Looking ahead, and back, in the Polish Triangle

By Simon Rios

When people say politics is like making sausage, kielbasa maker Danny Morris just smiles. On a recent shift at the deli he has worked at for more than a quarter century, he runs 20 pounds of pork butt through a grinder and into a pig intestine—no preservative, and definitely no politics.

“We sell this for $5.99 a pound,” Morris said as he guided the kielbasa out of the machine. “I just went out and bought hot dogs wholesale and put the sausage in the pig intestine.”

Morris bought large kielbasas, cut up the Ashmont Market and deli owner’s head. “It’s delicious food,” he said. “I’m actually Polish,” laughs Michael Zementovsky, a construction worker who came into the deli wearing a hard hat and a reflective jacket. He is working at a site just a few blocks away and he says the sandwiches here are enough to power him through the day—and they’re affordable. (Large kielbasa and sauerkraut sub is $6.15.)

“It’s delicious food,” he said. “I can’t get enough. We’re here every day.”

Zementovsky has been working for months at the $200 million South Bay de-

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A rash of armed robberies hits C-11 stores

By Jennifer Smith

Police are investigating a rash of armed robberies in Dorchester, with two crews of men believed to be behind five convenience store robberies since last Tuesday.

“We believe these are professional crews hitting Dorchester,” said C-11 commander Captain Tim Connelly on Friday morning. “We believe they’ve worked in other cities.”

The spree began in the Ashmont area at about 11 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9, when two men held up the Ashmont Market at 630 Adams St. at gunpoint. They entered the store with firearms and demanded money, police said, walking off with about $1,200. The suspects were described as white or Hispanic of unknown age, average height, average build. One of the suspects had distinctive tattoos on both of his hands.

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CHARACTER BREAKFAST:

Saturday (23rd) – AARP Massachusetts Holds Cake Sale from 9:30-12 p.m. at Eater Restaurant, 2261 Dorchester Ave. Join AARP Massachusetts for a free lunch event and learn more about the CARE Act, a new law to support caregivers. Please RSVP, event is free, but space is limited. Call 617-926-8500 to register.

Saturday (24th) – The Winterset Farmers Market opens for the season today – and every Sunday at 10 a.m. at The Great Hall in Codman Square, 6 North St., Dorchester through March 31. Check their Twitter feed for the latest at @wintersetwfm.

• Join Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition for Snow Shoeing at Boston Nature Center, 500 Walk Hill St., Mattapan from 3-4 p.m. This is a free event and an introduction to snowshoeing and snow shoes will be provided. For more info, please call 617-983-8500.

• Franklin Park Zoo: Fafzitale event, Meet, sing, and enjoy story time with your favorite winter princesses from 10:30-2:30 p.m. Inside the always balmy Tropical Forest, get in the creative, and at 2 p.m., don’t miss the zookeeper encounter at the western lowland gorilla exhibit where you can learn more about our incredible animals. Tickets are available, information, visit franklinparkzoo.org. 

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January 18, 2018

Boston firefighters battled a four-alarm fire that started in the basement of Codman Square Market on Tuesday morning and spread to an adjacent liquor store, disrupting the busy business district for much of the day.

No injuries were reported, but the blaze caused an estimated $1 million in damage, according to initial reports from the fire commissioner.

Firefighters responded to 573 Washington St., at about 9:18 a.m. to find smoke billowing out and fire coming from the basement of the one-story building when they arrived.

At 10:18 a.m., firefighters were using exterior operations to fight the flames, using “multiple blitz guns and ladder pipes.” A fourth alarm was ordered just before 10:30 a.m.

The brick structure houses a few businesses, including the Codman Square Market, where the fire originated, and Mod Liquors. An adjoining business, X O Restaurant, was protected by the fire hall crew, said firefighter Steve MacDonald, a department spokesman. MacDonald said the fire started in the basement. “It got in the walls and traveled to the ceiling and traveled along the ceiling. In the basement they pretty much have a handle on it, but it’s behind the walls.”

As the flames roiled across the ceiling, firefighters pulled out of the building. A heavy, full-sized billboard and metal sheet sat atop the small shops.

The fire continued to burn in the building’s small attic space and firefighters used a fire suppressant foam that comes equipped in all of the fleet’s new engines. –REPORTER STAFF

Smoke billows out the front door of the Codman Square Market on Tuesday morning. 

Fire rips through Codman Sq. businesses; damage set at $1m

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Blasi’s owner posts hopeful message as rebuild continues

In an emotional Facebook Live video posted last week, Fat Belly Deli and Blasi’s Cafe owner Kenny Blasi surveyed the damage caused by a September fire in his building’s basement, announcing that initial action has been taken to repair and reopen the establishments.

“I’m overwhelmed here,” Blasi said, his voice cracking with emotion. Holding a lantern in one hand and his phone in the other, Blasi recorded footage of the damaged basement, his footsteps crunching through rubble as he flipped a switch to turn on newly installed temporary lights, a symbolic first step in the long restoration process to come.

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But Blasi, whose family has owned the building for eighty years, expressed relief that the rebuilding process had finally begun.

“It’s monumental,” he said. “Me and my brother Joe, all of our employees, we’re gonna get our lives back.”

Blasi signed off the video with a salute and a message of resolve: “Stand by, everybody. We’ll be back.”

— DANIEL SHEEHAN
Looking ahead, and back, in the Polish Triangle

affordable Polish offerings and sandwiches, while a café in the adjacent space caters to the changing clientele.

Dawn Morris is the baker in the family and plans to run the café, which will open in the summer and still doesn’t have a name. “It will offer teas, coffee, we might do a light breakfast,” she said, her eyes flashing with excitement. “I would love to make a really good waffle and top it off with anything like fresh fruit and stuff like that, and then I’ll have little baked goods, like the Polish donuts will be coming into the bakery.”

Her mom, Alina, interrupted with a grin: “I think you’re gonna sort of have to keep the Polish, especially if you’re next door here.”

The Morris family welcomes the changes happening to the neighborhood where Alina first settled as a seven-year-old girl from Poland. Deli manager Jordan Hislop talks with one of the new customers, Tyler Evans, about the cultural importance of a spot they say first opened in the 1930s.

“We’re getting a whole new variety of different people because there’s condos being built everywhere... And I think the deli is kind of just maintaining the older element, in a style that is just kind of hard to come by,” Hislop said.

Evans agreed: “It’s a neighborhood deli. It’s a real piece of the neighborhood. These are people that live here, people that care about the neighborhood.”

Evans works at a boutique bike factory — Firefly Bicycles — that opened up shop across from the deli five years ago. Now he says he’s looking forward to having a cafe across the street, especially if it means he can keep buying the kielbasa that has become a staple in his kitchen. “I’m excited for their growth and that they’re going to be offering more to the community,” he said. “Definitely the community is growing, and I’m pretty excited to see what comes of it.”

Community stays strong

Despite the decline in the number of Poles living in the Triangle, some say Polish cultural activity has actually increased.

Marcin Bolec came to Boston 20 years ago and edits the White Eagle, a local Polish language newspaper. He stands at the tip of the Triangle in Andrew Square, where there’s a small sign recognizing the neighborhood. “People may not live here physically as they used to 100 years ago,” he said, “but they’re... still coming back here for the Polish language school every week, for the Polish church, for the Polish delis, for the Polish events. It’s still the heart of the Polish community in Boston.”

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At the beginning of the morning rush, Jordan Hislop hands over a sandwich to one of the customers in at DJ’s European Market & Deli on Boston Street in Dorchester.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photos

Stasia Kaczprzak, president of the Polish American Citizens Club on Dorchester Avenue, smiles as she walks along the bar.

Bring on the handmade kielbasa.

Jordan Hislop reaches into the deli case for some Polish bacon.
Dot’s Saxon featured in SpeakEasy’s ‘Shakespeare in Love’ through Feb. 10

By ELANA AURISE REPORTER STAFF

Carolyn Saxon, a Dorchester resident and multi-talented vocalist and actor, is performing in SpeakEasy Stage Company’s New England premiere production of “Shakespeare In Love,” running until Feb. 10 in the Virginia Wimberly Theatre in the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion at the Boston Center for the Arts in the South End.

Saxon, playing the role of The Nurse, was drawn to the production because it’s a love letter to William Shakespeare. “It’s about how genius is recognized, nurtured and realized,” she told the Reporter. “When I saw it being produced, I was so excited I absolutely love the film and thought it would translate to stage in a natural, organic and almost inevitable way.” “Shakespeare in Love” is Saxon’s fifth production with SpeakEasy Stage.

Saxon began her singing career when she was seven years old. She knew she wanted to perform but didn’t know if it would develop into anything more than a hobby. She decided to give her dream career a chance when she turned 18.

“My very first stage performance was a school production of ‘Godspell,’” which was about a million years ago. My first Boston stage performance was in the Broadway National touring company of ‘Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk,’ which played at the Wang,” said Saxon. “We were out on the road for almost a year with [named director and choreographer] Savion Glover recreating the role of Da Beat. It was unlike any music I’d ever done before and since.”

From there, Saxon performed in numerous Broadway shows and off-Broadway shows and appeared in a number of Woody Allen films. She also appears regularly with The Boston Pops Gospel Choir, Sharing A New Song, and the New England Conservatory Millennium Choir. In 2003 Saxon’s next project will be a short singing tour beginning in Charleston, SC. She’ll travel through the Sea Islands of Georgia and the Gullah-Geechee corridor and move on to the Houma Indian Nation in Louisiana and conclude in New Orleans.

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Ticket prices for “Shakespeare in Love” start at $25, with discounts for students, seniors, and persons age 25 and under. For tickets or more information, the public is invited to call the box office at 617-913-9600 or visit SpeakEasyStage.com.

Carolyn Saxon, left, and Jennifer Ellis are shown in a scene from SpeakEasy Stage Company’s “Shakespeare in Love.” Nile Hawver/Nile Scott Shots

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Milagros (Milly) Arbaje-Thomas

Milly Arbaje-Thomas has been named the new Chief Executive Officer of Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO), which currently serves 3,300 students from Boston and Springfield annually in 37 suburban school districts. Arbaje-Thomas, formerly served as Director of ABCD’s Neighborhood Service Centers and the Citywide Hispanic Center. A native of the Dominican Republic, she lives in Hyde Park (Boston) with her husband William, Headmaster of Charlestown High School and daughters Gaby, age 12, and Julia, age 9. Both attend Brookline Public Schools through the METCO program. METCO has provided the opportunity for children from Boston and children from isolated suburban schools to learn together in an integrated public school setting since 1966.

Chuck Walker Jr., Esq., the president of the METCO board, said: “Milly Arbaje-Thomas has it all—the neighborhood-based experience, the leadership capability, a documented track record of successful fund raising and partnership brokerage and most of all her passionate commitment to children and families and educational opportunity.”

Thelma Burns, former METCO Director for the Belmont schools and longtime Dorchester resident, applauded the selection of Arbaje-Thomas: “Milly is a great person for this position—she will bring METCO into the future,” said Burns. “She is a go-getter who will work with everyone—parents, legislators, METCO directors, town administrators and staff. She knows the program and has extraordinary leadership and fundraising capability, developed a capital campaign over many years of heading community-based organizations.”

In addition to Arbaje-Thomas’ work at ABCD, she facilitates professional development training for early childhood providers, teaches parenting classes and holds an adjunct faculty position at Boston University School of Social Work. She also was the co-founder and president of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church Social Impact Center for 14 years, leading a capital campaign to renovate space and increase programming.

She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology with minors in Education and Women’s Studies and a Master’s in Social Work, both from Boston College.

Stonehill College reports that Dorchester and Mattapan students are among those named to the Dean’s List recently. To qualify, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have completed successfully all courses for which they were registered. Cesalina Barros, Class of 2018, and a graduate of English High School made the list.

David Jenny, Class of 2020, and a graduate of Catholic Memorial School also made the list. Senior Roberto Francois, a graduate of West Roxbury Academy majoring in Healthcare Administration, also earned the distinction.

UMass seeks nominees for Quinn Award

UMass Boston is now accepting nominations for the Robert H. Quinn Community Service Award, which is presented annually by the university to honor an individual whose outstanding contributions have significantly improved the quality of life in one or more communities in metropolitan Boston. Candidates are nominated by residents of these communities, and the winner is chosen by a committee comprising the university’s chancellor. The deadline for nominations is January 19, 2018. The 2018 Robert H. Quinn Award will be presented on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at the university’s annual community breakfast.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Community Relations at 617-287-3310.

The estate that became known as Hawthorne Grove was located on the intersection of Washington Street and Columbia Road. The painting of the property, above, was replicated on the face of a brick that came from the house.

The farm house was built around 1870 by Increase Sumner (1740-1774) on land his father, William, had purchased in 1725 – some 15 acres of “meadowland on Blue Hill Avenue” from the town of Dorchester.

The farm was located on the town line separating Roxbury from Dorchester that was established by the General Court in 1632 and served as a place of safety for the Sumner family during the Revolutionary War. Increase’s widow and children, including his namesake son who became governor of Massachusetts in 1797, fled from Fort Hill in Roxbury to their farm in Dorchester for the duration. Her grandson, General William Sumner sold the family estate in August 1806.

Hawthorne Grove, Sumner-Wilder House, Washington Street

Not to be outdone by nearby Grove Hall, the Boston merchant Marshall Pinckney Wilder (1798-1886) acquired the old farm in 1852 and renamed it Hawthorne Grove. During the Civil War he made a fortune supplying the Union Army with the materials for uniforms. He was more widely known during his lifetime and afterwards, however, for his active role in the development of a truly indigenous American agriculture and horticulture, especially with the propagation of fruits.

Wildler grew and experimented with 900 varieties of pears alone, growing on 2,500 trees, and with 300 varieties of the kitten shrub and camellia. So great was his collection of flowers, as Francis Drake implies in his book The Town of Roxbury (1878), that the Marshall’s greenhouses were emptied out to form the basis of the Boston Public Garden in 1839.

For eight years (1840-1847), he was president of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, for twenty years president of the Norfolk Agricultural Society, and six years president of the United States Agricultural Society. The subdivision of the Wilder estate began in 1892 when Wildler’s son built a two-and-a-half story, wood frame, shingle style house where No. 90 Columbia Road is today. On August 20, 1924, Julius Krinsky and Abraham Bobbitt bought the old farm house and 20,000 square feet of land, razed the 150-year-old dwelling and in 1925 built five three-story apartment buildings on the property.

David Mitchell, a senior at Belmont Hill School and a Dorchester resident, signed a commitment letter to attend Brown University this month. Mitchell plans to attend Brown University where he will be a member of the men’s basketball team. He has been a standout for Belmont Hill, playing in the strong forward position.

Jack P. Calareso, Ph.D. has been appointed to serve as the president of Labouré College in Milton. Dr. Calareso most recently served as president of St. Joseph’s College in New York. He has also led Anna Maria College in Massachusetts, Ohio Dominican University in Ohio, and Briar Cliff University in Iowa. He succeeds Mau- reen Smith, who served as president for nearly six years.

Chad Martin Jenkins of Mattapan has been named the Dean’s List at North Shore Community College. Jacqueline Painten of Belmont was named to the Dean’s List at North Shore Community College. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Healthcare Administration, also majoring in Healthcare.

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Presidential insult adds to a long history of US injury to Haiti

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Mayor Martin Walsh offered support and solidarity for the Salvadoran community who could be affected by Temporary Protected Status termination during an event at City Hall on Jan. 10.
Mayor’s Office Photo by Isabel Leon

Let’s keep marching with stamina, focus to get criminal-justice reform into law

State Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz spoke about the continuing need for advocacy on criminal justice reform at Boston’s MLK Breakfast on Monday at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Good morning. It has been an intense, worry-filled, but also inspiring year since we were together last year. Last year, I stood at this podium worried about the slow pace of criminal justice reform in our state. I recounted how, despite years of activism, State House leaders told us they could not support these bills because of a lack of buy-in from the Senate. I recounted how... 

Sen. Dorcena Forry: Trump’s remarks ‘ignorant, repulsive, affront to history’

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MARY HANNON FIELD COMMUNITY MEETING
Mon., Jan. 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Cottage Brook Apartments Community Room, 622 Dudley St., Dorchester. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to the first in a series of meetings to discuss upcoming improvements to Mary Hannon Field located at 621 Dudley Street. For further information, please call 617-961-3167.

BOSTON STATE HOSPITAL MEETING ON JAN. 18
The monthly meeting of the Boston State Hospital CAC will be held on Thursday, January 18, from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Building, 240 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

DOWNER AVENUE PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY MEETING
Wed., Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester McLaughlin Building, 1135 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to the last in a series of community meetings regarding capital renovations at Downer Avenue Playground, 40 Downer Avenue, Dorchester. The preferred design plan based on community input received at the first and second meetings will be presented. Following a brief presentation, community members will be able to offer input regarding the final design plan and process. For further information, please call 617-961-3167.

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Winter puts spotlight on Mattapan trolleys’ fate

(Continued from page 1) train in front of it, resulting in 18 minor injuries, Jeffrey Gonneville, the MBTA’s deputy general manager, told the Fiscal and Management Control Board at their Jan. 8 meeting.

Both Presidential Conference Committee (PCC) cars sustained “significant structural damage,” according to MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo. The operator of the train stated that he was distracted by a disabled vehicle on the outbound track, Gonneville said, “and was looking and watching what was going on there as he was moving forward and just did not expect to have a stopped vehicle in front of him.”

Twotrolleys at the Mattapan car house are “in relatively good condition with the exception of the propulsion equipment on the trains,” Gonneville added, noting that the MBTA’s mechanical team is evaluating the possibility of using a combination of parts from the those two cars and the two involved in the crash to produce “at least two functioning trolley cars,” Pesaturo said in an email on Tuesday.

That would bring what is normally a 10-car fleet to seven functioning trains. Peak service time is slightly behind schedule with the loss, officials said, cycling four trains instead of the usual five with arrivals starting at every 6.5 minutes rather than 5 minutes.

Pesaturo said the T could, and would, operate five trolley cars for service with the new functional cars brought back online.

The trolleys, serving 4,586 daily riders, are at the mercy of inclement weather, MBTA officials note. On the day of the board meeting, Gonneville said that three of the four operational trolleys were temporarily out of commission for reasons that may involve snow. And there lies the paradox of the trolley: its historic and aesthetic appeal comes from its 1940s origins, the same thing that makes the trolleys vulnerable to inhospitable weather conditions and aging and unavailable parts.

In a letter sent to the MBTA in March 2016 advocating for what was ultimately $7.9 million to be dedicated to keeping the current fleet operational and in good condition, state Rep. Dan Cullinane and other local elected officials asked that trolleys continue to be the service vehicles along the line.

In times of construction, particularly brutal weather, or disrupted service, the PCC cars are replaced by MBTA shuttle buses that trace the trolleys’ paths, albeit on a less scenic route, along its eight-station schedule between Ashmont and Mattapan. This was to be the case this week on Wednesday. In the face of a possible half-foot of snow overnight Tuesday, MBTA officials announced that shuttle buses would transport riders. Anything beyond four inches of snow on the trolley tracks makes operations risky.

A study expected to conclude “within weeks” is assessing the reliability of the existing line and considering potential routes that may involve innovative maintenance of the existing trolleys, replica trolleys, or even a much-maligned dedicated bus lane.

“If this current fleet is not able to meet the current reliability and dependability that we expect, new trolleys made to look like the ones we have now could be a solution to make all sides happy,” Cullinane said in a phone call on Tuesday.

Cullinane said of the study: “I think that the big thing here is we want the information. People want to look at what the realities are and what the possibilities are.”

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Fed threat may mean bigger return for pot investors

**By Michael P. Norton**
**State House News Service**

The abrupt change in the federal government’s approach to marijuana law enforcement means investors in the state-sanctioned Massachusetts pot market could see bigger returns on their investments, according to the state’s chief regulator.

While saying he has limited resources to fight illegal activity, U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts Andrew Lelling said it’s “a straightforward rule of law issue.”

“It’s a different calculation. There’s no question about it,” Steven Hoffman, chairman of the Cannabis Control Commission, told WGBH’s “Greater Boston” during a Jan. 9 appearance. “There’s a different calculation in terms of what the risk are, no question. But there’s also a different calculation in terms of what the returns are. Because fewer people potentially will enter the business, therefore the potential returns are greater.”

The greater returns could come with criminal entanglements, though. Hoffman acknowledged he can’t guarantee federal law enforcers won’t target investors in planned marijuana dispensaries or banks that want to accept dispensary deposits. He also said he has not reached out to Lelling’s office.

Most of the state’s medical marijuana dispensaries have already reverted to cash-only operations in the wake of U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ Jan. 4 recovation of an Obama-era policy, outlined in the so-called Cole Memorandum, that directed federal prosecutors to essentially look the other way in states that have established regulated markets for legal marijuana.

During his appearance, WGBH played a clip of President Donald Trump speaking at an October 2015 campaign event in Nevada prior to his election in 2016. “The marijuana thing, it’s such a big thing,” Trump said at the event. “I think medical should happen. Right, don’t we agree? I mean I think so. And then I really believe you should leave it up to the states. It should be a state situation.”

But Hoffman said he was not surprised by the shift in federal policy because of Sessions’ prior statements about marijuana. Sessions, who Trump picked to serve as U.S. attorney general, was a U.S. senator prior to that and has long expressed anti-marijuana viewpoints.

“I just know what Sessions has said in the past about this drug and therefore it didn’t surprise me that he came out with his statement rescinding the Cole Memorandum,” said Hoffman. While acknowledging the new threat to the market, Hoffman said the commission is forging ahead with regulations which will likely allow, among other things, for home delivery of marijuana and store openings on July 1, 2018. He expects applications will be accepted starting April 1. “We’re going to do everything we can to make it safe and legal and accessible in the state,” said Hoffman.

Close-to-home options for beating back the Snow Day blues

**By Maureen Forey-Sorell**
**Reporter Staff**

Well folks, we’re well into winter now- and that means snow days.

**Kids Menu**

If you’ve found yourself in a bind regarding childcare on a day when school is cancelled, check out Boston Center for Youth and Families. They offer drop-in childcare for ages 7 and up in various neighborhoods around town and provide a great option for parents who don’t have the luxury of tele-commuting.

According to a BCFY spokesperson, “Unless the Mayor calls for essential personnel only, all BCFY centers are open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. when BPS is closed. When the Mayor does call essential only during major weather events, we have 12 centers open. The best thing to do is check our website (boston.gov/community-centers) or follow us on social media. We put the information out as soon as the Mayor makes a decision.”

A few things to note about BCFY drop in centers- Children under 12 must have a parent with them at drop off to complete an intake registration, and kids should bring snacks and lunch with them as the programs don’t provide food or drinks. Here’s some other dates you may want to keep in your planner: **Thurs., Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m.**– BostonArtsAcademy presents “Dancing in the Streets: a 20th Anniversary Celebration” at the Strand Theater. Tickets available at bostonartsacademy.org.

**Fri., Jan. 26, 9:30 a.m.**– Tiny Tots Sign Language at Fields Corner BPL. 1520 Dot Ave. Every Friday? Teach your baby to communicate.

**Sat., Jan. 27, 10 a.m.– Summer Camp Open House at the Dot YMCA, 776 Washington St., Dorchester.**

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Neighborhood Notables

(Continued from page 10) MATTAPAN STATION DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY MEETING

Wed., Jan. 17 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the Faye Residences Community Room, 244 River St., Mattapan. This will be a follow-up IAG meeting to review considerations related to the proposed development. The program offers a forum for the community to provide input to the City’s Planning Department. A community meeting will follow. The proposed project comprises 135 units of mixed-income rental apartment housing in Building 1, along with 10,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, and a 2,000 squarefoot community room on the ground floor. The development also includes the future construction of a second building comprised of 9 home ownership units. In total, the proposed Project comprises 165,750 gross square feet (inclusive of residential floors). (Close of comment period is: Wed., Jan. 31. Please forward comments or questions to: 617-918-4441, dana.whiteside@boston.gov.)

JANUARY EVENTS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

Sat., Jan. 27: Feel like you’re in a fairy tale! Meet, sing, and enjoy story time with your favorite winter princesses from 10:30-2:30 p.m. and solve clues to a fairy tale inspired scavenger hunt as you stroll throughout the Zoo. Inside the always balmy Tropical Forest, get creative at the craft table, and at 2 p.m. don’t miss the zookeeper encounter at the western lowland gorilla exhibit where you can learn more about these incredible animals. Kids are encouraged to wear their favorite fairy tale inspired outfit. For tickets and more information, visit franklinparkzoo.org.

DORCHESTER YOUTH SOCCER HOUSE LEAGUE SPRING 2018 SEASON

Open registration runs Jan. 15 through Feb. 4, Mon., March 18. Registration will not be accepted after that date. Unpaid registration will be deleted by the system. Age divisions throughout the House League are K-4 (5-7 years old), 5-6 (5-6 years old), 7-8 (5-6 years old), 9-10 (7-8 years old), 11-12 (8-9 years old), 13-14 (9-10 years old), and 15 up. Co-ed played 8 V 8 with 15 players roster. Register with AARP Massachutes holds Caring for the Community ADVOCACY Luncheon

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 12-1:30 p.m. at Eater Restaurant, 2261 Dorchester Ave., Join AARP Massachusetts for a free lunch event and learn more about the CARE Act, a new federal law that helps families care for their loved ones. The CARE Act makes sure caregivers are recognized when their loved ones go into the hospital, and that they have the time off from their work responsibilities to be honest with their loved ones and stay safely at home. Please RSVP, event is free, but space is limited so be sure to register.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH OF THE BPL UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 3-4 p.m.; Preschool Story Time: Story time for ages 3-5 includes rhymes, songs, and stories. Fridays at 9:30 a.m.; Baby Story Time: Babies from 0-2 can join us for rhymes, finger plays, stories, and songs followed by play time. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.; Music and Movement: Sing and dance to songs in English and Spanish with Ms. Celeste. Mondays – Jan. 22 and 29 at 7 a.m. Pajama Preschool Story Time: Our evening story time for ages 3-5 includes rhymes, stories, and songs. Young Maker’s Club – Wed., Jan. 24 and 31 at 5 p.m. Middle School students join Miss Celeste in art and STEM projects. RSVP required. All events will be held at 27 Richmond St., Dorchester. For further information, call 617-298-7841.

JANUARY EVENTS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

Sat., Jan. 10 from 7-10 p.m. at Florian Hall, Dorchester. Join for an evening of fun and music to benefit the James F. “Jimmy” Cawley Scholarship at UMass Boston. The Jimmy Cawley Scholarship was created in memory of a much-loved son of Dorchester whose life was sadly shortened by cancer. Jimmy’s scholarship is set up to benefit a student from Dorchester who is majoring in political science. For further information about the scholarship, visit umb.academicworks.com/donors/the-james-jimmy-cawley-scholarship. General admission is $10 at the door. Raffle prizes, hors d’oeuvres, cash bar, and a cash drawing will be held for more fundraising. For more information or to purchase tickets for the cash drawing, please contact Elisa Birdseye at elisa.birdseye@umb.edu.

WINTER FARMER MARKET IN CODMAN SQUARE

Every Saturday from January 27 to March 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the East Hall in Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester, MA. Free admission. For updates and further information, check out their Facebook page for updates and updates and announcements and TiWard @dorchesterfm.

COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM AT BU

Application is currently accepting applications for their college preparation program from freshmen and 10th graders. Program services include an academically intensive six-week summer residential program (where students stay at Boston University’s own residential facility) and 10-week academic tutoring program of tutoring and courses, including MCAS English, Math and Science prep; and SAT prep. The program is free. To apply, students must meet with Bright Kats for the English HS, CASH, Margarita Muniz Academy or Snowden International School. Public school students living in Dorchester, East Boston, Mattapan, and Roxbury can also apply. Applications are now accepted on a rolling basis. For an application and questions, email us at 617-353-5185 or reggie@bu.edu.

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CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AT NOTRE DAME ED STATION

New citizenship classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays starting this month at Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston. For more info about this class and other citizenship classes sponsored by the Neighborhood Services, please contact the Citizenship Program Director at 617-429-8531.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library’s free Homework Help program is underway offering free after school help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. For more information, please call 617-343-5500. 24 hours/7 days per week.

POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

Non-emergency line number: 617-343-4711.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattishiamson@gmail.com.

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings are held in the St. Brendan’s Father Hall on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Community Service Office at 617-282-3469.

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Square Health Center, 6 Norfolk St., Info: call 617-286-4189.

COLUMBUS SQUARE CIVIC

Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month (usually the 2nd Monday) at WORK, Inc., 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the LBEN, on-street parking available.

CUMMINS VALLEY ASSOC.

Meetings of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Litttle House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: call 617-286-1498.

CUMMINS VALLEY ASSOC.

Cummins Valley Association, meeting at the Mattachun School 617-286-1498 2nd Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-286-4189.

DAVISON HILL ASSOC.

Meetings of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of every month at 6 p.m. at the IBEW; on-street parking available.

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Thursday, Jan. 18
• The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to the last in a series of community meetings regarding capital renovations at Downer Avenue Playground, 40 Ave, Dorchester. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Mattapan Community Center, Dorchester. The preferred design plan is based on community input received at the first and second meetings will be presented. Following a brief presentation, community members will be able to offer input regarding the final design plan and process. For further information, please call 617-961-3167.

Saturday, Jan. 20
• Open House at Ashmont Nursery School, 1 Ashmont St., Dorchester. The free or low-cost program offers input regarding the administration from Personal Financial Status. The meeting will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to serve upon: David Reason, Administrator, 201 Harvard St., #6, Dorchester, MA 02114. See Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. Date: December 18, 2017

Tuesday, Jan. 23
• AARP Massachusetts Holds Caregiving Awareness Luncheon from 12-1 p.m. at Estes Restaurant, 2261 Dorchester Ave. Join AARP Massachusetts for a free lunch event and learn more about the AARP, a new law to support family caregivers. Please RSVP by Friday, space is limited. Call 877-926-5000 to register.

Wednesday, Jan. 24
• Mattapan Station Department Recreation Department invites the public to a community meeting sponsored by BPDA, 6:30 p.m. at Falmouth Residences Community Room, 249 Dudley St., Mattapan. This will be a follow-up IAG meeting to review considerations related to the proposed development. The proposed project consists of the construction of 135 units of affordable housing, including 20 units for persons 62 and older, and 3 units for persons with disabilities, with an additional 200 square feet of commercial/retail space, and a 2,000 square foot community room. For more information, call 617-961-3058.

Thursday, Jan. 25
• The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to a meeting regarding capital renovations to the IAG meeting to review the final design plan and process. For further information, please call 617-961-3167.

Saturday, Jan. 27
• The YMCA of Greater Boston kicks off the ‘18 Summer Day Camp Season with an Open House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dorchester YMCA, 776 Washington St., Dorchester. YMCA camps and summer programs are among nearly two dozen Y camp experiences offered around the Boston metropolitan area. For more information, call 617-961-3085.

Saturday, Feb. 18
• The First Parish Dorchester Women’s Hospital and a concert at the Birdseye at JimmyScholar's, 436 Harvard St., #6, Dorchester, MA 02114. See Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. Date: December 18, 2017

Boston firefighters responded to 14 Evelyn St. in Mattapan around 11 p.m. on Sunday for what turned into a two-alarm fire that displaced 14 residents and sent one firefighter to the hospital with a shoulder injury. The Boston Fire Department reported that the fire was showing from the second floor of the three-decker when firefighters arrived. Damage was estimated at $500,000. The cause remains under investigation.

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A rash of armed robberies hits C-11 stores

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Another robbery occurred the next night at Rosario’s Grocery, located at 760 Washington St. Two armed suspects entered the store at about 11:36 p.m. One man pointed a gun at one of the store employees while a second suspect walked around the counter and emptied the cash register.

Upon exiting the store, both suspects were seen running along Ashmont Street towards Dorchester Avenue. Three similar robberies took place around the 1700 and 1800 block of Dorchester Avenue on Thursday night, Connolly said.

One armed man robbed 1880 Dorchester Ave.—a 7-11 store—at about 5:30 p.m. A group of three black men robbed the Gibbs gas station at 1707 Dorchester Ave. at 7:39 p.m. and patrons of Ann’s Coin Laundry at 1828 Dorchester Ave. at 7:52 p.m.

Undercover officers are in the area, Connolly said, reminding store owners to lock their doors and alert police if they see anything suspicious.

"Remain vigilant," he said. "If something looks out of the ordinary, don’t be afraid to call us. We’d rather go somewhere and have it not be a robbery than go there for one.

For now, police believe the crimes are the work of two crews, one more organized than the other. In the course of one robbery, a suspect accidentally discharged his weapon, shooting a cash register. No one has been injured during the armed robberies. The suspects sometimes wore masks or hooded sweatshirts.

The police department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding these incidents. Anyone with information is asked to call detectives assigned to District C-11 at 617-348-4355.

MATTAPAN STATION DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24
6:15 PM - 7:45 PM
PROJECT PROVENTION:
POA & Nuestra CDC
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Meeting Focus: This will be a follow-up IAG Meeting to review considerations related to the proposed development.

Project: The proposed program for this $57 million project involves the construction of 135 units of mixed-income rental apartment housing in Building 1, along with 10,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, and a 2,000 square foot community room on the ground floor. The development program also includes the future construction of a second building comprised of 9 home ownership units. In total, the proposed Project comprises 165,750 gross square feet (inclusive of residential floors.)

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CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:
Wednesday, January 31

Dot families given most help from MetroHousing last year

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To qualify for RAFT, families have to be earning less than 50 percent of area median income, but the majority of families currently in the program are making less than 30 percent, or roughly $28,000 for a family of three.

"The majority of funds go to rent arrears to keep people in the same place," said Norris. "Otherwise they usually go toward first and last month’s rent and security deposit, which can be obstacles for families just scraping by. All RAFT does is help them get over that hump.

By taking the specter of homelessness out of the picture, RAFT also relieves the burden a landlord and helps families avoid the emotional and psychological trauma that accompanies eviction, added Norris. "It allows kids to stay in their current schools; it allows folks to stay in the community they already live and work in.

According to the report, 92 percent of households receiving funding were headed by women. One of them, Morrissa, a single mother of two, had been living in Quincy with her boyfriend, the father of her infant child. But when the relationship changed, she suddenly found herself looking for a new place to live.

"I’ve been staying with friends in Beverly since then," she said. "I was still in maternity leave so I didn’t have any income, which made it impossible to find an apartment.

Since Morrissa works in Braintree, she knew the temporary living situation was unsustainable. “It’s just a hassle if your day starts at five in the morning and you’ve got to get into Boston, fighting traffic the whole way. On top of that, the kids’ school and babysitter are an hour away.

After a referral through Quincy Community Action Programs (QCAP), Morrissa worked with her RAFT case manager, Darnell Wallace, to find a new apartment in Dorchester’s Grove Hall neighborhood, with the program providing assistance with her rent.

An important part of the process was not being afraid to ask for help, said Morrissa. “It’s always a stigma to go in and ask for help. It’s embarrassing, and you feel like you might be treated differently. But they were all super nice and helpful.”

Wallace said that eliminating this uneasiness from the start is key for each of his case referrals. “One of the things we focus on is destroying that stigma right at the beginning of the conversation, and making sure they know that this isn’t something to label you as,” he explained. "Right away, I say to each person, ‘Listen, I want to make sure you’re ok. Let’s have a chat with me.’ And that makes it a lot easier going forward.”

By preventing homelessness on a broad scale, director Norris said the program saved the state upwards of $31 million.

“It costs $300,000 to keep a family in a shelter for a year, compared to $2,600, which was the average amount we provided families to help secure a lease," he said. “Assuming these low income families would have otherwise been evicted and forced into a shelter, that’s how much more it would cost. The difference is enormous.

Through further investment by the state, the RAFT program assisted 60 percent more families last year than it did four years ago. This increase is expected to parallel rising costs of living in Boston, which has become one of the most expensive cities in the country.

According to a Boston Foundation report released last November, 54 percent of renter households now pay more than 30 percent of their gross income in rent, the highest percentage on record.
Cupcakes for Caring: Members dropped off 500 cupcakes to neighborhood first responders on Monday to show appreciation for the work that they do. The cupcakes were generously donated once again this year by Stop & Shop South Bay Center.

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Marcellus Parker, all of North Andover, MA, and a grandson Max Gross. Melvin was born and raised in Dorchester, and a granddaughter of Norwell and the late E. Keith of Dorchester.

She was an avid reader of novels and history, was a member of both the Boston Mayo GAA Club, and a strong supporter of Galway, "Eddie" to many, "Tedward John known as "Floss" to many in his hometown of Galway, Ireland on this side of the Atlantic, age 78 in Lakeville, Eddie was formerly of Dorchester and Quincy, Father to Barry of Quincy, and John and his wife Joan of Marshfield. Grandfather to Declan and Sophia of Marshfield. Edward was pre-deceased by his brothers, Martin and Edward Gross. He is survived by his sisters, Elizabeth and Connie of Galway, Mary and Bridget of Sydney, Australia, Theresa and Angela of Romford, England. Also survived by his brothers, Peter and Gerald of Galway. Uncle of Gerard of North Andover, MA, and survives by his nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews around the world. Eddie worked for the MBTA for over 25 years as a bus operator. He was the son of the late John and Catherine Gross. He is survived by his wife, Anna (Lipson) Gross. He was the son of Jack and Dorothy Gross. Melvin was born on December 21, 1924 in the neighborhood of South Boston, recently, Husband of the late Dorothy Morris. In the early 1940’s, he moved to Dorchester High School and worked as a general contractor and the owner of McNeil Remodeling Company. He is survived by his parents, Kenneth and Paula (Klepadlo) Gross, his daughters Debbie Mintz, Lisa Paone, Stephanie Julich, his twin sister Anne Mintz; his cousin Irma Sands as well as several grandnieces and 4 great grand nieces. Donations to Larry’s name may be made to the Center for Lupus, 697 Cambridge St., Suite 207, MA 02138 or to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, MA 02119.

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