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Neighbors grooved to live jazz and soul performances at the Mattapan Jazz and Unity Festival on Sunday at the Foley Green on River Street. *Yukun Zhang photo*

## Jazz & Unity festival is called 'best' way to celebrate Mattapan

By YUKUN ZHANG  
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Ron Savage surveyed the scene under a warm sun Sunday afternoon as a few hundred spectators gathered on the lawn in front of the Foley Senior Residences for the first annual Mattapan Jazz & Unity Festival.

"This space has never been used in this way," said Savage, a teacher at Berklee School of Music and one of the key organizers of the event.

A large stage had been set up facing River Street,

and people of all ages and sizes sat or lay on the Foley Green under the shade of a cluster of trees or beneath the cover of their own canopy chairs.

From time to time, a few came forward to record or dance, or both. Local vendors sold clothes, crafts, jewelry, cosmetics, and food and drinks were spread out along the sides.

"People sometimes overlook the fact that in Mattapan and Dorchester and Roxbury, many great musicians—jazz musicians, world-class musicians—

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## 'Random' assault on Greenway leads to heightened alert

By KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

New security measures along the Neponset River Greenway are in the works following a daytime assault along the pathway last Tuesday that left a 46-year-old woman injured and police searching for the assailant.

The victim was attacked from behind while

walking near Ryan Playground in Mattapan, state police said, noting that she "suffered contusion and laceration injuries." She was transported to Beth Israel Hospital for treatment and later released.

The suspect was described as a black man about 5-foot-10 with an Afro about 3 inches

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Rep. Dan Cullinane and Sen. Nick Collins walked the Greenway with State Police officials last Thursday. *Photo courtesy office of Rep. Cullinane*

## Old Dot Theater to house an arts center

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Along-vacant space in Fields Corner will soon be home to the Interdisciplinary Performing Arts Center (IPAC), a multipurpose facility that would become the

largest event space in the neighborhood.

The roughly 5,000-square foot facility, which would house a mix of dance studios, gallery space, and workstations, will occupy the top floor of the former

Dorchester Theater at 132 R Park St.

It's a space that has remained vacant for decades since the movie house was shuttered in the 1970s, but Lorraine Chapman, a dance instructor and the vision-

ary behind the center, hopes the renovation process will help restore the space to its former glory.

"You can still see these beautiful touches from years ago," she said, (Continued on page 6)

## At-large field cut to eight in low turnout election

Wu, Essaibi-George, Flaherty and St. Guillen lead pack

By REPORTER STAFF

Three incumbents and a first-time candidate with City Hall experience cracked into the top tier of at-large candidates in Boston's preliminary election for City Council on Tuesday. Barely one in ten (eleven percent) of eligible Boston voters participated in the election, which narrowed the field of 15 hopefuls down to 8 who will compete for the four at-large seats in a Nov. 5 run-off.

Michelle Wu topped the citywide field ticket once again, finishing with 19 percent of the votes cast. She was followed by Annissa Essaibi-George and Michael Flaherty, who each amassed just under 14 percent. Alejandra St. Guillen, a former member of Mayor Martin Walsh's administration, captured the fourth slot with just under 9 percent.

Competition for the fifth position was fierce between Julia Mejia (7.7 percent), incumbent Althea Garrison (7.09 percent) and Erin Murphy, who ended up with 6.84 percent. David Halbert earned himself a spot



Annissa Essaibi-George: Moved up to 2nd spot

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## Dudley St. condo proposal draws ire of area residents

By KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

The property owner hoping to build a five-story, mixed-use development on a vacant lot on Dudley Street received an earful of criticism—and strong opposition to the project—from residents who turned out to a public meeting hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) on Monday night.

About 50 people were at the meeting at the Kroc Community Center, where the owner, Gregory McCarthy, and his team presented their proposal in a slideshow.

But the meeting was dominated by neighborhood residents, many of

them upset by what they claimed was an effort by McCarthy to clear out tenants in another property he owns on nearby Humphreys Street.

McCarthy's proposal for 706 Dudley Street calls for 26 two-bedroom residential units—3 on the first floor, 6 on the next three floors, and 5 on the fifth floor—an

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# DOT BY THE DAY

## Sept. 26 - Oct. 19, 2019

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



Conscious Reggae Band

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

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

**Thursday (3rd)** – Men of Boston Cook for Women’s Health event at Codman Square Health Center starts at 6 p.m. See [menofboston.com](http://menofboston.com) for tickets.

• “Dotoberfest”—an Oktoberfest-inspired beer garden event at Jan Karski Way hosted by South Bay. The celebration will run from Oct. 3 to Oct. 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays in the parking lot across from 110 Grill. See [bostonsouthbay.com](http://bostonsouthbay.com) for more.

**Saturday (5th)** – ADSL Fall Basketball begins season of co-ed games for 8-10 year olds from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 11-14 year-olds from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Dot House gym, 1353 Dorchester Ave. Register online at [alldorchestersports.org](http://alldorchestersports.org) or call 617-287-1601.

**Friday (18th)** – 10th annual Boston Irish Honors luncheon at the Seaport Boston Hotel, 11:30 a.m. See [bostonirish.com](http://bostonirish.com) for more info.

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

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Maria Stephanos of WCVB was joined by Cordell Givens and Jocelyn Sammy, long-time members of the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester, in paying their respects to the late Don Rodman at the Finish Line at this weekend’s Rodman Ride for Kids. Both Cordell and Jocelyn were excited to honor Mr. Rodman after they were both able to take part in Rodman Theatre for Kids and to Rodman Disney for Kids. Don died last month at age 88. Photo courtesy BGCD

## Dot man, 25, charged in Morrissey murder probe

Brian Joyce was arrested in Manchester, NH, last Wednesday evening in connection with the fatal shooting of Marcus Dunn-Gordon, 27, of Randolph, on Morrissey Boulevard on Sept. 16. The victim was pronounced dead at a Boston hospital after police found him inside the

lobby of the Ramada Inn around 11:45 p.m. The suspect was scheduled to be arraigned on Wed., Sept. 25, after extradition from New Hampshire.

The owner of the hotel property told the Reporter that the victim was not shot in the hotel, but rather entered the lobby and collapsed. Boston

Police say that shooting happened “in the area of 800 Morrissey Blvd.”

The Boston Police Fugitive Unit, assisted by Manchester Police and US Marshals, arrested Joyce. Anyone with information is urged to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at 617-343-4470.

## Grand jury indicts trooper in '18 shooting near South Bay

BY KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

A Suffolk County grand jury last week returned indictments charging Massachusetts State Police trooper Matthew Sheehan with firing a semi-automatic rifle at an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and injuring the operator during a chaotic pursuit near South Bay Mall in February 2018.

Sheehan is charged with one count of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and one count of assault with a dangerous weapon.

At the time of the 2018 shooting, State Police and other law enforcement agencies were attempting to surround a group of individuals who were riding dirt-bikes and ATVs in a reckless manner near South Bay center and on Interstate

93 South. The police had positioned their vehicles and activated their lights to contain the riders. Sheehan was the only law enforcement officer of the thirteen to fire his weapon. According to DA Rachael Rollins, Sheehan chose to use his department-issued semi-automatic rifle, which he retrieved from his cruiser, instead of the handgun that officers customarily carry on their hips.

According to a statement from the DA’s office, one of the bullets that Sheehan fired entered the side of the ATV’s tire, not the front. The angle at which the bullet struck the tire indicates the ATV was parallel to Sheehan, not heading toward him, thus not presenting the imminent danger that

would permit the use potentially deadly force in self-defense.

“Every day I have the honor of working with law enforcement officers who uphold the law and keep our communities safe,” said Rollins. “Members of law enforcement have a special role in society and overwhelmingly, these officers serve with distinction, courage and compassion for the communities they protect. Unfortunately, there are a small number whose actions are unacceptable and, as we allege here, criminal.”

Of the individuals who were driving their ATVs and dirt bikes recklessly that night in 2018, eight were arrested. Seven of those eight individuals have been prosecuted and their cases resolved.

## Police, Courts, & Fire

### Boston cop placed on leave after students allege he called them ‘monkeys’

BY QUINCY WALTERS  
WBUR

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins said her office is investigating accusations that a Boston police officer used racial slurs against several students at a Hyde Park charter school. A Boston police spokesman confirmed last Friday that Officer Joseph Lynch has been placed on administrative leave.

Lynch reportedly was responding to a noise complaint about several teens from Roxbury Prep High School at a McDonald’s near the school, the *Boston Globe* first reported. The students said the officer pushed them and called them racial slurs.

“It is unconscionable and the Boston Police Department is better than that,” she said. “If this [officer] used racial slurs and referred to these children as monkeys and other derogatory terms, he should look for employment elsewhere.”

Mayor Marty Walsh called the allegations “incredibly disturbing” in a statement on Friday. Lynch has been with the department for 16 years, a Boston police spokesman said on Friday.

### Man on scooter badly hurt in Morrissey collision

—A crash between a car and a motor scooter on Morrissey Boulevard on Monday caused “serious injuries to the scooter operator,” according to State Police. The incident happened about 1:20 p.m. in the southbound lane near 55 Morrissey Blvd. The 43-year-old Quincy man on the scooter was rushed to Boston Medical Center. The 26-year-old Dorchester woman in a Chevy Spark was uninjured. No charges have been filed at this time, but State Police say it remains under investigation.

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

**Disparity study meetings in Codman Square, Mattapan**— The City of Boston has commissioned a consultant to conduct a disparity study to assess whether any barriers exist for minority- and women-owned businesses that make it more difficult for them to participate in City contracting. Meetings will be held to solicit input on Wed., Sept. 25 from 5-8 p.m. at the Mattapan branch library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave.; and at the Codman Sq. branch library, 690 Washington St., Dorchester on Thurs., Sept 26 from 5-8 p.m. Contact Sheryce Hearn at 617-635-3449 for more info. Or email [Bostondisparity@bbcresearch.com](mailto:Bostondisparity@bbcresearch.com).

**Public meeting on Curley Community Center**— Emerging plans for the renovation of the BCYF Curley Community Center (L Street) will be the subject of a city-sponsored meeting on Mon., Sept. 30 at 6 p.m. at the facility on Day Blvd., South Boston.

**ADSL offers after-school tutoring** – The All Dorchester Sports and Leadership program (ADSL) will offer one-on-one tutoring for children ages 6-13 for only \$25 per school year. Starts Oct. 1, Mon-Thurs, 3-5:30 p.m. Seats

are limited. Register at [alldorchestersports.org](http://alldorchestersports.org).

**Mattapan Neighborhood Council meeting on Oct. 7** – The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 7, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Center. This meeting is about the upcoming changes in all transportation modes in Greater Mattapan. Please forward all questions to [info.gmncouncil@gmail.com](mailto:info.gmncouncil@gmail.com).

**Farmers Market in Peabody Square** – The Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmers Market is open for the season at the Ashmont MBTA plaza. The market will be open every Friday from 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 18. It includes farm-fresh produce, local meats, artisan breads and pastries, live music and more. See the weekly vendor line-up at [tinyurl.com/AFMCal](http://tinyurl.com/AFMCal).

**Fields Corner Main Street ART-INI** – Fields Corner Main Streets annual fundraiser—the ART-INI — will be held on Sat., Oct. 19 from 5-9 p.m. featuring a gallery show and silent auction. Stop by blend at 1310 Dorchester Avenue for some conversation with the artists, wine, beer and cider, and a silent auction. Talk with members

of the Fields Corner Main Streets board and hear about all that is going on in our community. Then, stay or come back from 7-9 p.m. for the main event. Bid on original art by local artists, dine, drink and dance.

**River Street Civic Association** – The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan.

**Apple Grove Association** – The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

**Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Assoc.** – Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O’Neill at [pattiashamont@gmail.com](mailto:pattiashamont@gmail.com).

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# After 30 years in Adams Village, Windy City Pizza is moving

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF**

The aftereffects of a small electrical fire at an Adams Corner business hub in July have been severe enough to cause Windy City Pizza, a popular local eatery, to relocate to a strip mall on Morrissey Blvd at a site that formerly housed Unchained Pizza.

Windy City's owner confirmed to the *Reporter* on Monday that he chose not to renew the lease at the Gallivan Boulevard storefront due to the upheaval that followed the fire. Muzo Bayturk, who opened Windy City in 1989 with his brother, says that he left the Adams Corner space reluctantly— but felt he had no choice. He hopes to re-open in the Morrissey space after inspections have been completed next week.

"It's been nine weeks, and I have 20-plus employees," he said. "No one would want to leave a place they have been in for 30 years. I'm unhappy about it." He said the new space at 960 Morrissey only needs minor changes— including phone and computer systems— to be operational.

In the meantime, Windy City has been using its location on New-

port Avenue in Quincy to cover the demand of longtime customers in Dorchester. Windy City's Dorchester location typically employs eight drivers on a Friday night, he said.

"Delivery should not be a problem," he added. "People know us after 30 years and when they call our 265 number for now they get the Quincy store."

Bayturk said that the new location also comes with lower rent and more parking, two things that he says have been a strain on his Adams Corner location for years. "We are almost finished getting it ready and then it will need to be inspected, probably next week," he said. Bayturk also said he is planning to open a third store— on Main Street in Weymouth— by the end of this year.

The Windy City move came as a surprise to Adams Corner landlord John Lydon, who also leases space to two other eateries, The Butcher Shop and China Sky, at the same property. Those two businesses have been open since power was fully restored to the building on Sept. 4. On the second floor of the building, the Irish Pastoral Centre, a law office, and a golf-related business are still slated to open in the coming weeks. As for the vacancy left by Windy City, Lydon says there is no shortage of interested businesses.

"Since they left, we've had a ton of interest in someone opening up there," he said, noting he has been meeting with potential tenants. With nothing set in stone, the newcomers could range from an Italian bakery to a taqueria to a coffee shop. "Between redoing the storefront and getting through the permits and zoning and everything, it'll probably take a couple months to do a buildout."

As such, Lydon expects to see a new business open its doors in "January at the earliest." By then, the rest of the building's tenants should be settled in, with the Pastoral Centre in the final stages of setting up shop. That organization's new digs will mark the first time in over a decade that the space is being occupied, said Lydon.

"It's a bit of a silver lining to the whole situation," he said.

*Reporter editor Bill Forry contributed to this story.*



Windy City Pizza's new home at 960 Morrissey Blvd.

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# Jazz/Unity festival hits the right notes in Mattapan

(Continued from page 1) either live here right now or grew up in this area,” said Savage. Today we are featuring— by and large— musicians who were born and raised and groomed as world-class musicians right in this neighborhood.”

Among the artists on stage was a trio led by Savage, featuring Gabrielle Goodman and Bill Pierce; Rollins Ross with Athene Wilson on vocals; Sean Skeete and Mzizi West with Jacques Schwarz-Bart; and a group of “all-star” musicians from Berklee.

Organizing the festival was a labor of love. Myrtle Huggins of the Apple Grove Association, sitting on the edge of the overflowing senior tent, said neighbors met with City Council President Andrea Campbell, the main organizer, and de-



City Council President Andrea Campbell, Ron Savage and Mayor Martin J. Walsh. Yukun Zhang photos

cided that a jazz music festival “is the way to put everything together.”

“It’s an idea that I had years ago,” said Campbell. “What’s exciting is that we made it happen.

I don’t want to wait for permission to do great things in my district, so I pulled in a lot of stakeholders and sponsors, Mattapan elected (officials), the mayor and

many others. They said, ‘Okay, we’d love to support you and this idea,’ and it came together beautifully.”

Among the sponsors were City Councillor

Timothy McCarthy, state Reps Dan Cullinane and Russell Holmes, state Sen. Nick Collins, and Mayor Martin Walsh.

Walsh said it was “amazing” to have a jazz festival in Mattapan. “We are bringing in a big push in the city for more arts programming, music programming, and more cultural programming. And this does it all,” he added.

“In Cambridge they do it every year. I hope they do it every year here, too,” said Linda Solomon, a Boston Public School teacher. Her friend, Vanessa Wilson-Howard, a musician herself, said she hopes there’ll be many other music events to come.

Wilson-Howard’s mother, Anne Kinhead, was one of the four seniors highlighted by Campbell on stage. The



Athe Wilson performed on the Mattapan stage.

seniors participated in The Bridge Project, connecting District 4 seniors to formerly incarcerated Bostonians by letting the seniors share their stories.

“This is the best place to start to celebrate Mattapan,” said Campbell. “Not just celebrating an incredible form of music, but also celebrating the residents of Mattapan, the community that lives here, the businesses, and the folks that make this community great.”





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# New Dorchester Art Project exhibit explores the ‘duality of blackness’

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

A new exhibit from two black, nonbinary/genderqueer artists on display at the Dorchester Art Project explores the “duality of blackness” through the medium of color. “Tender/Feral: Color Palettes and Duality” is a collaborative show curated by Mithsuca Berry and Kenn Crestwell, two Boston-based artists.

Berry told the *Reporter* that their desire to host a show stemmed from exploring the art scene in Boston. Taking in shows and meeting various artists and creators prompted a question: “Why don’t I see more people like me in these spaces?”

Berry and Crestwell’s response is a collection of pieces that use vivid colors to illustrate the many different shades and types of blackness. Berry pointed to commonly unfair expectations or misrepresentations of black and brown folks to explain the idea behind the show’s title:

“There’s duality to the black experience that not a lot of people recognize. They either see black people as too sensitive about certain topics or they see black



Boston-based artists Kenn Crestwell, left, and Mithsuca Berry explore the “duality of blackness” through the medium of color in their exhibit currently on display at Dorchester Art Project. *Dan Sheehan photo*

people as too aggressive in certain dynamics. So like, the ‘Tender/Feral’ energy comes from just being able to be both at the same time and being able to claim both words and shift between both extremes, because sometimes you do feel feral, you do feel crazy, you feel like the world is challenging you and you feel unhinged, but then there are times when you have to practice radical softness and be kind to yourself and take care of yourself. So, it’s just being able to accept both the feral side of yourself and the tender side of yourself.”

Crestwell, who is studying illustration at Lesley University, often draws figures and characters with blue, green, or orange skin. This approach subverts the viewer’s expectations about race and colorism, they explained. “I’ve always loved drawing people, but being black I feel like I had a lot of racial dysphoria growing up, and so making the element of race into a fantasy element... it takes away everything that makes it sort of a weight to carry.” In addition to fostering those conversations about blackness, Berry

and Crestwell hope other queer people of color see themselves represented in their art. “Having genuine representation is something that people feel like hasn’t been moving forward as authentically as they wish it would,” said Berry. Crestwell concurred, arguing that perspectives like theirs are rarely depicted in media, let alone in art galleries across the country. “I just want people to be inspired by this...not just us being black and femme, but us being individuals and not just telling a story that’s palatable for white audiences.”

## Old Dot Theater to house an arts center

(Continued from page 1) gesturing to the faded ornate patterns that decorate the walls of the circa-1920s theater. “You can almost feel that it wants to be a theater again,” she said.

While the space is currently home to a vast, dusty storage area, Chapman envisions a build-out that would transform the single, low-ceiling room into a facility with a 1,500 white box media theater, a 1,000-square foot dance studio, an art room, a small fitness center, and an artists’ lounge. Renovation efforts are already under way, and Chapman hopes the space will be ready for use by early November.

She’ll operate the center along with Lucy Warren-Whitman, a Savin Hill resident and dance instructor who runs her own ballet company. The duo have spent years teaching classes in rented studios and makeshift spaces; the IPAC would change that.

“We want our own space,” Chapman said. “We want a space for our companies to have a home, because it’s hard to find that feeling of home for artists...dance is a little different’ you’re usually renting space, you’re always looking for space to rehearse.”

Chapman, Warren-Whitman, and a small IPAC staff would teach



The new arts center will include a 1,500 sq. ft. white box media theater. *Rendering courtesy LDA Architecture*

an array of ballet, hip-hop dance, musical theater, and visual art classes to kids ages 1-17 in the center’s studios, which will also be available for private rental events. As opposed to a traditional nonprofit, the IPAC will operate with a unique mutual ownership model.

“We’re opening IPAC as a cooperative,” said Chapman, “so artists can buy in and own a share... if the cooperative thrives, then all the artists who are in the cooperative thrive. So, you’re not just out for yourself.”

By inviting creators to become individual stakeholders in the center, Chapman hopes to set up “a new business model for artists. You’re networking and participating and collaborating with other artists as well, and sharing resources and working together. As a member of IPAC you



**Lorraine Chapman** have a voice in the governance, so you can come to the meetings and say, ‘Hey, did you ever think of doing this program or that program?’”

The key to the space lies in its flexibility; the dance studio will have sprung floors, a feature lacking in many performing arts complexes in the area, said Chapman. But the studio and the white box theater can be used for “virtually anything,” from yoga classes to theater pieces to choreography sessions. That

versatility, combined with the space’s work areas, health and wellness room, and lounge, will offer artists a one-stop shop with everything they need to get their work done.

“What I’ve heard from a lot of young choreographers in town is that they really have nowhere to just relax. I want this to be a space artists can come to for the day and just stay here to work as they please,” explained Chapman.

While the space on Park Street likely won’t be ready for several weeks, dance classes will be offered starting Sept. 30 in a temporary location at VietAID at 42 Charles St. IPAC is currently accepting enrollments in ballet and hip-hop classes for children of all ages. For more information or to sign up, visit [ipacenter.info](http://ipacenter.info).

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**Thurs., Sept. 26,** – 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. **Fri., Sept. 27,** 10:30 a.m. – Short Preschool Movies; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. **Sat., Sept. 28,** 11 a.m. – ESL Conversation Group; 1 p.m. – Girls Who Code; 2 p.m. – Drop-In Teen Resume Workshop. **Mon., Sept. 30,** 11 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Oct. 1,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Oct. 2,** 11 a.m. – Mother Goose on the Loose; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Oct. 3,** – 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Greenovate Youth Leaders Training.

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**Thurs., Sept. 26,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Pajama Storytime. **Fri., Sept. 27,** 9 a.m. – Little Wiggles’ Lapsit; 1 p.m. – Greta Garbo Film Series. **Mon., Sept. 30,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Oct. 1,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Oct. 2,** 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Oct. 3,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club.

**MATTAPAN BRANCH**  
**Thurs., Sept. 26,** 12 p.m. – Senior Jewelry Making Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Grub Street Presents: Poetry/Hip Hop Storytelling; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Sleepy Story Time; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. **Fri., Sept. 27,** 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; Smart from the Start Story Hour; 3 p.m. – Crafternoons. **Sat., Sept. 28,** 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class; 12:30 p.m. – Zumba with Carlina; **Mon., Sept. 30,** 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Movie Mondays: Spider-man; Into the Spider-verse; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Oct. 1,** 12:30 p.m. – Baby & Toddler Lapsit; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Tinker Time. **Wed., Oct. 2,** 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 2 p.m. – Full STEAM Ahead; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Oct. 3,** 12 p.m. – Senior Jewelry Making Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – GrubStreet Presents: Poetry/Hip Hop Storytelling; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga.

**UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH**  
**Thurs., Sept. 26,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Pajama Story Time. **Fri., Sept. 27,** 10:30 a.m. – Concert with Sulinha’s Trio. **Mon., Sept. 30,** 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Make It Mondays: Crafts: Sharpie Tie Dye Project. **Tues., Oct. 1,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Wed., Oct. 2,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Oct. 3,** 3 p.m. – Introduction to Native American Genealogy; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.



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People

News about people  
in and around our Neighborhoods

# New attorneys welcomed onto DA's staff by Rollins, Walsh

DA Rachael Rollins welcomed a new group of attorneys to her office last week after they were sworn in during a ceremony at the Parkman House. Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross spoke to the gathering of new hires, their families, and colleagues.

"This team comes with many different experiences and ideas of what it means to be a good prosecutor—giving them the diverse viewpoints necessary to represent a diverse public," DA Rollins said in a statement. "What every one of them has in common,



Newly-sworn-in assistant DAs at a Parkman House ceremony last week that included DA Rachael Rollins, Mayor Walsh, and BPD Commissioner Gross. Photo by Jeremiah Robinson/Mayor Walsh's office

and what binds every member of this Office, is a dedication to public service and keeping our communities safe through the administration of justice." Also in attendance were several representatives from the Massachusetts State Police, Commissioner of Probation Ed Dolan, Chief Counsel Anthony Benedetti of the Committee for Public Counsel

Services, Transit Police Chief Kenneth Green and Superintendent Richard Sullivan, and representatives from other partner agencies.

The training for the Assistant District Attorneys (ADAs) also trips to Boston Police Headquarters and the Nashua Street Jail, in addition to presentations by different units within the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. In addition to this new class of ADAs, District Attorney Rollins has made several other new hires with backgrounds in social work, public policy, data, and public health.

Mattapan resident Armando Martinez, president of the Student Government Association at Salem State University, addressed incoming students at the university's 2019 convocation ceremony on September 3. In his address, Martinez, a 21-year-old senior majoring in psychology and sociology, emphasized the resilience that incoming students have already demonstrated by arriving to college.

He then led students through an exercise called the "resilience walk," which is similar to a "privilege walk," to show how Salem State University as a whole is, "resilient, determined, and strong."

Martinez said, "Resilience is defined as the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties, toughness. The ability of a substance to spring back into shape, or elasticity. The first one is what we think of when we think of human resilience."

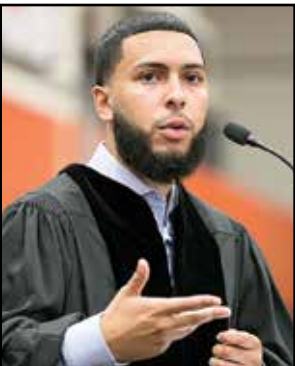
Students were asked to stand if they resonated with resilience statements, which included "I

am the first in my family to graduate high school; I have a visible or invisible disability; I have been told by adults in my life that college is not for me; I have spoken up to intervene when someone has been offensive to another;" and "I am determined to graduate college."

Martinez shared that although the adversity that each and every student in the gymnasium has faced is unique to them, the experience of overcoming hurdles and hardships should allow them to relate to one another.

Martinez said, "It's important to pause and to think about all the things that have gotten us to where we are today. We are actively challenging cycles of oppression by being present in this room. We are actively breaking generational curses that our families have historically put us in a place to. There is something powerful about being the first. None before, but many after."

The Student Govern-



**Armando Martinez** ment Association, of which Martinez was elected president by his classmates for the 2019-2020 academic year, is the official governing body for the Salem State's student body and the primary voice for students. Members are elected by the students and for the students.

To close his speech, Martinez left the class of 2023 with final questions to consider: "As you begin your college experience, what end will be in mind for you? What intermediate goals will you set that will help you reach your bigger goals? If a goal of yours is to graduate, what will you do today that will set you up on the path to graduate?"

# Luther, a white tiger at the Franklin Park Zoo, died last week at age 14

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The Franklin Park Zoo's 14-year-old white tiger has died after a brief battle with cancer. The zoo said that "Luther" had recently been diagnosed with an "undifferentiated round cell tumor" and had stopped responding to medication. The zoo euthanized him last Thursday as the large cat's health began to decline.

"Zookeepers have many fond memories of Luther through the years. When he was younger, he enjoyed tearing apart cardboard boxes and playing with seasonal enrichment on exhibit, especially pumpkins," zoo officials said in a statement. "As he got



**Luther** older, one of his favorite things to do was to rub against a log sprinkled with his favorite scent—ground cloves."

Luther moved to the Franklin Park Zoo with a Bengal mix named Anala in 2006. At the time it had been 30 years since the zoo had exhibited a tiger. Both big cats had been confiscated as

young cubs from a wildlife sanctuary by federal wildlife agents.

They moved to the zoo prior to the opening of the Tiger Tales exhibit, which aimed to educate the public about illegal wildlife trafficking. Anala still lives at the zoo.

"Luther was an incredible cat with an important story to share about the myths surrounding white tigers, as well as the illegal wildlife trafficking trade," the statement also said. "White tigers, which are purposely bred for their coloration, are prone to a number of health issues due to inbreeding. We were fortunate that Luther was a healthy cat up until very recently."

# 'Dotoberfest' will bring fall festivities to South Bay

## Beautification efforts for Polish Triangle?

**BY KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF**

Dorchester will soon have its very own Oktoberfest-inspired beer garden event at Jan Karski Way hosted by South Bay. Organizers are calling the event "Dotoberfest," and have confirmed that the celebration will run from Oct. 3 to Oct. 27 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Keith Hague, the vice president of South Bay's real estate and development company EDENS, presented the "Dotoberfest" plans to the McCormick Civic Association last Tuesday. Civic members were generally supportive and excited for the initiative, with many calling it a smart idea.

Hague termed "Dotoberfest" a "community event," and said that in addition to the beer garden—with Craft Brewery Exchange as the host—and pumpkin patch there will be artisanal food, live music, a farmer's market, children's games and crafts, food trucks, and even

and a pet adoption.

"DJ's Market will be our featured vendor," Hague said. "They're going to do their Polish donuts and pickles. We'll also have some Polish dancing and we're looking into getting some local musicians to come out."

In a more macro look at the expansion and evolution within and around South Bay, developers are eyeing the Polish triangle—the neighborhoods bounded by Boston Street, Dorchester Avenue, and Columbia Road—as an opportunity for a thruway connection.

EDENS wants to identify South Bay as a new extension to the Polish triangle and encourage pedestrian activity from its streets and neighborhoods through to the shopping center. Plans include recognizing Boston Street as a main street in the area, creating a gateway at a primary entrance to the neighborhood complete with Polish folk art and lamp post banners.

Said Hague: "We want to improve the pedestrian experience as you're walking from Andrew



Mayor Martin Walsh was on hand to congratulate Mary-dith Tuitt, the new commander of the William E. Carter American Legion Post #16 at the post's 100th anniversary event at Venezia in Dorchester on Saturday. The Carter post is located in Mattapan Square. John Wilcox/Mayor Walsh's office photo

The Yesteryear Archive feature will resume next week.



Editorial

# Bring back voting ‘early and often’!

For Crissakes, Boston! Eleven percent!??

What happened to the town that gave the world “Vote early and often for Curley?”

The campaign ditty for James Michael Curley, the Rascal King and former Mayor, Governor and Congressman, was an early 20th century wink-and-a-nod to the ward boss days when there was *plenty* of motivation to get to the polls.

There were shenanigans, too, no doubt. Later, Bill Bulger would joke that no election result in Southie was certain until the totals came in from St. Augustine’s cemetery.

The late Dapper O’Neil— who used to chauffeur Curley around town in his younger days before he became a candidate and city councillor himself— would often brag that they’d have to *weigh* his votes rather than count ‘em on election night. O’Neil was right about that, until he wasn’t. The ‘Dap’ got put out on his ear by Mike Flaherty in ’99. (Full disclosure: I still happily throw Flaherty one of my four votes for doing us that service 20 years ago.)

But gone are the days when “too many” voters showing up is even a remote concern. To the contrary: Monday brought a new low-water mark for a city that’s supposedly bursting at the seams with new residents.

Serious question: How will a city that can barely muster one-tenth of its registered voters to pick leaders going to govern itself going forward? Probably not very well.

Some will argue that voters who stay home send a message of their own. And that might be true in an election filled with the toxicity that’s set permanently to “firehose” on the national stage.

But it’s really stretching it to find any justification for this one. It seems straight-up lazy. It *is* lazy.

How vapid and self-absorbed and pampered must a person be to not care about his or her own neighborhood or city enough to make it to a polling station once or twice a year? That’s pretty weak for a city that likes to fancy itself “strong.”

The truth is we increasingly want other people to do the mundane day-to-day tasks of life *for* us. Want to get dinner, but you ran outta time? There’s an app for that.

Grocery shopping sucks and I want to spend an extra 45 at the gym. There’s an app for that.

Missed the pre-sale for the Post Malone concert? No biggie. Just use that app that lets you buy a ticket ten minutes before the show. Or sell it because you don’t feel like going anymore. Smart people have figured out how you can do that and not, you know, commit fraud.

White Claws running low? No stress. Drizly!

Voting is a pain in the ass, too, right? There’s no parking at the polling station. I have to run a gauntlet of pollworkers. I have to pick up the kids. I don’t want to be late for work.

Also, I’ve been too busy to even know there was an election today. Who even are these people?

Well, guess what? Sorry! There’s no app for democracy.

But maybe there should be. Maybe we should just give up the ghost on this one person-one vote concept. Let’s create an app that lets us hire a substitute voter. It’ll be like Instacart but instead of soy milk and seltzer, we can punch in our slate of council picks and send some gig-economy rando to the polls for us.

The app could let you scroll through your menu of candidates, read their positions on issues and see how many elections *they* missed since turning 18. We’d at least have semi-informed voters and a better turnout.

And, chances are it’d be like the “good old days” when some boyo on the Curley payroll voted 18 times in 18 different wards of the city. Except this time, it would be perfectly legit to “vote early and often.”

What’s that you say? We may not need to send some Instacarter hurtling across the city to vote for us? We could just have a system where we could vote remotely and securely from wherever we were? I mean, that sounds kind of crazy.

But you know what’s crazier? 11 percent turnout. Where do I download?

-BillForry



James Michael Curley.  
Image courtesy  
JP Historical Society

# Ed funding bill a big boost for city students

BY LEW FINFER  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Last Thursday, the Legislature announced agreement on the Student Opportunity Act , which will increase funding for students in cities by something like \$4,000 per pupil over the next seven years. It will also significantly help English Language Learners and children with special needs

I’m still stunned that such an incredibly positive bill for students from cities across the state will now be passed by the Legislature. It will help the Boston Public Schools’ budget with reimbursements for charter school costs. It offers a better, more inclusive income definition for poor children. It requires each school system to develop a three-year plan to lower the achievement gap between students of color and white students, which is very high in our state.

There was a need to act. The education funding formula had not had a major update since the 1993 Educational Reform Act. The state had fallen over \$1 billion behind on meeting commitments to Chapter 70 Local Aid payments to cities and towns over the last 13 years.

The commitment to make a \$1.4 billion increase over seven years, above and beyond inflation, is massive. There are many ways to increase educational opportunity and learning for students: More staff to spend more time with students who are behind on reading and math, smaller class sizes, longer school days, and/or after school and summer programs, more clinicians and social workers, enhanced drop-out prevention and recovery, to name some.

With this bill’s major increase in funding, schools will be able to undertake a significant number of these proven initiatives. Suburbs have been able to spend so many thousands more per pupil than cities and these changes will enable more opportunity for city students and lower income students anywhere.

How did this happen? Like anything big and involving the Legislature, the governor, and many impacted organizations, this was not uncomplicated. The chairs of the Education Committee,

Representative Alice Peisch and Senator Jason Lewis did the most direct negotiations on the bill. Both House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Karen Spilka backed the bill as crucial and appeared at a Thursday press conference on the legislation. And more than 100 state legislators co-sponsored the Promise Act bill, which had as lead sponsors, Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston) Representative Mary Keefe (D-Worcester), and Representative Aaron Vega (D-Holyoke).

Many rank and file legislators had to have stepped up to tell the House and Senate leadership they wanted a strong bill. All legislators who did so deserve thanks. The governor also said something had to be done on education, though he proposed a far, far smaller funding increase than was passed by the Legislature.

Beyond the State House, the statewide teachers unions, Massachusetts Teachers Association and American Federation of Teachers, along with the Boston Teachers Union organized thousands of teachers, paraprofessionals, and allies in community groups to meet and call legislators and organize rallies. The unions stood for the needs of their students as being the most important issue. Community groups in cities across the state did this, too, including the Massachusetts Education Justice Alliance and others. I’m proud that our group, the Massachusetts Communities Action Network and our affiliated organizations in the Gateway Cities also did a share of this organizing work.

Ultimately, it was a combination of legislators and organizations and adding in the cumulative work done this past year to work in previous years. The Massachusetts Constitution, written 228 years ago by John Adams and Samuel Adams, actually said that it was a “duty of the Legislature to cherish the interests of our public schools”. We saw some “cherishing” going on in this effort.

*Lew Finfer is a Dorchester resident and co-Director of the Dorchester-based Massachusetts Communities Action Network.*

# Rich Gustus, comedian and MS patient, will take the mic again at Florian benefit

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN  
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

In footage from a 2011 episode of The Steve Katsos Show, comedian Rich Gustus can be seen on the mic performing a stand-up set with the aid of a cane. After explaining how he had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, he then proceeded to work elements of his condition into the punchlines of several jokes.

“It’s a degenerative disease, which I didn’t understand,” he says at one point. “I mean, hey, I’ve done stuff in my life I’m not proud of, but I never thought of myself as a degenerate.”

The bit demonstrates how Gustus’s feelings about his disease have changed since the diagnosis, as has his capacity to find humor in unexpected places. “I struggled with it for a while, you know, feeling like it’s not that funny,” he told the *Reporter*. “But it is when you’re breaking down different phrases and things like that. You can do a lot with it.”

The relentless effects of MS have now begun to limit his motor skills, his speech, and his memory. A resident of The Boston Home, the 53-year-old Gustus is a constant source of laughter for his peers and caretakers alike. He’s happy to be back in the city, a few miles down Dorchester Avenue from the now-shuttered Emerald Isle, where he hosted a comedy open mic for years.

In the face of a debilitating disease, the line between tragedy and comedy can blur: “They’re very similar,” said Gustus, a phenomenon that he has introduced to students throughout his life as a teacher of comedy.

“I taught a comedy class for years. People would come to the class, and I’d try to get them to talk about their lives, and sometimes the most uncomfortable ones had the most potential for jokes,” he said. “Humor can come when you least expect it.”

Gustus will be back on the mic once more this Thursday evening (Sept. 19) at 6:30 p.m. at Florian Hall as part of a Comedy Night Fundraiser honoring him and benefitting The Boston Home. He will be joined by a few of his longtime peers from the Boston comedy scene: Tony V, Christine Hurley, and Artie Januario, among others. The night will include a buffet dinner, a cash bar, and several raffle prizes, including Dropkick Murphys tickets and a stay at a Pebble Beach resort property.

But more importantly, it will give Gustus a chance to perform a set, something that he hasn’t done in more than a year. “It’ll be nice to get back into it,” he said. “I’m excited to see those guys again.”

Tickets for the show sold out quickly, with sales



Rich Gustus

and donations already surpassing The Boston Home’s goal of \$25,000. As MS can affect vision, all funds will go toward bringing Boston Home residents higher quality HD television, with built-in voice control capabilities to make watching TV easier for them.

To learn more about The Boston Home or to make a donation, visit [thebostonhome.org](http://thebostonhome.org).

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# Dudley St. condo proposal draws ire of area residents

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equivalent number of parking spaces, and 2,747 square feet of commercial space at ground level. The two-bedroom aspect in particular drew opposition at the meeting.

Tempers in the room flared immediately after the proposal was presented by McCarthy's architect, Shane Losi of Choo & Company, Inc.

"Two bedrooms are not going to accommodate most people that live in this neighborhood," said Markeisha Moore. "What is the rent for these buildings and how is this going to affect the buildings in the area?"

John Pulgini, an attorney speaking for McCarthy, said that the units would be sold as market-rate condominiums. McCarthy estimated that the cost of the condos would be "in the high \$400,000 range," but that he could not yet pinpoint an exact price. He said he expects that, if approved, construction would begin in spring 2020.

BPDA project manager John Campbell said that 3 of the 26 units would be affordable, in accordance with the city's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP).

"If the BPDA feels that there's more review necessary, we can, and will, hold the development team to that," Campbell told the people in the room. "I would just ask you to keep the process running smoothly and allow the



Residents gathered at the Kroc Corps Community Center Monday night to give feedback on the proposal.  
*Katie Trojano photo*

development team to make its presentation in its entirety."

Concerns about displacement of existing residents in Uphams Corner was a common focus for those who spoke up. A group of tenants from an apartment building at 6 Humphreys Place that is owned by McCarthy were in attendance. They claimed that McCarthy has been issuing no-fault evictions to the building's resident since April 2018 and asked that no permits, variances, or approvals be granted to McCarthy until he ceases all eviction attempts at 6 Humphreys.

"Everything you said is good from the business side of things, but don't let us forget conscious with business," said Tunde Kunnu, a resident of 6

Humphreys. "We cannot afford this project and nobody is talking on our behalf. Mr. McCarthy is our landlord, and we have been experiencing terrible conditions... rats, raccoons and cockroaches. What has he fixed in the residence where we live? We don't owe any money and he is trying to force us out."

Jean Paul Doh — another tenant at 6 Humphreys, said, "Development is not a problem, but people in Dorchester have to be able to live in their city. We don't want them to leave Boston and have to take a train at night to go to work. Make those houses affordable."

When asked to address the no-fault eviction claim, McCarthy countered that none

of the residents had paid him rent at 6 Humphrey's place for 18 months.

"Over 18 months I've collected zero dollars in rent from a single tenant," he said during the meeting. "How am I supposed to carry a six-unit building that cost me \$850,000 to buy when no one is paying rent."

A back and forth between Kunnu and McCarthy ensued. Kunnu, referring to McCarthy as a "slum-lord," alleged that the tenants have been trying to negotiate with McCarthy to end the evictions and address unsafe conditions for some time.

The BPDA's Campbell interjected, saying, "This proposal does not displace anybody," as it would be built on a vacant

lot. Many in the room quickly responded: "It does."

"We've been going through this for a long time, we don't see, we live the effects of this," Markeisha Moore said. "I grew up and raised my children here. When they leave, it's going to be because they want to leave not because we are being forced out. The project is not going to affect just the empty lot; you're kicking people poor people out right around the corner."

Added Fabienne Eliacia: "I grew up here and was displaced. My kids won't even be able to live in the city anymore. None of us will be able to afford this. You can see this is a family community. These units are not for us, not in this neighborhood."

As the meeting wound down, the development team and the BPDA committed to holding another public meeting after addressing some of the community's concerns. They also agreed to flyer the neighborhood with notice of the meeting in multiple languages, to address community concerns over lack of accessibility.

The team agreed to provide interpretation at the next meeting and extend the public comment period beyond the initial deadline of Oct. 4. McCarthy also agreed to talk with the tenants regarding their grievances if they want to do so.

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**DISPARITY STUDY MEETINGS IN CODMAN SQUARE, MATTAPAN**

The City of Boston has commissioned a consultant to conduct a disparity study to assess whether any barriers exist for minority- and women-owned businesses that make it more difficult for them to participate in City contracting. Meetings will be held to solicit input on Wed., Sept. 25 from 5-8 p.m. at the Mattapan branch library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave.; and at the Codman Sq. branch library, 690 Washington St., Dorchester on Thurs., Sept 26 from 5-8 p.m. Contact Sheryce Hearn at 617-635-3449 for more info. Or email [Bostondisparity@bbcresearch.com](mailto:Bostondisparity@bbcresearch.com).

**CONCERT SERIES AT GILMAN CHAPEL**

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

**COMEDY NIGHT AT FLORIAN BENEFITS THE BOSTON HOME**

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



The Boston Teachers Union (BTU) hosted their sixth annual Back to School Fair in Dorchester on Sat., Sept. 21, where they donated over 45,000 books to students and families. A partnership between the BTU, American Federation of Teachers, and First Book, the back-to-school event supports students in increasing their literacy. "As teachers, we know how important it is that those books reflect their reading levels and interests so that they connect with the content," said Jessica Tang, president of the Boston Teachers Union. BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius attended the fair, along with iMayor Walsh, Senator Nick Collins, City Councillor Ed Flynn, City Councillor At-Large Michael Flaherty, School Committee member Jeri Robinson, and Michael Loconto, Chair of the Boston School Committee. *Photo courtesy BTU*

**MATTAPAN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING ON OCT. 7**

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its monthly meeting on Mon., Oct. 7, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Center. This meeting is about the upcoming changes in all transportation modes in Greater Mattapan. Please forward all questions to [info.gmncouncil@gmail.com](mailto:info.gmncouncil@gmail.com).

**FARMERS MARKET IN PEABODY SQUARE**

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

The market will be open every Friday from 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 18. It includes farm-fresh produce, local meats, artisan breads and pastries, live music and more. See the weekly vendor line-up at [tinyurl.com/AFMCal](http://tinyurl.com/AFMCal).

**AUDITIONS ONGOING FOR BOSTON CITY SINGERS**

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

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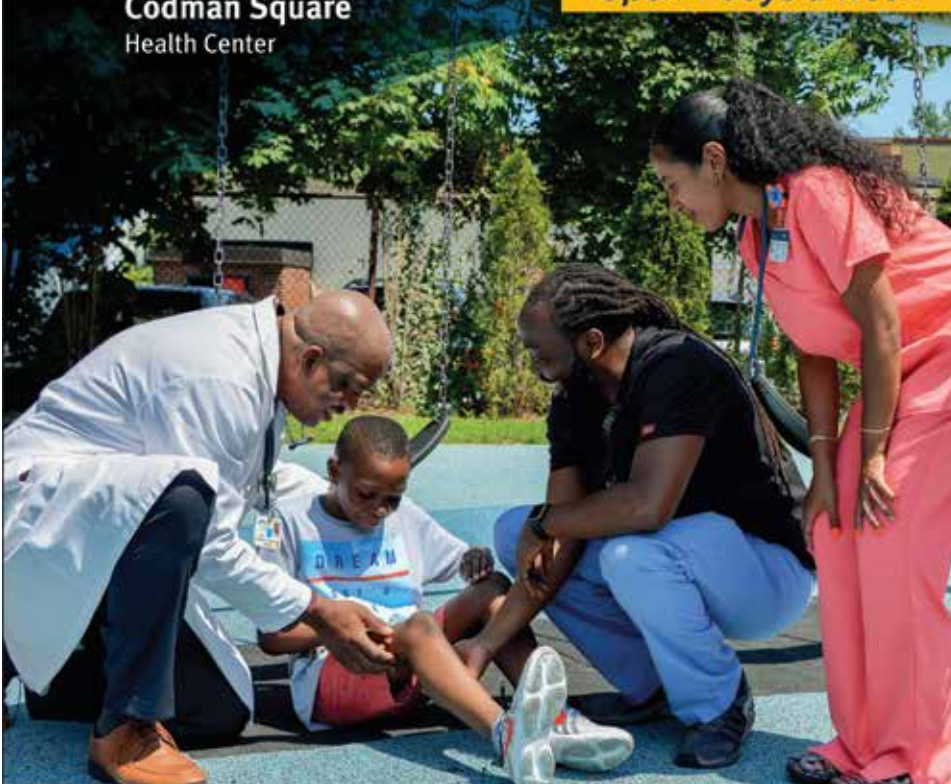
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# UMass Building Authority director to assume new role

**By BILL FORRY  
EDITOR**

The leader of the UMass Building Authority (UMBA) will step down from her position later this month to assume a new role within the UMass system. Patricia Filippone, who has been the executive director of the UMBA since 2013, will transition into a job focused on “public-private partnerships”— or P3s— next month, according to a

UMass spokesman. Filippone has been a key figure in the build-out of the UMass Boston campus and, most recently, in the UMBA’s agreement to lease the 20-acre Bayside campus to a private development team.

“She has led the university in the development of P3s, including the first residence halls at UMass Boston,” said UMass spokesman Jeff Cournoyer. “These alternative financing tools

have become important to the university and its ability to construct facilities that improve the student experience.”

The Authority board will at some point name a successor for Filippone.

In a memo obtained by the *Reporter* that was co-authored by UMass President Martin Meehan and UMBA Board Chair Victor Woolridge, the two men credited Filippone for “increased transparency, accountability, and control around uni-

versity finances... She directed the financing working group in the issuance of \$792 million of tax-exempt and taxable bonds from 2014-2017 to finance \$3.1 billion capital plan over five campuses. She strategically advised each campus to structure debt amortization by project, based on five-year capital and debt plans. She also refinanced over \$878 million in debt on a taxable and tax-exempt basis to provide gross savings of

approximately \$132 million from 2014 to 2019.”

The transition comes just weeks after UMBA finalized a 99-year lease agreement for the Bayside campus in Dorchester with Accordia Partners. The land deal could net the university with anywhere from \$192.5 million to \$235 million in payments from Accordia, depending on how much of the site is permitted and built-out.

State Sen. Nick Collins said last Wednesday that the transition comes at a critical time for the university and the Boston

campus in particular.

“The charge for the next leader of the UMBA should be to make sure the windfall from the Bayside deal is used to re-set the financial balance on the Boston campus,” said Collins, whose First Suffolk district includes Columbia Point. He added that the proceeds from the Bayside lease should be directed to pay down debt from earlier UMass Boston building projects and to “free up” the campus’s operating budget from further debt.

## City commissions a consulting firm for disparity study

The city of Boston has commissioned BBC Research & Consulting to conduct a disparity study that will assess whether any barriers exist for minority- and women-owned businesses that make it more difficult for them to participate in city contracting.

According to a statement released by the city, the study would examine the current participation of minority and women-owned businesses in city contracting, measure the availability of minority and woman-businesses for city contracts and procurements, and assess marketplace conditions for minority and women-owned businesses.

The city has invited business owners, trade association representatives, and community

stakeholders to attend one of their four community meetings designed to gather input. Attendees are encouraged to learn more about the study, ask questions of the project team, and share their own experiences relating to the subject.

The meetings will be held late this month and in early October at four different Boston Public Library (BPL) branches across the city. Meeting and locations are as follows: Wed., Sept. 25, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mattapan branch on Blue Hill Ave.; Thurs., Sept. 26, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Codman Square Library on Washington Street; Tues., Oct. 1, and Wed., Oct. 2, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Central BPL on Boylston Street.

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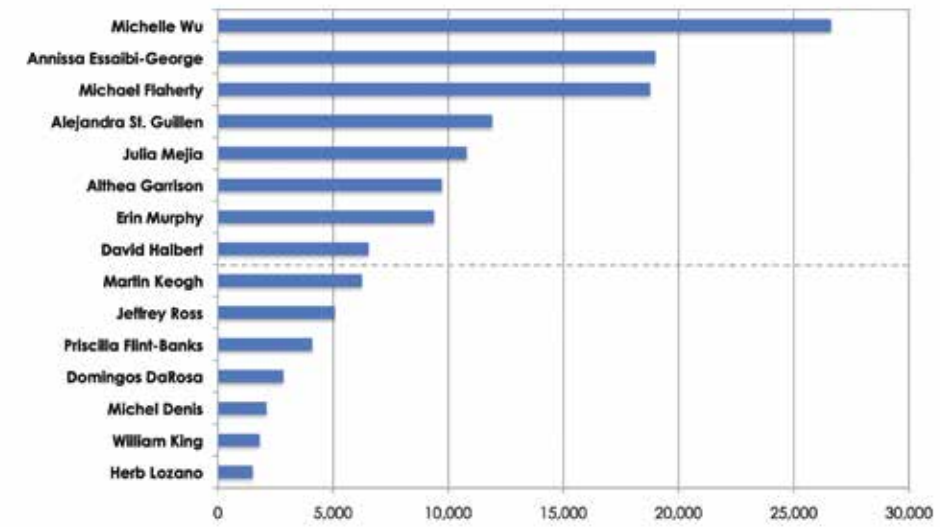
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## At-large field whittled down to 8

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on the November ballot by securing the eighth position at 4.76 percent.

Essaibi-George, a Dorchester resident who placed fourth in citywide balloting in 2017, watched the results come in throughout the night with family members and supporters at her Mayhew Street home. She ended up moving into the second slot— with 18,993 votes.

“I am anxiously optimistic about our finish tonight,” Essaibi-George told the Reporter. “I think that we obviously have quote unquote ‘won’ in this preliminary and we’ll make it to the next round.... For me this is a momentary celebration and the work continues tomorrow morning.”

“Honestly, I think there were a few people that would have liked to see me beat today,” she added. “I think it’s because I’ve demonstrated a commitment to honesty, a commitment to transparency, a commitment to action, a commitment to not just engaging with the voters and representing them vocally and in a very active way, but in a very honest way. I don’t paint a pretty picture. I can put on a fancy dress, but the work is hardcore, the work can be gritty, and as a Dorchester girl, I’m pretty okay with the gritty, and happy to show up at work every single day, and I do that very proudly and happily and without any bashfulness.”

Garrison, who finished fifth in the last city election and thus secured a council seat when now-US Rep. Ayanna Pressley left last January finished sixth in the balloting yesterday. Garrison’s “fourth seat” has been a target for new challengers in the field in this election— and on Tuesday it was Alejandra St. Guillen who claimed the slot.

“I am shocked and thrilled by this result, which I owe to the hard work of our amazing team of volunteers and supporters,” St. Guillen said in a statement released by her campaign. “I ran inspired by Ayanna Pressley, and other women of color who opened the path for candidates like myself. I hope to show our diverse residents that an

LGBTQ Latina candidate can have a chance to represent the city of Boston. But there is still much work to do, we have a short time, and a long path to November 5, and can’t take our foot off the gas.”

Julia Mejia, who lives in Dorchester, was the fifth-place finisher— a result that thrilled the first-time candidate who moved to Boston as a child from the Dominican Republic.

“Today’s results are a clear message that the residents of Boston want real change. Voters want a Boston where all voices are part of the decision-making process in our city government, and elected officials in City Hall are held accountable,” Mejia said in a statement. “I’m proud of all the volunteers who are behind this campaign, and the many who are not typically involved in the political process or tied to a vast network of Boston’s political insiders.”

Dorchester’s Erin Murphy also punched her ticket to advance to the November finals with a seventh-place finish on Tuesday. She celebrated with family and supporters at the Industry in Adams Village.

“We crushed Dorchester and Southie,” Murphy said to the gathering. “Dorchester definitely put us over the top. I heard in City Hall they’re shocked by how [well] I did.”

“I’m feeling great! We’re still trying to get all the numbers in and see where we landed but overall. I think that Dorchester and our home-base really helped. We can only go up from here.”

“We’ve had no big help from other candidates,” she added. “I’ve been doing this all by myself and I’m going to keep working hard. I’m really looking forward to it,” Murphy said.

The final council election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5. There will be several opportunities in the coming weeks to see and meet candidates, including a forum organized by Dorchester civic groups set for Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at Florian Hall.

*This story was reported by Katie Trojano, Daniel Sheehan, and Bill Forry.*

## ‘Random’ attack prompts heightened alert on Greenway

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high. He was wearing a navy-blue long-sleeved shirt and navy-blue sweatpants, according to the police, who said the assailant fled through the playground parking lot to River Street.

Last week, state Sen. Nick Collins and state Rep. Dan Cullinane walked the Greenway trail in Mattapan with State Police and officials from the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which is responsible for the Greenway. Collins said he wants

more safety measures along the pathway that runs through parts of Milton, Mattapan and Dorchester. “This seems to be an opportunity to make the investment to install some lights, safety phones and, potentially, cameras,” he said. “As we get into the fall and it gets darker, we want to come up with investments with DCR for emergency calling and increased visibility.” “The state police currently have a bicycle crew that patrols the Greenway and this is

a valuable asset for the community that we want to make more visible,” Collins added. In a separate incident reported on Mon., Sept. 10, an unidentified body was discovered near the Mattapan T station. The “death investigation,” as characterized by Renee Nadeau Algarin, a spokesperson for DA Rachael Rollins, is still ongoing. No new details regarding the cause of death or identification have been released.

## Arroyo, Farrell top ticket in District 5

By Reporter Staff

Ricardo Arroyo and Maria Esdale Farrell emerged as the two front-runners of the District 5 city council race after Tuesday’s preliminary election as Arroyo edged out Farrell by around 400 votes to claim a plurality at roughly 30 percent. Two other candidates, Jean-Claude Sanon and Mimi E. Turchinetz, followed with about 15 and 14 percent of the vote, respectively.

Arroyo, a public defender from Hyde Park with a family history on the city council, would become the third in his family after his father and brother--Felix D. Arroyo and Felix G. Arroyo--to represent the city in such a capacity.

In light of that legacy, Arroyo called the victory “historic.”

“Today for me is a statement District 5— Roslindale, Hyde Park, Mattapan—are ready to be included in the conversation,” he told the Reporter. “They’re ready to have a progressive voice at the table. They’re ready to have a platform that centers justice and equity in all its forms—racial, gender, environmental. They’re ready to see us actually tackle some of the future vision things in this city while also focusing on constituent services. They’re ready for a new councillor.”

Reacting to the relatively low voter turnout on the night--11.17 percent citywide--Arroyo said the victory in spite of low vote totals vindicated the hard work of his campaign.

On hand to applaud Arroyo’s victory was Suffolk County DA Rachael Rollins, who said that Arroyo had been the “brain child behind a lot of the thins I’ve proposed as your district attorney.”

“I don’t endorse many people and haven’t,” Rollins said. “[Arroyo] was a no brainer.”

Farrell enjoys the support of current District 5 City Councillor Tim McCarthy and his predecessor, former Councillor Rob Consalvo. She has also won endorsements from a number of city-based unions, including IBEW Local 103.

Arroyo and Farrell will face off with the District 5 seat on the line in the general election on November 5.

In District 7, which includes parts of Dorchester and Roxbury, incumbent Councillor Kim Janey cruised past two challengers — Roy Owens and Valerie Hope Rust with nearly 70 percent of the vote. Janey will face Owens— a perennial candidate for office— in November.

*Daniel Sheehan and Jack Goldman contributed reporting.*



Ricardo Arroyo



Maria Esdale Farrell

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**BOSTON COMMON PUMPKIN FLOAT**

The Fall Pumpkin Float will return to the Boston Common Frog Pond on Fri., Oct. 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. Hundreds of illuminated jack-o'-lanterns will be floated on the water accompanied by spooky family activities. Attendees are asked to bring 8-inch or smaller carved pumpkins that will be lit and then floated on the Frog Pond for a dramatic early evening display. Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of fun activities. Test your courage in our haunted zombie maze, take a ride on the Spooky Mansion Slide, experience the Jumpin' Pumpkin, try your skills at the bean bag toss, and enjoy nighttime fun on our LED swings and seesaws. The Fall Pumpkin Float is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston. This free family-friendly event will also include glow-in-the-dark games, children's crafts, games and giveaways by Magic 106.7. A monster mash of science activities will include the Massachusetts Horticulture Society, giant bubbles with the "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter, and Halloween giveaways. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks).

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**RIVER STREET CIVIC ASSOC.**

The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thurs. of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan. The group will co-host the Mattapan Jazz & Unity Festival on Sun., Sept. 22, 1-5 p.m. on the Foley Green.

**APPLE GROVE ASSOC.**

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tues. of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

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**ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.**

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# Councillors seek hard look at stronger traffic safety measures

By JACK GOLDMAN  
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Several Boston city councillors are pushing for more stringent action on traffic measures in the wake of a pedestrian's death and another's injuries at Summer and Melcher streets near the Fort Point Channel early this month.

Councillor Ed Flynn wants to see the citywide speed limit reduced to 20 mph from 25 mph. He also has joined Councillors Frank Baker and Kim Janey in calling for an update on the progress of the city's goal of seeing zero serious or fatal accidents in Boston by 2030, an initiative known colloquially as "Vision Zero."

The speed limit was reduced to 25 mph from 30 mph just two years ago, but Flynn said the city needs to take further action. "Speed is a problem in our city," he said. "Vehicles are driving too fast—25 miles per hour throughout a neighborhood in Boston is extremely fast and that needs to be reduced. I think we also need to make infrastructure improvements; basically

put the road on the diet."

The pedestrian killed in the late evening of Sept. 12 was a woman between 20 and 30 years old, according to Boston Police. The second pedestrian, a man, was hospitalized but not seriously injured. The driver remained at the scene and police are still investigating the case.

"We need to make sure that our sidewalks, our roads have the right kind of visibility, that we have traffic lights where we need them, flashing beacon stop signs, etc.," said Janey. "Because there's no reason why we should have the number of crashes that we have when we're talking about vehicle-to-vehicle or pedestrians being hit by vehicles and cyclists by buses."

Flynn noted that city officials are "moving closer to a 20-mph speed limit," with a focus on a potential compromise option that would lower limits around schools and senior housing developments. Flynn and Baker said they've been meeting with officials in the Boston Transportation Department to discuss that idea as well as

other Vision Zero safety measures.

Baker said he hopes that sometime this fall or in the spring residents in his Dorchester district will start to see Vision Zero measures being added to their streets. He is a particular fan of using

speed humps and raised crosswalks to slow down speeding drivers and give pedestrians improved sightlines.

"Of course, I'd like to see more happening in a sort of parochial, selfish way," he said. "I'd like to see more happening in District 3 in those side

streets ... that are calling out for something like speed humps."

"Bumping out" sidewalks—or extending the ends of sidewalks where pedestrians can cross—is one of the "dieting" options Flynn and Baker have pushed for in the past. Those measures, including raised crosswalks, speed humps, or flashing signals for crossing pedestrians where appropriate are all ideas Flynn said are

necessary to achieve Vision Zero.

For his part, Flynn is hoping a hearing will be held within the next two months. "I'm going to continue to work closely with the mayor and with my colleagues in city government to make sure that pedestrian safety always remains a top priority for us, he said. "This is an issue that impacts everyone."

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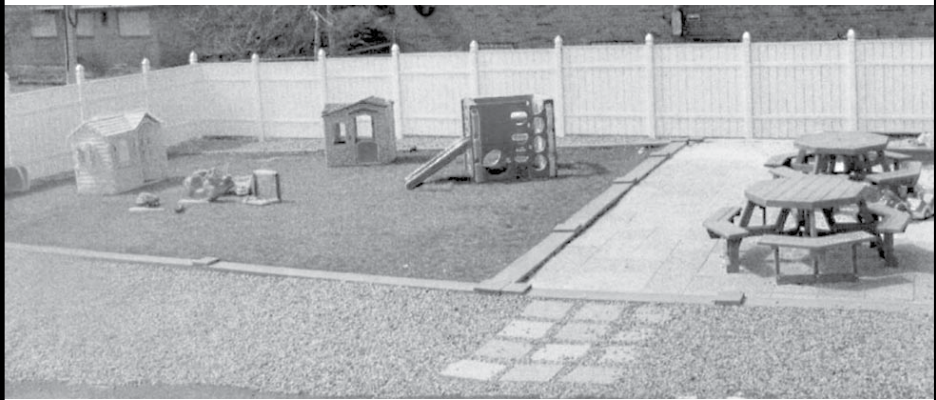


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# Hunt-Almont Park draws all ages to have fun, play games in Mattapan

**BY CALEB NELSON**  
**REPORTER CORRESPONDENT**

Any day of the week you might see Earl Faulke picking up trash and greeting neighbors at Mattapan's Hunt-Almont Park. He thinks of himself as the park's unofficial ambassador and everybody seems to know him.

He takes a special interest in the young people who seem to be in every corner of the 17-acre facility.

"Your time comes, and it goes, so it's their time now," says Faulke. "Our children and our grandchildren, we want them to have fun. That's all they want to do. They want to play, have fun, and enjoy themselves. As we become seniors, we live through them. The blessed thing is to have a safe place to do that."

Construction to enhance the 17-acre park, a \$5 million project that started under the late Mayor Thomas M. Menino, was largely completed in

2015. Mayor Martin Walsh's administration has continued funding upgrades.

Most days, it's a bustling space full of activity, featuring doggy bags for dog walkers, port-a-johns, a cricket field, baseball, football, lacrosse, courts for almost every sport. Several youth sports leagues organize events through the park.

"We have a day care," said Faulke. "We try to have something for everyone, space for carriages, we got the walkers."

Mattapan senior Bessie Spriggs has been taking long walks around the park in the morning for years. Four times around the perimeter is a mile. "With the new park," she said, "I've been faithful in coming. I think it's the best park in the city of Boston."

A resident of Mattapan for much of her life, Spriggs says she had stopped using the park until the renovations brought a new vitality to the space.

"Now when I come out, I see children. People were afraid to let their children come up here. I raised my kids in Mattapan, so my kids didn't come to this park."

But now her grandkids use it all the time, and she is worry free. "The security has been awesome," she says.

There are five security cameras around the park and they are always on. Additionally, Boston Police officers are on regular patrol, watching over organized activities. Besides tennis and basketball leagues, the park is home to the Mattapan Patriots football and cheerleading program, which launched its season on Sept. 8.

The league includes five teams, ages 5-15, led by volunteer coaches like Tyrone Alcorn.

"I know what sports did for me when I was young," he says as the last game of the day begins. "What those men and mentors showing up did for



Earl Faulke Caleb Nelson photos

me, I wanted to do the same."

Alcorn has been coaching youth sports for 25 years and he has coordinated the Mattapan Patriots for 12 years.

One of the older players, Tech Boston Highschool student Leo Bowman says, "It's like family over here."

A cheer squad lines up at the 50-yard line, led by Ayesha James. "We love the field," she says. "We're out here a lot. The kids love the park. They like to come and just hang out with their friends after practices. Sometimes when we're not practicing, they'll still come out here. We make the most of the facilities."

Then there are the folks who set up domino tables in one corner. They are welcome as long as they stay civil, Faulke says.

While some still smoke and drink inside the park — which is against the rules — Faulke said his focus is on prevention more than on punishment.

On this day, a small class of tennis players from the Fast Track Program is using the freshly painted tennis court to practice their forehands and backhands.

Lyannell Thomas says she rode her bike from her home in Hyde Park to participate. "I was inspired by all the people who volunteer," she says. "The coaches who come out create a really supportive environment."

One of the coaches collects stray balls, while another directs the class, which is organized by the Franklin Park Tennis Program, according to assistant coach Anthony Johnson. They started using Almont after the Shattuck closed due to construction.

"I love the game," he says. "This is a group that wants to develop their tennis fast. So, we focus on their strokes and volleys."

On the glistening astroturf on the opposite side of the park, Andre Neita and Jeffery Dubuissou lead Live Fit Army, an outdoor fitness bootcamp. Both men, buff and energetic, radiate happy endorphins. They put out ropes, tires, and a few agility ladders.

They started their program at Kelley Field, working with the kids' football team until

they heard about Almont Park through a mutual friend.

"It's a unique experience," says Stephanie Tomlinson, who has been going to the bootcamp for about seven months. "Not only are you really working your body out, it pushes you to the next level, but you're here with some really great people as well. This park has become like home for me."

Hunt Almont is designed to appeal to people in all walks of life. Young kids slide and play on a jungle gym in one fenced area. To one side of several courts, there is an open workout space with pull-up bars and an array of muscle building equipment for adults.

Three young men count each other's pushups, leg lifts, and pull ups. "We love it for calisthenics," one said. "It's a really nice spot, but I like the equipment up at Franklin Park, too. What they got up there is shade. It gets a little hot out here."

Further up the hill, 20-year-old Isaiah sits at a picnic table enjoying the greenery of what Faulke calls the "urban wilds." Isaiah is a musician, guitarist, jazz enthusiast, and a graduate of the Arts Academy who writes in a notebook while listening to a hip-hop beat. He grew up in Dorchester and Mattapan.

"It gives me a clearer mind sitting out here, than what I can get in my household," Isaiah says. "This particular park is a nice, safe space for everybody in the hood essentially. I come here, and some days it's packed with children. There are organized events going on in the tennis courts, organized events going on in the basketball court, organized events going on in the field. It's a whole lot of people engaging in active things, and there's police officers stationed, so it's really safe. You can kind of escape from the reality of where you live for a period of time."

Faulke says that "it's a park for the public. You get the haves and the have nots. It's quality of life that you want to give everybody. We worked hard to get it, and now I'm working really hard to maintain it."



A team from the Mattapan Pop Warner Patriots league on the sidelines at Almont Park's football field, which will be dedicated to Gareth P. Kinkead, Jr. during a ceremony on Sun., Sept. 29 at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Kinkead was a long time Mattapan resident and activist and a WWII veteran. He advocated for Almont Park for years for improvements.



LiveFitArmy runs a fitness program at Almont Park, one of several groups that can be found using the park daily.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Felix D. Arroyo  
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Date: September 09, 2019  
Published: September 26, 2019

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**HOWLAND, Rita M. (Gorham)** in Dorchester, Savin Hill. Mother of Rori G. Edwards and her fiancé Dennis Donovan, and Michael J. Howland, both of Dorchester. Wife of Michael S. Howland of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Edward T. and Ellen (O'Malley) Gorham. Sister of Mariellen Gorham-McKenney and her husband William B. McKenney of Braintree. Aunt of William H., Edward S., and Erynn M. McKenney, Patrick J. and Ryan M. Wynne. Donations in Rita's memory may be made to Dorchester Baseball, 30 Bateswell Rd., Dorchester, MA 02124.

**JOYCE, Michael**, 92, of Dorchester and County Galway, Ireland. Husband of Sarah T. (Mitchell) Joyce. Father of Thomas A. Joyce of Dorchester, Patricia M. Lopes and her husband Michael of Braintree, Elizabeth A. Larkin and her husband John of Braintree and Michael O. Joyce of Dorchester. Brother of Joseph Joyce of Ireland,

and the late Paul Joyce, Honor Joyce, Teresa Joyce, Stephen Joyce, Thomas F. Joyce, Patrick H. Joyce and Mary Clancy. Grandfather of Sarah Larkin, Michael Larkin, Emma Lopes and Abby Lopes. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial donations to American Parkinson Disease Association 135 Parkinson Ave., Staten Island, NY 10305.

**PASCHAL-STILES, Mary Lillian**, 73, a lifetime resident of Roxbury and Dorchester. She is the daughter of the late Mildred "Millie" Alexandrina Washington and Richard Earl Paschal. Sister of William (Rose) Paschal, Geraldine Ann Paschal Conward, Steven Gerard (Grace) Paschal, Richard Earl (Debra) Paschal, Jr., Denise Aleina Washington, Delores Elaine Washington and Deitra Venice Washington. Niece of Mary E. Durham of Mattapan and John Christopher (Joan) Roberts of Hernando, FL. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

**SKWIERAWSKI, John E. ("Johnny")**, 63. Son of the late John and Lorraine Skwierawski. John was a sheet metal worker by trade and an artist in his spare time, making whimsical objects with sheet metal. John is survived by his wife Rosalyn, with whom he celebrated 30 years of marriage this year, and stepdaughter Wendy; his brother Paul of VA and sister Anne Marie Read of ME, and many nieces, nephews, cousins and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister, Susan Murphy.

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