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## Final matchup: Wu vs. Essaibi George

Flaherty,  
Mejia top  
the field in  
at-large vote

By REPORTER STAFF

The city's two incumbent at-large city councillors — Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia — lead the pack among the 17 candidates seeking a spot on the Nov. 2 ballot. Eight candidates will advance to the general election, but as election night dragged into Wednesday morning without complete results from city election officials, it remained unclear who would round out the slate.

However, two candidates with strong roots in Dorchester and Mattapan appeared poised to crack the top four — a sweet spot for those hoping to win in November.

Ruthzee Louijeune, a Haitian American attorney and first-time

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Michelle Wu of Roslindale, left, and Annisssa Essaibi George of Dorchester, right. NBC10 Boston images

### Reflections on the Tuesday vote

- The issues going forward: Wu left no doubt on Tuesday night that she will push on to November stressing the issues she has been running on since she announced for mayor last September: "Together, we have and will continue to take on the big challenges we were told would be impossible—from passing paid parental leave to standing up to big corporations to protect rental housing."

For her part, Essaibi George suggested on Tuesday that Wu's issues are more state driven than things the mayor can do from City Hall. "The mayor can deliver better parks, more small business help, and

keep our neighborhoods safe. I will be that mayor," she said.

- In terms of officials voting numbers, Bostonians found themselves in an unusual place approaching noon on Wednesday: The voting, which had closed Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, was still incomplete, although inside observers insisted on Wednesday that the unofficial lineup in the mayoral (Michelle Wu against Annisssa Essaibi George) and contested council races posted in news reports around midnight would remain unchanged when the 107,592 votes, of 25 percent, cast would be made official.

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By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
AND BILL FORRY  
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Michelle Wu and Annisssa Essaibi George, two city councillors at-large and the daughters of immigrants, will face off in November, with the winner becoming the next mayor of Boston.

While votes were still being counted late Wednesday morning, their two camps declared victory in the preliminary balloting Tuesday night and immediately pivoted to a six-week sprint toward the Nov. 2 election.

The preliminary's outcome guarantees that a woman and A person of color will be elected to the mayor's chair for the first time in the city's history.

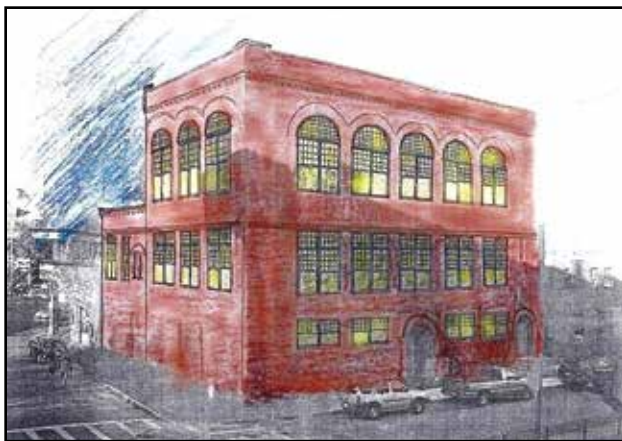
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## Restoration eyed for key Fields Corner site

By SETH DANIEL  
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Neighbors in Fields Corner are weighing the pros and cons of developer Travis Lee's latest plan to transform the look and function of the long-time Post Office building at the nexus of the neighborhood at Adams Street and Dorchester Avenue.

The Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) heard an initial plan from TLee Development on Sept. 7 for restoring the structure, which the developer is calling the Musical Hall building,



A sketch of the inspiration for TLee Development's proposed restoration of the Post Office building in Fields Corner, most prominently including bringing back the historic windows that once graced the former Music Hall and community gathering space. Rendering courtesy Historic Boston, Inc.

into 40 units of affordable home-ownership opportunities. T

The developer would retain all of the ground floor retail currently in place, including the Fields Corner Post Office, which USPS Spokesman Stephen Doherty said is fully leased until 2025, and put up a five-story addition behind the existing building where the remnants of the old Fields House currently stand.

FCCA President Hiep Chu said neighbors are excited that the resto-

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### A fatal fall from stairs near T stop

A 40-year-old Milton man was killed in what appears to be a freak accident on Saturday after he plunged twenty feet from a rusted-out stairway adjacent to the JFK-UMass MBTA station. How and why David K. Jones, a BU professor, at right, came to be on



the fenced-off property remains a mystery as his friends and family grieve his loss. Story, Page 2

## EPA proposes Superfund status for Lower Neponset River areas

By MICHAEL P. NORTON  
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The federal government last week recommended adding the portion of the Neponset River that winds through Milton, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park to the National Priority List (NPL) of the nation's most serious uncontrolled or abandoned contaminated sites.

Citing sediment contamination stemming from the former operation of industrial mills and dams built to turn grinding wheels, the US Environmental

Protection Agency on Sept. 8 included a 3.7-mile stretch of the Lower Neponset River on its list of 13 newly proposed Superfund sites.

If the river section is deemed a Superfund site, the designation could lead to more investigations and an eventual cleanup using federal resources and expertise.

The Lower Neponset River channel ranges from approximately 40 to 300 feet wide and comprises an estimated 40 acres running through the four communities. Preliminary studies that date back

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# Milton man dies after apparent fall from a ‘closed’ stairway next to JFK-UMass station

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
MANAGING EDITOR

A Boston University professor was pronounced dead after his body was found last Saturday afternoon under a stairway adjacent to the JFK/UMass MBTA station that connects the Columbia Road overpass to Old Colony Avenue.

David K. Jones, a Milton resident, was 40. Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS) responded to a passerby calling in to say a person was unconscious under the stairs.

State Police officers with Troop H, the South Boston barracks a few steps away, responded at 1:30 p.m.

“Detectives observed a gap in the stairs above the victim, who had already been determined to be deceased,” a State Police spokesperson said in a statement on Monday morning. “Preliminary investigation revealed that the stairs had been deemed unsafe and closed for approximately 20 months.”

The spokesperson added that the stairway was blocked to the public with a jersey barrier and a wire fence at the top entrance on Columbia Road. There was also fencing blocking access at the bottom, he said.

On Monday, observers noted, the stairway featured extra fencing at the bottom and at a landing. At the top of the stairs, a concrete block was in place in front of fencing, and a sign with MBTA branding said the stairs would be closed “Until Fall 2020.”

AMBTA spokesperson said the stairs do not belong to the transit agency. The state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation has jurisdiction over nearby roads and sidewalks, but it was not immediately clear if the stairway was under the agency’s control.

In a Facebook post on Sunday, Jones’s wife, Sarah Sacuto, said that her husband “left for his long run yesterday and never returned.” She added, “He accidentally accessed a flight of stairs near the JFK UMass Boston metro stop that was rusted through. He fell from 20 feet up and most likely died instantly. The void he leaves behind is unspeakable.”

Jones was an associate professor in the school’s department of health law, policy and management. He joined the school in 2014.

On Sunday, Sandro Galea, the dean of the Boston University



The stairway leading from Old Colony Ave. to Columbia Road adjacent to the JFK-UMass T Station. *Gintautas Dumcius photo*

School of Public Health, sent a letter to colleagues about his death.

“He was founding Editor-in-Chief of the Public Health Post, he was awarded AUPHA’s John D. Thompson Prize

for Young Investigators, Academy Health’s Outstanding Dissertation Award, and the BU School of Public Health Excellence in Teaching Award,” Galea wrote. “He cared deeply about

bridging research and policy, and conducted work in places as far away as France and the Mississippi Delta. And above all, David was a wonderful human being, living with integrity and

a deep commitment to all we do.”

A Go Fund Me page to assist the victim’s family — including his three children — raised nearly \$100,000 as of Tuesday morning.

In a statement on Monday evening, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins said that the case remains under investigation.

“We continue to look at how Dr. Jones accessed a stairway that had been closed for some 20 months,” Rollins said. “Whether accidental or intentional, any death is a tragedy and the harm to loved ones is the same. While the investigation is ongoing, we are available to offer his family support and connect them to community resources through our victim witness assistance program.”

*Bill Forry contributed to this story.*

## Appeals Court backs BPD officers on 2018 Clam Point robbery arrest

The Massachusetts Appeals Court ruled Tuesday that Boston police officers did nothing wrong when they searched a man walking through Clam Point early one morning in 2018 right after a nearby gas station was robbed at gunpoint. The ruling clears the way for prosecutors to use the gun the officers found in his back-

pack as evidence against him at an upcoming trial.

Police responding to an armed robbery at the nearby Shell gas station on Morrissey Boulevard on Aug. 12, 2018, spotted the suspect, identified as David Privette, walking on nearby Ashland Street around 3:45 a.m. They found that he was carrying a wad of cash and had a gun in his

backpack.

In Tuesday’s ruling, the appeals court agreed with a lower-court judge that the police had enough probable cause to stop and search Privette.

While prosecutors could not claim Clam Point is a “high-crime area” - it isn’t - the hour and the rainy weather were additional reasons for the officers to suspect

Privette had been up to no good.

“We know of no presumption that an armed robber will flee the area of the robbery as quickly as humanly possible,” the court ruled.

Suffolk County prosecutors can now use the gun as evidence when Privette comes to trial.

— UNIVERSAL HUB

## Maureen Barrett, longtime Reporter courier, dies at 81

Maureen Barrett, a Dorchester native who worked for many years as a nurse and later as a circulation courier for the Dorchester Reporter, died on Sept. 4 at her home in Canton. She was 81.

In her “retirement,” Maureen delivered the Reporter to scores of businesses across Dorchester and Mattapan, rising at 3:30 a.m. to get the newspaper circulated on

time with good humor and without fail.

A native of Sudan Street in Savin Hill, Ms. Barrett was the daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Roach) Daly and a graduate of St. William’s grammar school. She later trained to be a registered nurse at Boston City Hospital, where she spent most of her career.

She was predeceased by a son, David M. Bar-

rett, and leaves a daughter, Kathy Kierstead of Hudson along with her sisters, Lorraine Saulnier of Gilmanton, NH, and Patricia Shaughnessy of Quincy (the late Judy Coleman predeceased her), and her brothers, Kevin Devin of Scituate and Jack Devin of Dorchester.

Ms. Barrett was waked from the McHoul Family Funeral Home on Adams Street on Monday and



Maureen Barrett

buried at St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

— BILL FORRY

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## UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

**First Baptist Church at the corner of Ashmont and Adams Streets in Dorchester invites everyone to its September flea market on Sat., Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Rain date Oct. 2. There will be jewelry, clothes, household goods, books, and refreshments for sale. Proceeds from the sale help support church ministries. For more info or to rent a table, contact: 617-282-1391 or fbcd@fbcdorchester.com,  
**The Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale will be on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** (rain date: Sun. Sept. 19). For more information, email: savinhill@outlook.com  
**The annual Neponset River fall cleanup is set for Sat., Sept. 25 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** with work

sites included in Dorchester and Mattapan. Volunteers of all skill levels and physical abilities are needed to help with this important event. Join for an hour or the entire time. Please bring water, sunscreen, hats, work gloves, appropriate footwear (no sandals), a mask, and work clothes that can get dirty. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required at Neponset.org/cleanup2021. Contact the NepRWA cleanup coordinator Meghan Slocombe at slocombe@neponset.org or 781-575-0354 x308.  
**Outreach meeting on cannabis shop proposed for Blue Hill Avenue—** A public meeting will be held via Zoom on Fri.,

Oct. 1 to discuss a proposed retail cannabis store at 1102 Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. Go to tinyurl.com/Injaga for more information. Or email Sandy Heierbacher, Chief Operating Officer, at sandy@injagaglobal.com.  
**The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports will host the fourth annual MR8K at Boston Landing on Sat., Dec. 4.** Registration is now open at mr8k.org. The Martin Richard Foundation established the MR8K in 2019 as its signature annual fundraising event, giving more people an opportunity to run for Team MR8. All funds raised will benefit the

Martin Richard Foundation’s work to support community organizations that advance its values of inclusion, kindness, justice and peace. The 5-mile course will take place at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing. More than 2,000 people participated in 2019 event at Boston landing and the inaugural event at TD Garden, which resulted in a \$100,000 donation to McLean Hospital’s LEADER program to support first responders. Registration is \$45. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children.  
**Five state-owned ice rinks, including Dorchester’s Devine Memorial Rink, is now available for group rentals,**

according to the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The rinks opened for rentals on Sept. 11 and will remain available through March 27. The rinks will open for public use on Friday, Nov. 26. In addition to the Devine rink, the others are the O’Neil Memorial Rink in Charlestown, the Murphy Memorial Rink in South Boston, the Reilly Memorial Rink in Brighton, and the Bajko Memorial Rink in Hyde Park. For more info on hours and availability, go to mass.gov/info-details/dcr-ice-skating-rink-schedule.  
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# Another step forward for Martin Richard field house

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Proponents of a new indoor sports and community center that will be named for Martin Richard, the eight-year-old Dorchester boy who was killed in the 2013 bombing at the Boston Marathon finish line, are moving ahead with the project.

Robert Scannell Jr., president and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, and Bill Richard, the boy's father and co-founder of the Martin Richard Foundation, filed a letter of intent on Sept. 9 with the Boston Planning and Development Agency outlining their plans for the new complex.

It will be located at 315 Mount Vernon St., in Dorchester's Columbia Point neighborhood. Boston Public Schools



A 2019 rendering of the exterior of the proposed Martin Richard Dorchester Field House, on Mt. Vernon Street. The building would be operated by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester in partnership with the Martin W. Richard Foundation.

Image courtesy RODE Architects

officials earlier this year leased the site, which comprises 109,569 square feet next to the McCormack School, to

the proponents. The proposed three-story building will span 79,000 square feet.

The project calls for

the building to include indoor fields, courts, a walking track, training rooms, classrooms, a theater, a teaching kitchen,

offices, and conference rooms. A cafe with outdoor seating is also part of the proposal.

"When completed, the new facility is to be known as the Martin Richard Dorchester Field House," Scannell and Richard wrote in their filing. "While the BGCD will oversee the day-to-day operations and programming at the site, the Martin Richard Foundation will remain a committed and engaged partner once the new facility is commissioned for occupancy."

Outside the walls of the field house there will be a front yard with "playful berms and stormwater garden" and a backyard offering "multi-use parking and sport courts as well as more private areas for group fitness classes and events," the letter said.

"Planted areas provide a buffer from traffic and offer structure to the perimeters of the site."

The project has to get the approval of city planning officials before it can move ahead.

"We are excited to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a facility that will not only have a positive impact on the Dorchester community but will also fortify the best elements of the BGCD in supporting and advancing Dorchester's youth and their families," Scannell and Richard wrote.

The project came about partly as a result of Boston Public Schools putting out a request for proposals for the site, which is an open space between the McCormack School and land owned by the Archdiocese of Boston.

# Covid testing site opens on Gallivan Blvd. near Neponset Circle

By KATIE PEDERSEN  
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A drive-through Covid-19 testing clinic has opened at 770 Gallivan Blvd, formerly the site of a Bickford's restaurant and a Verizon store heading west from Neponset Circle.

Somerville-based Mobile Healthcare Services (MHS), which runs the

site, says it is being staffed by EMTs, paramedics, and other medical professionals. The clinic offers both PCR and rapid tests between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays.

Patients seeking the so-called PCR test should expect to pay \$120 and

receive their results within 24 to 36 hours. Rapid tests will cost \$99 and produce results in an estimated 8 to 10 minutes.

The Mass.gov website notes that Covid testing for symptomatic individuals and close contacts is usually covered by insurance and available at no cost. Additionally, many

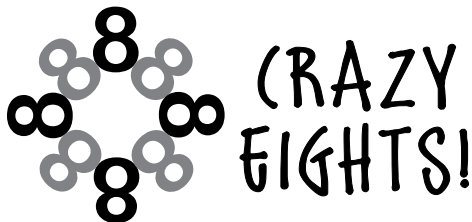
test sites in the Commonwealth test uninsured individuals for free. If you are uninsured, the state suggests that you call a local test site to confirm your pricing status before making an appointment.

The opening of the 770 Gallivan Blvd. location during a time when Covid cases are on

the rise, due in part to the spread of the Delta variant. CDC data suggest that 67 percent of Massachusetts residents are fully vaccinated and that 76 percent have had at least one shot to date.

According to the website for the city of Boston, testing locations in Dorchester include Bowdoin Street Health

Center, Carney Hospital, Codman Square Health Center, CVS Pharmacy locations, the Daniel Driscoll Neponset Health Center (Harbor Health), DotHouse Health, the Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center at Prince Hall Grand Lodge, and the Upham's Corner Health Center.



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# Final matchup: Wu vs. Essaibi George

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Essaibi George, 47, and Wu, 36, advanced in a preliminary election that was fraught with delays in a vote count that confounded the campaigns and the electorate for much of the night and into Wednesday morning.

Hours after the polls had closed, city elections officials said they had received 7,000 ballots by mail or through drop boxes that still needed to be processed. On Wednesday morning, Secretary of State William Galvin was suggesting that the turnout number would end up between 100,000 and 110,000 votes cast.

But for the five major candidates, the results were apparent as declarations of victory and concessions came in: It would be Wu and Essaibi George, who highlighted their wins against the backdrop of the struggles of their parents. In Wu's case, they were Taiwanese immigrants who arrived in America with little money, while for Essaibi George, it was a Tunisian father and a Polish mother who was born in a displaced persons' camp in Germany.

At around 10 p.m. at a brewery in Roslindale, Wu said she had cleared the preliminary and made it to the mayoral ballot. In Dorchester, Essaibi George, the city's skyline behind her, delivered a triumphant speech just before midnight to a raucous crowd at the Venezia restaurant.

Wu, who has campaigned on making housing and public transit more affordable, noted that votes were still being counted and said, "We already know what the choice is. The city of Boston is about a choice for our future."

She added: "Together, we have and will continue to take on the big challenges we were told would be impossible—from passing paid parental leave to standing up to big corporations to protect rental housing. But we have always believed that more is possible. And now is the time for all of us to lead."

Essaibi George, a Dorchester native and small business owner who worked as a teacher in East Boston before serving on the City Council, took aim at Wu's push to eliminate MBTA fares and reinstitute rent control. Those are issues to be tackled at the state level, Essaibi George said.

"The mayor can deliver better parks, more small business help, and keep our neighborhoods safe," Essaibi George added. "I will be that mayor."

Whoever wins the top job in November is expected to take over as mayor just weeks after the election, rather than a traditional January swearing-in. Kim Janey, the City Council president who took over as acting mayor in March after Marty Walsh left to serve as President Biden's labor secretary, fell short in her effort to secure a full four-year term.

Janey was one of three Black candidates, the others being City Councillor Andrea Campbell, who represents Dorchester and Mattapan, and John Barros, who was Walsh's economic development chief, a situation that had raised hopes in some corners of the city that Boston would see its first-ever Black mayor elected to office. Those hopes dimmed as Tuesday night wore on.

At the Janey party, an outdoor affair in a South End parking lot, the atmosphere was subdued, with a few dozen people, some wearing shirts indicating



Councillor Michelle Wu, one of the two finalists in the race for mayor, spoke to supporters in Roslindale on Tuesday night. *Chris Lovett photo*

they were members of the unions 32BJ SEIU and UNITE HERE Local 26. At 10:30 p.m., a large screen in front of the small crowd showed a web page with election results — 0.39% precincts reporting — that hadn't been refreshed since 8:27 p.m.

Janey never made an appearance, instead sending out a statement conceding the race to Wu and Essaibi George. "This was a spirited and historic race, and I wish them both luck in the final election," the statement said.

In a speech to supporters in Dorchester's Prince Hall, Campbell conceded that she had lost her quest for the mayor's job. "We kept this campaign about the issues that matter most to Bostonians," Campbell said. "Providing action and solutions that will make our city more affordable, safer, more equitable and just and where opportunity exists for every single resident of the city of Boston."

Campbell, who served as Gov. Deval Patrick's deputy legal counsel and burst onto the political scene by toppling District 4's Charles Yancey, a 32-year incumbent in 2015, added: "Thank you for your faith in me. Thank you for your faith in my candidacy. Something will come next."

Earlier in the evening, results from Dorchester's Savin Hill bellwether Ward 13, Precinct 10 showed Essaibi George topping that ticket with 312 votes to Wu's 165. Campbell had 150, while Janey had 36 and Barros, the former city economic development official, had 26.

Essaibi George ran up big margins in Florian Hall's Ward 16, Precinct 12, picking up 593 votes to Wu's 47, Campbell's 36, Janey's 35 and Barros's 13.

Janey fared better in Dorchester's Ward 17, Precinct 3, at the Codman Tech Center, coming in at 179 to Campbell's 159. Wu had 77, Essaibi George had 34 and Barros had 21.

Campbell had a strong showing at the Codman Square Apartments, which includes the Ashmont Hill area. She beat Janey 197 to 74 there. Wu picked up 66 votes, Essaibi George 23 and Barros 9.

In Ward 15, Precinct 7, Janey and Wu drew the most votes, while Janey and Andrea Campbell finished in the top two spots in neighboring Precinct 8. Both precincts are at the Vietnamese American Community Center on Charles Street in Fields Corner.

Asher Bruskin, 36, said he voted for Wu for the mayoral preliminary spot. He said he was split between voting for Wu and Janey. As a social worker, he said, he was looking for a candidate who would support and reallocate police funding toward other services, like mental health resources.

Voter James Eddy went for Campbell. After watching her speak at the mayoral debates, Eddy said she won his vote. "I feel like I trusted Andrea a little bit more, especially for seeing the improvements that have happened in Mattapan. It just feels like there are a lot of plans and the plans are concrete," he said.

Another voter, Allison Kronstadt, said she was split between supporting Janey or Wu. She settled on Janey after Right to the City Vote, a coalition of liberal groups that Kronstadt supports, endorsed the candidate.

"A lot of the narrative around Michelle Wu was that she was the only candidate that supported rent control," Kronstadt said. "Learning that an organization that I really trust that's doing work on anti-displacement here in Boston had endorsed Kim Janey and not [Michelle Wu] was pretty striking."

*Katie Pedersen, Colbi Edmonds, and Grace Mayer contributed to this report. Material from WBUR, a media partner of the Reporter, was also used in this article.*



Councillor Annissa Essaibi George with her mother Barbara (far right), and Mary Walsh, the mother of former mayor Marty Walsh, on their way into the Perkins Community Center for early voting. Mary Walsh is supporting Essaibi George. Councillor Essaibi George herself voted on Sept. 14, the day of the preliminary. *Gintautas Dumcius photo*

## Worrell, Carvalho advance in District 4

Voters in District 4 picked two men out of a field of nine candidates on Tuesday to advance to the Nov. 2 final election to replace Andrea Campbell as their city councillor.

First-time candidate Brian Worrell posted a strong showing on with 2,498 votes — or 25 percent of the vote — by an unofficial city tally. He will face off against former state Rep. Evandro Carvalho, who finished second with 1,835 votes or roughly 19 percent.

Carvalho's supporters gathered on the patio at the Blarney Stone in Fields Corner to await results on Tuesday evening. Around 10:20 p.m., over two hours after voting closed, Carvalho arrived to a round of applause from a small group.

"You can count on me," he said, "because I have no other way of living. You are a part of my team, you are my clan, and my people."

Morgan McFarlane, Carvalho's campaign manager, said that Carvalho knocked on over 3,000 doors over the course of his campaign.

"We're excited to see what comes, but also with low [voter] turnout, we're cautiously optimistic," he said.

Added Sean Curran, who supported Carvalho's campaign: "We are really happy with Evandro's results, and it's a platform to build on."

In the contest to replace Kim Janey as councillor in District 7, Tania Fernandes Anderson was the top vote getter in a field of eight candidates. She won 2,014 votes — or 27 percent of the total vote, according to unofficial city results. Anderson will face off against Roy Owens Sr., who earned 17 percent of the vote.

*Grace Mayer contributed to this article.*



Brian Worrell



Evandro Carvalho



# Ex-BPD chief Gross hits trail, touts super PAC's ad for Essaibi George

**BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS**  
**MANAGING EDITOR**  
Former Boston police commissioner William Gross hit the road in Charlestown on Monday, the day before the mayoral preliminary, shaking hands inside a 99 restaurant after a press conference in its parking lot.

Gross, who abruptly resigned from his post earlier this year, had previously weighed running for mayor. But he has since come out for City Councillor At-Large Anissa Essaibi George's mayoral campaign, chairing a super PAC, "Real Progress Boston," that is funded by police unions and New Balance chairman Jim Davis.

On site to tout the super PAC's second TV ad, Gross was joined at the press conference by public relations mogul George Regan, who arrived with a shitzu named Levi Jean in tow. The super PAC is paying Regan's firm for media placement on TV, radio, and in print, including the *Boston Herald*.

Gross said he hasn't spoken to Essaibi George about the ads, noting that as the chair of the super PAC, he is prohibited from doing so. Super PACs can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money, but they cannot coordinate with the campaigns they support.

"She's that candidate that can help build trust betwixt the first responder families,



**Former BPD Commissioner William Gross, right, with George Regan, left, who was accompanied by his dog during a press conference to discuss a Super PAC that Gross is heading up to support the candidacy of Anissa Essaibi George. Gintautas Dumcius photo**

Boston police, fire, and EMS, and the communities that we serve," Gross said of Essaibi George, who is one of five candidates running for mayor. "And she also considers first responders as a part of her constituency. I don't think others do."

Essaibi George told the *Reporter* last week she was unhappy with the super PAC listing a phone number in its initial regulatory filing that led to Red Curve Solutions,

a Beverly-based Republican campaign finance firm. The firm worked in 2016 for the Trump campaign, whose candidate frequently attacked immigrants while on the trail.

"I'm the daughter of immigrants, I am a first-generation American, I am the daughter of an Arab Muslim," Essaibi George said. "So this connection to the former president for me is one that is gross." She added that she was surprised to see him affiliated with the

super PAC.

When asked about Essaibi George's comments, Gross said it was an "old" phone number that the super PAC has "corrected. I think we should stop focusing on Monday morning quarterback, trying to throw dirt and focus on the campaign issues at hand," he said. "I'm very proud of the race that's taking place. It's a very diversified race. I'm a student of history and I hope one day all-inclusive history will be taught. But look at the candidate, look at the field. It's very diversified; it's historic; this has never taken place in Boston."

Several candidates met with Davis, the top funder of the super PAC earlier this year before the formation of the "Real Progress Boston" outside group. In addition to Essaibi George, they include former city economic development official John Barros and South End state Rep. Jon Santiago, who dropped out of the mayoral race in July. Gross and Regan were also at the meetings.

"The thrust was ,what's your expertise and what can you bring to the table, quite frankly," Gross said about the meetings. "What makes you qualified to be mayor? There were tough questions at hand."

Asked how the meetings came about, Gross said, "I was reached out to to attend the luncheon and just speak to



people since now I'm retired." Added Regan: "The candidates always talk to us."

When the *Reporter* asked Gross about Davis's \$395,000 contribution to the super PAC, Regan butted in and Gross said, "I'm not the treasurer."

Gross continued, as U2's song "Vertigo" blared out of the 99's outdoor speakers: "So whoever wants to contribute to our [super PAC], you're free to do so. Whether you give five dollars, ten dollars or more, that's your decision as an American to back who you think should be mayor. So I'm not going to question that and I'm definitely not going to say, 'Hey, why did you give this?' and 'Why did you give that?'"

Before the press conference got under way, an elderly man on his way into the restaurant passed by the scene and made a stabbing-in-the-back motion with his hands. "Marty Walsh," he muttered while grimacing at Gross, an apparent reference to the feud between the former mayor and the police commissioner he appointed. "You did."

Gross smiled and turned back to the cameras.

## Flaherty, Mejia lead at-large field; Louijeune, Murphy in top four

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candidate who grew up in Mattapan, told supporters at dbar that she will finish "a strong third."

Erin Murphy, a former schoolteacher with deep roots in Dorchester who is on her second attempt to join the council, celebrated what looks like a fourth-place finish with supporters at the Industry restaurant in Adams Village.

Unofficial results — with just about 60 percent of the city's 255 precincts accounted for on the city's website, showed the order of finish tracking this way: Flaherty, Mejia, Louijeune, and Murphy, followed by Carla Monteiro, Bridget Nee-Walsh, Althea Garrison, and David Halbert.

As of the Reporter's Wednesday morning press time, it was not clear when the full results would be posted.

Nonetheless, campaigns with competent Election Day operations typically keep their own count. That was the case with Louijeune's campaign, which knew by about 10:30 p.m. that her efforts had earned her a coveted third-place finish.

Soon after taking a call of congratulations from her mentor, US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Louijeune — a resident of Hyde Park who was raised in Mattapan — told her supporters that they had made a splash in Boston politics.

"We placed solidly third," said Louijeune. "There were 17 candidates and we placed third behind two incumbent candidates. I want you to realize how amazing that is...We can do even better. What's our motto? All gas, no brakes. That's right. All gas, no brakes. We will not take our foot off the gas because we have a job to do.

"We deserve to have quality schools for everyone, no matter where they live and a little girl from Mattapan can go to Harvard Law School," she added, referring to her personal story. "My story should not be a unicorn. I should not be a special circumstance or story. My story should be the norm."

The 35-year-old Louijeune is also running with the hopes of being the first Haitian-American resident elected to the City Council in Boston. In her speech on Tuesday, she thanked her Haitian supporters and said it was time for her and them to claim political representation in Boston.

"We have one of the largest Haitian diaspora here in Boston and that has never transferred over to political power," she said. "That stops tonight, and it should have a long time ago. But we need to keep working and keep going in this campaign over the

next 49 days."

"I am a first-time candidate and people still can't pronounce my name and we placed third behind two incumbents, one who has served for a very long time," she said. "So, this is a credit to each and every one that has shown up for me in ways that are amazing."

In Adams Corner, Erin Murphy gathered with a smaller group of friends and supporters at Industry Bar & Grill, where the mood was upbeat as campaign volunteers tracked strong showings for the candidate, particularly in her native Dorchester. Murphy, 51, topped the ticket in many polling places in Ward 16, including Florian Hall and the Richard J. Murphy School, which is named for her late grandfather.

She has been a schoolteacher for the Boston Public Schools for more than 20 years and has made education a top priority.

"I do believe that how you work and how you run a campaign and how you show up every day to meet people where they are and listen and learn is a reflection of how you're going to lead," Murphy told the Reporter on Election night.

"I've been a community advocate giving back, raising my children here in the city and being a teacher who also was an advocate for not just my students, but my family," she said. "So, I just wanted to bring that city wide to support all of the families in the city of Boston."

Another top priority issue for Murphy is affordable housing. As a renter, she is personally aware that prices are increasing and wants more programs to assist residents. However, she does not favor rent control, which will likely become a key issue in the mayor's race and for council hopefuls as well.

"I don't think economically that's how we're gonna get ourselves out of affordable housing in the city," Murphy said.

**At the Vietnamese American Community Center** in Fields Corner, which is home to two precincts in Ward 15, Carla Monteiro and Julia Mejia collected the most votes in precinct 7. In the neighboring precinct 8, incumbents Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia topped the ticket.

Asher Bruskin, 36, said he voted for Mejia and Ruthzee Louijeune, a first-time candidate. He said their work on housing issues made the difference for him.

James Eddy, who supported Andrea Campbell for mayor, also voted for Flaherty, Mejia, Louijeune



**Ruthzee Louijeune, left, celebrated a strong showing in the polls on Tues., Sept. 14 at dbar in Dorchester. She was joined, center, by State Rep. Liz Miranda, who endorsed her candidacy. Seth Daniel photo**

and another first-time candidate, Kelly Bates.

Since there were 17 candidates running for seats in the at-large race, Eddy said he determined whom he was voting for based on whose campaign he felt had the most visibility.

"What was big for me was location, and have I seen your face before," Eddy said.

Kristine Acevedo, 50, volunteered with Mejia's campaign when she first ran for the at large seat two years ago. This year, she renewed her volunteer efforts by handing out Mejia's literature to voters outside of the community center on Charles Street.

"She's the first Afro-Latina to get onto the council. She's very supportive of small businesses and people who are basically trying to make a name for themselves," Acevedo said.

At Florian Hall, which delivered big vote totals for city council veteran Michael Flaherty in both precincts,

the candidate's brother John was outside at the 7 o'clock hour, asking voters to consider his brother for one of their four votes. Most did. Flaherty explained: "It's his experience. He's been on the city council, he knows the ways of the city, and he knows how to deliver for every resident of every neighborhood."

*This story was reported by Seth Daniel, Camila Beiner, Grace Mayer, Katie Pedersen, and Bill Forry. For updates on the city election, please go to DotNews.com and follow the Reporter on Twitter @DotNews.com.*



# St. Ann's Colorguard standing down as Covid denies team its practice space

BY GRACE MAYER  
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT  
Eileen Cunningham started marching for the St. Ann's Colorguard when she was 12 years old. Her daughter followed in her footsteps. And so did her grandkids.

In all, Cunningham has been involved in the program for the last 50 years or so, many of them as its director, choreographing dances and instructing generation after generation of young kids on how to swirl batons and flags.

The nearly 85-year-old program that has amassed countless awards over the years is now at a standstill as it's faced with no practice space available for the team this year.

"We need something, and we need it as soon as possible," the 68-year-old Cunningham said this week.



Members of one of three St. Ann Colorguard squads are shown in a photo taken in 2019. Photo courtesy St. Ann Colorguard

After practicing at the Dorchester Armory on Victory Road for the last 25 years, the color guard was notified during the last week of August that its members couldn't practice there anymore. They were told that the

armory had put a pause on rentals due to the pandemic. Without a practice facility, the color guard had to postpone the start of their practice season.

"It just keeps evolving, but what a shame

because we can't find someplace to practice," Cunningham said. "Kids today need something to do; it's not like they don't want to practice. They're missing it. My great niece marched last year, and every day she asks

## We need something ASAP, says the program's director

me when color guard is starting."

Said Mary Rutter, the program's assistant director: "This past year's been so hard on everybody, but I believe it's been hardest on kids," "Everything they had before has been disrupted so drastically."

In 2020, before the pandemic forced the team to disband from practicing and competing four weeks before their season was scheduled to end, three teams met two to three nights a week at their old practice space.

After a year of limited practices, the color guard was looking forward to returning to a normal season. Throughout August, before their season was supposed to kick off, there were a few practice sessions.

Speaking about the limited practices they had this past month, Rutter said, "I could see how happy they were when they came back for those three nights in August. They missed out on so much during the pandemic. We're trying to get back to normal, and for those kids, the color guard is a big part of that."

The program, which consists of girls ages 4 to 15, is still planning on recruiting additional members over the next month while they scout out a new practice space. This year, its numbers have dwindled to 30 members, down from the last year's nearly 50 girls.

"I have lifelong friends from when I was a mem-

ber of the color guard," Rutter said. "I want the current members to have that something—to have lifelong friendships, lifelong relationships."

Rutter first joined the color guard when she was 9, and started coaching after graduating from high school. Now her two daughters, 18 and 15, are on the team.

For kids like 17-year-old Mackenzie Raymond, a former color guard member, the group played a pivotal role in teaching her to be independent. "This organization really raised me," she said. "In practice, they were always so supportive, they taught me so many life lessons, and it's an essential part of who I am today."

Raymond said that from a young age she wanted to be involved with the color guard. When she would attend performances, she was always the loudest fan in the stands.

Just as the group helped her, she is returning the favor by volunteering to teach younger groups of girls on the color guard.

For Mary Rutter, the experiences she had while on the color guard are still with her today, offering lessons she hopes future generations will continue to experience.

"St. Ann's taught me so much about being dedicated to something, life skills I wouldn't otherwise have," she said. "I can see how it means just as much to them, and I'd hate to see it end like this."



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# It's time, says First Baptist Church, for our windows to inspire once again

By GRACE MAYER  
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

For over a century, the stained-glass windows at Dorchester's First Baptist Church have survived a fire, a flood, and various vandalism incidents, including holes pierced by BB gun pellets and rocks, with amateur repairs done along the way.

Now, as the windows are being removed one-by-one for professional restoration, Karen MacNutt, deacon at First Baptist, notes that the work is part of an effort "to bring the church back to what it was."

The stained-glass windows, she added, are "part of the tranquility of the building. For the neighborhood, it's a piece of artwork that people walking by see, and it's much prettier to see the stained-glass window rather than a piece of plywood."

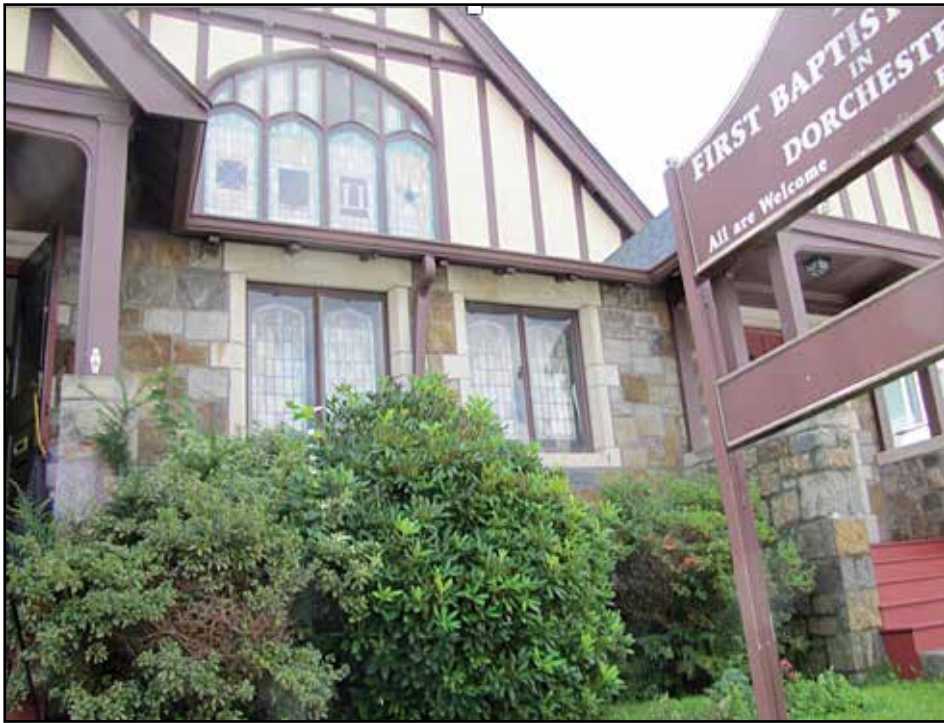
The large, half dome-shaped window at the top of the church was removed late last month and, along with two other windows, sent along for repairs by Stained Glass Resources, Inc.

For now, pieces of plywood have replaced the amber and turquoise panes of glass.

The window rehabilitation is the second phase of a three-part project funded by grant money from the Henderson Foundation and church donations of nearly \$33,000 to date.

Without the two \$40,000 grants from the foundation, MacNutt said, the church would never have been able to make the repairs.

The Henderson philanthropy supplies grants to projects that are focused on preserving and enhancing outdoor structures in Boston. The 73-year-old MacNutt said she is currently ap-



Workers removed a stained-glass window from Dorchester's First Baptist Church on Ashmont Street last month as part of an ongoing restoration project at the church.

Photos courtesy Karen MacNutt

plying for another grant through the foundation, and also working on collecting an additional \$15,000. She hopes the project will be completed by Christmas 2022.

First Baptist's initial congregation first gathered at the Village of Neponset meeting house in 1836. As its numbers continued to grow, the church moved to its current location on Ashmont Street at the corner of Adams in 1907 around the time when the stained-glass windows were installed.

In 1926, a fire gutted the church, but the windows were left intact. Then, in 2005, water from a broken water line on adjacent Elmer Road flooded the church, pooling nearly four feet high and upending the wooden floorboards.

Underneath the boards, MacNutt said, there were charred wood and ash from the 1926 fire. As the windows have been removed for restoration, MacNutt added,

workers have found soot caked into the crevices of the stained-glass works.

"It was a nasty fire, so that the windows survived is just amazing," she said.

In an interview, Dorchester Historical Society President Earl Taylor said that, from a historical preservation perspective, it's good that First Baptist is repairing rather than replacing the windows, which are distinguished by one that is decorated with religious symbols, including the pillars of Solomon, the star of Bethlehem, a beehive symbolic of Christian communities working together, and a Maltese cross.

"Churches have some of our best architecture," he said. "They're always special, of course, because the parishioners want to have something that is special to them."

When the symbol-rich window returns from restoration in late December, the sun will



shine through its polished surfaces and dot the floor with shades of blue and amber.

"You're sitting inside the building," MacNutt said of the windows that have been restored, "and when it's getting dark, the windows look like they have spotlights coming in."

While parishioners come and go, she said, and the neighborhood changes around the church, the building has withstood the test of time and the trials of fire and flood.

"It's a tough old building," MacNutt said admiringly, "so I have to figure the good Lord wants it to stick around for a little longer."

# Dot's Gordon takes on new role at USES

Tamare Gordon of Dorchester has been promoted to the position of assistant director of early childhood education at United South End Settlements, where she has worked for 15 years, most as coordinator of the organization's toddler program. She previously worked as a lead teacher in USES's toddler room from 2004 to 2016.



Tamare Gordon

"My years of experience here at USES have given me a tremendous appreciation for the work of our teaching staff, student teachers, parents and families, and I'm honored to continue on in this new role," said Gordon. "I remain dedicated to supporting the emotional, social and academic development of

our young children and hope to continue building relationships that forge long-lasting connections at USES and in the broader community."

Gordon holds certifications in early childhood education from UMass Boston, Bunker Hill Community College, and Urban College of Boston.

# Boston Irish will cite two at fall luncheon renewal

## Oct. 29 honors set for Eversource CEO Nolan, Irish Partnership's Sugrue

Boston Irish.com and Boston Neighborhood News, Inc., the region's leading chronicler of all things Irish American, has announced the return of the Boston Irish Honors luncheon on Friday, Oct., 29, at the Boston Seaport Hotel.

The popular event, designed to celebrate the heritage of Boston's Irish people and their families, is expected to be one of the largest Irish gatherings since the Covid-19 pandemic caused a worldwide shutdown on the eve of St. Patrick's Day 2020, and the cancellation of last year's luncheon.

"For more than a decade, Boston Irish Honors has recognized remarkable families and persons who share our Boston Irish heritage, honoring their admirable endeavors in public service, business, and community leadership," said publisher Ed Forry. "Our mission is to tell the stories and special achievements of Boston individuals and families who exemplify the very best of our Irish values, legacies, and traditions. We are pleased to resume this popular annual event. All are invited to join us at this inspiring event, as we recognize and celebrate these exemplary individuals who share our culture and traditions."

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# YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY At Talbot and Welles Avenues

The 1921 building at the northeast corner of Talbot and Welles avenues, shown in today's illustration looking up to Codman Square, is now used by the US Postal Service as an annex to the Post Office in the Square.

The Duby Hudson Company seems to have been the last automobile-related company to occupy the building. Duby Hudson, which was owned by Jack Duby, had a used-car facility on Gallivan Boulevard, and used the Talbot Avenue building as a new car showroom. In 1952, which may have been the last



year of their occupancy, the company featured the new Hornet. Other models in the Hudson line were Pace-maker, Super, Wasp, and Commodore.

Following the Duby Hudson tenancy, the building was put to various uses, including the manufacturing of leather trimmings for shoes, the assembling of storm windows, and manufacturing of greeting cards.

The date the Post Office began using the building has not been documented.



Editorial

# High anxiety on election night

The wait for solid results in this week’s Boston’s municipal election is maddening for voters, volunteers and, of course, candidates, some of whom went to bed on Tuesday not knowing whether they had won or lost.

As Wednesday morning clicked toward noon, there were still many people wondering if the results of the mayoral contest could be undone, perhaps by a still-ongoing count of mailed-in ballots that had arrived before an 8 p.m. deadline on Tuesday.

We, of course, wondered the same and checked with top sources, including campaign officials who wanted desperately to think their candidate might still have some life left. It was not going to happen, at least not for the mayoral ballot. It will be Wu v. Essaibi George.

The Janey camp— which was at first hesitant to call it quits— conceded defeat round about midnight in a statement, rather than through televised remarks. Andrea Campbell, her husband by her side at Prince Hall, had given up the ghost more than an hour earlier. She congratulated Wu and Essaibi George, the clearest indication to that point that the race was, indeed, a done deal.

It was the responsible thing to do. At a time in which democracy is under sustained assault from Trumpists who deliberately seek to undermine the veracity of results, these candidates did the right thing. Competent campaigns gather their own results directly from the polls on election night. They do their own counts, independent of city officialdom. At a certain hour, they know internally where they’ve landed and how big the gap might be between them and their competitors.

For the public, which doesn’t get a peek into these “boiler room” operations, it can make for a wild ride, particularly when City Hall is slow to update their website with information about results. Such was the case this week— a problem exacerbated by ballots that were mailed-in or dropped off late in the day on Sept. 14. These, too, needed to be counted and apportioned to their relevant precincts in the city. Officials in the city’s Election Department, we’re told, held off on posting real-time updates late into the night due to this issue.

That makes for high anxiety for Bostonians and observers deeply invested in the outcome. That’s true, too, for candidates for at-large city council, many of whom don’t have the sophisticated ground game needed to get a full picture of what’s happening at polls citywide.

As this editorial was being finished on Wednesday morning, the complete results were released by city officials, showing that the earlier order of finishes stands. Incumbents Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia will be the top two finishers, in that order. Next up: an impressive third place finish for fresh-face Ruthzee Louijeune, who built a formidable big-tent coalition that includes everyone from Sen. Warren to the Local 718 firefighters. And Erin Murphy, who debuted as a citywide candidate two years ago, is a solid fourth-place finisher, a big improvement for her over 2019. It’s a tight bunch for the remaining four slots on the November ballot, with Dorchester’s Carla Monteiro, David Halbert and Althea Garrison all in the mix, along with South Boston’s Brigid Nee-Walsh, another first-time candidate.

In her statement on Wednesday morning, acting Mayor Janey said she was “committed to ensuring a smooth transition for the next Mayor so that SHE will be able to hit the ground running.” We appreciate the sentiment and hope that city government will seek to make a more smoother election night experience one of the tasks at hand. -Bill Forry

# A ‘thank you’ from the Hayes family



**To the Editor:**

The Hayes family would like to express their sincere thanks to all who have supported and comforted our family during our most difficult time. First and foremost, the outpouring of love from neighbors and friends—, sending words of comfort, food, etc., checking on us daily, and offering support – still continue today. Our Dorchester community is a community unlike any other, anywhere.

It is in times of tragedy and crisis when Dorchester rallies in a unique way to take any possible burden off the shoulders of the hurting. Our family is in awe of how relatives, friends, neighbors, former teammates, and many, many others reached out to tell us stories of Jimmy’s kindness, generosity, and friendly wit. Even complete strangers shared stores of how Jimmy impacted their lives and changed them for the better.

We must extend our sincerest thanks to Dorchester Youth Hockey for orchestrating such a touching and beautiful standout with all of the children from Dorchester and many other Youth Hockey organizations. It was a stunning tribute to Jimmy that we will always remember. We are so grateful for those at the O’Connor Funeral Home who went above and beyond to accommodate the outpouring of supporters and facilitate such a beautiful display at Florian Hall for Jimmy. We would like to thank the Cahill family for providing anything our family needed at Florian Hall. Also, a heartfelt thank you to the Boston Police Department whose members showed immense support to our family and the community. And a very special thank you to Number 3.



**PK Subban, Kevin Hayes and Chris O’Sullivan at the Eire Pub.**

It is with mixed emotions that the Hayes and Valente families move forward. Our hearts are heavy and broken for the loss of our beautiful Jimmy, and we will never be the same. Yet, it is with the love, comfort, and support of our friends, neighbors, and our Dorchester family at large that we are slowly becoming capable of carrying on for Jimmy and his very best legacy, his wife Kristen and their beautiful babies, Beau and Mac.

Again, our heartfelt thank you to all of you.  
-The Hayes Family  
Dorchester

# Remote learning options would keep kids safe and tied to their school communities

**BY ROY LINCOLN KARP  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER**

When summer began, my wife and I decided our daughter should return to in-person learning this Fall. It was not a decision we took lightly. For fifteen months, we had been extremely cautious due to her ongoing pulmonary vulnerability stemming from her extremely premature birth. But with Covid numbers finally coming down, the risk-benefit analysis weighed in favor of sending her back into the Henderson Inclusion School to gain from social engagement with her second-grade teachers and peers.

Then the Delta variant emerged and the calculus changed. As the school year approached, we began to dread the idea of her entering the building while still unvaccinated. But state policy makers seem to have missed the memo. Gov. Baker and Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley have taken virtual and hybrid learning off the table, telling parents they must accept the known risks to their children’s health and safety, possibly even their lives.

They have stood by this policy decision even as the more contagious variant rages across the country. “This is probably the most dangerous time in the pandemic for children,” notes Leana Wen, an emergency physician and public health professor at George Washington University. During the last week of August alone, more than 250,000 American children contracted Covid, representing more than a quarter of all new cases.

We have already seen schools across the country shut down due to coronavirus outbreaks. When asked about two outbreaks in Melrose, the governor said he would still not consider remote learning options. He suggested that schools use snow days if they need to keep their kids at home and that, ultimately, the only solution is for everyone to get vaccinated. Aside from being tone deaf to parent concerns, this response fails to consider children under age 12 who are not even vaccine eligible.

Parents are justifiably frightened, and many are starting to get politically active. My wife and I joined together with other Henderson parents — Keyona and Luke Aviles and Bethany Van Deft Moffi and Jayme Moffi — to form MA Parents for Remote Learning Options ([maparents4remoteoptions.org](http://maparents4remoteoptions.org)). then linked up with a mom in JP who started an online petition that aligned with our goals, pressing for online options with saved seats for children under 12 ([change.org/VirtualUntilVaccinated](http://change.org/VirtualUntilVaccinated)).

Our campaign is gaining momentum. A large number of parents want the option of keeping their kids at home while remaining connected to their school community. According to a survey conducted by the Boston Public Schools in June, fully two-thirds of the 17,000 respondents expressed interest in either a virtual or hybrid model. The percentage was even higher in communities of color, which have borne a disparate burden from the virus. And that was before Delta when Covid numbers were at an all-time low.

The one size fits all approach fails to consider increased health risks to students with complex medical issues (or to high-risk family members, especially in multi-generational households.) It also violates the spirit if not the letter of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, which requires schools to develop individualized education plans for students with disabilities. Remote learning would increase the safety of students and staff inside school buildings by lowering the daily census, thus allowing for greater social distancing, and giving schools the flexibility to respond quickly when Covid outbreaks do occur.

But that is not where things stand right now. Like thousands of parents across Massachusetts, we must decide between putting our daughter in harm’s way or pulling her out of the school where she has been loved and well supported since she was three. This is a cruel choice to force upon parents, especially so given that it rests on the false premise that kids are not in real danger from Covid.

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## West Side Stories

## The opening day of school west of Washington – 1974

By SETH DANIEL  
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The happy sounds of students and teachers coming to the schools in the West of Washington (WOW) neighborhood are back this week as they head to the Holmes School, the Greenwood School, the Lee School, and the former Lucy Stone (now Boston Prep).

It was about this time in 1974 that neighbor and life-long West of Washington (WOW) resident Joe Kirnon reported to sixth grade at the Holmes School with hundreds of other classmates – a first day that was also the first day of the Phase 1 busing school integration plan in Boston. The Holmes School in WOW was a middle school, and it was one of the first schools in the plan to be balanced at about 50 percent Black and 50 percent white – with it previously having had mostly Black residents attending it. Students from the other side of Washington Street were bused to the Holmes, leaving on buses from places like Wainwright Park and Hemenway Park on “that” side of Dorchester.

None of the students had previously attended the Holmes, as it was a 6-8 middle school at the time (now it is a K-5 elementary). So, Black and White came together on the west side of the neighborhood – and it wasn’t with the animosity, violence, or turmoil that was exhibited in other parts of Dorchester and the city at large. In fact, it seems to have been an unheralded success if one were to talk to the kids, who are now adults.

According to reports from 1974, police were at the school the first few days, but soon there was no reason as there wasn’t much happening. In first-hand accounts, some students reported fighting, or being teased, but by and large it was successful. That’s how Kirnon remembered it, as did some of his classmates in iconic letters that were written to former Mayor Kevin White from 18 members of Kirnon’s sixth-grade class, under the direction of retired teacher Barrie Mulkern.

Those letters are now in the City Archives, first found in Mayor White’s personal papers by Brandeis University researchers in 2014 and first reported on by Boston Magazine in 1975, and then by WGBH in 2014.

I caught up with Joe Kirnon last weekend and had a good discussion about that school year and all things WOW from beginning to end.

“I didn’t know the impact of what was going on,” he said of the 1974 opening. “I didn’t



A class photo from one of the sixth-grade rooms at the Oliver Wendell Holmes School in the 1974-75 school term. The school, and the class, were among the first to be integrated during Phase 1 of the school desegregation plan. According to iconic letters written by kids at the time, as well as by neighbors who still live near the school, the plan worked pretty well at the Holmes – unlike at so many others. Photo courtesy of Joe Kirnon

know the extent of it. I had seen some things on TV, and it didn’t look good. I thought at the time that if they wanted to fight, I could protect myself. I enjoyed the school the year I was there. There was no tension in our school. We were 6th graders and didn’t understand a lot of that. I don’t remember anything like that.”

In the letters, many of the students coming on the bus from other parts of Dorchester expressed fear, having heard bad things from their parents and friends about what the school would be like. Some reported not coming for the first several days, but most reported that after the first several weeks, things simply became normal. Many quickly made friends by the time the class had what they described as an “epic” Christmas Party at the Holmes, followed by many field trips to roller rinks and the Franklin Park Zoo. Busing was all but forgotten.

One Black student wrote, “Integration was nothing new to me because I had a lot of white friends before. So, I was happy to have more friends because they are very good friends, and I like to have a lot of fun. I don’t like fighting all the time. Surely, the only reason the kids come to school and start fighting is that their parents tell them to. Some don’t want to fight, but their parents tell them to, and when one of the black or white get hurt, the white or black parent starts running saying, ‘oh my, oh my,’ when it really was all their fault...Next year I would like to be in the 7th grade in an integrated school because I got along with the kids that came on the bus.”

Said one white student, “When I heard that Judge Garrity might have people bused out of their neighborhood, I was full of anxiety. I thought that if I was bused, I wouldn’t meet any friends...When I first came into the classroom, I saw different black and white people. The room was very quiet so I didn’t think there were many friends...I made friends with a lot of black people which I didn’t think I would do. I’m glad I’m in an integrated classroom. ... One of the most memorable times in school was when I was elected to the Bi-Racial Council, which is a regular council of black and white students. There are four kids from each race who talk over problems faced by the two races.”

Said one Black female student, who still lives near the Holmes School, “Integration is a good and a bad thing. It is good because the blacks and the whites can get to know each other and their ways. It is bad because they think they can’t get along. This was the best year of my life. I met lots of new friends both black and white.”

While many of the letters focused initially on busing, the bulk of them focused their writing on how much fun they had with each other at field trips and the Christmas party. Kirnon said he had come from the former Lucy Stone School – located on Park Street – and it had been a totally mixed school, so the experience wasn’t new to him.

“I remember writing the letters (for Mr. Mulkern); many students did that,” he said. “I remember it clearly. I had gone to the Lucy Stone for grades

1-5 and it was totally mixed. My whole academic life I didn’t experience a lot of the racism that was around. That was the case at the Lucy Stone, which was a largely white school, and the Holmes that was probably 50/50...I never experienced things like other people did, fortunately...Thank goodness the experience was positive for me because I know for many it wasn’t.”

In fact, Kirnon said, when his family bought their home in WOW in 1963, most all of the block was made up of white families. They were one of the only Black families at the time, and there were never any problems at school or in the neighborhood that he remembers. Things changed, though, and soon the neighborhood had completely turned over.

“What I saw around here is there was a fire every week,” he said. “The houses would completely burn up, the white families would leave and not come back, then there would be another fire. At the time, I never thought about why the white folks’ homes would burn and none of the people of color’s homes would burn. I didn’t think about it then. No one ever got hurt, but there were fires all the time.”

Those fires created lots of vacant lots in WOW, many of which still persist; you can drive through and still see the “greenies” today from street to street. The fires also completely changed the make-up of the neighborhood, Kirnon noted.

Nowadays, he said, the neighborhood is re-building and things are changing – most notably the prices of homes and affordability of living in Dorchester. He said he feels

that in the next five to 10 years, the WOW area will be completely different once again.

Kirnon and many of his sixth-grade classmates went on to Latin Academy in Codman Square after the 1974-75 school year, and many stayed at the Holmes in the new, successfully integrated school. But the school’s unique story eroded in much the same way as the fires removed many of the houses around it.

This past week, the Holmes School, the Lee School, and the Greenwood School began their new school terms not integrated at all. In fact, the Holmes is 92.5 percent Black or Hispanic, and the Lee 89 percent Black or Hispanic, according to the 2020 School Report Card. The white population of each school was between 4 and 6 percent.

#### •SUN TEA, THAT’S WHAT IT IS

On a much, much lighter note, there have been a lot of questions by passersby of my house about the glass jar of brown liquid sitting in my garden on the rocks during sunny days.

The answer is quite simple – sun tea. Many might know about sun tea, but apparently many walking around the west side of Dorchester don’t. Sun tea is the cheapest and easiest summer drink aside from tap water. It’s quite easy to make. Choose a hot and sunny day, fill a glass jar with water, pop in a couple of cheap tea bags (I like Red Rose as they sometimes give you the little collectable figurines), put it in the direct sunlight, and wait. After an afternoon in the sun, and a night in the fridge, you’ve got a low-cost, healthy drink made organically...or so I say.

## Costs are pushing more state residents into poverty

By COLIN A. YOUNG  
STATE HOUSE  
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Massachusetts was one of 11 states in which an alternate measure of poverty that accounts for government stimulus and the costs of housing, commuting, and medical care was higher over the last three years than the poverty rate as traditionally measured, the

US Census Bureau said Tuesday.

Going by the three-year average of the bureau’s official poverty rate from 2018 through 2020, about 565,000 people in Massachusetts were in poverty equal to about 8.2 percent of the population. But going by the bureau’s supplemental poverty measure (SPM), roughly 649,000 people, or 9.4

percent, of the state’s population were in poverty over the same time period, according to the data released Tuesday.

While the official poverty rate uses gross pre-tax cash income as its resource measurement, the SPM looks at the sum of cash income plus the value of government stimulus checks and benefits that can be used

to pay for food, clothing, shelter, and utilities. The SPM also subtracts taxes paid (or adds the value of tax credits), work expenses, medical expenses, and child support payments.

“The SPM extends the official poverty measure by taking into account many of the government programs designed to assist low-income families and individuals that

are not included in the official measure,” Liana Fox, chief of the Census Bureau’s Poverty Statistics Branch, said. “Non-cash benefits such as housing and nutritional assistance are added to pre-tax cash income, and necessary expenses such as taxes, work, and medical expenses are subtracted.”

“Higher SPM rates

by state may occur for many reasons,” the Census said. “Geographic adjustments for housing costs, as well as different mixes of housing tenure, may result in higher SPM thresholds. Higher non-discretionary expenses, such as taxes or medical expenses, may also drive higher SPM rates.”



(Continued from page 1) ration would open up old windows that have been bricked off for decades.

“From the Fields Corner perspective, we had quite a few phone calls that expressed generally positive perspectives and looking for it to create more positive activity in Fields Corner, whatever that means to different people,” Chusaid, noting that there were about 30 people on the Sept. 7 Zoom meeting.

“People have mixed feelings but not necessarily bad feelings,” he added. “This particular parcel contains much of the Fields Corner history going back hundreds of years... We’re kind of excited to see the next chapter for this.”

Lee’s company has an option to purchase the building that runs through December.

“Our objective between now and December is to figure out if we can come up with a proposed project that has sufficient and substantial buy-in for the stakeholders,” Lee said. “We’ve shown the community the general size and scale and the numbers of units and there wasn’t a single person opposed. It doesn’t mean no one is opposed, but it’s always good when you present something and there



The Post Office building in Fields Corner is the site of some excitement this month with an affordable home ownership restoration project proposed for the building by TLee Development. Seth Daniel photo

aren’t five people immediately against it. ...We haven’t purchased it yet. If it doesn’t work out, it doesn’t work out.”

His proposal includes putting 20 units of affordable home-ownership units on the upper floors with a full restoration of the arched windows that have likely been bricked over for more than a century. The windows were prominent in the part of the building on the Adams Street side when it was the Dorchester Music Hall for a short period in the 1890s and early in the 20th century.

Lee said nothing is left on the property of the grand days of the Music Hall, which was ultimately converted to a commercial building about 100 years ago by the O’Hearn Storage Company.

“We’re not proposing to bring the historic music

hall back to life; it’s 100 percent gone,” he said. “But what we can do is bring the windows back to life, and that is the intent, and it will be a feat unto itself. It will be difficult.”

The envelope of the building won’t change under his plan, Lee said, but the five floors would likely be converted to four floors. He predicted that the units would be priced between \$225,000 and the upper \$300,000 range, which is far below the average condo sale in Dorchester of \$570,000, he said.

Many years ago, the Post Office on the site was in jeopardy of being closed, but the USPS’s Doherty and Lee said that that won’t happen with this development.

“The tenants that are there we plan to tee up for long-term success,” Lee said. “The Post Of-

fice has been there for 70 years and we intend on keeping it there for years and years to come. We don’t intend to price them out of the neighborhood they’ve served for so long.”

In the final part of the development, the five-story addition behind the original building would contain another 20 units of affordable home-ownership condos. That building would be about 15 feet taller than the Post Office building and would be built on what is now a parking lot containing the remains of the old Fields House.

That last part has been undertaken with some careful treading of water, as both Lee and the Dorchester Historical Society (DHS) have engaged in discussions on how it might be possible to preserve the house or the family’s story.

The Fieldses came to New England in the 1600s, and bought land in what is now Fields Corner in the 1700s, eventually opening a store about where the Post Office is now. They had a stately wooden home fronting Dorchester Avenue for a long time, but when the Post Office was built in the late 1800s, they moved the house to the back

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**Remnants of the old Fields House sit in the parking lot behind the Post Office building. Great care is being taken to figure out how to preserve the building or the story of the Fields family, the namesake of the neighborhood.** *Seth Daniel photo*

of the lot. The historic house has been bricked over and a loading dock added to the site. Very little of the stately structure remains, though the window openings do remain similar.

Earl Taylor, president of DHS, said the society sees the development in two ways, noting that having the Post Office building developed seems like a good idea. But, he said, they would like to see the Fields House preserved.

"It would be a great advantage to the neighborhood to have it devel-

oped in some way and I would think Travis Lee would be more sympathetic than others," Taylor said. "It's why Fields Corner is named Fields Corner...It's been moved one time from Dorchester Avenue to where it is now...I think it needs to stay in Fields Corner and I don't know where you find a lot near that intersection, so it is a quandary. ... It's an historically significant building, at least in my mind."

Lee said he would like to preserve the Fields family story and

relics from the home in a curated museum or community gathering space in the addition, but probably would not be able to save the remnants of the structure and go forward with the overall development.

He added that it will be a careful walk to be able to tell the story respectfully, but not keep the building, a structure that he says very few people actually know about. "It's more than preserving it, because it's hidden. You preserve meat because you want it to remain how it is. We

don't want [the building] to remain how it is; we want it to be more accessible," he said.

Taylor said they haven't filed any petitions with Boston Landmarks Commission for the property and will continue to work with Lee on the status of the home.

Lee's company has successfully developed properties in the West of Washington and Talbot Avenue area and in Fields Corners, including the Lenane Building across from the Post Office.



**An architect's rendering of the proposed TLee Development project at the old Gallagher Insurance Co. site.**

# Construction set on rental complex near Fields Corner station

TLee Development said it is preparing to start construction on an affordable housing development at the old Gallagher Insurance building, which abuts the Fields Corner MBTA Station just down the street from the Post Office building.

Work on the 5-story, 29-unit rental project will likely start in “mid-October,” according to Travis Lee. The building will house three tiers of affordable rental units and include ground floor retail.

Since being approved for that development and waiting for construction to start, the site and the building were used for a variety of unique things, including the Dorchester Community Fridge and an art mural project dedicated to social justice that was temporarily on the side of the building.

The bright pink and yellow paint job drew some attention in the interim. “We used it for all sorts of fun community-oriented things,” Lee said. “It’s not an impressive building, but it has served us well in the meantime.”

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# Plan for housing on Meetinghouse Hill stirs debate

## Current status of historic Swan-Allen home at issue

By SETH DANIEL  
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) and several other interested parties are in the middle of an intense discussion about the fate of the old Swan House at 29 High St., with preservationists calling for the house to be saved while a developer backed by some neighbors is ready to move on with a new building project.

On Tuesday night, after the Reporter's deadline, the commission held a meeting to look at the alternatives to demolishing the home on Meetinghouse Hill, which was given a preliminary determination of historical significance earlier this year by BLC. That larger process of historical preservation, according to the Landmarks panel's director, Roseanne Foley, wasn't scheduled to be discussed at this week's hearing, but will be taken up at a later date.

As it now stands, the developer, Fernando Dalfior, and many abutters argue that the house needs to come down to make way for what the neighborhood and developer have agreed on.

However, the Dorchester Historical Society (DHS) and several preservation-minded residents have called on the Landmarks Commission to delay demolition and look into protecting the entire property, which consists of nearly one acre of land on the north slope of Meetinghouse Hill.



The current home at 29 High St., known as the Swan House, is being considered for landmark status, but a developer and many neighbors have come to a long-negotiated agreement to demolish the home and build 23 units of housing with a Mansard roof.

Already, Foley said, Landmarks has accepted a petition from DHS to designate the property an historical landmark, and given a preliminary determination to that effect in January on four out of five of the set criteria. Now, a study of that petition and the historical significance of the property is underway.

"The building is not completely unprotected, (as) the BLC accepted a petition to designate the property and a study report process is underway," she wrote in an e-mail. "The BLC reviews proposed changes to pending landmarks as part of an accelerated design review process."

Earl Taylor, president of the DHS, said it is consistent with BLC policy to send any application to the full Commission for a Demolition Delay (known as Article 85) hearing if there is a "hint" of historical sig-

nificance to the property. Further meetings on the actual application are yet to be scheduled, Foley said.

"There was a petition filed in the winter to make the property at 29 High Street a single-family architectural district," Taylor wrote in an e-mail. "The Commission approved, and the next steps should be proceeding... There will need to be a commission set up to establish guidelines for the property and to review requests for changes. I don't know how that process fits with an application by the property owner to demolish the building."

Abutters and preservationists are often on the same page about keeping an historic home intact. In this case, Dalfior, president of Dalfior Development Inc., said he has gone through several iterations of the project with neighbors and has arrived at a project that most like and support. That project includes 23 units of apartment housing in a three-story building



A rendering of the most recent design reflects many wishes from the abutters and neighbors – a three-story building with a Mansard roof, and a third of the units first proposed two years ago.

with a Mansard roof.

Dalfior purchased the property two years ago and began talks with neighbors.

"We've been working with the neighbors and abutters a long time," he said. "We started with a large building and we even went out and got an architect to accommodate what the neighbors would want to see... We went back and forth a lot of times. It's a big piece of land. It's almost an acre and it's unheard of in the city."

"We've done everything they requested," he added. "We examined all the options and we changed the design probably five times. It think we're very close to the finish line. If they want to preserve the home, they'll definitely be going against the abutters' opinions because they want the house down and want this new building. That's where we're at now."

"I'm indifferent, but at this point it's been two years and everyone wants to see the project go forward."

Tom Whall, an abutter on High Street, supports the project and would like to see the old house come down. He said that when Dalfior first came into the neighborhood and proposed the larger building, it didn't go well, but they've worked together and he supports the current proposal.

"He came over and sat at my dining room table and showed me what he wanted to do and I laughed him out of the house," said Whall. "It would have been nice for it to stay as a one- or two-family estate with some doctor from City Hospital renovating it, but that's just not the way it is these days. I support the development the way he has proposed it. I think that house is a piece of trash now and it needs to come down... I'm a lifer here and the times for that house have passed. I played with the Allen children when I was a kid, but there aren't eight children there anymore. It's a concept that's passed... If we don't get this, I'm afraid we would get something like those 60 units there that I opposed."

He said most of his neighbors also support the current proposal, and Dalfior said the civic association has also backed

the most recent proposal. However, preservationists and Landmarks are looking closely at the significance of the property, as it goes far back into Dorchester's history.

The home is known as the Swan House after Robert Swan, who was a schoolteacher and principal, according to a petition filed by DHS. He is known to have worked at the Mayhew School and the Winthrop School, stressing the introduction of industrial education, and the former Thetford Avenue School was named for him.

His father, William Swan, conveyed the property at 29 High St. to him in 1848. The building first appears on maps in 1850 and it is noted for being one of the few Greek Revival-style homes in Dorchester. In 1918, Swan family heirs turned the property over to the First Parish Church, which is only a block away. The church used the home as its parsonage from that time until 2018.

One notable resident of the home in modern times was the beloved Rev. James K. Allen, who died in 1991 and was known for his role in standing up for issues of diversity and inclusion.



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# BPDA okays housing proposal planned near South Bay plaza



A developer hopes to bring three new buildings, largely residential, to the South Bay area. *Renderings via the Boston Planning and Development Agency's website*

Three new buildings near the South Bay shopping plaza received approval from city planning officials this week. The proposal, known as the “Willow Baker” development was first proposed in January 2020. It came up for discussion at Monday’s meeting of the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s board of directors.

The site is mostly vacant land, but the development calls for the demolition of several single- and two-family houses on one of the parcels.

Located at 75-78 Willow Ct. and 16 Baker Ct., the project would create 191 new housing units, including 29 income-restricted units, and parking for 46 vehicles.

Overall, the units will be a mix of studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom units, with some three-bedroom

units. Ninety-two will be rentals, while ninety-nine will be condominiums.

The developer behind the projects is going to build a bike-sharing station and bury new utilities underground, while removing old power lines and utility poles, according to the BPDA.

“The project will also contribute to improvements at nearby Sha-

ron’s Park, Paul’s Park, and Richardson Park, Dot Art for youth programming, as well as the Dorchester Historical Society for programming and preservation in the neighborhood,” the agency said in a statement.

Willow Baker LLC and Cornerstone Boston are backing the project, which is close to the Andrew Square Red Line station, the Newmarket commuter rail station, and four MBTA bus routes. Construction is slated to start early next year. Proponents have indicated it is likely to bring in \$1 million in annual property taxes.

Separately, planning officials on Monday also signed off on an apartment project off Blue Hill Avenue in Roxbury. That development, located at 4-18 Cheney St., involves a four-story residential building with 74 affordable housing units, including 59 rental units focused on seniors.

— GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a Proposed Cannabis Establishment is scheduled for...

**Date:** Friday, October 1, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Online (Zoom)

Three ways you can join the Zoom meeting...

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The proposed retail cannabis establishment will be located at:  
**1102 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124**

There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions and share comments. Closed captioning will be arranged for the meeting.

You are welcome to submit comments or questions in advance of the meeting by emailing Sandy Heierbacher, Chief Operating Officer, at [sandy@injagaglobal.com](mailto:sandy@injagaglobal.com)

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT  
Docket No. SU01P2120AD1  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
ELLEN-MARIE RAY  
DATE OF DEATH: 09/25/2001

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by: requesting allowance of the Amended First through fourth and fifth through sixteenth account(s) as Personal Representative and any other relief as requested in the Petition.  
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 10/20/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 08, 2021

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SUFFOLK, ss  
Docket No. SU21P0080GD

To all persons interested in the estate of John P. Wenek of 400 Savin Hill, Dorchester in said County, person under conservatorship single.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell at private sale - certain real estate for his maintenance - and praying that the petitioner may become the purchaser of said real estate. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at 24 New Chardon, Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 23rd day of September 2021, the return day of this citation.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of said Court this 9th day of September 2021.

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JD-JM-61EL Rev. 12-04 C.G.S. 45a-716(c), 46b-129(a), 52-52

NOTICE TO:  
Luis Ramos, father of children born on 4/29/2014 and 3/14/2010  
Rebecca Nieves-Malave of parts unknown  
A petition/motion has been filed seeking: Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named or vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private or public agency or a suitable and worthy person.

The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your paternal rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on 10/7/2021 at 2:00 pm at 60 Housatonic Avenue Bridgeport CT 06604

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt, in the Dorchester Reporter a newspaper having a circulation in Dorchester MA

Judge: Wilkerson Brilliant, J.  
Robert Lessler/Clerk  
Date Signed: 9/1/2021

RIGHT TO COUNSEL: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will provide one for you at court expense. Any such request should be made immediately at the court office where your hearing is to be held.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU21P1803EA  
ESTATE OF:  
EDITH ELAINE HAYNES  
DATE OF DEATH: 04/14/2021

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Marcelita Bramwell of Baldwin, NY requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/21/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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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. SU19P2600EA  
ESTATE OF:  
LESLIE DENISE RAMSAY  
DATE OF DEATH: 05/26/2019

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Akia I. Obas of Dorchester, MA and Saran Ramsay of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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### RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR/COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

The goal of the Resident Services Coordinator/Community Organizer (RSC) is to provide services that will preserve tenancies, enable the residents to achieve economic independence, and engage individuals and families in age-appropriate programs that facilitate enrichment, engagement, and self-sufficiency.

#### Job Responsibilities:

- Develop a comprehensive service plan for residents at the Dorchester Bay properties, working with the Board, Dorchester Bay staff, and interested residents.
- Develop and maintain a Directory of Providers that can bring 3rd Party services to the property, e.g., Uphams Corner Health Center, Metro Housing Boston, Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers.
- Make referrals to relevant partner service providers and agencies, as appropriate
- Work with property managers on lease violation/termination issues.
- Provide crisis intervention support to residents
- Analyze Resident Surveys and conduct Survey of Elders.
- Ensure that there are activities for seniors and families.
- Host monthly tenant association meetings; collaborate with area crime watches.
- Issue monthly newsletter, with calendar of meetings and events; information/flyers service providers; contributions from residents, and resource guide.
- Act as a liaison between Dorchester Bay and community agencies and facilities, including but not limited to the KROC Center, Bird Street Community Center, Boston Youth Fund, and others for family programming.
- Work with the Board Resident Initiatives Subcommittee to recruit resident volunteers for activities and programs for all ages.

#### Specific Services:

- Resident Outreach - bilingual English/Spanish preferred
- Case Management and focus on housekeeping, substance abuse, domestic violence, child care and health care issues.
- Family Programming stratified by age (e.g., tenant education for families; workforce development for adults; activities programming for seniors; leadership and education programs for youth)

#### Task Details:

- Develop a comprehensive service plan for the properties - Working with the DBEDC Resident Initiatives and Community Organizing (RICO) team and consultation with the Board RICO Committee, youth, and interested residents, the RSC will help develop a service plan that will meet the needs of all age groups in our portfolio. The plan will include programs and services that can be provided; "in-house," as well as links to community partners that offer programming, such as The City School, Salvation Army KROC Center, Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers, and Boston Youth Fund.
- Make Referrals - Work with property managers on lease termination issues; Provide Crisis Intervention. Tenant wellness and tenancy preservation are always the goals. By conducting one-on-one meetings with tenants, the RSC will be able to make appropriate referrals to outside agencies to help residents preserve their tenancies and become self-sufficient.
- The RSC will assess situations appropriately and intervene where necessary. Under this task, the RSC will develop a resource guide for the property. Workshops and other events for the community will address window safety, fire prevention, domestic violence, and mental and physical health. The RSC will work with management to assess and provide appropriate interventions for crises - ranging from one-on-one with individuals to bringing in 3rd party service providers.
- Analyze Resident Surveys - Use the resident survey in planning services and activities for youth with the Adult Leadership Institute resident group and interested residents.
- Develop and maintain a Consortium of Providers that can bring third-party services to the property- The RSC will not only build on existing relationships but also forge new partnerships. Quarterly meetings among critical players will ensure that 3rd party services are wellcoordinated and serve the residents well. Likely agencies will include but are not limited to the Massachusetts Alliance of Portuguese Speakers, Uphams Corner Health Center and Metropolitan Housing Boston.
- Ensure that there are activities for seniors and families - The RSC will recruit residents to the Seniors Program and plan other activities for seniors and families such as fire prevention, breast cancer awareness, health screening.
- Host monthly tenant association meetings and collaborate with area crime watches - Monthly association meetings will address issues surfaced by the attending residents and resident surveys/intake forms. With crime and security a recurring concern, the RSC will work closely with the Boston Police Department community officer, the property manager, and relevant security firms to address safety concerns at monthly association meetings. The RSC will offer assistance to Residents interested in campaigns around safety issues and will work closely with their neighbors, area crime watches, and city officials to resolve these issues.
- Issue monthly newsletter, with calendar of meetings and events - The newsletter is distributed to residents monthly at the beginning of the month. It will include key dates from community partners and including outside events and opportunities that will enrich the lives of residents of the property.
- Be a liaison with community facilities for family programming - The RSC builds and maintains relationships with entities including but not limited to Boston Youth Fund, Bird Street Community Center, Salvation Army KROC Center, Uphams Corner Library, and others. These partnerships facilitate referrals residents may need to services that are outside what DBEDC provides.
- Work with the Board Resident Initiatives subcommittee and residents to recruit resident volunteers for activities and programs for all ages - The RSC will work closely with the DBEDC Board and other residents to develop a network of volunteers that will assist in activities and programs across our portfolio.

#### Qualifications and Experience:

- Minimum 2 years of experience in resident engagement and community organizing preferred.
- Experience with project management
- Solid communication and presentation skills
- Experience working with diverse populations
- Fluency in Spanish, Portuguese, or Haitian Creole preferred
- Associate's degree or Bachelor's preferred but not required. Will consider other credentials, traditional and nontraditional.

#### The ideal candidate:

- Is highly organized and can prioritize multiple tasks and establish and meet
- Able to meet deadlines
- Must be proactive
- Pay strong attention to detail

#### Work Hours:

- Work hours are Monday through Friday with some evenings
- Some weekends are required in the summer months
- A driver's license is preferred

Please submit a cover letter and a resume by Thursday, September 30, 2021, to [vpina@dbedc.org](mailto:vpina@dbedc.org).

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# Always prepare for the unexpected

By Dr. Edward Schettino

Much too often, we are seeing a number of natural disasters wreak havoc in nearly every corner of our country – from massive wildfires to catastrophic hurricanes.

## Moment of Paws

In the past month alone, Massachusetts has experienced the remnants of two large tropical storms, which have damaged homes, caused power

outages, and disrupted supply chains. During September, we observe National Preparedness Month to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and

emergencies that could happen at any time. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone in your family – including your pets. Putting their welfare into the emergency planning process now will help expedite getting everyone to safety when disaster strikes.

Here are four steps to help you prepare your pet for an emergency:

**Build a disaster kit.** Just like every person in the home, each animal in your household also needs its own kit. You should include at least a one-week supply of food and water, along with collapsible dishes, medication, photographs of your pet, name tags, and other identification, leash, harness, crate/carrier, toys, blankets and treats, waste bags, litter, and litter tray.

**Research pet-friendly evacuation centers.**



The makings of a disaster kit for your pet.

Many, but not all, evacuation centers allow pets. Also, check your area for pet-friendly hotels and boarding facilities, and reach out to friends or relatives who would allow you and your pets to stay with them during an emergency. Keep in mind that during the Covid-19 pandemic, procedures, protocols, even capacities may be altered to ensure a safe environment for both people and pets.

**Make sure your pet is microchipped.** We covered the importance of the microchip in last

month's column. It's the simplest way to be reunited with your pet should you become separated. If your pet is already microchipped, take the opportunity while preparing to make sure all contact information is correct and up to date.

**Create a buddy system.** You may not be home when disaster strikes. Connect with local friends and neighbors to ensure that someone is willing to evacuate your pets if you are unable to. A colleague of mine recently told me a story about not being home when his neighborhood was evacuated during a wildfire. Fortunately, a neighbor was willing to find his cat and bring her to an evacuation center, and the two were reunited days later after the danger had abated.

Should a disaster strike, remember that every minute matters. Being prepared and having a plan saves precious time and helps to keep you, your family, and your pets safe during an emergency.

*Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He has a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Pet questions? Email ARL at [press@arl-boston.org](mailto:press@arl-boston.org).*



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Docket No. SU21D1183DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS  
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING  
HEATHER HART  
vs.  
WILLIE L. HART

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: Ernst Guerrier, Esq., Law Offices of Ernst Guerrier, 299 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester Center, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before **11/18/2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 27, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
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vs.  
CARLOS ALCANTARA MATEO

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Ana M. Rivera, 5 Grand Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830 your answer, if any, on or before **11/04/2021**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Jennifer M R Ulwick, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 1, 2021  
Pamela Casey O'Brien  
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**BGCD Member Naraya Named National Winner in BGCA National Arts Contest:** See details below.

**CONNECT THE DOT:**  
**BGCD Member Naraya Named National Winner in BGCA National Arts Contest:** As a participant in the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Arts Contests, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester submitted member artwork and photos in two contest areas: National Fine Arts and ImageMakers Photography. BGCA received almost 2,500 entries from Clubs and Youth Centers. Selected artwork is screened at the regional level, and a limited number is sent to BGCA's Atlanta headquarters for judging at the national level. Their decisions were difficult and resulted in 33 National Fine Arts and 20 ImageMakers Photography winners. Naraya was named a National Winner in the Mixed Media Category for the 10-12 age group. Naraya's artwork will be displayed at special events throughout the year and featured in BGCA's online gallery. BGCD is so proud of you!

**FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:**  
**BGCD Partners with Elevate Youth for Horseback Riding Experience for Members:** This Summer, BGCD continued our long standing partnership with our friends at Elevate Youth to offer four outdoor experiences. Elevate Youth empowers youth from underserved neighborhoods through regular outdoor experiences with the support of positive adult role models.

The Elevate Youth Summer Series Program included sailing, kayaking, hiking, and most recently an outing to go horseback riding in Randolph.

Many thanks to the staff and volunteers from Elevate Youth for making these fun and educational outings part of our 2021 Summer program. We can't wait to continue this partnership into the Fall and see what opportunities it brings!



**BGCD Partners with Elevate Youth for Horseback Riding Experience for Members:** See details below.

**DID YOU KNOW:**  
**VOLUNTEER AT BGCD! BGCD Looking for Back to School Volunteers:** Back to school is here and Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is looking for volunteers to help our members get back to work and have a great school year. Volunteers play a critical role at our Clubs. Research shows, as little as one hour a week is all it takes to have a positive impact on a child's life.

Our volunteers work directly with youth as mentors, tutors, coaches, and so much more. Volunteer positions will be in Education, Gamesroom, Athletics, Music, Art and Special Events. Please note that CORI/SORI and background verification forms are required to volunteer at BGCD. If interested or for more information, please visit [bgcdorchester.org/volunteer](http://bgcdorchester.org/volunteer) or contact Volunteer Coordinator Amy Gately at [agately@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:agately@bgcdorchester.org).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Red Sox Outing with IBEW 103  
September 22

Rodman Ride for Kids  
September 25

Alumni Open House  
October 9

\*Please note, events will be following all COVID-19 restrictions while meeting.



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**BARRETT, Helen M.**, 89, of Mattapan.



**BENNETT, James Parker**, 67, of Canton, GA (OFD). Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Nathalie and James, and his brother Steve. He is survived by his wife of 46

years Dorothy (Simmons) Bennett; and three sons James (Michelle), Paul (Leah) and Matthew (Louise), 9 grandchildren and his siblings Nathalie, Daniel, Robert, Phyllis, Irene, Rita, Marjorie and Kevin.



**BURKE, Laurence G.** Father of Laurence G. Burke (Marie), Catherine M. Burke Lemansky, Kevin M. Burke (Cheryl) and the late Theresa M. Burke. Grandfather of Sean P. Burke (Alison), Kathleen M. Filipe (Kyle), Patrick L. Burke, Courtney F. Burke, Kristen E. Burke, Sarah M. Lemansky, Matthew G. Lemansky and Grace E. Lemansky. Great-grandfather of 2. Brother of

Daniel R. Burke and Thomas J. Burke. US Navy veteran. Former president of SPEARS, Inc., in Norwood. Memorial donations in Mr. Burke's name may be made to the Boston Hingashi School - Autism, 800 North Main Street, Randolph, MA 02368 to benefit the school's Emergence Program.



**CARAPEZZA, Geraldine "Gerri" (Carroll)** Of Walpole, MA, formerly of West Roxbury, and Dorchester. Predeceased by her husband John "Johnny" Carapezza. She leaves 4 children, Thomas Gillis of Northboro, James Gillis of West Roxbury, Karen Barbosa of Fall River and Ken Gillis of West Roxbury. Grandmother of 10, great-grandmother of 9. Please make donations to Deutsches Altenheim "German Center" in West Roxbury.



**CLEGG, Stephen J.**, 85, of Neponset. Son of the late Thomas E. and Eleanor (nee Gartland) Clegg. Brother of the late Thomas E. of S. Weymouth, John G. of Westwood, Mary Jane Powers of Colorado, and Ellenor Kim of Wisconsin. Uncle of over twenty nephews and nieces. Stephen was Executive Assistant to several Directors of the City of Boston Office of Human Resources. He also served as Director of Classification and Compensation. A Vietnam Era veteran of the US Army. Stephen was among the founding members of the New Neponset Players of Dorchester and was president for two years. He was also a member of the Richard J. Murphy Community School Council. He was a member of the Board of Directors at Catholic Courage Apostolate in the Archdiocese of New York. Member of the John P. McKeon Amvets Post, Old Dorchester American Legion Post, and a life member of the Massachusetts Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. Donations in his memory may be made to Saint Ann's Parish, 241 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02122 and Courage International, 8 Leonard Street, Norwalk CT 06850.



**CORBETT, Arturo Vicente Sr.**, 69. Master upholsterer, community activist. Father of Malah Corbett Windom, Arturo V. Corbett, Jr., Nicole D. Corbett and Hazaiah Corbett. Son of the late Isla Bayne Lewis. Brother of Maria Fleming, Yolanda Spence and Yvette Lewis-Jeter. Nephew of Cynthia Lawrence. He is survived by extended family and a host of friends.



**FINNERTY, John Thomas, Jr. "Papa,"** 70. Originally from Duxbury and later lived in Duxbury and Plymouth. He was the husband of Leslie (McNicholas) Finnerty. Father to Jeffrey Amidon (deceased), Heather Keay and her husband Jeff, Michelle White, and John T. Finnerty III. Grandfather of 7. John is survived by his siblings Peggy (Finnerty) Rundlett and her husband Edward, Joyce (Finnerty) Hooley and her husband James, Patricia (Finnerty) Kelly and her husband James, and Paul Finnerty and his wife Marie. He was predeceased by his sister Jacqueline (Finnerty) Pierce (who is survived by her husband Jack), Catherine Finnerty; and his parents John T. Finnerty and his wife Catherine. John also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.



**HANSEN, Kerry**, 41. Kerry was born in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti and raised in Dorchester. She was the wife of Claude Holly, and mother to their two children Noah and Genesis. Daughter to Gerard and Marie Hansen. Sister to Cassandre Hansen and Vladimir Eloi. Aunt to Carlito, Ariana, and Nayely. She worked as a School Bus Driver for Boston Public Schools.

**MACMASTERS, Andrew James**, 35, of Dorchester. Son of George William MacMasters and Jean Marie MacMasters, and step-son of Lucine MacMasters. Brother of



George W. MacMasters and partner of Kristina Sherlock, uncle of 1. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. Andrew was a highly decorated United States Marine Corps combat veteran who was awarded The Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.



**MAIA, Florine**, 75, of Dorchester. Wife of 39 years to Walter Maia. Mother of John A. Leonard Sr. (Andrea M Leonard), Victoria R Leonard, Elizabeth Maia-Peterson (Corey Peterson), Melissa D Maia. She also raised her nieces and nephew as her own, Amanda Turner, Jessica Turner, John Turner and Jonathan Turner. Grandmother of 9. Great-grandmother of 4. She is survived by John Ed Turner (brother) as well as many nieces and nephews.



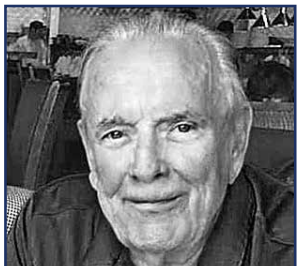
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**MCMAHON, John J.** formerly of Dorchester. Jack graduated from Boston Latin School and Boston College. For several decades, he recruited and coached some of the Greater Boston AAU boys basketball program. Jack was predeceased by his parents, John and Ruth (Dunton) McMahon. Brother of Marcia McDougall (John), Susan Livingston (Michael), David McMahon (Anita Smith), and Patricia McMahon. Jack was a beloved cousin, uncle of seven, and great uncle of 13. Please consider making a donation, in Jack's memory, to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, 1135 Dorchester Ave. Dorchester, MA 02125.

**O'REILLY, Kerry Anne** of Dorchester, formerly of Dix Hills, NY. Daughter of Brian and



Carol (Miles) O'Reilly of Dix Hills, NY. Sister of Kathleen O'Reilly of Dix Hills, NY. Fiancee of Eric Kaitz of Dorchester. Also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends. Memorial donations may be made to The Pine Street Inn, 444 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02118.



**O'TOOLE, Patrick J.** of Newton, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Celia M. "Ceci" (Butera) O'Toole. Father of Caryn O'Toole and her husband John Vachon of Medfield, Patrick O'Toole, Jr. and his wife Amy O'Toole of Millis, and Robert O'Toole and his wife Nadia O'Toole of Newton. Cherished "Pa" of 7, and the late Cecilia Vachon. Brother of the late Margaret Spelios, John O'Toole, Francis O'Toole, and Mary Crowley. Brother-in-law of Sally Lucente of Brighton, and the late Marie Butera and Santo Butera. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Vietnam War veteran, serving in the US Army. Pat was an electrician for the Boston Fire Department for many years, and member of the BFD Local 718, serving on the Executive Board. He was a Fourth Degree Knight and Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Columbus Council, #116 in Dorchester. Donations in Pat's memory may be made to The Boston Firefighters Local 718, Children's Fund c/o Boston Firefighters Local 718, 55 Hallet Street, Dorchester 02124.

**SLYVA, Michael G.**, 74, of South Boston, formerly of Cohasset, Braintree and Dorchester. Michael graduated from English High School in Boston. He served his country in the US Army Vietnam Era veteran. For many years, Michael worked as a press man for the Boston Globe. Brother of George Slyva of Milton and Joannie Auvil and her husband Leon of Braintree. Uncle of Christen, Brian, Ashley, Mark, Bethany, Garrett and the late Jonathan Slyva. Memorial contributions may be made in Michael's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA, 02452 in honor of his brother George and his late mother Helen.



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# Classic car show big draw at Dot Park

Hundreds of people turned out on a sunny Sunday for the 10th annual Dorchester Park Classic Car Show last Saturday.

The event included horse cart rides, a DJ, performances by Boston School of Music Arts students, food and free books. The event is organized each year by the Dorchester Park Association. Go to [dotpark.org](http://dotpark.org) for more info.



Jillian and Shaun Donovan of Mattapan with a recently acquired antique truck.



A scene from the car show looking down at Dot Park's bowl along Adams Street.



Horse cart rides through Dot Park was a popular feature of the event.



Madeline Forry took a shine to a classic Cadillac. Bill Forry photos



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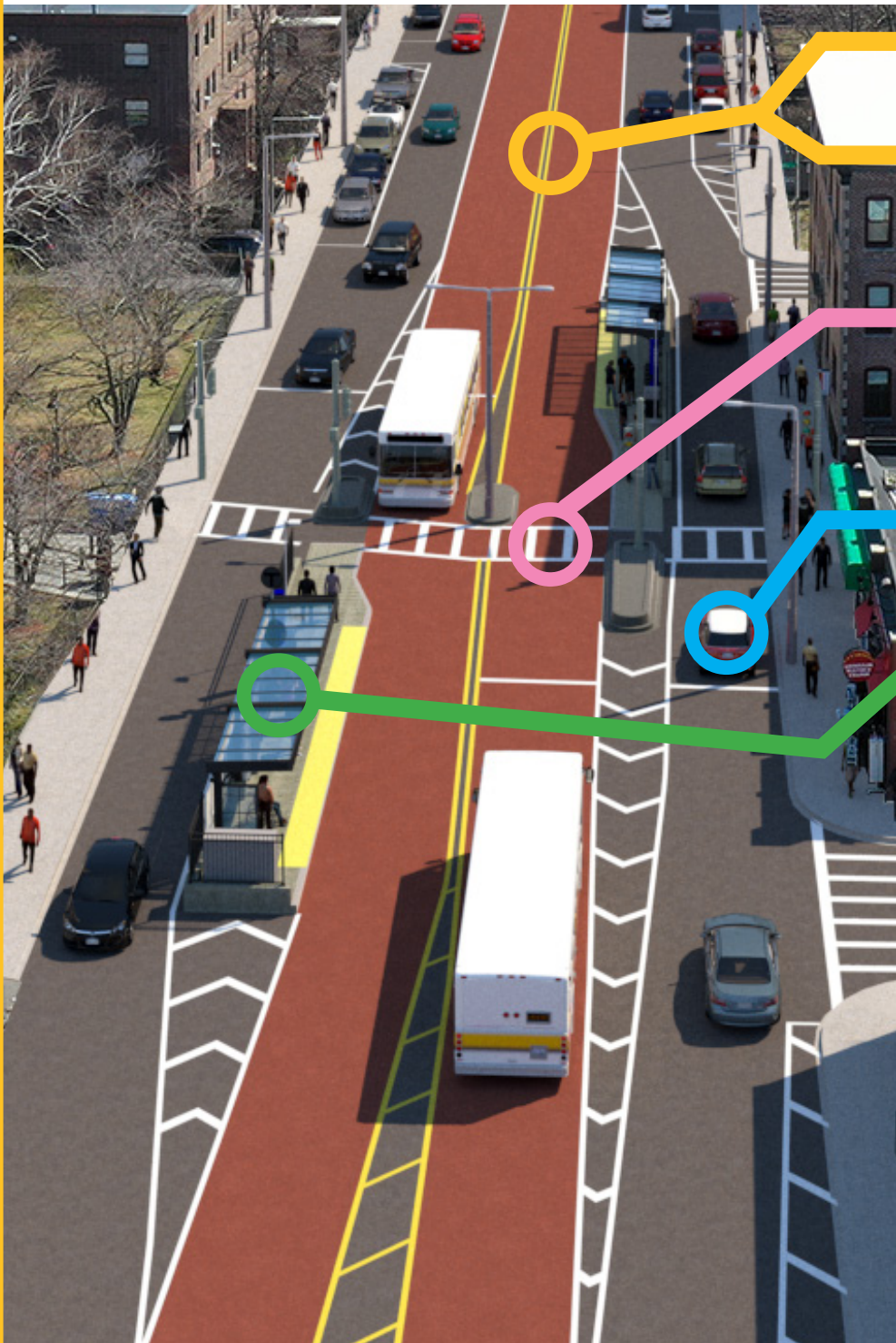
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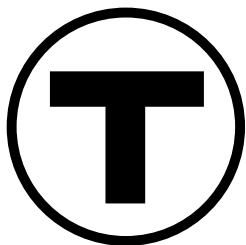


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- Bus lanes running both directions in the center of the street
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- Pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements—new crosswalks, ramps, signals, and curb extensions
- Eliminates conflicts between buses, drivers, and parked cars
- 8 existing bus stops between Franklin Park and Jackson Square will be upgraded with platforms that include:
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  - Emergency call boxes
  - Barriers to separate riders on the platforms from traffic on Columbus Ave



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