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Looking ahead, and back, in the Polish Triangle

Deli seeking to modernize while holding onto tradition

By Simón Ríos WBUR REPORTER

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, heruns 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 that were like \$6 a pound, and that's not natural. But this here, you know what you're gonna get."

Housed in a plain onestory brick building on Boston Street, DJ's European Market looks like a garage from the outside. Walk inside and it's a window into another time. Row after row of colorful canned goods line the shelves; there's a rack of fat Polish donuts behind the register; and in the back, a deli with



Jordan Hislop shows two customers an order of Polish bacon at DJ's European Market & Deli on Boston Street in Dorchester. Jesse Costa/WBUR photos

a dozen varieties of kielbasa on display.

The deli is one of three in the Polish Triangle, which for a century has been a destination for waves of Polish immigrants seeking a new life in America. But as housing prices have soared, the number of Poles living in the enclave – a roughly 13-block area enclosed by Columbia Road, Dorchester Avenue, Boston Street, and Andrew Square - is a fraction of what it once was.

Now the deli is preparing for an expansion that the owners hope will allow the business to survive into a third generation of family ownership, and keep old traditions alive.

South Bay boost for business

"I'm actually Polish," laughs Michael Zementovsky, a construction worker who came into the deli wearing a hard



Dan Morris, an Irishman whose wife, Alina (Jurczuk), took over the deli from her father, twists off 8-inch links of handmade kielbasa.

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. (A 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 **News Editor**

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 Connolly on Friday morning. "We believe they've worked in other areas."

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



Security footage of a suspect at the Tuesday night robbery in Ashmont.

gunpoint. They entered the store with firearms and demanded money, police said, walking off with about \$1,200.

Both men are 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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Dot families given most help from MetroHousing last year

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

During last year, Dorchester households accounted for the largest share of assistance from a state program aimed at preventing homelessness, according to the agency's latest report.

MetroHousing/Boston detailed the 2017 numbers behind its Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program, a state funded initiative that tries to keep vulnerable people in their homes with rent assistance for low-income families, last week.

The non-profit agency worked with 1,500 families around the greater Boston area last year, offering nearly \$4 million in aid. Of that, \$1.3 million went to 525 Dorchester families, by far the highest percentage of recipients in the region.

Executive Director Chris Norris noted that the outlay for Dorchester homes last year was not a new trend. "Consistently, year to year, Dorchester has the highest number of families in our program," he said.

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State Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz at Boston's MLK Breakfast on Monday: Let's keep marching "with stamina, focus" to get criminal-justice reform passed.

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Winter spotlights trolleys' woes

News Editor

The fate of the Mattapan High-Speed Trolley, a locally beloved offshoot of the Red Line serviced by 1940s-era cars, is the subject of renewed discussion after a collision last month

By Jennifer Smith took two trolleys out of commission and circulation.

With several months of winter ahead, T officials and commuters alike are awaiting the results of a full MBTA study on the line in the coming weeks.

Already struggling with the two trolleys

in need of "long-term repair work," the line faced a further setback on Dec. 29 when an inbound train heading to Ashmont between the Cedar Grove and Butler stations rear-ended the

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

Saturday (20th)—Open House at Ashmont Nursery School, 1 Ashmont St., Dorchester, 9 a.m. Visit our nature & play-based campus. Meet our teachers and current families. Tour the school our your child enjoys a play date with new friends. There will be snacks! RSVP preferred.

Tuesday (23rd) – AARP Massachusetts Holds Caregiving Advocacy Luncheon from 12-1 p.m. at Ester Restaurant, 2261 Dorchester Ave. Join AARP Massachusetts for a free lunch event and learn more about the CARE Act, a new law to support family caregivers. Please RSVP, event is free, but space is limited. Call 877-926-8300 to register.

Saturday (27th) – The Dorchester Winters Farmer Market opens for the season today— and every Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Great Hall in Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester through March 31. Check their Twitter feed for the latest at @dorchesterwfm.

• 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 is an introduction to snowshoeing and snow shoes will be provided. For more info, please call 617-983-8500.

• Franklin Park Zoo fairy tale 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 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. For tickets and more information, visit franklinparkzoo.org.

Saturday (3rd) — Boston Ward 18 Democratic Caucus. Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18 will hold a caucus on Sat., Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River St. to elect delegates and alternates to the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year's state convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. If interested contact Boston's Ward 18 Democratic Town Committee should e-mail Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair at ward18boston@gmail.com.

Dorchester Day Parade Committee's second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade is set for at 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Dorchester. \$20 adults, \$10 child 12 and under. Under 2 are free.

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Smoke billows out the front door of the Codman Square Market on Tuesday morning. $BFD\ photo$

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

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 up and out of the front door, 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 firewall between them, said firefighter Steve MacDonald, a department spokesman.

iepartment spokesman. MacDonald said the fire started in the basement, "got in the walls and traveled to the ceiling and traveled along the celling. In the basement they pretty much have a handle on it, but it's behind the walls."

As the flames rolled across the ceiling, fire-fighters pulled out of the building. A heavy, full-sized billboard and metal frame sit 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.

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Man fatally shot near Codman Sq.

A man was shot to death near Kenwood Streetin Codman Square early Sunday evening, police said. Officers responded to calls of a person shot in the area at about 5:30 p.m. They found the victim, who has not been publicly identified, suffering from gunshot wounds. He was pronounced dead at the

The killing marked the fourth homicide of 2018, all of which resulted from shootings over the course of four days. Gunshots on Jan. 11, occurring within 20 minutes of each other in Dorchester and Roxbury, left two dead and one injured.

Shaquille Browder, 21, was identified as the victim in the Dorchester double-shooting in a Burger King parking lot on Columbia Road down from Grove Hall.

Two men in their 20s, one of whom died, were shot on Gloucester Street in the Back Bay on Saturday.

Police ask anyone with information about these cases to contact homicide detectives at 617-343-4470.

Gunfire leads to charges vs. teens

Police were called to 124 Standard St. in Mattapan on Saturday nightfor a report of shots fired in a home and detained two boys- 14 and 17 years old— on charges of firing a handgun. A woman living in the house initially thought someone had shot into the window of her home from outside, but police later found a loaded 9mm handgun upstairs. They will "seek additional firearm related charges against the 14-year-old juvenile."

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UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Mattapan Station Development Community Meeting—Wed., Jan. 24 from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at Foley Residences Community Room, 249 River St., Mattapan. This will be a follow-up IAG meeting to review considerations related to the proposed development. Close of comment period is: Wed., Jan. 31. Please forward any questions or comments to 617-918-4441, dana.whiteside@boston.gov.

Mary Hannon Field community meeting on Jan. 22 – 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 St. on Monday, January 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Cottage Brook Apartments Community Room, 622 Dudley St., Dorchester. Following a brief presentation, community members will be able to offer input regarding the material presented and the design

process. 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 6-8p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Downer Avenue Playground Community Meeting—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 on Wed., Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester McLaughlin Building, 1135 Dorchester Ave. 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.

McConnell Park Community Meeting – The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to a meeting regarding capital renovations to McConnell Park located at 30 Denny St. in Dorchester. The meeting is Thurs., Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Cristo Rey High School Boston, 100 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester. For further information, please call 617-961-3058.

Chili Cook-off Kicks off Dot Day season – 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off, a major fundraiser for the Dorchester Day Parade on Sunday, March 11 from 4-7p.m. at the IBEW Local 103 Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester.

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January 18, 2018 THE REPORTER Pag Five-story plan eyed for Tom English, Dorchester Market site

By Jennifer Smith **News Editor**

Developers are moving ahead with plans for a mixeduse building to replace the Tom English Bar and Dorchester Market sites on a prominent Dorchester Avenue corner. Zoning review documents filed with the city of Boston last week show a five-story building with two commercial spaces would rise above the intersection at East Cottage Street.

The 959 Dorchester Ave. project pitches a multi-floor building with 38 residential units, a restaurant, and a market. Four levels of rental apartments, staggering upward in height from where they meet neighboring buildings, would sit above the new commercial spaces.

Property owner Adam Sarbaugh has filed for a permit to erect, enlarge, alter, substantially repair, move, demolish or change occupancy of building or structure with the city's Inspectional Services Department.

It would top out at just over 60 feet in height; the 38 rental apartments would be mostly studios and onebedroom units. Twenty-six underground parking spaces, including tandem spaces, would be accessible via East Cottage Street.

The site is a short walk from the JFK/UMass T station, on a stretch of Dorchester Avenue with other markets and restaurants where "there's this vibrancy that we'd like



A newly-released rendering prepared by RODE Architects shows how a proposed new building at 959 Dorchester Ave. would rise above the intersection with East Cottage Street.

to maintain with the project," Kevin Deabler of RODE Architects said in September.

Sarbaugh purchased the 951-959A Dorchester Ave. parcel for \$3 million on Aug. 1. 2017, according to the Suffolk Registry of Deeds. The 11,580-square foot, or just over a quarter-acre, lot includes the market, Tom English's, and the land in between currently used for parking.

Sarbaugh expects the Dorchester Market store to occupy part of the new commercial space. Longtime operator Peter McGee would continue to run the market,

The development team envisions the building as a new anchor at the corner, with a setback area around the market front to allow for outdoor seating.

After feedback from local civic leaders and neighbors, Sarbaugh's team tweaked their designs last fall. RODE Architects' latest rendering now features a single building with underground parking that would be four $\underline{\text{stories along the Dorchester}}$ Avenue and East Cottage Street intersection, rising to five at its peak, and then down to four or three stories as it meets neighboring buildings. It sports a rounded front, rather than the sharp-edged prior versions, recalling the Sugar Bowl building farther up Dorchester Avenue.

Sarbaugh's team has worked in consultation with the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association planning committee since June 2017. Committee members liked the concept – keeping the long-time market and Mc-Gee on the first floor, along with a restaurant - but said that density was an issue.

With the one-way East Cottage Street connecting to the oft-jammed Dorchester Avenue, meeting attendees have consistently expressed concern about possible impacts on the two roads.

At that November meeting, developers brought their proposal down from 40 units to 38, from six stories to five, and said there could be room for up to 28 parking spaces.

"I appreciate coming down on the height," said planning chair Eileen Fenton in November. "I love this project, I love the concept of this project, I really hope we can get behind this project, but I still have to say that 38 units at this spot without [adequate] parking is a recipe for disaster."

The unit and story counts are unchanged in this week's filings, though the parking spaces are counted at 26.

According to the zoning review documents, the project will require variances for the number of units for the amount of land, number of parking spaces, proximity to the edge of the parcel, and maximum building height.

In an email to the Association's planning committee chair, Sarbaugh said he would reach out to the civic group and flyer the abutting community once the project has a set Zoning Board Of Appeals date.

An abutters meeting facilitated by the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services is planned for Sat., Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. in the Kit Clark Apartments at 915 Dorchester Ave.

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Dawn Morris carries out a batch of Paczki, a traditional Polish doughnut offered at DJ's European Market & Deli in Dorchester. Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

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velopment, just outside the Polish Triangle a few blocks from the deli. South Bay has already brought a 12-theater cinema and a Starbucks to the neighborhood, and 475 residential units are on the

South Bay is a big change for the neighborhood, and some of the old timers have been skeptical.

"At first I didn't like [the development] because I didn't know what to expect, because everything was so quick and we didn't'know...how it would change the neighborhood," said Stasia Kacprzak, president of the Polish American Citizens Club.

But once the building at South Bay started taking shape, Kacprzak said, she came around to see it as a step forward

"There's more people coming in, which is good," she said. "So it works out for us, it works out for other stores that are around."

South Bay is one of the area's biggest developments in years. But it's only the latest chapter in the transformation of the area that includes the Triangle -from a blue collar residential/ industrial neighborhood, to a place that looks increasingly like gentrified South Boston.

Housing prices here have



DJ's European Market owner Alina Morris talks to lunchtime customer Michael Zementovsky, who's working at the \$200 million South Bay development in Dorchester. Morris took over the deli from her father 13 years ago, and is now expanding the business to broaden her cli-Simón Ríos photo

increased by more than 50 bought homes." percent over the last decade, according to Zillow, and half as many Polish people live in the Triangle, according to the

"It's not a big Polish Triangle like it used to be," Kacprzak said. "A lot of people have moved away, the younger generation has moved away. People got married, they

"The new generation has a little bit more modern wavs of doing... I'm trying to preserve some of it."

Keeping up with the times

The Polish club is facing the same challenges as the deli down the street. They recently renovated the interior of the building to help welcome new faces - Polish or not.

"We have to provide for the new people that are coming in," said Kacprzak, the first female president of the Polish club since it opened in 1939. "You have to change with the times, because if you don't, you won't have anything."

That's a message that resonates with Alina (Jurczuk) Morris. She took over the

Polish deli from her father, who bought it in 1979. Morris said business is good thanks to all the development going on. But construction doesn't last forever.

"We have to get ready for when the construction is done," she said, "and then we just have the residents that have moved in, just be ready to serve and sell whatever their needs might be - so that we could survive.'

Morris said the neighborhood has changed so much that half her customers are newcomers. The anecdote is backed by Census numbers. Median household income in the Polish Triangle has nearly doubled in recent years, to \$65,000.

"When my father was here, his biggest lunch customers were the construction workers, the police, the Fire Department...big heartier guys that need a big sandwich," Morris "What's moving into the neighborhood is younger professional guys, and girls, that don't eat that way. So we will have to, yeah, adjust a little bit.'

A new café

The Morrises' little adjustment will actually be a big renovation that will nearly double the size of the market. The deli will continue with its

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.

A two-alarm fire on September 23 partially destroyed the basement and caused smoke damage to the first floor of the building on Adams Street, which also houses Folan Family Dental, PS Gourmet Coffee, Village Touch, and Bruins Daily. The Carpenters Local 67 union, which was also located in the building, has since relocated their regional headquarters to 750 Dorchester Ave.

Panning his camera, Blasi showed burnt out electrical panels and explained how, without electric pumps, the basement had been flooded with a foot of water for over three months.

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."

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

*Jesse Costa/WBUR photos**



Bring on the handmade kielbasa.



Jordan Hislop reaches into the deli case for some Polish bacon.



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.

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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 as I absolutely love the film and thought it would



Carolyn Saxon: The Nurse



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

translate to stage in a natural, organic and almost inevitable way."

"Shakespeare in Love" is Saxon's fifth production with SpeakEasy

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

"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 [famed 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

of Broadway 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.

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.

"When I return from $the \, tour, I\, begin\, rehears$ als for "The Wiz" at Lyric Stage. I will be playing the roles of Aunt Em and Glinda and I'm over-themoon excited about it," said Saxon.

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 617-933-8600 or visit SpeakEasyStage.com.

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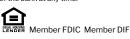




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GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 18, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Thursday Nigh Movies. Fri., Jan. 19, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. Mon., Jan. 22, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Jan. 23, 10:15 a.m. –ESL High-Beginner English; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. - Free Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Crafty Tuesdays: Clothespin People. Wed., Jan. 24, 11 a.m. – Toddler Time 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs.**, Jan. 25, 3 p.m. - USCIS Information Hours at Boston Public Library Branches; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Thursday Night Movies. Fri., Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 18, 1 p.m. – Email Basics; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Book Discussion. Fri., Jan. 19, 1 p.m. - Grace Kelly Movie Series. **Mon., Jan. 22,** 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 7 p.m. – Pajama Storytime.

Tues., Jan. 23, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Jan. 25**, 1 p.m. – Drop-In Computer Help; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 26, 1 p.m. – Grace Kelly Movie Series.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., Jan. 18, 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. - Technology Series: Drop-Ins; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. Fri., Jan. 19, 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday. **Sat., Jan. 20**, 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Hours at Boston Public Library Branches. Mon., Jan. 22, 10 a.m. – Story STEAM: Beatrix Potter Series; 10:30 a.m. - HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

Tues., Jan. 23, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 $p.m.-90s\,Nostalgia; 3:30\,p.m.-Drop-In\,Homework$ Help; 5 p.m. - Technology Series: Drop-Ins. Wed., Jan. 24, 10:30 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs. Jan. 25**, 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m.-Technology Series: Drop-Ins; 6:30 p.m.-Yoga. Fri., Jan. 26, 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

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People

News about people in & around our Neighborhoods

Arbaje-Thomas tapped to lead METCO program



Milagros (Milly) Arbaje-Thomas

Milagros (Milly) Arbaje-Thomas has been named the new Chief

town High School and Stonehill College remust have completed

> Cesaltina Barros, Class of 2018, and a graduate of English High School made the list. David Kenny, Class

Metropolitan Council

for Educational Op-

portunity (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 City-

wide Hispanic Center.

Anative of the Domini-

can Republic, she lives in

Hyde Park (Boston) with

her husband William,

Headmaster of Charles-

Executive Officer of daughters Gaby, age 12, and Julie, 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 fundraising 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 lead METCO into the future," said Burns. "She is a go-getter who will work with everyone – parents, legislators, superintendents, METCO directors, town administrators and staff. She knows the program and has extraordinary leadership and fundraising capability, developed over many years of heading community-based organizations."

In addition to Arbaje-Thomas's 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 holds 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.

ports 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

successfully all courses for which they were registered.

of 2020, and a graduate of Catholic Memorial School also made the grade. Senior Roberte Francois, a graduate of West Roxbury Academy majoring in Healthcare Administration, also earned the distinction.



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 Maureen Smith, who served as president for nearly six years.

Chad Martin Jen**kins** of Mattapan has been named to the Dean's List at North Shore Community College.... Jacqueline Painten of Dorchester qualified for the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Belmont University in Nashville, TN.



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 of the urban communities of metropolitan Boston. Candidates are nominated by residents of these communities, and the winner is chosen by a committee appointed by 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 617-287-5310.



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 the Ivy League school in Providence 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.

State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, Cynthia Johnson-Smith and Rep. Dan Cullinane were pictured at the William E. Carter American Legion Post #16 in Mattapan Square on Monday. The post hosed its annual salute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on the holiday that commemorates Dr. King's birth. This is the first MLK event at the post since the death of Arthur Smith, a veteran who helped to lead the post and organize the annual event. Mr. Smith died last July at age 82. He was a veteran of the US Air Force.

Photo courtesy Sen. Forry

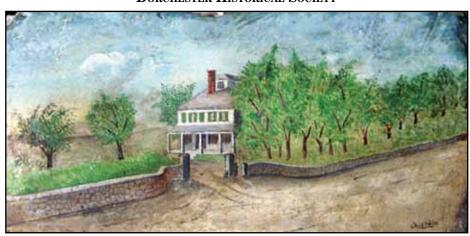
YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The estate that became known as Hawthorne Grove was located at 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 1770 by Increase Sumner (1740-1774) on land his father, William, had purchased in 1723 - 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 PinckneyWilder(1798-1886)acquired the old farm in 1832 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.

Wilder grew and experimented with 900 varieties of pears alone, growing on 2,500 trees, and with 300 varieties of the southern shrub the camellia. So great was his collection of flowers, as Francis Drake implies in

his book The Town of Roxbury (1878), that the Marshall 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 Wilder'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.

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

The spiral of the current White House administration into the deepest depths of awfulness continued apace last week. The latest abomination, as bravely related by US Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois: the president's expletive-laced rejection of people from African nations and Haiti in favor of Norwegians as his preferential immigrants at a White House meeting on immigration policy.

Durbin said the president used the word "shitholes" to describe Haiti and other countries that he deems unwelcome here in the United States. "Why do we need more Haitians? Take them out," the president is alleged to have said in reference to an attempt to include Haitians with Temporary Protected Status in an immigration reform package.

It was very clear long before this incident that the president is beyond salvation. He's a xenophobe, a racist, and a fool.

A more pressing question might be: Who among his compatriots in the majority party will stand tall, reject his excesses, and join the fight for common decency.

Paul Ryan, the speaker of the US House, is a dark-horse candidate for such a distinction. But, to date, Ryan has been a grave disappointment. His muted response to Trump's transgressions last week underlined that reality.

When asked to respond, Ryan could only muster that the president's behavior was "unfortunate" and "not helpful." He compared the countries disparaged by the president to Ireland, his ancestral nation of origin.

Ryan was not alone in reaching back to his own immigrant roots in reacting to Trump's words. Many fellow Irish-Americans, most of them well meaning, have invoked their own family's immigrant story in light of the president's white supremacist outbursts. That's a natural instinct to seek common ground. And there are parallels, to be sure.

But in the instance of Haiti, in particular, it's important to keep in mind how poorly our nation—the US—has behaved toward our neighbor over our shared history. Our nineteenth- century policy with respect to Haiti was outwardly hostile, with the US seeing its successful slave rebellion as an existential threat to our then-slaveocracy.

When we did "soften" our stance after the Civil War, it was with an eye to annexing Haiti and, indeed, all of Hispaniola as part of our doctrine of dominating the hemisphere. Later, in 1915, we actually invaded Haiti, and the occupation lasted nearly two decades, the longest in US history.

So, while it's true that the Irish who came to the US fled famine and colonial rule and civil war and poverty—much of it perpetrated by malevolent British imperialism—our government's role was limited. That's not true in the case of Haiti.

Put simply: Haiti is not Ireland. In the 1920s, the US did not seek to undermine the new Irish Republic with embargoes and threats of invasion or occupation. We did not participate in a conspiracy of hostile powers to seek to injure another aspiring republic. We did all of those things to Haiti.

Our nation, for all of the good works of individuals and organizations that do relief work there, has systematically sought to strangle and stifle Haiti's sovereignty and meddle in its domestic politics and economy since 1804.

That's what makes the viciousness and outright bigotry of this president all the more appalling. His ignorance knows no bounds. But we as Americans have a duty to remember these facts of our own history. We hope Speaker Ryan and other leaders with a modicum of decency and a connection to their own immigrant roots will embrace this reality.

— Bill Forry

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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. Last year, I stood at this podium worried about the slow pace of criminal justice reform in our state. I recounted how year after year, families in my district were losing brothers, mothers, fathers and sons to a vicious cycle of intergenerational harm exacerbated by our criminal justice system. I recounted how, despite years of activism, State House leaders told these communities again and again to keep waiting for criminal justice reform measures that could save their lives and the souls of their communities. And I invoked Dr. King's prediction that "in the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Since I was here with you last, though, something wonderful happened—something that Dr. King taught us to do. In the last year, communities and grassroots advocates rose up, and turned the tides of waiting. They got on the phone with their legislators, showed up at State House hearings, sang at rallies, attended community meetings—and with these actions paved smooth the way for reform.

They told the stories of the unseen victims of both crime and mass incarceration: the mother, the child, the teacher, the future victims of violence who are left behind when we lock people up for indiscriminate years.

Thanks to these persistent efforts, this fall, the Senate and House each passed versions of criminal justice reform that, I'm happy to report, *do* contain strong reforms, and represent a momentous step on the road to justice. These bills now stand in a conference committee, where over the coming weeks a final compromise will get hammered out.

It is not easy to break out of the patterns that have dominated history—including that pattern of asking oppressed people to wait for justice, and I am proud so many of my colleagues rose to meet this moment.

To my colleagues and leadership in the Senate: I know you heard the voices of advocates and reflected deeply upon the moral choices confronting us in criminal justice policy. Mr. Speaker, I can see the same is true for you. And I want to say that out loud here, because it's so important that people know that

you're listening and that their words have impact on us in the State House.

But, my fellow justice-seekers, let me be clear: The work is not done. Real, consequential choices remain before us. How far will we go in the conference bill to:

- Do away with costly and ineffective mandatory minimums;
- Institute implicit-bias and de-escalation training for our law-enforcement professionals;
 - Decriminalize poverty;
- Prioritize healing broken communities rather than unrelenting punishment that, in the end, serves only us politicians?

The conference committee that will decide on these questions will release a final bill sometime between next week and July. No one knows what they will do. That is where you come in, my brothers and sisters in the audience, and at home.

Over the past year we have taken these enormous steps in the Legislature...we have gotten this bill to the 10-yard line, because so many people pushed us to. But these people, your neighbors, they need reinforcements in this final round.

Last year, I invoked Dr. King's words to call upon Beacon Hill to stop waiting and to pass real reform. This year, I'm using Dr. King's words make a plea to you:

"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Every step toward the goal of justice requires...the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals. This is no time for apathy or complacency, this is a time for vigorous and positive action."

If you care about ending the cycles of harm in our criminal justice system, have you taken vigorous and positive action to bring that about? If you have, we need you again. If you haven't, Dr. King is talking to you today!

My fellow justice-seekers: Be ashamed to come back to this breakfast next year if you haven't called or emailed someone who works at the State House. Because we need you now. Victory is so close, but we cannot take it for granted.

In our democracy, you hold immense power—which no nine district attorneys, no hesitating legislators, no dam of injustice can withstand for long. Dr. King taught us this, against much longer odds.

Let us march on over these next weeks, with stamina and with focus, until victory is won.

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

State Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry, whose parents emigrated from Haiti, last week called reported remarks on immigration reform by President Donald Trump last week "a racist slur" directed at Haitians and people of African descent. She said she'd like to believe that Trump "represents the last gasp of a racist worldview that has been in retreat, here in America, since the fall of Jim Crow."

The senator was reacting to news reports that at an Oval Office meeting with lawmakers last Thursday, Trump responded to a discussion about what to do with immigrants from Haiti, El Salvador and African countries by asking, "Why are we having all these people from shithole countries come here?"

Forry issued a statement calling on Americans to denounce the president's comments and voicing disappointment that the country "saw fit to elect an ignorant, mean-spirited, white supremacist to the most powerful office in the world, adding, "I am really getting tired of having to do this.

"I have to express first how demoralizing and

upsetting it is to have to register my outrage about hateful remarks made by my own president. And then to have to do it again. And again. The president's words are ignorant and repulsive and an affront to decency and to history."

In a tweet on Friday, Trump denied elements of the original story by the Washington Post. "Never said anything derogatory about Haitians other than Haiti is, obviously, a very poor and troubled country," he posted. "Never said 'take them out.' Made up by Dems. I have a wonderful relationship with Haitians. Probably should record future meetings - unfortunately, no trust!"

Forry noted in her statement that Friday marked "a heart wrenching anniversary for Haiti, for our hemisphere and for all people," a reference to Jan. 12, 2010, the day a catastrophic earthquake struck the Caribbean nation, devastating its infrastructure and, according to the Haitian government, killing more than 200,000 people.

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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 6-8p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 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.

MCCONNELL PARK COMMUNITY MEETING

Thurs., Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Cristo Rey High School Boston, 100 Savin Hill Avenue, Dorchester, The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to a meeting regarding capital renovations to McConnell Park located at 30 Denny Street in Dorchester. For further information, please call 617-961-3058.

DOT DAY PARADE CHARACTER BREAKFAST ON MARCH 3

Dorchester Day Parade Committee's second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade is set for Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Dorchester atop Meetinghouse Hill. Characters such as Poppy and Branch from Trolls, Batman, Minions, Mickey, Minnie, Moana, Peppa Pig, Cookie Monster and Elmo will be on the scene. A delicious breakfast will be served by Season's



Students from the New Mission High School in Hyde Park visited the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate last Friday for an immersive legislative program and debate on immigration reform. City Councillor Tim McCarthy participated as did the new president of the institute, Mary K. Grant, at right. "The Senate Immersion Module program offers a new, interactive approach to civic learning that gives the next generation of leaders a deeper understanding of our legislative process, and the role they can play in making a difference in their own communities," said Grant. "I was inspired by the thoughtful and respectful conversations today's students were having around immigration reform." Upon completing the program, the Boston student-senators voted down an immigration reform bill by a 31-36 vote. "The kids had a blast doing it," said Brinda Tahiliani, New Mission High School's history department chair.

Catering and ice cream will be available from Chill on Park. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Children under 2 are free.

CHILI COOK-OFF KICKS OFF DOT DAY SEASON

12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off, a major fundraiser for the Dorchester Day Parade on Sunday, March 11 from 4p.m.-7p.m. at the IBEW Local 103 Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester.

BOSTON WARD 18 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18 will

hold a caucus on Sat., Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River St. to elect delegates and alternates to the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year's state convention will be held June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Those interested in getting involved with Boston's Ward 18 Democratic Town Committee should e-mail Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair at ward18boston@gmail.com.

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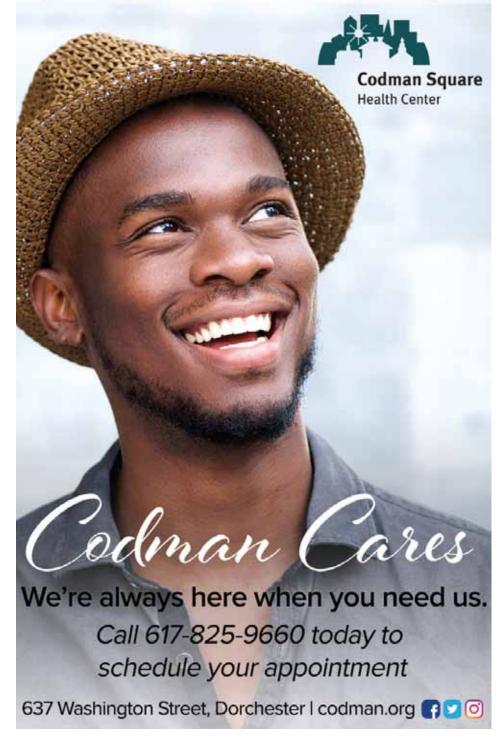
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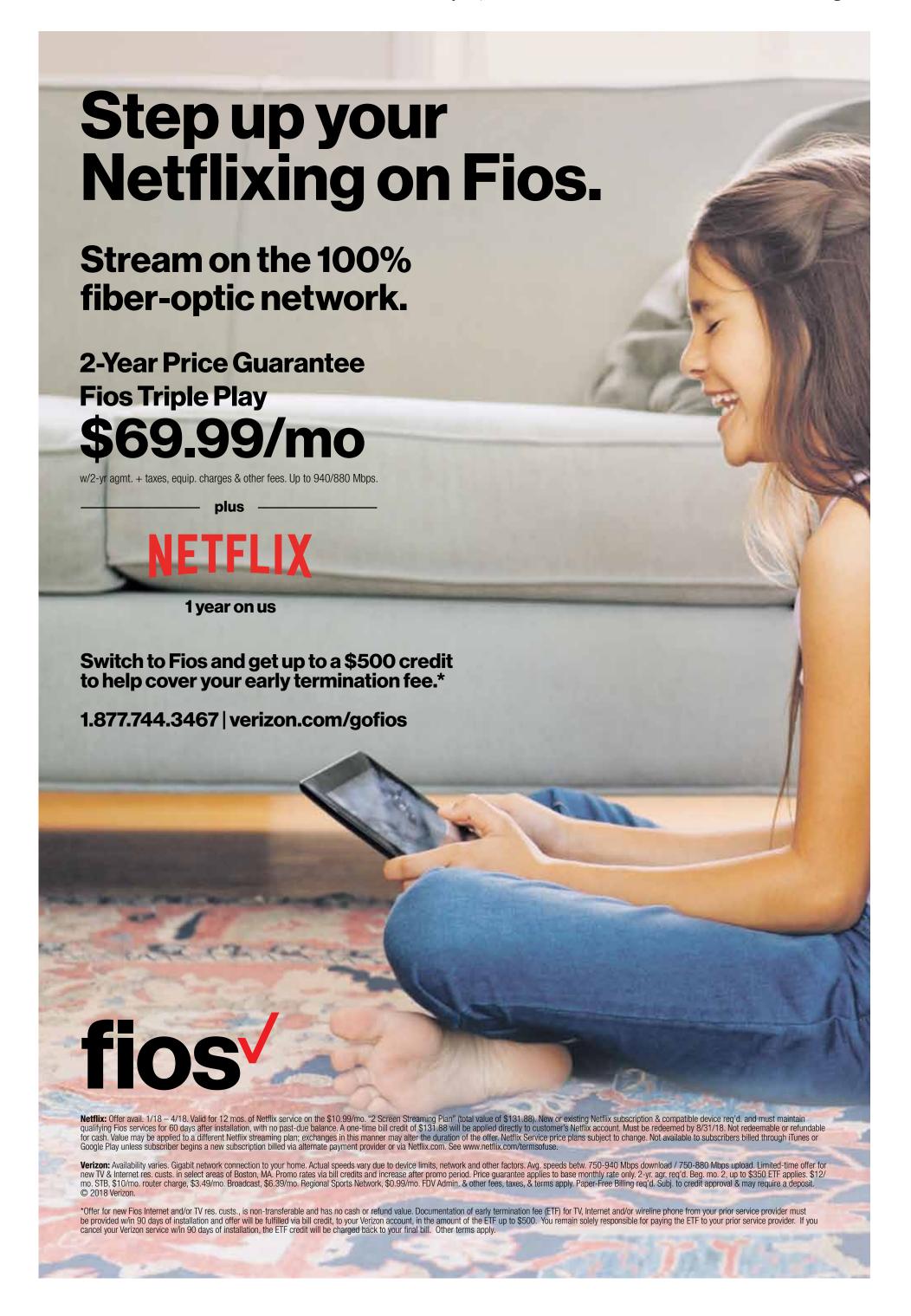
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Winter puts spotlight on Mattapan trolleys' fate

train in front of it, resulting in 18 minor injuries, Jeffrey Gonneville, the T'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

(Continued from page 1) 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."

> Two trolleys 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

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

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 trams 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.

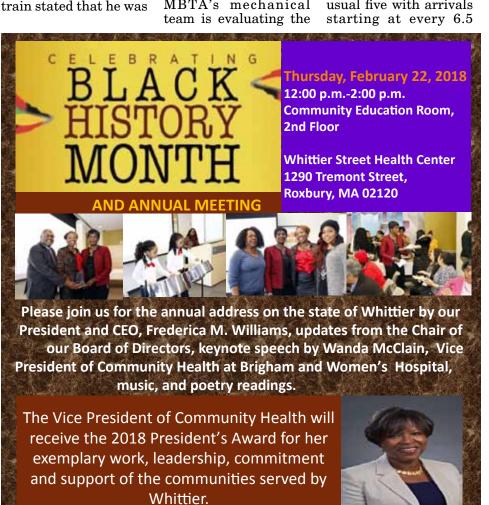
This was to be the case this week on Wednesday. In the face of a possible half-foot of snow overnight Tuesday, MBTA officials announced that shuttle buses would transport riders. Anything beyond four inches of snow on the trolley tracks makes operations

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 the information to see what the realities are and what the possibilities are."



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Community Health News

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 statesanctioned 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 threw a curveball into the market this month when he noted cultivation, distribution and possession is an unambiguous federal crime and said he can't assure immunity to anyone involved in the state-level marijuana trade. State officials balked, noting state voters approved marijuana legalization, but 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 cashonly operations in the wake of U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' Jan. 4 revocation 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 mariiuana. 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 Forry-SORRELL

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 child care 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 BCYF spokesperson, "Unless the Mayor calls for essential personnel only, all BCYF 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/communitycenters) 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 BCYF 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. - Boston Arts Academy 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

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Neighborhood Notables

(Continued from page 10) **MATTAPAN STATION DEVELOPMENT**

COMMUNITY MEETING Wed., Jan. 24 from 6:15-7:45 p.m. at Foley Residences Community Room, 249 River St., Mattapan. This will be a follow-up IAG meeting to review considerations related to the proposed development. 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 squarefoot 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.) Close of comment period is: Wed., Jan. 31. Please forward any questions or comments 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

Registration open until Mon., March 18. Registration will not be accepted after that date. Unpaid registrations will be deleted by the system. Age divisions and playing format: (K-1 and K-2) U6, 5v5 up to 12 players roster, Girls and boys separated. (1st and 2nd) U8, 5 V 5 with 10 players roster, Girls and boys separated. (3rd and 4th) U10 Co-ed played 6 v 6 with 12 players roster. (5th and 6th) U-12 Co-ed played 8 V 8 with 15 players roster. (7th and 8th) U-14 Co-ed played 8 V 8 with 15 players roster. Register at dyssoccer.com.

AARP MASSACHUSETTS HOLDS CAREGIVING ADVOCACY LUNCHEON

Tues., Jan. 23 from 12-1 p.m. at Ester Restaurant, 2261 Dorchester Ave.; Join AARP Massachusetts for a free lunch event and learn more about the CARE Act, a new law to support family caregivers. The CARE Act makes sure caregivers are recognized when their loved ones go into the hospital, and that they have the training and resources needed to help loved ones stay safely at home. Please RSVP, event is free, but space is limited. Call 877-926-8300 to register.

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JOIN MATTAPAN FOOD AND FITNESS COALITION AT BOSTON NATURE CENTER FOR SNOW SHOEING

The Boston Nature Center invites you to join them on Sat., Jan. 27 from 3-4 p.m. for an introduction to snowshoeing. This is a free event and snow shoes will be provided. For more info, please call 617-983-8500. **JAMMIN' FOR JIMMY**

Sat., Feb. 10 from 7-10 p.m. at Florian Hall, Dorchester. Join for an evening of fun and music to benefit the James P. "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-p-jimmy-cawley-scholarship. General admission is \$10 at the door. Raffle prizes, hors d'ouevres, cash bar, and a cash drawing will be held. For more information or to purchase tickets for the cash drawing, please contact Elisa Birdseye at jimmyscholarship@gmail.com.

WINTER FARMERS MARKET IN CODMAN SOUARE

Every Saturday from January 27 to March 31 from 10-1 p.m. at The Great Hall in Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester, MA. Free admission. For updates and further information, check out their Facebook at dorchesterwinterfarmersmarket and Twitter @dorchesterwfm.

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617-343-4711 **APPLE GROVE ASSOC.**

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

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.

 $Meetings\,are\,generally\,held\,the\,last\,Thursday\,of\,the$ month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD 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 Lane Hall – lower level at 589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester Tuesdays at 7 p.m. –Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13, Apr 10, May 8. Tues., June 12 at 6:30 p.m.; Good Neigh/ Good Business Awards/Scholarship Awards & 7 p.m. business meeting St. Brendan's lower hall. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the $Great\, Hall\, of the\, Codman\, Sq.\, Health\, Center, 6\, Norfolk$ St. Info: call 617-265-4189

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC

Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

CUMMINS VALLEY ASSOC.

Cummins Valley Assoc. meeting at the Mattahunt Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan, on Mondays 6:30 p.m., for those living on and near Cummins Highway. For info on dates, call 617-791-7359 or 617-202-1021.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@ gmail.com.

JONES HILL ASSOC.

See joneshill.com for additional information. Please refer to the JHA website at joneshill.com for additional information and feel free to contact me or the Association Officers copied on this email with any questions. Upcoming dates: Feb. 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.

The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Upham's Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

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Thursday, Jan. 18

• The monthly meeting of the Boston State Hospital CAC will be held from 6-8p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Saturday, Jan. 20

- Open House at Ashmont Nursery School, 1 Ashmont St., Dorchester, 9 a.m. Visit our nature & play-based campus. Meet our teachers and current families. Tour the school our your child enjoys a play date with new friends. There will be snacks! RSVP preferred.
- Mary Hannon Field community meeting 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 St. Following a brief presentation, community members will be able to offer input regarding the material presented and the design process. For further information, please call 617-961-3167.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

• AARP Massachusetts Holds Caregiving Advocacy Luncheon from 12-1 p.m. at Ester Restaurant, 2261 Dorchester Ave. Join AARP Massachusetts for a free lunch event and learn more about the CARE Act, a new law to support family caregivers. Please RSVP, event is free, but space is limited. Call 877-926-8300 to register.

Wednesday, Jan. 24

- Mattapan Station Development Community Meeting sponsored by BPDA, 6:15 p.m. at Foley Residences Community Room, 249 River St., Mattapan. This will be a follow-up IAG meeting to review considerations related to the proposed development. 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. Close of comment period is: Wed., Jan. 31. Questions or comments: 617-918-4441, dana. whiteside@boston.gov.
 - 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 Ave., Dorchester. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester McLaughlin Building ,1135 Dorchester Ave., 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.

Thursday, Jan. 25

• The Boston Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to a meeting regarding capital renovations to McConnell Park located at 30 Denny Street in Dorchester at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Cristo Rev High School Boston, 100 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester. For further information, please call 617-961-3058.

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 metro area. Go to ymcaboston.org/camps for more information.
- The Dorchester Winters Farmer Market opens for the season today— and every Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Great Hall in Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester through March 31. Check their Twitter feed for the latest at @dorchesterwfm.
- McCormack Civic Association requests assistance from our neighbors to take down 84 Christmas wreaths on light posts along Dot Ave and Boston Street from Columbia Road to Washburn Street. Volunteers will be needed beginning 10 a.m. at Paul's Triangle. Please sign-up at the Jan. 16 meeting or by e-mailing mccormackcivic@gmail.

Saturday, Feb. 3

• Registered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18 will hold a caucus at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1179 River St., Hyde Park to elect delegates and alternates to the 2018 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. June 1-2 at the DCU Center in Worcester. The caucus is open to all registered and preregistered Democrats in Boston's Ward 18. Those interested in getting involved with Boston's Ward 18 Democratic Town Committee should contact Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair, ward18boston@gmail.

Saturday, Feb. 10

• Jimmy Cawley Scholarship benefit at Florian Hall, 7-10:30 p.m. features Boston ILL Harmonic performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. Admission is \$10 at the door. Raffles, hors d'ouevres and cash bar. Cash drawing. Contact Elisa Birdseye at jimmyscholarship@gmail.com.

Sunday, Feb. 18

• Renaissance Men. in collaboration with Boston City Singers Fellas, presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber, at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Music Renaissance Men, Boston's professional male vocal chamber ensemble, performs Ren-Men Branches. Curated to explore the unexpected bridges between genres, the program will include both classical and pop/ bluegrass selections. Ren Men will be joined by Boston City Singers' Fellas group. Tickets (\$25) available at door or at ahchambermusic. org. EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

• The Milton Junior Woman's Club presents the children's entertainment group, Toe Jam Puppet Band, at a special February school vacation week performance at Cunningham Hall, 77 Edge Hill Rd., Milton. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for the 10 a.m. performance. Tickets are \$5 per person. Toe Jam Puppet Band offers a special brand of interactive children's entertainment that grown-ups can actually enjoy.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Whittier Street Health Center celebrates Black History Month and its Annual Meeting from 12 - 2 p.m., 2ndFloor Community Room. Keynote Speaker: Wanda McClain, Vice President, Community Health, Brigham and Women's Hospital and a President's Update from Frederica M. Williams, President & CEO. RSVP to Erin Gilligan at erin. gilligan@wshc.org or Crystal Palmer: crystal. palmer@wshc.org.

Saturday, March 3

• Dorchester Day Parade Committee's second annual Character Breakfast to raise funds for the June parade, 9:30 a.m. at First Parish Dorchester atop Meetinghouse Hill.

Characters such as Poppy and Branch from Trolls, Batman, Minions, Mickey, Minnie, Moana, Peppa Pig, Cookie Monster and Elmo will be on the scene. A delicious breakfast will be served by Season's Catering and ice cream will be available from Chill on Park. \$20 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. Children under 2 are free.

Sunday, March 11

• 12th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off, a major fundraiser for the Dorchester Day Parade from 4p.m.-7p.m. at the IBEW Local 103 Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester.

Sunday, March 18

• St. Patrick's Day/ Evacuation Day Parade in South Boston, 1 p.m.

 Concert presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music at 4 p.m. in Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Pianist Mana Tokuno has received widespread acclaim for her sensitive and insightful interpretations and her brilliant virtuosity. Tickets (\$25) available at the door or at ahchambermusic. org. EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.

Sunday, April 8

• Armida Quartet, presented by Ashmont Hill Chamber Music, in concert at Peabody Hall, All Saints' Church at 4:30 p.m. Tickets (\$25) available at the door or at ahchambermusic. org. EBT card holders \$3. Children under 13 admitted free.



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 reports fire was showing from the second floor of the threedecker when firefighters arrived. Damage was estimated at \$500,000. The cause remains under investigation. BFDphoto

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The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party SEF Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Rosa M. Guzman, 436 Harvard St., #6, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before **03/08/2018**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, First

lustice of this Court. Date: January 10, 2018 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: January 18, 2017

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU17D2632DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING DAVID REASON

BRENDA HAWKINS REASON the Defendant:

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Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 4, 2017

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU17P2476EA ESTATE OF: LOUISE ACKERMAN DATE OF DEATH: 05/12/2016

SUFFOLK DIVISION To all persons interested in above captioned estate. by Petition of Petitioner Gwendolyr Ackerman of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Gwendolyn Ackerman of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Rep resentative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained

from the Petitioner. Published: January 18, 2018

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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 1886 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.



A surveillance image captured the moment that a gunman stormed into an Image courtesy BPD Ashmont Street convenience store last week.

"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 get there after 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-

bpda Public Meeting

MATTAPAN STATION DEVELOPMENT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

6:15 PM - 7:45 PM

249 RIVER STREET

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PROJECT PROPONENT:

POAH & 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.)

MAIL TO: DANA WHITESIDE

Boston Planning & Development Agency

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PHONE: 617.918.4441

dana.whiteside@boston.gov EMAIL:

CLOSE OF COMMENT

Wednesday, January 31

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

Dot families given most help from MetroHousing last year

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 deposits, 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 a burden of anxiety 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,

(Continued from page 1) 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 on 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."

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

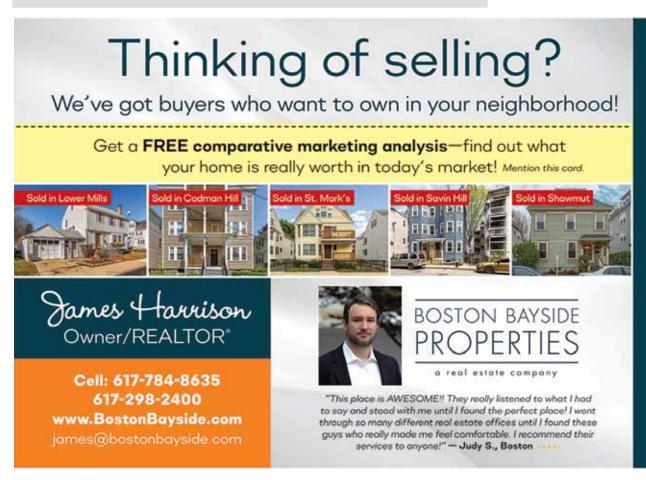
An important part of the process was not being afraid to ask for help, said Morrissa. "It's always a stigma to go in and ask for help. It's embarrassing, and you feel like you might be treated differently. But they were all super nice and helpful."

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 you to be real 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 \$36,000 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 have 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.





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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER

If you Tube



Cold Weather Creativity: Our Toddler 2 class ventured outside to paint snow last week once the weather finally warmed up enough to enjoy outdoor activities again!

CONNECT THE DOT

Cupcakes for Caring: On Monday, January 15th, Martin Luther King Day, members from Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester took part in our third annual Cupcakes for Caring. Cupcakes for Caring is a day when members bring cupcakes around to Police, Firefighters and EMS First Responders as a way to show appreciation for their willingness to put themselves in danger to keep the rest of us safe every day. We delivered over 500 cupcakes to different offices and stations around the neighborhood. The cupcakes were generously donated once again this year by Stop & Shop South Bay Center.

Members love the chance to give back to those who give so much for our community. Again, we'd like to say thank you to all of the first responders. We are grateful for what you do.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE

Spaces Open in Programs: Winter programs are now underway! The winter session of enrichment programs began last week, and are off to a great start. There are still some spaces available in certain programs, so if you're interested in signing up, visit bgc-dorchester.org to see the full schedule and to find contact info for the Program Director of any that interest you.

Some of the available classes include:

ARTS

Meet the Masters: Mon 5:30-6:30PM Drawing & Painting: Tues 5:30-6:30PM Teen Art: Wed 7-8PM

ATHLETICS

Girls 12 & under Low Rim Basketball: Tues & Thurs 6PM Co-ed 15 & under Basketball: Mon & Wed 6PM



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 donated by Stop & Shop at South Bay Center.

DID YOU KNOW

Summer Registration: Registration for our summer program will take place March 10th from 9AM - 1PM, March 12th from 9AM - 4PM, and March 13th from 4 - 8PM. Registration is first-come first-served, so once the spots are all filled registration will close, even if this takes place on the first or second day. We will keep you updated on our website and our Facebook page, so please check there if you are hoping to register and aren't able to make it to the first day. You will not be able to register by phone beforehand, registration must take place in person. The Summer program runs for five weeks, July 9 - August 10, from 8:30AM-5:30PM each day. The total cost for the five weeks is \$400 for 7-12 year olds, and \$450 for 5-6 year olds. Meals are included every day for all age-groups.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SCHOLARSHIP INFO NIGHT

MARR-LIN SWIM TEAM LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET January 27 & 28

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COSTELLO, Edward John known as "Eddie" to many, "Teddie" to his family, and "Floss" to many in his hometown of Galway, Ireland and on this side of the Atlantic, age of 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 Sophie of Marshfield. Edward was pre-deceased by his brothers, Martin and-Michael. 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. as well as numerous other nieces, nephews, and grandnieces and grandnephews around the world. Eddie worked for the MBTA for over 25 years as a bus operator. He was a proud member of Liam Mellows GAA, Fr. Tom Burke's Hurling Club, and a strong supporter of Galway GAA. Eddie was a longtime volunteer at the Irish Cultural Center and was the former secretary of the Boston Mayo GAA Club. He also had an excellent gift for producing beautiful, well-written short stories. One of Eddie's proudest accomplishments was earning a degree from Harvard Extension School while wearing his work boots to class after a day of digging trenches in the

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streets of Boston. GARRITY, Joan D. (Reardon) of Dorchester. Wife of the late John Garrity. Sister of Marilyn Slattery and her husband William of Norwell and the late Barbara R. Flynn and John Reardon, Jr. Also survived by a niece and nephew. If desired, contributions, in Joan's name, may be sent to Make A Wish Foundation, One Bulfinch Place, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02114

GROSS, Melvin M. in his 94th year. He was the son of Jack and Anna (Lipson) Gross. He leaves a son, Kenneth N. Gross, and a daughter, Laura Weinstein and her husband Ron Weinstein, and a grandson Max Weinstein. His wife of 35 years, Rosalyn (White) Gross, predeceased him, as did his son, Jeffrey Gross. Melvin was born and raised in Dorchester. In the early 1940's, he graduated from Bentley College with an accounting degree. After working as an accountant, he became the owner of the Kemble Waste Company, a recycling business in Roxbury, which he operated for nearly 40 years. He was also a WWII veteran and served in the Army, where he was stationed in England. He lived in Natick over 60 years. He was also a Mason and a member of both the

Jewish War Veterans and the Dorchester-Roxbury-Mattapan Group

HELEOTIS, Eleutherios "Ted" age 92 of Dorchester. Born and raised in Boston, he attended Boston Schools and was an Army Veteran of WW II. He worked for many years as a Laborer for a Chemical Company before retiring. Brother of the late Anastasia "Ann" Machiaverna, Golpho "Cookie" Drivas and Constantine "Charles" Heleotis. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

KENNEDY, William Edward longtime resident of West Roxbury. Son of the late William and Mary (King) Kennedy. Brother of the late Robert H. Kennedy and Margaret A. Heelan. Korean War Veteran. U.S. Army. Graduate of Northeastern University. Employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Honeywell Corporation. MINTZ, Laurence

E. "Larry" a resident of Needham for over 30 years. He was 83 years old. Born in Lawrence, he was the son of the late Maurice and Esta (Silverman) Mintz. Larry Grew up in Dorchester and was a graduate of Dorchester High School. His career was as a general contractor and the owner of Mass Remodeling Company. He is survived by his life partner Shirley Klepadlo; his daughters Debby Mintz, Lisa Paone and Michelle Julian; his sister Anne Mintz; his cousin Irma Sands as well as four grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Donations in Larry's name may be made to the Center for Blistering Disorders, 697 Cambridge St., Suite 302, Boston, MA 02135 or to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215.

NEAL, **Donna M**. of Dorchester. Donna loved her family, especially her beloved wife Joan. She was an avid reader and loved to travel. She worked as the Assistant Director of the Office of Student Activities. Arts, and Media at the University of Massachusetts. Boston. There she inspired many students through her work and passion. Wife of Joan E. Keith of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Gerard J. and M. Grace Neal. Sister of James L. Neal, Sr. and his wife Mary Kelly, Marygrace Neal, Deirdre A. McCaul and her husband Peter, all of Quincy, Robert G. Neal of Braintree, John D. Neal and his wife Beth of Brockton, and Gerard J. Neal, Jr. and his wife Amanda of Dorchester. Aunt of James L. Neal, Jr. and his wife Tina of Quincy, Michael P. Neal and his wife Danielle, Caitlin R. Walsh and her husband Aiden,

Zachary P. McCaul, all of

Quincy, Brendan J. Neal of Dorchester, Austin J. Neal of Dorchester, Joseph G. Neal of Brockton, Grace M. Neal of Brockton, Kristen E. McCaul-Sass and her husband Michael of Plymouth, and James Wood and his wife Valerie of Vermont. Also survived by 11 great-nieces and 3 greatnephews. Donations in memory of Donna may be made to the Mass Media at the University of Massachusetts. Please make memorial gifts payable to UMass Boston, and indicate "Mass Media". Mail to UMass Boston c/o University Advancement, 100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA 02125 or visit www.alumni. umb.edu/DonnaNeal. .

PARKER SISSON, Betty (Redfern) of Dorchester. Wife of Lucius Sisson. Mother of Michael, Marzette and Marcellus Parker, all of Boston, and the late Marlowe Parker. Sister of William Lucas and the late Dorothy Morris. Grandmother of Dorian Geoffrey and George Parker. Donations, in Betty's name, may be sent to St Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis,

TN 38105. SARGENT, Lucy A. (Marino) of Roxbury. Wife of the late Allen D. Sargent. Sister of Joseph Marino of Braintree and the late Doris Bobek, Michael, Ralph, Andrew Marino and Marie Bolinder. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Mother-in-law of Virginia Sargent. Grandmother and great grandmother. Remembrances may be made to St. Patrick Church, Roxbury

SOĽIMANDO, Monica E. of Quincy, formerly of Milton. Daughter of Michael Solimando Jr., and Jodi (Poltack) Solimando. Sister of Gabriella M. and Luke S. Solimando. Also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Remembrances may be made to the Dimock Center, 55 Dimock St., Roxbury, MA 02119 or Camp Harbor View Foundation, 200 larendon St., Boston,

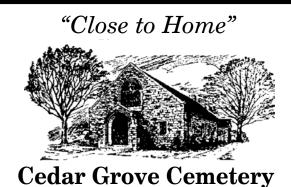
MA 02116. STRAZDES, Helen B. Westminster CO. at age 91. Born in Boston in 1926, she was the daughter of William Yankauckas and Tafile (Paulavicius) Yankauckas. Raised in a Lithuanian-immigrant neighborhood of South Boston, she was a longtime resident of Dorchester who retired to Longmont CO. In 1948, she married Edward A. Strazdes (1924-1996), who was active in organizations for veterans of World War II, including the 12th Armored Division Association. Helen, a bookkeeper, worked for SEA Consultants, Cambridge MA; her volunteer activities included the Girl Scouts and the Longmont CO Senior Center. She is survived by her children, Diana Strazdes of Davis CA, an art historian, and Edward Strazdes of Lafayette CO, a mechanical engineer.

SWAIN, Thomas J. of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston, suddenly. Husband of the late Mildred A. (Connolly) Swain. Father of Geanine Sullivan and her husband Bobby of Dorchester, Barry Swain and his wife Julie of Braintree and the late Thomas J. "Tommy" Swain. Father-in-law of Carolyn Swain of Milton. Grandfather of Patrick and Kaelyn Sullivan, and Kylie, Ryan, and Matthew Swain. Brother of Norman Swain, Donald Swain, and Carol Reilly, all of Braintree. Gerard Swain, and the late Lorraine Flannery, Dorothy Izbicki, and Harold Swain. Member of the Old Dorchester Post #65 A.L. Vet. U.S. Coast Guard.

TSACOYEANES, Clare A. (Killeen) 81, of Dedham passed. Originally from Dorchester. Wife of 57 years to Charles Tsacoyeanes. Mother of William Tsacoyeanes and wife Mary (Acton), the late Charles Tsacoyeanes, Karen Mackintire and husband Thomas (Westborough), Diane Gangi and husband August (Easton). Grandmother of Jillian and Joanna Tsacoyeanes; Ryan andAbigail Mackintire; Aprille, Joshua and Lucas Gangi. Sister of James Killeen and wife Margaret of Westborough. Sister of the late Mary Regan, Dorothy Caulfield, Charles Killeen and Anna Brennan. Memorial gifts may be made to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund (www. curealz.org).

SISTER MARILYN

WELCH, SC (Sister Kevin Patrick) of Mt. St. Vincent, Wellesley Hills. A Sister of Charity for 65 years who was missioned in Richmond Hill, New York, Renton, Washington, Vancouver, British Colombia and Halifax, Nova Scotia. Locally: Dorchester Roxbury, Needham, Mt. St. Vincent, Wellesley and Elizabeth Seton Residence, Wellesley. Beloved daughter of the late William and Margaret (Joyce) Welch. Sister of the late Margaret Welch, Francis and John Welch. Sister-in-Law of the late Virginia Welch. Sister is survived by her sister- in-law, Bonnie, her niece, Kathy Robichaud, her nephews, John and Jim and several grandnieces and grandnephews. Also survived by all her sisters in community. Donations may be made to Sisters of Charity, Mt. St. Vincent Community, 125 Oakland St., Wellesley Hills, MA 02481.



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