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DOT PARK HOSTS CLASSIC CARS



Fionntan Dempsey, 4, left, and Evan Trimble-Clavin, 2, had some fun playing in a 1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan during the annual car show in Dorchester Park last Sunday. Story, more photos, Page 23. *Alena Kuzub photo*

Crisis at City Hall deepens Galvin exits ZBA; Campbell weighs in

By Reporter Staff

City Council President Andrea Campbell has called for the creation of a full-time Inspector General position to “root out corruption” in city government as a still-unfolding federal bribery investigation has triggered the resignation of a key zoning board member and a leave of absence from one of the mayor’s closest advisors.

Craig Galvin, a Dorchester realtor, tendered his resignation as the real estate member of the Zoning Board of Appeal over the weekend.

In a statement, Galvin’s spokesperson— Dot Joyce— said that Galvin “has been honored to serve the neighborhoods of Boston where he was born, raised and has built a business.”

She added: “Due to the broad role of a zoning board member, the undefined nature as it relates

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New eatery to open on Hancock Street; but no liquor, for now

By Daniel Sheehan
Arts & Features Editor

A new restaurant is in the works for 33 Hancock St., the troubled property that has been a source of controversy in the Uphams Corner neighborhood over the last decade. The site, which in the past has housed establishments like Hancock Cafe, the Rendezvous Lounge, and Ka-Carlos, was the scene of a double homicide that shuttered

the spot in 2009.

But a new restaurant set to open there this month— aptly named Oasis —is aiming to replace that legacy of violence with one of peace and community involvement.

Chesterfield Coppin is the owner of Oasis, which is scheduled for a soft opening on Sept. 17. He is part of the group that owns the successful Oasis

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By Chris Lovett
Reporter Correspondent

In January, 1980, Kevin White began his fourth and last term as mayor with an inauguration at the Strand Theatre in Dorchester’s Uphams Corner. To have the setting outside Boston’s downtown areas was unusual, and it helped dramatize the mayor’s message: that urban revival was not only possible beyond the Quincy Market and the South End, but that it would be his priority.

The revival didn’t begin with White. There were grassroots efforts on several fronts in Dorchester with community health centers, community development corporations, home repair organizations, and neighborhood leaders trying to preserve the Strand.

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Chesterfield Coppin, owner of Oasis Restaurant: “I’m changing the whole dynamics of what was here before.” *Dan Sheehan photo*

Bayside developers plan ‘vision’ sessions with the neighbors

Accordia launches outreach

By Katie Trojano
Reporter Staff

Members of the development team that will transform the UMass-owned Bayside parcel on Columbia Point in the coming years introduced themselves to the membership of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association on Monday night, the first stop in their listening tour of community groups that will continue through the fall.

Accordia Partners and the UMass Building Authority signed a lease agreement for the 20-acre waterfront property this summer in a deal that could yield the Boston campus more than \$200 million. Dick Galvin and Kirk Sykes, the principals at Accor-



dia, were featured guests at the meeting, along with Catherine O’Neill, a local consultant whom they have hired to help them process community input.

“For us, the Bayside property is a once-in-a-lifetime culmination of career opportunities, and it’s a benefit to UMass Boston,” said Galvin, who added that Accordia will host a series of “vision” meetings, starting on Sat., Oct. 26 with a follow up meeting in November. The first

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The civics watch: Projects pipeline filled to the brim

By Katie Trojano
Reporter Staff

The summer recess has given way to what will undoubtedly be a very busy fall season for civic leaders in Dorchester and Mattapan. The redevelopment of the Bayside Expo property looms as the biggest item on the local agenda, but it will be just one project on a punch list that is growing as fast as the neighborhoods themselves. Following is an overview of developments that will definitely be in the news in the coming weeks:

Morrissey Blvd. Reconstruction

A state-led effort to redesign flood-prone patches of Morrissey Boulevard stalled in 2017 after Mayor Martin Walsh raised concerns over a proposed lane reduction and asked state planners from the Department of Conservation and Recreation for a reboot. Last May,

Mayor Walsh told the *Reporter* that he wants to get the project in motion again. State planners have been reconvening to incorporate feedback and expect design meetings to resume in 2019.

“I know people are frustrated and it’s been a long time,” Walsh said. “I think now we have to have a serious conversation about moving forward.”

The Morrissey redesign was estimated to cost at least \$40 million in 2016 when the initial public process began. Project managers have

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DOT BY THE DAY

Sept. 14 - 26, 2019

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

Saturday (14th) – The annual Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale is on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9 a.m.-2p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, 9/15. For more information, a copy of the map, or to get your sale address on the map, please email savinhill@outlook.com.

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

Thursday (19th) – Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association meets at Plasterer’s Union Hall, 7 Fredericka St., Dorchester, at 7 p.m.

Friday (20th) – Fall Barnfest at the Forbes House Museum at 215 Adams St. in Milton, 6-9 p.m.. This family-friendly pop-up Beer Garden will feature Barrel House Z, Sam Luke Chase and El Barrio Mexican Grill. Purchase tickets in advance for \$20, or at the door for \$25. Proof of age is required, and ticket includes first pour. Kids are free. Go to forbeshousemuseum.org/events/barnfest-sept2019/

Saturday (21st) – The fourth annual Dorchester Bike & Brew takes place on Sat., Sept. 21 from 5 p.m. in Peabody Square. Co-Presented by Greater Ashmont Main Street, MassBike, Dorchester Brewing Company, The Dorchester Reporter, and the City of Boston, Mayor Marty Walsh. This free, family-friendly community festival will showcase the growing cycling community in Dorchester; food trucks; Dot’s very own Dorchester Brewing Company’s beer garden with their craft brews as well as hard cider and wine; and the City’s Boston Water and Sewer Commission H2Go water trailer on site with Greater Ashmont MS water bottles for everyone. The event is held in Peabody Square on a small portion of Talbot Ave (between Dorchester Ave and Welles Ave) which is closed to vehicular traffic for the duration of the festival.

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

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

- Boston comedians Tony V, Christine Hurley, and Artie Januario team up to honor fellow comedian, Rich Gustus, at The Boston Home’s Comedy Night Fund-raiser at Florian Hall in Dorchester. Funds raised at the event will be used to upgrade The Boston Home’s television service system to support high-definition cable for the residents. Gifts in support of the event can be made online at thebostonhome.org.

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Zoning Board okays apartment complex on Westville Street

BY REPORTER STAFF
The city’s Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday approved plans by the owners of a Fields Corner cafe for a four-story building on Westville Street with 14 studio apartments no bigger than 280 square feet.

The BPDA had already approved Vivian and Elisa Girard’s proposal for 141 Westville St. in July under a pilot program aimed at increasing affordable housing in Boston by allowing smaller units than normally allowed under city zoning. At Tuesday’s hearing, Vivian Girard said eight units would rent for \$650 a month, the rest for \$850 a month.

The Girards co-own home.stead cafe on Dorchester Avenue, and have said they were thinking of their work-



A rendering of the completed project.

ers when coming up with the idea for the building, which will also have a common area for residents, an outdoor patio and storage for 14 bicycles. Two of the units, on the first floor, will be designed as handicap accessible.

Board Chairwoman Christina Araujo questioned how a handicapped person who can-

not ride a bike and needs a vehicle to get around could actually live in one of the units. ABPDA project manager acknowledged that was a good question, and worth further study, but said the issue had not come up during the agency’s approval process, which included meeting with the city disability commission.

Mattapan’s Lugira tapped as Cathedral High principal

A Mattapan educator has been named the new principal at Cathedral High School in the South End. Nampeera Lugira has previously worked in the Boston Public Schools, including Program Manager for Bel-Ixcel (formerly Building Educated Leaders for Life) and as manager of the Office of Engagement.

He was most recently Dean of Enrichment at Codman Academy Public Charter School in Dorchester.

Born in Uganda, East Africa, and raised in



Nampeera Lugira
Winchester, Mass., she credits her Catholic school experience for her entry into the education field.

“I find joy living and working in the community that I serve, the city of Boston,” said Lugira. “I work daily to be an example for the youth in my life and show them with consistent hard work anything is possible.”

Lugira currently resides in Mattapan with her two sons. She is an active community member and participates in organizations including LeadBoston, Black Girls Run Boston, Africans in Boston and the Boston College Endeavor Alumni Program.

Police, Courts, & Fire



A fire at 41/43 Warner St. was called in around 3 a.m. on Sunday. Nine residents of the two-family house were made homeless. A firefighter was taken to the hospital with minor injuries, according to the Boston Fire Department. The fire caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage. The cause is under investigation.

Body found near Greenway in Mattapan – State Police detectives were on scene on Monday afternoon after the discovery close to the Neponset Greenway trail near Mattapan Square. It is not yet clear if foul play was involved. “Members of the Suffolk County State Police Detective Unit responded to an area near the Mattapan MBTA station at approximately 12:15 p.m. yesterday following the discovery of a body [along] the Neponset Bike Trail,” said Renee Nadeau Algarin, a spokesperson for DA Rachael Rollins, who characterized the probe on Tuesday as a “death investigation.”

“The cause and manner of death will be determined by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner,” she said.

Police arrest 18 year old on gun charge - He was caught by the Youth Violence Strike Force with a loaded .25 caliber handgun on Morton Street. The arrest took place around 10:50 p.m., according to a BPD account. Romanni Nettles of Woburn was scheduled to appear in Dorchester District Court for arraignment on Tuesday.

Voters in 16-8 will head to All Saints on Sept. 24

Ongoing renovations at the Adams Street Library will prompt a change in the polling location for one precinct in Dorchester: Ward 16, Precinct 8. The new loca-

tion for voters headed to the polls for the preliminary Municipal Election on Tues., Sept. 24 will be All Saints Parish, 209 Ashmont St.

The deadline to regis-

ter to vote in this election is Wed., September 4, in person until 8 p.m. with the Boston Election Department in City Hall or online until 11:59 p.m.

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 12

McCormack Civic meets on Sept. 17 – McCormack Civic Association will meet on Tues., Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall in basement of Saint Margaret Church. A discussion about the re-development of Bayside Expo site is on the agenda. More online at McCormackCivic.org.

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

Meeting on potential re-development at Phillips Old Colony House – Michaels Development will host an informational meeting on Wed., Sept. 18 to “start a dialogue with the surrounding community” about a proposed re-development of the former Phillips Old

Colony House and Freeport Tavern at 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Old Colony House.

Four Corners Plaza public meeting – A public meeting on a proposal for Four Corners Plaza will be held on Mon., Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation has requested Notice of Project Change to its previously BPDA Board Approved project. The requested change is reducing the commercial retail space from approximately 8,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet and an increase of four additional residential units. Four Corners Plaza was originally approved on August 13, 2015. The meeting will be held at Greenwood Memorial United Methodist Church, 378 Washington Street #A, Dorchester from 6:30 – 8 p.m. For more info call John Campbell at 617-918-4282 or email: john.campbell@boston.gov.

Uphams Corner Health Center and Uphams Corner Main Street – will host the fourth annual Outdoor Art and Health Street Festival on Columbia Road on Sat., Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Attendees will have an opportunity to gather information from local

organizations, purchase business products, taste an assortment of delicious food, enjoy live entertainment, receive free health education and screening as well as purchase local arts and crafts.

Sept. 23 Meeting on Dudley Street proposal – A public meeting hosted by the BPDA will be held on Mon., Sept. 23 to discuss 706 Dudley Street LLC’s proposal for a new mixed-use development located at 706 Dudley St. The new building would consist of 26 residential units with 26 parking spaces, and approximately 2,747 square feet of commercial retail space. The proposal is approximately 36,799 square feet of new construction. The meeting will be held from 6:30-8p.m. at the Kroc Corps Community Center, 650 Dudley St. The contact is John Campbell, 617-918-4282, john.campbell@boston.gov.

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Walsh endorses Essaibi-George, St. Guillen as at-Large councillors

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Mayor Martin Walsh last week announced his endorsement of incumbent Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George and first-time candidate Alejandra St. Guillen for two of the four Boston City Council at-Large seats.

The preliminary election will be held on Tues., Sept. 24. Fifteen men and women will appear on the at-large ballot, with the top eight vote-getters moving on to the general election on Nov. 5.

St. Guillen used an email sent out by her campaign to announce



Alejandra St. Guillen

the Walsh endorsement: “When the Trump administration took office and began to carry out their vicious attacks and policies on the immigrant community,” the email said, “Alejandra made sure the Office for

Immigrant Advancement would be there to serve all our immigrant neighbors, expand legal services to those who needed them, and educate the immigrant community about their rights and how to protect themselves. Mayor Walsh said, ‘I am proud to endorse her candidacy for Boston City Council At-Large, because she leads with compassion and empathy and will always be an advocate to make Boston better for all.’”

St. Guillen worked for the Walsh administration prior to jumping into the at-large field.

Essiabi-George, a lifelong Dorchester resident, was elected to the Council in 2015. A former Boston Public School teacher and parent, she has been the chair of the council’s Education Committee. She chairs the Homelessness, Mental Health and Recovery Committee, which has been researching methods to address the opioid crisis in Boston.

Said the mayor in a statement: “Annissa goes to work every day fighting for and delivering real results for the residents of Boston. I know that we will all benefit from her continued



Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George and Mayor Walsh.

leadership on the City Council. That’s why I’m proud to support her and why I will be casting my vote for her this election day.”

Current at-Large seats are occupied by Michael Flaherty, Michelle Wu, Essabi-George, and Althea Garrison, who

finished fifth in the 2017 election and was elevated to the council when Ayanna Pressley resigned to take her seat in Congress last January. An at-large Councillor represents the entire city, while nine district councillors represent specific areas of the city.

SJC justice sides with Rollins in battle with judge

By ROBERTO SCALESE
WBUR REPORTER

A Supreme Judicial Court justice sided with Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins on Monday, vacating the decision of a lower court judge to arraign a counter-protester of the so-called “Straight Pride” parade earlier this month.

Justice Frank Gaziano wrote that Boston Municipal Court Judge Richard Sinnott had “no authority” to reject a prosecutor’s entry of

“nolle prosequi” — a decision not to prosecute the case — when arraigning defendant Roderick Webber.

Sinnott also rejected several motions to dismiss cases against counter-protesters arrested at the Aug. 31 parade and rally.

Rollins argued last week that Sinnott overstepped his constitutional authority in refusing her request to drop charges against some counter-protesters charged with minor in-

fractions, like disorderly conduct. In his decision, Gaziano agreed.

“The prosecutor’s sole authority to determine which cases to prosecute, and when not to pursue a prosecution, has been affirmed repeatedly by this court since the beginning of the nineteenth century,” Gaziano wrote.

In total, judges rejected motions to dismiss in seven related cases; Rollins said her office will now re-review those cases in light of the decision.

In a press conference Monday after the ruling, Rollins said she was proud of the decision. “There’s clarity now,” Rollins said. “We thought we had it, but now it is crystal clear that we have the authority to do what it is that we did.”

Earlier in the day, Rollins spoke to WBUR’s *Radio Boston*, before the decision came down. She criticized Judge Sinnott for overstepping his role. “Judges are referees,” she said. “They don’t get to steal the ball and try

to dunk it, and that’s exactly what this judge did in this circumstance — and missed, by the way.”

Making it even more egregious, she said, is that the judge was appointed — not elected, like the DA. “A person appointed thinks that their opinion can somehow trump hundreds of years of precedence because they disagree with what we’re proposing, and that’s just unacceptable,” she said.

Sinnott was appointed by Gov. Charlie Bak-



Rachael Rollins

er two years ago. He declined to comment through a trial court spokeswoman.

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Developer pitches housing for lot near Fields Corner T stop

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

If Travis Lee has his way, Fields Corner will soon feature a four-story residential building on a lot next to the Fields Corner MBTA station.

The Dorchester-based developer, founder and owner of TLEE Development LLC, brought his preliminary designs for the development of the 5,300 square-foot lot at 1471 Dorchester Avenue to the Fields Corner Civic Association's (FCCA) meeting last Tuesday.

The longtime home of the John Gallagher Insurance Agency, the property was recently acquired by Kaplansky Insurance.

Lee presented a plan comprising 23 studio units and ground floor retail in the four-story building. He said he was aiming ultimately for the residential units to be within the budget of a family making \$54,000 a year, adding that he wants to include local entrepreneurs in the ground floor retail.

Two studio apartments would be available at the rear of the ground retail level, with seven available units in each of the above three stories, he said, noting that his private investors are "excited about moderate-income housing."



The site that Travis Lee is eyeing for a four-story residential building sits adjacent to the Fields Corner Station bus ramp at left. *Google photo*

Lee told meeting attendees that without community support for his proposal, he'll likely pass on buying the property. "I want to be a small part of adding value to the community," he said, adding that his goal was to "be efficient" and provide "moderately affordable housing in Fields Corner."

The developer presented three options for development of the property, including:

Standard rental units priced at roughly \$1,500, with no requirement for a security deposit; first and last-month's

rent, home-ownership opportunities with condominium units priced at \$275k per unit; or rental units with a community buy-in option. The latter alternative would allow community owners to get paybacks over time commensurate, on a percentage basis, with the developer's payback. "While no one investor is getting rich off their investment," said Lee of this option, "it hopefully would create a greater sense of community ownership."

Lee said he would offer a home-buyer training class to "local folks"

if community interest in condominium home-ownership units were high, and employ deed restrictions in an effort to combat property flipping.

City Councillor Frank Baker, who was at the meeting, said he thought "the cleanest way is to retain the property as rental units." Annie Le of Fields Corner had a different view. "\$1,500 is still too expensive to rent a studio. If I'm only making \$50,000 a year, it doesn't make sense to pay that monthly. I think the condo option is better."

Stephanie Lefebvre, a homeowner in Fields Corner, was in Lee's camp, preferring home-ownership to rental. As to deed-restrictions, she said, it's "great in theory but in practice it can be something else."

The third option, which would allow renters to buy into a small piece of the property, earning a portion of the return investment, was most supported by the group.

The development would not offer parking, per the city's Compact Living Pilot program guidelines, which alarmed some and pleased

others surprised others at the meeting. Its close access to nearby Red Line transportation would bring the project in line with the pilot's mission to address parking issues where alternative transportation is readily accessible.

Lee has been involved in many local developments in recent years, including co-founding the Fields Corner Business Lab in 2014 and the Dorchester Brewing Company in 2016.

Mary Burke, treasurer of the civic group, liked Lee's proposal, although she added that she would want assurances that rents would not increase disproportionately over the years.

"If you're telling us the real story," she said to Lee, "I think you're onto something here. You would have my support."

Although Lee isn't required to make a decision on rental vs. condos units before he seeks approvals from city planners, he again said that he values community input. "I need to know that what I'm offering you works," Lee said.

He later told the *Reporter* that he expects to return to the FCCA in October with renderings and "a tightened-up set of choices requesting that they vote on the project."

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Bayside developers plan ‘vision’ sessions with their neighbors

(Continued from page 1) meeting will be held at the Boston Teachers Union Hall on Mt. Vernon Street.

“We won’t be filing publicly until sometime in late January,” Galvin said. “The first step is engaging in the conversation and hearing your concerns, ideas for what will make the project work. You all live here and you know best.”

Added Sykes: “The name Accordia means

together, and we see this as an opportunity to work together. We have a history of working with communities, which is important to us.”

According to City Councillor Frank Baker, who chimed in at the meeting, the “vision” meetings are similar to the process that informed redevelopment at the South Bay Shopping Center. “This is not a BPDA-sponsored event,” he said. “It’s just

the community coming together to give these guys a sense of what we would like to see.”

Baker added: “We have an opportunity to put together a great presentation in the hopes that the developers can understand what we would support and what makes the community work. This is a big project and we see it as something that can be leveraged to benefit the community.”

Longtime Savin Hill

resident Don Walsh urged the membership to be active in the meetings, saying. “We don’t want [the developers] to do their planning in isolation.”

During the session, there was discussion about apprenticeship programs for UMass Boston students and the matter of branding, which was prompted when an association member asked the developers if they have a

name for the project. Although they didn’t offer an answer, a consensus in the room supported branding it a “Dorchester project,” with Baker suggesting

“UMass at Dorchester Bay.”

Attendees also mentioned walking accessibility as an item that developers should keep in mind going forward.

Accordia Partners will lease the property, which UMass Boston acquired

in 2010 for \$18.7 million, for a 99-year term and make an up-front payment that will fall between \$192.5 million to \$235 million, according to a draft of the lease published recently in the *Dorchester Reporter*. The exact amount Accordia will pay the university will depend on the amount of square footage ultimately permitted for construction by the city and the state.

The civics watch: Projects pipeline filled to the brim

(Continued from page 1) since said that they expect the construction will need to take place in phases over ten years, mainly due to financial reasons.

DCR has an annual budget of \$80 million and has spent about \$191 million of the capital budget in the past five years through the DCR Engineering Division. This money allocates funding for parkway and bridge projects, as well as trails, such as the Neponset Greenway.

Although there’s no definitive date for when preliminary designs will be made public through any process, planning for reconstruction of the parkway is still ongoing.

“The DCR recognizes the importance Morrissey Boulevard has on the region and within the city of Boston’s Dorchester neighborhood, and continues to work toward the redesign and reconstruction,” DCR Press Secretary Troy Wall said, “While the agency does not have new information at this time, the DCR anticipates future public engagement later in the process.”

The area around Morrissey has been booming with development over the past few years—with much more density on the way. With the former Globe headquarters conversion to The Beat, a multi-tenant co-working space across the street from BC High, and UMass Boston in the picture, congestion along the Boulevard will show no signs of slowing down.

Center Court towers on Morrissey

A plan to build a pair of high-rise apartment buildings on Morrissey Boulevard next to the former Globe site is likely to take shape in the coming months. Center Court Partners, which owns the 2.23 acre site that was once home to a TV station, floated the idea of the towers with 24 and 21 floors, respectively, to civic leaders in Savin Hill last year. It would be the first in a multi-phase buildout of the land they control between that site and the Hub 25 buildings next to JFK/UMass station. Expect to see that plan—which would dramatically change the Dorchester skyline and



1120-1132 Washington Street today, left, and a rendering of the site from a developers’ latest proposal.



add nearly 700 new housing units—return this fall.

David Rafferty, developer and architect with Center Court, said that he hopes to “bring a draft back in front of the neighborhood [association] soon.” He also confirmed in June that the development team has participated in meetings with nearby stakeholders like Boston College High School, BEAT developers Nordblom Co., UMass Boston, future Bayside developers Accordia Partners, and Corcoran-Jennison in looking at the “macro-picture” of development in the area.

Old Colony House Apartments

A brand new component to factor in along the Morrissey corridor is an emerging plan to redevelop 780 Morrissey, an acre-and-a-half site that is currently home to Phillips Old Colony House and a large parking lot. The restaurant and function hall closed two years ago. It would be replaced with a 6-story, 203-unit apartment complex by Michaels Development, a New Jersey-based company that has an agreement to buy the property.

Neighbors at the Clam Point Civic Association were briefed on the plan on Monday evening.

“I imagine the price range will be somewhere around what Hub 25 is going for,” said Jay Russo, a vice-president at Michaels Development, referring to the apartment complex near JFK/UMass station. “We’re trying to hit a price point that’s as affordable as it can be in this kind of a market.”

Approximately 13 percent of apartments would count as affordable housing. The building would be a mix of studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartments, with a parking garage

contained within the footprint of the building that would provide 1-to-1 parking and bicycle storage.

The developer has invited the public to a meeting at Old Colony House starting on Wed., Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. for a presentation of the plan.

Lower Mills condos

Plans for a condominium complex at 1120-1132 Washington Street in Lower Mills—in the works since 2016 and stalled out in recent months—will likely be revisited this fall. The developer, City Point Center, LLC, had introduced plans to build a 4-story structure housing 57 residential units with two ground-level retail units on the 48,303 square-foot site, which is currently home to three buildings, including the former Molloy’s funeral parlor.

The project faced significant opposition, including from those concerned about the historic nature of the existing block of buildings. In 2018, representatives for City Point, LLC aired out three “alternative” designs for their new building project if the existing buildings were to be kept in place. According to Bonnie McGilpin, spokeswoman for the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), the agency currently has no updates on the project. Civic leaders say they are also waiting to hear back from the development team. The project is not on the agenda for the next Lower Mills civic meeting on Sept. 17.

Little Saigon Cultural District

An ongoing process, undertaken by the Networking Organization of Vietnamese Americans (NOVA), to designate an area of Fields Corner as Little Saigon Cultural District, will be moving

forward this fall. Last Tuesday (Sept. 3) Annie Le, who spoke for NOVA, presented members of the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) with an update on the initiative.

If approved, the district would serve as a center of cultural, artistic and economic activity for at least five years. “Whenever this gets approved, for the first six months to a year we’re [facilitating] district planning, which means we will have more meetings, focus groups and one-on-one meetings with everyone,” Le said. “We want to make sure that what we have outlined makes sense with what the community wants, and if it’s not then we go back, edit, and revise. This whole process has been a lot of edits and revisions.”

The current mapping proposal for Little Saigon Cultural District includes a half-mile stretch along portions of Dorchester Avenue and Charles, Park, and Adams streets that is dense with Vietnamese businesses and activities.

Mayor Martin Walsh has publicly expressed support for exploring the issue. During an appearance in January at the Boston Vietnamese community’s annual “Tet in Boston” festival, Walsh said he and state officials would be creating a task force to take up the matter and try to figure out a way to make it happen.

According to Councillor Frank Baker, who was present at the FCCA meeting, there will be a hearing this Wednesday (Sept. 11) involving city councillors, the Mass Cultural Council, and the mayor’s office. After the hearing, the Council will decide whether or not to pass the resolution to the Massachusetts Cultural Council for review.

“I’m supportive of it,”

said Baker. “I’ve been involved in this discussion for about five or six years. If the community comes out and there’s a large opposition, then maybe we have to figure out how to get people more comfortable with it,” he said. “The hearing is so that people can get more comfortable with it and figure out how we can get groups involved that feel like they aren’t a part of it.”

DotBlock buildout gets under way

Construction is expected to begin early next year on the massive, \$200 million DotBlock development in Glover’s Corner. With full city approvals in hand, the development team is in the final preparations of designs, according to Catherine O’Neill, a representative for the developers, Samuels and Associates and Wintergold, LLC, who plan to build 488 housing units in four buildings - up from the 362 originally envisioned for the site.

“We expect to be ready to file for permits at the end of the year and start construction in the first quarter of 2020,” O’Neill said this week.

The revised plans also include a 345-space underground garage - compared to the original plans for a 5-story, 450-space above-ground garage. The complex will also have about 30,000 square feet of neighborhood-focused retail space, and more than an acre of public space.

Port Norfolk-Neponset Wharf project

A controversial proposal to site new condo buildings on an 156,816 square-foot site off of Ericsson Street in Port Norfolk, known as the Neponset Wharf project, could be back in the coming year. The project has been met with general opposition from many

vocal Port Norfolk residents, but the plan—in some form—may well resurface in the context of Climate Ready Dorchester planning, which will get under way later this month.

The most recent proposal includes 96 condo units, 170 parking spaces, a small neighborhood market and deli, and renovated boat storage and service facilities.

“The Neponset Wharf project team is currently working on changes to their proposal based on extensive engagement with the Port Norfolk neighborhood,” BPDA Project Manager Tim Czerwinski told the *Reporter*. “The agency plans on hosting a community meeting to discuss the project in the context of Climate Ready Dorchester.”

According to Czerwinski, that meeting will be scheduled after Climate Ready Dorchester’s open house on Sept. 25.

Mattapan Square project ramps up

Mattapan neighbors will continue to monitor the redevelopment of a parking lot adjacent to Mattapan station that promises to bring new housing and a mix of retail uses—including a restaurant—to Mattapan Square. The Mattapan Station project, with a price-tag estimated at \$67 million, has lined up the necessary funding and construction should begin next year. A city-led “PLAN: Mattapan” initiative is already up and running and will continue into the next year. The BPDA-based initiative is intended to “create a comprehensive vision for the Mattapan planning area and guide future growth and investment.”

Daniel Sheehan and Bill Forry of the Reporter staff contributed to this report.

Dot resident-teacher cited for her anti-hunger work

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Dorchester resident and Boston Arts Academy teacher Sonya Brown was recently honored with a Teacher Champion Award at a ceremony in Boston. Brown earned the award from Project Bread and

Blue Cross Blue Shield for her work in getting a 30-minute extension to the school's breakfast period, thereby ensuring that qualified students could participate in the free breakfast program. As a result of the extension, school breakfast consumption rose from



28 percent to 41 percent. Brown teaches students about access to nutritious food as a social justice issue as part of the curriculum for her humanities classes. Her goal is to make sure BAA students, who experience extended school days, remain fed with

nutritious food in order to maintain energy levels throughout the day. Brown was one of eleven Teacher Champions selected through the program. Each one received \$1,000 to invest in a school-based nutrition program, as well as a \$500 stipend for personal use. "Teachers play an important role in fighting childhood hunger," said Erin McAleer, president of Project Bread, the state's leading anti-hunger organization, in a press release. "They are

strong advocates for kids and trusted members of the community. But they need proper support, resources, and partnerships to make a difference for their students without compromising their primary role as educators." "Addressing food insecurity in our schools is an important part of helping people live healthier lives—something we are deeply committed to at Blue Cross," said Jeff Bellows, vice president of Corporate Citizenship and Public Affairs. "We



Sonya Brown are proud to team up with Project Bread and AFT-Massachusetts to recognize all the incredible work teachers are already doing and help them further set their students up for success inside and out of the classroom."



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July 19, 2019

Councilor Althea Garrison
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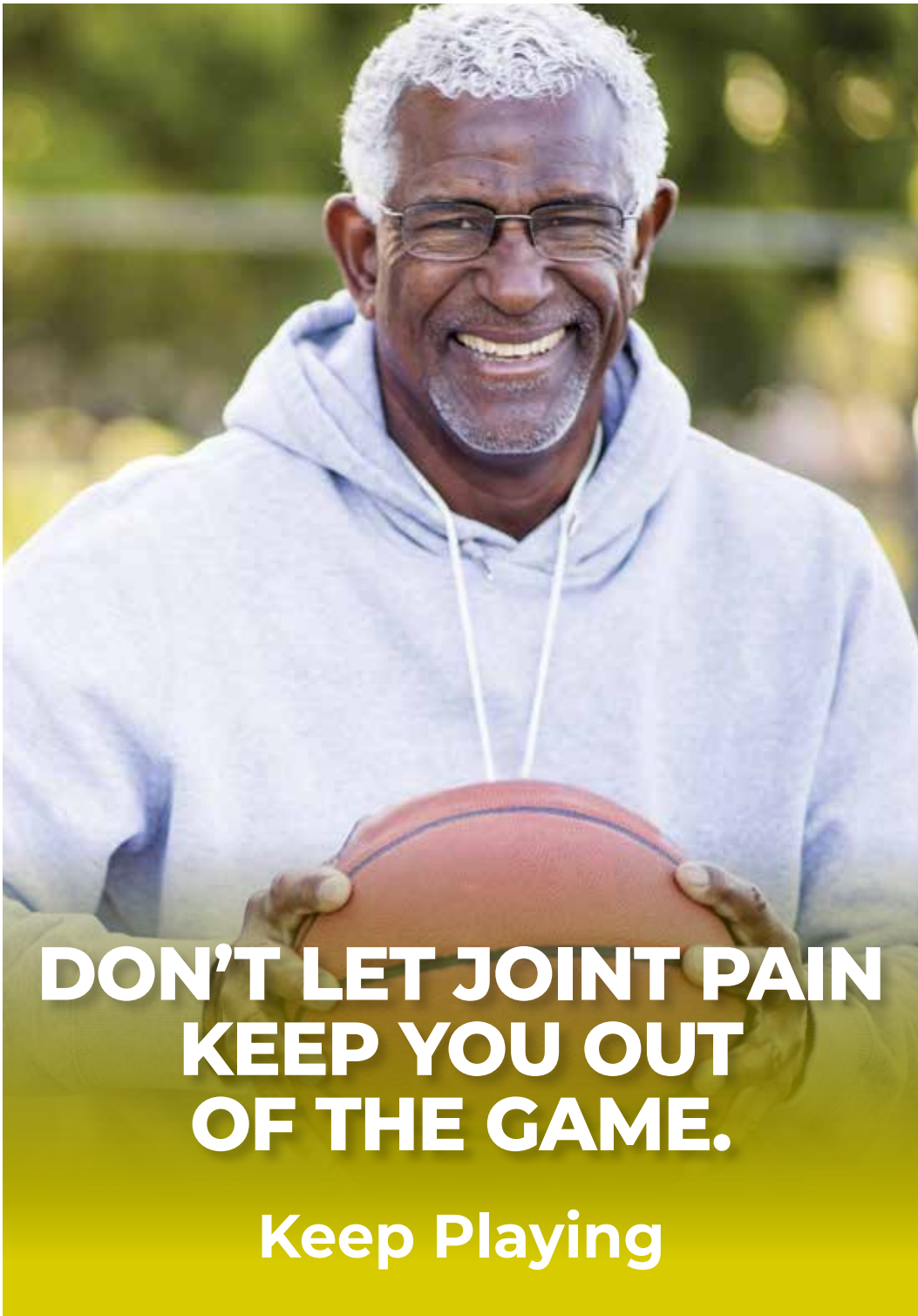
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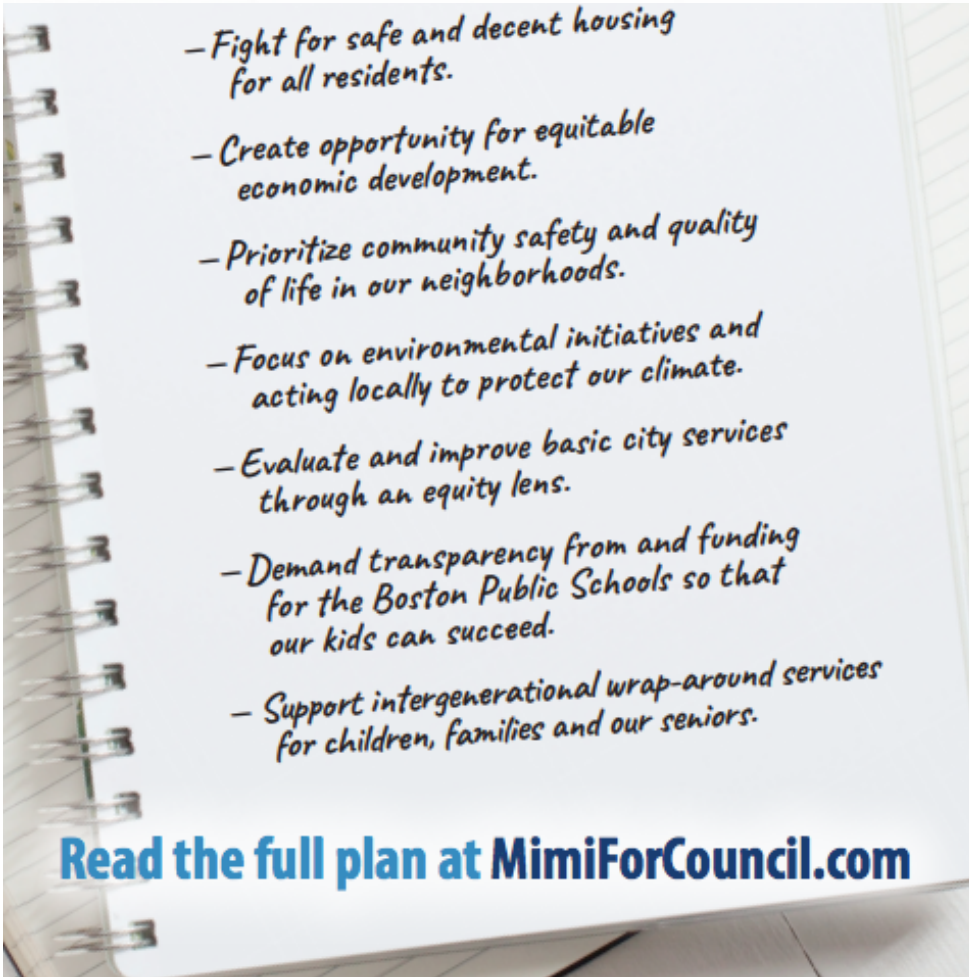
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New eatery set to open on Hancock Street this month but no liquor or music on site – for now

(Continued from page 1) sis Vegan Veggie Parlor in Four Corners, but he told the *Reporter* that the menu at the new eatery will look quite different from that of its plant-based predecessor.

“This is definitely not vegan,” he said with a chuckle, explaining that the restaurant will serve a mix of cultural cuisines that includes dishes from his native Barbados, Caribbean and Cape Verdean fare, and African-American soul food. While vegan options will be available, signature dishes such as a surf-and-turf special with ribs and cajun shrimp and “rasta pasta,” a creamy noodle dish with seasoning and protein, will lend a decisively “comfort food” feel to the kitchen’s offerings.

“This is a collaboration of multiple cultures,” he said. “One of the things that I realized is this community needs a little more attention and a little more love. We want to portray that in the food we are going to serve.”

Heading into this venture, Coppin has an acute awareness of the diversity of Uphams Corner and the various ethnicities represented in the neighborhood. A resident of Brockton, he spent over a decade as bank manager at Citizens Bank in South Bay



The interior of the new Oasis restaurant in Uphams Corner. Dan Sheehan photo

Center. That experience, he said, gave him insight into the importance of customer service and establishing relationships with community members – two tenets that will serve as the cornerstone of his new business.

He also knows that representation is important – “customers want to see people that look like them,” he noted. As a result, his newly hired staff includes workers of Vietnamese, Cape Verdean, African-American, Irish, Dominican, and Bajan (Bardadian) descent.

“There’s a whole dynamic of people here that we need to blend,” he said. “Obviously, you may know that this place has history, and it’s not the most pleasant history, so we want to change that. Food tends to do

that – good food with a good environment and a peaceful culture. So that’s what we’re hoping to develop here.”

Down the line, Coppin hopes to begin hosting “theme nights” at the restaurant, featuring live spoken word, poetry nights, and a culinary kitchen program to teach local youth about nutrition and food preparation. A community garden located behind the restaurant may eventually be a place to cultivate herbs and vegetables.

Alcohol and loud music were two main ingredients for trouble at previous establishments at 33 Hancock, where fights would often arise due to patrons “drinking and acting a fool,” as Coppin put it. Signage on the storefront to Oasis reads “Food. Music. Drinks.”

But the latter two will likely come some months from now as Coppin adopts a “food first” approach and tests the waters of a community traumatized by the violence that often spilled out of the property. Coppin says he gets questions about Oasis’s liquor license from nearly everyone he meets.

As of now, he has yet to apply for one.

“Right now, I’ll be honest with you: All I care about is getting the restaurant open to feed people,” he said. “In terms of music and drinks, that will be something that comes down the road. I don’t want that to be the core focus... people are constantly asking me, are you going to serve drinks? We will eventually, but I want people to come and taste the food.”

The relationship between ownership of the property at 33 Hancock and surrounding neighbors has historically been characterized by tension. As such, Coppin is putting transparency – both literal and figurative – at the forefront of his operation. He has worked closely with Uphams Corner Main Streets to establish a dialogue with neighbors and community leaders. Some folks are suspicious, which Coppin understands. But he says most are on board with the new direction he’s taking.

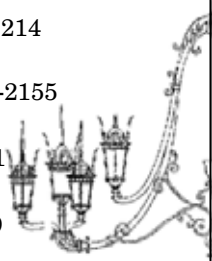
“I’m changing the whole dynamics of what was here before. I mean, before they had tinted windows, like they were hiding stuff. What were they hiding? I don’t have nothing to hide. I’ll show you everything, you know? We’re a real open book here.”

And if Oasis sees success through this formula of openness and community involvement, Coppin thinks it could inspire others to open value-based establishments of their own.

“I think that it could be the platform for other minority-owned businesses that have fine dining or sit-down to be able to rebuild some kind of trust within the community.”

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ADAMS STREET BRANCH

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CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

Thurs., Sept. 12, 12 p.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. **Fri., Sept. 13,** 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. **Sat., Sept. 14,** 9:30 a.m. – Citizenship Class; 10 a.m. – ESL Conversation Group. **Mon., Sept. 16,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Game Night. **Tues., Sept. 17,** 10:30 a.m. – Unleash the Amazing Quilter in You; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Sept. 18** – 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Sept. 19** – 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Sept. 20,** 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Sept. 12, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; Preschool Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Drop-In Tech Help. **Fri., Sept. 13,** 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. **Sat., Sept. 14,** 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library; 9:30 a.m. – Story Circle; 11 a.m. – African American Cowboys. **Mon., Sept. 16,** 1 p.m. – Monday Films; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Sept. 17,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Sept. 18,** 10 a.m. – Adult Stress Relief Coloring; 10 a.m. – Bilingual Haitian Creole Storytime; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Sept. 19,** 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Drop-In Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Sept. 20,** 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun.

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Fri., Sept. 13, 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. **Sat., Sept. 14,** 11 a.m. – ESL Conversation Group; 2 p.m. – Drop-In Teen Resume Workshop. **Mon., Sept. 16,** 11 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Sept. 17,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Sept. 18,** 10 a.m. – Memoir Writing Workshops; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Sept. 19,** – 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Greenovate Youth Leaders Training. **Fri., Sept. 20,** 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming.

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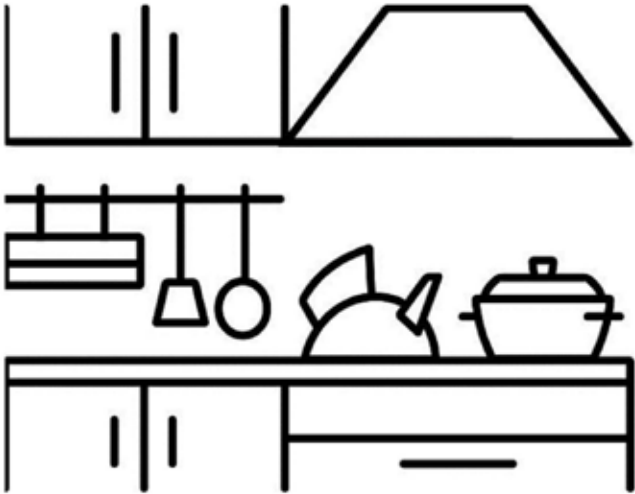
Thurs., Sept. 12, 5 p.m. – LEGO Club; 6:30 p.m. – Pajama Storytime. **Fri., Sept. 13,** 9 a.m. – Little Wiggles’ Lapsit; 1 p.m. – Greta Garbo Film Series. **Mon., Sept. 16,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Sleepy Storytime. **Tues., Sept. 17,** 3 p.m. – Drop-In Computer Help; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Sept. 18,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Sept. 19,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club; 6:30 p.m. – Pajama Storytime; 6:30 p.m. – An American Marriage: Book Discussion. **Fri., Sept. 20,** 9 a.m. – Little Wiggles’ Lapsit; 1 p.m. – Greta Garbo Film Series.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., Sept. 12, 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Sleepy Story Time; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. **Fri., Sept. 13,** 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Crafternoons. **Sat., Sept. 14,** 12:30 p.m. – Zumba with Carlina. **Mon., Sept. 16,** 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Pokemon Club; Pokemon Crafts; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Sept. 17,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Tinker Time; 6 p.m. – Hip-Hop Class. **Wed., Sept. 18,** 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 2 p.m. – Full STEAM Ahead; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Sept. 19,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. **Fri. Sept. 20,** 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; Smart From the Start Story Hour; 3 p.m. – Crafternoons.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

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



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More than a thousand ‘Run for Gratitude’ with Team MR8



Above: a group of youngsters showed off their wheels on the race route Monday. Below: Luke Janik and Erica Gagnon were the first place finishers at the 2nd Annual MR8K.

Over 1,200 runners participated in the 2nd annual MR8K: A Run for Gratitude at the Warrior Ice Arena in Brighton on Labor Day morning, Sept. 2. The race, a signature event organized by the Martin Richard Foundation, is held every year in honor of Martin Richard, the youngest victim of the Boston Marathon bombing.

The event featured runners of all ages, a public skate at the hockey rink, and a post-race party with food, drinks, and live music. This year, Luke Janik placed first among male runners in the five-mile race while Erica Gagnon placed first in the



women's category. This year marked the first time the event was held at the hockey training center, thanks to Team MR8's partnership with the Bruins. Former Bruins center and Director of Development for the Boston Bruins Foundation Bob Sweeney spoke to the



turnout and the organization's relationship with the Richard family in a video published by the Bruins' social media team. "We consider the Martin Richard Foundation one of our core charities and we look forward to supporting them year after year," he said.



James W. Hunt, Jr., left, president and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, stopped by the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center last month to present an award to its president and CEO, Stan McLaren, center, for the center's 50 years of contributions to Boston's neighborhoods. At right is the Mass League's senior vice-president and general counsel, Michael Curry.

Harvard Street Health to mark 50th anniversary with Oct. 4 celebration

Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center will mark its 50th anniversary at a celebration event on Oct. 4 at The Exchange, Boston. Harvard Street will honor its first executive director, E. Lorraine Baugh, with the President's Award; Boston Police Commissioner William Gross will receive the Trailblazer Award; and Jonathan Bush, co-founder of Athena Health, will be cited for the Innova-

tion Award for creating the software that has helped Harvard Street and many community health centers across the country reach new levels of growth. Over the years, Harvard Street has logged more than one million patient visits serving children, adults, families, and seniors from 37 zip codes, with one in three speaking a language other than English. Almost 70 percent of

patients are at or below the federal poverty level of \$25,750 for a family of four or have no health care insurance or rely on Medicaid or Medicare. The health center is planning a capital campaign to build a larger, modern facility. To learn more about HSNHC go to harvardstreet.org. For Gala tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please go to 50.harvard.org or call 617-822-5594.



Steven W. Tompkins

Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins was appointed to serve as Chair of the Roxbury Community College Board of Trustees by Governor Charlie Baker last week. A member of the Roxbury Community College (RCC) Board since 2013, Tompkins served most recently as its Vice Chair before

this new appointment. The Board of Trustees at RCC is appointed by the Governor. As Sheriff, Tompkins manages all operations at the House of Correction, Suffolk County Jail and the Civil Process Division. In addition to providing care, custody and rehabilitative support for inmates and

pre-trial detainees, he also oversees a management, security and administrative staff of over 1,000 individuals. Sheriff Tompkins holds a Bachelor's Degree in communications from Boston College and a Master's Degree in Public affairs from the University of Massachusetts.

Kitchen ‘Envy’ tour set for September 22

The Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association invites the public to their Kitchen Envy II Tour on Sun., Sept. 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. The first Dorchester Kitchen Tour in 2017 was a big success, so they are reopening the event this

year. The tour will feature newly renovated kitchens with updates to historic Victorian architecture. Tickets are available for \$25 on eventbrite.com, proceeds from the tour will go toward scholarships for neighborhood youth.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we have been featuring mini-biographies of Dorchester residents who served in World War I. This week's profile, excerpted from the text written for the Society by Julie Wolfe, features **Levi Arthur LeCain**. He was born on Sept. 4, 1881, in Green River, Wyoming (then a territory), the third child of Joseph J. LeCain and Mary Amelia Cummings, both originally of Maine. A Civil War veteran, Joseph reenlisted in 1875 to fight the "Indian Wars" in Wyoming. At some point Mary joined him, and their three older sons were born there. Wyoming was railroad country, and "J. J. LeCain" served as Uinta County sheriff from 1882 to 1886. By 1900, the family was renting a home with two



Levi Arthur LeCain

boarders and a relative at 384A Highland Avenue in West Somerville, Massachusetts. Both Levi, 18, and his older brother Sylvester were laundrymen. A year later Levi was a car conductor, as was his father. By 1903, Levi, his parents, and brother Leo had moved blocks away, to

410 Highland Avenue. Also living there was Caroline Mifflin, the Newfoundland native Levi married on November 25, 1903. They had four children: Edna (1904), Mildred (1907), Gertrude (1909), and Arthur (1911). From 1910 through 1913, Levi, Caroline, and their children lived at 1156 Cambridge Street in Cambridge, where Levi's occupation, according to the 1910 census, was "Teamster, milk wagon." By 1915, the LeCains were renting a home in Dorchester, at 1071 Washington Street, Levi now a "driver." On July 3, 1916, he volunteered for military service at the 8th Regiment Camp at Framingham. He was stationed with the 1st Massachusetts Cavalry Troop D in Fort Bliss, Texas, in the Mexican War (or Border War).

In July 1917 he was called up as part of the 3rd Pioneer Infantry. Stationed at South Carolina's Camp Wadsworth, he rose to the rank of sergeant, and on Aug. 30, 1918, set sail for France aboard the Umviea. Levi fought at Meuse-Argonne, Defensive Sector, for the war's final year. Although his discharge record reports no injuries or disabilities, a newspaper item from the 1920s noted his "42 percent disability rating." After the war, Lev, with a "42 percent disability rating," had several addresses in Dorchester, all on Washington Street. He worked as a milk salesman for H. P. Hood & Sons, then in 1922, he became an "agent" for the Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals at Boston's Angell Memorial Hospital, making headlines for his role in animal-cruelty cases.

By the 1930 census, Levi was a "purchasing agent and stable superintendent" for Hathaway Baking Company and apparently separated from Caroline. He died at the Veterans Hospital in Bedford, Mass. on June 23, 1954. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterrhistorical-society.org. The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Editorial

Scandal signals reform is a must at City Hall

The fallout from the City Hall bribery scandal that erupted on Sept. 6 with the admission of guilt from former city worker John Lynch intensified this week.

Lynch, who until recently had worked in a variety of City Hall jobs starting with the Kevin White administration, took \$50,000 to use his “influence” to lobby a Zoning Board of Appeal member to approve a permit extension for a condo project in South Boston.

According to US Attorney Andrew Lelling’s account, Lynch has admitted to the crime and agreed to do up to five years in prison for it. That’s a long stretch, which indicates that there may be more to come as Lelling continues his probe.

But even if there are no more charges or plea deals, make no mistake: It’s the most serious crisis of the Walsh era. The administration’s response — to date — indicates that they know things have to be handled without ambiguity.

William ‘Buddy’ Christopher, a close aide to Mayor Walsh who continues to be a respected member of his administration, began a leave of absence last Friday. A private architect before joining Walsh’s cabinet in 2014, Christopher did work for Lynch in his earlier career.

Over the weekend, Craig Galvin resigned from his seat on the Zoning Board of Appeal. A Dorchester realtor who has served on the ZBA since 2016 in a seat specifically reserved for a realtor, he reportedly was the ZBA member who made a motion that led to a favorable outcome for the developer who is said to have paid off Lynch. Since the charges against Lynch were made public by Lelling’s office, a series of reports in the *Boston Globe* have detailed a prior business relationship between Galvin and Lynch.

It’s important to note that neither Galvin nor Christopher — who until recently ran the city’s Inspectional Services Division (ISD) — have been charged with any criminal wrongdoing in the matter.

The Zoning Board met this week on Tuesday, despite calls from some observers for a suspension of business until the investigation concludes and more dramatic reform is executed. To his credit, Walsh immediately ordered a review of the ZBA by the Boston law firm Sullivan & Worcester. The mayor has promised a “comprehensive review beginning with the rules and regulations in place that dictate how the ZBA conducts business on behalf of the residents of Boston, and those with matters before the board.”

The mayor is not alone in seeking a more long-term remedy. City Council President Andrea Campbell on Tuesday proposed the creation of a new Inspector General — a Boston IG — who would police city government and, in her words, “root out corruption.” In the past, that has been the purview of the state. But, Campbell has a good argument. Many other big cities in the US have one. And, seeking outside counsel to probe internal city matters on a case-by-case basis seems unwieldy.

Walsh is said to be irate — and he should be. He’s probably also confounded, as many observers are, about why a vote on a routine ZBA permit extension has led to such naked public corruption.

If there’s an upside, perhaps looking deeply into the matter will lead to reforms that seem obvious to casual observers. The ZBA is composed of an unpaid group of appointees who are faced with an onslaught of weekly business, ranging from small-bore requests to enlarge an outdoor deck to approving variances for skyscrapers. It’s a torrent of work in a booming city. The board is mandated by state law to include certain members by profession, which is why there is a dedicated seat for a realtor — a dynamic that seems like a bad idea on its face. The potential for conflicts of interests — and recusals that could also hamper efficient reviews — is around every bend.

At the end of the day, and for better or for worse, this could be a defining moment for the Walsh administration.

—Bill Forry

Off the Bench

Aside to Gen. Mattis: It’s not the time to withhold your judgment of Donald Trump

By JAMES W. DOLAN
REPORTER COLUMNIST

Few in the nation are admired as much as James Mattis, former Marine Corps general and US defense secretary. In many respects, he represents the best of us: dedicated, principled, loyal, and smart. He, along



James W. Dolan

with another distinguished Marine and former assistant secretary of defense, Bing West, who is originally from Dorchester, recently wrote a book about leadership titled “Call Sign Chaos.”

In it, Mattis describes the qualities he says a leader must have. While acknowledging that he resigned because he disagreed with some administration defense policies, he does not comment on the character and capabilities of President Trump, his former boss. While he views his silence as a duty, it also serves as a refuge, a way to avoid controversy

Is this a case of misplaced loyalty? Does he have a higher duty to express either his support for the commander-in-chief or his concern for the nation under Trump’s direction? Particularly when it’s obvious the president demonstrates none of the leadership qualities Mattis describes at great length in the book.

Why define leadership if you are unable or unwilling to apply that definition to a person you worked for? Is leadership an abstraction? Is it somehow disloyal or disrespectful to define leadership and measure someone to whom you reported by those standards? I believe it is important by way of illustration to cite examples of people who have or have not displayed those qualities.

Mattis apparently prefers to do it by indirection. Instead of coming right out and saying it, he criticizes the president by enumerating the qualities necessary for sound leadership, not just in the military but anywhere. He then lets the reader draw what, in the president’s case, is the obvious conclusion. It’s a little like reciting the Beatitudes and then declining to say whether or not the president is or is not in compliance.

The general certainly expected his superiors in the Marine Corps to demonstrate character and competence. He also would have rigorously demanded that officers serving under him comply with those leadership tenets he so earnestly practiced himself. During his book tour, he declines all efforts to have him comment on the president’s leadership despite his unique position to evaluate the commander-in-chief. Now is not the time to withhold judgment.



Gen. James Mattis’ misplaced loyalty?

Mattis has said his silence is not eternal and that there may occur circumstances when he will feel compelled to speak out. I suggest those circumstances already exist and have for a while. Leadership can be uncomfortable. It sometimes requires forthright candor when the nation is at risk and silence can be seen as, if not approval, at least acceptance. When does duty respond to a higher calling?

Some suggest Mattis’s reticence may be related to his recent return to the board of General Dynamics, the nation’s fifth largest defense contractor. It has long been a common practice for former defense officials and retired high ranking military officers to work in the defense industry. Another even more famous general, former president Dwight Eisenhower, warned us over 50 years ago of the “grave implications” of the nation’s military-industrial complex, a formidable union of the arms industry and the military that breeds conflicts of interest and lack of oversight. It also can make those involved reluctant to openly criticize powerful government officials.

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.

UMass Boston faculty protest programs at new Amherst campus in Newton

By KATIE LANNAN
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NEWS SERVICE

More than a year after the University of Massachusetts Amherst purchased a campus in Newton, faculty at UMass Boston are continuing to press system officials to address what they describe as competition with their school.

A trio of UMass Boston professors and the president of the Boston campus’s Professional Staff Union are scheduled to address the UMass Board of Trustees at a meeting Thursday (Sept. 12) in Lowell.

Marlene Kim, an economics professor and president of the Faculty Staff Union at UMass Boston, said faculty members wish to raise concerns about the expansion of programs at the site of the former Mount Ida College.

“If there’s programs that need expanding in Boston, there is campus in Boston called UMass Boston, and we should not be competing for students or faculty to teach these classes,” Kim said in an interview.

In April 2018, UMass Amherst officials announced the school would acquire the 74-acre campus of the shuttering Mount Ida and use the site as “a center for Boston-area career preparation opportunities, utilizing its proximity to the nearby Newton-Needham Innovation District and the tech-focused Route 128 corridor.”

Kim said that the new campus now offers business analytics and is considering a master’s program in accounting, both of which are already offered in Dorchester at UMass Boston.

“If we already have a program 10 miles away, there should not be a different program,” she said. “That’s our position.”

Kiran Verma, who chairs the accounting and finance department at UMass Boston, said the master’s in accounting is a successful program for her department, and that UMB is currently the only public university in Massachusetts to offer such a degree.

“Now that there would be UMass Amherst offering that same degree, one would think we would lose

some students, because now there is that flagship option, with all the branding that entails,” she told the News Service.

Verma said the number of students enrolled in a program is one factor used to gauge how “robust” that program is, and a lower enrollment could ultimately translate to fewer faculty and eventually put the program “in peril.”

UMass Boston Management professor David Levy plans to tell the board than an expansion of professional graduate programs at the Newton campus “represents an existential threat.”

“We cannot be expected to compete when we are starved of resources for marketing, rankings, and student services,” Levy said in his prepared comments. “As Mt. Ida peels some of our students away, our programs will become vulnerable to the axe as our beleaguered administration seeks to chop smaller programs.”

UMass Boston faculty members have addressed trustees at other meetings this year about their concerns with the Mount Ida campus. Verma said she’s also hoping lawmakers have their eye on the issue.

The acquisition of the Mount Ida property by UMass Amherst sparked scrutiny from the Legislature, including an inquiry by the Senate Post Audit and Oversight Committee. At a hearing the committee held in May 2018, UMass President Marty Meehan said the Mount Ida campus “won’t be competition for UMass Boston,” and that UMass Amherst students deserve the same opportunities for internships.

“UMass Boston has more upside, I would argue, than probably any other campus, because of its location, because of its mission,” Meehan said at the time, while UMass Boston was undergoing an ultimately unsuccessful search for a new chancellor. “UMass Boston needs new leadership and then we’re ready to push forward on it.”

The chancellor search was relaunched last month, and a search committee held its first meeting on Aug. 27.

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AG sets out range of topics eligible for next year's state ballot

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Potential ballot question campaigns were cleared for takeoff last week and voters next year could decide the fate of proposals dealing with immigration law enforcement, liability for gun crimes, ranked choice voting, and access to vehicle repair information, among others.

On Sept. 4, Attorney General Maura Healey announced her certification of several initiative petitions as ballot eligible. She also certified proposed constitutional amendments that would restore the voting rights of incarcerated Massachusetts felons and stipulate that there is no requirement for public funding of abortion.

Those measures could reach the ballot in 2022 if supporters are able to clear significant hurdles before then. An income surtax on the wealthy, proposed as a legislative amendment to the state constitution, is already on track for 2022.

Overall, Healey certified 12 initiative petitions, her okay a hurdle that any potential statewide ballot question must clear. The proposals cover 11 topics, one fewer than the total number of active petitions because a measure related to persons with disabilities was filed and approved twice.

In addition to ballot proposals to cap state employee sick time payouts, boost nursing home funding, and create alcohol licenses for food stores, Healey certified two initiatives that would codify a ban on any state-funded treatment that harms individuals with disabilities.

The petition targets hitting, pinching, and electric shock “for the purposes of changing the behavior of the person or punishing the person.”

Healey declined to certify four proposed laws that would expand the Legislature’s ability to limit political spending and contributions by corporations, manage fishing equipment to ensure whale safety, place the top two finishers in a primary election regardless of party on the general election ballot, and create a commission to limit human-rights risks from technology.

Healey’s office said her certification decisions were based on constitutional requirements and do not reflect her support or opposition for any of the proposals.

If backers of the prisoner voting rights amendment are successful, thousands of Massachusetts residents in prison on felony convictions would once again be allowed to vote, a right they had until it was re-

voked by a constitutional amendment that was approved in 2000.

Austin Frizzell, an organizer with the Mass POWER campaign leading the effort, said the change would likely affect about 9,200 incarcerated residents currently in state prison, citing statistics from the Prison Policy Institute. People who have completed felony sentences, inmates in local jails and parolees can vote in Massachusetts, he said, “though access to ballots is often difficult.”

“We know our criminal justice system disproportionately and unjustly targets people of color, especially black communities, and therefore it is also a system of voter repression,” Frizzell said in a press release. “

The abortion-related proposal had cleared Healey’s review in 2017, but supporters did not secure enough signatures to advance their measure further in the process. They will renew their efforts now after the call for an amendment that would add a line to the state Constitution saying there is no requirement to publicly fund abortion was certified by Healey.

Proposals for changes to state law cover a range of topics, from allowing police cooperation with federal immigration authorities to capping political donations from non-Massachusetts residents and entities.

One of the petitions would update the 2013 state law on access to diagnostic information for vehicle repairs, requiring manufacturers to make digital repair information accessible. Proponents say that as technology advances, it has grown more complicated for independent repair shops to handle various car needs.

Automakers plan to oppose the effort, and Conor Yunits, a spokesperson for the Coalition

for Safe and Secure Data, said the change would expose personal driving data to third parties and create privacy risks.

Another proposal Healey certified would implement a ranked-choice voting system for most elections in Massachusetts, a proposal that has drawn attention on Beacon Hill and has been suggested in several separate pieces of legislation.

The version as outlined in the initiative would apply to most statewide or legislative elections, excluding president, with two or more candidates on the ballot.

Voters would rank the candidates in their order of preference, and if no single person receives an outright majority of number-one votes, run-offs would occur in which the lowest-ranked candidate is eliminated and ballots are redistributed

to whomever that candidate’s voters selected as their next choice. The process would repeat until someone received at least 50 percent of the vote.

A similar system is in place in Maine.

“Massachusetts voters want a stronger voice when we cast our ballots, and it’s just common sense to make sure that our elected leaders are supported by a true majority,” said Mac D’Alessandro, campaign manager of the Voter Choice for Massachusetts group pushing for the change. “Ranked Choice Voting would give voters the option to rank candidates in the order they prefer them, empowering and re-energizing Massachusetts voters at a critical time in our democracy.”

Other petitions reflect ongoing debates at the State House. While

lawmakers again weigh whether to support the Safe Communities Act — which would effectively create a firewall between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities — one proposed ballot question would explicitly allow police to detain suspects wanted by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in some cases.

Cape and Islands District Attorney Michael O’Keefe was the lead proponent on the immigration initiative. Top signatures backing the idea include Bristol County Sheriff Thomas Hodgson, Worcester County Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis, Barnstable County Sheriff James Cummings, Republican legislators Rep. William Crocker, Rep. Norman Orrall and Sen. Dean Tran, Democratic Rep. Colleen Garry, Gardner Mayor Mark Hawke and

others.

Another initiative would change state law so that all gun owners, including Massachusetts residents and out-of-state visitors, would be held “equally responsible for any and all actions and crimes committed” with any weapons they own, regardless of whether they provided the firearms intentionally. It would also require every gun owner to obtain a certified gun safe.

To stay on track for the ballot, supporters of the proposed laws must collect signatures from 80,239 registered voters by Dec. 4, after which the Legislature will get an opportunity to act on the issues. If lawmakers do not address the measures, supporters can gather additional signatures to force a November 2020 ballot question.

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MEETING ON POTENTIAL RE-DEVELOPMENT AT PHILLIPS OLD COLONY HOUSE

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SEPT. 23 MEETING ON DUDLEY STREET PROPOSAL

A public meeting hosted by the BPDA will be held on Mon., Sept. 23 to discuss 706 Dudley Street LLC's proposal for a new mixed-use development located at 706 Dudley St. The new building would consist of 26 residential units with 26 parking spaces, and approximately 2,747 square feet of commercial retail space. The proposal is approximately 36,799 square feet of new construction. The meeting will be held from 6:30-8p.m. at the Kroc Corps Community Center, 650 Dudley St. The contact is John Campbell, 617-918-4282, john.campbell@boston.gov.

FOUR CORNERS PLAZA PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting on a proposal for Four Corners Plaza will be held on Mon., Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation has requested Notice of Project Change to its previously BPDA Board Approved project. The requested change is reducing the commercial retail space from approximately 8,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet and an increase of four additional residential units. Four Corners Plaza was originally approved on August 13, 2015. The meeting will be held at Greenwood Memorial United Method-



Members of the cheerleading squad with the Mattapan Patriots posed for a photo on the sidelines at Almont Park during the Patriots' home opener on Sunday at the park. See next week's Reporter for a full story on the many activities going on daily at Almont Park. Caleb Nelson photo

ist Church, 378 Washington Street #A, Dorchester from 6:30 – 8 p.m. For more info call John Campbell at 617-918-4282 or email: john.campbell@boston.gov.

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

SAVIN HILL YARD SALE ON SEPT. 14

The annual Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale is on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 9a.m.-2p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, 9/15. For more information, a copy of the map, or to get your sale address on the map, please email savinhill@outlook.com.

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District 5 candidates talk T, housing costs at Hyde Park forum



At Monday’s forum: Ricardo Arroyo, Marie Esdale Farrell, Ceciliy Graham, Justin Murad, Alkia Powell, Mimi Tuchinetz.

By ADAM GAFFIN
UNIVERSAL HUB

At a candidate forum at the Blue Hills Collaborative on Monday night, six of the eight candidates (Jean-Claude Sanon and Yves Marie Jean did not attend) for the District 5 (Hyde Park, Mattapan, Roslindale) seat being vacated by Tim McCarthy agreed in broad strokes on almost everything, differing mainly on the specifics of how they would accomplish their goals on any given topic.

The one major issue on which candidates disagreed was on the idea of an elected school committee. Candidates Ricardo Arroyo, Ceciliy Graham, Justin Murad, Alkia Powell, and Mimi Tuchinetz all said they supported having at least some committee members elected by the public, noting that it would lead to increased accountability and transparency.

Arroyo said he could also support a “hybrid” committee in which some seats were reserved for experts in certain educational specialties, for example, special education. Turchinetz agreed, but said she would like to see seats reserved for students, parents, and teachers.

Only Maria Esdale Farrell said she would oppose an elected school committee. Farrell, who works as an education advisor to Councillor McCarthy, said candidates for elected seats on the committee might “not have the best intentions” and could use the committee only as a stepping stone to higher office.

On other issues: **Transportation**—All the candidates agreed the current commuter-rail zone system, in which riders getting on at Readville or Hyde Park pay far more than people getting on at Fairmount, is unfair.

Murad called for lower fares in general. “I think we can all agree that the MBTA currently is a disgrace,” Turchinetz said. She said that the Fairmount Line should be electrified, the frequency of the trains increased, and CharlieCards be allowed for use on it. She added that something needs to be done about the 32 bus (Hyde Park to Forest Hills).

Graham, who worked as an intern for former T General Manager Beverly Scott, called for free fares across the T, which she said could be paid for by increasing the system’s efficiency, electrifying commuter-rail lines, and by increased use of solar power. She said the T also needs more bus routes and more dedicated bus lanes. She would bring in consultants from places that have figured out how to run good transit systems, such as the UK.

Arroyo said he would also support free fares on the T, and added that he would push for new bus lines that let riders get around the neighborhoods rather than just go to and from Forest Hills. He also would push for more bus shelters at stops. He said the success of a morning bus lane on Washington Street in Roslindale shows the area needs more dedicated bus lanes.

Farrell also supported free fares - and a 32 express bus from Wolcott Square to Forest Hills - but said transportation also means figuring out how to increase bicycle ridership. She noted that Hyde Park has no Blue-bike stations and said it needs more bike lanes - and speeding up car speeds on main streets and lowering them on side streets.

She added she wants to look at clustered “community” school-bus stops, which she said would both reduce the number of places where school buses stop traffic and create a new sense of community among the parents and kids who use the new stops.

Powell also called for free fares.

All the candidates acknowledged it will be hard to get the T, a state agency, to change, but said they could use their seat as a bully pulpit to call for change. “The squeaky wheel gets the oil,” Murad said. Farrell noted the city now pays an MBTA assessment of \$89 million and could use that as leverage to seek improvements.

Climate crisis – All the candidates supported changing city zoning regulations to require new construction to adopt “Net Zero” techniques that would bring their carbon footprint

down to zero.

Arroyo said he would want to adopt a Water-town regulation that requires new construction above a certain size to include solar panels.

Turchinetz said that in addition to requiring Net Zero for new construction, she would look at how to begin to help owners of existing buildings retrofit to achieve a net-zero carbon footprint. She said she would make this a part of rewriting Article 80 - the section of city code that establishes standards developers have to follow to win BPDA approval.

Graham said she supports the Green New Deal and will not take any donations from energy and other carbon-generating industries.

Cleary Square—Candidates all agreed that Cleary Square is currently a litter-strewn mess, despite the best efforts of local volunteers to keep up with local litter pigs.

Powell said the city needs to stop up its recycling programs and educational programs to help homeowners and merchants recycle more to reduce the amount of stuff that now winds up on the street.

Farrell said the reason Roslindale Square is so much cleaner than Cleary Square is because of the “incredible activism” by Roslindale resident and merchants to keep the place spiffy. She

said one answer might be community-service programs at local schools in which students could be sent out on litter patrol.

Graham said she would work to help small businesses better clean up the sidewalks in front of them.

Turchinetz said the problem in Hyde Park and Mattapan Square is that they “don’t have equity in basic community services,” that she would push for better attention from Public Works - and from the DCR, which owns so much land in Hyde Park and which she said also does a poor job of litter control. “We can’t ‘volunteer’ our way out of it,” she said. “Logan Square, Cleary Square, there’s trash everywhere and it’s a disgrace.”

Biggest issues – Turchinetz said they was inadequate afford-

able housing and the lack of community control over local development, such as the two large residential projects planned for either side of the Readville train station. Turchinetz, a board member of the Southwest Community Development Corp., which last year cut the ribbon on a 27-unit affordable apartment building at the Fairmount T stop, said people keep telling her of local rent increases of \$300 to \$700 a month.

Powell cited affordable housing and public safety. She said she personally knows too many people “lost to the streets” and called for more anti-violence programs.

Arroyo cited housing affordability and transportation and said he would work for “community benefit agree-

ments” with developers as well as increases in the number of affordable units and “linkage” funds developers have to provide in exchange for city approval.

Murad cited transportation and education. Boston, he said, needs to provide both more schools and more resources for them.

Farrell also cited transportation and education. She said education is the main reason new parents leave Boston.

Graham pointed to housing displacement and education. She called for a 2 percent real-estate transfer tax to help fund more affordable housing and said schools need more counseling, language services, and teachers of color.



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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is hosting two free “Share the Harbor” cruises to the Boston Harbor Islands from the Seaport this month. Join the fun on Monday, September 16, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a free sunset cruise to Boston Light with wheelhouse narration by their harbor historian David Coffin, who will share songs and stories of the sea. The public is also invited to join on Sunday, September 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a free trip to explore the Treasures of Spectacle Island, which has been transformed from a landfill into the most popular destination in the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park. Both cruises depart from the World Trade Center ferry terminal on Seaport Boulevard in South Boston on Bay State Cruise Company’s flagship *Provincetown II*, which can easily accommodate 1000 passengers. Make your reservation today for one or both of these free cruises at tinyurl.com/SharetheHarbor2019.

DORCHESTER BIKE & BREW ON SEPT. 21
The fourth annual Dorchester Bike & Brew takes place on Sat., Sept. 21 from 5 p.m. in Peabody Square. Co-Presented by Greater Ashmont Main Street, Mass-Bike, Dorchester Brewing Company, The Dorchester Reporter, and the City of Boston, Mayor Marty Walsh. This family friendly community festival dis esigned to showcase the growing cycling community in Dorches-

ter; food trucks; Dot’s very own Dorchester Brewing Company’s beer garden with their craft brews as well as hard cider and wine; and the City’s Boston Water and Sewer Commission H2Go water trailer on site with Greater Ashmont MS water bottles for everyone. Boston Police Department (Official) Operation Hoodsie Ice Cream Truck will also make an appearance. Beyond food and drink, there will be several bike advocacy and social groups tabling, a bike rodeo for youth and adults hosted by MassBike, other kids-of-all-ages activities, our Ashmont Farmers Market lawn games, musical guests and more. The event is held in Peabody Square on a small portion of Talbot Ave (between Dorchester Ave and Welles Ave) which is closed to vehicular traffic for the duration of the festival. It is free to attend and beer garden sales help defray the costs of the event. Bring your bike, as we’ll have free bike valet provide by MassBike.

COMEDY NIGHT AT FLORIAN BENEFITS THE BOSTON HOME

Boston comedians Tony V, Christine Hurley, and Artie Januario are teaming up to honor fellow comedian, Rich Gustus, at The Boston Home’s Comedy Night Fundraiser on Thurs., Sept. 26 at Florian Hall in Dorchester. Diagnosed with advanced multiple sclerosis (MS) in 2000, Gustus has lived at The Boston Home – a non-profit residence for 96 adults who have MS and other neurological diseases – for almost a year. In addition to the comedic entertainment, the sold-out event includes a buffet dinner, cash bar, raffle and live auction. Among the prizes is lunch with Mayor Marty Walsh, backstage passes to the Dropkick Murphys’ St. Patrick’s Day Concert, and a one-week stay at a beautiful home on 17-Mile Drive in Pebble Beach, CA. Funds raised at the event will be used to upgrade The Boston Home’s television service system to support high-definition cable for the residents. Gifts in support of the event can be made online at thebostonhome.org or mailed to The Boston Home, 2049 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester Center, MA 02124. For more information please contact Maribeth McKenzie-MacDonald, Director of Philanthropy and Communications.

FARMERS MARKET IN PEABODY SQUARE

The Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmers Market is open for the season at the Ashmont MBTA plaza. The market will be open every Friday from 3-7 p.m. through

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AUDITIONS ONGOING FOR BOSTON CITY SINGERS

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

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Fields Corner Main Streets annual fundraiser — the ART-INI — will be held on Sat., Oct. 19 from 5-9p.m featuring a gallery show and silent auction. Stop by blend at 1310 Dorchester Avenue for some conversation with the artists, wine, beer and cider, and a silent auction. Talk with members of the Fields Corner Main Streets board and hear about all that is going on in our community. Then, stay or come back from 7-9 p.m. for the main event. Bid on original art by local artists, dine, drink and dance.

ABCD GALA TO FEATURE SINGER AUDRA MCDONALD

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) hosts its annual gala that recognizes and honors community volunteers on Fri., Nov. 8 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave, Boston. The evening kicks off with a Social Hour at 6 p.m. and the dinner program at 7 p.m. The event will feature a performance by record-breaking Tony, Grammy and Emmy award winning performer Audra McDonald. More at abcdheroes.org.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library’s free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher’s Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.org/homework.

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New coalition targets racial equity in cannabis biz

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Unhappy with the dearth of minority-owned businesses that have secured cannabis business licenses and with the way Cambridge is handling the newly-legal industry, cannabis entrepreneurs and activists last week launched a new coalition to push for equal treatment.

Real Action for Cannabis Equity (RACE) was founded to protect “opportunity in the emerging cannabis industry for entrepreneurs, communities, and workers of color.” The group said that it is “the nation’s first trade association specifically formed” for that purpose.

Of the 520 cannabis businesses that have applied for or received a license from the Cannabis Control Commission, only 24 or 4.6 percent are owned by people who self-identified as a minority, according to commission data. The Boston Globe reported that just two of the businesses holding active licenses are owned by people in the CCC’s program specifically geared towards promoting social equity in the marijuana industry.

And of the legal industry’s 5,300 employees registered with the

CCC, about 74 percent identified as white and more employees declined to provide a race or ethnicity than identified as either African-American, Latino or Hispanic.

Before a business can even apply for a license from the CCC, it has to secure its local approvals and execute a host community agreement with the municipality, a process many entrepreneurs have said cities and towns use to pry a larger piece of the business’s revenue than the state law allows.

“On the municipal level, this is not unlike the Jim Crow laws or civil rights struggles of the past, whereby higher-level mandates for equity are being intentionally or irresponsibly ignored on the local level,” Richard Harding, an equity advocate and RACE co-founder, said. “Statewide, the voters have clearly called for legalization to be carried forth in a manner that promotes equity, but on the municipal level, from Brockton to Cambridge to Western Massachusetts, equity is being sabotaged.”

Though RACE intends to be a statewide organization, it is focusing its initial efforts on Cambridge. That city has been embroiled in a debate over how it will handle cannabis

businesses, with RACE organizers alleging Thursday that “equity measures are on the brink of being ignored or wiped out.”

Equity is a central component of the marijuana law passed by voters in 2016 and the law as rewritten by the Legislature the following year. The law mandates that the Cannabis Control Commission adopt “procedures and policies to promote and encourage full participation in the regulated marijuana industry by people from communities that have previously been disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition and enforcement and to positively impact those communities.”

Entrepreneurs who qualify for as economic empowerment applicants get priority when the CCC reviews business applications and the CCC has runs a social equity program to provide technical and financial assistance to prospective business owners from communities disproportionately harmed by past drug laws.

Amine Benali of Westland Gate Capital said he advises economic empowerment applicants as they navigate the various regulatory and political hurdles to open a cannabis business. He

said it is critically important from a business perspective to make sure those applicants get off on the right foot.

“We understand the potency of first-mover advantage and we understand that coming in after the first mover has established a presence in the market would relegate the businesses to second-class businesses,” he said Thursday. “As such, we feel that operating in an environment that does not support priority for economic empowerment applicants would be an environment that legislates those businesses remaining in second-class business positions.”

At a press conference outside the State House on Thursday afternoon, Cambridge City Councilor Sumbul Siddiqui said it is crucial to make equity a major part of the city’s rollout of the marijuana industry to ensure that legal marijuana does not end up freezing out people of color and people from communities that have already dealt with the consequences of the War on Drugs.

“As we bring cannabis sales to Cambridge and elsewhere, we have an opportunity not only to answer an injustice but advance a more equitable future in a growing industry. We have to

actively work to prevent the cannabis industry from becoming another chapter in a long history of racial inequality,” Siddiqui said.

Siddiqui and Councilor Quinton Zondervan have proposed an ordinance in Cambridge that would give economic empowerment applicants a two-year period of exclusivity during which they would be the only cannabis businesses allowed to open retail stores in Cambridge.

“That would give them enough time to establish their business before they have to compete with the RMDs and other well-financed business interests that seek to dominate the market,” Zondervan said. “That ordinance is now before the council. We could vote it through at any time and we intend to do so as expeditiously as possible so that the cannabis businesses can begin to open and operate in Cambridge.” The Cambridge City Council has a meeting scheduled for Monday night and an official with the RACE coalition said the council could take action on the Siddiqui/Zondervan ordinance as soon as then.

The RACE coalition is launching a direct mail campaign targeting Cambridge “super voters” and will also advertise on Facebook,

Google, YouTube and other website or social media apps with geofencing to contain the messaging in Cambridge.

The coalition will also hold a “silent demonstration” Friday afternoon outside Cambridge City Hall. Like Thursday’s press conference, the demonstration is planned for 3:30 p.m. “because, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, black people in Massachusetts were 3.3 times more likely than white people to be arrested for marijuana possession in 2014, despite similar consumption rates,” the coalition said.

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BGCD Fall Program Registration: See details below.

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BGCD Members Go to the Red Sox Game: Ten lucky members were able to attend the Boston Red Sox game last week compliments of our friends at IBEW Local 103 located in Dorchester.

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BGCD Fall Program Registration: On Saturday, September 14th, BGCD will be open for Fall Program Registration from 10AM to 12PM. Members will be able to sign up for enrichment activities within athletics, aquatics, fine arts, music, education, social recreation, teen program, inclusion programming and more. These programs will take place Monday through Friday starting September 23rd.

Registration will be held at our Marr Clubhouse gymnasium at 35 Deer Street, Dorchester, MA 02125.

To learn more about our programming at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org or visit bgcdorchester.org.

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Getting to ‘yes’ on projects in the city can be a perilous journey

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Less than a year earlier, Dorchester buildings had gotten high-profile make-overs, whether in the first installment of “This Old House” appearing nationally on public television, or in the redevelopment of the Baker Chocolate mills buildings. These were proof that something old and even left vacant could still exert market appeal, especially with help from government programs.

White’s administration would soon apply that logic in Uphams Corner to the Pierce Building, one of two landmark structures at the intersection of Columbia Road and Dudley Street. But, within less than two years, the journey from a widely hailed vision to reality would be derailed by actions resulting in a federal charge of attempted extortion against a city employee who was one of White’s political operatives.

Other than involving \$50,000 from a developer seeking an approval from the city, the case has little in common with the bribery charge against a former city worker announced by federal prosecutors on Aug. 30 of this year. But both cases show at least a stubborn perception that the city’s

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A four-story structure with retail and office space, the Pierce Building dated from 1910. Though the ground floor had a health and beauty aids store operated by the Rix chain, the building had been taken by the city for unpaid taxes. That meant the city could sell the property to a designated developer whose costs could also be reduced by a low-interest loan or even the terms of sale.

But Kevin White’s commitment to neighborhood revitalization overlapped with methods that, during his last two terms, observers likened to a political machine. With the conversion of community development aid from the federal government into block grants—instead of categorical funding—there was more power over spending in the hands of mayors. In

declining neighborhoods with declining business centers, the funds could be one more tool for making improvements—or accumulating political support.

Political support can mean approval from voters, but it can also mean campaign donations. By early 1981, it was only a short step from there to a who’s who of campaign donors chipping in to a birthday party for the mayor’s wife Kathryn. Planned to be held at the Museum of Fine Arts, the party was called off after news of it had created widespread furor.

Almost a decade later, White admitted publicly that the event was meant to help with family expenses. But that was after federal charges had been terminated short of sustainable convictions. And there was no indication that White himself was involved in the event’s organization.

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At the time, neighborhood leaders in Uphams Corner and Columbia-Savin Hill were more focused on the mayor’s chief local operative,

known at local meetings as Jack Williams. After trying his hand at running a sub shop, Williams volunteered for White’s 1979 re-election campaign and afterward got a job with a new offshoot of government, the Neighborhood Development Agency (NDA). From there, he went on to become the Uphams Corner Little City Hall manager before switching to another position within the administration.

Even compared with other Little City Hall managers, Williams wasn’t shy about advertising his allegiance to his boss. There were indications that he could help fast-track a license for a business, and there was the story of how he tried to mobilize a turnout that fell two votes short of ousting a leader of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association.

Even at routine public meetings on block grant spending, Williams could be seen securing a photo of White to a podium with multiple strips of masking tape. It was a painstaking display of showing who was in charge—and, arguably, who was being served by Jack Williams. By the end of 1981, that relationship was put into question under a harsh spotlight when federal prosecutors accused Williams of attempted extortion from a would-be developer of the Pierce Building.

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In October of 1981, when neighborhood leaders scrambled on short notice for a presentation of plans for redeveloping the Pierce Building, they might already have expected an effort to skew the designation process. Also competing for the designation were two other developers, including the owner of the Rix chain. What the leaders didn’t expect was a plan from a developer who wore flashy jewelry and drove around in a Lincoln Continental.

As it turned out, the developer at the meeting, who went by the name of Anthony D’Alessandro, had a plan that supposedly went beyond the Pierce Building to include the neighboring property on Columbia Road, famed locally as the site of the world’s first supermarket. The “Uphams Market” building was owned by a non-profit, with the second floor used at the time by a church congregation. D’Alessandro had a purchase and sale agreement to buy the property for \$125,000, and he had

an idea for the second floor—a “buckaroo steakhouse.”

Neighborhood groups were not impressed, and four of them made it known they preferred the plan from the Rix Corporation. Then, in late November, Williams was charged with attempting to extort \$50,000 from D’Alessandro. A transplant to Boston after entering a federal witness protection program, D’Alessandro had been recording his conversations with Williams for the FBI. Within a matter of months, Williams was sentenced to three years in prison.

According to contemporary reports in *The Boston Globe*, some city officials had doubts about D’Alessandro’s proposal, and about the other plans, too. Under White’s successor, Ray Flynn, the Pierce Building was turned over to the nonprofit Dorchester Bay Economic Corporation, which has recently undertaken new renovations.

Based on information publicly available in 1981, D’Alessandro seemed an unlikely candidate for what he described as a \$3 million project. His earlier property dealings in Dorchester had been mainly at the bottom of the housing market. Aside from a three-decker where he reportedly lived, there were a number of short-term transactions, often for a nominal price plus assumption of back taxes and fees. Some of the transactions were with figures under the watch of arson investigators, but the Boston Fire Dept. never linked D’Alessandro to any criminal activity. “I understood everyone’s concern at one point that I might have been another straw,” D’Alessandro later told a *Globe* reporter. “I didn’t even know what a straw was at the time.”

White reportedly was surprised by the federal charges, but he defended his earlier decision to make Williams a part of his administration—because Williams was someone he liked.

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Fast forward to 2019, with another former city official involved with a developer scheduled to plead guilty to taking a bribe of \$50,000, for supposedly influencing a decision by the Zoning Board of Appeal.

The official, John M. Lynch, had served under multiple administrations, and there’s little sign of his clashing with neighborhood groups or his visibility as a political operative. It could be that Lynch and Williams have almost nothing in common, other than being city officials from Dorchester. But the bribery case against Lynch

could be seen as one more example of a developer expecting a city decision to hinge on payoff, even if for a project with a lower profile and the kind of request that, by some accounts, is routinely granted.


These days, regulatory approval by the city mainly unlocks benefits from a tight housing market. And, with a few taps or clicks, it’s possible to get more public information about proposed developments, large or small. But this new federal charge shows that a critical decision can still be made about a development without public accounting—unless there’s a criminal investigation.

A tight real estate market means more opportunities to make money, to increase jobs in the building trades, and to swell the tax base. There are also mounting pressures to ease the market forces driving up rents and causing many people to leave the city. And, for those who can afford to stay, the market relief from added supply can mean new shortages when it comes to things like parking. Taken together, those factors can make decisions about development highly conflicted.

What hasn’t changed is the cross-section of fields represented on the Board of Appeal. They have the benefit of knowledge about development, but also a broad (if not legally conflicting) interest in increasing supply. And there are still complaints from the neighborhoods, whether about the lack of locally affordable housing or about suggestions to improve plans that seem to go unheeded.

Neighborhood leaders often complain that Boston’s development process concentrates too much control in its mayors, business leaders, and campaign contributors. But, when the process results in federal charges, it can also turn out that there’s a shortage of oversight, whether from outside an administration or even from within.

If Kevin White was truly blindsided by what happened with the Pierce Building, that was not the case with Anthony D’Alessandro. His agreement to buy the adjacent “Uphams Market” building, filed almost three months before the presentation to neighborhood leaders, could have been withdrawn if he failed to secure approval for the “S.B. Pearce Building” (sic), or extended if there were a delay. “Buyer shall act in all due haste to prevent this”, the agreement stipulated, “but the seller recognizes a possible occurrence (sic) through no fault of the buyer.”



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Crisis at City Hall deepens; Galvin leaves Zoning Board

(Continued from page 1) to his full-time professional career, and as the board moves forward in their next chapter, Mr. Galvin felt it best to tender his resignation. It is with great optimism that the recently announced review of the board's procedures will result in a stronger, more streamlined process for the future of the board," the statement read.

The Boston Globe has reported that Galvin was the listing agent last year for a two-unit condo building on Ashland Street in Dorchester built by John Lynch, a former city housing official who agreed to plead guilty last week to federal bribery charges for taking \$50,000 in payments from a developer to try to persuade a zoning board member to vote for an extension the developer needed on an 11-unit project on H Street in South Boston. That extension let the developer sell the project to another developer at a profit.

Universal Hub has reported that the board had initially approved the project in 2014, then granted the developer an extension after he was unable to start work before the approval ran out. Then, in 2017, the board considered granting him another extension



The city's Zoning Board of Appeals convened for business on Tuesday in Boston City Hall amid an ongoing federal investigation. Katie Trojano photo

sion - this time after the first extension had run out. Galvin was the only member to vote for the extension at a hearing at which the developer, named as Steven Turner, failed to appear, so the appeal failed.

At that hearing, the board's attorney told members that he had heard from John Lynch, at the time a mid-level manager at the BPDA with no direct involvement in zoning issues, in the hallway outside the eighth-flooring hearing room that Turner would not be attending the hearing.

Two weeks later, though, Galvin made a successful motion to grant Turner the extension after Turner did appear with his lawyer and his architect, James Christopher, wrote Universal Hub's Adam Gaffin.

Christopher took over the architect business he worked at from his

father, William, after Mayor Walsh appointed the elder Christopher as ISD commissioner. William Christopher, who took a leave of absence on Friday from his current city job of heading up efforts to restore order in the Newmarket district, worked at the Department of Neighborhood Development with Turner and Lynch in the Menino administration, Universal Hub reported.

Walsh last week announced that he was hiring an outside law firm to review how developments get through the city zoning process in general, and a separate lawyer, a former federal prosecutor, to look at possible criminal wrongdoing spinning out of the Lynch charges. The US Attorney's office has said its investigation, which led to the charges against Lynch, is continuing.

Councillor Michelle Wu said last week that

Mayor Walsh's calls for a review "misses the point," because it does not halt the ZBA from meeting and approving projects while, "the integrity of the board is compromised."

On Tuesday, the Zoning Board met for the first time since the scandal erupted and it was, largely, business as usual. ZBA Chair Christine Araujo opened the hearing by noting Galvin's departure. "Craig Galvin has resigned from the board," she said, adding: "We thank him for his service. The board consists of five members today so [all of you] will need unanimous support for a motion [to be approved]."

As the Zoning Board met, Council President Campbell issued her call for the creation of an Inspector General position, modeled on the permanent state position. The inspector, she said in a press release,

should be hired by a "5 to 7 member advisory board that should consist of members of the community and relevant city employees."

"Bostonians deserve a City government that is free of corruption and waste, grounded in transparency, and accountable to the people," said Campbell. "Rather than bringing in costly outside counsel to address scandals as they arise, Boston needs an Inspector General to bring permanent, proactive, independent oversight of Boston's city government."

Campbell proposed that the board that appoints the inspector should include one member nominated by the mayor; one by the president of the City Council; and one by the chair of the City Council's Committee on Ways and Means. Additionally, two members of the community "should be selected from a pool of applicants and nominated jointly by the mayor and a majority vote of the City Council."

Campbell also said that the inspector general should serve up to two five year-terms that are "not aligned to a mayoral or City Council election."

Currently, the city falls under the purview of the state's Inspector General

and is policed by the city's Finance Commission, which reviews city contracts and probes complaints of wrongdoing.

"Mayor Walsh welcomes a conversation about additional oversight at the city of Boston, and that's why he has asked for an independent review of this incident and the entire ZBA," said Samantha Ormsby, a Walsh spokesperson, in response to Campbell's proposal.

"Mayor Walsh is going to take the action needed to get to the bottom of what happened here," he added, "and he's fully committed to overhauling the Zoning Board of Appeal."

The ZBA-related scandal follows a month after two former aides to Mayor Walsh — Kenneth Brissette and Timothy Sullivan — were found guilty of conspiracy charges related to their role in a case involving city permits and efforts to intimidate a private business into hiring union members.

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU19D1742DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
JEAN SAMUEL FRANCILUS
vs.
MACLINE MELIA FRANCILUS
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jean samuel Francilus, 3 Ballou Ave., Boston, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 10/30/2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 30, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo
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Published: September 12, 2019

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE and FAMILY COURT
Docket No. SU19A0110AD
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon St.,
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617-788-8300
CITATION
G.L. c. 210, § 6
In the Matter of:
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To: Kelly Lee Johnson, William Lerenzo Shields any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.
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ing. Donations in memory of Joseph may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

DOYLE, Catherine M. (Sanford) of Roslindale. Wife of Timothy P. Doyle for 49 years. Mother of Timothy S. Doyle (MSP) and his wife Amy of Dedham, Alissa Gedman and her husband Mark of Hopkinton, Elizabeth Gurney and her husband George of Norwood, and Jillian Doyle-Borden of Walpole. Grandmother of 8. Sister of Noreen Lucchesi, Mary Sanford, Tom Sanford and the late Susan O'Keefe, and Loran Sanford. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and loyal friends. Former president of the Holy Name Parent-Teacher Association.

GRANT, Eugene Richard, 82, of Fairhaven, MA. Beloved husband of the late JoAnn Simmons Grant. He is survived by his

children, Patricia, Elizabeth, Christopher, and their families. Grandfather of Stephen, Amanda, Morgan and Tyler, as well as great-grandchildren, Charleatt and Drew. He was preceded by his and JoAnn's infant son, Stephen. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Robert Simmons. Gene was born in Dorchester and raised in Pembroke. He was the son of Gerald and Gertrude Grant. He graduated from Pembroke High School class of 1954, and Bentley College, (now University) in 1956. He began his financial career with Regal Shoe Company, later transferring to Brown Shoe Company of St. Louis. Gene was the Financial Vice President and Director of J.L. Hammett Company before retiring.

KATILUS, Sophie M. of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Charles and Amelia Katilus. Sister of Ann Dumas and her late

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SUFFOLK DIVISION
Docket No. SU19W1099WD
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Plaintiff(s)
JACQUELINE A. GONZALEZ
v
Defendant(s)
WILFREDO SUAREZ
To the above named Defendant:
Wilfredo Suarez
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Jacqueline A. Gonzalez seeking Complaint for Custody-Support-Parenting Time filed July 11, 2019.
You are required to serve your answer upon: Jacqueline A. Gonzalez, whose address is 59 Barry St., #1, Dorchester, MA 02125 your answer on or before the 10th day of October, 2019.
If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.
Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 5th day of September 2019.
Felix D. Arroyo
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Published: September 12, 2019

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU19P1953EA
ESTATE OF:
JOSE BAPTISTA LOMBA
a/k/a: JOSEPH B. LOMBA
DATE OF DEATH: February 28, 2017
SUFFOLK DIVISION
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kenneth J. Lomba of Assonet, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Kenneth J. Lomba of Assonet, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
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(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU18P2549EA
ESTATE OF:
MARIAN RITA DUNNER
DATE OF DEATH: 08/03/2015
To all interested persons:
A petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ray N. Digaetano of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Ray N. Digaetano of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/16/2019.
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Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU19P1758EA
ESTATE OF:
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DATE OF DEATH: 06/18/2019
To all interested persons:
A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Charles R. Tevnan of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Charles R. Tevnan of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
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husband, Anthony of Randolph, Francis Katilus and his wife, Judy of Enfield, CT, and John Katilus and his late wife, Anne of Holbrook. Aunt to several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Sophie was born, raised and lived her life in her childhood home in Dorchester where she embraced her Lithuanian heritage & her love of the city. Sophie's commitment to lifelong learning and service began with her formal education at Jeremiah E. Burke High School, which lead to attending nursing school, progressing towards her administrative career at MGH, where she served more than 30+ years as the administrative assistant to the chief of medicine. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to: Angell Animal Medical Center, 350 S. Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

RILEY, Joseph D. Jr. Col. USAF (Retired) of Portsmouth, NH, formerly of Bedford. Husband of the late Margaret A. (Murphy) Riley. Father of Kathleen Shaw of Lowell, Ann Marie Riley of Portland, ME, Steven Riley and his wife Claudia of Portland, OR and Susan Mabbett and her husband Lane of Milford, NH and the late Michael Riley. Grandfather of Courtney Burke, Joseph, Shea and Timothy Allen, Madelene and Cameron Riley and Olivia and Parker Mabbett, and great-grandfather of Hailey and Dallas. Brother of the late Robert and John J. Riley. Memorial contributions can be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or DAV, Attn: Gift Processing, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250.

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Docket No. SU19W1098WD
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Plaintiff(s)
JACQUELINE A. GONZALEZ
v
Defendant(s)
WILFREDO SUAREZ
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A busy Sunday at Dot Park: Family Fun, Classic Cars – check out that Model A

By ALENA KUZUB
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT
From 1937 and 1939 black Cadillacs to an open-air bright red Sling-shot Polaris roadster, most every visitor could find that special car that they admired the most at the seventh annual Classic Car Show in Dorchester Park last Sunday.

“This is a good community event that brings people together,” said Yvonne Nelson, who has lived in the neighborhood for 24 years and walked to the show from Washington Street with her 11-year-old son Charles and her brother. “We get to come out, see people we probably haven’t seen all year.”

While Charles favored the Polaris, a “transformer car” as he called it, his mother enjoyed seeing a Deuce and a Quarter, a Buick Electra 225 just like her dad used to have.

One of the oldest cars in the show was a green and black Ford Model A from 1931, complete with buttermilk yellow rims and a “rumble” seat in the trunk.

“This car will never get sold,” said its owner, John Guiney of Braintree, whose late father purchased it in 1970.

Guiney has photographs of himself working on the car when he was nine years old.

This is what I do,” Guiney said about his passion for cars and participation in car shows. “I don’t follow sports or go out to drink.”

He is planning to pass the car on to his nephew.

By 11 a.m., close to 70 cars were on site in the lower baseball field along Adams Street, with more to come into the afternoon.

According to Paul Mooney, one of the original organizers and a member of the show’s committee, what sets Dorchester’s car show apart is that it is a local, low-key event. It is free to the public and car owners.

Paired with Family Fun Day, the car show brings more people to the park, including those who had not been familiar with it beyond the baseball field. The event also featured horse carriage rides around the park grounds, live performances from the Boston School of Music Arts, food stations, and an ice cream truck.

Activities for children included corn hole games and hula hoops, a col-



Angel Gonzalez posed in his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air that brought him second place in the Best Convertible category at the car show. *Alena Kuzub photos*

oring station and the Free Books for Children Exchange, organized for the second time by Carol Mooney, a member of the Dorchester Park Association and a volunteer. She had encouraged parents to bring books that their children had outgrown and exchange them for new books.

Some books had been donated by members of the community and dropped off on Mooney’s porch. Others she had bought from Boston Public Library sales. After the show, unclaimed books were donated to homeless shelters.

Dorchester Park was conceived by Frederick Law Olmsted as part of the city’s Emerald Necklace network of parks and green space and established in 1891. It features large areas of woodland, two ball fields, two tennis courts, a playground and several paved pathways with main access points along Dorchester Avenue and Adams Street.



Paul Bates, of Quincy, won first place in the Best pre-1950 vehicle category and third place in the Best convertible category with his 1946 Ford.



John Guiney, right, answers questions of young visitors about his 1931 Ford Model A .



Sophia Kennedy, 12, left, and her sister Colette, 10, of Cambridge, enjoy whirling the hula hoops.



The annual event featured more than 70 vehicles.



A visitor checks out a 1947 Mercury Eight Sedan.



Above, a sticker on the rear window of a 1964 Lincoln Continental Sedan reads: “No airbags we die like real man.” Below, Flying Lady hood ornament distinguishes this 1937 Cadillac Fleetwood Convertible.



Penny, 22 months, and her father, Dan Willson of Dorchester, look at children’s books available for free during the car show.



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