Tellechea, a professor in the Latin American and Iberian Studies department, said at the time that "the major issue at UMass Boston right now is the relationship with President Meehan and the Board of Trustees is broken."

Search committee members were asked last Tuesday to sign confidentiality agreements designed in part to protect the identities of chancellor applicants. Meehan said there have been instances of candidates who have pulled out of search processes because their names have been leaked.

"As you can imagine, the press will be aggressive about trying to figure out what's going on, and that's the role that they play and that's what they do," he said. "But we have 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."

Asked 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 \$235 million to the campus from redevelopment of a nearby parcel.

"I think things have subsided," Meehan said. "There are people on the campus who believe we should have a search and 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 plans, 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 May," Cassellius said, "Accomplishing that means we need to understand clearly what a great education means to everyone in every

neighborhood in the

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Čassellius and Mavor Martin Walsh will visit the Jeremiah E. Burke High School and P.A. Shaw Elementary in Dorchester on Sept. 6.

There will be a parent council meeting as part of the tour on Sept. 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Mattapan and Hyde Park schools, with the location yet to be deter-

A Dorchester and Roxbury schools parent council meeting is scheduled for Oct. 2 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Perkins BCYF Community Center.

"Superintendent Cassellius is doing a tremendous job ensuring all voices across the city are heard and taken into action," the mayor said, "I encourage residents across Boston to come to a meeting with Dr. Cassellius to share thoughts and ideas of how we can



**Brenda Cassellius** 

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 all 125 schools, held seven neighborhoodspecific town hall style community meetings, convened six schoolparent council meetings, and participated in 26 community sessions. For a more complete list of school tours, town hall events, and parent council meetings, visit

bostonpublicschools. org/engagementtour.

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

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

More than two dozen MBTA bus routes changed on Labor Day weekend-ranging from the elimination of some 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 while the adaptations 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 Cambridge, the 5 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, Tofficials said most of the lost service will be covered by additional trips on similar bus routes.

The Route 16 bus to JFK/UMass and the McCormack housing development will see new weekday and Saturday service. 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, Tofficials said. Buses across the entire MBTA system host an average of more than 340,000 riders every weekday, according to data presented in June. When announcing the new changes, the MBTA said about a third of all public-transit users rely on buses.



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# Markey, Kennedy court supporters at Labor Day breakfast

By Simón Rios WBUR Reporter

US Rep. Joseph Kennedy III's possible challenge of US Sen. Ed Markey was on display Monday at an annual Labor Day breakfast in Boston as more than 200 electrical workers with Kennedy signs filled the sidewalks of the Park Plaza in advance of the event.

IBEW business manager Lou Antonellis said the Dorchester-based union is supporting Kennedy— even before he has announced his candidacy—because the status quo isn't good enough. "And it's not about Ed Markey," he added. "It's about Joe Kennedy and what he stands for. He's a younger, stronger voice. Being Labor Day, there's not a better advocate for labor. You know, a stronger voice. That's what Joe Kennedy provides."

The 38-year-old Kennedy lives in Newton, and after six years in Congress, he's

mulling a bid for the Senate. He said he is humbled by the people who came out to urge him to run, but he's got business to take care of before deciding whether to challenge his fellow Democrat.

"I've got some things we're still working through, obviously family and then getting around the state and talking to voters," he said. "This ultimately is not a question of anybody running against anyone else. You run for the seat. And in order to do so you need to make sure you get the support of people across the state."

Markey, who is 73, was at the breakfast on Monday, and he had his supporters with him. Speaking to reporters, he said nothing about his potential opponent, but he repeated that he's planning to run on the basis of his record.

"I'm running straight out for the next year for reelection," he said, "and I'm going to run on the issues that people want me to fight for and I have been fighting for on the Senate floor throughout my entire career: women, workers, climate change, gun safety protections, and I'm gonna continue to do that."

To some, a Kennedy run for Senate could resemble former Boston City Councillor Ayanna Pressley's challenge of Congressman Michael Capuano. Pressley's candidacy was viewed as a rebuttal of the old Massachusetts politics — when newcomers waited their turn rather than challenge an incumbent.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh says a Kennedy run could be another shakeup in politics here. "I've already told Sen. Ed Markey that I'm supporting him, and I've talked to Joe Kennedy since then, and we're gonna talk again," the mayor said. "But I think last year,

when Ayanna Pressley took on Mike Capuano, it was kind of the first time we saw that type of disruption, and that's a new brand of politics that we're seeing here in Massachusetts."

That brand of politics was also embodied in last year's election of Boston state Rep. Nika Elugardo, who won her seat after beating a high-ranking Democratic incumbent. But in a Kennedy-Markey match-up, she said she'd go with the one who's already in the Senate. Elugardo says Markey has been a mentor to her, and over the years she's watched him take many people under his wing.

"I've watched him do it with everyone from servers who are serving food in rooms where we are, when the other politicians are hanging out with the bigwigs, and he's like deeply invested in finding out who this person is and building them up and encouraging them. That's the kind of politician that we need, so I will have his back until he's done," she said.

Should Kennedy challenge Markey, one dynamic in the race would be who's viewed as the more progressive candidate on things like climate change. Markey is a leading voice promoting the so-called Green New Deal.

But if it comes down to name recognition, even an incumbent senator faces a challenge against a representative of the Kennedy dynasty.

Organized labor could also prove key — and labor activists are already starting to dig trenches on either side, in advance of a race that hasn't yet started.

This story was published by WBUR 90.9FM on Sept. 3. The Reporter and WBUR have a media partnership in which the two news organizations share content.

# Pope John Paul II play-area closed ahead of renovation

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) closed a playground inside the Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset as it prepares to begin work on modernizing the play area. The rest of the 72acre 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 is will continue through 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.

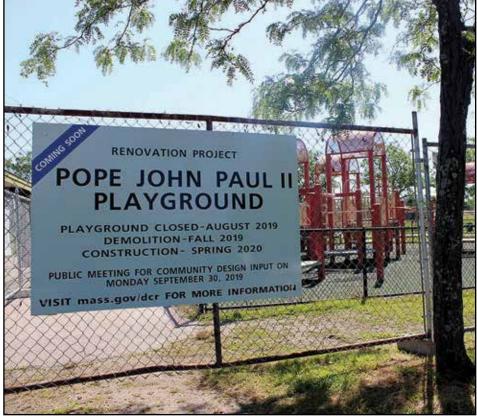
Rep. Dan Hunt — who has been pushing for the renovation project, said, "We're shooting for a meeting on Sept. 30th in the evening, pending [confirmation] when we approve a location."

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 2018 promoting climate change adaptation, environmental and natural resource protection and investment in recreational assets and opportunity.

Once the location, date and time of the meeting is finalized DCR will invite the public, local officials and stakeholders to attend. Pope John Paul II Park, which stretches along the Neponset River, is a 72-acre reservation that offers picnicking, athletic fields, trails and more. It opened in 2000 on what was once a former landfill and drive-in theatre.

At right: The playground as seen on Tuesday.





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

# 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.

The event is free and open to the public. Car owners can register their vehicles upon arrival. For more information about the show or the DPA, visit dotpark.org or the organization's Facebook page.



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families.

teachers.

Several local groups

and organizations, as

well as individuals from

the greater community,

made large donations of

backpacks and supplies.

select their ice cream

and toppings, pick out

backpacks and various supplies, and socialize

with other students and

"I want to thank ev-

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the torrential downpour

that we're experiencing

tonight," Walsh said to

the room. "We've already

The backpacks that

"This is about the

the school department is \$1.14 billion dollars

and it's the largest in

the history of the school

the city's responsibility

to give back to communi-

ties like Dorchester as

development continues

"You think about the

growth of our city," he

said, "but not everyone

is benefitting from the

growth and that's why

we have to have drives

Peter Arzeno, who

grew up in Miami

and currently lives in

Dorchester, was among

many community members who donated sup-

"I'm here because

like this tonight."

Walsh talked about

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Students lined up to

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



Mayor Walsh greets BPS students at his back-to-school ice cream social and supply drive. Katie Trojano photo

#### By KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF

On a rainy, end-ofsummer August evening at the Local 103 IBEW

port Street last Wednesday, more than over 250 Boston Public School students were offered ice cream, backpacks, headquarters on Free- 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

# Pop-up art show set at Midland Construction

In celebration of 25 years as a family-owned construction company, Midland Construction will host a Dorchester $the med \ pop\text{-}up \ art \ show$ on Thurs., Sept. 12 from 6-10 p.m. at its offices at 1700 Dorchester Ave.

The show will feature works for sale by local artists Tommy Cherry,

Dennis Doyle, Maureen Joyce, Chris Plunkett, Brian Queally, and Jess Waszkiewicz.

Food and drink provided by The Blarney Stone will be available at the event, which will also include live music, a 50/50 raffle, and an appearance by City Councillor Frank Baker.

A portion of all art sales will be donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester. Donations can be made payable to Plunketts House of Art & Music. Attendees are invited to RSVP to lreilly@ midlandconstruction.

collected over 500 backcom by September 5. packs for the kids of the - DANIEL SHEEHAN City of Boston." were not claimed by students at the back-toschool night will be distributed to kids in need of supplies in the first few weeks of school, which starts Sept. 6. 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

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Fri., Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. Mon., Sept. 9, 5:30 p.m. - Game Night. Tues., Sept. 10, 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. Thurs., Sept. 12, 12 p.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. Fri., Sept. 13, 11 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories. Mon., Sept. 16, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Game Night. Tues., Sept. 17, 11 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Sept. 18 – :30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

#### FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

**Fri., Sept. 6**, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. Mon., Sept. 9, 1 p.m. - Monday Films. Wed., Sept. 11, 10 a.m. - Adult Stress Relief Coloring. **Thurs.**, **Sept. 12**, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; Preschool Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Drop-In Tech Help. Fri., Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. - Friday Afternoon Fun. Sat., Sept. 14, 9 a.m. - USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library; 9:30 a.m. – Story Circle; 11 a.m. – African American Cowboys. Mon., Sept. 16, 1 p.m. – Monday Films; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help.

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#### **MATTAPAN BRANCH**

Thurs., Sept. 5, 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. Fri., Sept. 6, 10:30 a.m. - Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. - Crafternoons. Mon., **Sept. 9**, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play. **Tues.**, **Sept.** 10, 4 p.m. – Tinker Time; 6 p.m. – Hip Hop Dance with Tyh. Wed., Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. - Toddler Time; 3 p.m. – Full STEAM Ahead. Thurs., Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m. - Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. - Gentle Yoga. Fri., Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m. -Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. - Crafternoons. Sat., Sept. 14, 12:30 p.m. – Zumba with Carlina. Mon., Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Pokemon Club: Pokemon Crafts; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Tinker Time.

#### **UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH**

Fri., Sept. 6, 3:30 p.m. - Lego Builders. Sat., Sept. 7, 11 a.m. - Back to School Story Craft Program. Mon., Sept. 9, 10:30 a.m. - Baby and Toddler Lapsit. Thurs., Sept. 12, 4 p.m. - Annual Back to School Tea. **Mon., Sept. 16**, 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. - Make It Mondays: Science: The Unbelievable Pendulum Catch. Tues., Sept. 17, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Sept. 18, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., **Sept. 19**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. - Local History: 32 Payson Avenue.

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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

# Reporter's

# People

### News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

# City students tell their intern stories as their high school mentors listen in

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

More than 100 teachers, principals, and mentors packed into the Fort Point room at Atlantic Wharf earlier this month to take in the 3rd Annual Boston Youth STEM Showcase, an event in which BPS high schoolers reflect on their experiences from a six-week summer internship program.

Among the group giving presentations was Markel Vicente, a recent graduate of Boston Latin Academy who worked on software development as an intern at Blue Cross Blue Shield this summer. Vicente, whose job mostly involved using metrics to check code for quality,

learned two new code languages — Javascript and HTML- through the experience.

"It was my first time in an office environment, so a lot of it was just learning how to network," he

The internship program is driven by the Boston Private Industry Council (PIC), a nonprofit that works in tandem with Mayor Martin Walsh's workforce development initiatives to connect youth with positions at some of Boston's top employers.

PIC has a presence in all 31 BPS high schools and has been effective in creating school-toindustry pipelines. Last year, the council created roughly 2,600 jobs and internships for BPS students through the program, and 54 percent of all BPS graduates found placements.

Executive director Neil Sullivan explained that the idea for the showcase grew from wanting to shine a spotlight on the wide range of work being done by students in the STEM field beyond healthcare and science.

"The idea was really about figuring out how to create a community for them," he said, adding that he was impressed by the variety of the student presentations, which involved everything from medical lab testing to app software development.

'They're doing some pretty amazing things



Markel Vicente, who will begin studying computer science at Roxbury Community College this fall, prepared a presentation on the software development work he did during an internship with Blue Cross Blue Shield this summer. Daniel Sheehan photo

and breaking stereotypes about high schools and what kids can do. And they go back with a whole different sense of themselves," he said.

Sullivan, an Ashmont resident, explained that the program specifically addresses the "talent talent in communities of color and "connecting downtown and the neighborhoods."Through their internships, students learn about the habits of paid work and connecting their education to a job. That exposure

shortage" by looking at is important, he said, in order for kids to get a taste of the working world and to be inspired by different career paths.

"Aspiration precedes motivation, which precedes performance," he said. "You've got to get it in the right order."

# **Dashon Burton** performs at Bach Project season opener

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music kicks off its 2019-2020 season on Sun., Sept. 22 at 4 p.m., with a Bach Project concert featuring the criticallyacclaimed bass-baritone Dashon Burton performing at All Saints' Church in Ashmont. Burton will join the Bach Project Orchestra and the boys of the All Saints' Choir to offer a concert of music by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), featuring cantatas 82 and 158, as well as solo instrumental music to round out the program.

The Bach Project—directed by Andrew Sheranian — is a collaborative endeavor between the music program at the Parish of All Saints Ashmont and Ashmont Hill Chamber Music. Now in its third season, the Bach Project exists to bring the music of Bach to audiences in Dorchester through live performances at All Saints' Church in Ashmont.

Praised for his "nobility and rich tone," (The New York Times) and his "enormous, thrilling voice seemingly capable of raising the dead;' (Wall Street Journal), bass-baritone Dashon Burton has established a world-wide career in opera, recital, and in many works with orchestra. In key elements of



**Dashon Burton** 

his repertoire Dashon is a frequent guest with ensembles such as Philharmonia Baroque, the Handel and Haydn Society, and Boston Baroque among many others. In addition to his work as a soloist, Dashon is also a member of the Grammy award-winning vocal project Roomful of Teeth.

For tickets and more information please visit the website: www.ahchambermusic.org Tickets: Adult: \$25; Student: \$18; EBT Card Holder: \$3, children under 13

# EMK Institute to put focus on 'Women's Fight for Suffrage'

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate will launch a new program in December titled "The Citizens' Senate: Women's Fight for Suffrage" that will center on how women's right to vote was secured by the 19th Amendment in 1920.

The program, which is supported by Mass Humanities and the Barbara Lee Family Foundation, will explore how women organized, lobbied, and protested the government during the suffrage movement.

"I'm pleased to support this important program, marking the 100th anniversary of women making their voices heard at the ballot box," said Barbara Lee, founder and president of the family foundation.

"The suffragists taught us so much, including to never let the way things are limit our imagination of the way things could be. We are at a pivotal moment in history, filled with possibility. One hundred years from now, Ihope future generations will look back in awe of all that we accomplished in our time," Lee said.

The project will engage visitors through live performances of historic speeches originally delivered by suffragists and elected officials. The presentation will also include a short film blending narration, historic film footage, and images.

"The Citizens' Senate program highlights the important role that each person plays in democracy, while illuminating stories of the women who were left out of the suffrage movement a century ago," said Mary K. Grant, the president of the EMK Institute.

The Citizens' Senate is designed to align with the new history and social science curriculum framework adopted by the Massachusetts Dept. of Secondary and Elementary education. University of Massachusetts Boston Professor Roberta Wallins, Ph.D. is serving as the project scholar for the program.

#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

#### DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Dorchester HistoricalSociety, we have been featuring mini-biographies of Dorchester residents who served in World War I. This week, we feature Clarence William Clark. Following is an excerpt from Camille Arbogast's profile of Mr. Clark for the Society.

Clarence William Clark was born on April 25, 1894, in Methuen, Mass., the son of Mary L. (McKibbon), of Newcastle, New Brunswick, and Frank (Herbert), of Haverhill, Mass., who owned and operated a bakery at 19 Hampshire St. in Methuen. The couple also had three younger children: Mary, Katherine, and

In May 1915, Clarence enlisted in the National Guard. In June 1916, as a sergeant in H Company, 9th Massachusetts Infantry, he served in El Paso, Texas, chauffeuring



**Clarence William Clark** 

officers along the Mexican border. According to the *Boston* Post, he thought "driving an automobile along Washington street on a busy afternoon is far more interesting."

Around this time, Clarence married Gertrude C. Murphy, who lived up the street from They had a son, William F., who was born in November

On April 13, March 25, 1917, Clarence mustered as a sergeant in H Company, 9th 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 was promoted to Second Lieutenant. By the end of the war, he was serving as a First Lieutenant in the 214th 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: Doris, Marjorie, and Virginia. According to the census, in January 1920, Clarence was working as an automobile

the Clarks on Blue Hill Ave. mechanic. In April 1922, he 1981, he was living in Aurora, was selected as federal prohibition enforcement agent in the Worcester district. A month later, a story headlined "Dry Sleuths Make Worcester Clean Up" told of Clarence and his team going undercover "as laboring men with a thirst that only liquor would quench," 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, Mattapan. 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 1949, retiring as a colonel. On April 9, 1953, he married Mary Duncan in Georgia. By Colorado.

He died on Aug. 19, 1981, at the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Colorado. He was buried in Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. He left his second wife and his four children from his first marriage.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **Editorial**

# Dot kids lose their biggest benefactor

Don Rodman died last week at age 88. His close friends and family knew it was coming and were bracing for the bad news. His final moments came last Tuesday afternoon. And in the immediate aftermath, members of the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester received the sad words from Bob Scannell, the club's president and CEO and one of Don's closest confidents.

'This is kind of tough to swallow," Scannell wrote. "It goes without saying that Don was the most giving, caring, loving, and generous person ever involved in our Boys & Girls Club, and he will be missed beyond words. Don passed away at the same time that 150 kids from our Club are enjoying the fruits of his love and generosity in Disney [World.]'

Don Rodman was a Dorchester native and one of the neighborhood's most passionate advocates, long after he himself relocated south of Boston, closer to where his highly successful car dealership—Rodman Ford— has been based since 1960. But his legacy is best defined by the Rodman Ride for Kids, a charity cycling event that he launched in 1991. The event has raised more than \$143 million over the decades, all of it distributed to groups that work specifically with children, many of them in our neighborhood.

It's impossible to put a dollar figure on the breadth and depth of Don's philanthropy. It was boundless. In part, that's because he was constantly assisting families and individuals in need with absolutely no fanfare. Much of that happened through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD), where his close associates- Bob and Mary Scannell- connected him with Dorchester families that needed a hand in a moment of distress.

Don Rodman was exceptionally devoted to Dorchester's kids. Beginning in 1992, he personally paid for a large group of children and teens to go to Disney World under the care and direction of BGCD staff. He paid for the flights, the hotels, the buses, the park tickets and meals. To do that for one year would be an extraordinary gesture of kindness. Don and his wife Marilyn - who passed away in 2007 - paid for the Dorchester Disney trip for 27 years and counting.

That was just the tip of the iceberg. At his memorial service on Tuesday at B'nai Tikvah in Canton, a program book featured a photo of Don surrounded by a smiling group of kids from Dorchester at the Wang Theatre in Boston. Don would rent out the theatre for a night to bring thousands of kids to see a musical. He did this multiple times and exposed an estimated 50,000-plus kids to the theatre through his astounding generosity.

Don's obituary includes a long list of charitable affiliations, including his role as chairman emeritus of Catholic Charities of Boston. He was a trustee of the Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps for Children, Inc.; president of the Ron Burton Training Village; vice-president of The Red Auerbach Foundation. He is survived by five sons: Gene Rodman and Bart Rodman, both of Braintree, Curtis Rodman and Brett Rodman, both of Canton, and Craig Rodman of Natick; nine grandchildren; and four great-Bill Forry grandchildren.



Don Rodman (center) is shown with Jim Brett, left, and John Hailer at the 2011 New England Council annual dinner. NE Council photo

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# You, too, could be a mentor and maybe make a difference in a young person's life

By Pastor Rick Grant

As a young person, I often heard the colloquialism, "It takes a village to raise a child." That statement rightfully implies the plethora of love, nurture, and stability our young-people need from engaged, present adults. Mentoring reaches far beyond giving advice; and it's more than social activities. Through mentoring, adults exemplify how to handle daily life. The adult teaches and models the attributes of character, integrity, and success.

As the founder and former pastor of Rescued ChurchBoston, I have worked with youth for more than 15 years. In my former capacity as director of Youth Options Unlimited (YOU) Boston, I saw firsthand the need for more mentors for our young people, which is why, along with other local faith leaders, I am partnering with Mass Mentoring Partnerships (MMP) as a part of the Mayor's Mentoring Movement. We see it as our duty to amplify the natural mentoring that occurs in faith communities as well as to encourage community members to volunteer at formalized mentoring programs. All of this is being  $made\,possible\,through\,support\,from\,Bank\,of\,America.$ 

The Mayor's Mentoring Movement was launched in 2014 with the initial goal of recruiting 1,000 new mentors to serve Boston youth. To date, more than 2,500 mentors recruited through Bostonmentors.org have been matched with young people across the city of Boston through mentoring programs serving youth in a variety of settings. The volunteers include adults who live and work in the city as well as many city of Boston employees.

Mayor Walsh has stated "We know that mentoring relationships lead to brighter futures for our young people and stronger neighborhoods. We will continue to recruit more mentors to ensure that every young person has access to these empowering relationships.

Houses of Worship have long been community gathering places where neighbors not only celebrate faith but also take part in activities like youth ministry, which focuses on teaching life skills, strengthening faith, and building self-esteem. Often these ministries are run by part-time youth ministers or volunteers in the congregation, but the need for more adults to provide intentional support to young people in the community is still great.

We have a need for adults who are "credible messengers" to mentor our young people. To those who've traveled through the terrain of systemic racism, poverty, and violence, you are the embodiment of hope and endurance. The wisdom you have is invaluable and necessary. Mentors are the bridges to success!

Prospective mentors state that time constraints are a common barrier to volunteering; however, many mentoring programs can be worked into busy schedules and require as little as an hour a week.

Another potential barrier is that many adults may want to volunteer with young people but may not know how, or need additional tools to deal with the multitude of challenges a young person might be facing. This is why collaborations between community programs and an organization like MMP are so key it's important that mentors are taught how to mentor.

Founded on a bedrock of research and best-practices, MMP empowers mentors with understanding and the tools to engage young people effectively. The work with faith communities also allows MMP to meet the community members where they are with information and resources. MMP gives out more than a half-million dollars to formal mentoring programs throughout the state (\$142,500 in Boston alone) and provides training and technical assistance to over 350 programs statewide, in addition to working with school districts and workforce investment boards, corporate mentoring programs and state agencies.

This critical work is supported in large part by the state mentoring line item, as well as grants that MMP provides, and through individual and corporate sponsors like Bank of America. Grant money from Bank of America allows MMP to bring quality resources to the community without burdening community programs with the cost. Oftentimes, funding is allocated to program implementation, leaving little for staff or volunteer training, but with the assistance of the bank, MMP has been able to help fill that gap for many programs across the Commonwealth.

Serving as a strong partner to MMP, last year the bank invested more than \$75,000 in the field to bring quality practices that dive deeply into the existing research on youth mentoring to enhance program practices and relationship strategies that facilitate meaningful mentoring relationships and positive outcomes for youth and adult participants.

Since 2015, the bank has invested more than \$375,000 in the field of mentoring, serving as a leader and supporter of mentoring through the Mayor's Mentoring Movement and sponsoring important data tools and resources for the field like the Mass Mentoring Counts biennial report.

Again, it certainly takes a village and I am so grateful to partners like MMP, the Mayor's Mentoring Movement, and Bank of America for being so dedicated to ensuring that we do everything we can to make an impact on the youth in our community. The question is – will you step up to do your part? You could be the one to truly make a difference in a youth's life.

Pastor Rick Grant most recently served as the Deputy Director of Youth Options Unlimited (YOU) Boston. He is the former director of the Boston Ten Point Coalition and founded and served as executive director of Rescued Church.

# New guidelines will expand opportunities for dental care for people with disabilities

By James T. Brett

Good dental health is a critical component of a person's overall health, yet it remains elusive for many people. Individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities find it particularly challenging to find a dentist who is trained to meet their special needs. As a result, they may forego dental care and be more vulnerable to poor oral health and illness.

That trend may soon change, however, with the recent adoption of new rules and training guidelines for dental schools that could expand access to quality dental care for people with disabilities.

The Council on Dental Accreditation recently approved rules that all US dental schools must include patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities in their curricula and training programs. The National Council on Disability worked diligently on this issue and played a significant role in advocating for these changes.

Prior to the ruling, there were no requirements for dental students to learn how to work with people with disabilities. As a result, many individuals found it difficult to locate a dentist with this training. Faced with this obstacle, many children and adults with disabilities have lived for years without proper dental care, leading to a higher incidence of cavities, periodontal disease, and other health problems.

A 2012 study conducted by researchers at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine (published in the Journal of the American Dental Association) found that people with disabilities had worse oral health than the general population. The retrospective analysis involved more than 4,700 case studies. One-third of the study group (32.2 percent) had untreated cavities and 80.3 percent had periodontal disease. More than 18 percent had gingivitis and nearly 11 percent had missing teeth.

Another study found that more than half of dental

and medical school deans stated that their graduates are not properly trained to treat people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, who are more likely than not never to have had their teeth cleaned, compared with those who do not have disabilities.

Advocates have focused on this issue for many

So, the new ruling is positive news for the community of people with disabilities. The requirements should greatly expand the number of speciallytrained dentists graduating from dental schools across the country. The changes in curricula and training take effect for orthodontics programs by Jan. 1, 2020, and other programs including predoctoral dental, dental hygiene, and dental assistant programs, by July 1, 2020.

With this increasing number of trained professionals, people with disabilities will have a better chance of finding a qualified professional in their

In a nation where high quality health-care is widely available and is a hallmark of our quality of life, it can be easy to take what is available for granted. For most people, finding a dentist and receiving top quality care is just a phone call away. It may be hard to imagine that for many of our neighbors, there are obstacles to overcome in their ability to understand and comfortably undergo necessary medical treatment. Removing those obstacles will go a long way in narrowing the access gap to quality care.

The recent action by the Council on Dental Accreditation will certainly make a significant difference in the health and quality of life for people with disabilities. We applaud their work and the resolve of the many advocates who have advanced this issue.

James T. Brett, president and CEO of The New  $England\ Council, is\ a\ member\ of\ the\ National\ Council$ on Disability.

# 'Free public college' not a radical, or new, idea

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's a pattern of rising costs that has continued for many years, and not just for our state. All over the country, public university tuitions have been increasing steadily, contributing to sharply rising student debt that now totals more than \$1.5 trillion (that's trillion with a t!) for more than 44 million student borrowers.

As corporate-led globalism has caused the decline of good-paying union and manufacturing jobs, a college education is seen by many as their only ticket for entry into an economically stable career. But the costs and debts are burdening 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 1960s – 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. Navsavers claim that our country "cannot afford" free public higher education. But somehow, decades ago, when the US economy was one-sixth as large as it is today, free or low-cost public college was nearly universal.

What happened?

cation has 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 starving 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 day.

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 taxes, 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 lifestyle.

All of this was destined to change as Big Money asserted increasing control over both political parties. Today, after the Reagan-Bush-Trump tax cuts, the top income tax rate for the rich is 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-State and federal aid to higher edu- 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 diminishment of union power an pay for public

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 and 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.

#### OVICTORY VITTA MEALTH OF TRIBULING TO SHE AND TRIBU Celebrating its 50th year Anniversary, the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center will host its annual Health & Wellness Community Fair Request an SAT, SEPT 7th | 11 AM to 4 PM 1 Franklin Park Road, Dorchester 02121 Community Vendors! Boston Center for Independant Living Vitra Health Day Seven Wellness 4 Corners Yoga & Wellness BTS Design Studio Victory Human Services Franklin Park Zoo The Mentor Network Health is Wealth! Boston Clinical Trials Ivyee's Everything Hone Regional Census Center Carney Hospital Alzheimer Association Haitian Adult Day Health The Bay State Banr The Fresh Truck **Short Massages** nfectious Disease Bureau Yoga Sessions Family Nurture Center Lena Parks CDC Veggie Shopping Face Painting TO Harvard St. Neighborhood Health Center | 632 Bluehill Ave, Dorchester, MA, 02120 contact | jailene.cabrera@harvardstreet.org | 617.825.3400 x 5518 x 5594

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

By Daniel Sheehan

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

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 participants have brought to this event, in just its first two 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 two new community engagement campaigns in October: the Bridge Builder and Challenger Sports campaigns. These initiatives will help access funds for intentional 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 belief in all people to succeed if given the means. opportunity, and sense of belonging," read the press release.

It added: "We believe that community building begins at the grassroots level and is necessary for every person regardless of income or social status to feel safe, valued, and welcomed across our community.

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# Reporter's Neighborhood Notables

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# CLIMATE READY DORCHESTER OPEN HOUSE ON SEPT. 25

Climate Ready Dorchester, part of the city's ongoing climate resiliency planning, will host its first open house on Wed., Sept. 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the BCYF Leahy-Holloran Community Center, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester. This event will be a short presentation about the risks, open poster session for participants to learn about various aspects of the project, talk to experts, and provide their input for key considerations. Learn more at boston. gov/climate-ready-dorchester. More info at greenovate@boston.gov or call 617-635-3580.

#### MEETING ON POTENTIAL RE-DEVELOPMENT AT PHILLIPS OLD COLONY HOUSE

Michaels Development will host an informational meeting on Wed., Sept. 18 to "start a dialogue with the surrounding community" about a proposed re-development of the former Phillips Old Colony House and Freeport Tavern at 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Old Colony House.

# DOT PARK CLASSIC CAR SHOW ON SEPT. 8

Classic Car Show returns to Dot Park — On Sun., Sept. 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. a wide variety of antique vehicles will sparkle like gems in historic Dorchester Park for the Seventh Annual Classic Car Show. On display will be cars and trucks many visitors will remember from their youth and some that were in use early in the last century. The sound of classic hit tunes will add atmosphere to the display of beautifully restored vehicles and food trucks will provide refreshments. Visitors can also



Two-year-old Austin Keels of Dorchester and his mom Lynn met 30-year-old ball python Dot held by Zoo New England educational program coordinator Rebecca Nuske at the ParkARTS Boston Children's Summer Festival at Franklin Park on August 20. Hosted by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the festival offered children and families the opportunity to participate in a variety of free activities at the Playstead. ParkARTS is made possible in part through the generosity of Holly Bruce.

Jon Seamans photo

tour the park in a horse and wagon and students from the School of Music will perform contemporary and classic music. The car show is sponsored by the Dorchester Park Association (DPA), a volunteer organization responsible for organizing the Spring Egg Hunt and other events at the park and assisting the park department with the removal of litter and leaves. This year

the DPA also secured four goats with big appetites to reduce poison ivy and invasive growth at the park. For more info about the car show or the DPA, see dotpark.org or Dorchester Park in Massachusetts on Facebook.

# SEPT. 8 BLOCK PARTY AT NEPONSET PARK SPLASH PAD

The Cedar Grove Civic Association

will host a Block Party at the DCR Neponset Park—on Hallet Street near Granite Avenue—on Sun., Sept. 8 from 12-3 p.m. with a First Responder appreciation theme. Food by Wahlburgers. Music, games and ice cream.

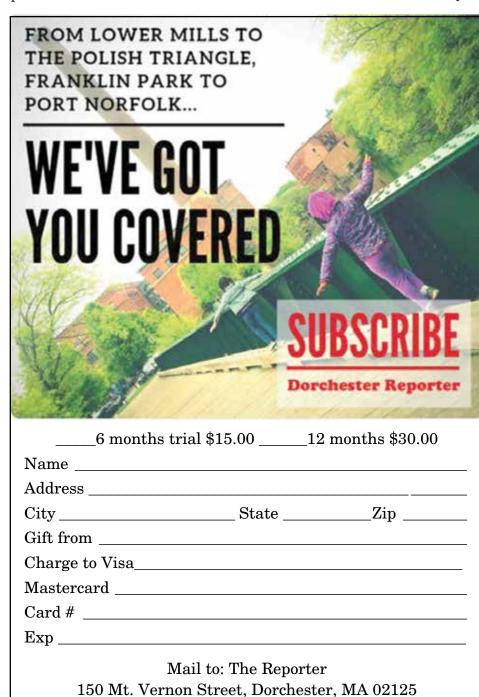
# JFK LIBRARY FORUM: "BREXIT: WHAT'S NEXT?"

Panelists including Gerard Baker, editor at large at The Wall Street Journal, Ambassador (Ret.) Nicholas Burns, Harvard professor of diplomacy and international relations, and Karen Donfried, president of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, discuss current developments in the Brexit process on Tues., Sept. 10, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Kennedy Library. All JFK Library forums are free and open to the public. Reservations for forums are strongly recommended. They guarantee a seat in the building but not the main hall. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors to the main hall open approximately one hour before the program begins. Make a reservation online or call 617-514-1643. For more information, visit jfklibrary. org/forums.

#### GREATER MATTAPAN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its scheduled monthly meeting on Mon., Sept. 9, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Ctr. Speakers will include State Representative Dan Cullinane and State Representative Russell Holmes. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. as there is a full agenda. Please forward all questions to info. gmncouncil@gmail.com.

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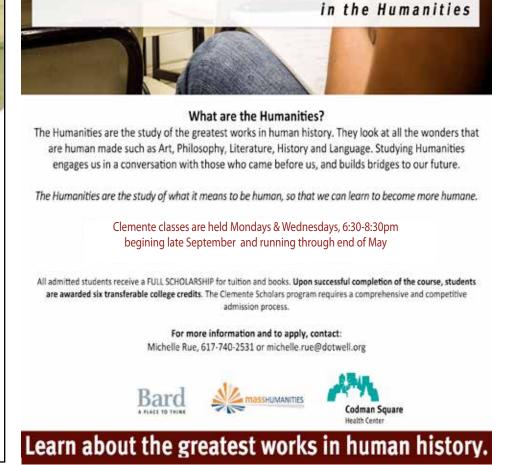


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# For Norfolk Hardware, a lot has changed, and a lot hasn't in 85 years since its opening

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

"We sold bottles of paint additives sealed with corks," 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 Rosens now operate Norfolk Hardware at at 981 Morton St. out of a newly renovated, 42,000-squarefoot 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.

"To tell the truth, 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 feel, same value-oriented material selec-

tions.

"Anybody can go to a big box store like Home Depot or Lowes to buy something. 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 familyrun, and we have the right mindset."

Those customer values

# MCHC event set for Sat., Sept. 7

Mattapan Community Health Center (MCHC) will present its 23rd annual Health Care Revivalon 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 Mattapan residents, including free health and dental screenings, a physical wellness tent, 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, inspirational 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.

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

ing out all the stops. The celebration will include live music by rock/country band the Bourbon Chasers; BBQ from World Champion pitmaster Andy Husbands 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 fourth generation in the family business and the current vice president of Norfolk Companies, echoed his father's sentiments about the store and the community-based values that have kept its doors open for decades.

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Newly-renovated and mural-decorated: Norfolk Hardware's property on Morton Street, where it has operated since 1984.

September 5, 2019

Dan Sheehan photo

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 familyowned and operated and these values are at the heart of everything we do.

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

The 85th anniversary bash will kick off a yearlong 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.





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# Testimony hints at direction on state gun policy

By Katie Lannan State House News Service

Kicking off a hearing last Thursday on gun legislation at the State House, Public Safety and Homeland Security Co-Chairman Rep. Harold Naughton told two hearing rooms full of people that he had recently returned from a monthlong Army training mission in southwest Asia.

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 soldiers 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 hometowns," 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 could be areas for further committee exploration -- include addressing urban gun violence, analyzing gun crime data,



Rep. Chynah Tyler said she is "optimistic" a legislative package could strike a balance between Second Amendment rights and acknowledging that "black and brown lives matter." Sam Doran/SHNS photo

and preventing illegal trafficking of firearms.

The hours of input from lawmakers, law enforcement officials and members of the public highlighted several disparate concerns for committee members to keep in mind as they consider the bills and potentially draft their own legislation -- such as balancing the rights of gun owners with the desire to keep guns out of the hands of people who will use them for violent acts.

"We have an opportunity today to make a true impact on the effects that illegal firearms have in our commonwealth, but we cannot hesitate to take this opportunity to save lives," said Rep. Chynah Tyler, a com-

mittee 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 a comprehensive package together to acknowledge that black and brown lives matter, while not infringing on residents' Second Amendment rights."

On the heels of a 2014 reform that gave police chiefs more discretion over gun licensing, Massachusetts in 2017 banned bump stocks like the ones used in the mass shooting in Las Vegas, and last year passed a "red flag" law that allows family members to petition the courts to suspend gun ownership

rights of someone they believe to be a danger.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo has said he expects "further conversation" on gun laws this session but has not identified specific policies the House will pursue.

During a Wednesday hearing, Gun Owners Action League Executive Director Jim Wallace said he wanted to push back on the idea that Massachusetts gun laws have been successful, saying the number of gun-related homicides in the state has risen over time.

"There is no success with these gun laws, period," Wallace said. "As a matter of fact, the only thing these gun laws have done is to make the people I represent suffer, who try to get through these laws without being in violation, and, frankly, the inner-city people that are being murdered in record numbers. We need 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, said 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 his middle-school classmates walk to and from his open casket.

"Watching their faces and wondering what must they be thinking about their chances of survival, when their classmate, 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 this will never happen again to 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 that problem as urgently as we are taking steps to address mass shootings.'

Wearing a yellow shirt that said "We will not comply" and a "Self-defense is a human right" pin, Galen Miller told committee members their responsibility is to protect the rights of citizens. "It could be one voice out of thousands, and your job is to protect those rights, and I don't see that happening, Miller said. "There's not a soul in here that has [a license to carry a firearm] or carries that doesn't wish that he was at El Paso or any other area where there's a 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 alongside Miller, said he had buried friends and relatives lost to drug overdoses and would rather see lawmakers pursuing action against drug dealers than considering new restrictions on legal gun owners. He said criminals favor the passage of tighter gun laws because it means their potential victims are likely to be unarmed.

"Why all these laws? I mean, you read the laws for firearms in Massachusetts, it's insanity," he said. "Who can follow all this?"

Several groups, including Moms Demand Action, Everytown for Gun Safety and the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, voiced support for gun data legislation filed by Rep. Marjorie Decker and Sen. Cynthia Creem. Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan also testified in favor.

Decker said the 2014 gun law already requires collection of data on guns connected to crimes, but that data is not being analyzed and acted upon. The bill she filed with Creem (H 2045, S 1388) would require the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to prepare regular reports on the data.

"We're not asking for anything new to be done," Decker said. "It's data that's there. We need to understand where are these crime guns coming from out-of-state. It's not fair, particularly to neighborhoods that still see a proliferation of gun violence."

Gail Erdos, a member of the board for Stop Handgun Violence, said the report would allow legislators and law enforcement to "effectively target the sources of the guns used in crime. So many crimes could be better understood if we were able to do something with this data," she said.

Creem said that despite its strong gun laws, Massachusetts can always strive to do better. "We can't be complacent," the Newton Democrat said. "We cannot stop here. We owe it to the children."





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# A newcomer's guide to living in Dorchester

(Continued from page 1) (home of the Dot Jazz Series), or Dorchester Brewing Company on Mass Ave to take in the

latest concert or exhibit. Find an old map of Dorchester and study it! That way when someone says they're from "St. Greg's" or "St. Ann's," you won't give away your newbyness with a blank stare. Also, you won't incorrectly identify where you live as Savin Hill instead of Jones Hill when the

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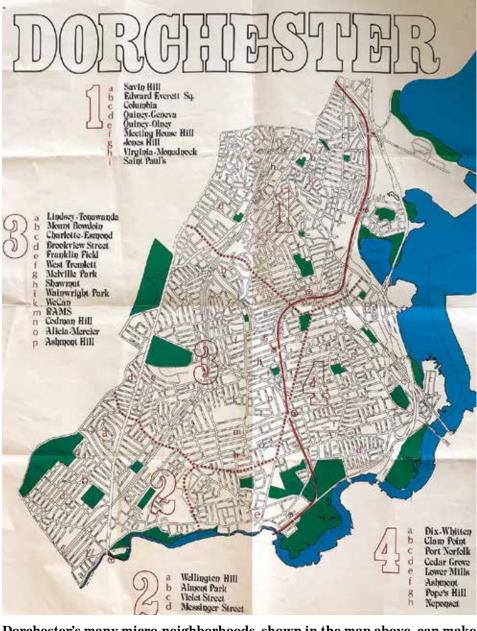
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• On that note, Dorchester is so huge and divided into so many micro-neighborhoods— e.g., Uphams Corner, Fields Corner, Lower Mills — that they often change from one street to the next. After two years as a resident, I can say I am familiar with about 40 percent of them.

• Dorchester people take their politics seriously. This year is a city council election year, with a preliminary election on Tues., Sept. 24, and a final on Tues., Nov. 5. You can learn about where you vote online – and register, at sec.state.ma.us/ wheredoivotema/.

• There are tons of green spaces and outdoor activities in Dorchester, from Franklin Park to the west, the Harborwalk to the north, and the Neponset River Greenway and the 72-acre Pope John Paul II Park to the south. Lace up those sneakers, hop on your bike, and get outside.

 You can learn about the area's history by paying a visit to the Clap(p) houses, home to the Dorchester Historical Society, or the James Blake House, the oldest building in



Dorchester's many micro-neighborhoods, shown in the map above, can make learning the geography of the neighborhood a daunting task for newcomers.

Boston. The Dorchester Historical Society operates these houses and offers monthly programs that are great ways to plug into our rich history. They also operate the excellent Dorchester Atheneum website-dorchesteratheneum.org - a terrific repository of local info.

• Do get involved in your local civic association and community activist groups! As a Dorchester resident, you should know what's going on nearby, especially at a time when a lot is changing in the neighborhood. Volunteer your time at a library or shelter, participate in a park cleanup day, or show your support at a peace rally. Or start by familiarizing yourself with the issues that so many Dot community leaders work tirelessly to address in their efforts to make our neighborhood better. We humbly recommend DotNews.com as a great resource in this regard

• Do not feed the goats in Dorchester Park. They are hired contractors sited there to clean up poison ivy, brush, and other unwanted growth. Please let them do their jobs!

• We have beaches! Malibu Beach in Savin Hill and Tenean Beach in Neponset are Dorchester's two official beaches, while many residents also head to Carson Beach on the South Boston border to

the top of Meetinghouse Hill, from where you can see the southern part of the neighborhood, Dorchester Bay, and the gleaming rainbow swash of the National Grid gas tank. The rainbow tank design was created by Corita Kent and it remains one of the most iconic landmarks in the city of Boston.

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• A forewarning: there's a good chance you have at least one neighbor who will invite you to a barbecue if you're friendly enough.

 Another forewarning: there's a good chance you have at least one neighbor who sets off fireworks on a regular basis between the months of May and September.

• Some of you may live in a three-decker; it's not a triple-decker.

With autumn fast approaching, you'll soon be entering one of Dorchester's most picturesque seasons. In the months that follow the fall, you'll learn that snowy Dorchester — while it admittedly can be a pain— has a certain charm to it.

But to see Dorchester at its very best, you'll have to wait until next

year and the first Sunday in June. That's when the holiest of all events, the Dorchester Day Parade, comes marching up Dot Ave.

You'll see and hear a whirlwind of color and culture: Latin and Caribbean dancers in feathered headdresses stomping and twirling to pounding drums, brass bands belting out joyous tunes, rainbow flags waving from prideful floats, wistful bagpipers in plaid kilts, hip-hop booming from subwoofers of passing cars, residents decked out in traditional Vietnamese garb, colonialera fife and drum bands – all passing by on the same route within minutes of each other. You'll see smiling faces - black ones, brown ones, white ones, and tan ones. You'll hear languages of all kinds. You'll hear laughter, a universal language. And you'll think to yourself, 'This is what America is all about.'

Daniel Sheehan is the Arts & Features editor of the Reporter and a native of Connecticut. He lives in the Meetinghouse Hill village of Dorchester. Follow him on Twitter @dsheehan 1890.



# **Four Corners Plaza**

Monday, September 16 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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#### **Project Proponent:**

Codman Square NDC

#### **Project Description:**

Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation request Project Change to 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.

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#### **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 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. For more info call John Campbell at 617-918-4282 or email: john.campbell@boston.gov.

#### THE ANOINTED CHURCH - BACK TO **SCHOOL WALK FOR PEACE**

Sat., Sept. 7 – from Stop and Shop, 1100 Mass Ave. Dorchester. Registration. 9-10 a.m. March 10:15-11:15 a.m.

#### **GEOFFREY CANADA FEATURED AT NEW FORUM ON CIVIC CHANGE AGENTS**

Geoffrey 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 areas of inequality 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 "Reaching Up for Manhood: Transforming the Lives of Boys in America." The James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Foundation is helping to fund the forum, which is being held in partnership with the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

#### FREE MOVIE NIGHTS IN CITY PARKS

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Uphams Corner Health Center and Uphams Corner Main Street will host the fourth annual Outdoor Art and Health Street Festival on Columbia Road on Sat., Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees will have an opportunity to gather information from local organizations, purchase business products, taste an assortment of delicious food, enjoy live entertainment, receive free health education and screening as well as purchase local arts and crafts.

#### **DORCHESTER BIKE & BREW ON SEPT. 21**

The fourth annual Dorchester Bike & Brew takes place on Sat., Sept. 21 from 5 p.m. in Peabody Square. Co-Presented by Greater Ashmont Main Street, MassBike, Dorchester Brewing Company, The Dorchester Reporter, and the City of Boston, Mayor Marty Walsh. This family friendly community festival designed to showcase the growing cycling community in Dorchester; food trucks; Dot's very own Dorchester Brewing Company's beer garden with their craft brews as well as hard cider and wine; and the City's Boston Water and Sewer Commission H2Go water trailer on site with Greater Ashmont MS water bottles for everyone. Boston Police Department (Official) Operation Hoodsie Ice Cream Truck will also make an appearance. Beyond food and drink, there will be several bike advocacy and social groups tabling, a bike rodeo for youth and adults hosted by MassBike, other kidsof-all-ages activities, our Ashmont Farmers Market lawn games, musical guests and more. The event is held in Peabody Square on a small portion of Talbot Ave (between Dorchester Ave and Welles Ave) which is closed to vehicular traffic for the duration of the festival. It is free to attend and beer garden sales help defray the costs of the event. Bring your bike, as we'll have free bike valet provide by MassBike.

#### **CONCERT SERIES AT GILMAN CHAPEI**

Conscious Reggae Band featuring Lower Mills business owner Bobin Nicholson from Eye & Eye Optics will perform in concert on Thurs., Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Gilman Chapel of Cedar Grove Cemetery, 920 Adams St., Dorchester. \$15 charge. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



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#### **FARMERS MARKET IN PEABODY SQUARE**

The Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmers Market is open for the season at the Ashmont MBTA 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/AFMCal.

#### **AUDITIONS ONGOING FOR BOSTON CITY SINGERS**

New programs for the Boston City Singers start in September. Auditions are happening by appointment at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dorchester. More audition sessions are planned on Sept. 6 and 7 or by appointment. See bostoncitysingers.org or call 617-825-0674.

#### FIELDS CORNER MAIN STREET ART-INI

Fields Corner Main Streets annual fundraiserthe ART-INI — will be held on Sat., Oct. 19 from 5-9 p.m featuring a gallery show and silent auction. Stop by blend at 1310 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 7-9 p.m. for the main event. Bid on original art by local artists, dine, drink and dance.

#### **ABCD GALA TO FEATURE SINGER AUDRA MCDONALD**

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 6 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.

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# Developer eyes 6-story, 200-unit complex on Old Colony property



This familiar scene on Morrissey Blvd. will change  $greatly\,if the\,Michaels\,Development\,Co.\,plans\,come$ Bill Forry photo

(Continued from page 1) Family Properties, but she added that the Phillips Family will also hold an ownership stake in the new property.

# **Climate Ready** Dorchester plans open house discussion

(Continued from page 1) have new information before. We're seeing flooding happening all over the city of Boston. We've seen flooding on Morrissey Boulevard for many years. It's not new, but as we think about and expect another 40 inches or so [of sea level rise] by 2070, it's gonna get much worse."

CRD aims to enhance the ability of coastal Dorchester's neighborhoods to combat the challenges associated with climate change, in particular the flooding on Morrissey Boulevard, on the MBTA Red Line, and on sections of I-93. CRB has noted that by 2030, experts project 9 inches of sea level rise. They expect the rise to reach 40 inches by 2070.

It's unclear exactly when the Department of Conservation and Recreation's plan to redesign Morrissey Blvd., which was stalled in 2017, will be re-launched. "The DCR recognizes the importance Morrissey Blvd. has on the region and continues to work toward the redesign and reconstruction of the parkway," Director of Communications for Troy Wall said. "While the agency does not

at this time, the DCR anticipates future public engagement later in the process."

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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Date: August 27, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

In 2017, Joseph Sammartino of the Phillips Family said that the time had come for "a reinvention" of the eatery and function hall, which they had run for 27 years. Prior to that, the property operated as Blinstrub's Old Colony, a popular wayside eatery that changed ownership after a kitchen fire cause minor damage in the 1980s.

"We're going to see what's available out there. It has great visibility on two main roads and it's a very desirable piece of property," Sammartino told the Reporter in 2017. "One door closes and another one opens. That's the way we're looking at it."

Vagen said that the new property would be strictly residential, with associated amenities

and an outdoor court-yard. The wood-frame building would house a mix of studio, 1- and 2-bedroom apartments.

Michaels Development plans to visit local civic associations in Pope's Hill, Port Norfolk, and Clam Point this month and will convene a Dorchester-wide public meeting on Wed., Sept. 18, to present their plan. It will be held

at Phillips Old Colony House starting at 7 p.m.

Vagen said that the company's next step will be to file a Letter of Intent document with the Boston Planning and Development Agency, most likely by the end of September. The price of the sale of the landand the cost of building the project— have not yet been disclosed.

# BOSTON COLLEGIATE

Boston Collegiate Charter School offers Free and Reduced meals to its students that qualify. This notice includes the eligibility criteria for free and reduced price meals or free milk.

- When known to the school, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of household receiving assistance from the:
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):
   Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or
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An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them.

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- o Homeless, o Migrant, o Runaway, o Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or o Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through an Other Source

Categorically Eligible Program or should submit an income application. Only the last four digits of the Social Security Number of the household's primary wage earner or another adult household member (or an indication of "none") is needed when submitting the application.

 Information submitted on the application may be subject to verification. For up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first) an individual child's free or reduced price eligibility status from the previous year will continue within the same school. When the carryover period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children's meals must be claimed at the

If children or households receives benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not notified by the school of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the free meal benefits Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Boston Collegiate Charter School offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$2.00; lunch costs \$3.75. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price is \$.30 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch. This packet includes an application for free or reduced price meal benefits, and a set of detailed instructions. Below are some common questions and answers to help you with the application process. Frequently Asked Questions

#### WHO CAN GET FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS?

All children in households receiving benefits from MA SNAP, MA TAFDC, FDPIR, or specific categories of Medicaid are eligible for free meals. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals.

Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals

Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are

· Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

#### HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILDREN QUALIFY AS HOMELESS, MI-GRANT, OR RUNAWAY?

Do the members of your household lack a permanent address? Are you staying together in a shelter, hotel, or other temporary housing arrangement? Does your family relocate on a seasonal basis? Are any children living with you who have chosen to leave their prior family or household? If you believe children in your household meet these descriptions and haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Boston Collegiate Charter School, Teresa Rodriquez trodriguez@bostoncollegiate.org or 617-282-6710 X1121.

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Each additional person:	+8,177	+682	+158

#### DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD?

No. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return the completed application to: Kim Misci Boston Collegiate Charter School, 11 Mayhew Street Dorchester,

#### SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE ALREADY APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS?

No, but please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. If any children in your household were missing from your eligibility notification, contact Kim Misci at Boston Collegiate Charter School, 11 Mayhew Street, Dorchester, MA 02125, kmisci@bostoncollegiate.org 617-265-1172 X7700 immediately. **CAN I APPLY ONLINE?** 

No, However, Boston Collegiate Charter School is hoping to have online applications available at some point during the 2020-2021 school year. Contact Kim Misci, 11 Mayhew Street Dorchester, MA02125 617-265-1172 X7700, kmisci@ bostoncollegiate.org if you have any questions about the online application.

#### MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT A NEW ONE?

Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS?

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please send in a completed application.

WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED?

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#### IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER?

Yes, you may apply at any time during the school year. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION?

You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Shannah Varon, Executive Director, Boston Collegiate Charter School, 215 Sydney Street Dorchester, MA 02125 svaron@bostoncollegiate.

MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITI-

Yes. You, your children, or other household members do not have to be U.S. citizens to apply for free or reduced price meals.

#### WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME?

List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income. WHAT IF SOME HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS HAVE NO INCOME TO

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List any additional household members on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application. Contact Kim Misci, Boston Collegiate Charter School, 11 Mayhew Street Dorchester, MA 02125 at kmisci@bostoncollegiate.org or

at 617-265-1172 X7700 to receive a second application.

MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE
MIGHT APPLY FOR?

To find out how to apply for MA SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call the MA SNAP Hotline at 1-866-950-3663. If you have other questions or need help, call 617-265-1172 X7700.

Sincerely, Kim Misci, Middle School Office Manager 8/12/19

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

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# A fetching feature lines the walks on the Common: The portraits, and stories, of diverse Bostonians

#### By Cristela Guerra WBUR REPORTER

Two men met in a prison cell in 2009, doing time for different crimes. Elias Perea grew up in Dorchester. So did Luis Rodrigues. They hailed from different neighborhoods, each a member of a different gang. But when life backed them into a corner, they built a friendship. Rodrigues saw the good in him, Perea said.

Now a photo installation is giving the broader public a closer look at the way these former gang members changed their lives for the better. Their faces and stories are among more than two dozen vignettes that began to dot Boston Common last week as as part of a public art exhibit called the Uncornered Photo Documentary Project.

Both Perea and Rodrigues now work as college-readiness advisers encouraging young people to leave gangs and go back to school through the Boston Uncornered program at nonprofit College Bound Dorchester.

Sometimes, Perea can't believe this is his job. He assumed his picture would one day be on a T-shirt next to the words "Rest in Peace," another victim of violent crime. But now his likeness will be highlighted on one of Boston's most traversed green spaces. In the photo, Perea looks straight at the camera, confident. His hair is braided. He hasn't cut it since he was 15 or 16 in honor of a friend



who was shot and killed. He says that his hair was his strength.

"It's like I'm standing strong," he said. "And [it shows that] you can stand strong, you can stand on your own two feet no matter what you go through."

The black and white portraits are larger than life, at least eight feet tall, and will eventually stand in a row of frames across the Common. They feature College Bound Dorchester staff, former gang members turned students, and politicians, including Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, and former state Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry.

Photographer John Huet wanted to give a glimpse of a universal experience: the feeling of being cornered and overcoming a negative narrative whether racism. trauma, or judgment.

"I tried to the best of my ability not to even talk to the person I'm photographing about their 'uncornered' moment," Huet said. "But I asked them to think about it, to kind of put their mind at that point where they decided to change their lives."

He said that expression on each of their faces, that moment of pause and determination is what he wanted to capture. In his story for the exhibit, the mayor



Pressley line the walkways of Boston Common.

touches on how he overcame alcoholism:

"I am not defined by my alcoholism, but by my recovery. It gave me a second chance to rebuild 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. Michelle 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 ... and be able to look inside themselves and be a little bit reflective," said Caldeira. "Well, what's my 'uncornered moment' and what did that look like for me?"

Over three years, the program has connected with 500 former gang members. They have seen nearly 100 students begin receiving stipends and pursue their studies.

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 time for five years. It was Rodrigues who recommended he try College Bound Dorchester's program.

"I thought it was gonna be hard because, 'OK, now I gotta build relationships with the guys and talk to them, coach them," Perea said. "But then it was like, 'Wait a minute, I've been through it.' So then who better to coach somebody?

His work is similar to that of a social worker, helping students socially and emotionally, supporting their search for a life they never expected to have. Still, it's difficult to forget his past, to not constantly look over his shoulder.

Two years ago in 2017, Perea was shot while talking to some guys 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 meant for someone else, another young person in the program.

"Imagine if I had just gone back to the streets. They would've said, 'Hold on, I'm gonna do the same thing you're doing," Perea said. "I didn't let this situation take me backwards ... I'm grateful that I didn't die in that hallway."

In a lifetime of loss and anger, he's proud of the life he's created for himself. Huet says he hopes Perea's story inspires others.

"If we get one person who reads any one of these stories and says, You know what? I gotta change the direction I'm going in," Huet said. "I think that's my goal."

## DORCHESTER NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An informational meeting is being neid to start a dialogue with the surrounding community of the proposed development site at

#### 780 Morrissey Boulevard,

the former home of the Old Colony House & Freeport Tavern

#### DATE

Wednesday, September 18th, 2019

#### TIME 7:00 pm

**LOCATION** 

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who have renewed membership or
have attented new member orientation! We are very excited for our members to join us again after the summer

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 bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org or visit bgcdorchester.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 full of 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@ bgcdorchester.org. In 2018, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's riders and supporters raised over \$500,000 for our Clubs! The Rodman Ride for Kids and the nearly 50 youth-serving affiliated nonprofits together raised \$13.3 million last year and more than \$108 million since the start of The Ride in 1991. Visit bgcdorchester.org/rodmanride-for-kids for details.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September Orientation** September 5th - 6PM

**Fall Program Registration** September 14th from 10AM-12PM

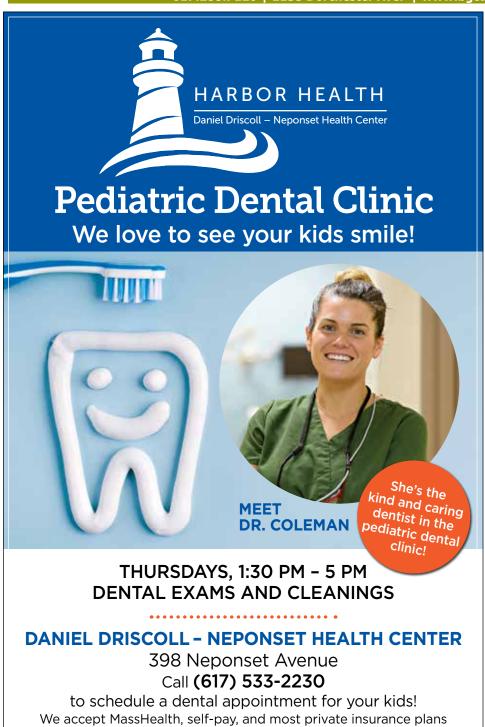
**Rodman Ride for Kids** September 21 - Ride for BGCD!

> **Duxbury Beach Party** September 21

KING'S Classic Tournament October 3



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# RECENT OBITUARIES

CARNEY, Dorothy **A.** (**Reynolds**), 78, of Brockton, formerly of Dorchester. Longtime partner of Robert Robison of Brockton. Mother of Ben Benson of Woburn, Michele Moran and her husband Joseph of Halifax, Dawn Carney and her husband Lee Brody of Somerville, and Jackie Hagan and her husband John of Westwood. Mother-in-law of the late Linda Benson. Sister of the late Jane Kenney, Richard Reynolds and Carole Reynolds. Also survived by 9 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Donations may be made in her memory to Compassionate Care Hospice, 100 Myles Standish Blvd., Taunton, MA 02780.

FEENEY, Edward J. of Dorchester, formerly of Spiddal, Co. Galway, Ireland. Husband of Mary T. (Kelly) Feeney. Father of Kevin and his wife Dale of Dorchester, Margaret Kershaw and her husband Paul of NJ, Edward and his wife Ann of Weymouth, Sean (B.P.D.) and his wife Christina of Squantum, Peter and his wife Patti of Dorchester, and the late Anne Marie. Grandfather of 7. Great-grandfather of 3. Brother of Kathleen Keady of Belmont, and the late James Keady, Ann Keady, Bridie Ke-Patrick Feeney, and Maryann Flaherty. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Edward was a longtime employee of the Boston Gas

Company. He was also a proud Korean War Veteran serving in the United States Army, and usher in St. Brendan's Church. Donations may be made in memory of Edward to St. Brendan's Church, 15 Rita Rd., Dorchester, MA 02124

SISTER VINCEN-TINE GOGGIN, SC (Edward Therese) of Mt. St. Vincent, Wellesley Hills. A Sister of Charity for 70 years who was missioned to St. Patrick High School, Quebec, Canada, locally; St. Patrick School, Roxbury; Academy of the Assumption, Wellesley; St. Boniface Parish, Quincy; St. Ann Parish, Quincy; Marillac and Elizabeth Seton Residences, Wellesley. Daughter of the late John and Mary Louise (Murphy) Goggin. Sister of the late John, Edward, Daniel and Francis Goggin and Genevieve Richardson. Survived by her nephews, Edward Richardson and Michael Goggin, her nieces, Elaine Richardson Leahy, Mary Richardson Hardy and Terry Goggin Hardy. Also survived by all her sisters in community. Donations may be made to Sisters

of Charity, Mt. St. Vincent Community, 125 Oakland St., Wellesley Hills, MA 02481.

KINGSLEY, Charlotte of Dorchester, 98, former teacher at the Kingsley School in Boston. Wife of the late Lowell Vincent Kingsley for nearly 74 years. Daughter of the late Victor and Charlotte Lindenman. Charlotte leaves behind her two sons and their wives, Victor L. Kingsley and his wife Juanita of Dedham, and Christopher G. Kingsley and his wife Leslie of Shrewsbury; as well as 6 grandchildren. Additionally, Charlotte was survived by many wonderful great-grandchildren Massachusetts and London, UK. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, Charlotte's family traveled to East Strousburg, PA, and then New Bedford, MA; she graduated from Boston University with a degree in psychology, and worked briefly at the Boston Psychiatric Hospital. She served for many years as a volunteer with the City-Wide Friends of the Boston Public Library at its Copley Square Branch Memorial gifts in Charlotte's memory should be made to the City-Wide Friends of the Boston Public Library.

MASIELLO, Frank C. of Wakefield. Husband of Pat M. (Sardella) Masiello. Father of Tony R. Masiello of Dorchester, and Sara A. Malko and husband Markiyan of Wakefield. Grandfather of 3 Son of Eileen (Golden) Masiello and the late Frank Masiello. Brother of Nick, John, and Steve Masiello, Julie Dionne and Eileen Brown. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

McCARTHY, Mary (Hennessey) Waltham, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Jack D. McCarthy. Mother of John D. Mc-Carthy, Jr. of Waltham, Charles J. and his wife Christina of Marlboro, Dennis P. of Waltham, Marybeth McCarthy and her husband Robert Enik of Newton, Bryan P. and his wife Noreen of Falmouth and Christen of Worcester. Also survived by 17 grandchildren. Mary was a graduate of Emmanuel College and Tufts University. She retired at 86 years old as head engineer at Hanscom Air Force Base, Bedford. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Mary's memory to Missionary of Charity, 401 Quincy St.,

Dorchester, MA 02125. NORIS, Harold W. "Harry" of Holbrook, formerly of Dorchester, 87. Husband of the late Margaret M. "Margie" (Smith) Noris and Rose (DiBari) Noris. Father of Steven W. Noris and his wife Karen of Readville and James E. Noris, Sr. and his wife Elaine of Dedham. Brother of the late Francis Noris, Norman Noris and Walter Rolfe. Grandfather of 6. Also by 3 great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. "Harry" born in Boston and grew up in Hyde Park and Milton. He had worked at Sherrill House, Boston for over 30 years, where he was in charge of building and property maintenance. Harold served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham,

MA 01040. STAPLETON, SIS-TER AGNES, 85, in Worcester. With the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur for 68 years. Born as Anne Stapleton in Boston, daughter of James J. and Agnes (Reis) Stapleton. Graduate of St. Gregory H.S. in Dorchester, and Emmanuel College as a Math major. She later earned a Master's degree from Boston College in Education Administration. Longtime educator in Notre Dame affiliated schools in Greater Boston. Principal of St. Bernard School in West Newton (1967-1971)and St. Joseph School in Somerville (1972-1979). Teacher at St. Bartholomew School in Needham (1961-1967) and Cathedral

High School in Boston (1981-2005). Sister also worked 12 years in administration with the Boston Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Survived by a sister, Agnes Rath of Madison, CT, many nieces and nephews, and her sisters in religion, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Predeceased by three sisters, Mary Dunn, Theresa Lamb and Barbara Orfanello, and three brothers James, John and Robert Stapleton. Donations to the Sisters of Notre Dame Retirement Fund, Province Administration Base Communities, 125 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20017 or Children's Tumor Foundation, 370 Lexing-

(Walsh) Boyle, both emigrated her. flowers, Marjorie's wish would be that you consider a contribution in her memory to the charity of your choice.

ton Ave., Suite 2100, NY, NY 10017. TIERNEY, Marjo**rie A.** (**Boyle**), 88. She was the youngest child of Lawrence Boyle and Nora who from Ireland. Marjorie was raised in Milton with her siblings, Lawrence, Mary, Charles, Edward, and Hazel, all of whom predeceased her. The family later moved to Dorchester. At age 19 Marjorie married John J. Tierney, Jr., and settled in Dorchester and Milton to raise their seven children. After her divorce,she met Donald Moors on a blind date. They married and settled in Duxbury until Don's death in 2001. She and Don helped establish and run the Duxbury Thrift Shop, which benefited people in need, for many years. Marjorie leaves her six children, John Tierney (Jane), James Tierney, Judith Coneeny (John), David Tierney (Joy), Jacqueline Nolan (Jeffrey), Elaine Johnson (Glenn), and four stepchildren, Bill Moors (Terry), Dianne Martin (Dave), Kathy, and Ken (Beverly). She was predeceased by her son, Kevin Tierney. She also leaves 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren. Her step-grandson, Evan predeceased

WELCH, Edward F., 90, of North Quincy and Dorchester. Husband of the late Margaret T. (McKinnon). Father of Mark O. and his wife Cathleen of Braintree, Julie P. of Quincy, Edward and his wife Patty of Dorchester, Mary Lou Maroney and her husband Vincent of Rockland, Cathy Pasquantonio of Milton and Pamela Welch Ruffo of Dorchester. Brother of the late Barbara Murray of Quincy. Also survived by 12 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Retired Housing Inspector of Boston Inspectional Services. WWII Army Veteran.

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Kanee Yah Vonelle J. Shields To: Kelly Lee Johnson, Willam Lerenzo Shields any unnamed or unknown par-ent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

said Commonwealth.

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Justice of this Court Date: July 25, 2019

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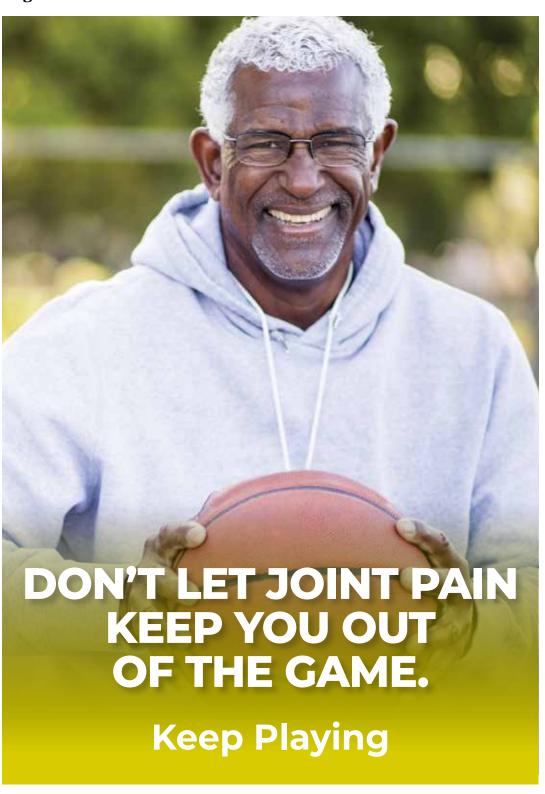


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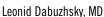
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