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Raelyn, age 7, excitedly shows off her lemon pound cake scented candle that demonstrates her wish to be a pastry chef.  $Dalia\ Sadaka/Make-A-Wish\ photo$ 

# Triple Decker Candle lights up for children making their wishes

By Cassidy McNeeley Special to the Reporter

Triple Decker Candle Co. on Saturday will launch a set of special candles in collaboration with Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The candles will represent the five wishes the nonprofit offers: to have, to go, to meet, to be, and to give back. The final candle celebrates Make-A-Wish's 40th anniversary.

They were created by Johanna Keough, who has always loved candles but has a sensitivity to the chemicals and fragrances that are often found in stores. During the pandemic, Keough dedicated her time to creating safer candle types and, eventually, her own business, Triple Decker Candle Co. The company's name was inspired by the three-story house that Keough lives in.

The Dorchester resident takes pride that her 100 percent soy wax candles are being poured and sold in Boston. Since her brand is rooted in being local, she strives to give back to other local businesses, nonprofits, and people.

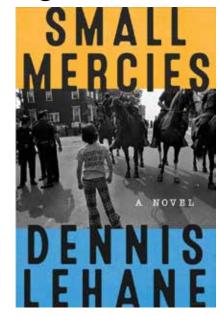
"Since I started, I've done quarterly fundraiser candles, so I would pick a super local nonprofit. I (Continued on page 9)

# Lehane's new novel blends history, racism, and neighborhood clashes

By Chris Lovett Special to the Reporter

Dennis Lehane's "Small Mercies" begins with a hint of dread: an electrical outage in the tenacious predawn heat of September 1974. The setting is South Boston, and

hood is bracing for a collision. With a daughter on the cusp of her senior year in high school, Mary Pat Fennessy expects to show up at a rally of white parents against the beginning of school desegregation. The ensuing explosion of racial antagonism would make national news and history, but the latest novel by the Dorchester native pivots on a single hate crime on the Red Line. It's a fictional event



that, disclaimers aside, has some features in common with two other hate crimes that took place along the Red Line a few years later. And, as with the fiction grounded in South Boston, the real events in Dorchester were, not just about crime, but a sense of duty to survivors and the dead.

In "Small Mercies," a young Black man, Augustus "Augie" Williamson, is killed after being chased into Columbia Station (now JFK/UMass) and attacked by a group of young whites, including Mary Pat's daughter "Jules." The morning after, Mary Pat only knows that her daughter hasn't come home. Her repeated attempts to find out what happened, and

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# What to look for in next Tuesday's preliminary vote

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

Voters in a handful of City Council districts face a deadline in choosing their candidates, if they haven't already voted by mail or in-person at an early voting location.

Polls close at 8 p.m. next Tuesday (Sept. 12)\_ in the preliminaries for District 3 (Dorchester and the South End), District 5 (Hyde Park, Mattapan and Roslindale), District 6 (Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury), and District 7 (Roxbury and part of Dorchester and the South End).

The mayor and the four at-large Council slots won't be on the Sept. 12 ballot. The mayoralty, which comes with a four-year term, isn't on the ballot until 2025, and the at-large race doesn't have a preliminary. The eight candidates running for at-large — three incumbents and five challengers — instead will be on the Nov. 7 final ballot, which will also feature the top two vote-getters in the district races.

Early in-person voting began last Saturday and lasts through this Friday, Sept. 8. On Thursday, Florian Hall will be available as an early voting location

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# Firefighters union, Wu reach tentative contract agreement

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

Mayor Wu's administration reached a tentative labor agreement with Dorchester-based Firefighters Local 718 after late-night discussions on Sunday night in the back room of the Brendan Behan Pub in Hyde Square, according to a City Hall source.

The agreement was announced at the Greater Boston Labor Council's Labor Day breakfast, which drew hundreds of union members, labor leaders, and top Massachusetts elected officials to the Boston Park Plaza hotel.

The union, which had previously clashed with the Wu administration over vaccine mandates and helped fund an outside group opposing the mayor in the 2021 election, has roughly 1,600 members and is based at Dorchester's Florian Hall.

In her speech to breakfast attendees, Wu noted that when she entered office in November 2021, 48 city union contracts had expired. Her administration committed to moving quickly to settle those matters with wages and benefits the city's workforce deserves, she said.

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#### Police, Courts & Fire



A four-alarm fire that started at 37 Holiday St. in Dorchester around 3:30 p.m. on Monday (Sept. 4) spread to two neighboring houses before it was put out. The rear porches of 37 Holiday collapsed. One firefighter suffered a minor injury, and 35 people were displaced. The cause is under investigation.

Courtesy photo

#### Man shot to death across from Franklin Park

Boston police officers arriving at Old Road where it meets Columbia Road near Franklin Park just before midnight on Saturday night found Xavier Rivas, 22, of Roxbury, lying on the ground with multiple gunshot wounds. He was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Police arrested Mikai Thomson, 21, of Dorchester, around 3 p.m. on Sunday at Albert and Ruggles streets in Roxbury. He was charged with murdering Rivas along with assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon and illegal possession of a loaded firearm.

Thomson was initially charged on a warrant for assault and battery on a police officer and gun charges for an incident on Aug. 21, but over the weekend police linked him to Rivas's death, which ended a stretch of more than a month in which Boston did not have any murders.

Two people were shot inside Macumba Latina at 477 River St. in Mattapan Square shortly before 12:45 a.m. Monday morning (Sept. 4). Police arrested Regan Feliz, 29, of Jamaica Plain, for the loaded gun they say he had in his waistband as he ran away from the scene. Police say an officer was already on River Street in response to neighborhood complaints about illegally parked cars when she spotted people running from Macumba Latina and was told that someone was shot inside.

Police found a victim in the club, and a second man got into a car and was driven to a local hospital. Neither victims' injuries were considered life threatening, police say. In addition to the gun police say Feliz had, officers recovered a second loaded gun at the scene. Officers also found gunfire damage inside the club.

# Former Transit cop charged in Ashmont assault cover-up case

The FBI last Friday arrested former MBTA Transit Police sergeant David Finnerty, 47, of Rutland, on charges that he helped one of his underlings cover up the way that an officer used a baton to beat a homeless man at the Ashmont T station and then arrested the beaten man for attacking him.

Finnerty faces a potential sentence of up to 20 years in prison if convicted on two counts of making false reports, the US Attorney's office in Boston said. His arrest comes several months after the Suffolk County District Attorney's office had dropped its case against him, saying it had found new computerized arrest-log data showing Finnerty was not to

Finnerty was an on-duty TPD supervisor when Officer Dorston Bartlett

reportedly attacked the 32-year-old man and arrested him on a fake assault-and-battery charge on July 27, 2018. Last year, Bartlett pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of assault and battery, rather than assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a civil-rights violation and filing a false police report, and was sentenced to probation.

According to the federal indictment, Finnerty "falsified an arrest report regarding the incident" by including made-up information and omitting key facts. The indictment does not detail the problems with the report.

An account by the Suffolk County District Attorney's office on Bartlett's arrest in 2019 on state charges stated: "In support of that charge [for the fake assault and battery on a police officer], Finnerty allegedly

drafted a report that was submitted by Bartlett and ultimately approved by Orcel [another TPD supervisor]. Later that same morning, a member of the Transit Police command staff learned of Bartlett's use of force and reviewed both a preliminary draft of that report and video from public safety cameras at Ashmont station.

"Based on his observations, he ordered the victim released from custody, charges were not issued, and the criminal investigation was launched."

But in October 2022, DA Kevin Hayden's office submitted a filing to drop the case citing evidence that disproved its earlier contention.

In a statement last week, Transit Police Police Chief Kenneth Green said: "We are thankful to the US Attorney's Office and the FBI-Boston Division for their dedication and unbiased review of this matter. When the Suffolk County DA made the inconceivable decision to Nolle Prosequi [dismiss the case], we were astounded. I have always maintained since Hayden's action that if/ when this matter was reviewed with an ethical and professional lens, this would be the outcome. This indictment speaks for itself."

Hayden's office responded with its own statement: "We've never tarnished the professionalism of our office by engaging in a critical back-and-forth on this matter and we're not going to start now. The decision to file a nolle prosequi in this case was based on our evaluation of state law, and our ethical obligations as prosecutors in light of our office receiving exculpatory evidence from the MBTA on the eve of Finnerty's trial.

-REPORTER STAFF

# Man charged with firing gun in last week's fracas

Gerald Vick, 30, of Dorchester, who was arrested in the aftermath of a gun battle that left eight people with gunshot wounds near the J'ouvert parade on Aug. 26, has now been charged with firing the gun that hit six victims. No one was fatally injured. Vick was initially charged with illegal possession of a handgun modified to fire large numbers of bullets with a single trigger pull. He was also charged as an armed career criminal, which could mean long sentences if he's convicted on the other charges.

After the Talbot Avenue shooting, police arrested two people on charges they were part of the gun battle: Sebastian Fernandez, 21, and a 17-year-old who himself was one of the wounded and was taken to a local hospital for care. A fourth man, Dwayne Francis, 30, of Dorchester, was also arrested at the shooting scene, for possession of a loaded handgun, police say.

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

First Baptist Church Dorchester hosts its annual Flea Market on Sat., Sept. 23, and Sat., Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors wanted. For more info contact 617-282-1391or fbcd@fbcdorchester. com.

A long stretch of Dorchester Avenue will be closed the vehicular traffic and open to pedestrians on **Sunday, Sept. 17, as part of the Open Streets Boston initiative.** Dot Ave. will be closed between Ashmont Street and Freeport Street from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. See boston.gov for more info.

St. Mark's Community Education Program hosts "Opening Doors: Celebrating Immigrant Success Stories" on Sat., Sept. 16, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with former Boston mayor and former US Labor Secretary Marty Walsh. Tickets are on sale now at stmarkesol.org.

The Melville Park Neighborhood Yard Sale is set for Sat., Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date is Sept. 10) ... The Melville Park Neighborhood Association will resume it monthly meetings on Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at The Epiphany School. The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. for a proposed new building at 81 Hancock St., Dorchester. The purpose

of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application (SPRA) that was filed and its potential impacts. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public. The proposal consists of an approximately 32,309-square-foot building divided into 39 residential dwelling units — 24 studio units, 3 one-bedroom units, 6 two-bedroom units, and 6 three-bedroom units. See notification on Page 17 for more info on how to join the meeting.

The Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale is set for this Saturday (Sept. 9) from 9 a.m. to 2p.m. Rain date: Sept.16. For more information, email: savinhill@outlook.com

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

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music plans a

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

Franklin Park Jazz and R&B Festival is set for Sat., Sept. 16, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. with Rollins Ross with Mike Rollins, Angelena and the Unit, Midnight Crew, and headliner Avery Sunshine. See franklinparkcoalition.org for more.

The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance, WS Development, Amazon, and DMSE Sports, will host the sixth annual MR8K, a 5-mile race in Boston's Seaport District on Sun., Oct. 15. Registration is now open at mr8k.org.

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# New principal at Holmes School believes that 'we can do something incredible' here

#### By SETH DANIEL News Editor

As long-time Dorchester resident Lianne Hughes-Odom takes on her first leadership role this week on opening day at the small Oliver Wendell Holmes K-6 school, she brings no shortage of enthusiasm back to the community where she grew up.

Hughes-Odom, 34, said that while many in Dorchester grew up, got educated, and got out, she has instead been deliberate about returning to her home base after teaching stints elsewhere in the city.

"Being from the 'hood and being from Dorchester, I felt it was my moral responsibility to come back to the place that raised me," she said. "Some people go to school and leave the neighborhood – they get out. For me, every decision I made was to be able to come back to my community. I lived just two streets from here."

A cursory internet search shows discouraging testing results for schools in Dorchester, but Hughes-Odom said she believes there is "brilliance in the block" that hasn't been tapped into. The Holmes, which is

located on School Street ah Quincy Lower and in the West of Washington neighborhood, seats approximately 300 students in grades K-6, and is about 97 percent students of color. Though testing scores are not where she would like, she predicted the school will rise above its challenges.

"Right now, I want to say publicly that the Holmes will be the greatest elementary school in Boston," she said. "We're just a work in progress. But I believe we can do something incredible in one of the Blackest and Brownest schools...We can tap into this brilliance and the staff here and the community here. Our overall community is so rich...The Holmes is a vibe.'

Hughes-Odom grew up in Boston, raised by a single mother – Paula Hughes – until she was 13. It was then that her mother married Boston Police Officer Cornell Paterson, who works with the Police K-9 unit and is also a well-known martial arts instructor, the founder of the East Coast School of Combined Martial Arts in Lower Mills. She attended the Eliot School in the North End until second grade, then switched to the Josi-

Upper Schools through graduation. She attended Wheelock College, where she earned her undergraduate diploma, and UMass Boston for her master's degree. She will finish her doctorate in education at the University of Pennsylvania in May.

She has previously taught at TechBoston Academy, Mario Umana Academy in East Boston, and was a learning principal at Boston Latin Academy and the Mozart School in Jamaica Plain

"I'm Boston born, Dorchester raised, and I'm also a product of Boston Public Schools," she proclaims. "I tell everyone I've been in BPS since I was five years old, except for three years when I worked for the Lewis Family Foundation.'

One of her biggest focuses will be on literacy and making sure that every student is a proficient reader. Other challenges include making sure the building and outdoor space reflect the excitement of the staff and students. In that vein, a schoolyard that hasn't been improved since the 1990s got some momentum this summer in applying for a \$1 million Community Preservation Act grant. There's hope that will come through, and more capital improvements will follow.

"I feel we say Black and Brown lives matter but vet the physical spaces of buildings don't reflect that," she said, noting some kids have asked for simple things like swings.

To get to "greatness," Hughes-Odom will lean on a huge "Rolodex" of community folks who have invested in her since she was a child, including Robert Lewis Jr., Big Sisters of Greater Boston, Michael Curry, Harriet Lewis, Mark Culliton, Jackie Jenkins Scott, Bak Fun Wong, the late Keith Love, and her Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority sisters.

She will also count on her in-laws. She is married to Tyrone Odom, the son of Ron and Kim Odom who are community activists, pastors, and co-leaders of the Redefining Our Community (ROC) neighborhood association in Dorchester.

"I married into a family that has deep roots and I have deep roots," she said. "My mother-in-law, Kim, is an alumna of the Holmes. That just

Lianne Hughes-Odom, the new principal at Dorchester's Oliver Wendell Holmes K-6 school, said she has come back to the neighborhood to create the greatest elementary school in the city. Seth Daniel photo

further deepens my why - why I do what I am doing."

The result will hopefully be about changing the narrative of Dorchester and Mattapan students, and their community, starting this school term. "My leadership team – I feel we can re-shape that narrative," she said. "My dad always says do something impossible and I feel like we can do the impossible here.'

Read about other new BPS school leaders in the neighborhood at dotnews. com

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# Near a year in, BPS chief Skipper is given positive grade, with 'a great deal' left to do

## By Max Larkin WBUR

After observing her on the job for close to a year, the Boston School Committee has given BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper a mixed-to-positive first evaluation.

Though they gestured at areas for improvement, the seven members of the panel judged her as having been "proficient" overall in her first year.

On a numerical scale ranging from 1 ("Ineffective") to 5 ("Highly Effective"), the members' overall scores average to 3.7 — slightly below the mark of 4 that Skipper gave herself in a self-evaluation submitted in July.

The annual evaluation was published last Wednesday afternoon and discussed at a school committee meeting later that evening. It is grouped into four categories, including instructional leadership, management and operations, family and community engagement, and professional culture.

Skipper took the helm of the state's largest school district — with



Superintendent of Boston Public Schools Mary Skipper makes a statement during a press conference announcing the addition of 20 new electric school buses to the Boston Public Schools' fleet.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

around 50,000 students projected this fall — last September, just months after city and district leaders had agreed to a "systemic improvement plan" with Massachusetts education officials, averting the possible state takeover of BPS.

Her first year was marked by unusual scru-

tiny: Skipper received regular audits about the district's shortcomings — in areas from special education to transportation and data handling — that she is now tasked with improving.

Even as they praised Skipper for confronting that work, some school committee members said the district still suffers from longstanding problems, like superficial or delayed community engagement. Others pressed Skipper to develop a fair and coherent master plan for school buildings.

In their summative evaluation, committee members acknowledged that Skipper only assumed leadership after the hiring and budgeting processes were complete. That constrained her ability to make "significant changes or new investments" in her first year on the job, wrote members Stephen Alkins and Michael O'Neill, who prepared the report. The panel will vote on whether to approve it on Sept. 13.

#### Concerns: Planning, Equity, Operations

In her self-evaluation, Skipper noted her settlement of outstanding labor contracts and the ongoing rollout of more inclusive education for students with disabilities and multilingual learners. She also touted her stepped-up recruitment of bus drivers in an effort to stave off longtime transportation shortfalls.

She expressed a vision of an urban district that is "welcoming, safe, sustainable" and accommodating for all students. But she stressed there is "a great deal of work to be done" before achieving that vision in Boston.

Judging by their individual evaluations and remarks, committee members agree and are pushing Skipper to make progress on persistent problem areas.

Brandon Cardet-Hernandez, who has served on the committee since 2022, gave her the lowest marks among the evaluators, judging her "minimally effective" in areas of community engagement and management and operations and giving her an overall rating of "developing."

Cardet-Hernandez —

Cardet-Hernandez — a reliably outspoken member of the committee — offered examples of instances where the district's large and byzantine central office seemed to get in the way of progress.

"On multiple occasions," Cardet-Hernandez wrote, "we had staff coming to School Committee meetings to share complaints around going unpaid and the issue remaining unresolved." He also rapped BPS's central office for "struggling" in community relations.

Without offering specific examples, he wrote, "We continue to roll out plans, policies, and priorities without a backward-designed engagement plan." He added that communications to families often overuse "platitudes, acronyms, and jargon" that discourage "authentic engagement."

That concern was echoed in the review by Rafaela Polanco Garcia, who joined the committee in 2021 as its first primarily Spanish-speaking member.

Polanco Garcia called on Skipper to build deeper relationships with community organizations that reach families without legal immigration status.

In June, along with Mayor Wu, Skipper championed the proposed move of the high-performing John D. O'Bryant School from Roxbury to West Roxbury—an announcement that caught many community members off-guard, though a community process is now underway.

Others who gave Skipper comparatively low marks — like O'Neill, the committee's vice chair — explained it as a function of her relatively brief tenure.

O'Neill highlighted her efforts to curb chronic absenteeism among city students, and to expand career and technical offerings, but wrote that "results will better indicate if that baseline work was effective."

## Progress: Culture and Leadership

Meanwhile, nearly all of the committee members found things to celebrate in Skipper's first year, such as building a thorough understanding of the district and for beginning to foster a "culture of high expectations."

For his part, Quoc Tran wrote that she helped advance programming for both English learners and students with disabilities and made key hires in positions of leadership.

Under the agreement signed last summer, state education officials are monitoring those populations closely, since BPS has persistently come up short in providing those students the services to which they're entitled under state and federal law.

Tran also said the superintendent "conducts herself exemplarily" in district business and comes to committee meetings "well prepared and armed with cogent explanations to inquiries."

Others agreed. Committee chair Jeri Robinson cheered Skipper's successful settlement of the district's 18 outstanding collective bargaining agreements, writing that, as a result, "morale has been boosted and workers feel respected."

Meanwhile Tran, who gave Skipper her best evaluation — of "highly effective" overall — singled out community engagement as a lone area for growth.

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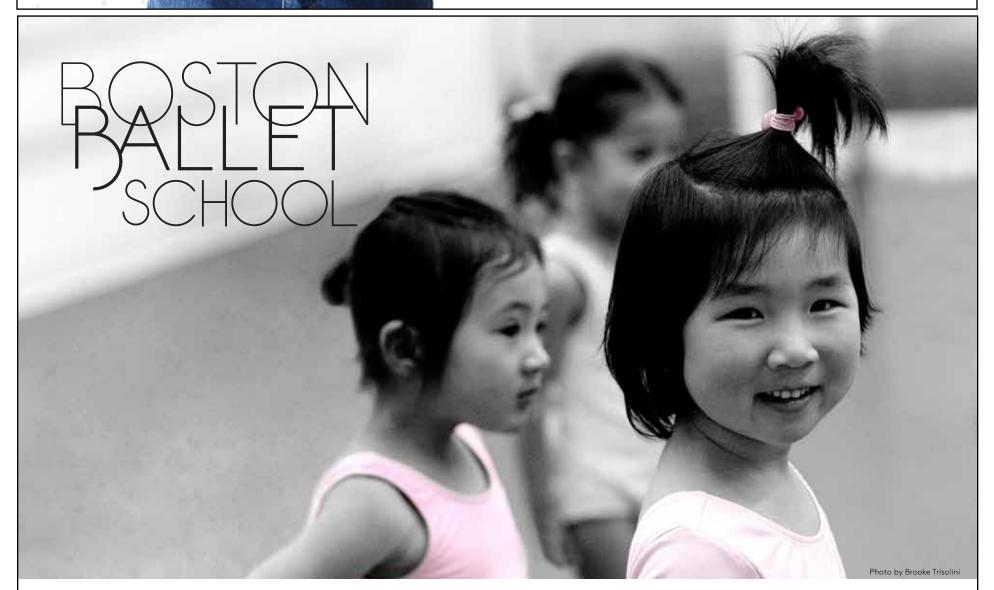
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between noon and 8 p.m., as will St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church in Roslindale. City Hall will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the same purpose on Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday.

The deadline for vote-by-mail ballots was Tuesday of this week, Sept. 5.

Among the competitive races, District 3 is the only open seat, with seven people running to replace Frank Baker, who was first elected in 2011 and decided against running for another two-year term. \(\Gamma\) In the others, incumbents who have faced scandals over the last year are contending with challengers for their seats.

Here is a look at the ballots in the districts that touch Dorchester and Mattapan.

- **District 3,** which stretches from the Neponset River up Dorchester Avenue and into the South End, has its first open seat in more than a decade. The seven candidates include John FitzGerald, an official with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) who lives in Adams Village; Jennifer Johnson, a Meetinghouse Hill activist; Matt Patton, a Savin Hill labor lawyer; Joel Richards, who lives in Fields Corner and teaches in the South End; Barry Lawton, a former schoolteacher who lives in the Uphams Corner/Savin Hill area; Ann M. Walsh, a Lower Mills resident who recently led an education nonprofit; and housing activist Rosalind Wornum, who lives in Ashmont. Their answers to the *Reporter* questionnaire are available on DotNews.com.
- **District 5** Councillor Ricardo Arroyo, first elected in 2019, is aiming to survive the preliminary and get one of the two slots after a spate of scandals, from a \$3,000 fine for serving as an attorney to his brother Felix in legal actions involving City Hall to encouraging former US Attorney Rachael Rollins to leak damaging information about DA Kevin Hayden, his opponent in the 2022 Suffolk DA's race. Arroyo's three opponents in the preliminary are former Boston Police officer Jose Ruiz of Hyde Park; Roslindale's Enrique Pepen, a former aide to Mayor Wu and former Councillor Tito Jackson; and Mattapan's Jean-Claude Sanon, who has previously run for the seat.
- **District 7** has Dorchester's Tania Fernandes Anderson, first elected in 2021, is running for reelection. She is facing two perennial candidates, Althea Garrison and Roy Owens, as well as Dorchester resident Jerome King and Padma Scott, an anti-vaccine candidate. Garrison, who frequently runs for public office, has previously served as a state representative and city councillor. In mailers, Garrison noted that Anderson, who chairs the Council's Ways and Means Committee, proposed to cut money from veterans and police. Garrison also pointed to Anderson violating ethics rules by hiring relatives to work as council staffers. Anderson, who failed in attempting to over-

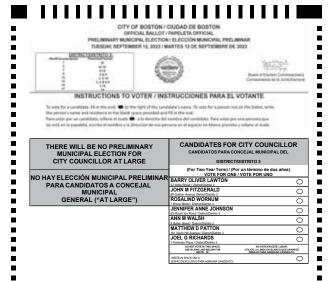
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ride several mayoral vetoes, has previously said she regretted the proposed cut to a veterans' line item. Addressing the ethics violation, which came with a \$5,000 fine, Anderson said on Twitter in July that she "messed up and should have paid attention to those training videos." She added: "I corrected it as soon as I knew better. But I hurt my sister by not doing my research. I had to fire her while her husband waited for a heart transplant."

## A super PAC starts its spending in Council races

A super PAC funded primarily by a real estate businessman stepped into three City Council races this week. Formed in August, the group, called "Boston Forward," does not have fundraising or spending limits, but it is not allowed to coordinate with the candidates it supports.

Charles M. Talanian, owner of C. Talanian Realty Co., poured \$10,000 into the super PAC, which spent

roughly \$3,000 on advertising, including front page ads in the *Boston Herald*.

Talanian has donated to a variety of Massachusetts politicians, including former mayors Marty Walsh and Thomas Menino, as well as former Gov. Charlie Baker, according to publicly available campaign finance records. In 2016, Talanian was an event chair of a Cape Cod fundraiser for then-candidate Donald Trump.

The three candidates the super PAC is backing include FitzGerald in District 3, Ruiz in District 5, and William King in District 6. Councillor Kendra Lara is running for reelection in District 6 while facing charges tied to her crashing her car in Jamaica Plain. Attorney Ben Weber is also a District 6 candidate.

Endorsements kept flowing, too: FitzGerald picked up the support of hotel workers union UNITE HERE Local 26 and the Ward 16 Democratic Committee on Tuesday, while Walsh, the former mayor, endorsed Ruiz in District 5.

## District 3 candidates top priority from the Reporter questionnaire

The Reporter surveyed the seven candidates on what each one's top priority would be if they were elected to the District 3 seat. Their answers were edited and condensed for clarity.

John FitzGerald: "I am invested in this community and decided to raise my family here. I am running for City Council because I want to make it easier for other families to do the same. I have spent the past 17 years working at Boston City Hall, and I know the building inside and out. I know how it works, and more importantly, I know how to make it work for you and for our community."

**Jennifer Johnson:** "Housing. The city has a housing crisis for those not already owners. We need more housing, and more housing that the average person can afford. Our housing should be for everyone who wants to live in the city, from restaurant to home health care workers to teachers, police officers and fire fighters, CEOs and our seniors. Additionally, we need policies that don't force renters to move every couple of years. There is a general misunderstanding that renters are transient and don't want to live long-term in District 3. I've spoken to many who love Dorchester and District 3 being forced out by costs."

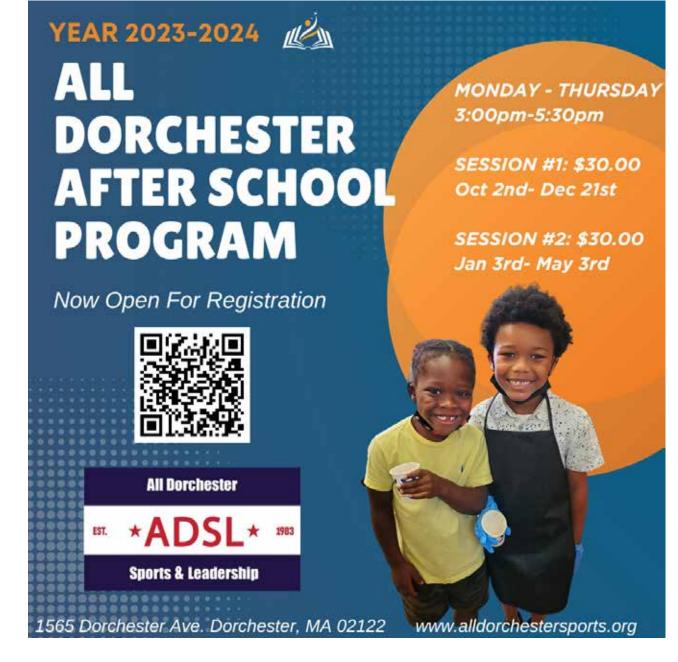
Barry Lawton: "I will prioritize the most challenging issues facing District 3, including increasing state aid, renegotiating the 'Pilot Program,' which offers tax-exempt status to colleges and universities, public safety, violence prevention, safe and affordable housing, education, immigration, health and senior care, youth development, traffic enforcement, parking, infrastructure improvements and equity, clean energy, clean air, dogs parks, rodent control and tax breaks for owner-occupied multi-family dwellings. Many challenges are interrelated and require a comprehensive view and commensurate political strategy."

**Matt Patton:** "We must build a more affordable, welcoming city for the next generation so that everyone in Boston has the opportunity to succeed. This means having access to a high-quality education, reasonably priced housing, and safe streets."

**Joel Richards:** "Education. This side of Boston hasn't seen a school built here in fifty years, and our current schools are lacking the proper facilities, equipment, and maintenance our students deserve. As City Councilor, I will work with my union, community groups, parents, and students to demand a budget that brings opportunity to all students and updates our educational infrastructure."

Ann M. Walsh: "I am focused on eliminating what I call the 'Secret Knock' that keeps information that should be common knowledge instead only accessible to certain networks. As City Councilor, I will work to ensure that all District 3 residents have the opportunity to access a world class education, an affordable home in a safe neighborhood, an effective transit system, and a greener future, so that we not only survive, but thrive together in this great city."

**Rosalind Wornum:** "Housing. I know what it's like to be homeless, my mother experienced homelessness. Mental health is a priority for me as well because a lot of the issues we face in our communities, especially around crime prevention, gun control, and other issues involve folks with underlying mental health components, which in some cases people are misdiagnosed or not getting the services they need."



# Healey activates National Guard to help with services at shelters

of migrants from other countries, Gov. Healey last week activated up to 250 National Guard members to provide basic services at emergency shelter hotels.

Her office announced the move Thursday afternoon (Aug. 31), saying that her executive order applies to locations that

Facing a steady influx do not have a contracted service provider. Guard members this week will be assigned to hotels to ensure basic needs of families are met.

The administration also said it is also launching regional rapid response teams to assist with overseeing shelter sites and serve as a direct contact to the administration to address any concerns.

There are 6,000 families in emergency shelters and Healey has declared a state of emergency due to "rapidly rising numbers of migrant families arriving in Massachusetts, requiring the state's emergency shelter system to expand in an unsustainable manner."

"We need all hands on deck to meet this moment and ensure families have access to safe shelter and basic services," the governor said on Thursday. "We're grateful to the brave men and women of the National Guard for stepping up to help us ensure that every family in emergency shelter has their needs met,

care, and education." The Guard will step in "while we work to im-

including access to food,

transportation, medical

plement a more permanent staffing solution," Healey said.

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Said Major General Gary Keefe, the adjutant general of the National Guard: "Our role in the response to the ongoing crisis will expand to leverage our multitude of robust and adaptable capabilities in emergency and domestic operations to help those in need."

- MICHAEL P. NORTON



Gov. Maura Healey "We need all hands on deck."

# Firefighters union, Wu reach tentative contract agreement



Mayor Wu and Sam Dillon, head of the Boston firefighters union 718, at the Greater BostonLabor Council's Labor Day breakfast on Monday inside the Park Plaza hotel.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

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"Last night," she said, "we took another major step toward delivering on that commitment."

Once ratified by its members, the agreement would leave just the police unions without contracts.

This tentative agreement is the result of months of staying at the table together, bargaining focused on what our city needs, what our communities need, and what the brave individuals who keep them safe need every day," Wu said. "This is also a testament to our administration's unflagging focus on settling all of our contracts.

She said the practice of reacting to labor issues only when they come up should be left behind. Regarding the city's various union contracts, Wu said, our administration will stay on top of them and do whatever it takes to never allow a contract to expire without another contract that's ready to go."

Sam Dillon, the head of the firefighters union, spoke briefly on stage before the mayor, and quipped that he was looking forward to her speech and "hanging on every word" she was going to say. He teed up the mayor's announcement, saying he expected to hear about her "commitment to union workers."

Before the breakfast got underway, Wu and Dillon, both smiling, spoke with each other and clasped hands before going their separate ways in the ballroom. Wu's senior adviser for labor, Lou Mandarini III, stood off to the side.

In her speech, Wu gave a shoutout to Mandarini's father, Greater Boston Labor Council President Lou Mandarini II, who, she said, is enjoying a "wellearned retirement after more than 50 years with Laborers' Local 22. Since before I started my political career in 2013, Lou has been a mentor, guide, and trusted adviser. I'll miss you, Lou.





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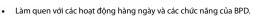
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# Triple Decker Candle lights up for kids making their wishes

(Continued from page 1) try to focus on Boston or Dorchester, and four times a year I will run a month-long special candle," said Keough. "I'll sell the candle for \$20, and I'll donate 50 percent, so \$10 per candle goes to the nonprofit."

Her most recent collaboration is with Make-A-Wish Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The nonprofit's chief advancement officer, George Deveney, is also a Dorchester resident and a regular customer at Triple Decker Candle Co. So Deveney and Keough combine their passions to collaborate on a Make-A-Wish candle.

Like Keough, Deveney found inspiration for the project during Covid time. "Wishes are all around us," said Deveney. "During the pandemic, I spent a lot of time out in our front yard engaging with neighbors. I came across some who had been granted wishes when they were younger, so you realize the more vou look around. the more families and communities' lives have all been touched by the power of a wish come true."

For this fundraiser, Deveney connected Keough with seven Make-A-Wish children. Two of themint-



Mikayla, age 9, is one of two artists behind the illustrations on the candles. In front of her are four of the six candles, each candle includes her handwriting which was used to create the Make-A-Wish Mass. and RI 40th anniversary font.

\*Dalia Sadaka/Make-A-Wish photo\*

erpreted and illustrated the wishes of the five other Make-A-Wish kids.

"We started off as we were going to do one candle. Then we [thought] maybe we should do two candles, one that celebrates Make-A-Wish's 40th anniversary and another one that's representative of a wish," said Deveney. "But really there are five kinds of

wish types and at the end of our meeting someone said, 'Wouldn't it be great if we had a candle for every wish type?'"

They finally arrived at six candles: five wishes and an anniversary candle, all of which can be purchased either individually, or as a complete set beginning this Saturday (Sept.9).

The artwork on the

candles was completed by Make-A-Wish children Mikayla Morais and Aisha Ramos-Gomes, who is also a Dorchester resident.

The first candle Triple Decker announced was the "To Have" one. The bamboo and coconut-scented candle shares 17-year-old Cameron Allen's wish for custom-fitted golf clubs.

The Mendon resident has Marfan's Syndrome, which prevents him from playing contact sports. Allen did not let his diagnosis stop him from competing and he discovered a passion for golf. His 7-foot-1 stature, however, makes it difficult to find clubs that fit.

The second candle shares 7-year-old Raelyn Augusto's wish to be a pastry chef. Augusto is from Lincoln, Rhode Island, and was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL). She used her wish to travel to California and work in a kitchen with professionals. Her candle is inspired by her time cooking and baking, scented like lemon pound cake.

The remaining three wish candles will be announced as the launch day approaches. They display Celia Jan's wish to go to Hawaii, Jose Rios-Bello's wish to meet a sports legend, and Allison Brock's wish to give back by planting trees along the railway.

Before working with Make-A-Wish, Keough did not fully realize the impact the nonprofit had on her community. "When I first knew about Make-A-Wish, it seemed like this huge, broad company that was kind of just all over the coun-

try. But when I talked to George and learned more about it, I was surprised to learn that the wishes are granted to kids who live in Dorchester, in Boston, in Massachusetts," she said. "This is a local nonprofit helping local families."

The collaboration between Make-A-Wish and Triple Decker Candle Co. can, she says, help other Bostonians realize what's happening in their neighborhoods and purchasing the candles gives residents an easy and accessible way to make a difference.

"I think Make-A-Wish has a reputation of being a big nonprofit that doesn't need our help and doesn't make a difference right in our backyards. But that's not the case," Keough said. "I hope these candles help Dorchester and Boston people realize that this is a local nonprofit helping their neighbors and their friends."

Candles can be purchased beginning on Sept. 9 online at triple deckercandleco.com/shop or in Triple Decker's storefront at 2258 Dorchester Ave., which is open every Saturday. Additional store hours are shared on social media at instagram.com/tripledeckercandleco/.

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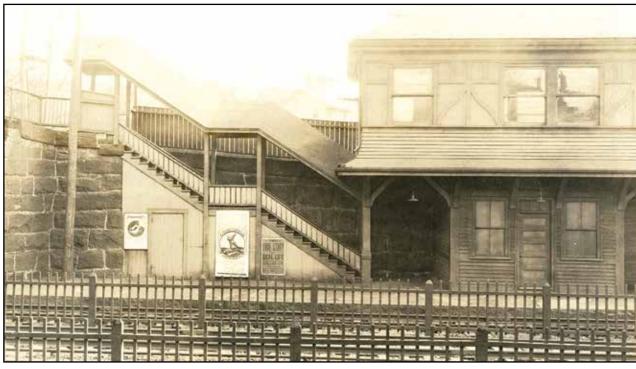
# BPL exhibit lays out role of streetcars in building of modern-day Dorchester

#### By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

From the ferries and stagecoaches of the 19th century to the trains, buses, and trolleys of today, Greater Bostonians have used public transit to make their way around the region. With routes planned out 150 years ago still in use, the city's neighborhoods are living with the shape of its transit system, albeit slowly these days due to underinvestment spanning decades.

Today's Dorchester has the Red Line and the trolley line that goes on to Mattapan Square after a dip into neighboring Milton running through it, but it was the streetcars of yesteryear that re-shaped what was a mostly pastoral setting right up to the dawn of the 20th century.

"Dorchester is one of the great examples of an urban neighborhood that was built by streetcar service," said Garrett Dash Nelson, the president and head curator of the Leventhal Map and Education Center at the Boston Public Library. "Its transformation from an agricultural community to urban residential community was almost entirely a function of the



Savin Hill train station in November 1924.

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car network."

The public will get a chance to study the transformation through the cartography inside Nelson's center at the BPL's Copley Square branch. A free exhibit, "Getting Around Town," will open this Saturday, Sept. 9, and run through April.

expansion of the street-

The exhibit is being guest-curated by architect Steven Beaucher, who authored the book "Boston in Transit" and

owns WardMaps LLC in Cambridge, a store that sells antique and vintage maps. The exhibit will feature maps from Beaucher's collections along with ones from the Leventhal Center and the Boston Public Library system.

"Understanding the degree to which Boston has a transit system that evolved over many centuries is really important to understanding how we live today," said Nelson.

One of the takeaways

Courtesy city of Boston archives

for Nelson, a regular Orange Line rider, is how uneven public transit is throughout the metropolitan region, due either capricious choices made long ago or historical chance as time went by. Some parts of Greater Boston are well-covered by public transit while others are left to go without, and that map overlaps with socioeconomic patterns, with poorer communities facing longer commuting times.

The surface railways that built urban/residential Dorchester, and traversed its main arteries (Dorchester Ave., Washington Street, Blue Hill Ave, Columbia Road, etc.) are almost completely gone, with some of the routes now covered by buses. The streetcars, privately owned, were

unprofitable through most of their history before the companies began experimenting with motor buses.

"When you look at some of the early twentieth century maps, you see how the city was interconnected and how people in neighborhoods like Dorchester would almost all have been living in close distance to a street railway or a heavy railway," Nelson said. "That's pretty different from today where we have a network of buses that feed rapid transit lines that are mostly focused on getting people downtown to downtown jobs."

Up to the 1920s, said Nelson, "The map of a public transit system in Dorchester was the map of how almost everybody was getting around. "There wasn't any other option, other than your feet."

The rapid shift to mass automobile ownership at that time changed things, according to Nelson. With  $public\, tr \overset{\circ}{a} ns it\, a\, collection$ of disparate companies, chief among them the Boston Elevated Railway, state officials moved to organize all entities under a single agency by buying the companies and, in 1947, setting up the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), now the Metropolitan Bay Transit Authority (MBTA), often referred to as the T.

But with state control came customer service cutbacks driven by the lack of profitability. In today's Boston, there are only a handful of areas where public transit is the dominant form of commuting.

"When we think about why the system's expansion and even its state of good repair slowed down in the late 20th century, you have to look at questions of who has power, who is being represented in the political system, who has money," he said.

Those are all questions that people who step into the Leventhal Center can weigh. "We want visitors to come away thinking about the present and future and understand the historical shape of what happened," Nelson said.

More information on the exhibit is available at leventhalmap.org.



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# Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

# 'ProBlak' Gibbs moves on from Artists for Humanity

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Rob "ProBlak" Gibbs,
the muralist and
co-founder of Artists

co-founder of Artists For Humanity (AFH), will be transitioning from his role at AFH and setting his artistic sights on other stages.



Rob 'Problak' Gibbs will be transitioning from the Artists for Humanity organization he co-founded more than 30 years ago to pursue the next phase of his artistic journey.

Photo by Artists For Humanity (NGonzales)

Gibbs currently is based in Mattapan, where he recently won a city of Boston grant to begin operating a gallery and community art space on Blue Hill Avenue. That venture is separate from AFH.

Gibbs said that "investing time, creativity, and love into building a beautiful community of young people and emerging artists has always driven so much of my work both at AFH and beyond. That commitment remains as I am transitioning to continue my artistic journey and share my practice with a broader local, national, and international audience."

AFH has been for many years both a base and a

springboard for Gibbs to develop his craft, to elevate the brand of AFH, and to build community. Said his fellow AFH co-founder, Jason Talbot, who also holds the title of managing director of programs, "When we were coming up with this whole AFH thing and we were putting together these plans, he was always there as the voice of the community, speaking for the young people who live here, grow up here, who have this unique Boston experience and with that, provide insight that really made this program of ours incredibly enriching for the young people who came here."

Gibbs's multi-faceted career is the result of years of nurturing his expression in parallel with those he has mentored. In turn, he has grown as an artist while leading countless projects at AFH and mentoring more than three decades worth of teens and emerging artists.

During this past year, Gibbs'launched the AFH Artists Fellowship Program, which has been an opportunity to create a full circle moment to re-engage program alumni. Ayana Mack, a member of the inaugural cohort said that "Rob's authenticity, work ethic, and guidance throughout the fellowship have pushed me to be more confident in my work, try new things, and continue to lean into the support and love from our community of artists, friends and fellows.'

There will be an enduring connection between Gibbs and AFH, including his serving as a champion and advocate for AFH's mission and work. In addition to this, he will join AFH's Board of Advisors, a group of highly influential professionals who volunteer, network, and serve as ambassadors for AFH.



Dorchester resident Woody Farrick, at far left, is shown rehearsing last month with Triad Theatre Company (TTC) to present "A Wrinkle in Time," adapted for the stage by John Glore, at Curtain Call Theatre (CCT) in Braintree on Sept. 22, 23, 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 24 and Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. Adapted from Madeleine L'Engle's much-loved classic novel, Meg Murry travels through time and space

Adapted from Madeleine L'Engle's much-loved classic novel, Meg Murry travels through time and space battling the forces of evil with her brother Charles Wallace, friend and neighbor Calvin O'Keefe, and celestial beings Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which to rescue her father and save humanity, and along the way she discovers herself.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at triadtheatrecompany.com. Triad Theatre Company is located at Curtain Call Theatre, 182 Commercial Street, Braintree. *Photo courtesy Triad Theatre Company* 

# Larget-Caplan arrangement of Cage's 'Bacchanale' wins Music Publishers Assn. prize

REPORTER STAFF

The Music Publishers Association of the United States earlier this summer gave Revere Awards for Graphic Excellence to the Edition Peters publishing company for its presentation "Bacchanale" by John Cage that was arranged for two prepared guitars by Dorchester's Aaron Larget-Caplan.

Established in 1964 in honor of the 200th anniversary of the first music engraving in America by the revolutionary patriot silversmith Paul Revere, the awards were initially given as a means of alerting the music industry to the advantages of providing the best possible publication from the viewpoint of engraving, graphic arts, and production standards.

Today the awards still recognize outstanding examples of graphic design, with an emphasis on usability for orchestras, educators, libraries, and individuals.

The "Bacchanale" publication won second prize in Music for Fretted Instruments category.

Originally a solo work for prepared piano written in 1948 for fellow faculty member at the Cornish School, Syvilla Fort, "Bacchanale" requires the performer to "prepare" the piano. Larget-Caplan's arrangement of "Bacchanale" for two prepared guitars is published by Edition Peters USA and was released in the fall of 2022.

"Bacchanale" is the third in a series of John Cage arrangements for guitar done byLarget-Caplan. In 2021, Larget-Caplan's "Nights Transfigured, Volume 1 of the New Lullaby Project Anthology," published in partnership with the American Composers Alliance, won multiple awards, including first prize for Guitar Music Notesetting, and second prize for Book Design and Cover Design.



Uphams Corner resident Aaron Larget-Caplan won second prize in the annual Paul Revere Awards this summer for his guitar arrangement of John Cage's "Bacchanale."

### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

Dorchester Historical Society

Dr. Louise Purington

Louise Purington was a physician who lived on Allston Street from the 1880s until her death in 1916. She graduated from Mt. Holyoke Seminary in 1864 and from Hahnemann Medical College in 1874. She served as the National Superintendent of the Department of Health and Heredity for the National Women's Christian Temperance Union.



In 1903, at the World's Convention of the Women's Christian Temper-

ance Union in Geneva, Switzerland, Dr. Purington was appointed World Superintendent of the Department of Health.

In 1885, she and Ella Gilbert Ives established a private school for girls and operated it for nearly twenty-five years. Her published works included many articles for leading periodicals and these two

books: "The Literature of Missions," 1876, and "Medical Missions: Teaching and Healing," 1903.

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

# Students in the News

• Thayer Academy in Braintree - an independent coed day school for grades 5-12 - recently announced its Upper School (grades 9-12) honor rolls for the second semester. Local students include:

High Honors: Maxine Baker (11th Grade), Jaden Smith (11th Grade), Gabriella Monteiro (9th Grade), Ava Teehan (9th Grade).

Honors: Ava O'Brien (12th Grade), Isabelle (Belle) Loschiavo (11th Grade), Summer Perry (11th Grade), Annadelle Agbonjiazoe (10th Grade)
• Xaverian Brothers High School announced

• Xaverian Brothers High School announced its fourth-quarter honor roll, which included the names of Khang Nguyen, of Dorchester (Grade 11, Second Honors) and Hassan Whyte of Mattapan (Grade 11, Ryken Honors).

#### Editorial

# Brian Donnelly left a remarkable legacy

Brian Donnelly, the Lower Mills guy from St Gregory's parish who served six years as a Dorchester state rep and fourteen years as a member of Congress, will be memorialized this month when the Irish Cultural Centre gathers to present the first "Brian Donnelly Award for Leadership in Public Service". The event will honor Donnelly's legacy, with proceeds to support the cultural programs at the centre in Canton, say the organizers.



The inaugural awardee will be Jim Brett, himself also a former Dot state legislator and a lifelong advocate for persons with disabilities, currently chairing President Biden's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

"Brian Donnelly's commitment to public service spanned his entire career," the ICC stat-

ed. "One of his most passionate projects was creating the Donnelly Visa, which helped many in Ireland to emigrate to the United States to follow the American dream. This program extended to other nations and has had a profound impact on tens of thousands of families who now proudly call America home."

I was fortunate to have known Brian and his brother Paul from early on – they lived a couple of blocks from my house in Dorchester. They were raised in a family of generational ties to politics. Brian was elected State Rep in 1972, and in 1978 he went to Washington.

In 1993, after stepping down from Congress, my family and I joined him on our first trip to Ireland, where he was awarded an honorary degree from University College/Galway. Before we left Dorchester, Brian told me, "You're going to love Galway. It's a wonderful university town, full of life." He cautioned me, though: "You're going to see people there who you will swear you know from Lower Mills. They look just like people we know, but it's not them – it's their cousins."

I imagined I was bound to see faces that looked familiar.

Sure enough, near the Spanish Arch, I saw a guy standing on the corner, smoking a cigarette, and in the early evening twilight, he looked just like one of the Donnellys from Lower Mills. When I got closer, I realized it wasn't a Donnelly cousin; it was Brian himself, out catching some early evening breezes. He clearly loved that city, and he loved the heritage that propelled his career.

Later that year, Bill Clinton appointed him as ambassador to Trinidad & Tobago. On his return to Boston in late 1997, he sought the Democratic nomination for governor of Massachusetts. But he came up short in the '98 primary, and his party's candidate, Scott Harshbarger, lost the election to the interim incumbent, Paul Cellucci.

So ended Brian Donnelly's political life. He settled with his family in his home on Cape Cod, and regrettably, many of his longtime friends lost contact with him.

The memorial event this month will be a bittersweet one for this Brian Donnelly admirer. It was just ten months ago that he made a return visit to Ireland – his "farewell tour" – visiting with relatives, and meeting with US Ambassador Claire Cronin. We reported on his visit, and hoped it signaled a time for him to connect with old friends. But it wasn't to be. He passed away on Feb 28, 2023.

What will long linger with this award is the recognition by his hometown of Brian's legacy of honorable and meaningful public service. To me, that legacy, and a life well lived, adds up to something truly special.

- Ed Forry

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#### Commentary

# A gas station's sale spins me backward

#### By Tom Mulvoy Associate Editor

At the mid-point of the 20th century and the years following, St. Mark's parish's 1907 church sat at the center of a village comprising a collection of small business entrepreneurs operating along Dorchester Avenue a few blocks north of Ashmont Station and a few blocks south of Fields Corner.

There were two schools, St. Mark's behind the church and the Elbridge Smith public school two blocks away; there were two pioneer supermarkets, a First National Store and Connolly's Market; two pharmacies, Ogar's and Crawford's; two funeral parlors, Mulry's and Doherty's; two cobblers, Steve's and Nick's; two variety stores, Jim's at Lonsdale Street and Leon's at King Street; and two insurance agencies.

And there were a dozen or so owners who welcomed customers to their specialty businesses, among them Ernie Calabro's barber shop, O'Brien's bakery, the Edison furniture store, Bob Goldstein's Peabody Cleaners, Bill Curley's and Bob Shea's electrical contractor storefront, Benny Shwom's five-and-dime store, a launderette, Wilda John's salon, Mildred's card shop, and a few who came and went, earning little notice.

And there was Bill DeKarski and his indispensable (to all ages) Gulf station at the corner of Semont Road, the only vehicle service in the village. Bill is long departed, and his lot, most recently the site of a US Petroleum station, has been showing its age for a very long time. It made the news recently when the city approved a proposal by a developer to erect a 4-story, 14unit residential unit in that space, with room on the ground floor for a restaurant, and six onsite parking slots. The variables to a project like this – additional outside parking, condos or apartments, affordable units - await further discussion.



A four-story building will soon fill the lot where Bill DeKarski tended to neighborhood drivers's needs some 70 years ago. *Ed Forry photo* 

All that is about "now" – I'm back in a "then" zone, fetching memories of my growing-up years in that village and the personal ministrations of the gruff Mr. DeKarski working in his small office behind the gas pumps and next to the service bays.

As my friends and I moved into our mid-teens in the late 1950s and began driving lessons, Bill DeKarski moved into our lives in a significant way. In earlier times, this was the man who between working the pumps and making oil changes in the bays would come out and fix the chains on our fender-less bikes when they kept spinning off the tracks and tell us to run along. This was the guy who quickly fixed flat bicycle tires, and, in my case, told me more than once that I could pay him by being a good kid.

Soon, one by one, we gained access first to our parents' cars and then to our own used ones, paying in the low hundreds of dollars to an uncle, a friend's grandfather, or a local guy with five or six jalopies for sale. They were precious, but they were on their last legs, and we began hearing about alternators,

carburetors, tie rods, brake linings, and engine lock as we drove into Bill's station and waited for him to give the report. My memory is that he mostly said that he could work something out, but we had to leave the car at the station. What my memory doesn't tell me is how he got paid. I don't think I ever asked, but I later learned that my folks made good on the bills and that Bill didn't make much for work he did for us.

When I mentioned this story to my brother Bob, who was always along for the ride in those early 1950s days, he recalled the times when our mother was taking her five kids to Tenean or Malibu or Savin Hill beach in our 1939 Chrysler Coupe, and she'd stop in at the Gulf station and say, "Please give me a dollar's worth, Bill." At 27 cents a gallon and an average of 17 miles per, we now had about 70 miles in the tank.

So, a dilapidated service station lot is getting a new life, I'm thinking about a time when at that lot in our urban village in Dorchester, Bill DeKarski played a special key role in my young life, and I feel good

# Falls are the construction industry's deadliest hazard

## By Galen Blanton OSHA REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

As we honored the achievements and rights of America's workers on Labor Day this past Monday, we at the US Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration continue the agency's 53-year tradition of protecting the nation's workers by encouraging employers, large and small, to make safety and health a core value in every workplace in the nation.

Federal law provides every person who works in the United States the fundamental right to safe and healthful working conditions regardless of race, gender, age, nationality, immigration status or the language spoken. To protect these rights, employers must have effective workplace safety programs in place to control hazards associated with that particular industry, such as falls from heights – which continues to be the construction industry's deadliest hazard.

The risk of fatal or disabling falls exists whenever employers fail to provide legally required safeguards. In our region, there are some employers willing to gamble with their employees' lives such as The Roof Kings LLC, a Quincy roofing contractor. In September 2022, OSHA cited the company for exposing workers at a Mattapan worksite to potentially fatal falls, which was the 5th time OSHA has cited this employer for fall hazards since 2014.

Just a few months later, OSHA opened an inspection in December 2022 where inspectors observed employees exposed to falls of up to 18 feet as they removed shingles from an unprotected two-story roof. While no injuries occurred during these inspections, the risk was real and present.

Workplace safety is not a game of chance, its out-

come depending on whether an employer chooses to protect or risk its employees' well-being each day. The law requires all employers to train workers to recognize and avoid workplace hazards, including falls from heights. Employers should plan ahead to do the job safely, train employees properly and provide them with required fall protection and other safety equipment.

Incidents such as this remind us why we must demand that workplace culture focus on the importance of employee safety and its positive effects on worker safety and morale. When hazards are ignored, workers should never accept the unsafe conditions as "part of the job." Workers should feel comfortable sharing safety concerns with their employer. When employers ignore their responsibility or retaliate against employees, OSHA's recently expanded team of investigators in its Whistleblower Protection Program are available to ensure workers can exercise their rights.

In concert with our enforcement efforts, OSHA offers compliance assistance to employers and workers to improve workplace safety and health. For small businesses concerned about the expense of a review to identify and address safety and health hazards, we offer a no-cost and confidential visit from professionals in OSHA's On-Site Consultation Program, who can help design and establish or improve safety and health programs.

Every worker in our nation has the right to end each workday safe and healthy. OSHA exists to protect and enforce their rights by preventing employee injuries, illnesses and deaths. As we mark another Labor Day, everyone at OSHA encourages employers and employees alike to commit themselves to making safety and health a bedrock value at work.

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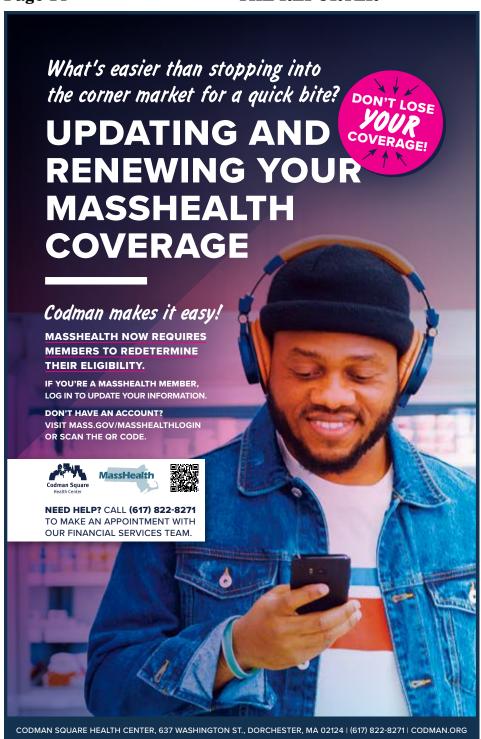
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# Polish Triangle 'enforcer' earns way onto Team USA play in Lake Placid

#### By SETH DANIEL News Editor

When Dorchester's Madelyn Murphy laces up her skates, don't expect to see kid gloves play on the ice; in fact, she takes the gloves off whenever she plays.

Aggressive, offensive-minded and self-described as "sometimes rough," Murphy burst onto the national hockey scene this summer in making the U18 USA Women's Select Hockey team and participating in its Rivalry Series with Canada in Lake Placid, NY, last month. Before that, she participated in the 2023 USA Hockey Festival in Lake Placid with games against the Swedish U18 team.

"I didn't expect it at all; it just kind of happened," said the 16-year-old Murphy in an interview after returning to Dorchester. "I obviously wasn't the best one at the camp, but I learned a lot. It was amazing to play with all these girls who are older, and most are headed to college. It was great to know the level of intensity that it takes to play in college or possibly beyond...In that kind of environment, you've got to go 100 percent all the time. There's no sitting back."

Her mother, Katie, said her drive is all her own, and her family is incredibly proud. "She did it herself. We drove her everywhere at the crack of dawn for hockey games and practices, but she did it herself. I think it had to do with always having to keep up with her older brother and sister. There were lots of hockey games she attended to watch them play and knee hockey around the house happened all the time. I think that had a lot to do with it."

With most of the girls on the U18



Before making the U18 national team, Madelyn Murphy played eight years of Dorchester Youth Hockey on its co-ed teams and as a captain on the Dexter-Southfield varsity girls' hockey team. She also plays club hockey for Assabet Valley in Concord, Mass. Photo courtesy USA Hockey

team headed off to college, and Murphy entering her junior year in high school, this month's experience was a unique opportunity for her to show her stuff. While the USA team got swept by Canada in the three-game Series, they played tough—none more than Murphy, who was the enforcer on the team and, as such, logged several penalty minutes against Canada.





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She made it clear during the game that she isn't afraid to be active in the defensive zone and go down ice to try to score. "There's a saying for defensemen that you never let anyone beat you to the net. The puck maybe can go through, but never the player. I definitely live by that and I'm definitely an aggressive player."

Murphy lives in the Polish Triangle with her father, Jimmy, her mother, and her siblings, Kaitlyn (19), James (17), and Christopher (8). She started school at the Perry School in South Boston, and in the fifth grade transferred to Dexter-Southfield School in Brookline, where she has been ever since.

Her hockey career began with the Learn to Skate program at Dorchester Youth Hockey (DYH), and then in the SCORE Boston program. After that, she played eight years of co-ed hockey with DYH – the only girl on the roster – during which time her team won a state championship and a league championship.

"I loved Dorchester and I think Dorchester is a great program," she said. "Here I was the only girl on the team for eight years and I still felt like 'one of the boys,' so to speak... Jeff Hampton was my coach for five years, but he always believed in me from day one."

Murphy also credits her hockey coach at Dexter-Southfield, Maggie Taverna, for helping her to believe that she belonged with elite players. She made the varsity team in 8th grade, but it took time to get to the level she's at now.

"I was there on the bench, little 8th grade me, getting no shifts most of the time. Now I'm probably the top defensemen on the team," she said.

Her USA Hockey journey started when she heard about a tryout last summer for the U15 USA Hockey Development Camp but didn't at first grasp the significance of what that could mean for her. Neither did her mother.

Said Katie: "She sent me a text with the link to the USA Development Camp and asked me if I would sign her up. I had no idea. I thought I was signing her up for some kind of summer camp."

This summer, she returned and tried out at a rink in Rockland for the 16- and 17-year-old development camp. Only 100 girls made it through, and Murphy went on to be in the 'Final 40' group. When officials thinned the roster for the

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Dorchester's Madelyn Murphy in action at the Team USA Hockey U18 Rivalry Series in Lake Placid, NY, in August.

Parker O'Brien photo/courtesy Lake Placid News & Adirondack Daily Enterprise

16- and 17-year-old development camp, her name wasn't on it. However, her name was over on the side with a note that she'd made the U18 group instead.

It was jubilation, she said, for her and her family, because the next step was attending camp at the University of Miami-Ohio in July after which the players for the Festival at Lake Placid in August would be selected.

"You get in a room with all the girls at the U18 camp in Ohio," she recalled. "There's a PowerPoint on the board and then the USA Coaches are up there going through it. If you see your name, you've made it to the festival. You either see your name or you don't. I saw my name."

At the Aug. 6-13 festival, Murphy continued to shine, and played well enough to once again survive a Power-Point selection process and make the

final roster comprising the 23 best girls hockey players in America.

When not on the ice, Murphy is an elite soccer player. She started playing in Dorchester Youth Soccer (DYS) and has played with the varsity at Dexter-Southfield and in club soccer for Commonwealth FC in Braintree.

This summer is the start of the NCAA recruiting period for coaches, and Murphy and her mother said they've gotten a lot of attention from colleges

and universities – though she's still two years from graduation.

The fun of Team USA also might not be over. Murphy said she's looking forward to an opportunity in January to play with the U18 team at the World Championships in Switzerland.

"I don't know if I'm going to that or not," she said. "I'll get a call in November saying that I'm going or not. That's how it works."



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# UPDATES FROM THE PASTORAL CENTRE



- The IPC Senior Program will return From September 11th
- IPC Toddler Tuesdays, Irish 25s and Supper Club to return in October!
- Our Sobriety Groups, Immigration Clinics, Social Work and Case Management Services continue to run as normal. Please call the IPC 617-265-5300 for any queries or info.

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The Annual IPC tournament takes place on Friday September 29th at Presidents Golf Course. This year's tournament will honor the memory of IPC Golf Tournament Coordinator Jim Wall RIP who passed away suddenly on March 19th 2023. We are delighted to launch a perpetual trophy in Jim's honor which will be presented by Jim's wife Kathy and their children Kristen and John. Jim was a great supporter of the community and a champion for those in need. He is

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## This Sunday is the day for the car show at Dot Park



Last year's annual Dorchester Park Car show. Seth Daniel photo

being run by Dorchester

Park Association member

Lisa Ahern and Rockland

Trust's Suzanne Spargo.

"The first Dorchester

car show was initiated

at the bank parking lot

back in 2009 and it was

well received. The park-

ing lot of the bank was

not big enough so that's  $how \, \widetilde{we} \, coordinated \, with \,$ 

Dorchester Park Associa-

It was Anthony Paciulli

who in 2009 was presi-

dent of Meeting House

Bank, which formerly occupied the Rockland

Bank's site, established

the first car show. In

2011, Paciulli expanded

tion," said Spargo.

The playgrounds, tennis courts, and Little League fields at Dorchester Park will be transformed into parking lots for antique cars this coming Sunday morning as the annual car show arrives in town.

The event, located at 1000 Adams St. in Lower Mills, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is open to all who want to enter a car in the assemblage or view unique vehicles free of charge. Those who wish to display their cars should arrive an hour early, but late entries are welcome as well.

This year's event is

the event by working with Cedar Grove Garden owner Richard O'Mara. Today, an average of 70-80 cars are shown yearly, with Spargo noting that on one occasion 122 cars were on display.

Ahern told the Reporter that attendees

"can view the cars, vote for their favorite cars in different categories, and get something to eat from one of the food trucks." To increase park usage, the event also offers hay wagon rides pulled by a team of Clydesdales. "It reminds people that the park is there and it's free and wants to be used," said Ahern.

The car show also brings together community members from Dorchester, Quincy, and other parts of the city. "It's just a fun time, the neighborhood people just

enjoy getting together," Spargo said. "I have found that the Lower Mills area is a very tightknit neighborhood. It's a good afternoon to spend out with the kids and adults love it."

- CASSIDY McNEELEY



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Docket No. SU23C0438CA IN THE MATTER OF: SUMIT -A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Sumit - of Dorchester, MA requesting that

their name to: Sumit Hooda IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear fo purposes of objecting to the pe tition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/21/2023. This is NOT

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

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

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

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

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> Applications are available during the application period, from Tuesday, July 18th, 2023 – Monday, September 18th, 2023

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If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at (617) 639-3064 Ext 778 I US Relay 711, to request that we mail you one and to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application.

Applications can also be picked up in-person at:

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**Equal Housing Opportunity** 



# Mattahunt Woods in line for \$700k 'light touches' cleanup

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

The City's Urban Wild program is proposing to clean up and improve the Mattahunt Woods with \$700,0000 worth of "light touches" that will potentially include adding a trail system, cleaning up large sections of debris that has accumulated over the decades, and work on ecological restoration.

The woodland in question abuts the Mattahunt school and community center and several residential streets. However, due to wetlands and difficult terrain, the site was not developed like the areas surrounding it, leaving a natural and peaceful tract of forest in the middle of Mattapan. It was declared one of the city's 29 urban wilds after a citizen petition in 2008, though some par-



This map was produced by the city to show the boundaries of the Mattahunt Woods and potential trail and entrance improvements to the untouched site tucked away between the Mattahunt School and Cummins Highway.

cels within the 8.5-acre site are privately owned.

On Sept. 13 at 6 p.m. the city will hold a second online meeting to discuss improvements with neighbors and gather more feedback. The project team will also share updates since the last community meeting in May, present the final proposed design for the site, and discuss next steps for the remainder of the project.

At the first meeting on May 2, the city's Environment Department kicked off the official process to unveil design work from landscape

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architectural firm Crowley Cottrell, which was hired in March 2022. "We think there is a hidden gem here, said JP Charboneau of Crowley Cottrell. "And we think there are a couple of new ways to get into the site."

The team also sees are ways to have more trails weaving throughout the site while staying on properties owned by the city's Conservation Commission.

"We think we can im-

prove the existing trail on Canaan Street and work off that to access more of the woods without destroying the character of what is there now,' said Anna Curtis-Heald of Crowley Cottrell. "We want to highlight and improve and showcase what is there today. We would work around existing trees when setting up the new trail system,' she added.

Part of that system would include potentially introducing new entrances at Itasca Street running between two existing houses, and one on Alabama Street - with that entrance funneling into new trails on Boston Public School land to connect with the Mattahunt School, giving students on site direct opportunities to study ecology and nature.

If set up, the new entrances would join improvements at existing entrances at Canaan Street (East and West), Mattahunt School, and Colorado Street like better pathways, signage to announce the area as Mattahunt Woods, and maybe some historical details about the setting.

Additionally, a major piece of the project includes eliminating the voluminous debris in tandem with an ecologically driven removal of invasive plant species and an attention to the healthy growth of the native species that exist there.

Neighbors have been largely supportive of the plan, particularly the cleanup, an item that scored highly in a neighborhood survey about the woods earlier this year.

"I think a boardwalk would be great and I love the idea around [clarifying] the entrances, especially if it would make it more accessible to those taking public transportation," said abutter Yvette Philip. "Also, I like the signage about the history of the area.'

Said another abutter,

Kim Nicholson: "I'm thankful I was notified of this because I wasn't notified before...I am really thankful to learn it's going to be improved and cleaned up and we would have better access and that's very exciting to me."

Robert Jenkins also supports the upgrading, as does Pam Jones, who advocated for the new access point on Itasca Street, though organizers said that new entry could be cost-prohibitive in this first phase.

Kenya Beaman, a Mattapan resident and liaison for the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), said improving the Mattahunt Woods would be a great plus for the greater Mattapan neighborhood.

'Mattahunt has been there a long time and a lot of people haven't given it a whole lot of thought,' she said.

Fatima Ali-Salaam, chair of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC), said that there should be an effort to identify any utilities and sewer/ water pipes that might run through or near the site. Also, there was discussion of neighbors advocating for the city to purchase the privately owned parcels.

Some neighbors wondered if better trails, good signage, and a cleanup might bring more folks to the site as the area now is quite isolated. Paul Sutton, director of the city's Urban Wild Program, said that hasn't been their experience.

"In a number of Urban Wilds, especially of this size, they're more conducive to the people that live around it," he said. "I think the most visitors to the Woods will come from the school, but we need to talk about that."

An in-person walk of the Mattahunt Woods took place on May 20. The project website can be accessed at tinyurl. com/yc8rpa73.



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# Lehane's new novel blends history, racism, and neighborhood clashes

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why, account for most of the book. A 42-year-old public housing resident, Mary Pat is a twice-married a survivor who has already lost family members to violence and drugs. She opposes "forced busing" to any school outside her neighborhood, but even more so if the destination is predominantly Black.

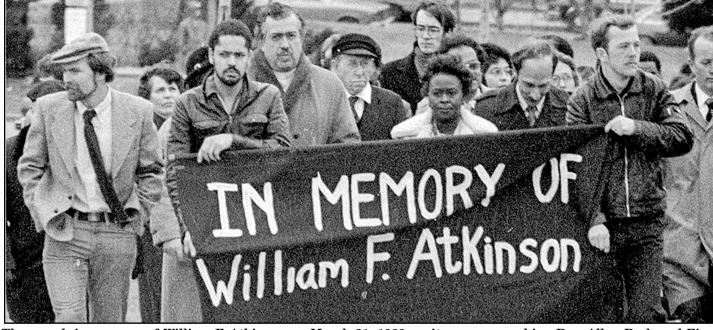
That does not prevent a respectful, if distant, relationship with a Black co-worker, whose son turns out to be the man killed in the hate crime. Mary Pat also resents people in the suburbs, who live beyond the reach of desegregation and have been less exposed to the military draft. If she feels inferior to them, that only stokes reactive flames of South Boston pride.

That's of little help when she seeks information about her daughter from the people she trusts the most, South Boston's gangster regime, which responds with stonewalling and silence. As her frustration turns combative, a gangster lieutenant who lives on Dorchester Heights reminds her that inequality begins closer to home. "Southie" might be Mary Pat's hometown, but in the local autocracy, her place is the lower end.

By the time Mary Pat realizes that her daughter has been killed, the story of what happened at Columbia Station becomes more tangled and nuanced. A seemingly impulsive crime doubles as a twofold cover-up, with multiple victims and motives. This makes the attack on "Augie" Williamson quite different from what happened to William F. "Frankie" Atkinson in 1982.

What's less imaginary in the novel is that conflicts of race and class can overlap, that people fanning the flames try to avoid the heat, and that people with better intentions can still be implicated. Part of what's suppressed in the cover-up is that Jules was also a victim of gangster violence and sexual exploitation. That's sensational enough for a crime novel, but no worse than some of the real-life horrors taking place over a number of years in "Black Mass" and "All Souls," the South Boston memoir by Michael Patrick MacDonald. Mary Pat learns of her daughter's death, not by word of mouth, but by reading between the lines when a gang boss offers her money to go away—quietly. She answers with a cycle of retribution, her own version of "Southie won't go."

For all its violence, Mary Pat's battle against the code of silence is less about revenge than it is about a reckoning: ultimately forcing South Boston's apex predator to say her daughter's name. Because the local regime tries to deny her right to bury her own dead, she responds like Antigone, survivor of a ruling family in the conflicted city of Thebes, who defies its worldly authorities after the violent death of her brother. As Martha C. Nussbaum explained the Greek tragedy in "The



The march in memory of William F. Atkinson on March 21, 1982, as it was approaching Rev. Allen Park and First Parish Church.



Ron Taylor with Richard and Kathleen Doherty, the parents of Michael Doherty, at the conclusion of the 2nd "Run for Racial Harmony" at Boston Common in 1981.

\*\*Chris Lovett photos\*\*

Fragility of Goodness," "Duty to the family dead is the supreme law and the supreme passion."

By combining larger story lines often treated separately – court-ordered desegregation and a ruthless gangster regime, Lehane follows Joseph Conrad's novel "Under Western Eyes," which is cited in the epigraph to "Small Mercies." Conrad was writing about individual struggles with the mutually reinforced powers of tsarist autocracy and revolutionary terror in Russia. Their interplay created a traumatic cycle of fear, dissimulation, and silence, a cycle that Conrad breaks in a face-to-face reckoning with survivors. As his narrator puts it, "the real drama in autocracy is not played out in politics."

Boston's history of racial conflict and inequality began long before 1974, with violent flare-ups continuing into the 1980s. In his recently published history, "Boston Before Busing," Zebulon Vance Miletsky shows that school segregation goes back at least as far as 1798. After World War II, parent leaders organized to seek remedies, only to be stymied by elected leaders. There were also racial barriers in jobs and housing that, as Miletsky argues, made Boston just another part of the "Jim Crow North," complete with more dangers after sundown. While the federal government was enabling racial inequality in migration to the suburbs, projects creating the "New Boston" displaced people from several neighborhoods.

By the late 1960s, a program meant to remedy discrimination in mortgages accelerated the white exodus from parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, with hundreds of housing units abandoned or destroyed by fire. If the conflict over desegregation intensified turf antagonism, clashes continuing into the 1980s were also tied to poverty, public drinking, and a dearth of programs for young people.

As a longtime community organizer in Dorchester, Lew Finfer, recalled, "It was hard to keep together our integrated Dorchester Community Action Council in this period because of the strong feelings people had on desegregation with busing. But we found plenty of common issues on redlining, housing abandonment, over-assessment on property taxes, crime prevention so that whites and Blacks from Dorchester in our group could work together and get things done."

In May 1980, youth troubles were already on the agenda at a meeting of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association. The most alarming incident was the death of Michael Doherty almost two months earlier, after a group of white youths chased a Black man into Columbia Station. A 19-year-old white man from Dorchester's Lower Mills, Doherty told the attackers to "knock it off." Instead, they chased him all the way up to the Southeast Expressway, where he was killed in a hit-and-run

crash. His body was found two days later, when it was spotted in a median strip by a driver caught in slow traffic.

It took three weeks before the attack was reported in the Boston Globe. Three days later, a *Globe* editorial hailed Doherty as a "hero for Boston," but other forms of recognition would have to wait, even after three juveniles pleaded guilty to charges of manslaughter-without any requirement for jail time. When the chase took place, all three had already been on probation for previous offenses. In early September, Doherty was honored at a dinner in Roxbury organized by a member of Twelfth Baptist Church. There would be even more attention given later that month to the "Run for Racial Harmony" by Ron Taylor, a 26-year-old Black man from Brattleboro, Vermont, who had previously lived in Boston. To help raise money for a scholarship fund in Doherty's memory, he ran 130 miles, from Brattleboro to the Boston Common, and repeated the course the next year.

Another two months passed before Doherty was recognized in Dorchester, with a scholarship benefit at Florian Hall that raised almost \$5,000. To the sounds of bagpipes and gospel hymns, a multi-racial turnout – with community activists, clergy, and elected officials – put the spotlight on heroism. As one of the organizers, Kathleen Kilgore Houton, said at the time, "Michael Doherty wasn't just a victim. He sort of took an interventionist role and said, 'This is the kind of thing people ought to do."

Five months earlier, Mayor Kevin H. White had named Frank N. Jones, a former civil rights lawyer, to head The Boston Committee. Its mission was to address underlying causes of racial violence and help people of different races meet common needs. That led to a diverse group of residents forming the Dorchester Task Force, which would later play a role in response to the next fatal act of racial violence along the Red Line.

In March of 1982, William F. "Frankie" Atkinson, a 30-year-old Black man and father of three from Dorchester. and his white friend, William Grady, were chased by a group of white youths into Savin Hill Station. As in Lehane's novel, the chase began after midnight, with a racial taunt by one of the attackers. Atkinson's body was discovered later, near the tracks between Savin Hill and Fields Corner. Five young people from the Savin Hill area were convicted of assault, with two of them also convicted of manslaughter. Defense attorneys tried to distance the attackers from the immediate cause of death—possibly the impact of a train. At the first trial in 1983, the prosecutor, John Kiernan, convinced a mostly white jury that Atkinson wouldn't have even been on the track, if not for having been chased by a "racial posse." But despite pleas from Black leaders and the Anti-Defamation League, Suffolk

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**DENNIS LEHANE** His novel starts with a hint of dread.

County District Attorney Newman Flanagan declined to press civil rights charges.

A few days after the incident, a number of Savin Hill residents who had gathered at a hastily called community meeting denounced the attack. The president of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association at the time, Jim Canny, confessed to the gathering, "You know it's the people who care in the community, who are most active in the community, who are the most shocked and who can do the least about it.' Some of those who cared also reportedly faced pressure to keep silent from neighbors trying to protect the attackers.

Another member of the group recalled that some neighbors reacted to the attack by pointing to crimes against whites in predominantly Black areas, even referring to the alleged attackers as "our boys." His conclusion: the racial turf sentiments so often ascribed to

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South Boston could also be found in other places. That same week, people at another meeting, near Uphams Corner, were planning a community walk the following Sun-

At the Savin Hill meeting, there was some disagreement, at least with the timing. As Canny argued, "It looks as if you're blaming the Savin Hill community for something that happened throughout the city." Earlier in 1982, Barry Lawton had moved to Dorchester's Meetinghouse Hill neighborhood, attracted by the panoramic view of Ronan Park and Dorchester Bay, but cognizant of racial tension.

A recent graduate of Boston University, he was a legislative liaison for the Black Legislative Caucus, and one of his duties was to attend weekly meetings with community activists in Roxbury. He said the attack on Wilkerson stirred anger in the Black community even outside of Dorchester. A little more than a week after the attack, Lawton was among 700 people marching in Atkinson's memory. "When you had a gathering like that, a multiracial gathering, nobody had ever talked about anything like that happening before, so it was unprecedented," said Lawton. "And I think it was even shocking to those racist gangs, almost like a feeling that

they had gone too far... so it brought attention." Lawton also looks back on the attack and the march as coinciding with efforts to make Dorchester's organizations and institutions more inclusive. The results could be seen in programming at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, the establishment of youth councils, and, in 1983, the formation of the inter-racial All Dorchester Sports League, which Lawton would later serve as chairman. "It was a bad start, but it was a kind of good start at that point," he recalled. "We were at our lowest point as a community, and it was only up from

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

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

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

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

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

there."

The march was followed by an interfaith service at First Parish Church, with an almost total absence of elected officials. But there was speaking by clergy and local activists, and duty to the family dead, expressed by Atkinson's twin sister, Francine Atkinson.

"Don't let this act of violence or any other act of violence be kept secret," she said. "Because, just

as it happened to him, it could happen to you.' Even as the march had set out from Uphams Corner, the message about what happened and the name of the person whose life mattered were plainly visible. "In memory of William F. Atkinson" was displayed on a banner wide enough to be held up by four people across.

The marchers walked so quietly that it was possible to hear the engine of a police car escort. Near

a church on Stoughton Street, worshipers in Sunday dress paused to look. A few other spectators stood up on a wall outside the Edward Everett Elementary School to see a winding column of people make its way along Pleasant Street. And, from a single three-story apartment building, faces looked out from eight windows.

The community was watching.



#### **Codman Square NDC Financial Literacy & Housing Counseling Specialist** August 2023

Codman Square NDC seeks a Financial Literacy & Housing Counseling Specialist to join its Economic Development department, which has a focus on building/preserving assets and wealth within the community. The position is a vital part of our ability to deliver programs and services that allow residents to safeguard and build their assets. The goal is to provide organized opportunities to residents of the NDC's service area to acquire the critical skills, knowledge, and confidence to manage money wisely as well as foreclosure prevention/housing counseling activities.

Associates degree of higher plus 2-4 years' experience or 2-4 years relevant experience in providing financial and housing counseling/ coaching and foreclosure prevention services. HUD housing counseling certified or on track to obtain certification preferred.

Must have strong verbal and written communication skills, proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite, as well as experience with data management and reporting systems. Bilingual/multilingual a plus.

Salary low to mid 60's. Submit resume and cover letter with salary requirements by October 10, 2023.

Mail cover letter and resumes to Keyna Samuel, Codman Square NDC, 587 Washington Street, Dorchester MA 02124 or submit documents to keyna@csndc.com. No phone calls please.

Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation is an equal opportunity employer. Local residents, bilingual/multilingual, people of color and women and members of the LGBTQ+ community are encouraged to apply.



#### **Codman Square NDC Small Business Specialist** August 2023

Codman Square NDC seeks a motivated advocate for our small business district to support business owners within the community.

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

Bachelors' Degree in Business-related field or equivalent experience and 1-3 years of experience in business administration, project management, providing technical assistance to small businesses. or other relevant experience. Fluency in a second language is highly beneficial.

Salary mid-\$60's. Submit resume and cover letter with salary requirements by October 10, 2023:

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## RECENT OBITUARIES



BARRETT, Thomas F., 57, of Holbrook, formerly of Dorchester, originally of Ireland. Local 223 laborer, in Boston for many years. Husband of Karen M. Barrett (McDonald) of Norwood. Father of Aidan and Rachael Barrett both of Norwood. Brother of Rose Marie O'Neill of Ireland, Patricia Ann Lynch of Australia, Catherine Strain of N.C, Martin Barrett of Hanover and Mary Monaghan of Ireland.



BARRY, Timothy J. "Turk", 64, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late William F. and Patricia A. (Daly) Barry. Cherished love of Veronica Balfour-Barry of Milton, and her daughters Lisa Polvere of Hanson and Kayla Coyman of North Attleboro, and granddaughter Lydia DiCenzo. Brother

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of Nancy Barry of Wayland, Joyce Barry-Sheehan and her late husband Robert Sheehan of Randolph, and William Barry of South Carolina. He is also survived by many Barry and Daly cousins. Retired member of the Teamsters Union Local #22. Donations in Tim's memory may be made to the MSPCA at mspca.org.



CONNAUGHTON, Sara E. of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Mother of Eric Peterson. Daughter of Bridie (Flanagan) Connaughton and the late Thomas "Vincent" Connaughton. Sister Sean Connaughton of Dorchester, and Neil Connaughton of Dorchester. Please consider making a donation in memory of Sara to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

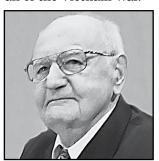


COURTNEY, Ellen M. (Chancholo), 81, of Milton. She was the wife of Francis Courtney Jr.. Daughter of the late James and Helen (Watson) Chancholo. Mother of Francis Courtney III and his wife Krista of Dorchester, Jean Mazzotta and her husband Joseph of Milton, and Nancy Southwick and her husband David of Quincy. Nanny of 2. Ellen was the sister of

Mary Hendry and her late husband Donald of Milton, and James Chancholo of Roslindale. She is also survived by her sister in law Ann Blake and her husband Ray of Weymouth, brother in law Ralph Linehan and his late wife Ruthie of Wevmouth. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and friends. Donations can be made in Ellen's name to the Milton Foundation for Education, Sam's Fund, PO Box 223, Milton, MA 02186miltonfoundationforeducation.org/ or Annie's Kindness Blankets, facebook.com/annieskindnessblankets



**DESMOND, Thomas** S., 81 of Quincy and originally of Dorchester. Son to the late Gregory and Louise (Noonan) Desmond. Husband of the late Eileen F. (Howett) Desmond. Father of Thomas Desmond, Jr., of Sharon, Robert Desmond, and Brian Des-mond, both of Quincy and Scott Desmond of Saugus. Grandfather of 9. He is also survived by his brother Robert Desmond of Dedham. Thomas was predeceased by his 1st grandson Thomas and his siblings Mary, Joan, Gregory, Frank, and Louise. Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War.



**GREEN, Jason Donald**, 92, of Canton, for-

Ralph Linehan ate wife Ruthie louth. She also hind many niectors, and friends. Its can be made its name to the Foundation for n, Sam's Fund, 223, Milton, MA miltonfoundalucation.org/ or Kindness Blanacebook.com/annessblankets

Jennifer Green of Needham. Grandfather of 2. Korean War, US Coast Guard veteran. Expressions of sympathy in his memory may be donated to Town of Canton Veterans Services, 801 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021.



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Dorchester. Husband of

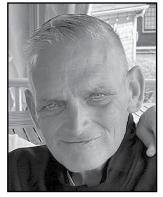
the late Adele (Mathews)

Green. Father of Chervl

and Jonathan Pozner of Canton, Robin and Robert Gorham of Can-

ton and Michael and

HALLEY, Mary M. (Dalton), 89, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Paul P. Halley. Daughter of the late James and Delia Dalton. Sister of the late James Dalton and his wife Virginia, and Dorothy Oliveira and her husband Gordon. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Please consider making a donation in memory of Mary to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



O'CONNOR, (Seano, Goat) Patrick, 53, of Dorchester. Member of the IUOE Local 4 in Boston. He was son to the late Francis William O'Connor and Elizabeth Ann O'Connor, and brother to the late Francis W. O'Connor, Jr. He is survived by his sister Maureen Lindholm and her husband Robert of Carver, MA, Bridget Bowers of Victor, MT, Elizabeth Robertshaw and her husband Scott of Marshfield. Colleen Alber and her husband Mark of Stevensville, MT, Timothy O'Connor of Boston, and Kerry O'Connor and her husband Jon Foster of Victor, MT. Along with several nieces and nephews, and countless friends. Donations in honor of Sean can be made to the Gavin Foundation gavinfoundation. org/donate

WHITE, Richard F.
"Dick", 73, of Bourne, originally from Dorchester. Son of the late Woodrow F. and Elizabeth "Betty" White (Wright). Husband of Jean L. White (Philbrick); fa-



ther of Timothy White and his wife, Rebecca of Mattapoisett; and Kim Colella and her husband Michael of Sagamore Beach. Grandfather of 3. He is also survived by his brothers, Rev. David White of Boston and Paul White of Sandwich. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or The American Cancer Society.



WOLUSKY, Beverly Ann (Grogan) of South Boston. Wife of the late John Wolusky. Mother of Cheryl Rumble and her husband Brian of FL, Robert Wolusky of Dorchester, Karen McLaughlin of Quincy, David Wolusky of South Boston. Grandmother of 6. Sister of the late John and Thomas Grogan. Also survived by 2 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.



YOUNG, Evelyn, 86 of Dorchester, originally of Tennessee. Daughter to the late Nellie (Mukes) and Albert Hurd of Memphis, Tennessee. Wife of the late Jesse Young. She is survived by her five children; Helen Reeder, Derick Joyner, Sharnda Young, Jesse Young (Boston); Earnest Reeder (Tennessee), and 2 daughters in-law Carolyn Tate Reeder and Sadie Hurd of Memphis, TN; five sisters and three brothers: Fannie Winston, Ruby Moore, Barbara Jones, Lewis Hurd and T.J. Hurd all of Memphis, TN and a host of brothersl in law, sisters in law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends. She is preceded in death by three daughters; Brenda Hurd, Nellie Mae Hurd, and Donna Sanders as well as three sons; Gregory Young, Floyd Hurd and Terry Reeder; two sisters; Idella Hall, Callie Hunt, and one brother Robert Hurd.

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TO CHANGE NAME
Docket NO. SU23C0439CA
IN THE MATTER OF:

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Karan - of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

KARAN -

#### Karan Chander IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **09/21/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J.
DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 24, 2023

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Vision for Shattuck Campus at Morton Street

When: Tuesday, September 19 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Where: Lena Park CDC

(150 American Legion Hwy) To register: scan QR code or visit bit.ly/shattuckopenhouse



Please join the Coalition of community-based organizations led by Boston Medical Center for an open house where the Coalition will share information and gain more community feedback on their proposal and redevelopment vision for the Shattuck Hospital Campus, now the Morton Street Campus.

In addition to the in-person Open House, the Coalition will host a series of (virtual) topic-specific community meetings this fall; topics include Clinical and Supportive Housing Services, Health and Safety, Open Space, and more. To learn more, visit www.mortonstreetredevelopment.org\_















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