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WOW Neighborhood Association President Laquisa Burke stands on Norwell Street in front of one of the Neighborhood Slow Streets improvements made to her neighborhood – one of the first two to get the popular city program. She says that two years into the program, which was fully completed last summer, traffic has slowed down and the program has been a catalyst for more community involvement. *Seth Daniel photo*

For neighborhood with Slow Streets pilot in place, ‘It has been a blessing’

By SETH DANIEL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

In a city that seems to move faster and faster by the day, two Dorchester neighborhoods are happy to have slowed things down a bit.

More than two years ago, the Neighborhood Slow Streets program had its birth as a pilot effort in the Talbot Norfolk Triangle (TNT) neighborhood after a near tragedy when a 10-year-old boy was hit by a driver on Elmhurst Street while crossing to get to the park there.

After years of petitions and letters to city leaders, the now-popular Slow Streets program took shape as officials and neighbors met repeatedly to brainstorm

innovative ideas for the entire TNT area. Now that small sliver of Dorchester, which was the “guinea pig” for the citywide program, has become the model for how to slow down drivers by introducing speed tables, speed humps, crosswalks, signage, bollards, and even the rare roundabout.

With some early success in 2017, the program spread to other areas, including TNT’s abutting neighborhood West of Washington (WOW). Though others were included in that first expansion, only TNT and WOW hit construction before Covid-19 came on the scene in March 2020. With most all of the improvements in both neighborhoods now

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Census: Dot leads gains in neighborhoods Mattapan sees small rise; loss in Black numbers

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

Dorchester remains Boston’s largest neighborhood after adding nearly 8,000 new residents in the last ten years, the most in the city’s neighborhoods, according to an analysis from Boston planning officials based on US Census data.

Mattapan saw a smaller increase, about a

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Total Population	2010		2020		2010 to 2020 Change	
	Count	Share	Count	Share	Count	Percent
Total	114,249		122,191		7,942	7.0%
White Alone	25,322	22.2%	27,411	22.4%	2,089	8.2%
Black or African American Alone	49,144	43.0%	42,714	35.0%	-6,430	-13.1%
Hispanic or Latino	19,407	17.0%	25,285	20.7%	5,878	30.3%
Asian or Pacific Islander Alone	10,637	9.3%	13,360	10.9%	2,723	25.6%
Other Races or Multiple Races	9,739	8.5%	13,421	11.0%	3,682	37.8%

Data show that Dot and Mattapan remain the city’s ‘cradle of youth’
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thousand people, while losing some of its Black population, the data show.

The city’s overall population continued its upward trend, increasing to 675,647, which is still well below the high point of just over 800,000 in 1950. Its lowest point in recent history was a count of 563,000 in 1980.

Citywide, the popula-

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When every day is Election Day: Candidates push to the finish line

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

The DJ spoke in a slow baritone as several dozen people gathered Saturday on the street corner across from the MBTA station and next to a cell phone store on Blue Hill Avenue.

“Mattapan, are you ready for a new mayor?” he asked. “Are you ready for Kim Janey? This is a new era that’s coming.”

The acting mayor wasn’t there yet, but Charles Yancey had already arrived, and he was back in glad-hand mode, reveling in the experience of former constituents recognizing and greeting him.

Yancey lost the City Council seat he held for 32 years to Andrea Campbell in 2015. She is now running for mayor, on the ballot with Janey, Councilors Annissa Essaibi George and Michelle Wu, and former city economic development chief John Barros. Yancey, whose 2015 campaign was run by

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D7 candidates list priorities, Janey grade

Eight candidates are running for the City Council’s District 7 seat, with Acting Mayor Kim Janey running for a full four-year term instead of re-election to the council. The candidates will appear on the Sept. 14 ballot – along with those running for mayor and council at-large. The top two finishers in the Sept. 14 preliminary election will advance to the Nov. 2 final election.

As it has with candidates for mayor, City Council At-Large and other local council races, the Reporter sent out questionnaires looking for their positions on key issues, background information, and professional experience. Most replied, explaining what their priorities as District 7 councillor would be, as well as Janey’s short tenure in office. See page 16.

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City schools re-open with mask mandate in place

**By MAX LARKIN
WBUR REPORTER**
Boston's public schools reopened for all students on Thursday (Sept. 9), giving hope to parents and students of a somewhat normal return to the routines of the school year. But city leaders say students and staff will still have to manage with constant reminders of the pandemic, like wearing masks while indoors and taking weekly

Covid-19 tests. There's also the staffing shortage brought about, or at least exacerbated, by the pandemic. There has been a wave of retirements in the system, according to Boston School Superintendent Brenda Cassellius. There's also a critical shortage of bus drivers. The loss of staff has Cassellius working toward creative solutions,

like a direct appeal to residents, asking them to apply for some of the open positions. "We will also engage in some rerouting," she said. "We're asking our parents if they're going to decline riding the yellow bus, which would allow us to consolidate some routes." The missing staff is just one disruption school administrators are trying to address.

The other looming issue is preventing outbreaks of the coronavirus. Boston was the first school district in Massachusetts to require masks inside its buildings and on school buses. Officials are also encouraging parents to get their children ages 12 and older vaccinated. Almost 70 percent of all Boston residents have received at least one shot of the vaccine. But the rate

is just over 50 percent among residents aged 12 to 19. Catherine de Jesus Martinez is a senior at Boston International Newcomers Academy in Dorchester, which serves recent immigrants to the city. She said getting the vaccine at a clinic at the school freed her up to visit family in the Dominican Republic: "So, to all students,

I encourage y'all to get vaccinated," she said. "It is safe, and it will help us return to the world we once knew." Acting Mayor Kim Janey said the city will keep up its efforts to vaccinate young people even after schools open. *This article was first published by WBUR 90.9FM on Sept. 2. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.*

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

USS Constitution, the USS Constitution Museum, and Boston National Historical Park will commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11 with a full day of programming as part of



the National Day of Service and Remembrance. At 9 a.m., an outdoor memorial ceremony led by USS Constitution's Commanding Officer John Benda will include the reading of names of those killed in the attacks. The ceremony will

feature remarks by CDR Robert S. Gerosa, Jr., USN (Ret.). CDR Gerosa served as commanding officer of USS Constitution from 2015 to 2017. At 11 a.m., USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway into Boston Harbor with Medal of Honor recipients. The public is invited to give these heroes a patriotic send off from Pier 1 in the Charlestown Navy Yard or view the Ship underway from the Boston Harborwalk or Castle Island. Other highlights of the underway will include a 21-gun salute toward Fort Independence on Castle Island at approximately 12:30 p.m. followed by a 17-gun salute at approximately 1:30 p.m. toward U.S. Coast Guard Base Boston, the former site of USS Constitution's launch on October 21, 1797. The ship will reopen for free public exploration from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the public is invited to volunteer with the USS Constitution Museum and Operation Gratitude to help assemble 1,000 Recruit Graduate

care pouches for new Sailors and Coast Guardsmen. The care pouches will include personal hygiene items, snacks, a paracord bracelet, and a handwritten thank you note. For more information about these activities or to register to volunteer, visit ussconstitutionmuseum.org. **Mayoral debate this week—**On Thurs., Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. the mayoral candidates will join a live debate broadcast on WCVB-Ch. 5 and WBUR 90.9FM. **Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets on Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. via Zoom.** Visit columbiasavinhillcivic.org for more info and links. **The 10th annual Dorchester Park Classic Car Show will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** The event will include horse cart rides, performances by Boston School of Music Arts students, story reading and free books for children. Please bring books your children have outgrown to the park on Sept. 12 or drop them off on the

porch at 42 Milton St. Free car registration, free admission. Raffle tickets to support the event will be available for sale. Go to dotpark.org for more info. **The annual Neponset River fall cleanup is set for Sat., Sept. 25 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** with work sites included in Dorchester and Mattapan. Volunteers of all skill levels and physical abilities are needed to help with this important event. Join for an hour or the entire time. Please bring water, sunscreen, hats, work gloves, appropriate footwear (no sandals), a mask, and work clothes that can get dirty. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required at Neponset.org/cleanup2021. Contact the NepRWA cleanup coordinator Meghan Slocombe at slocombe@neponset.org or 781-575-0354 x308. **Applications for the upcoming FY '22 round of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds are now available through the city of Boston's website.** There is \$28

million available for eligible CPA projects under three categories: affordable housing, historic preservation and open space or recreation. Interested applicants must complete eligibility forms by Sept. 3. Candidates deemed eligible will then be invited to submit an application for their proposed projects. Once approved, applications will open on Oct. 4 by invitation only and close on Nov. 12. Applicants who would like to apply for affordable housing projects will need to respond to the joint request for proposals (RFP) released by the City of Boston Community Preservation Program and the Department of Neighborhood Development. This joint RFP must be submitted by September 24, 2021. Got to boston.gov/community-preservation for more info.

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Landlords mull response to city’s new eviction pause

By CHRIS LISINSKI
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Landlords and real estate industry leaders criticized a new citywide eviction moratorium in Boston, contending that it will slow the region’s economic recovery from the pandemic amid rumblings that a potential legal challenge might soon take shape.

The Small Property Owners Association, a landlord group that led the successful push for a ballot question banning rent control in 1994, said last Wednesday that the new temporary ban Mayor Kim Janey had announced a day earlier “will do little to solve the challenge of keeping tenants in their housing and

will continue to unfairly burden rental housing providers.”

“Small property owners are small business owners who still must pay expenses and property taxes while being denied the fundamental right to manage their own properties,” SPOA said in a statement. “Government should not foist the responsibility of housing non-paying tenants on (the) backs of rental housing providers — especially without offering any direct assistance or compensation.”

Under the public health order issued last Tuesday, which took effect immediately and cites the city’s ongoing public health emergency, property owners and

landlords cannot “serve or cause the service of notice of levy upon an eviction, or otherwise enforce a residential eviction upon a resident of Boston.” Some cases where a court has found health and safety violations by a tenant are not covered by the moratorium.

Janey linked the order and a separate \$5 million foreclosure prevention fund she is establishing to a US Supreme Court decision last week, which lifted the Centers for Disease Control’s federal eviction moratorium.

“The loss of federal eviction protections and the ongoing pandemic has put our most vulnerable neighbors at risk of losing their homes,” Janey said.

Greg Vasil, president and CEO of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, told the News Service that the city-level policy “sends a message that you don’t have to pay rent because the mayor took care of you.”

Vasil said he worries the moratorium will stymie efforts to connect Boston tenants behind on rent payments with the hundreds of millions of dollars that remain available through the Residential Assistance for Families in Transi-

tion program, or RAFT, and other forms of rent relief.

“What this does is it incentivizes people not to engage with their landlord and not to apply for RAFT and not to do all the things we’ve been preaching for the past six months now that we have this money,” he said. “We’ve been through this, and it’s wrong. Now we have money, a lot of money we’ve been trying so hard to get out.”

Amid calls from President Joe Biden for action to prevent evictions at the state and local levels, Gov. Baker and legislative leaders have opted not to revive a statewide eviction moratorium. Their focus has been on a diversion initiative launched last year to connect renters and landlords with aid dollars and legal resources.

A bill that would reimpose a temporary ban on executing evictions, require landlords to exhaust all rental assistance options before pursuing a COVID-related eviction, and order the Baker administration to simplify the process to apply for aid (H 1434 /S 891) remains pending before the Housing Committee after an Aug. 12 hearing.

Somerville also has a citywide eviction moratorium in place after its Board of Health extended the policy until Sept. 15.

Massachusetts had a statewide temporary ban on removing tenants from April 2020 to October 2020. Vasil said while that provision was “one of the most restrictive in the country,” it was easier to manage than the current landscape where some municipalities have eviction bans and others do not.

“Patchwork definitely makes no sense,” he said. “If you’re going to do something, it needs to be uniform across 351 cities and towns. Evictions really are a state issue.”

It was not immediately clear if Janey’s eviction moratorium would draw a lawsuit, but real estate and landlord groups so far have not ruled such a move off the table.

Asked if the organization was planning a legal challenge, SPOA President Allison Drescher replied, “We are talking with business leaders and our membership to consider all credible options. But we don’t have anything further on that at this time.”

Vasil said the Greater Boston Real Estate Board itself does not

have standing to file a lawsuit, adding that he thinks there “probably will be” an individual property owner who wants to challenge the moratorium.

Richard Vetstein, an attorney who last year represented three Massachusetts property owners in a federal lawsuit against the state’s eviction moratorium, said in an email on Wednesday that he has had “some discussion” with landlords about a potential lawsuit.

SPOA leaders say their group has received calls “daily” from owners choosing to sell their property in the face of government mandates and unpaid rents.

“In order for the current economic structure to function, we must revert to pre-pandemic market conditions,” SPOA said. “Now placing the responsibility on housing providers, already unable to directly apply for available rental assistance dollars, to challenge a decision already ruled on by the Supreme Court of the United States is irresponsible and is already impacting available affordable housing units which are sorely needed in the city of Boston.”

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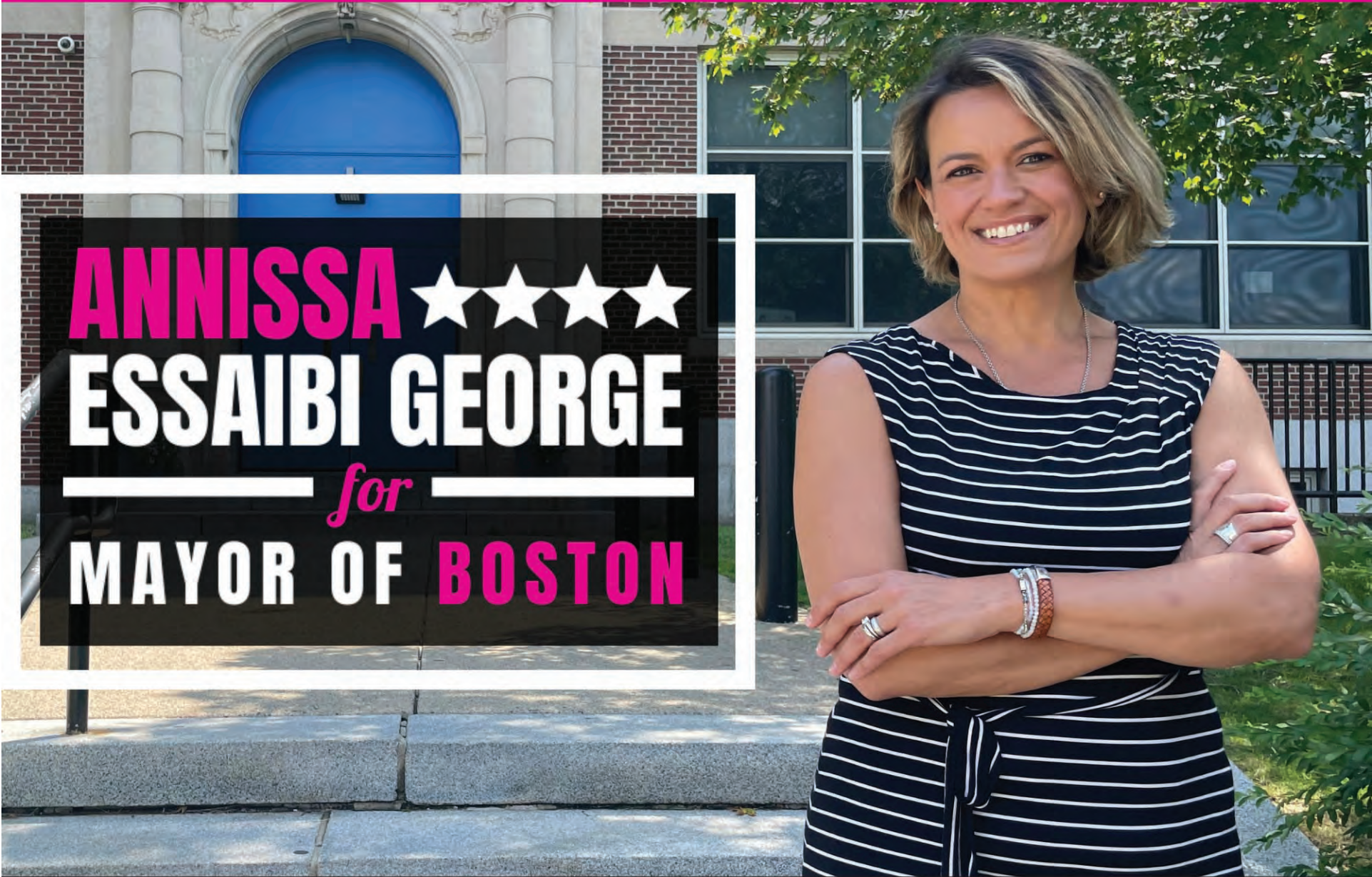
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Boston Uncornered hires new director, names new board chair

By Katie Pedersen
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Boston Uncornered, a Dorchester-based non-profit organization that works to reduce gang violence and connect at-risk youth with opportunities, has named Francisco “Tito” SantosSilva as its new executive director.

He comes to Uncornered after having spent over a decade working with underserved and gang-involved youth at UTEC, the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services (DYS), and Elliot Community Services.

Also joining Boston Uncornered is Jerrell Engermann, the incoming chairman of the board of directors and a native of Mattapan.

Boston Uncornered was founded in 2016 as an offshoot of College Bound Dorchester, run by Dorchester residents Mark Culliton and Michelle Caldeira, who wrote a white paper on the core influencer theory that is central to Uncornered’s mission

It “basically put down our point of view about what holds back under-resourced urban communities and who has the power to transform those communities,” Culliton explained. “The core influencers are highly influential and disruptive individuals who live in these communities and



Tito SantosSilva with Boston Uncornered Co-founder Michelle Caldeira next to Tito’s portrait at the Boston Uncornered Photo Project, which will be at Sea Green Park in the Boston Seaport until September 15. Photo courtesy of Boston Seaport by WS Development, John Huet photo

are responsible for 50 percent to 75 percent of the violent crime. From that idea, Michelle and I created a program, Boston Uncornered.”

In the ensuing years, Culliton said, “we’ve transitioned out of all other programming, and now only do Uncornered, which engages and leverages the power of active and former gang members to move from the corner to college and to transform their community and create opportu-

nities for all.”

Hiring SantosSilva, Culliton hopes, will allow the nonprofit to build capacity in Boston and then “leverage our insights that we’ve developed in Dorchester and Boston to impact the country and create the day when we have a gang-violence-free America as a way to realize the full potential of urban communities.”

Boston Uncornered boasts an impressive track record from its first five years. Through

neighborhood-based mentorship, educational support and college counseling— and direct stipends to students—the program has been able to support 70 percent of its students to college matriculation, approximately double the national average for gang-involved youth.

A study conducted by Bain & Company in 2020 found that between 2016 and 2018, neighborhoods with heavy engagement with Uncornered showed impressive drops in violence. Many of the core influencers identified by Boston Uncornered have since stepped into leadership roles as College Readiness Advisors (CRAs).

On the heels of these successes, Culliton and Caldeira hope to pass the reins of the Boston program to SantosSilva while exploring opportunities to engage with national efforts to reduce and end gang violence.

“I’m a first-generation Cape Verdean American, and the population that we work with is very directly connected to my story,” SantosSilva told the Reporter. “I’ve watched young people in my community—family members, friends, even, fall into some of the struggles that the young people we work with face. That’s why I do the work. Before I

started at Uncornered, I was very familiar with their work. When the opportunity arose to dive deeper into a community that reflects where I grew up, I jumped at it.”

As executive director, SantosSilva hopes to emphasize the positive potential of core influencers both in Uncornered and beyond.

“A lot of the time, young people in Boston [are in this situation] due to a lack of resources, a lack of community opportunity. As a society, we tend to jump quickly to assigning morality to the behavior and not looking at where students are and what limitations they may be facing. I hope to highlight the value that the core influencers bring to the table.”

In addition to working toward common objectives with the state of Massachusetts, providing greater financial support to students, and continuing to connect core influencers with opportunity, SantosSilva hopes to encourage professional development among Boston Uncornered’s current staff and students.

“I think representation matters. When someone who looks like you, talks like you, comes from the community you come from, likes the things that you like, grows [professionally], I think

that that has an impact as well,” he said. “It’s like a secondary support system in believing that there are opportunities available to you by seeing people who look like you succeed.”

For his part, Culliton looks forward to expanding the mission of Uncornered in and beyond Boston.

“I just don’t believe that gang members are bad people,” he said. “They sometimes make horrific choices with huge consequences, but it’s not because they’re fundamentally evil. If given opportunities, they realize those the same way any of us do. But because of their unique networks, their transformation is so much more powerful than the typical kid in the typical school or program.”

“The core of Uncornered is that those who are closest to the problem have the best solutions. In bringing Tito on, with his background and his much more personal connections to the impact of gang violence, it’s closer to the ideal that core influencers are the solution. We can go out and provide funding and support, and translate to downtown that these are beautiful, positive people, but the essence is that core influencers can and should be leading this transformation.”

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In forum, mayoral hopefuls pledge investment in arts

**By AMELIA MASON
WBUR REPORTER**

Arts and culture aren't typically a top line item in city budgets. But at an online forum last Thursday evening, three Boston mayoral candidates made the case for the importance of the arts in city governance.

The Sept. 2 forum was presented by Create the Vote Boston 2021, a coalition of arts workers and organi-

zations lobbying for greater investment in the city's cultural sector. John Barros and City Councillors Andrea Campbell and Michelle Wu attended the forum, which was moderated by WBUR reporter Cristela Guerra. Acting Mayor Kim Janey was scheduled to appear but dropped out. Councillor Annissa Essaibi George declined, citing a scheduling conflict.

The backdrop to the

conversation was Boston's relative stinginess when it comes to funding the arts — the city has historically invested far less in its cultural sector than other major metropolitan areas — and the devastating financial toll of the pandemic on artists and cultural organizations. In Greater Boston, arts organizations collectively have lost more than \$423 million and individual artists

nearly \$13 million due to the pandemic so far. The three candidates agreed that the city needed to increase its funding of the arts, and, in fact, surpass the \$20 million promoted by Create the Vote Boston. Barros proposed dipping into online gaming revenue and adding a surcharge to property taxes. He compared the latter proposal to Boston's Community Preservation Act, but

said he would advocate for it at the state level. "I think such a program would generate \$25 million to \$35 million annually to invest in the arts," Barros said. He also pledged to "explore" the possibility of a guaranteed basic income for the city's artists.

Both Wu and Campbell emphasized the need for that money to be distributed equitably.

Midway Artist Studios in Fort Point.

In response to a question about how the candidates planned to support young people interested in the arts, Campbell touted the city's Youth Development Fund, a grant program for youth-serving nonprofits that was established during her tenure as city council president. Wu framed the issue in terms of equity and advocated for arts funding in the city's public schools.

"We are still treating arts education as something that is a luxury," she said.

In their closing statements, the candidates sought to tie the arts to their platforms on housing, health, and equity.

"I will, in fact, as mayor, make the arts a priority in solving all of the other issues in the city," Barros said. In this, the candidates were in agreement: The problems facing Bostonians were the same problems facing artists, and artists ought to be part of the solution.

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When I was 15, my family immigrated to Boston without knowing any English and just the clothes on our backs. Thanks to my single mother who worked three jobs just to feed us, and great teachers at Madison Park, I went on to UMass Amherst and Howard Law School, a historically black university, where I met my best friend and wife Ashley. Today, we are living the American dream, raising our two daughters Eliana and Anaya in District 4 in a home that we are fortunate to own.

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Stella leaves Sen. Collins's staff to take a real estate post with the Capital Asset Management team



Leo Stella

After six years in state Sen. Nick Collins' office, most recently as chief of staff, Leo Stella has moved to the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance as a project manager in the Office of Real Estate with the public-private

partnership's team. The state's Shattuck Hospital and Hurley Building projects are among those Stella, who expects to receive his master's degree in urban planning from UMass Boston this fall, is now focused on. Stella started as an intern in then-Rep. Collins's office in 2015, rising to legislative director, policy and communications director, and ultimately chief of staff to the South Boston Democrat. He is a Boston Latin and Suffolk University alumnus. STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Dorchester Special Olympic athlete Radley Theolien was signed by the New England Revolution and Special Olympics Massachusetts to their 2021 Unified Team on August 17 at Gillette Stadium. Supported by Arbella Insurance, the signing is part of the organizations' partnership with Special Olympics Massachusetts that leverages the power of sports to promote an environment of inclusion and friendly competition. As the club's longstanding partner in support of the Revolution Unified Team, Arbella Insurance donated \$35,000 to Special Olympics Massachusetts during the Revs match on August 18. The 13 members of the 2021 Revolution Unified Team, all of whom reside in Massachusetts, signed their contracts as they were welcomed to the



clubby President of Kraft Family Philanthropies Josh Kraft, Revolution Sporting Director & Head Coach Bruce Arena, and Revolution President Brian Bilello. Play Unified soccer returns to the Gillette Stadium pitch on Sat., Sept. 18 when the Revolution Unified Team hosts the Andover Stars Unified Team following New England's MLS match against the Columbus Crew.



The Teamsters Local 25 Women's Committee visited the William E. Russell Elementary School in Dorchester last week to distribute backpacks to students during school's Welcome Back event, which drew more than 200 parents, students and school staff. Since 2019, the Teamsters Local 25 Women's Committee has collected and filled 375 backpacks with school supplies for students at Russell Elementary and are providing another 200 backpacks prior to the start of the 2021 academic year. Local 25 is also helping the school create classroom space specifically for students with autism and other developmental disabilities, through the Teamsters Local 25 Autism Fund. For more information on how to support the Fund, please visit teamsterslocal25autism.com. Pictured above, left to right, are Russell School Principal Derrick Ciesla, Marsan Raymond of Dorchester, Russell School 4th grader Zoey Barbosa Raymond of Dorchester, Teamsters Local 25 Women's Committee member Trish DiSilva, Teamsters Local 25 Women's Committee member Leslie Russell, and Russell School Staff Assistant Administrator Sharon Sodergren.

Roberts leads LGBTQ+ efforts for mayor's office

Quincey J. Roberts Sr. has been appointed to serve as the liaison to the LGBTQ+ community in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS). He also serves as the education and outreach manager for the Boston Human Rights Commission. According to acting Mayor Kim Janey's office, Roberts will work "to encourage, facilitate, and maximize the community's input and participation in local government and address their needs by connecting them with city services." Roberts lives in

Dorchester with his husband, Corey Yarbrough. The two have a growing family, co-parenting a son, Quincey Roberts Jr. Roberts and Yarbrough co-founded the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition (HBGC) in 2009. He has also created Gay-Straight Alliances and other student support services in schools with predominantly Black and Latinx student populations. "Quincey is a trailblazer for Boston's LGBTQ+ community, especially the younger members, said Aisha Miller, who heads up ONS. "I am confident Quincey will be the

much-needed voice that ensures that the rights of the LGBTQ+ community are protected." Roberts has also worked with the Union United Methodist Church and Justice Resource Institute to establish The Youth Lounge, a drop-in space that offered after-school programs and activities to LGBTQ+ youth of color under the age of 21. Roberts's work with the Union United Methodist Church earned him a seat on the board of trustees in 2013, making him the youngest and first openly gay trustee of the congregation.



Quincey J. Roberts Sr. "My life's work has been service and advocacy," said Roberts. "I am trying to do my part in leveling the playing field for the most marginalized. I am honored and excited to advocate and serve LGBTQ+ Bostonians as the City of Boston's LGBTQ+ liaison. Let's get to work!"

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Racial Discrimination Protest (1963)


Today's illustration shows Betty Wise at the time of her arrest for participating in a protest against racial discrimination in rental housing in Dorchester in 1963. The photo is dated Sept. 16, 1963, possibly from the *Boston Herald*. If the *Herald* published an article, it has not been found, but The *Boston Globe* described the protest as "the first over racial discrimination in Dorchester, and the first demonstration on private property." The police arrested three demonstrators for staging a "sit-in" in the office of a Dorchester real estate company, the George V. Watten-



dorf Real Estate Co. at 544 Washington Street. The three included Betty Wise of Brookline; Peter Filene, 23, of Cambridge; and Robert Phillips, 24. The protesters alleged that a woman of color, Alma Williams, inquired about apartments at the Watten-dorf office and was told they had nothing. A few minutes later, Betty Wise went into the office and was told there were several apartments available (The staff of the real estate office disputed Wise's account). The protesters remained in the office past closing time, and an attorney for the real estate company tele-


phoned the police, who asked the protestors to leave, and when they did not, they were arrested for trespassing. Earlier that month, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) had ruled in another case that Watten-dorf had practiced discrimination, and the firm was told to cease operations. When the case involving Alma Williams came before the commission, Watten-dorf said that Williams had not filled out an application, and that no one is shown an apartment without filling out an application. Judge Amedeo Sgarzi of Suffolk Superior

Court ruled in June 1964 that Watten-dorf had discriminated in not accepting an application from Mrs. Williams, but added that the evidence did not support a finding that discrimination was practiced generally by the firm. In later court actions on other cases, Watten-dorf seems to have won on technicalities, such as claiming he did not know what his agents were doing. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.



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


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- Inclusive options for special needs students
- Expand middle-income affordable housing lotteries
- Stronger outreach to veterans
- Empower residents with more influence over development

Editorial

That week in Dot as terrorists plotted

Mid-morning on September 11, 2001, was a turn-the-page moment for the nation and the neighborhood. This week, as we look back as a people at the calamitous terrorist attack and its immediate aftermath, it's instructive to look at our own pages from that week that was.

The Sept. 6, 2001, edition of the Dorchester Reporter featured storylines that you might spot in a 2021 edition, but with different characters in play: David Thompson and John Earle of Adams Street took first place in Mayor Tom Menino's garden contest. There were photos of Jim Collyer, Mary Hines, and Josh Powell— all a central part of the All Dorchester Sports League— celebrating their entry's baseball championship in the Boston Park League. (All three now belong to the ages.)

Adams Corner, our Page One headline trumpeted, was gearing up for an election eve rally on Sept. 10 featuring the nine candidates on the Sept. 11, 2001 ballot to fill the Ninth Congressional seat left vacant by the death of Joe Moakley earlier in the year.

"In Dorchester," we wrote, "the election is expected to turn into a showdown between Stephen F. Lynch of South Boston and Brian A. Joyce of Milton, who together represent more than half of the neighborhood in the state Senate."

Tom Finneran was speaker of the Massachusetts House and was busy advising his constituents in Dorchester and Mattapan on how to oppose a proposal to build a Stop & Shop supermarket on what was then the old Frank Wood Nursing Home on Morton Street. His argument prevailed. Maureen Feeney, meanwhile, was fending off five opponents to win her fourth term as Boston City Councillor in District 3.

HBO was promoting the Sept. 9 premiere of its WWII series Band of Brothers. Sept. 9 also marked the debut of a new Dorchester soccer league for kids that took the field at Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset, which had just opened to the public that summer.

C.F. Donovan's was offering a prime rib special and 10 cent wings on Savin Hill Avenue. Big Moe's BBQ had just moved from a food truck to a new storefront on Bowdoin Street. The early bird special at Nanina's — priced at \$ 9.95— included a side of soup or salad, no doubt lathered in the Fields Corner eatery's still-famous dressing. Not to be outdone, Sonny's in Adams Village was offering an unspecified \$3.95 special before 6 p.m.

The Sept. 13 edition of the Reporter led with an "exclusive" interview with Bobby Corrigan, a 33-year-old Clam Point man who was supposed to be a passenger on United Flight 11 out of Boston to Los Angeles on that fateful morning. He overslept and just missed getting to the gate. There's a photo of visibly shaken Corrigan surrounded by smiling friends and neighbors, one of whom quipped: "We've been calling him 'dead man walking.'"

Steve Lynch, of course, was triumphant in the special election for Congress and the stoic Democratic nominee was shown alongside his wife Margaret beneath the headline: "Lynch soars as 'inspired' voters surge to polls."

A Reporter editorial penned as the smoke still rose from lower Manhattan and as little was yet known of the attack's origins, described it as "a torturous day, a day when America lost much of its innocence." Twenty years removed, it seems harder to gauge just how innocent— or not— we were as a people pre-911. But what's unmistakable is just how deeply the horrors of the day are seared into the minds of all who were alive to watch it unfold.

—Bill Forry

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A Narrow Escape

Dot Man Missed Boarding Doomed Plane by Minutes

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By BILL FORRY
A Clam Point man, who was due to board a doomed United Airlines flight to Los Angeles Tuesday morning, overslept and missed the flight by just minutes. Within an hour, the passenger jet became the first of two hijacked jets steered into the World Trade Center towers in Manhattan, killing everyone on board and possibly thousands in the buildings.

Had he made it to the gate on time, 33-year-old Robert Corrigan would have certainly been killed as well. The Park Street native—who now lives on Saint Mark's Road, was ticketed for the flight, but says he reached the boarding gate just a few minutes after the plane pulled away from the jetway. He arrived too late to watch any of the passengers—including the presumed terrorists—board the plane.

Corrigan was waiting to fly stand-by on another flight to the West Coast when word first filtered out about the terrorist attacks in Manhattan.

A visibly shaken Corrigan spent much of Tuesday evening with tearful, but smiling friends and relatives who gathered outside his boyhood home on Park Street. Many had thought that Corrigan, who was scheduled to work at a trade show in San Diego this week, was on the plane. By late Tuesday afternoon, word spread through the tight-knit Clam Point community that one of their own might have been lost in the tragedy.

In fact, Corrigan was home by mid-morning watching the historic events unfold from his bed.

The reaction from everyone was pretty much the same, Corrigan says.

"Just hugs. And 'I'm gonna kill you!'" he says.

Despite the joyful reunions, the mood at the Corrigan (Continued on page 3)



Bobby Corrigan, right, is greeted by relieved family members Shannon Forzese and nephew Matthew Corrigan.

Lynch Soars As 'Inspired' Voters Surge to Polls

By BILL FORRY

Dorchester residents responded to the horrific images of terrorism Tuesday by marching defiantly to the polls and sending a clear message that they want State Senator Stephen Lynch to be their next representative in the United States Congress.

That message echoed across much of the Ninth district Tuesday, as Lynch won a decisive victory in the Democratic primary, beating his closest rival, State Senator Cheryl Jacques by a two-to-one margin.

Lynch will face the Republican nominee, State Senator Jo Ann Sprague, in a final election on Tuesday, October 16.

(Continued on page 2)

On Hunt for Fourth Term, Feeney 'Stays the Course'

By BILL FORRY

With no less than five candidates in the hunt to replace her in the Boston City Council, it's no wonder that Maureen Feeney sometimes feels like she is "the victim of my own success."

As she draws closer to the end of



Commentary

Voters who vote now get their chance to help steer the city toward its future

By BILL WALCZAK
REPORTER COLUMNIST

It's coming down to the wire for Boston's preliminary election, though absentee and early voting are now in effect. It is called a "preliminary" election, rather than a primary, because it is non-partisan, which means that a candidacy is determined by getting 3,000 valid signatures from Boston voters for a spot on the ballot, as opposed to a primary, in which candidates run against each other by political party, such as in state and federal elections, and the winners face each other in the general election.

The preliminary election will winnow down the seven candidates for mayor to two final candidates, the 17 candidates for city council-at large to eight, and the district city council candidates to two final candidates per district.

In November, we will vote for one candidate for mayor, four for city council at-large, and one district councillor, and the candidates with the highest number of votes in each category will become mayor or city councillor.

The five top mayoral candidates will be spending whatever money they have left on television and social media advertising, strengthening get-out-the-vote operations through door knocking, texting and telephoning, to which we can add Super PAC (Political Action Committee) dollars supporting each candidate. It will be virtually impossible to avoid hearing about the election between now and the 14th.

Political pundits are excited that the election looks close, with Michelle Wu solidly in first place in all polls, and three candidates — Kim Janey, Annissa Essaibi George, and Andrea Campbell— all close enough to win second place, which would punch their ticket to the November general election.

The pundits are making their predictions on who gets second place based on how many registered voters actually vote. As a result, most are saying that any of the three could win second place.



Bill Walczak

The general perspective is that a low turnout election (fewer than a third of registered voters casting a vote) will favor the candidate who favors the least change, which is generally seen to be Annissa Essaibi George.

The Boston Globe's editorial board said last week that "Essaibi George enjoys the tacit support of police unions, but bristles at the suggestion that she's the status-quo candidate in the race; if she makes the final, she will need to convince voters why that label is as unfair as she says it is."

Low turnout voters are defined as people who always vote, who are generally older, white, middle class homeowners, and more likely to be police or other government employees. Recent Boston preliminary elections for mayor have typically been low turnout, with recent election vote tallies ranging from 55,791 in 2017 to 113,319 in 2013.

Observers say that high turnout elections often lead to more change, as these voters are not necessarily wed to the status quo. On Sept. 3, the Globe endorsed Campbell for mayor, describing her this way: "She radiates a sense of urgency, a palpable hunger to confront Boston's hardest, most politically fraught challenges."

In the modern era, the highest turnout for a preliminary election was in 1983, where an open seat for mayor and the transformation from an at large city council to a hybrid system of 4 at large and 9 district city councilors resulted in 166,716 voters casting ballots. This occurred despite the city's population being nearly 20 percent lower than today's Boston.

The future of the city is on the line, from management of basic services to whether our schools improve, to how we handle Covid and global warming, and how development happens in our neighborhoods. Boston is blessed with a robust economy that has produced tax revenue capable of solving many of our problems. What it needs is the leadership to make it happen.

Based on past preliminary mayoral races, each voter who casts a vote will be representing at least two other registered voters who skip voting. That's a big responsibility. So what will it be, Boston? The city's future is in your hands.


Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident who ran for mayor in 2013. He has publicly endorsed Andrea Campbell for Mayor.

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Tuesday, Sept. 14th

#7 on the ballot!

Women’s Equality Day marked at Public Garden

Ayanna Polk of Dorchester was among those who gathered at the Boston Public Garden on Aug. 26 to mark Women’s Equality Day, the anniversary of the day in 1920 when the 19th Amendment was added to the US Constitution after decades of activism to enfranchise women.

Three suffragists — Ida B. Wells, Carrie Chapman Catt, and Boston-born Radcliffe College alumna Maud Wood Park— were memorialized at the event. Polk helped to unveil a panel that focused on Wells.

During the ceremony, Women’s Legislative Caucus co-chairs Rep. Pat Haddad and Sen. Joan Lovely joined leaders from the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, the City of Boston’s office of Women’s Advancement, and the Massachusetts Voter to discuss the importance of reducing barriers to civic participation and the need to increase the number of elected women.

“We are up to 62 women in the Legislature now — it is a record. But I will tell you, over the hundreds of years of the Massachusetts Legislature, there have been over 20,000 men and 219 women,” said Sen. Lovely. “We need to grow these ranks and that’s what we are focusing on, which is why it’s so appropriate to be here today to talk about votes for women.”

Sen. Haddad added:

“There are people who are still pushing back on making voting easy and still pushing back on women’s rights. So we have to suffer as much as our sisters during the early 1900s—we have to make sure that we are always there when it’s about voting, when it’s about raising women up, and when it’s about talking to our sons about how important their support and our belief in us is. We have a lot of work to do.”



Suffrage100MA, voting and women’s rights advocates, and Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators gathered at the Boston Public Garden on Aug. 26 to commemorate Women’s Equality Day on the 101st anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Leaders from the City of Boston and the League of Women Voters introduced and unveiled three panels created by the Commonwealth Museum in partnership with Suffrage100MA. Above, Ayanna Polk of Dorchester unveils the Ida B. Wells panel.

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The Menino scholars from Dorchester are: Nick N. Pham, Sally T. Phan, MyLinh Trujillo, Michelle T. Harrison and Helena Yazbeck. The community service award scholars from Dorchester include, Kawsar Ahmed, Mariana R. Brhane, Kyla C. Cohenlesley, Vanessa L. Dang, Shirli Marini, Jack Nguyen, Tina K. Phan, Ani Pulake, Tatiana I. Ramos, Alisa Tran, Tony Le, Ai Quyen Le, Danny V. Nguyen, Avrie Slocumb, Nelissa Timothee and Michele Tran.



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Burgin, Jonathan	Zorkers, Gabrielle H	Whitman, Jacquelyn		50 Rosemont St #3	Dorchester	08/20/21	670,000

DISTRICT 7

TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON

Age: 42
Born: Praia, Santiago, Cape Verde
Residence: 40 Schuyler St., Roxbury

BACKGROUND

What is your present occupation? Also, please note any past employment that may be relevant to your candidacy. Please detail your personal educational background and achievements.



Current: Executive Director, Bowdoin and Geneva Main Streets

Past: Theatre Executive Producer/Director Producer of Community Diversity Programs, Blood & Fashion Productions; Program Manager & Practitioner, Noah's Advocate Inc.; Family & Community Outreach Manager, Boston Public Schools; Career Advocate,

Project Hope; HIV Counselor, Dimock Community Health Center; Child Wraparound Service Provider, Mass Alliance of Portuguese Speakers; and Peer Team Leader, Roxbury Multi-Service Center.

Graduate of John D. O'Bryant High School; Three-Time Winner of Boston Herald Scholastic Writing Competition; Recipient of Citations of Merit from Mayor Ray Flynn and Mayor Tom Menino; Attended Springfield College.

Please list some of your affiliations with non-profits, civic associations and political groups.

I have been involved in several non-profit groups and community organizations throughout my professional career, including Noah's Advocate, Inc., Noah's Advocate Productions, Project Hope, Dimock Community Health Center, the Mass Alliance of Portuguese Speakers, and the Roxbury Multi-Service Center. I have also partnered with organizations like Children's Services of Roxbury and been a volunteer on the Fight for \$15 campaign...

What is your top priority if elected?

Affordable housing, education, and quality, affordable healthcare. These are all essential pillars of my goal to topple systemic inequalities in the City of Boston in pursuit of social justice.

The City of Boston is without a permanent police commissioner. What should the next mayor do to fill the position and what type of person should be selected to lead the BPD?

We need a police commissioner who is focused on reform and is willing to make significant changes to the Boston Police Department. We need a nationwide search for a candidate, and we must hire somebody who is willing to listen to community input, consider alternative programs to police response like the H.E.A.R.T. program currently being piloted in Cambridge, and is willing to tackle the structural racism that has caused a breakdown in trust between the Boston Police Department and the communities it protects.

What is your assessment of the Walsh administration's overall performance? Please offer a letter grade or pass/fail as part of your answer.

I have the utmost respect for Mayor Walsh and the work he has done. The thing about him that I admire most is that he has been a champion for unions and for working families like mine. Working people need advocates like him, and I am thrilled that he has continued in public service as Secretary of Labor. I would certainly give him a passing grade. However, we cannot become complacent and see progress stagnate. I believe we have much work to do on housing affordability, access to health care, education, and social justice...

What is your assessment of acting Mayor Kim Janey's performance since taking office in March 2021? Please offer a letter grade or pass/fail as part of your answer.

Representation matters, and as a Black woman, it has been phenomenal to see Boston being led by somebody who looks like me and is from my neighborhood for the first time in its 400-year history. Kim Janey is a pioneer, and she will always have my respect for that. Furthermore, I believe that she did a wonderful job representing District 7 during her time on the City Council.

When not on the campaign trail, how do you unwind?

I enjoy art, fashion, and theater, and count myself blessed to have been a part of performances like Blood and Fashion and Wakandafest. They have been excellent outlets for cultural celebration, personal expression, and community building. However, nothing beats the opportunity to spend time with my family and children.

ANGELINA "ANGIE" CAMACHO

Age: 45
Born: Born in the South End, raised in Roxbury
Residence: Roxbury, cooperative homeowner

BACKGROUND

What is your present occupation? Also, please note any past employment that may be relevant to your candidacy. Please detail your personal educational background and achievements.



I'm a public servant who works in public health with a focus on workforce development. Previously I worked on many issues related to addressing barriers with agencies like ABCD and the Multicultural AIDS Coalition. I also was a former consultant for HUD (Housing and Urban Development Agency) on an affordable housing model program...I represent many

of the working adults who seek the non-traditional path of seeking higher education later in life. That said, the depth of my experiences have allowed me to lead, and even train, others in workforce development, economic advancement, youth development, and organizing for progress.

Please list some of your affiliations with non-profits, civic associations and political groups.

MA Women of Color Coalition - Platform Leader; Amplify Latinx - Annual Conference Steering Committee; Boston School Committee - Citizens Nominating Panel (Representing the Boston Parent Organizing Network - BPON); Boston School Committee - English Language Learners Taskforce; and Chair, Boston Ward 9 Democratic Committee.

What is your top priority if elected?

If I have to choose one, it is that I would like to revive the faith that everyday residents should have in knowing that their government is working for them. I can provide fancy talking points on multiple issues, not just one, but this one priority covers them all. In anything that we endeavor to do, the people should hear their collective voice.

The City of Boston is without a permanent police commissioner. What should the next mayor do to fill the position and what type of person should be selected to lead the BPD?

The talent is already here for our next police commissioner. Dare I say her name? Hire Nora Baston already. Seriously, though, a leader like Nora exemplifies many of the characteristics that we need - someone who is passionate, knowledgeable, and deeply rooted in community engagement. That said, the next mayor needs to connect with community groups across the city to better understand the needs and the constructive criticism regarding the gaps between Boston's residents and the Boston Police Department. A thorough and detailed assessment will allow for that information to find a reflective commissioner, who is probably already within our ranks.

What is your assessment of the Walsh administration's overall performance? Please offer a letter grade or pass/fail as part of your answer.

Pass.

What is your assessment of acting Mayor Kim Janey's performance since taking office in March 2021? Please offer a letter grade or pass/fail as part of your answer.

It's always tough to start in the middle. I am not one to shy away from taking a stand, but in this case, I don't think it's fair to give an assessment. That said, not being able to give an assessment does not imply an endorsement of more time needed to be satisfactory. The role of interim city management is clear. Residents should assess the temporary performance of duties within the context intended and separately assess each candidate's readiness for a full term.

When not on the campaign trail, how do you unwind?

My family and friends would probably tell you that I don't unwind because I absolutely love being helpful to my neighbors. I frequently encourage them to attend and take part in one action or another. However, when I do "unwind," I enjoy watching Asian series with English subtitles (I recently finished the South Korean show *Because This is My First Life*).

LORRAINE PAYNE WHEELER

Age: Not answered
Born: Boston
Residence: 85 Moreland St., Roxbury

BACKGROUND

What is your present occupation? Also, please note any past employment that may be relevant to your candidacy. Please detail your personal educational background and achievements.



I am a lawyer, previously employed at Boston University Medical Campus. I took courses at the School of Public Health while employed there and worked on planning various projects. J.D. from Suffolk University; Master's in Urban Affairs, Boston University; B.S. Business Administration, Boston University.

Please list some of your affiliations with non-profits, civic associations and political groups.

Chair, Roxbury Path Forward Neighborhood Association; Chair, Civil Rights Public Art Project in Gertrude Howes Park; Member, Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee; Board Member, Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp.; and Board Member, Yawkey Boys and Girls Club of Roxbury.

What is your top priority if elected?

Housing affordability is my top priority. Across District 7, people are concerned about struggling tenants being displaced by the high cost of rent. The Covid-19 epidemic is also having an impact. Making anyone homeless right now due to eviction because of layoffs resulting from the pandemic... would be troubling.

The City of Boston is without a permanent police commissioner. What should the next mayor do to fill the position and what type of person should be selected to lead the BPD?

The mayor should use a public process to vet candidates for the position. People have long memories. It will take a long time to move past the scandals that recently came to light. The person selected as commissioner should have a demonstrated commitment to bringing transparency to the Boston Police Department and to working with the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT). In some segments of the community, the strain is particularly felt with BIPOC groups; police have lost the public's trust from the missteps exposed by recent scandals.

What is your assessment of the Walsh administration's overall performance? Please offer a letter grade or pass/fail as part of your answer.

C. The Walsh administration did many good things like improving playgrounds across the city and hiring a more diverse staff at City Hall. They had a plan to renovate City Hall to make it accessible and even improved some of the corners of the building by creating meeting spaces. Even the beer hall on City Hall plaza was a nice touch. The City benefited from the goals for construction of housing, but there was not enough communication with residents. Too many people are being displaced from their neighborhoods in Boston. There are major apartment complexes that are expiring use project where residents, many of them seniors and families, are in fear of being evicted.

18. What is your assessment of acting Mayor Kim Janey's performance since taking office in March 2021? Please offer a letter grade or pass/fail as part of your answer.

Pass. It's been more of the same mixed bag. Positives include the pilot project for free buses on Route 28, intentional tourism program highlighting people of color and neighborhoods. There is more opportunity for people of color to engage in contracting with the City - all of which happened during acting Mayor Janey's few months in office. However, the issues with displacement, violence in Black and brown neighborhoods, and lack of opportunities for residents have not been addressed as well.

When not on the campaign trail, how do you unwind?

I like to read. Right now, I am reading "Race For Profit" by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor. It's about how banks and the real estate industry have destroyed Black homeownership by undervaluing the segregated neighborhoods where most Black and brown people live. I like to garden a bit or go out for dinner.

DISTRICT 7

MARISA LUSE

Age: 47
Born: Boston
Residence: 105 Harrishof St.,
Roxbury/Dorchester

BACKGROUND

What is your present occupation?
Also, please note any past employment
that may be relevant to your candidacy.
Please detail your personal educational
background and achievements.



Campus Engagement and Collaborations Manager; Former co-founder and director, SCI Dorchester; Former Director of Community Programs & Site Planning, Dot-Well; Former Director of Survivor Outreach Services, Louis D. Brown Peace Institute; and Former Program Director, Discover Roxbury.
Educational Background: BS in Political Science · Northeastern University; Social Justice Mediation Certification · Social Justice Mediation Institute; Certificate in Nonprofit Management & Leadership · BU School of Management & Leadership; Executive Coaching Program · Social Innovation Forum; Intensive Training Program · Commonwealth Seminar; and Community Champion · Vital Village Network. Achievements: Excellence in Mentorship Award, Vital Village Network; Community Engagement Award, Northeastern University; and SCIIdealist Award, Social Capital Inc.
Please list some of your affiliations with non-profits, civic associations and political groups.
Boston Fireworks Taskforce, Member; Boston Maternal Health Advisory Board, Member; Boston Ward 12 Democratic Committee, Executive Committee/Member; Boston-wide Women of Color in the Academy Advisory Committee, Member; Center for Community Health, Research, and Service, Board Member; Dorchester Avenue Task Force, member; Garrison Trotter Neighborhood Association, Board Member; Neighborhood Birth Center Advisory Committee, Member; Roxbury Historical Society, Board Member; Roxbury Roots Montessori, Inc., Board Member; Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC), Member; RSMPOC Community Engagement - Sub Committee Chair; Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, Board Member; Women of Color in the Academy Planning Com-

mittee, Member; Vital Village Network - Village Strategists of Boston (VSB), founder and member; and Women's Service Club of Boston, Member
What is your top priority if elected?
I have the track record of working with residents across the district to make their priorities a reality. Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to call home, access to quality education, opportunities to earn a living wage, and joyful spaces to get neighborly, play, work, shop, eat, and worship.
My top priorities, if elected: Develop a clear district-wide agenda on quality of life issues impacting physical, mental, and financial health of residents; fight to reduce disparities in health-care to ensure health equity for all residents, especially seniors, women, veterans, and youth; collaborate with youth and young adults to develop a comprehensive agenda to ensure that they have opportunities to afford to live, work, play, and own; and tour neighborhoods regularly and convene roundtable discussions with residents to assess and discuss ways to improve our communities' environment.
The City of Boston is without a permanent police commissioner. What should the next mayor do to fill the position and what type of person should be selected to lead the BPD?
There should be a hybrid hiring process. The public should have a say on who is the next commissioner for the Boston Police Department. A hiring committee should be formed consisting of city officials, police reform members, advocates, civic association leaders, and residents who will co-design the hiring criteria, selection process, and public engagement strategy.
What is your assessment of the Walsh administration's overall performance? Please offer a letter grade or pass / fail as part of your answer.
The Walsh administration made great progress on some key issues such as COVID and police reform, but lacked transparency, responsiveness, and consistency on critical issues across the city.
What is your assessment of acting Mayor Kim Janey's performance since taking office in March 2021? Please offer a letter grade or pass / fail as part of your answer.
Pass. Mayor Janey inherited a number of issues from the previous administration which makes it a challenge to fairly grade her overall performance. As mayor, she has been responsive and progressive on major issues impacting working, immigrant, and people of color communities.
When not on the campaign trail, how do you unwind?
How I unwind is spending quality time with my family.

BRANDY BROOKS

Age: 40
Born: Hampton, South Carolina
Residence: 55 Fort Ave., Roxbury

BACKGROUND

What is your present occupation?
Also, please note any past employment that may be relevant to your candidacy.
Please detail your personal educational background and achievements.



Bunker Hill Community College
Assistant Director, Adult Education Program.
Adjunct Faculty, Department of History & Social Sciences; and Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Contract Manager.
UMass Lowell, Graduate School of Education, Lowell, Doctor of Education in Leadership in Schooling; Northeastern University, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Master of Science in Law & Policy; Tufts University, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, MA Master of Arts in Urban & Environmental Planning and Policy; Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Development Sociology.
Please list some of your affiliations with non-profits, civic associations and political groups.
American Planning Association; DeeDee's Cry; Roxbury Unity Parade;

Cornell Black Alumni Association; Cornell Alumni Admission Ambassador Network; Northeastern Alumni Association; Tufts Alumni Association; National Education Association; and Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention.
What is your top priority if elected?
My top priority is to use the office as a means of community empowerment. Specifically, city government too often ignores the needs of the district's residents. This goes beyond broad policy and includes basic constituent services. If elected, I will use the powers of my office to fix both the lack of transparency and lack of accountability currently plaguing District Seven.
The City of Boston is without a permanent police commissioner. What should the next mayor do to fill the position and what type of person should be selected to lead the BPD?
The next mayor should vet a qualified, experienced public safety professional who has a history of expertise in community-accountable public safety. The process should be transparent and community representatives should be an integral part of the selection process.
What is your assessment of the Walsh administration's overall performance? Please offer a letter grade or pass / fail as part of your answer.
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What is your assessment of acting Mayor Kim Janey's performance since taking office in March 2021? Please offer a letter grade or pass / fail as part of your answer.
B.
When not on the campaign trail, how do you unwind?
Netflix and Chill; Enjoying nature while walking my dog; Cooking; Reading; Listening to music; and Zoom/ Facetime conversations or meetups with family and friends.

There are eight candidates running in District 7. The above questionnaires are from candidates who submitted responses. Their full responses are online at DotNews.com.
The full list of D-7 candidates includes Tania Anderson, Brandy Brooks, Angie Camacho, Joao Gomes Depina, Marisa Luse, Roy Owens, Lorraine Wheeler and Santiago Leon Rivera.
The Reporter also surveyed candidates for mayor, at-large council and District 4. Read all of the responses at DotNews.com.

Early voting ends on Friday

Boston voters still have an opportunity to cast their ballots ahead of next Tuesday's preliminary municipal election. Early voting started on Sept. 4, and runs through Fri., Sept. 10. Registered voters don't need to give a reason for voting early. You can cast your ballot at Boston City Hall on Thursday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m.- 8 p.m. or on Friday, Sept. 10 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
On Thurs., Sept. 9, voters can show up at one of two Dorchester locations between 12-8 p.m.: the BCYF Perkins Center, 155 Talbot Ave. or the Kroc Center, 650 Dudley St. For more info on other locations, see boston.gov. Polls will be open at precincts throughout the city of Boston from 7 a.m.- 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14. Follow @DotNews on election night for early results from Dorchester and Mattapan polling locations.
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When every day is Election Day: Candidates push to the finish line

(Continued from page 1) Janey’s uncle, is backing the acting mayor.

Under a tent a few feet away, Janey campaign volunteers passed out clipboards with talking points to supporters. Deb Shah, a veteran of Deval Patrick’s campaign for governor and other local races, made her way through the crowd, a phone to her ear with Janey on the line.

Voting was already underway. Saturday served as the first day of early voting at sites around Boston, including City Hall, and mail-in voting had started even earlier. It was Labor Day weekend, and with their ads saturating television screens across the city and the preliminary election just 11 days away, the five campaigns fanned out across the city.

Just past noon, Janey stepped out onto Mattapan Square, stopping to dance to “We Are Family” with her granddaughter Rosie before taking the microphone. “I am here to ask for your vote,” Janey said. “You can vote today.”

With Councillor Ricardo Arroyo and Yancey by her side, Janey added:

“Let’s not squander our opportunity to do the work together, to create a stronger Boston that includes all of us. That is the work that is before us. That is what is at stake in this election.”

Essaibi George spent Saturday afternoon in East Boston, knocking on doors in the neighborhood where she was a high school teacher for 13 years. There is a misconception, she said, that many people leave the city for Labor Day weekend.

She had heard some “good feedback” while out and about as more people were tuning into the five-way race.

“I noticed the shift, I’d say, probably two weeks ago, maybe three weeks ago, on the doors,” she said. “People are finally starting to say, ‘Oh, yeah, there’s a mayor’s race happening soon.’”

On Friday, MassINC Polling Group released a survey of 453 Boston voters who took part in the 2020 presidential election. Different from a likely voter poll, which focuses on one type of turnout model, the MassINC poll showed Wu in the lead at 30 per-



Mayoral candidates made the most of Labor Day weekend. Acting Mayor Kim Janey arrived at a rally in Mattapan Square on the first day early voting sites opened across the city. In East Boston, Councillor Michelle Wu spoke with voters outside the Paris Street community center. At the union-led rally in Back Bay, Councillor Andrea Campbell waves as John Barros, the city’s former economic development chief, looks on. *Gintautas Dumcius photos*

cent, but 19 percent undecided. Janey, Essaibi George, Campbell, and Barros followed Wu, in that order. But when the poll — conducted for the groups Policy for Progress, New Democracy Coalition, and Housing Forward-MA — factored in most-likely voters,

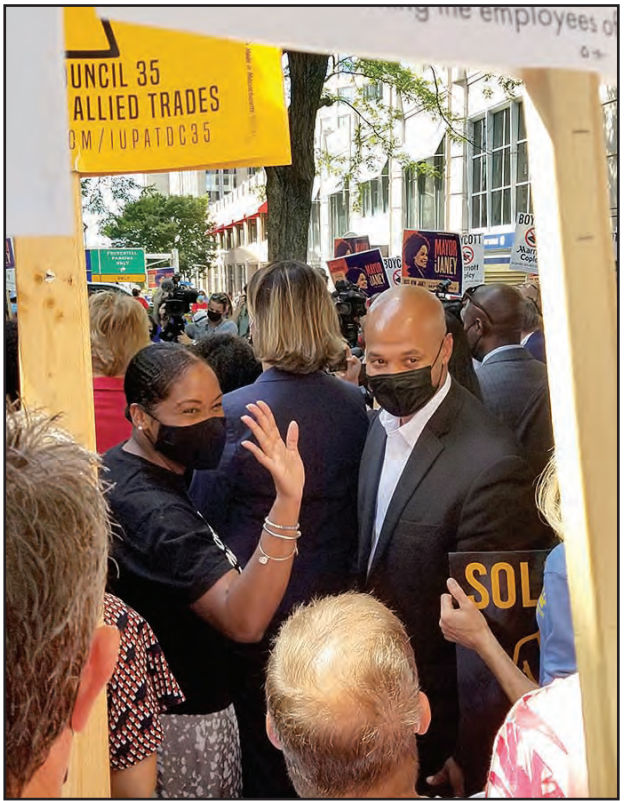
Essaibi George came in second behind Wu.

“I’m always fascinated by the crosstabs because we looked at the MassINC poll with the likely municipal voters for this race,” Essaibi George said. “It very clearly reflects what we’re hearing, what we’re feeling, and what we’re seeing when we’re counting votes, reaching city residents, engaging both the super voter that every campaign is and should be targeting, but also the less likely voter. I think it’s important up until the last moment to engage our city’s residents who don’t normally come out.”

A Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll released a week before election day asked 500 likely preliminary voters for their first choice. Wu received 31 percent, Janey took 20 percent, Essaibi George picked up 19 percent, Campbell had 18 percent and Barros came in with 3 percent. The undecided vote stood at 8 percent.

Wu was found to be winning 50 percent of residents who lived in the city 10 years or less, 43 percent of voters considering themselves “very liberal,” and 40 percent of voters ages 18 to 34. Janey had a 61 percent job approval rating, and led all candidates among Black voters with 46 percent, according to Suffolk pollster David Paleologos. Essaibi George won voters who call crime their top issue and conservatives. Campbell was seen as the top second choice among all voters.

A few steps away, Wu was talking to voters outside East Boston’s community center on Paris Street, an early voting



site. “It’s going to come down to who ends up showing up at the polls,” she said, when asked about the MassINC survey. “We are working on the ground in every single neighborhood, trying to visit every playground and door to remind people that September matters as much as November, and the opportunity to vote, the window, is already here.” Paris Street was her sixth stop of the day. Her campaign had sent out volunteers to knock on doors near early voting sites to remind people the city is having early voting during a municipal election for the first time. “It’s been slow but steady throughout the day, in terms of voters coming in the different polling places we’ve been at,” she said.

Barros spent his 48th birthday on Sunday canvassing Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan, while Team Campbell greeted voters in Jamaica Plain on Saturday and in Allston on Sunday.

The five candidates converged in Back Bay on Monday, across the street from the Marriott at Copley Place, as unions took aim at the

hotel for laying off workers in 2020.

The region’s unions typically hold a breakfast on Labor Day, but the event was moved outside with the city still grappling with the coronavirus. Most wore masks to the rally.

One by one, the mayoral candidates grabbed the microphone.

“I will always stand with the hotel workers,” said Janey, whose campaign is receiving support from UNITE HERE Local 26 and its super PAC.

Wu pledged to use “every lever of power in city government” to make sure workers are protected.

“I’ll never take you for granted,” said Campbell, while Essaibi George, who was endorsed by the nurses’ union, noted that they remain on strike at a Worcester hospital.

Noting that he worked for Labor Secretary Marty Walsh when the Dorchester Democrat held the top job in City Hall, Barros pledged to be a “champion” for unions. “Every day in Boston is Labor Day,” he said.

For the next several days, and until Nov. 2, every day will be Election Day, too.

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Essaibi George gets windfall from two super PAC donors

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

A Hyde Park business-man is pouring money into a super PAC supporting Annissa Essaibi George's mayoral campaign, according to publicly available documents filed with state regulators.



Sixteen companies tied to Elias Akiki, who owns a towing and auto repair business in Hyde Park, each donated roughly \$1,000 to "Bostonians for Real Progress." The super PAC first surfaced in July and said it was backing Essaibi George, an at-large city councillor from Dorchester and one of five major mayoral candidates.

The limited liability companies are focused on managing and investing in real estate, according to the filings.

Akiki, who did not respond to a request for comment, has donated to Essaibi George's mayoral campaign, as well as to the early bid of South End state Rep. Jon Santiago, who dropped out of the race for mayor earlier this year.

"Bostonians for Real Progress" also received \$10,000 from John Foley, who is listed as a financial analyst in Wellesley.

A spokesman for the super PAC, which is chaired by Carol Martinez, did not respond to a request for comment after its disclosure of donors was filed last week. The outside group, which can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money in the race, has spent \$5,500 on creating a website, according to regulatory filings.

Separately, an Essaibi George supporter formed his own super PAC last week. William Gross, the former Boston police commissioner, filed paperwork with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance to establish the "Real Progress Boston" super PAC. Gross served under former Mayor Marty Walsh and considered a mayoral run before abruptly resigning as police commissioner earlier this year.

Gross, who listed a Roslindale address for the super PAC, did not respond to a text message seeking comment. Born in Baltimore and raised in Dorchester, Gross was appointed by Walsh in 2018. He was the city's first Black police chief.

A phone number listed in the super PAC's paperwork for Gross goes



Annissa Essaibi George, a mayoral candidate and city councillor at-large, spoke with a resident on Norton Street about city services while taking her "Tough Conversations Tour" through the Bowdoin-Geneva neighborhood.

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to Red Curve Solutions, a company whose client list has included the Trump campaign, Gov. Baker, and Tom Cotton, a US senator from Arkansas.

In its filing with the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance, the super PAC said it plans to "support candidates for a better Boston who are for Real

Progress and to oppose those who are not."

The group also backs candidates who seek to "build a better Boston for the best education, safe neighborhoods, economic growth, better jobs, affordable housing and transportation," the filing added.

"Real Progress Boston" has not yet filed reports detailing its

fundraising or spending.

Alongside "Bostonians for Real Progress," the other active super PACs in the race are:

- Two for Acting Mayor Kim Janey tied to UNITE HERE Local 26 and a liberal coalition known as Right to the City Vote. The union's super PAC on Friday indicated it has spent money on radio

in support of Janey, as well as produced an ad against City Councillor Andrea Campbell. The anti-Campbell ad takes aim at the super PAC supporting Campbell.

- Two for City Councillor At-Large Michelle Wu. One is tied to the Environmental League of Massachusetts and the other is run by Jason Burrell, a former aide to US Sen. Elizabeth Warren. Burrell's super PAC has made a \$300,000 ad buy, while the environmental group has spent \$24,600 on mailings and \$47,000 on digital ads.

- One for Campbell. The donors for "Better Boston" include a co-founder of Netflix, local business owners, and charter school supporters. The super PAC on Friday (Sept. 3) sought to capitalize on the Boston Globe editorial board's endorsement of Campbell by crafting a new ad touting the daily newspaper's support for the councillor.

Super PACs have already collectively spent more than \$1.6 million on the 2021 mayoral race, with much of that coming from the pro-Campbell super PAC's TV advertising buys.

Other super PACs have filed paperwork to signal their formation, but have not yet ramped up spending.

Early voting seen as slow ahead of Sept. 14 balloting

By QUINCY WALTERS
WBUR REPORTER

It was a quiet, modest start to Boston's early voting for the city's preliminary mayoral election. Voters and candidates alike mentioned a lack of publicity contributing to the less-than-stellar turnout.

For Roxbury resident Michael Fedo, it was a serendipitous convenience. He was outside, enjoying the day and saw the campaign signs at the Shelburne Community Center.

"I thought 'now's the time; there are no lines; let me get in here and get my vote casted,'" he said.

Fedo, wearing a mask, said the Covid-19 delta variant was also a reason for him deciding to cast his ballot early and avoid the potential crowds on Election Day. He voted for City Councillor Andrea Campbell for mayor and Brandy Brooks for city council.

"They both had the most actionable plans for Mass and Cass, for neighborhood development, for mental health," Fedo said. "To trust in our elected officials, they need plans, they need something that is more than just threadbare or barebones. I want to know what you're going to do and how you're going to do it. And we

really don't have time to do much open-air debates. Covid's changed a lot of that."

Ed Digirolamo, who also cast a ballot at the Shelburne Community Center, wasn't willing to share whom he voted for Saturday. But he explained why he decided to take advantage of the opportunity.

"About five or six years ago, I got out of work late and then the traffic was horrific and I barely got to my voting spot in time," he said. "Things like that happen and it's a good idea to get it out of the way."

But if it were up to at-large City Council candidate Nick Vance, Election Day would be a holiday.

"What got me out here to vote early is to make sure that I had the free time and the energy to come out. I think people should vote early so they don't have to do it on an election day, which unfortunately is still not seen as a day off. For many of us, we still have to work," he said. "It's just unfortunate to see such low numbers of early voters."

Vance said he and other candidates have "been calling the city for weeks" to ask where the early voting places would be so they could have vol-

unteers stationed there. He said he didn't find out where early voting locations would be until Aug. 26.

"That didn't give us a lot of forewarning. I think that's a crying shame," Vance said. "A lot of people are just now finding out. I've been receiving calls all morning, like 'Wait, I can vote today?' Where can I go? We're starting to send these little screenshots to people to show them where they can vote. But the city should have did that."

A few miles away, in Allston, mayoral candidate Michelle Wu spoke to constituents outside the Jackson Mann Community Center.

"It's been slow but steady across the city," she said of early voter turnout, after visiting several polling locations, including the one in Roxbury on Saturday. "People are excited when they're coming out. Even if it's not a rush at the door, it still means we're creating many more options to get out the vote and that's what matters."

Like candidate Vance, Wu said her campaign had to scramble to inform voters. She also theorized that early voting starting on Labor Day weekend wasn't con-

cive to big voter turnout.

"As we build on this, year-by-year, we'll get it right," she said. "In this moment, we need to aim for far more than what we've been seeing. Coming out of the pandemic; dealing with our climate crisis; addressing our housing and affordability crisis. We need everything on the table and everyone at the table."

Wu chatted with

Brighton resident Bertha Davis, who said she's "somewhat excited" about the mayoral election, but she didn't start her day intending to cast a ballot.

"I came out because it was a nice day and I like to walk a lot," she said. "At first, I wasn't going to vote until I saw [Wu] and decided to get it out of the way. . . I see her on TV all the time and this is the first time I saw

her in real life."

Davis said she ended up casting a vote for Wu. She's apparently not alone. Wu enjoys a double-digit lead, according to two recent polls. Early voting ends this Friday (September 10). Election Day is next Tuesday (September 14).

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Poll shows support for vax mandates, masks by voters in Boston

Significant majorities of registered voters in Boston support employers mandating COVID-19 vaccines among their workforces and the Baker administration's new mask requirement in K-12 schools, according to a new survey.

About 87 percent of Boston voters likely to cast ballots in the Sept. 14 preliminary election agree with Education Commissioner Jeff Riley's policy requiring anyone over the age of five to wear a mask in K-12 public schools, regardless of vaccination status, through at least the start of October, a

Boston Globe/Suffolk University poll published on Tuesday found.

With schools across the state preparing to embark on their third straight academic year impacted by the pandemic, less than 9 percent of Boston voters surveyed disagreed with the school mask mandate. Another 3.6 percent were undecided.

The poll of 500 likely voters in Boston, conducted from Sept. 2 to Sept. 4 with a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points, also found substantial support for vaccine mandates on workers.

About 71 percent of those polled "believe employers should require that their employees get vaccinated"

compared to nearly 19 percent who oppose the policy. And 83 percent voiced support for Mayor Kim Janey's decision requiring city workers to provide proof of vaccination or submit to weekly testing, and 13 percent opposed her order.

Gov. Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey, and other constitutional officers have rolled out varying degrees of vaccine mandates on their public-sector employees in recent weeks, as have many private employers, while the Delta variant fuels an increase in Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations.

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Census shows Dot, Mattapan remain the city’s ‘cradle of youth’

Still, there, and across city, 0-17 numbers fall

By SETH DANIEL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

While the City of Boston’s overall population grew by 9.4 percent in Census 2020, the 0-17 youth demographic declined again to just 15 percent citywide. Dorchester and Mattapan, however, continue to be home to a bigger-than-average youth population, with more than 20 percent in the youth category. Even so, youth populations in Dorchester are much lower than they were even 20 years ago, leaving a plethora of robust youth programs and schools that serve kids competing for a smaller and smaller number of children and teens.

By the numbers, Dorchester had 26,826 youth aged 0-17 representing 22 percent of the total population. In Mattapan, the youth population was 5,323, which was also 22 percent of that neighborhood’s total number. Only Roxbury came close to those two neighborhoods, at 20.7 percent of its total population.

West Roxbury and East Boston had 19 percent, and many other Boston neighborhoods were far below – once-youthful South Boston accounted for 11 percent and Allston totaled 6 percent.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), which does extensive research on census numbers, said the two neighborhoods with the highest percentage remained the cradle of youth because of a larger and more diverse population overall and their youth numbers.

BPDA officials said both Dorchester and Mattapan are areas more suited for larger families, as opposed to places like Jamaica Plain and the South End, which have more young people and couples. That is mostly because, they said, there are larger housing units in the two neighborhoods. Additionally, they said, the Latino population in Boston increased tremendously in Census 2020. In Dorchester the Latino population went from 17 percent in 2010 to 20.7 percent in 2020. The BPDA said their research indicates that the Latino population tends to have larger households with kids. In the recent Census, Dorchester and Mattapan were in the top three for average size of household, at 2.6 per unit. Only Hyde Park was larger, at 2.7 per unit.

In the Boston Public Schools (BPS), the number of students from Dorchester and Mattapan is put at 15,837 students, which is 31 percent of the entire BPS enrollment. That, of course, does not capture the large numbers of charter school and private/parochial school students in the neighborhood.

“I think we are clearly noting some enrollment decline in the schools,” said Monica Roberts, BPS chief of Family and Community Advancement. “We are seeing that in Dorchester as well, but Dorchester remains the area that most of our families and students come from. We are seeing some declines



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With those numbers, Dorchester and Mattapan remain the prime places for families in the city – with the most schools (public, charter, and private), well-functioning youth sports, and many after-school program providers.

Even so, historically the numbers are down for the two neighborhoods, though it isn’t as steep a decline as it has been for South Boston – which went from about 35 percent youth population (ages 0-19) in 1970 to this year’s 11 percent.

In Dorchester, the 2010 Census had the youth population (which was measured then at 0-19) at 29 percent, or 32,755 young people. In 2000, it was 33 percent at 39,210. The height in modern times was in 1970, when there was a 41 percent youth population, which meant 58,808 young people – more than twice as many as in 2020.

In Mattapan, that neighborhood hit its height in 1980, when it had 35 percent youth population (again, age 0-19), which was 8,030.

One temperature gauge for the vibrancy of youth population is sports and programming.

Candice Gartley, the director of All Dorchester Sports & Leadership (ADSL), said they have some programming that attracts a lot of kids – like the collaboration between organizations that produced a well-attended summer basketball league at Town Field this year. But when they go out on their own for specialty programming, ADSL sometimes find there are no kids around to attend.

“For us, the numbers are worrisome because it affects our ability to fundraise,” she said. “We worry from year to year and hope we get the money to run the program...We started a girls’ program this year, and only two girls showed up. You wonder why they didn’t come and where are the girls.

“Ultimately, we have to support the families,” Gartley added. “It becomes worrisome because if we can’t prove we’re doing the job that the money they gave us was for, then the money for everything goes



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away. It’s a large concern because we offer some programs, and the kids just aren’t there.”

She said that youth baseball programming in the neighborhood – whether ADSL or others – has been on the decline for years citywide. She said they struggle to understand why the numbers aren’t there for baseball. Is it because there are fewer kids in the neighborhood or baseball is just not popular with the young.

“Baseball participation has declined enormously in this area,” she said. “Our numbers are way, way down, and so are others. That’s why Dorchester Baseball merged with Cedar Grove; they didn’t have the numbers, and that’s citywide. All the leagues meet in the city and they all say the same thing.”

Kevin Monahan, commissioner of the ADSL girls’ softball program, said the numbers for the girls are up, but he said he sees overall priorities steering away from family activities like youth sports.

Monahan, a South Boston native, recalled that the neighborhood once included 16 Little League teams and a robust youth hockey league. Both have seriously eroded, he said, since he was a kid. And he fears that Dorchester might be headed in that direction – albeit at a much slower pace.

“Everyone wants dog parks now and they don’t want athletic fields, and we have a hard time finding places to play softball,” he said. “It’s increasingly the single or married professional with a dog and they want to have a place to walk their dogs and they aren’t at all interested in playing fields...In two projects we were involved in, they were a very vocal group and demanding and they got what they wanted. It’s a twist on the census numbers, but I think it’s an indicator of where the city is going.”

In the schools, Roberts said, they have learned in talking with other big city districts that the trend of fewer kids in big cities is not unique to Boston. She said some of that has to do with the pandemic, and people leaving cities in 2020, but other parts of it are longer-term trends.

“This is a trend we’re seeing all through urban districts – a decline in enrollment and a decline in school-age kids in large urban cities,” she said, noting that this was discussed by the Council of Great City Schools, which BPS belongs to.

Roberts said BPS plans to get more competitive as the neighborhood numbers decline by looking to aggressively attract students who are new to the district or that have been lost to charter schools or private schools.

With fewer kids, she said “playing nice in the sandbox” with everyone might be more difficult.

“We are thinking about how to recapture market share,” Roberts said. “We don’t have all the kids in the city. We are thinking about how to communicate our value at BPS versus our counterparts at the charter schools, private schools, and parochial schools...In the past we have all kind of played nicely in the sandbox.”

Meanwhile, Gartley said she sees signs of maybe a potential change – strollers in and about the neighborhood.

“What I’ve noticed lately in this area is so many young families in the neighborhood,” she said. “I’ve picked up on that lately. You’ll see a couple with a baby and a stroller and a French bulldog. When my kids were younger, there were so many kids. Then in the mid-1990s and up to 2010, there was nothing. I’m seeing signs of kids once again.”

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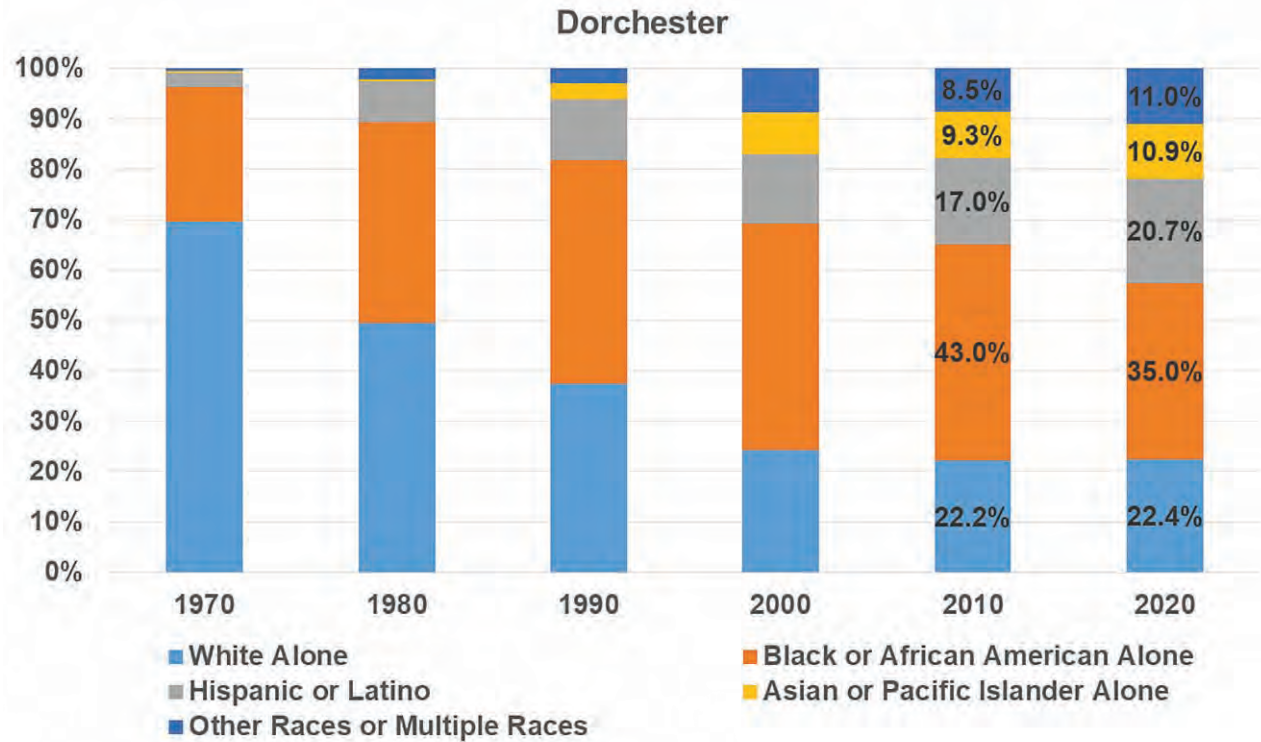
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tion grew by 9.4 percent, while Massachusetts paced the nation by posting a 7.4 percent gain between 2010 and 2020. The Massachusetts population stands at just over 7 million.

The counting of residents across the country occurs every ten years, and the results determine the number of federal lawmakers who will represent them at the State House and City Hall as political boundaries are redrawn in the coming months, ahead of the 2022 election cycle.

The state's elections chief, Secretary of State Bill Galvin, has indicated that the population increase will lead to a new seat in the Legislature for Boston, a task for the lawmakers to undertake.

The census numbers also help drive federal funding to the Bay State, with \$16 billion pouring into accounts for health care, education, food and nutrition programs, housing, and childcare for low-income families.

The counting came during a pandemic, which caused Boston-area colleges and universities to send their sizeable student populations home. Separately, the Trump administration weighed in as its officials



Broken out into percentages, Dorchester's Hispanic population grew to 20.7 percent, up from 17 percent in 2010. The Black and African American population fell to 35 percent, from 43 percent. The white population grew to 11 percent, up from 8.5.

Mattapan's population saw a smaller increase at 1,340 people, or 6 percent. The 2020 count stood at 23,834 for the neighborhood. The number of Black or African American residents dropped by 902, but non-Hispanic Blacks and African Americans still make up 68 percent of the population.

White residents rose by 60 people, Hispanic or Latino residents increased by 1,357, and Asian or Pacific Islander people rose by 104. People who identified as other races or multiple races increased by 721.

Dorchester and Mattapan appeared to be reflective of Boston as a whole. The city also added Hispanic and Asian residents at a heavy clip, while losing non-Hispanic Blacks and African Americans. Dorchester added the most number of Hispanic and Asian residents, according to the BPDA's analysis.

sought to undermine the count by adding a citizenship question, an attempt blocked by the US Supreme Court. Federal officials did change the wording of the Census to encourage people to pick multiple races, if applicable.

Additional census data, with a deeper look at demographics, are expected to be released in 2022.

When it comes to Dorchester and Mattapan, the population numbers as interpreted by city planning officials,

bear closer scrutiny.

Ten years ago, city planners analyzed census numbers and found Dorchester to have a population of 91,982, while Mattapan had 36,480. But the numbers were based on planners deciding to assign certain census tracts that are in Dorchester to Roxbury and Mattapan. A Reporter analysis found that Dorchester had more than 134,000 people living within the original boundaries of the town of Dorchester, before it was annexed by

Boston.

After the Reporter's analysis, city planning officials reworked the numbers and decided that Dorchester's population stood at 114,249 people, while Mattapan was at 22,494 residents. Officials with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) contend they are still constrained by how census tracts, driven by federal guidelines, interact with neighborhood boundaries.

With those caveats, city planners say

Dorchester's population now stands at 122,191, an increase of 7 percent since 2010, or roughly 8,000 people.

The biggest increases came in the number of people who identified as Asian or Pacific Islander (2,723) and Hispanic or Latino (5,878). The number of people who identified with multiple or other races rose by 3,682. The number of white residents rose by 2,089 people, while the number of Black or African American residents fell by 6,430.

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Zoning Board okays plan for long-vacant Four Corners lot

By SETH DANIEL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The vacant lot on the corner of Washington and Bradlee Streets in Four Corners has sat dormant under the ownership of the City of Boston for more than a generation, but after getting approved for development by the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on Aug. 31, it is just one of many plots of underutilized land that will soon be a new home to several residents.

Jessica Boatright, of the city's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), said the property at 405 Washington St. has been controlled by the city since 1988 due to a tax foreclosure.

"This one really is an important example of leveraging city-owned land as a way of wealth building opportunities for residents and partnering with the commu-



neighborhood meetings. The lot once housed a very extravagant home, which, according to the Atlas Scope tool from the Boston Public Library's Leventhal Map Center, was built around 1894 and owned by Amelia Damon. However, the house burned down in the 1970s or 1980s and was a total loss – eventually moving the site to tax foreclosure.

"We used that old home as the inspiration to pay homage to the old building with the rooflines and architecture and, working with the community, tried to develop an architectural language which was...respectful of what was there previously," said Architect Stephen Chung.

The transition for this vacant lot is just the most recent example of the city trying to leverage property it has owned for many years in order to construct affordable housing in Four Corners. John Feuerbach, DND's senior development officer, said several more Four Corners properties like this are in the pipeline.

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nity to identify the best use for the property," she said, "and just meeting the needs of the local neighbors."

Attorney Joe Feaster represented the designated developer, Urbanica of Lower Roxbury, at the ZBA meeting. Urbanica won the designation over two other developers in a public process that started in 2019 and was only recently re-started after Covid-19 delays.

Feaster pointed to support from neighbors and City Councillors Andrea Campbell and Michael Flaherty. The project includes 13 units of home ownership opportunities, all of them affordable. Four of them are at 80 percent Area Mean Income (AMI), five are at 100 percent AMI, and four are at 120 percent AMI – largely representing what would be termed 'workforce housing.'

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FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Encourages Healthy Lifestyles with Planet Fitness Gym: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester members have been so fortunate to have the opportunity to stay active and focus on their healthy lifestyles in our very own Planet Fitness gym. We want to thank Planet Fitness Their generosity and for partnering with us on our Healthy Lifestyle Programs for our youth. Members have the unique experience of having their own private personalized gym to be able to stay active and engaged. This summer, our members visited the gym every day as a part of our summer program rotation, encouraging and focusing on active and healthy lifestyles.

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BROWNE, Thomas F. of Dorchester, formerly of County Galway, Ireland. Husband of the late Margaret “Rita” Browne. Father of Thomas Browne, Jr. of Dorchester and Colleen Mahoney and her husband John of Hanover. Papa of 4. Brother of the late Maura Joyce and John Browne. Tom is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202.



DALTON, Catherine J. (Shea), 76, of Canton, originally of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Catherine (Sullivan) Shea and Edward Shea, of Brockton. Mother of Lori Pigeon and her husband Mark of Canton and Kim Dalton-Rubeshki and her husband Scott of Marshfield. Grandmother of 5. Sister of Maureen DeWitt, Michael Shea and Rusty Shea and his wife Karen, all of Ware-

ham, Gary Shea and his wife Sue of East Bridgewater, Edward Shea and his wife Michelle of Halifax, Jackie Shea and Donna Marrie of Brockton; and aunt of many. Memorial gifts may be made to Harbor Health Services (Attn.: Elder Service Plan), 1135 Morton St., Mattapan, 02126.



DENNIS, JENNIE C. (CASULLO), in Dorchester, 99. Wife of the late Henry E. Dennis. Mother of Ronald M. Dennis of Dorchester, James H. and his wife Lorraine Dennis Quincy, Paul and his wife Judy Dennis of Natick, and Daniel L. and his wife Grace Dennis of Braintree. Sister of the late Antonetta Riggione, Pasquale Casullo, and Daniel Casullo. Jennie is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Jennie was a former bookkeeper for the Veteran’s Administration and the Fish and Wildlife Services. Donations in Jennie’s memory may be made to the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, 600 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02111.

DIAZ, Antonni, 30, of Dorchester. Son of Maximiliano Diaz and Denis Ortiz. Brother Janis Diaz.



HYNES, Patricia M. “Tricia” (Finnigan), of Scituate, formerly of Dorchester, 49. She spent 16 years as a Boston Public School teacher, at the Chittick Elementary School in Hyde Park, St. Ambrose, and St. John’s Elementary School in the North End. She participated in Camp Joyas well as Boston’s Head Start. She was the wife

of Sean M. Hynes and mother of Sean Brady Hynes. Daughter of the late Richard F. Finnigan and Katherine A. (Travers) Finnigan. Sister of Janice M. Finnigan of Dorchester, Joseph J. and his wife Lisa A. Finnigan of Scituate, Katherine A. Finnigan of Braintree, Thomas J. and his wife Patricia M. Finnigan of Hanover, Joan M. and her husband Roderick J. MacKinnon of Dorchester, Richard F. Finnigan of Dorchester, and Robert W. Finnigan of Dorchester. Sister-in-law of Kimberly L. Finnigan of Dorchester. Daughter-in-law of Michael S. Hynes and Margaret E. Hynes. Sister-in-law of Lisa Hynes and Tom Hoadley, Stephanie and her husband Patrick Drummond, and Laurie and her husband James Muldowney. Donations in Tricia’s memory may be made to the Scleroderma Research Foundation, 220 Montgomery Street, Suite 484, San Francisco, CA 94104, or atsrfcure.org.



MAJENSKI, Dorothy (Glicher), 107, of Dorchester. She is reunited with her late husband, John; her son, John Jr.; parents, Marguerite (Doherty) and Frederick Gilcher; and her sister, Mildred Keeler. Also many relatives and numerous friends. She is survived by her daughter, Dorothy (Dolly) Clarke; her husband Wesley; son Frederick; and several grandchildren. Dorothy worked at Howard Johnson; then later at Jordan Marsh, New England Confectionary (NECCO), Doyle’s Catering; and finally Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Dorothy belonged to several organizations of the schools her children attended. For many years, she was a member of the Daughters of Isabella (Milton Circle #184) where she held several offices. Upon

retiring, she joined and participated in many of the Dorchester’s clubs; Guys and Gals (dot house), Elmbrook’s club, K club, and St. Marks. Please consider a donation to the St. Peter’s Parish, 278 Bowdoin St., Dorchester, or Missionaries of Charity, 401 Quincy Street Dorchester.



MATTHEWS, Edgar “Eddie” L.P., IV, 39 of Mattapan. Eddie was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, to parents, Edgar and Imani. He attended the Bates, King, Berea and Cathedral schools in Boston; Clark University in Atlanta and UTI in Framingham. Growing up, he was a member of Union Baptist Church in Cambridge and in recent years, would attend True Vine Church in Dorchester. In addition to his many family, friends and his parents, Eddie leaves in this life: Aunts: Elaine and Eleanor, Siblings: Nikki, Rashaun, Sasha and Tyra, Nieces: Iyana, Leilani, Majesty and Amira, Nephews: Daniel, Khaleo and Julian, Great Niece: Z’Nyah, Great Nephew: Zaviar; Children’s Mother: Shauna and most especially, his two beautiful Children: Eddie and Sanye.



MORSE, Donald C., Sr. of New Port Richey, FL, formerly of Dorchester and Kingston. Father of Kimberly Morse-Foster and her husband Neil of Weymouth, Thomas Morse of Weymouth, Kate Morse of Weymouth, Daniel Morse of Plymouth, and the late Donald Morse Jr., and his surviving wife Donna Morse of Brockton. Former husband of Helen (Wajcium) Morse of Weymouth. Brother of Richard, Maryann, May, and the late Francis Morse. Partner of the late Susan Parker. Also survived by many loving grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Vietnam veteran, serving in the United States Army. Please consider making a donation to the American Stroke Association in memory of Donald.



SAINTIL, Remy Augustin, 83, of Mattapan.

Husband of Maryse (Gay) Saintil. Father of Marjorie Saintil-Belizaire of MA, Diane Saintil-Laviolette of MD, and Remy Artamin Saintil of GA. Survived by brothers Gustave Dominique of NY and Toussaint Saintil of FL. Also survived by 9 grandchildren.



SPACCO, Mary B. (Donovan) of Dorchester. Wife of Paul J. Spacco, retired B.F.D. Engine 17. Mother of Paul Spacco of CA, Dianna Spacco of Pembroke, Patricia Spacco of Quincy, Susan Spacco Sheinkopf of Newton, and Elizabeth Spacco Pearlstein of Dorchester. Grandmother of 8 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Sister of the late John and Brendan Donovan. Please consider making a donation in memory of Mary to the MSPCA or to the Alzheimer’s Association at 80 Pleasant St.,



Watertown, MA 02472. **SUTLIFF, Arthur F. “Arkie,”** 93. Quincy, born in Boston and raised in Dorchester. Son of the late William R. Sutliff and Katherine Lee Sutliff. He joined the US Navy in 1945. After the Navy, he joined the United States Army in January of 1951 and served in The Korean War. Arthur founded the John. P. McKeon Post No.146 in Dorchester. Arthur was a long-time business owner in Dorchester and Boston. He owned many restaurants and bars and finally settled on one business known as Kelly’s Circle Café in Dorchester. That bar was later renamed the Upstairs Downstairs in Neponset Circle and stayed in business for 53 years. Husband of Mary Lou (Graham), father of Thomas and his wife Kelle of Charlotte, North Carolina, Edward and his wife Arnia of Montana, Christopher and his wife Susan of Weymouth, Elyse Sutliff of Quincy, John of Quincy, Paula Murphy and the late Sean Murphy of Dorchester and Anthony and his wife Galen of Chelmsford. He is also survived by nine grandchildren. Arthur was preceded in passing by his brother Paul Sutliff, sister Virginia Van Der Meulen, sister Dorothy Sutliff, and daughter Katherine Sutliff.



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Drew is cited with Bob Coard Award

John J. Drew, president and CEO at Action for Boston Community Development, received the Robert M. Coard Innovation Award at the national convention of the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) held in Boston on Sept. 2.

The honor is named for Robert M. Coard, Drew's predecessor, who led ABCD for almost 40 years. Under Coard's leadership, ABCD helped countless clients find housing, jobs, food, and heat and built significant institutions such as the Urban College of Boston.

"NCAP is thrilled to present this award to John Drew and to honor him for all he has done at local, state, and national levels to advance the work and mission of community action," said Denise Harlow, Chief Executive Officer, NCAP. "John has continued ABCD's legendary leadership in Boston and the nation and NCAP is privileged to extend this award, named for his renowned ABCD predecessor Robert M. Coard."

Drew has worked at ABCD for more than 50 years, serving as vice president since the 1970s and taking over as president and CEO in 2009.

"I am honored to receive this award on behalf of ABCD and the more than 1,000 community action organizations nationwide where staff never rest until they have made every effort to help those less fortunate," said Drew.

Community action is there, on the ground, providing the fuel, food, rental assistance, education that make a difference and working to achieve a fair chance for all to live the American dream."



John J. Drew displays the Robert M. Coard Innovation Award presented to him by the National Community Action Partnership at the Boston Marriott Copley Place on Sept. 2. Mrs. Donna Coard, widow of Robert M. Coard, stands behind Drew, flanked by ABCD board members. Pictured, from left: Kathleen Flynn, Mary Chin, John Drew, Donna Coard, Board Chair Sean Daughtry, Linda Monteiro, Joyce Dennis. John Brewer photo

Zoning Board okays plan for long-vacant Four Corners lot

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Vacant property at Four Corners is expected to be under construction before the winter as the long-awaited Four Corners Plaza, planned by Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation (CSNDC). It will bring 31 units of rental housing and retail

and community space to two long-vacant lots. All of the units at Four Corners Plaza will be affordable up to 60 percent of AMI.

Other projects in Four Corners on city-owned land include:

- Mt. Bowdoin/Mallon Neighborhood Homes, consisting of 13 new

ownership units at the convergence of Rosseter, Mallon, Mt. Bowdoin Terrace, and Bowdoin Street.

- Hearth at 4 Corners, which includes 54 units of elderly rental housing, was recently completed

on Ronald Street next to Washington Street on city-owned land.

- Norwell Townhouses, comprising eight new affordable units (four ownership and four rental) under construction now at 239-241 Norwell St.

- Angell Spencer Neighborhood Homes, consisting of 14 new homes (12 ownership and two rental) scheduled to proceed this fall on Angell, Spencer, Norwell, Helen, and Lorne Streets.

CLASSIFIED AD

FLEA MARKET – First Baptist Church, 401 Ashmont St, Dorchester, Sat., Sept. 25, 9 AM - 3:00 PM. Free Admission Rain date Oct. 2. Vendors wanted, 617-282-1391

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Docket No. SU20P0065EA

ESTATE OF: EARLENE GIVENS
DATE OF DEATH: 04/28/2019

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by Shenia M. Dancy, Esq. of Stoughton, MA requesting that the Court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/30/2021.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 26, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
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Docket No. SU21D0916DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
KENYA GORDON vs. JASON GORDON

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Kenya Gordon, 1949 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 11/19/2021. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.


WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 3, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
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NOTICE

The Dorchester Historical Society is always looking for photographs and high school yearbooks from Dorchester's past.

Due to the pandemic, the Society is closed to the public at this time.



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