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Blue Hill Ave. cannabis ruling lays out effect of buffer zones

By SETH DANIEL
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Cleon Byron has lived nearly all of his life on the 1000 block of Blue Hill Avenue, where a cousin operates a restaurant and his family has owned a storefront for nearly 30 years, the latter a site that he painstakingly took

through the city’s cannabis licensing process in the early days of the Boston Cannabis Board (BCB).
Byron can’t walk down the street without seeing someone he knows, or perhaps is related to, making him a known quantity in the area who was trusted to open Evoke, the first can-

nabis dispensary in the area. At the moment, the business has received all necessary city approvals at 1102A Blue Hill Ave., has a Host Community Agreement with the city, and is wading through the state Cannabis Control Commission’s (CCC) process as he progresses to an opening.

So, he was floored this month to see another proposal from a retired Boston police officer — Ed Alicea, who also runs the Boston Puerto Rican Festival — advance in the process rapidly at a site just 200 feet from Byron’s facility. At a hearing in early Sep-

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Raiders goal in Pop Warner play: Build strong men on, off gridiron

By SETH DANIEL
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At a recent Boston Raiders Pop Warner football practice at the program’s temporary Hyde Park home, scores of kids from Dorchester and Mattapan could be seen across the field wearing shoulder pads and throwing around the football with excitement. But the adults behind the program tout that the ideas of mentorship, discipline, and structure within the game are what has produced a winning formula for the Raiders since 1974.

The Raiders have called Dorchester’s Franklin Field home since the mid-1990s, but due to the phased renovation of the site, they have had to temporarily move to Reservation Road Field in Hyde Park. In addition, Covid-19 kept the program dormant last fall, with the Raiders skipping a season for the first time in years.
This past week, kids from the neighborhood



Boston Raiders Pop Warner players show they know how to bring a runner down in photo above. Below, longtime Boston Raider coach Andre ‘Chip’ DuBose (right), of Codman Square, and his Boston Raider 14U quarterback, Treyvon Fields, await a return to their Franklin Field home turf. Seth Daniels photo

ages 5 to 14 donned their helmets for the first time since 2019 and participated in conditioning drills, looking to the many coaches there who have provided rock-solid inspiration on and off the field for decades.
There are nearly 180 kids enrolled in Raiders football and cheerleading, as well as some 44

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In D-3, Baker faces a first-time campaigner

McBride: Teamwork necessary on council

By SETH DANIEL
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Voters who live in the District 3 City Council seat that covers much of eastern Dorchester will be asked to choose between incumbent Councillor Frank Baker and challenger Stephen McBride in the Nov. 2 general election.
Baker, who has served



FRANK BAKER
‘His no votes a protest’

as district councillor for a decade, is a lifelong Columbia-Savin Hill resident known for his relentless pursuit of



STEPHEN McBRIDE
Prizes collaboration

constituent services and neighborhood matters. But over the years he has become increasingly frustrated by the policy

direction of a more activist, left-leaning city council.

McBride, a Pennsylvania native who has lived on Jones Hill for three years, pledges a more collaborative approach with other councillors and being less of the “odd person out” at City Hall.

Baker officially launched his campaign last week at The Beat, the former Boston Globe building on Morrissey Boulevard.

“The rule in politics for a kick-off is not to pick a room that’s too enor-

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Janey, candidates agree: Transfer of mayoral power is set for Nov. 16

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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In a meeting on Beacon Hill last Thursday, Acting Mayor Kim Janey and the two mayoral candidates agreed that the transfer of power to the newly elected mayor will take place on Tues., Nov. 16.

City Councillors At-Large Annissa Essaibi George and Michelle Wu are on the Nov. 2 ballot after clearing a preliminary that also included Janey, City Councillor Andrea Campbell, and former city official John Barros.

Janey, the City Council president and District 7 councillor, took over as acting mayor March 24, after Marty Walsh left to become President Biden’s labor secretary. She is the first woman and the first Black person to serve as the city’s chief executive.

The winner of the Nov. 2 election will become the first woman and person of color elected to lead the city. Wu is the daughter of Taiwanese immigrants;

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After Janey endorses Wu, key members of her team follow suit

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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With weeks left in her tenure in City Hall’s executive suite and a fourth-place finish in the preliminary behind her, Acting Mayor Kim Janey and some of her top backers have signed up with City Councillor-At-Large Michelle Wu’s campaign over that of Annissa Essaibi George, the city councillor at-large who hails from Dorchester.

Last Saturday in Roxbury’s Nubian Square, Janey, noting that she

had spent her six months as acting mayor bolstering affordable housing efforts and handling the distribution of Covid-19 vaccines, came out squarely for Wu’s candidacy, saying:

“I have worked closely with Michelle Wu on the city council and I believe she is the candidate with the record and the values to not only protect the progress that we have made but also to build upon that progress to create a city that is What? More equitable,

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Franklin Field gunfire leaves 1 dead, 1 hurt

A double-shooting in Dorchester’s Franklin Field development last Saturday night left 31-year-old Tanye Perkins of Canton dead and a man in the hospital, according to Boston Police officers who were called to the scene at 240 Westview St. around 9 p.m. There was a second, related crime scene at the other end of Franklin Field, at Stratton and Lyford streets, where at least one car was hit by gunfire, according to a BPD report. Detectives have asked that anyone with information contact them at 617-343-4470.

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Boston Police arrested a 28-year-old Roxbury man on Sunday (Sept. 26) after a motor vehicle stop on Greenwood Street. Police say the suspect—Peter Montero-Matos of Roxbury—had fled from a driving “infraction” stop and discarded a

9mm handgun during a pursuit by police. The gun was recovered by police, according to a BPD account.

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Boston Police say a sergeant assigned to Area B-3 apparently prevented a shooting incident on Standard Street last Thursday evening (Sept. 23) and instead arrested a suspect who was brandishing a gun during a street fight involving a group of men.

The officer, according to a BPD account, drew his own gun and ordered the suspect—named as 41-year-old Darius Manor of Woburn—to drop his weapon. Manor resisted arrest, but was ultimately taken into custody with the assistance of more Boston officers who arrived on the scene to assist. A 9mm Glock was recovered from the scene.

Red Line car derails in tunnel; no injuries seen

The second car of a slow-moving, six-car southbound Red Line train derailed on Tuesday at Broadway Station at about 9:45 a.m. “and made contact with the edge of the platform.”

There were no injuries, according to T spokesman Joe Pesaturo, who said the cause was being investigated and personnel were “assessing damage to the platform’s edge.” Forty-seven passengers safely exited the train, Pesaturo said, and buses were scheduled to replacing Red Line service between Park and JFK/UMass stations while MBTA personnel work to re-rail the car.

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Senior apartments pitched for 3-lot site on Hamilton St.

VietAID has filed plans with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) for a four-story, 36-unit apartment building at 25-33 Hamilton St. that would be aimed at people over 62 making no more than 60 percent of the Boston-area median income.

Nine of the apartments would be reserved for people making no more than 30 percent of the area median income, “many of whom will be transitioning from homelessness,” the group says. All of the units will have one bedroom and will be between 608 and 638 square feet.

This would be the group’s first senior-living building. It will be managed by Hebrew Senior



Rendering by Davis Square Architects.

Life, which has been providing apartments for seniors in the Boston area for some 100 years. The plans call for 12 parking spaces and a roof topped with solar panels.

Additionally, “the project will be fossil-fuel-free, meeting the City of Boston’s Zero-Net Carbon New Construction guidelines.” VietAID says that it

will preserve a grove of mature maple trees on the site, which currently consists of two vacant lots and a third lot with an unoccupied house.

— UNIVERSAL HUB

Wales Street apartments for homeless families get approval

The city’s Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday unanimously approved a non-profit group’s plan to replace a crumbling 10-unit apartment building at 37 Wales St. with a new four-story building with 20 apartments for families coming out of homelessness.

In April, the board rejected the original proposal by Heading Home, Inc. for the site, which called for 23 apartments on five floors, because of neighborhood concerns about density, parking, and water runoff from the site.

In response, the group lopped a floor off the proposal, said it would replace a collapsing retaining wall on one side of the sloped property as part of demolition of the current structure rather than wait for construction of the new building, and add several storage tanks to capture rain falling on the site so it would no longer immediately run downhill.

The group added that it has an agreement with the city’s Department of Neighborhood Development to use a vacant city-owned lot at 27 Wales St. for four parking spaces and is negotiating with the Salvation Army to use its lot across from that site for four additional nighttime spaces. The site itself will have one off-street parking spot, for a Heading Home



Architectural rendering shows Heading Homes, Inc. proposal for 37 Wales Street. Courtesy Studio G Architects

staff employee who would work with the residents.

Heading Home acknowledged that the street might still see runoff even after the new building goes in, but said that’s because 37 Wales St. is not the sole source of runoff on the steeply sloped street; at a neighborhood meeting earlier this year, one resident who lives uphill said he sees flooding as well. However, the group said that Boston Water and Sewer Commission has begun studying Wales Street to see if the ongoing issues can be solved for the entire street through the possible addition of new catch-basins.

The mayor’s office and those of

City Councillor Andrea Campbell and state Rep. Russell Holmes supported the proposal.

Some residents opposed the new, smaller proposal, both because of the runoff issue and because they remain unconvinced the building will not contribute to neighborhood parking woes. They cited the fact the Salvation Army has yet to actually agree to let Heading Home have up to four tenants park cars at night in its lot. And even though there are other multi-family units in the area, the building “is just too big,” one resident said.

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Town Hall forum on vaccines — The Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center and Prince Hall Grand Lodge will host a vaccine town hall on Thurs., Sept. 30 from 6-7 p.m. The event is intended to explore the current state of the Covid-19 pandemic and booster vaccines with a panel of experts moderated by HSNHC president and CEO Charles A. Murphy. The event will be held at Prince Hall, 24 Washington St., Dorchester and live-streamed on YouTube. To RSVP, email development@harvardstreet.org. Or call 617-822-5510. Refreshments will be served.
The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed project for 15 residential units at 22 High St. in Dorchester. For more information— including the Zoom link— see bostonplans.org. Or contact Ebony DaRosa at 617-918-4419 or ebony.darosa@boston.gov for more info.

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will meet on Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting will also be streamed live on Facebook. Sidney Brown, Headmaster of Madison Park Technical Vocational High School and Kevin McCaskill, former executive director at Madison Park, will be the guest speakers.
The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed building to house 23 condos at 1154-1156 Dorchester Ave near Savin Hill. Three of the units would be affordable. For more information— including the Zoom link— see bostonplans.org.
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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Pressley decries deportations of Haiti migrants at US border

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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The recent resignation of US special envoy to Haiti Daniel Foote, is “damning” and “more evidence” that Biden administration officials must change course in their treatment of the neighboring country and its people, according to Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.

The Boston Democrat, who co-chairs the House Haiti Caucus, also pressed Vice President Kamala Harris on the issue of Haitian refugees last week. She said she also wants investigations into clashes between migrants and US border protection agents, who rode horses to corral the migrants in images that spread across the Internet.

Pressley, who has repeatedly called for the US to halt deportations of Haitian refugees fleeing the unrest in their country, said they should be able to claim asylum. Boston is home to 25,000 Haitians, who make up 3.7 percent of the city’s population, according to US Census figures.

“We have the capacity. We don’t have to choose between Afghans and Haitians,” she told the *Reporter* in a phone interview last Thursday, referring to Afghan refugees who helped the US in Afghanistan. “It’s not ‘or.’ It’s ‘and.’ This is a humanitarian crisis.”

Haitian government officials have said they don’t have the capacity to receive the deportation flights that



At a rally outside the JFK Federal Building in Boston last Friday, Boston City Council at-Large candidate Ruthzee Louijeune said “whether under the Trump administration or under the Biden administration, this country has said loudly: Haitians we don’t want you here.” *Chris Van Buskirk/SHNS photo*

are underway, according to Pressley.

“We are deporting Haitians to a region ravaged by a pandemic, recovering from the assassination of its president, a dismantled government, a completely destabilized region, and swathes of it, as they cover from the earthquake, are without power and clean water,” Pressley said. “And we are deporting children as young as three years old. It’s not only cruel and inhumane, but also potentially a death sentence.”

Foote, the special envoy, wrote in a Sept. 22 letter to the US secretary of state, Antony Blinken, that the administration’s approach to Haiti is “deeply flawed.” His recommendations have been

“ignored and dismissed,” he added.

Pressley, who is also a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, has demanded a briefing on the “vile actions” at the Texas border. Border Patrol agents were photographed and recorded on horseback chasing Haitian migrants. “These abusers must be held accountable,” she said, calling US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) a “rogue and racist agency.”

“If we are going to say Black lives matter, that has to be more than a hashtag or a statement,” Pressley said Thursday. “It has to be a practice. Haitian lives are Black lives and Black lives matter. And the treatment is inhumane, callous.”

Pressley spoke to Harris on Monday about the mounting issues over the US response to Haitian refugees and the turmoil within the country. They spoke at a celebration at the vice president’s residence that was focused on the 50th anniversary of the Congressional Black Caucus. Harris appeared sympathetic to her concerns, and shared her characterization of the treatment of Haitians, according to Pressley.

Roughly one hundred people rallied on Friday (Sept. 24) to protest the Biden administration’s treatment of Haitian migrants.

Elected officials at the city and state level, as well as some contenders for City Council, formed a row by the front door of the JFK Federal Building in downtown Boston, some holding signs that said, “Stop Deportations” and “Haitian Lives Matter.”

Both mayoral finalists, City Councillors At-Large Annisssa Essaibi George and Michelle Wu, joined the line to voice their support for Haitian refugees seeking asylum in the US.

The rally’s speakers referenced the widely circulated images of US border agents. “What I witnessed this week broke my heart,” said state Rep. Brandy Fluker-Oakley, whose Twelfth Suffolk House district includes a large number of Haitians. “It was inhumane and it should not happen at all in 2021.”

The Biden administration “must do better,” she added. Ruthzee Louijeune, a Haitian-American attorney running for one of the four Boston City Council at-large seats, said, “We are supposed to be a land that welcomes immigrants, but yet we are turning them away every chance that we get.”

Representatives from the offices of US Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey also said they backed a halt to the deportations.

Jim Cantwell, Markey’s state director, read from a written statement from the senator, who noted that Haiti has seen earthquakes, hurricanes, and the assassination of its president.

“All of our efforts should be focused on providing humanitarian support and dignity to help our Haitian friends back on their feet,” Markey said.

The rally drew members of SEIU 1199, the healthcare workers union, as well as former Rep. Joe Kennedy III, who was spotted in the crowd.

Attendees included state Rep. Liz Miranda; City Councillors Andrea Campbell, Michael Flaherty, Ed Flynn, Ricardo Arroyo, and Julia Mejia; and City Council candidates Evandro Carvalho and David Halbert. Democratic candidate for governor Ben Downing also stood in support of Haitian immigrants.

Reporter Correspondent Grace Mayer contributed to this article.

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Boston plans precinct shifts ahead of 2022 elections

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Boston hopes to finalize a plan in the next two weeks that would redraw precincts in seven of the city's 22 wards for the first time in decades, evening out the populations in those voting areas in an effort to reduce wait times at polling places and cut down on the distance some voters must travel to cast their ballots.

Elections Commissioner Eneida Tavares presented the plan on Monday that would reconfigure precincts in the wards covering large parts of downtown, Charlestown and the Seaport, as well as Chinatown, the South End and parts of Roxbury, the Fenway, and Kenmore Square.

The plan would cover roughly 131,000 registered voters living in Ward 2 through Ward 6, Ward 8 and Ward 9, or about 29 percent of the



Map shows the sprawl of Boston's electoral wards, precincts.

city's electorate, officials said. It would take effect for the 2022 elections. "The purpose of focusing on these number of precincts is because these are the areas where we've had trouble with election administration," Tavares said. The Board of Election Commissioners is expected to vote on the proposal at the end of next week

after it has been posted online for review.

While every other city and town in Massachusetts must redraw their precincts every 10 years based on shifts in population calculated by the decennial Census, Boston has been exempt since 1921 and has stopped regularly reconsidering precinct boundaries. Tavares said the last effort in 2016 went nowhere, but that now was a good time given the redistricting effort underway on Beacon Hill.

The new map, in most cases, would add precincts to impacted wards and keep each precinct to roughly 2,000 voters, allowing for up to 10 percent population deviation and adhering to Census bloc boundaries. New polling locations will be added in many wards.

While the average precinct size in Boston in 2020 was about 1,700 voters, some precincts in Chinatown and the Sea-

port, for example, have grown to over 7,000. Voters in some areas have to travel miles to their local polling location.

Tavares said her department focused on wards and precincts where the city has had the most trouble with election administration in order to reduce the confusion and disruption that would come from redrawing the entire city. She said a city ordinance requires precincts to be reviewed every five years and could lead to additional changes in the future.

Councillor Ed Flynn, who represents many of the neighborhoods impacted by the plan, voiced his concerns about the updated precincts potentially impacting the demographics of neighborhoods—a concern among some of his constituents in Chinatown, he said.

Flynn said he's concerned this would "water down the voice of the

Chinese community in the electoral process."

Tavares said she would be willing to meet with the Chinese Progressive Association, but was also mindful of the Legislature's fall timeline for redistricting.

"We did our best to keep neighborhoods intact," Tavares said.

Tavares said all voters who will be impacted by changes in their precincts will be notified through a campaign put out by the election department and by mail. No other precincts will be impacted, but the department plans to evaluate all precincts again in the next five years.

"This is something we plan on keeping an eye on," Tavares said. "We focused on just the areas where we have historically experienced issues. It's not to say there isn't additional work that could be done in the future."

Reporter correspondent Grace Mayer contributed to this article.

D-7 recount puts Anderson and Owens in Nov. 2 final

A recount of the District 7 preliminary results on Sat., Sept. 26, found that perennial candidate Roy Owens had marginally increased his lead for second place over Angelina "Angie" Camacho. Owens

will face Tania Anderson, the top-vote getter in September, in the Nov. 2 general election.

The recount tallied a 9-vote increase for Owens, up to 37 from the 28-vote lead he had after

ballots were counted just after the Sept. 14 preliminary.

"While it is disappointing that the recount did not go our way, we are still glad we went through with it in response to all

who had questions about the results," Camacho said. "We were honored to be a part of building confidence in the election system and learned so much through this process."

Camacho also took aim at the election's low turnout. More than 80 percent of eligible voters did not cast a vote in the race, which was an open seat due to Kim Janey, the acting mayor, opting to unsuccessfully run for a full term as mayor rather than another two-year term as District 7 councillor.

"When less than 20 percent of our registered voters participate in the process, there is a clarion call for change," Camacho said. "We can no longer afford to close our eyes and ears to this message."

For his part, Owens, who has repeatedly run for various offices and lost, is already focused on running for the US House of Representatives in 2022, according to his typo-laden website.

Owens, who lives in US Rep. Ayanna Pressley's Congressional district,

was also a candidate in the 17-person race for the at-large seats. He did not advance past the preliminary in that field.

Anderson topped the District 7 preliminary, which had an 8-person field, with 26 percent of the vote.

"I look forward to a vigorous, informative, and positive debate with Mr. Owens about the ways we can best advocate for and represent District 7," she said in a statement after the recount.

— GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS

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Essaibi George is the daughter of Arab Muslim and Polish immigrants.

The transition will occur two weeks after the general election, instead of in January, due to the way the city charter lays out the process under an acting mayor.

At Thursday's meeting inside the city-owned Parkman House and over salad and sandwiches from Sam LaGrassa's, Janey, Wu, and Essaibi George also discussed who would be leading their respective transition teams.

Wu has tapped Dr. Mariel Novas, an education advocate and community organizer, as her transition leader. Essaibi George picked Jessica Rodriguez, the chief of staff of her City Council office.

"It was wonderful to get a few minutes to sit with Mayor Janey and Councillor Essaibi George, and appreciate this moment in Boston's



Anissa Essaibi George, Acting Mayor Kim Janey, and Michelle Wu at the Parkman House last Thursday.


history, and to realize this conversation is happening between three women who have served the city, moms, people who are committed to fighting for a future for all of our kids and their kids," Wu told the Reporter.

She added: "It is a very quick turnaround and so there are many concurrent pieces happening all at the same time."


Essaibi George said she is focused on the campaign trail, but "we also need to keep our eye very closely on what's going to be a quick cou-

ple of weeks and a rapid transition. We want to have all the pieces in place so that government can continue to function and that we're able to do the work that our city residents expect every single day."

Janey's office said that in mid-October, Wu and Essaibi George will receive summaries covering the general structure and operation of city departments, with more detailed briefings to follow in early November, when one of them is mayor-elect.



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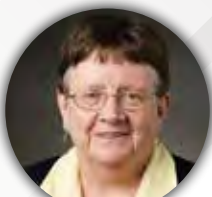
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Super PACs should stay positive in mayor's race, Wu says

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR
City Councillor At-Large Michelle Wu says outside groups, which have poured millions



into the Boston mayor's race, should stay positive, but she stopped short of asking them to steer clear of the race between her and City Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi George.

Her comments came a day after an angry Essaibi George told the *Reporter* that the groups, known as super PACs, shouldn't be involved in the contest. particular that is using a Beverly company, which worked for Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign as a treasurer.

Essaibi George singled out one super PAC in particular, which is using a Beverly company that worked for Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign. That group, known as "Real Progress Boston," has accepted donations from Jim Davis, the chairman of the athleticwear company New Balance, as well as general contractors and police unions.

Chaired by former police commissioner William Gross, the super PAC has spent \$551,530 on the race so far, mostly on TV, radio, and print newspaper ads, according to public campaign finance filings. The group did not respond to requests for comment.

A second super PAC, called "Bostonians for Real Progress" and apparently unaffiliated with the other super PAC, is funded by a Hyde Park businessman and others. It has plans to raise \$1 million and expand beyond digital advertising. A source told the *Reporter* that that group is continuing to ramp up its efforts despite Essaibi George's remarks.

Asked about her opponent's comments to the *Reporter*, Wu, who has two super PACs supporting her candidacy, said, "I share her concern that Trump-affiliated groups are looking to weigh in on the Boston mayor's race." But she didn't echo Essaibi George's call for them to stay out. "I urge any outside groups to refrain from negative attacks," Wu said, adding: "We've seen in this country over the last four years what happens when those kinds of attacks are normalized in politics and Boston's better than that. I look forward to a robust, direct conversation about the future of this city directly with the residents."

Wu voiced support for campaign finance reform while noting, "Our campaign is going to continue to focus on what is within our control, which is continuing to build the momentum, going door to door, and speaking directly with voters in every neighborhood."

Super PACs operate independently of campaigns, and it's up to them if they want to pull back on any spending and whether or not they air positive or negative ad campaigns.

Wu's two super PACs are funded by environmental advocates. For her part, she has backed a "Green New Deal" for Boston in an effort to stem the effects of climate change on the coastal city.

The "Boston Turnout Project" super PAC, run by a former aide to US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, launched its second ad last week featuring the Cambridge Democrat, who has endorsed Wu. The group, which has pulled in donations from the owner of Jay Cashman Inc. and venture capitalists, has spent \$334,000 on the race.

The other pro-Wu group, tied to the Environmental League of Massachusetts, has spent a smaller amount (\$83,760). Earlier this month, it drew a \$50,000 donation from the Washington, D.C.-based League of Conservation Voters.

The super PAC "is focused on electing leaders who will protect us from the effects of climate change and lead on environmental issues," a spokesperson said in a statement. "In this historic election, our goal is to amplify Michelle Wu's positive vision and proven approach to addressing the serious challenges before us through a climate lens."

Endorsement Corner: Pressley picks her four for at-large seats

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, a Boston Democrat and a former city councillor at-large, on Monday announced her picks for the City Council's four at-large slots, endorsing Julia Mejia, an incumbent, as well as candidates David Halbert, Ruthzee Louijeune, and Carla Monteiro.

"Each of these candidates has shown their deep commitment to the Boston community and to advancing challenges people face," she said in a statement. "Julia — as she has for the past two years — Dave, Ruthzee, Carla, and Kendra will bring new perspectives, new lived experiences, and new questions to City Hall, which will benefit everyone in our city."

Pressley was the first woman of color elected to the Boston City Council, serving from 2010 to 2018, when she ousted



District 2 Councillor Ed Flynn is backing former teacher Erin Murphy in the at-large race.

Congressman Michael Capuano in a Democratic primary.

Pressley also endorsed Kendra Hicks, one of the two candidates competing for the District 6 seat being vacated by City Councillor Matt O'Malley.

The Sept. 14 preliminary narrowed the at-large field of 17 candidates to 8 for the general election, which is set for Tues., Nov. 2.

The other finalists are incumbent Michael Flaherty, the top vote-getter on Sept. 14; former Dorchester teacher Erin Murphy; South Boston ironworker Bridget Nee-Walsh, and perennial candidate Althea Garrison.

Murphy, who finished fourth in the preliminary, on Monday picked up the endorsement of Allston-Brighton state Rep. Michael Moran, a Democrat who serves as assistant majority leader. He has served in the House since 2005.

"Erin really impressed me during the preliminary campaign with her ability to connect with folks anywhere she went — which was pretty much

everywhere," Moran said in a statement. "She's a hard-working candidate who knows what it's like to advocate for a community and help people, and we need outstanding public servants like her on the Boston City Council. Just like Erin, I've spent my whole life in Boston and she's displayed an invaluable ability to connect with her neighbors."

Over the weekend, Murphy also drew the endorsement of Ed Flynn, the District 2 councillor from South Boston. He also represents Chinatown, the South End and parts of Beacon Hill and Back Bay.

"Like me, she's a lifelong city kid who cares about her neighbors and she'll be ready on Day One to serve families across the city," Flynn said in a statement. "She cares about every neighborhood and wants each of them to have safe streets, good schools, and affordable housing. She's also been a leader on the opioid and addiction crisis, something that touches all of us. She certainly has my vote."

After Janey endorses Wu, key members of her team follow suit

(Continued from page 1) more just and more resilient."

The other former mayoral candidates — City Councillor Andrea Campbell, former city official John Barros and South End state Rep. Jon Santiago — have not yet said whom they are supporting in the November general election.

Wu, who easily topped the Sept. 14 preliminary balloting, kept adding to her endorsement roster this week. On Tuesday, two top supporters of Janey, District 5 City Councillor Ricardo Arroyo and his father, Suffolk County Register of Probate Felix D. Arroyo, threw their support to Wu at an event in the city's Chinatown neighborhood. During Janey's time as acting mayor, the result of Marty Walsh joining President Biden's administration as labor secretary in March, Ricardo Arroyo has been a key ally in her budget battles with the City Council.

Janey, who came in behind Campbell, saw her strongest support in the preliminary come from precincts in majority-minority areas across the city, in Roxbury, parts of Dorchester,



Acting Mayor Kim Janey touts her endorsement of Michelle Wu in Roxbury's Nubian Square last Saturday.

Mattapan, and Hyde Park. Wu and Essaibi George are targeting those areas as they hunt for votes ahead of Tuesday, Nov. 2.

State Rep. Liza Miranda, a Democrat who represents Dorchester and Roxbury, and Alejandra St. Guillen, a former at-large City Council candidate who worked for former mayor Marty Walsh, were also at the event on Saturday. Miranda endorsed Wu outside the Strand Theatre last week.

For her part, Essaibi George downplayed the Janey's endorsement of

Wu and said she was focused on gathering votes. On Saturday, as Wu and Janey were gearing up for their event, Essaibi George headed to IBEW Local 103's offices in Dorchester for a kick-off event with volunteers. She was joined by her colleague on the City Council, District 3's Frank Baker.

Her campaign on Monday announced a series of campaign stops this week in Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan as part of a "listen and learn" tour.

Monday's schedule featured coffee at Dud-



Annissa Essaibi George embarked on a "listen and learn" tour across the city this week. Here, she is in Dorchester's Ronan Park.

ley Cafe in Roxbury, a neighborhood walk through Bowdoin Geneva in Dorchester, and a Cape Verdean community breakfast in Ronan Park. A meeting with Haitian leaders was scheduled for Monday evening.

"Central to doing this critical work, and doing it right, is ensuring that I continue to have these important conversations about equity in our neighborhoods and hear from a diverse group of residents and community leaders with lived experience to help educate, inform, and

guide decisions," Essaibi George said in a statement.

Her Tuesday schedule included the Vietnamese Day Center in Dorchester, while Wednesday featured a stop at the Eagle Hill Cafe in Boston. On Thursday, she planned to stop by Le Foyer for coffee in Mattapan, and a visit to the Haitian Day Center in the same neighborhood.

Friday's schedule included coffee in Chinatown, a visit to Work Inc. in Dorchester and a talk with labor unions about diversifying their workforces, before ending the

tour in Roxbury with a roundtable discussion with Somali women.

As the candidates campaigned across the city, leaders in Boston's Black and Latinx communities gathered on Saturday morning at Mattapan's Morning Star Baptist Church. The meeting included clergy, elected officials of color, as well as community and neighborhood groups.

State Rep. Russell Holmes, a Mattapan Democrat and lead organizer, called it a "covenant of the minds" after the Sept. 14 preliminary ended without a Black mayoral candidate making it to the general election.

Holmes noted that in 2013, when two white Irish Americans, state Rep. Marty Walsh and City Councillor At-Large John Connolly, made the final, the clergy backed Connolly and a number of elected officials color backed Walsh, the eventual winner, while community groups were split between the two.

"What we will avoid this time is running in separate silos, not talking to each other," Holmes said.

W Hotel downtown to feature DBCo brews Oktoberfest style

An indoor, street level beer garden

By KATIE PEDERSEN
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Starting next Friday (Oct. 8), Dorchester Brewing Company (DBCo) brews will be on display at the downtown W Hotel, which plans to open an indoor, street-level beer garden with DBCo beers on tap, specialty beer-infused cocktails, and an Oktoberfest-inspired menu.

In addition to the beer garden, the W will feature in-room tasting flights of DBCo creations like Neponset Gold, Galaxy Lights, Light Year Journey, and more.

According to DBCo Co-Founder Matt Malloy, the partnership was a natural one.

“The common threads here are we both really care about diversity and inclusion, and that’s where we hit it off together. We’re very diversity-minded at Dorchester Brewing, we’re trying to, of course, represent the community, so it seemed like a natural human partnership. They were trying to do something cool and clever at their W location, and it seemed like a natural opportunity to expand and do something unique.”

Malloy first learned about a potential opportunity with the W Hotel several months earlier from a hotel employee.

“Usually, things start over beer,” Malloy said. “One of the people from the W was at Dorchester



Dorchester Brewing Co. is teaming up with the W Hotel in downtown Boston to open an indoor beer garden with the brewery’s beers on tap, in addition to specialty “beer-infused” cocktails.

Brewing at an event, and said, ‘Hey, we should do something. I work at the W, and you do such an amazing job here.

Let’s figure that out.’ And then three or four months went by and we got an email saying, ‘Hey, we’d love to work

with you. We love your business model, we love what you’re doing for the community, and we’re very much like that.’

“The W came over to us to get a tour of the facility, and it was a natural evolution. Like-minded people getting together. I guess they had looked a couple of other breweries, and they settled in on us because they felt we were very authentic in our DEI initiatives and authentic about our passion for Dorchester, and

they appreciated that.” Gurki Singh, general manager at the W Boston, echoed the sentiment.

“We are going on more than a decade now – we opened in 2009 – and if you remember, right in front of where we are used to be the Combat Zone,” he said. “This building was built largely keeping in mind its history with the theater district, reviving the space, and being involved the community. We took on that corporate responsibility when we started operating this hotel. We wanted to be a good community player.” Since then, the W has made efforts to hire from the local community and stage community events, according to Singh.

“While you presume a hotel is only for people coming from outside the city, we as a brand believe that our living room should be the living room of the city, of the local community,” Singh said. “Our lobby, where our W lounge is, is more than just a place for guests mingling. It is a destination for locals on weekends.”

Throughout the pandemic, the W Hotel has pivoted its operations to focus on outdoor dining, partnering with a local business to “reopen and reenergize” the hotel. Seeing the success of that effort, staff at the W Hotel decided to bring that atmosphere inside for the winter through an indoor beer garden. Since the hotel specializes in mixology, not beer, they decided to join forces with a local brewery. In doing so, they talked to a number of local craft brewing companies, including Trillium and Nightshift. However, in the words of Singh, DBCo stood out.

“I had the pleasure of meeting Matt, and the passion Matt has for brewing is very obvious. He knows what he’s talking about, and

that got me energized. While he’s passionate about craft beers, he acknowledged our DNA of mixology. And he said, ‘We’re going to highlight that while bringing in the beer influence.’

“What was really cool was that I got to walk his brewery, see what he was doing there. He started talking about why they opened the brewery there, and their involvement in Dorchester – they want to be supportive of the community and represent the community – and how they hire locally and how diversity is an important factor to them. All those [initiatives] resonated very much with our values. We’re trying to showcase a local brewery, and I think that the fact that our core beliefs align makes it so much easier to do business together.”

When asked about his hopes for the partnership, Malloy looked forward to bringing positive attention to Dorchester.

“It might bring more people downtown, and it might bring more downtown people to Dorchester,” he said. “Part of our mission is to bring people to Dorchester to experience how wonderful it is. I’ve lived here for about sixteen years, and part of the mission and goal was really to expose people to what Dorchester really is, not just what they hear in the news. It’s kind of fun to see the Dorchester name in front of such a prominent urban hip brand.”

“Guests, when they come in, are going to be sitting in a Dorchester beer hall. I love that the W is putting it front and center. When you walk into the room, you’re going to see our logo and photos of Dorchester everywhere, and that’s kind of nice. It’s cool to see Dorchester get represented in a way that maybe hasn’t been done before. It’s exciting.”

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News about people
in and around our Neighborhoods

Pastor Bodrick formally installed at Twelfth Baptist

Reverend Willie Bodrick II was installed as Senior Pastor at Roxbury's Twelfth Baptist Church on Sunday, making him the second-youngest pastor in the church's 181-year history, and its youngest in the last 145 years. He has served in this role since last January, but the formal ceremony was postponed due to Covid-19 concerns.

In addition to his ministerial duties, Rev. Bodrick works as a law clerk at Brown Rudnick, LLP. He received his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School, and a Juris Doctor from Northeastern University School of Law.

He currently resides in Roxbury with his wife, Dr. Devin Cromartie-Bodrick, and their son.

"I've spent my entire ministry career at Twelfth Baptist Church, first as an intern in 2012 during my studies at Harvard Divinity School and in nearly every role leading up to Senior Pastor," Rev. Bodrick said, adding:

"TBC has a rich history that dates back to 1805, and I'm dedicated to ensuring long-term sustainability to keep its mission alive. My passion for service is exemplified through the work of the church and I look forward to expanding our footprint across the community."

Among those on hand for Sunday's service were state Rep. Russell Holmes, Acting Mayor Kim Janey, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, and Boston City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu.



From left: Weldon T. Bodrick; Dr. Devon Cromartie-Bodrick; Willie Bodrick, III; Rev. Willie Bodrick, II; Anna Bodrick and Rev. Willie Bodrick at the Pastoral Installation Service for Rev. Bodrick, II at the historic Twelfth Baptist Church on Sun., Sept. 26.

Vania Arroyo photo

200th birthday fete set for English High

Boston English High School, now located in Jamaica Plain, will celebrate its bicentennial this Saturday (Oct. 2) with a free, virtual event that starts at 7 p.m. Alumni are particularly encouraged to join the event, which will include a video featuring school history, greetings from a range of noted alumni and luminaries, and breakout "reunion rooms." Register at [EHS200thanniversary.com](https://ehs200thanniversary.com).

EHS Head of School Caitlin Murphy of Dorchester and Michael Thomas, EHS Class of 1967, President/CEO of the Alumni Association, hold a citation signed by Gov. Baker in recognition of the high school's 200th anniversary. Bill Gallagher photo



City Parks & Rec. pumpkin carving contest begins Oct. 12

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate the "spooky season" with Mayor Janey's Pumpkin Carving Contest, featuring a grand prize provided by the Farm Families who own Cabot Creamery Co-operative.

Boston residents of all ages can participate in the online competition using photo submissions welcomed from Tues., Oct. 12, until Halloween – Sunday, Oct. 31. Enter your jack-o'-lantern into the contest and find contest rules at Boston.gov/Pumpkins.

Winners of each category will receive a \$75 gift

basket and be selected from three categories: Most Creative; Scariest; and Inspired by Boston Parks.

If you need inspiration, the Parks Department offers downloadable, printable stencils available at boston.gov/pumpkins for use as a guide to help you carve your pumpkin. After Halloween, be sure to compost your pumpkin.

To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, sign up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, and Facebook.

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In 1979, Boston PBS station WGBH produced the first season of *This Old House*, a series about the renovation of the Eliza Clapp House that inspired many other home restoration television features.

Eliza Clapp (1811-1888) was the adopted daughter of Isaac and Eliza (Cook) Clapp, who owned the western end of Jones Hill. Their house was located where the Strand Theatre is today. Eliza inherited the Clapp house, which stood on 363,129 square feet of land, and sold the property to Julia K. Dyer, wife of Micah Dyer, Jr., in 1863.

The Clapp genealogy notes that the Clapp House on Columbia Road (formerly Hancock Street) was remodeled, probably by the Dyers



Today's illustrations show the Eliza Clapp House, the original "This Old House, at 6 Percival Street, Dorchester.



before they moved in. Eliza moved to 6 Percival Street, the house that became famous in the late 20th century.

Percival Street, which runs between St. Peter's Church and this house, was named for Captain John Percival ("Mad Jack"), a naval hero of the War of 1812 and later the champion of the

restoration of the USS Constitution. His house stood opposite this one on the later location of St. Peter's Church.

The following is from *The Magazine of Poetry, a Quarterly Review*, v. 1 (Buffalo, 1889)

"Miss Clapp was born in Dorchester, Mass, and has always lived a

quiet home-life in that suburb of Boston. The transcendental movement brought new life to her Unitarian Faith, and she entered into its spirit with zeal. As a Sunday School teacher, having charge of a class of girls from ten to fifteen years of age, she prepared her own lessons for their

instruction. These were published as 'Words in a Sunday-school.' A little later, in 1845, another book, prepared in the same manner, was published as 'Studies in Religion.' These little books were received with much favor."

Five poems of hers printed in the *Dial* of July, 1841, all appeared

there because Ralph Waldo Emerson solicited their publication. The one which has been so often credited to him – "The Future is Better than in the Past" – is worthy of his genius, and it embodies, as no other poem of the period does, the very heart and spirit of the transcendental movement."

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchestehistoricalalso-society.org.

Reminder: A house history from the Dorchester Historical Society would make a great gift to a homeowner in Dorchester or Mattapan. Take a look at some of the completed histories on the Dorchester Historical Society website.

Editorial

Neighborhood newsman Chris Lovett signs off from TV role

There was a notable transition in Boston’s journalism world last week. Chris Lovett, the longtime anchor and news director of BNN-TV’s Neighborhood Network News, closed the program last Friday with breaking news of his own: This was his final show on the longtime cable access network where he had been the lead anchor since 1987. Now age 68, he plans to continue to contribute to local journalism, but has decided that it’s time to step away from the grind of producing a nightly news program.

“I’ve been a full-time staff member here for 34 years,” Lovett noted. “For this kind of work, that’s a very long time.”

His career in community journalism predates BNN-TV. A Dorchester native, Chris cut his teeth as a reporter and photographer for the old Argus-Citizen, then a lively neighborhood newspaper that was part of a chain owned by the Harwich family, based in Hyde Park.

The son of a Boston fireman who rose to be a district chief, Lovett was a Boston Latin alum fresh out of Columbia University with a degree in comparative literature. He wanted to be a writer and followed that muse into newspapering. He found his groove on



Chris Lovett

his home turf, chronicling the drumbeat of life in Dorchester and churning out stories and images not unlike the content found in the product you hold in your hands.

When cable TV came to town in 1983— and an access station formed— a nightly news show was conceived not long after. Chris gravitated to its early ranks along with other reporters from community papers. He was

intrigued by the medium and its potential to lift up civic life in Boston.

His first “package” for NNN focused on an idea advanced by a guy named Bill Walczak to build a “flyover” inside Savin Hill’s Red Line station to give Dot commuters a chance to board trains on the Braintree leg that were otherwise passing them by. Eventually, such a design was employed at the JFK-UMass station in Dorchester.

His producer, Kate Raisz, patiently taught him the tricks of trade — “I thought I knew more than I really did,” he recalls — and soon his creative wheels were spinning. In the Savin Hill T story, for example, Chris noticed how B-roll footage they’d shot of a young man air-drumming while killing time on the platform captured an element of the story that a newspaper feature would struggle to convey.

“I realized — for all my lack of admiration for TV — there were some things that TV could do more powerfully than print,” he said.

Chris took over anchor duties in 1987 and has powered the show and its team— many of them aspiring journalists in BU’s College of Communication— ever since. His newsroom churned out TV journalists who pepper studios across America. In the Boston market, they include current talents like Rhondella Richardson, Kathy Curran, Kria Sakakeeny, and Dot native John Monahan.

The high-water mark of the program’s impact was likely around the year 2000, Lovett thinks, before the Internet gang-tackled most media norms. There was at the time “a really nice convergence of an audience that really needed the channel to get information and the people who needed the platform and developing journalists who needed the experience there.”

The studio and the hallways around it on Com-

monwealth Avenue— in those days also managed by Charlie Rassmussen— was a sort of “nerve center” for political and civic life. On my own bi-weekly visits to summarize Dot Reporter-gathered news items, I’d invariably see the leading newsmakers chit-chatting off set, often while Mayor Tom Menino was on camera with Chris for regular debriefs. Every political player in this city over the last 35 years passed through those doors and sat across from Chris Lovett. For most of them, it was their first experience on TV— and Chris and his team took pains to make as pleasant as possible, without holding back on the tough questions.

But for all the “bold-faces” who trooped through the NNN set, Lovett says the guests who “got him up in the morning and kept him coming back” were not the politicians with an axe to grind or an election to win.

The people he has enjoyed chatting with the most, he says, were everyday Bostonians, some of them survivors of violence or some other grave trauma, who sat across from him to share their stories of struggle.

“What I appreciate with people like that was not just that they were taking time to be interviewed,” said Chris. “But that they were overcoming some great hurdles to talk about what they’re going through.”

Commentary

If our city changed a few some things, more of us might turn out at the polls

By BILL WALCZAK
REPORTER COLUMNIST

Last week’s column addressing Boston’s preliminary election and two reforms the City Council and the mayor could implement to address dismal



Bill Walczak

turnout provoked strong responses. Readers were aghast at how few registered Bostonians vote, and a number of them remarked about how the low turnout fulfilled the pundits’ predictions: Neighborhoods with more, and older, white property owners voted at higher rates, pushing Anissa Essaibi George into second place behind Michelle Wu and ahead of Andrea Campbell and

Kim Janey.

Most wards had turnouts in the 20-30 percent range, and only three had more than 30 percent: Ward 20, which is mostly West Roxbury, which had the highest turnout at 42.5 percent, Ward 19, which straddles Jamaica Plain and Roslindale, with 37.6 percent turnout, and Ward 16, anchored in Neponset, with 33 percent of registered voters voting. Contrast this with San Diego, which considered their special election for mayor in 2014 to have a low turnout, with 43.58 percent voting.

According to current election laws, Wu’s 8.2 percent and Essaibi George’s 5.5 percent of the votes of registered voters were enough to get them into the final election to run a city with a \$3.6 billion budget and 20,000-plus employees.

My problem is not with the two finalists; it’s with the 329,467 registered voters who decided not to take the minute or two it would take to fill out a ballot. Perhaps if everyone had voted, things would have worked out with the same two finalists, but we’d have a November election that would be the result of Bostonians exercising their democratic right to nominate them, rather than another example of Americans failing to participate in their own democratic electoral process.

My suggestion as a partial solution to the turnout problem is to eliminate separate years for municipal elections, as turnout is generally doubled when state and federal office holders are on the ballot. Perhaps in that case, more people would pay more attention to city elections, saving the city at least \$2 million bi-annually by combining the elections.

Neither Wu nor Essaibi-George supports such a change, though neither candidate has elaborated why she is opposed to this progressive measure. California has adopted this statewide for its municipal elections. It is common sense.

The other suggestion that provoked feedback from readers was to implement term limits for Boston’s mayors. In 2009, the City Council voted 7-6 against establishing mayoral term limits. Today, Wu and Essaibi George both oppose mayoral term limits, but



Chris Lovett, left, on the BNN-TV set.

And that was the mission from the get-go. By keeping its viewfinder— and its guest list— trained steadily on Boston’s neighborhoods, Lovett and his compatriots moved the needle in Boston’s neighborhoods in ways that are not yet fully appreciated.

“At our best,” Lovett said in his final show, “we narrowed gaps between communities, cultures, and political differences, but also between the experience of life and how it was represented. I consider that a plum assignment.”

We’re a better Boston because Chris Lovett took on that assignment and stayed for all of these years.

-Bill Forry

Tracking the preliminary vote

Candidate	Votes Sept 14	% of votes	% of registered voters
Michelle Wu	35888	33%	8.2%
Anissa Essaibi George	24186	22%	5.5%
Andrea Joy Campbell	21221	20%	4.8%
Kim Janey	20946	19%	4.8%
John Barros	3436	3%	1.0%
Total	105677		24.3%

*does not include minor candidates and blanks

have not explained why they do. Negative responses from readers centered around the notion that voters can just vote out mayors they think are not doing a good enough job. This argument fails to understand the role of money in both determining if an incumbent mayor has opponents, and if an opponent of an incumbent mayor can mount an effective campaign.

The position of mayor of Boston is the most powerful elected office in Massachusetts. The mayor controls virtually every aspect of governance in the city, with the city council having almost no power to rein him or her in. As a result, mayors can raise many millions of dollars for campaigns from donors who want access to the mayor’s office. In Boston, the major donors are from the development community, which has made enormous profits, and has learned over the decades that projects that meet with the mayor’s approval are more likely to be built.

Mayors learn quickly that they can build up millions of campaign dollars from continuous political fundraisers. Marty Walsh, who was planning a re-election campaign for mayor before the Secretary of Labor position materialized, had more than \$5 million in his campaign account *before* his campaign would have begun.

This ability of incumbent mayors to raise campaign money has two effects on potential opponents. Since all political contributions are disclosed within hours on the internet, donors to opponents are known quickly, and those with business dealings with city government can be very reluctant to be contributors to the opponent of an all-powerful mayor. Serious potential candidates against an incumbent mayor can also be scared off by knowing the size of the incumbent’s war chest. Having a new mayor every eight years would eliminate the financial advantage of incumbency every eight years, and also be a way to ensure that there’s a true debate on the management and future direction of the city.

My great fear is that maybe it doesn’t matter what we do, Maybe the average Bostonian is just not that interested in democracy. Readers also pointed out that we do not do a good job of teaching civics and the role of government in our schools. In that, we can all agree, but we can also take steps like those I suggested to help engage more Bostonians in the voting process. The future of our city is at stake.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident who was a candidate for mayor of Boston in the preliminary

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Baker remains firm on vaccine mandate for state workers

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With less than a month until his vaccination mandate for state employees takes effect, Gov. Baker said on Monday that he wasn't worried about creating staffing shortages at the State Police or other agencies where employees may decide not to follow the governor's directive.

"I think we're going to get people vaccinated," the governor said.

Baker signed an executive order in August requiring close to 45,000 executive branch employees and contractors to be vaccinated against Covid-19 by Oct. 17 as a condition of their employment by the state.

Last week, a Superior Court judge denied a request by the State Police Association of Massachusetts (SPAM) to extend the deadline while negotiations between the union and the administration over the details of vaccine policy continue. The administration has not said whether it's reached agreement with any other unions, though employees hoping to start a two-dose vaccine regimen in time to comply would have needed to receive their first shot of Pfizer by last Sunday.

SPAM President Michael Cherven said that "dozens" of State Police troopers had already submitted their resignations as a result of the policy, choosing to



Gov. Charlie Baker speaks to reporters after a weekly meeting with Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ronald Mariano on Monday, Sept. 27.

return to their municipal police departments where a regular testing and mask option was available to them.

Cherven said the State Police were "already critically short staffed," requiring officers from special units that investigate homicides, terrorism, and cybercrimes to be reassigned.

"It is unfortunate that the governor and his team have chosen to mandate one of the most stringent vaccine mandates in the country with no reasonable alternatives," Cherven said in a statement last Friday.

After a meeting with

legislative leaders at the State House on Monday, Baker said that there have been a "significant number" of retirements from the State Police over the past several years as a result of many troopers from the Baby Boomer generation reaching retirement age.

"We'll have to continue to work hard with our folks at the Mass. State Police and our folks in the Legislature to make sure that we fund classes and that we recruit aggressively to refill the ranks," Baker said, noting the last State Police Academy class was the largest in state history.

Asked if staffing issues

could be exacerbated in other agencies, Baker said, "We believe based on the conversation we've had with our secretariats and their leadership that the vast majority of the people who work in state government want to get vaccinated and we're going to continue to pursue that strategy and I believe at the end of the day we'll be able to work it out one way or another for most everybody."

Baker is not alone in mandating vaccinations for public employees.

Senate President Karen Spilka also announced a vaccine mandate in August for members and staff, and the House voted to implement a similar policy last Thursday. All but one House Republican voted against requiring House members and staff to be vaccinated if they want to work from the State House.

"I think in many ways the debate and the argument about mandates is a perfectly legitimate debate to have," Baker said. "But I look at the data that I see out there, and it's very clear to me that the fastest path back to normalcy, the fastest path back to the life everybody wants, which is the one they had before the pandemic began, is to get more and more people vaccinated and to continue to build on the success we've had here in the commonwealth."

Baker said the state's comparably high vaccination rate is the reason a state as dense as Massachusetts is among the national leaders in rates of hospitalization and death from Covid-19.

"I take tremendous satisfaction and a ton of gratitude that so many in Massachusetts have done what we consider to be the right thing for themselves, for their families, for their friends, their neighbors and their co-workers and gotten vaccinated," Baker said, adding that members of the public who interact with state employees, including the State Police, deserve to be confident that the person they are dealing with is vaccinated.



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Mass. and Cass woes cited in push for safe injection sites

By Chris Lisinski
State House
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In the years since Somerville officials began pushing to open the first supervised drug consumption site in Massachusetts, City Council President Matthew McLaughlin says he has heard an increasingly common refrain from opponents: “We don’t want another Mass. and Cass.” But to McLaughlin, the snowballing crisis of addiction and homelessness at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard in Boston makes the exact opposite case.

“Mass. and Cass exists right now, and it’s exactly why we need new thinking on how to address this problem,” McLaughlin told legislators at a hearing Monday. “The problems that people fear with safe consumption sites exist right now with no supervision at all. There are unsafe consumption sites all over the state and the nation where people are openly using drugs with no medical assistance, no resources, nothing to prevent overdoses or help people get off drugs.” Doctors, addiction experts, and community ad-

vocates have been arguing for years that Massachusetts needs dedicated facilities where people can use drugs – acquired on their own – under the watch of medical professionals, who would revive them after possible overdoses, prevent disease transmission, and try to connect those caught in the throes of addiction with treatment. The idea has earned support from President Joe Biden’s nominee to serve as US attorney in Massachusetts and from a panel chaired by Gov. Baker’s top health and human services deputy, but it has yet to gain



Clusters of tents form makeshift living space along Southamptton Street in the “Mass. and Cass” area on Sunday, Sept. 26, directly across from the Boston Fire Department administrative headquarters. Sam Doran/SHNS photo



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momentum among legislative leaders or Baker himself amid concerns that embracing supervised consumption sites would violate federal law. “They’re obviously extremely controversial within the addiction community,” Baker when asked about the issue on Monday afternoon. “I would much rather put people into treatment, and I think that should be our primary focus.” While neither House Speaker Ronald Mariano nor Senate President Karen Spilka endorsed supervised consumption sites, they both signaled Monday in the wake of a lengthy committee hearing that they might be open to the proposal. “It’s my belief that we’re still in the middle of a crisis situation, an opioid crisis, so right now, I’m willing to take a look at just about anything that will help improve the situation,” Mariano said. “I’m anxious to hear the pluses and the minuses around the debate about a site.” “The hearing just occurred on it, so I also am looking forward to hearing from the chairs and the members as to what they hear for the most recent, up-to-date statistics and information about it,” Spilka added. “I know it’s been successful in some countries. There are many members that want to go forward with it, so I’m looking forward

to hearing the information that was gleaned at the hearing today.” In February 2019, after then-US Attorney Andrew Lelling indicated he would pursue “federal enforcement” against any such site, Baker said he would rather “focus on the stuff that we can do now. Chasing something that’s not legal under federal law just doesn’t make a lot of sense.” Lelling, a Trump appointee, stepped down at the end of February, and his departure could portend a major shift on the issue. Biden’s pick for the next US attorney, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, has been willing to try new approaches in law enforcement and has been on record for years as a supporter of safe consumption sites. “Investing resources in evidence-based solutions, such as safe consumption sites, isn’t just the right thing to do; it’s the smart thing to do,” Rollins wrote to lawmakers in October 2019 voicing support for a pilot program. Rollins will need to secure confirmation from the US Senate to take the reins as the Bay State’s top federal prosecutor. On Thursday, the Senate Judiciary Committee postponed for one week its scheduled vote on Rollins’s nomination. She is not alone among Massachusetts district attorneys supporting supervised consumption sites. Berkshire County District Attorney Andrea Harrington on Monday said the facilities are “empirically proven to save lives.” The most recent annual overdose death numbers increased 44 percent in Berkshire County, compared to 5 percent in the rest of the state, Harrington said. “My community’s community-based prevention services and our EMS providers and our police are asked to pick up the pieces reactively,” Harrington said. “We are asking the Legislature to be proactive, to help our communities implement

strategies that save people and protect public health.” Legislation before the Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery Committee (H 2088 / S 1272) would launch a 10-year pilot program establishing at least two supervised consumption sites in Massachusetts, regulated and licensed by the Department of Public Health. Sterile injection supplies would be provided at the facilities, where personnel would be available to administer first aid in overdose cases and help users access addiction treatment services. The committee advanced a similar bill last session, but it died without a vote in the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing. The Senate also included pilot program language in an opioid response bill three years ago, but House negotiators did not agree to the measure and it did not feature in the final law. Over more than five hours of testimony on Monday, supporters and a handful of opponents aired their cases to lawmakers, warning that the state is foregoing a chance to save lives through its inaction. Dr. James Recht, a psychiatrist specializing in addiction treatment, said many cities that open supervised drug consumption sites saw a decrease in overdose death rates and public drug use while the facilities helped connect a higher share of individuals using drugs to supportive services. “It takes time for people with substance use problems to get into treatment. It takes time to gain insight. It takes time to overcome shame, and time is being cut short by opioid overdoses,” Recht said, videoconferencing into the hearing while doing outreach on the streets of Boston. “This is true more than ever now with the prominence of synthetic, high-potency opioids like fentanyl. They cut time short.

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Blue Hill Ave. cannabis ruling lays out effect of buffer zones

(Continued from page 1) tember, it seemed that Alicea’s proposal was looked upon favorably by the BCB, something its members reiterated at a later meeting, on Sept. 22, despite a clear conflict with the buffer zone ordinance, which prevents two dispensaries from being within a half-mile of one another – let alone a few hundred feet in this case.

This law has become quite controversial in recent months as more and more dispensaries seek out territory, with Blue Hill Avenue becoming a hot spot for those entrepreneurs.

On Sept. 22, the BCB said it could not approve Alicea’s proposal, but at the same time, it didn’t kill it. The official action deferred his proposal, known as Boston Urban Dispensary (BUDS), indefinitely in case Byron’s effort fails.

“This was a very strong application and very strong diversity and inclusion plan and a very strong employment plan,” said BCB Chair Kathleen Joyce. “There was community support and for the record there was non-opposition from the district city councilor (Andrea Campbell). It is 200 feet from an operator we previously awarded a license to...



Cleon Byron in front of the upcoming Evoke cannabis dispensary at 1102A Blue Hill Avenue, an area where he has lived his entire life. Seth Daniels photo

While we don’t compare, it’s a one-minute walk. I think the locations are very, very close. I think it could be a hardship to the community to have two cannabis entities within 200 feet and I do think it is in keeping with the intent of the buffer zone.”

That decision was better than the worst case, Byron told the Reporter, but by no means did it feel to him like a vote of confidence for a licensed entrepreneur outside of the power structure who

was facing someone he felt was getting “insider” treatment.

“He’s been an officer locking people up. It sends the wrong message – that insiders should get it and entrepreneurs in the community, well, good luck to them,” Byron said late last week, adding that it took him two years to get to the point where Alicea was on Sept. 22 after just a year of getting through the process.

For his part, Alicea

noted that he felt that the two businesses could have co-existed had the BCB approved his application. He said he could have gotten an exemption from the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) to pierce the buffer zone that applied to Byron’s dispensary. He said his company is 100 percent minority, and that his business partner had owned the building for more than 30 years in operating Boston Auto Design. He added that both have been in the area for a long time, with him growing up around the corner and graduating from Dorchester High School.

“We were obviously disappointed but respect the board’s decision,” he said after the vote. “We almost met all the requirements, had a very strong application and location, but the buffer zone did not work out for us at this time. We will continue to explore our future options. Anything can happen along the way and although feelings are obviously not mutual, we honestly wish the other group well. I want to thank all the residents, businesses, and Woodrow Avenue Neighborhood Association for their strong support.”

The buffer zone lies

in the heart of the conflict. It was instituted years ago to keep one dispensary from setting up shop a stone’s throw away from another one, a situation that occurred in business districts when cannabis was first legalized in Colorado. It was a matter pushed by City Councillor Michael Flaherty when Boston began to consider legalizing the sale of cannabis products.

But in recent decisions in other parts of city, the BCB and the ZBA have decided that piercing the buffer zone makes sense. With more than 50 licenses to give out citywide, and very few appropriate locations, some see the zone limit as an impediment to licensing – especially on long stretches like Blue Hill Avenue that have many potential sites.

On the other side of the coin, early entrants like Byron with Evoke feel that since they planted their flag long ago, and are near the end of a lengthy permitting process, they should be respected by an automatic refusal of applicants like Alicea.

“What I heard wasn’t a denial (because they’re too close), but that if anything happens to our dispensary plan, then he’s good to go,” said Byron.

“That’s what I heard...I was biting my nails on this one. You could tell they wanted to push it...I was hoping by default they would have denied it and not deferred it in case we crash and burn. It told me that I needed to get all of my stuff in to the state and get through this state process quickly because someone is waiting in the wings.”

In late August, the City Council and Acting Mayor Kim Janey approved an amendment to the cannabis ordinance that strengthens the buffer zone for applicants and license holders – making the location more of a factor in the evaluation process. That amendment made the Evoke vs. BUDS conflict one of the first to be considered with the new regulations, under which the location accounts for 25 percent of the entire evaluation, and a key part of that section is whether or not there is another already-licensed applicant nearby.

The BCB vote to defer BUDS indefinitely was unanimous, with Commissioner Lisa Holmes, a former police officer, recusing herself. It does leave the application valid unless Alicea decides to withdraw it from consideration.

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Raiders goal in Pop Warner play: Build strong men on, off gridiron

(Continued from page 1) everywhere.”

Added league treasurer Lena Fields: “Everyone knows Franklin Field belongs to the Raiders. We’re having a resurgence this year after no season last year. Covid-19 really has a lot to do with so many kids and parents that wanted to get out of the house and they wanted to get back into something normal. So, this year we also have a lot of first-year players, and we expanded with a 5- and 6-year-old team also.”

Just a few weeks ago, the new playing field that is under construction at Franklin Field was named in honor of the Wilson brothers, paying homage to their vision for what many would argue is the top Pop Warner program in the city.

That might be because of the product on the field – as the Raiders are consistent winners – but others would say it’s the strong off-the-field mentorship set up by the Wilsons that has distinguished the Raiders.

Coach Keith Thomason now coaches the 12U team, having been to the Nationals as a head coach two times. He played for the Wilsons starting in 1977. In 1995, they recruited him back to coach for the program, and he’s been doing so for the last 26 years.

“A lot of these kids don’t have fathers in their lives,” he said. “We are coaches, but we also step in and guide them and give them advice. School is always more important than football. Football is just a game, and we check on how things are at home and if they’re in school and making sure they stay on the right track.”

Coach Andre “Chip” DuBose, a Codman Square resident, played for Harry Wilson at Cathedral High School, and went on to college afterward. Some 29 years ago, Wilson saw him in a suit watching a game after work. He handed him a whistle and clipboard, and DuBose hasn’t turned back – winning conference championships nearly all of those 29 years and taking teams to the Nationals 15 times as the 14U coach.

“School is first and foremost,” DuBose said. “The program is designed to teach these kids life skills in general and not just football. We’re trying to prepare kids for high school and college and the workforce. Everyone wants to play in the NFL, but you need a college degree and a career to fall back on realistically.”

Parents such as Breanna Perryman, Tayla Douglas, and Alecia Morris all said they have appreciated the activity for their sons, and also the discipline that they have all learned as Raiders.

“The consistency of the coaching and their focus on academics, plus the discipline and product on the field and the community feel has the kids in a synonymous mindset of brotherhood,” said Douglas, a first-year parent. “It’s profound and very different than other teams. It’s a great example of healthy brotherhood rather than other types of brotherhood we see – especially for our melanated boys.”

Treyvon Fields has participated since he was 6 years old, and said he now plays quarterback for the 14U team.

“All the coaches I’ve been with, they all believe in me,” he said. “That’s important because they feel I can go to the professional level and that gives me more motivation because I was pretty bad when I started at age 6, but I kept improving.”

Improvement and bonding are common themes during practices

four nights a week, plus game days on Sunday. All of the coaches, generous sponsors, and league officials said it’s the smiles they see on current players, as well as those that have moved on from the program to adulthood, that makes it all worth it.

“The program takes a lot of work, but it’s worth it when you see the smiles,” said Mims. “If these kids aren’t here with us, there are other places they would be that are much worse.”

Long-time Coach Ray Vega said the return visits from alums are the reward for volunteers like himself.

“You get them at the age of 6 or 7 and you see them as smiling little kids and then they come back as 20 year olds and they are grown, successful men. That’s the reward,” he said with a smile.

The Raiders said they will likely be in Hyde Park again for most of this season, but hope they can make a return to Dorchester very soon and christen the new field at Harambee Park on Talbot Avenue.

This year, they will be returning to compete in the Pop Warner Eastern Massachusetts Division after having competed in Central Mass for the last several seasons.

If all goes by the desired script, several Raiders teams will be found later this fall hoisting championship trophies in the middle of their new Dorchester field.



A player on the Boston Raiders runs with the ball in a photo taken during a game in the 2019 season. Photo courtesy Boston Raiders

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New field at Harambee still a work-in-progress

From a distance, the new playing and practice field at Harambee Park on Franklin Field looks to be a great new amenity, but Boston Raider team officials say the field is not quite ready for use.

The facility is part of a multi-phased rehabilitation of the park, a process that started with meetings in 2016 to plan out the massive rehabilitation of one of Dorchester’s largest open spaces.

Construction began on the football field and cheerleading facility last year during the pandemic, and all signs pointed to the Raiders returning in 2021 to a new complex. That, however, isn’t how things have played out, league officials say.

A city Parks Department spokesperson last week said that the field construction is substantially complete, but the project manager wants to keep the fences up and the field closed through the fall so that the grass can continue to grow in. Meanwhile, supply chain issues have delayed finishing touches, such as the permanent field fencing.

Raiders President Dameain Mims and Treasurer Lena Fields said the process has taken too long and has included missteps—including someone removing the locks to their storage containers. As a result, football and concessions equipment was stolen.

Mims said the city and the Parks Department have been very helpful, but they remain disappointed.

“There’s a lot of stuff that’s happened we don’t like and that’s why this escalated eventually to the Mayor’s Office and



The new Raider field at Harambee Park on Talbot Avenue was very exciting news in the planning stages, but team leaders say the construction and finished product has not met their expectations. The team hopes to get on the completed field before the end of the season, which is uncertain at this time.

Seth Daniels photo

Boston Parks and those two have been excellent,” he said.

“I don’t want to say they weren’t helpful because they were. It was

blatant what was being done. That would not fly anywhere else. It wouldn’t fly in Wellesley or Braintree or other places in Boston. We wanted better. We just wanted them to do what our taxpayer dollars were paying them to do.”

To date, there is no estimate as to when the Raiders teams would be able to play on the new field, and the Parks Department didn’t respond to e-mails regarding the issues cited by the League.

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Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact James Cooper, Humphrey Street Studio, LLC, 8 Winchester Street, Boston, MA 02116, (401) 651-4557.

The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-14544 at <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#/search/wastesite> or at MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, (978) 694-3200.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Request for Proposals for the long-term lease and redevelopment of
555-559 Columbia Road in Dorchester
and for an Operator of the Strand Theatre

The Boston Redevelopment Authority, doing business as the Boston Planning & Development Agency (the “BPDA”) and the City of Boston (the “City”) are issuing a joint Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for: (1) the redevelopment of 555 Columbia Road and 559 Columbia Road (collectively, the “Premises”); and (2) an operator for the City-owned Strand Theater. This RFP seeks qualified proponents to: 1) deliver affordable housing; 2) deliver affordable commercial space; 3) deliver core and shell for a community space anticipated to be used for a branch library; and 4) operate the Strand Theatre. The Premises consists of approximately 18,800 square feet of developable land area. The Premises are currently occupied by a vacant three-story masonry building and a 17-space parking lot. The Strand Theatre is a 3-story masonry and wood frame structure that is approximately 56,000 square feet with approximately 1,400 seats. The BPDA expects a ground lease price proposal for the Premises of at least \$3 per gross square foot of floor area per year upon project stabilization. However, the BPDA may consider an offer price below the asking price if the proponent can demonstrate clear and quantifiable public value in a proposal that includes an offer for less than the appraised value. The Premises is intended for disposition through a long-term ground lease by the BPDA pursuant to the RFP. The Premises is being offered as is, without warranty of any kind, express or implied. If concerned about the Premises’ condition, legal or physical access and the maintenance thereof, prospective developers should investigate and conduct whatever due diligence and inspection deemed necessary. The City intends to enter into a separate lease and operator agreement for the Theatre for a ten-year term with options to renew; although the City will consider proposals for a longer initial term or a different lease term structure commensurate with the proposed investment by the Operator. The RFP package will be available on the BPDA Procurement Portal at www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement on September 22, 2021. Completed proposal applications must be submitted as instructed and returned directly to the BPDA, Municipal Protective Services Desk, 12 Channel Street, 1st Floor, South Boston, by December 23, 2021, no later than 12:00 PM. Late proposals will not be accepted. **A fee of \$100.00 is payable upon submission of proposals, refundable for those proponents not selected.** For more information about this Request for Proposals, contact Morgan McDaniel, Real Estate Development Officer at (617) 918-6250 or via email to: Morgan.E.McDaniel@boston.gov.

Michelle Goldberg,
Budget Director/Interim Chief Procurement Officer

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU00P1639AA1
ESTATE OF:
SARAH F. McLEAN
DATE OF DEATH: 03/09/2000

A Petition for S/A Formal Determination of Heirs has been filed by Donald Taylor of Woburn, MA 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 10/08/2021.

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.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 27, 2021

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Pfizer booster jabs begin across Massachusetts

By KATIE LANNAN
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

With people 65 and older and some other populations now eligible for Covid-19 booster shots if they received the Pfizer vaccine, Gov. Baker said on Monday that the state plans to make mobile booster programs available to people residing in long-term care and other congregate settings.

“There are literally

hundreds of sites that are already up and operating and available for people to get booster shots,” Baker said three days after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued its Pfizer booster recommendation.

On Friday, the CDC recommended that people age 65 and up, people age 18 and older in congregate care settings, and people between the

ages of 50 and 64 with certain medical conditions should get a booster shot at least six months after their second dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine.

Adults between 18 and 49 years old who have underlying conditions or who face “increased risk for exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting” may also get a booster if they have previously received the Pfizer vaccines, the CDC said.

First responders, educators and workers in grocery stores, public transit, the US Postal Service, corrections, manufacturing, food and agriculture are all occupations the CDC considers at increased risk for exposure and transmission.

The Boston Teachers Union began making boosters available to its eligible members on Saturday.

“As luck may have it, we already have public vaccine clinics set up at the BTU for our Back to School Fair available to families and educators, and we learned this morning they have the Pfizer booster shots ready to go already!” the union’s officers wrote in a Friday bulletin.

Baker said it is “very important for everybody to keep in mind” that the federal government has so far only approved boosters for individuals vaccinated with the Pfizer shots, and that eligibility for the affected populations kicks in six months after the second dose.

He said those factors are “critical to defining and helping people understand who exactly should be thinking about this at this point in time.”

Under the federal government’s initial criteria, approximately 600,000

Massachusetts residents are eligible for Pfizer boosters, and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services said Friday it expects Massachusetts will have the capacity to administer more than 300,000 Pfizer booster doses per week by mid-October.

Appointments can be made online through the state’s VaxFinder website, or for those who are unable to do so, by calling 2-1-1. The shots will be available at more than 460 locations, including more than 450 retail pharmacies, the Baker administration has said.

Like the initial doses, the booster shots are free, and state health officials said they can be accessed without an ID, health insurance, or showing a vaccine card. The state has posted an online tool

that can be used to check eligibility.

Baker, who will turn 65 in November, received his second Pfizer dose on April 27, exactly five months ago. He noted he is not yet eligible for a booster.

President Joe Biden, who at 78 years old meets the CDC’s age criteria, received his Pfizer booster shot on camera at the White House Monday afternoon.

Biden said he did not have side effects from either of his first two doses and did not expect any from the third shot.

Asked about groups like the World Health Organization that have made the case that wealthy nations should help other countries get initial doses to their populations before proceeding with boosters,

Biden said the US is “doing more than every other nation in the world combined.”

He said more than 77 percent of American adults have gotten at least one shot, and about 23 percent have not received any doses of a Covid-19 vaccine. The minority of adults who are unvaccinated are causing “an awful lot of damage for the rest of the country,” the president said, according to a transcript.

“This is a pandemic of the unvaccinated. That’s why I’m moving forward with vaccination requirements wherever I can,” said Biden, who urged people to get vaccinated and plans to visit Chicago on Wednesday to talk about private-sector vaccine requirements.

Coalition proposes 13 new majority-minority legislative districts

In an effort to increase the political clout of minority and low-income communities, a coalition of voting rights groups proposed new district maps for the Legislature on Tuesday that would add nine House districts and four Senate districts where people of color represent the majority of the population. The maps produced by the Drawing Democracy Coalition would force incumbents in two House districts to run against each other, while Sen. Brendan Crighton of Lynn would most likely find himself in the same district as whoever wins the special election to replace former Winthrop Sen. Joseph Boncore.

The proposed House map would increase the number of majority-minority districts from 20 to 29, increasing the likelihood that a person of color could win a seat in

cities like Everett, Framingham, Malden, New Bedford, Randolph and Revere, where historically there have never been majority-minority districts.

On the Senate side, the Drawing Democracy Coalition has proposed to create a majority-Black district in Boston and increase the statewide number of majority-minority districts from three to seven with new districts anchored by minority populations in Lawrence and Methuen, Chelsea and Everett, East Boston and Lynn, and Brockton and Randolph.

Crighton would see his North Shore-based district extend south toward Boston under the proposal, capturing the communities of East Boston and Revere. Two Democrats - one from Revere and one from East Boston - are currently

running to succeed Boncore in a special election scheduled for January, but would see the district change substantially in 2022 if this plan were adopted.

The maps would also force Reps. Smitty Pignatelli and Paul Mark to run against each other in a reconfigured House district in the Berkshires, while Republican Rep. Donald Wong of Saugus and Democrat Rep. Jessica Ann Giannino of Revere would be in the same district.

The Joint Committee on Redistricting, co-chaired by Rep. Michael Moran and Sen. William Brownsberger, is leading the legislative effort this fall to redraw state and federal political boundaries based on the 2020 Census, which saw the state’s population climb 7.4 percent over the past decade to more than 7 million people.

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THE TRIAL COURT
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NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU21P1741GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
KRYXTOFER MCALASTER
OF Brighton, MA
MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 08/18/2021 by Toney R. Ryder of Hyde Park, MA will be held 10/21/2021 8:30 A.M. Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114 - 3rd Floor Probation.

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and
Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filing out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. **Presence of the Minor at hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: September 17, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: September 30, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION

**Former Daloz Cleaners
11-13 Humphreys Street
Dorchester, Massachusetts
Release Tracking Number 3-14544**

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On September 13, 2021, Humphrey Street Studio, LLC recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds a TERMINATION of a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1080 through 40.1084. The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION was originally recorded and/or registered on September 14, 2018.

Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact James Cooper, Humphrey Street Studio, LLC, 8 Winchester Street, Boston, MA 02116, (401) 651-4557.

The TERMINATED NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3 14544 at <https://eeasonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#!/search/wastesite> or at MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, 205B Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, (978) 694-3200.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Docket No. SU18P1676EA
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
(617)-788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
ESTATE OF:
MALLARINO B. POMARE
DATE OF DEATH: 04/13/2018

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Monica M. Lynch of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be 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 11/05/2021.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 24, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: September 30, 2021

Newmarket businesses push to set up improvement district

Business advocates in Newmarket, an industrial area that includes parts of Dorchester, Roxbury, and the South End, are banding together to set up an improvement district.

If approved by city officials, it would be the third business improvement district (BID) in Boston. The first two were for the downtown area in 2011 and the Kennedy Greenway area in 2018.

BIDs are started by local property owners and come with an improvement plan, as well as a fee structure levied on the properties by the city. In a BID, property owners manage and finance potential improvements.

The Newmarket BID proposal, covering 400 acres, would have an annual \$3.5 million budget, with services that include a clean streets program, safety and security efforts, and a shuttle service.

Created in 1953, the Newmarket neighborhood took in meatpacking and food processing companies that had previously called Faneuil Hall and Haymarket home. In the 1980s, painters, sculptors and cabinetmakers moved to Newmarket after Fort Point was rezoned,

though arts and creative workers have moved out due to rising costs. The Record Co., a non-profit recording studio, remains there due to a below-market lease, according to city planners.

The neighborhood is now a mix of industrial companies, creative workers, and addiction and recovery services. The current workforce is “more racially and ethnically diverse than

in Boston as a whole, and the majority live within 10 miles,” according to the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

Members of the Newmarket Business Association, which represents over 200 businesses, on Friday formally submitted their proposal for a Newmarket BID to Acting Mayor Kim Janey.

“The years of planning and coordination demonstrate the power

of community-driven change to create economic growth and opportunities,” Janey said in a statement. “Newmarket Square is not just the heart of Boston’s manufacturing community; it’s become a thriving commercial and mixed-use destination.”

Newmarket business advocates have been working on the effort for more than three years. The next stop for the proposal is the City Council, which will hold a public hearing and vote.

“We know that BIDs work across Massachu-

setts, across the country, and across the world,” Sue Sullivan, executive director of the Newmarket Business Association, said in a statement. “We appreciate Mayor Janey’s support for our

effort in Newmarket and look forward to using this tool to help the City improve the quality of life for all who live and do business here.”

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Deputy Director: Reporting to the Executive Director, the Deputy Director will have responsibilities including operations, finance, program and partnerships management including service providers, funders, school partners, and resident families. Previous leadership experience required.

Family Led Stability Initiative (FLSI) Manager: Reporting to the Deputy Director, the FLSI Manager will be responsible for the management of programs related to housing homeless students and families in Higher Ground partner schools, supervision of parent advocates, and coordination of partnerships with schools, housing agencies and other housing service providers. Experience in housing required.



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Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative hiring Community Organizer

The FICC Climate Justice Initiative is a three-year project of the Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative (FICC), which includes Dorchester Bay EDC, Codman Square NDC, and Southwest Boston CDC. Fairmount Climate Justice Initiative (FCJ) is a community-led climate justice and health equity community organizing effort to increase climate change resilience and improve health outcomes in FICC neighborhoods. (Learn more at: fairmountcollaborative.org)

FICC will hire two community organizers to work with our Climate Justice Coordinator to achieve goals described above. The organizers will engage grassroots constituents concerned about environmental issues in their communities. The position will require coordination with and across the three CDCs, so availability to physically be in Boston, when safe and appropriate, is required. The Organizer would strategize mobilizing support for new City and State legislation, policies and initiatives focused on climate justice, health equity, green space conservation, and green jobs. The Organizer will also work with residents to engage city and state officials and their staff, non-profit partners, and other key stakeholders to support resident-led efforts to create stronger communities by helping to build a strong community voice and create opportunities to exercise and engage that voice. This is a three-year, full-time, grant funded position.

- Qualifications:**
- Ability to motivate and establish relationships with people from a wide range of cultural and economic backgrounds
 - Experience in community organizing (regarding climate/environmental/health issues, a plus) with low-income communities of color through a variety of methods
 - Experience furthering legislative campaigns
 - Passion for climate justice and relevant issues
 - Attention to detail and ability to manage multiple campaigns
 - Ability to analyze policies and concepts that are difficult to understand and then effectively communicate their impacts to a diverse audience
 - Demonstrated experience building partnerships between organizations, residents and coalitions
 - Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including active listening
 - Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings and occasional weekends, and success working as a team
 - Knowledge of relevant state and local policies not required but is a plus
 - Ability to speak Spanish, Haitian-Creole, and/or Cape Verdean Creole not required but is a plus
 - Graphic design skills not required but are a plus

Compensation: \$45,500/yr including health and dental insurance

To Apply: Please send a résumé, cover letter, a relevant writing sample (2 pages maximum), along with at least two references (include email and phone numbers) to: Kendra Beaver, Climate Justice Coordinator, at kbeaver@dbedc.org (feel free to reach out with questions, too)

In D-3, Baker faces a first-time campaigner

(Continued from page 1) mous so that it doesn't look empty if there's not a huge crowd," said Baker. "Well, we picked a venue that's the size of a football field and we filled it. It was a great way to start our campaign, which we wanted to do after the preliminary election had taken place."

For his part, McBride said, he and his volunteers are actively hitting the doors, talking to people one-on-one and at neighborhood events as well.

"The reason I wanted to run is I really believe District 3 deserves an accessible, accountable and approachable representative," he said. "It's someone they can relate to and someone they can text and call and who hears them and advocates for them in city government... There are swaths of the

community that have never learned the name of their city councillor and I want to fight to change that."

The ward committees that touch District 3, including Wards 13, 15, 16, and 17, have not yet endorsed in the race, which is unique in some ways. Ward 13 and Ward 17 are not having a process, though 17's Joyce Linehan said they invited both candidates in for an information session this month.

"The committee has decided not to do an endorsement process in this election because we are right between District 3 and District 4," she said. "It feels off to me to vote in the District 4 race endorsement when I live in District 3."

In Ward 15, Chair Edward Cook said they had a vigorous process this month with both candidates, but they require a two-thirds vote of all present and neither Baker nor McBride got over that hurdle.

"I think some thought that given a little time to be seasoned, he could be a viable candidate,"

Cook said of McBride. "With Frank, a lot of his support were people who have been here a long time. Those people have a history with him being supportive and responsive."

Baker has taken some criticism citywide for his lone "no" votes on issues like the rent moratorium last year and same-day voter registration, among others. McBride has pounced on that, noting it's one reason he ran.

"Councillor Baker has been the odd person out at City Hall," he said. "He's been the lone vote on 12-1 votes several times. That includes the eviction moratorium and Election Day voter registration. His political stances are out of line with what I believe our community deserves."

Baker said his "no" votes were done in protest during what was a very tough year, one that saw big changes being pushed through without hearings and public involvement.

"I felt in a lot of ways that they were just pandering," he said. "I don't

have any other word for it. A lot of the discussion around POST (Police Officers Standards and Training Commission) and police reform, I felt my colleagues didn't have full conversations with the police. The police didn't know what was going on in their own department."

He alleged that one of his colleagues published on the Internet his home phone number – which goes to his wife's phone. That led to a barrage of hate-filled calls coming in to his family, in particular due to his "no" vote on the rent moratorium – a vote he said came because the council didn't have the authority to take that action.

"The first call I got was from some guy in Ohio," Baker said. "When he called, I was delivering soup to seniors, and not for votes. It's seniors that I care about and we were bringing them soup during a pandemic. Meanwhile [some of my colleagues] were put-

ting my phone number online for everyone to call. I'd say 420 of the 500 calls I got were from out of state...and they were telling me to go kill myself because I wanted people out on the streets."

An all-encompassing issue in District 3 – especially at this moment – is the development of properties around the neighborhood, including Dot Block, Dorchester City, South Bay, and the recently-completed The Beat – not to leave out many smaller projects.

McBride said he feels like development has to be reined in, or at least people need to feel like participants in the process.

"I'm not against development...but I think our zoning code hasn't been updated since 1965 and a lot of folks don't have confidence in the process," he said.

Baker says the current procedure – with negotiations between developers, elected officials

and civic leaders – typically results in better projects in the end.

"They say we haven't re-zoned since 1965 and that's just a bullet point from the Michelle Wu campaign and the housing advocates," said Baker. "What they don't understand is the fact that if the [Boston Planning and Development Agency] comes in and all of Dorchester is re-zoned, you'll see that all of the 5,000 and 7,000 square foot lots will soon be five-to-seven unit buildings all day long... You get a better project when you negotiate it through, in my case my office, and through the neighborhood. It's the as-of-right projects that often give us the most trouble."

The race will continue on for the next 34 days (as of Oct. 10), with the final vote coming on Nov. 2– which will also include balloting for mayor and Council at-large seats.

LEGAL NOTICE

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P1872EA
ESTATE OF:
MARIA MADALENA SOUZA BENTO
a/k/a: MARIA M. DOSREIS,
MARIA BENTO
DATE OF DEATH: 02/07/2016

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Francisca B. Palmer of Midlothian, VA 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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Felix D. Arroyo
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Facing the same kind of supply chain crunch that has impacted other businesses, the Massachusetts Lottery is looking into its options for dealing with a possible shortage of bet slips, including testing non-recycled paper to see if it could be used to fill the gap.

Lottery Executive Director Michael Sweeney told the Lottery Commission on Tuesday that a bet slip provider warned the Lottery of potential delays with its next and future shipments. Since being notified, he said, the Lottery has reviewed its existing stock of bet slips and has begun to "very strongly manage" distribution of that inventory.

"This is a direct quote from one of our bet slip providers: 'I've never seen this before. The paper company cannot fill my order and they are not accepting new orders.' And obviously, without them getting

the raw supply of paper, they are having difficulty meeting the needs of their customers like the Mass. Lottery," Sweeney said. "This does have the potential to impact operations for Keno and other draw games."

The pandemic and economic recovery have had significant impacts on production, shipping rates, and consumer spending patterns.

The Lottery is waiting for a shipment of non-recycled paper and has its quality assurance team "teed up" to immediately start testing whether the non-recycled product could meet the Lottery's game integrity needs, Sweeney said. If it can, the Lottery plans to begin ordering non-recycled paper to use for its bet slips instead of the recycled paper it typically uses.

"At least as of Monday, we were being told by our contractual providers that right now being able to fill orders with non-recycled paper would be easier and quicker than the potential delays

we're seeing for recycled paper," he said.

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, who oversees the Lottery and chairs the Lottery Commission, pointed out that the headache of the supply chain problem and the possibility of a business model change at the Lottery's leading scratch ticket supplier might be eased if the Lottery were not so reliant on in-person sales.

"Both of these issues are tied into the challenges for point of sale, brick-and-mortar type of operations," Goldberg, who for years has been pushing for the ability to sell Lottery products online, said. "And we just need to be very cognizant of this."

Sweeney also reported to the Lottery Commission on Tuesday that August sales were up \$40.4 million from August 2020 as sales of nearly every product rose and that the month featured an estimated \$8.7 million increase in profit.

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Please note:

- No drop-in attendance by kids or volunteers;
- Parents should plan to wait in the parking lot;
- There will be no pizza for the first week, and then a decision will be made for future weeks;
- No transportation provided by the Boston Police Department.

A Q&A session with D-3 candidates

Candidate: Frank Baker
Age: 53
Birthplace: Dorchester.
Residence: 53 Grampian Way, Savin Hill.

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

I am currently the District 3 Boston City Councillor. Prior to being elected in 2011, I spent my career in the City of Boston's Printing Department until the department shuttered. In 1986, I graduated from Don Bosco Technical High School, where I studied the printing trade and immediately jumped into the workforce. It was not until I was a City Councillor that I was back in the classroom. I am also a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School Senior Executive Fellows program for State and Local Government.

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

Past Vice President of the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association, and Past Ward 13 Democratic Committee co-chair and current member.

Q. What is your top priority if elected?

My top priority would be to ensure that the proper infrastructure improvements will be implemented to ensure that neighborhoods will be properly connected to the Columbia Point peninsula. Another priority of mine would be to bring more job training programs for the incoming life science industry to my district so our neighbors and children can gain access to these top paying jobs.

Q. Do you favor a return to an elected School Committee? Please explain.

I have been advocating since I first got elected for a hybrid School Committee. The School Committee needs to be held accountable, not just by the mayor or the School Department but also by the people of Boston, who trust them with their children. A hybrid School Committee seems like a fair way to do that. At a bare minimum, City Councillors should have confirmation powers on School Committee members.

Q. What is your assessment of the Climate Ready Boston initiative conceived and executed to date by the Walsh administration?

I think the initiative is a good plan for along our waterfronts, taking sufficient steps at protecting our city from sea level rise and coastal flooding. There are new developments along the Dorchester waterfront that are being planned to be built to

protect us from the rising sea levels. Projects like Moakley Park, McConnell Park, and Dorchester Bay City are key at protecting the abutting neighbors from coastal flooding. In addition to the Climate Ready Boston Initiative, I believe it is crucial that we plant trees where we can. Things like planting trees is one of the best ways to protect our city from climate change and mitigate some of the anticipated coastal flooding.

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

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

When I am trying to unwind, I like to sit in a local establishment with my wife and have a nice dinner.

Candidate: Stephen McBride
Age: 31
Birthplace: Hermitage, PA.
Residence: Dorchester.

Q. What is your present occupation? Please detail your personal educational background and achievements.

I currently manage a team of Customer Success Managers at HubSpot. I attended Northeastern, where I earned a Bachelor of Science in political science and economics.

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

I am a member of the Jones Hill Civic Association; a former member of SPARK Boston, a council of people aged 20-35 focused on increasing civic engagement; a United Way volunteer; and I will be serving as a delegate this September at the Massachusetts State Convention for the Boston Ward 13 Democrats.

Q. What is your top priority if elected?

In addition to leading us through an equitable Covid-19 recovery and ensuring that everyone is informed on, and has access to, the resources needed to combat the emerging variants, my top priority, if elected, is to fight for safe, stable, and affordable housing.

As Boston continues to grow, we must view development through the lens of community rather than profit, focusing on improving neighborhoods instead of simply lining the pockets of big developers.

Q. Do you favor a return to an elected School Committee? Please explain.

I believe that a portion of the School Committee should be elected. I favor having over 50 percent be elected so that a majority of the committee is responsible to the people. To ensure that partisan politics aren't the only factor, retaining an appointed component will keep the committee grounded. I also believe that the student member should have a vote as the rest of the committee does.

Q. What is your assessment of the Climate Ready Boston initiative?

The Climate Ready Boston initiative provides an excellent foundation for us to tackle climate change, but there is much more work to be done. The current plan focuses mainly on climate resilience. I believe we must take steps to expedite resilience measures while also refocusing on what we can do to slow, stop, and reverse the effects of climate change...District 3 exemplifies the necessity of these infrastructure upgrades. Roads such as Morrissey Boulevard already regularly flood, posing a threat to local homes and community access to what should be shared and sustainable public resources. Additionally, we must prioritize public transit as a means to confront climate-related threats to our city and improve the quality of life for all Bostonians. This begins by reimagining public transit as a public good that is free and reliable for all. Finally, we must work to improve our buildings' efficiencies as they are currently the largest source of carbon emissions in Boston.

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

Pass - Mayor Walsh was dedicated to remaining connected to the community throughout his tenure. Mayor Walsh truly made every effort to let people know that he was there to serve them and make the city a better place, reflecting this sentiment through his policy.

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

When I'm not out knocking doors and talking to District 3 voters, I enjoy taking my dog, Pru, for a walk around Victory Park. [My husband] Matt and I also try to maintain a regular date night, be it an evening out for dinner (our favorite spot is the original Yellow Door) or just a night at home catching up on the latest Drag Race.

Read the full responses to the candidate questionnaire online at DotNews.com



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Team BGCD Takes Part in 31st Annual Rodman Ride for Kids: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
Team BGCD Takes Part in 31st Annual Rodman Ride for Kids: On Saturday, September 25, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester participated in the 31st annual Rodman Ride for Kids in Foxborough, MA. Rodman Ride for Kids is the #1 athletic event in the country that helps support at risk youth. It's not too late to support Team BGCD in this year's Rodman Ride. This year we had 26 in-person Riders who did the 25 or 50 mile route as well as 25 others who participated in the "Choose Your Own Adventure" virtual Ride. Our team was made up of staff, board members, alumni and friends, all of whom showed up to help support programming at BGCD. A special thank you to Boston Credit Union for sponsoring our Team. To donate to Team BGCD, please visit <https://do.nr/ygysd>. Thanks to all of our riders who participated and worked hard to fundraise for our Clubs!

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Members & Families Enjoy Patriots Home Opener with Murphy Electric: On Sunday, September 19, Murphy Electric & Industrial Control, Inc. hosted several members and families from Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester at the New England Patriots home opener.

In addition to watching the game, our families were able to enjoy a special tailgate event hosted by the New England Patriots.

A huge thank you to all our friends at Murphy Electric & Industrial Control for their kindness and generosity. Thanks to partners like you, our members and families are able to experience once-in-a-lifetime opportunities like this. For more information on BGCD partners, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

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BGCD To Host Special Grand Drawing Gala-Ween On October 29th at Granite Links Pavilion Tent: Enjoy a Spooktacular night with your chance to win one of our amazing Grand Prizes in celebration of what we can do together raising critical funds to ensure bright futures for the children of Dorchester! Event highlights will include an incredible silent auction, delicious food stations, dancing to a fabulous live band and our special Grand Drawing! With every sponsorship and ticket, guests will be entered into our Grand Drawing to win 1 of our amazing Grand Prizes that include vacations, tech and one-of-a kind items each valued at \$5,000.

To purchase a ticket or a sponsorship, visit our event website at www.rsabid.com with the event code "02125". For more information, please email Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Elevate Youth Outing
October 6

Alumni Open House
October 9

Grand Drawing Galaween
October 29



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RECENT OBITUARIES



ARIES, Charles Eugene, 100, of Newton, originally from Dorchester. Son of Joseph and Mary Aries. He was married for 31 years to the late Mildred (Tedeschi) Aries, mother of his children, and to the late Genevieve (Best) Aries for 26 years. He was predeceased by his son Steven and sister Caroline. Army Air Corps veteran. A graduate of Wentworth Institute, he worked as a machinist for Pickard & Burns and Spears Associates. Father of Carolyn Anderson, Susan Hartsorn (Jack), Christine Nelligan (Bob), Kenneth Aries (Susan), Paul Ar-

ies (Jennifer), the late Steven Aries (Linda) and the stepfather of Pamela Best, Kenneth Best (Gwen) and Peter Best. Papa of 22 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in Charlie's memory to The Friends of the Council on Aging, 60 Nahatan St., Westwood, MA 02090 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital stjude.org



BUDROW, Janet, 84, of Dorchester. Wife of Richard Budrow. Mother of Kevan Budrow

of Dorchester. Grandmother of 2. Sister of Cynthia Yetman of Weymouth and Diane Diggs of Florida and the late Marlene Belin. 30-year retiree of The Raytheon Company.



CONNOLLY, Noreen C., in Framingham, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late John Q. and Julia A. (Burns) Connolly, both of Co. Kerry, Ireland. Sister of the late Sr. Julia Marie Connolly O. Carm., and Patrick and his wife Barbara Connolly. Aunt of Mary Ann Connolly of Weymouth. Donations in Noreen's memory may be made to St. Margaret Church, 800 Columbia Road, Dorchester, MA 02125.

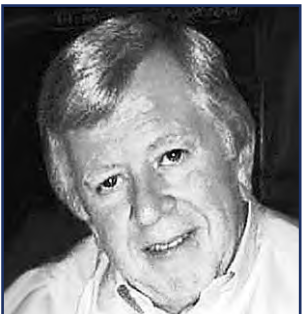


EASTER, Mary P. (Coleman) of Hingham, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late John and Sarah Coleman. Former wife of the late Charles W. Easter. Mother of Karen M. Lane and her husband Peter of Beverly, and the late Deborah Coughlin and her husband Richard of Boston. Cherished Nana of 2. Sister of John Coleman and his late wife Margaret of Belmont. Also survived by many extended family members and friends. Please consider a donation in her name to Northeast Animal Shelter 347 Highland Ave, Salem, MA 01970 or Milton Animal League 181 Governor Stoughton Ln., Milton, MA 02186.



FOLEY, William S. of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Father of Alison Brissette and her husband Jason of Rehobeth, and Melissa Sage and her husband David of Quincy. Grandfather of 5. Brother of Maureen Gadbois and the late Robert of Abington, Deborah Drew and her husband Edward of Waltham, and Thomas Foley Jr. and his wife Nancy of Hanson. Please

consider making a donation to Dana Farber Cancer Institute in memory of William.



GODFREY, Philip D., 71, of Weymouth He was employed as a printer for the Eagle Graphics Company in Boston for thirty-three. Husband for thirty-three years of the late Regina E. (Prewitt) Godfrey. Father of Peter R. Godfrey and his partner Kelly A. Lewis of Dorchester. Brother of David K. Godfrey and his wife Lucia of Holiston. Life partner of Kathleen A. Smith. Phil is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends. Donations in Phil's memory may be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 912 Killian Hill Road, S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047 or lbda.org.



GUERARD, Barbara A., of Dorchester. Wife of the late William E. Guerard. Mother of William E. Jr. (late Judy), Barbara A. (Al), Marianne Guerard-Geary (Bill), Christine Murphy (Paul), Stephen (Jeanne), Michael (Katie), Mark (Paula), Patrick (Heather), Paul (Lynne), Lisa Mulkern (Michael), Christopher, Robert (Jo-Ann), and Thomas. Grandmother of 27 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Sister of Patricia Ahlstedt, Charles, Francis, Thomas and Paul Ford and the late Dorothy Shea. Donations may be made in Barbara's memory to St. Joseph's Prep (formerly Mt. St. Joseph's Academy.)



HALL, Shirley Jean (Berry), 83, of Dorchester, originally fro Blakeley, Georgia. Daughter to the late Eddie C. and Bessie Mae Berry. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband James Earl Hall Sr., sister Mary Louise "Big

Lou" Wright, brother Eddie C. Berry Jr. and son Phillip Hall. Shirley leaves her children; Niecy Slayman (Ron), Valerie Hall, James Earl "Sonny" Hall (Fran) and Crystal Hall of Georgia; Anthony Gaston; stepchildren Amie Cox and Ronald Hall; siblings Floyd Berry (Muriel), Essie Mae Smith (Clarence) of Georgia, Gloria "Sweetie" Bell (Robert), Maxine McCall and Melvin Berry; 5 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and loved ones.



HEFFERNAN-MCLEAR, Donna, 67. She leaves her husband, Michael J. McLearn; her stepdaughter, Jennifer Erickson and her husband Steven of Old Orchard Beach, ME; her two brothers, John Heffernan of Dedham and Philip Heffernan of Raynham; three grandchildren; eight brother and sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Paul Heffernan. Daughter of John J. and Lorraine (Gillespie) Heffernan. Donations may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation, 3540 Crain Highway, Suite 675, Bowie, MD 20716 or online at epilepsy.com



KELLY, Florence M. (Donahue) of Dorchester, 87. She was predeceased by her parents John and Lillian Donahue, her husband Paul, and daughter Kathryn. She is survived by her daughters Janice Duval (Robert Duval), Anne Flaherty (Joseph Flaherty) and Eileen Foscaldo (David Foscaldo) and son John Kelly (Michelle Kelly) and brother Jack Donahue. Grandmother of 8. Donation can be made to Saint Gregory's Parish, 2223 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124.

LOMOND, Mark G., of Dorchester, a result of complications of Covid-19. He was the husband of Patricia (Edwards), father of Leah of Dorchester, Brittney of Denver, and Courtney Fain and her husband Sebastian of New York City, and Papa of 2. He is also survived by his sister Annette Rankin and her husband Steve



(Holbrook), brother Brian Lomond (Hyde Park), and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Clare Lomond, and siblings Barry Lomond, Andrea Lomond, and Diane Hayes. In honor of Mark, his family requests that you consider a donation in his memory to the Cardiovascular Center at Boston Medical Center.



MOY, Fung Kee (Chin), originally from Guangdong Province of China. Daughter of the late Yook Pon (Andy) Chin and Moi Tai Ng. She leaves her husband of 71 years, Bing Hen Moy of Boston, her brother Kin On Chin (Tuey Seng) of North Quincy, her beloved children who provided round-the-clock care to her when the progression of her Alzheimer's Disease became detrimental to her safety: James (Mary) of Waltham, Edward (Katherine) of Southboro, David of Boston, Ellen Moy-Maneikis (Charles) of Dorchester, Kenneth (Ann) of Belmont, and her "mee doi" Samuel of Boston. She also leaves 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She is eternally reuniting with her grandson Clifford and her son Benjamin (Benny) whom she has missed everyday for the past 51 years.



SAGE, Samuel J., 75. Sam, or "Sammy" was raised in Fields Corner. Sam spent 48 years in customer service. Ex-husband of Barbara Ann Law of Milton. They adopted and raised two children, son, Michael, and daughter, Stephanie. Sam was preceded in death by his father, Arthur, his mother, Mary, sister, Josephine, and brother Richard. He is survived by his sisters, Shirley Connolly and Dora Grinnell, brother Jack, ex-wife Barbara, son, Michael, daughter, Stephanie, daughter-in-law, Erin, and two grandsons.



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