Neighbors review proposal for senior housing complex on River Street in Mattapan
Feedback seen as mostly positive

BY KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF
About 30 neighbors attended a meeting hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) last Wednesday to review plans for a proposed senior housing complex on what is now a vacant lot on River Street in Mattapan.

Reaction to the plan was generally positive.

The Planning Office for Urban Affairs and the Caribbean Integration Community Development (CICD) have partnered on the plan for 150 River St. that would total roughly 29,320 square feet, offering 30 affordable rental units for seniors aged 62 and over.

The three-story building would include 27 one-bedrooms and 3 studio apartments with 12 onsite parking spaces and a publicly accessible, shaded garden. The complex would also feature a multi-season screened porch, an indoor community room with a fireplace, a mailroom, and laundry amenities. It would be managed by Maloney Properties Inc.

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Fields Corner Food Basket to close; new player on deck

BY BILL FORREY
EDITOR
America’s Food Basket supermarket on Geneva Avenue will close this month and will be replaced by a new supermarket operator with deep roots in Dorchester. The Slawsky family, which operates four Save-A-Lot supermarkets in Greater Boston, plans to renovate and upgrade equipment in the Fields Corner space over the next few months.

It is not yet clear whether or not the new operators will re-open under the name Save-A-Lot. The transition follows a four-year-long legal battle in which America’s Food Basket appealed control of the space. Having lost its final appeal, the New York-based chain will vacate the roughly 20,000 square-foot space in the coming days.

Jonathan Slawsky, 44, and his brother Todd, 50, run the Save-A-Lot stores with their father, Harold, 82.

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UMass seeking interest about Calf Pasture site

BY BILL FORREY
EDITOR
The University of Massachusetts Building Authority issued a Request for Information (RFI) last week beginning its search for a private developer for the historic Calf Pasture Pumping Station and adjacent property on Columbia Point.

The ten acres are the latest section of the UMass Boston campus offered for redevelopment by theUMB, which last year agreed to lease the 20-acre Bayside section of its campus, a deal that could yield the university as much as $235 million.

The RFI is meant to measure interest in a “mixed-use” project that would also require the restoration of the 1883 pumping station, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The developers would need to submit preliminary proposals by May 1.

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Two dozen EMTs join city ranks — A class of 24 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) has been trained and sworn in for a community celebration of MLK holiday. They will be assigned to 911 ambulances in the city following a rigorous 72-weeks of classroom and field training that included a variety of life-saving emergency situations, including active shooter incidents, hazardous materials exposure, transportation accidents, recovery services, human trafficking and mass casualty incidents. “Not everyone can do this job, but for these graduates, it takes,” said Boston EMS Chief James Hooley.

[Image: Photo courtesy Mayor's office]

Pressley: I’m running again

Michael Norton State House News

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley will seek a second term in office. In November, she formally announced Monday morning. “At this defining moment, I know I am where I am meant to be — in Congress, working to make progress on the issues of consequence facing the communities of the Massachusetts 7th and communities around the country, and to resist the occupant of the White House and this administration,” Pressley said in her announcement statement. “I look forward to continuing to work in close partnership with the community in 2020 and beyond.”

She listed her achievements as “organizing to resist draconian attacks on women’s reproductive rights; legislating to ensure the equitable treatment of workers, support survivors, and fundamentally reimagining and strengthening our criminal legal system; advocating to make safe, affordable housing a human right and make racial, economic, and environmental justice a reality; and mobilizing to help hold this administration accountable for their cruel and inhumane policies, among so much else.”

Pressley, who defeat former US Rep Michael Capuano to win the 7th Congressional District seat in 2018, hosted members of the Congressional Black Caucus District in Boston last weekend. She said a re-election kickoff call Thursday at 8 p.m.

Two men shot — one fatally — in Grove Hall — Two police officers were shot on Washington Street near Normandy Street shortly before 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, 19-year-old Treshawn M. Robinson was shot at a local hospital. He is Boston’s first murder this year. The second victim is expected to survive, police say. Numerous witnesses were interviewed, with Sun Pizza and Brother’s Supermarket, both on Washington Street near Grove Hall, hit by the gunfire.

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Associated Press

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UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

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City Councilors and community members often meet to discuss the community’s needs and issues. These meetings are crucial for ensuring that the community’s voices are heard and their concerns are addressed. Here are some of the upcoming meetings:

**Mattapan meeting on Jan. 22** — The Mattapan Civic Association will meet on Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. at the Mattapan Community Center. The meeting will focus on Mattapan’s housing stock in greater detail. Attendees can learn about the neighborhood’s history and the impact of the neighborhood on the city’s housing crisis.

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Walsh: Let’s first discuss cost of free public transit

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh is looking into what it would cost to offer partly or completely free public transit, but he is already concerned about the price tag. In an interview last Friday on WGBH’s “Boston Public Radio,” the mayor said he doesn’t outright oppose calls raised by some advocates — including MBTA officials on Monday agreed to call staff back before the T board in the coming weeks with more details about putting 60 new buses on the roads to address demand during peak periods.

The MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board is weighing the possibility of working with an outside vendor to operate and maintain the new buses versus the traditional in-house approach to bus service and maintenance. The board is also considering doing a feasibility study to continue exploration routes for the new vehicles, and related personnel needs.

If the outside vendor approach is chosen, the board may issue a request for proposals in February. The buses could begin service under alternatives discussed Monday anywhere from December to March 2021. If the outside approach is taken, bids could potentially arrive in the summer and the control board is due to dissolve, under current law, on June 30.

“We’re not going to be here when this decision gets made,” board member Chrystal Kornegay said. “It will be a gift to the next board,” responded board chairman Joseph Aiello.

City Singers offer arts camp for February vacation week

The Dot-based music non-profit Boston City Singers will host a February Vacation Arts Camp for children ages 9-12 at the Epiphany School in Dorchester from Tues., Feb. 18, through Sat., Feb. 22.

Thanks to support from the Celebrity Series of Boston’s Neighborhood Arts program, the Singers troupe will be collaborating that week with Sandeep Das, a tabla virtuoso and Grammy award-winning musician; Devin Ferreira, a locally-based spoken word/hip-hop artist and saxophonist; and Dot Art, a neighborhood art education organization.

Together, the three will lead drumming, singing, and art-making workshops throughout the duration of the camp, which will operate from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

The week will conclude with a Saturday showcase, a free and open to the public event at 2 p.m. at the Boston Home that will feature all campers and their artistic educators.

The cost for the week-long camp is $300 and space is limited. Financial assistance is available based on need and availability.

For additional information or to register for the February Vacation Arts Camp, email info@bostoncitysingers.org. – DANIEL SHEEHAN
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DORCHESTER’S FIREHOUSES

Six biographies covering 150 years

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Engine 16/Ladder 6 (Lower Mills)

Engine 16 originally operated out of a firehouse that was built in 1869 at the corner of Temple and River Street in Lower Mills. The building was unique in that it was assigned fire apparatus operated from two sides of the firehouse and from two floor levels. The main address of 2 Temple St., a side street off River Street, was the quarters of the engine company, while below, on the River Street side, 51 River St. was the address of the ladder company.

The firehouse was known as Dorchester’s S. H. Hebard Engine No. 1 until annexation day in 1870, when it became Boston’s S. H. Hebard Engine Company 16, and Dorchester’s General Grant Ladder Company 6.

On June 1, 1938, Ladder 6 moved to the firehouse of Engine Company 19 in the Mattapan section of Dorchester. In 1958, Engine 16 moved into a new firehouse at 9 Gallivan Blvd., from which it continues to operate today. The company covers Dorchester, Mattapan, and parts of Roslindale, and responds to roughly 2,100 incidents per year.

The property at the corner of River and Temple streets is now occupied by residential structures.

Engine 17/Ladder 7 (Meetinghouse Hill)

Engine 17/Ladder 7 operated out of a wooden firehouse built in 1867 at 7 Parish St. by the town of Dorchester. In 1927 the structure was demolished and a new three-story, three-bay firehouse built in 1869 at the corner of Temple and River Street in Lower Mills. That building remains the quarters of Engine 17, Ladder 7 and District Chief 7 to the present.

Engine 18/Ladder 6 (Ashmont)

The firehouse at 1880 Dorchester Ave. opened in 1894 and was originally home to Combination Wagon 1. From 1907 to 1958 it housed Engine 46. On June 11, 1960, Engine Squad Company 18 moved from the firehouse at 30 Harvard Street to 1884 Dorchester Ave. Engine Squad 18 had maintained quarters at 30 Harvard Street after Boston annexed the Town of Dorchester in 1870.

In 1982, Ladder Company 6, organized in 1870, moved in from its former quarters at 9 Gallivan Boulevard. Engine 18 and Ladder 6 remain at the Peabody Square property today.

Dorchester’s Independence Engine No. 5. After annexation the next year, the apparatus became Boston’s Independence Engine Company 20. Originally a single-bay firehouse with a large hose-drying tower, the structure underwent a renovation in 1901 that added a second bay door and another drying tower. On Aug. 12, 1958 a new firehouse opened at 301 Neponset Avenue. Engine 20 moved in, along with Ladder 27 from Ashmont, and the firehouse at 32 Walnut Street was closed and later demolished. The site is now a park. Engine 20 remains at the 1858 firehouse today.

Engine 19 (Mattapan)

Dorchester’s Alert Engine 4 operated out of a firehouse that was built in 1869 as part of the Dorchester Fire Department. It was located at 128 Babson St. (formerly Norfolk Street), near the intersection of Fremont Street, in what was then the Mattapan section of Dorchester.

The architecture of the structure was unique among the neighborhood’s firehouses. It bore a remarkable resemblance to a church, with tower-like structures at the left and right-front corners of the building. An 1870 city report on the construction of the firehouse described the building as being “of the Gothic style, the material being brick, with trimmings of unfinished granite.”

In 1870, after annexation, Dorchester’s Alert Engine No. 4 became Boston’s Alert Engine Company 19. The two high bellry towers were removed in 1920.

On Dec. 31, 1958, Ladder 6 moved to a new firehouse at 9 Gallivan Boulevard, with Engine 16. Engine 19 was disbanded and the firehouse at 128 Babson Street was closed and later demolished.

Engine 20/Ladder 27 (Neponset)

The firehouse at 32 Walnut St. in Neponset was constructed in 1869. It is known as the Peabody Square property today. In 1926 as a replacement for the original firehouse on the property, which was constructed in 1869. It is known for its Spanish mission architecture. The company has occupied the building continuously since 1929.

Engine 21’s location at the nexus of several main arteries keeps its firefighters busy – they respond to some 3,600 incidents a year, with a wide response area ranging from City Point in South Boston to Franklin Park.

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The lot at 171-179 Bowdoin Street will be the site of a new residential complex with 35 rental units. The building will be constructed on approximately 10,000 square feet of land and the residential units will range in size from 815 square feet to 1,000 square feet. One of the nine residential units will be reserved as an affordable housing unit.

Multiple individuals rose to support the project, including representatives from both the mayor’s office and various City Councilors’ offices.

“We did conduct the community process that relates to this, meeting with the relevant civic groups. We are in support of this,” said Faixa Sharri of the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services. Dustin Gardner expressed support of the project on behalf of Councilor Andrea Campbell’s office, as did Karen Foley from Councillor Anissa Essaibi-George’s office.

Nancy Miller, who lives near the empty lot, was the only individual to stand before the board in opposition. She cited issues over lack of parking, arguing that the complex would add to the problem.

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City chooses first-ever ‘Youth’ Poet Laureate

Alondra Bobadilla of Hyde Park was named the City of Boston’s first-ever Youth Poet Laureate on Saturday at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. Bobadilla, a 17-year-old student at Fenway High School, was one of nine finalists recognized at the showcase, which was sponsored by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and his Office of Arts and Culture, in partnership with the Boston Public Library, 820 Boston, MassLEAP, and Urban Word.

Other finalists were Anjalequa Birkett of Roslindale, Asiyah Herrera of Roxbury, Blessing Olayinka Adejola of Hyde Park, Eliza Carpenter of Dorchester, Isabelle Goodrich of Hyde Park, Kaylah Tsihtenge of Hyde Park, Madalen Bigsby-Licht of Jamaica Plain, Norah Brady of Jamaica Plain and Tariq Charles of Dorchester.

In her role, Bobadilla will work alongside Boston Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola as an advocate for poetry, language and the arts, and to create a unique artistic legacy through public readings and events. The mission of both roles is to raise the status of poetry in the everyday consciousness of Bostomians. Similar to the Boston Poet Laureate, the Youth Poet Laureate is a ceremonial appointment. Bobadilla will receive a $500 honorarium each year.

“We are excited to have Alondra as our inaugural Youth Poet Laureate,” said Poet Laureate Porsha Olayiwola. “Her passion for home, poetry, and issues affecting the residents of Boston humbled all of us on the judging panel. I’m excited to learn and grow with this young person as we both work to excite the City around poetry.”

“Becoming Boston’s first Youth Poet Laureate is an incredible honor and I am humbled and excited for what this position will bring,” said Bobadilla. “I hope that in the next two years I will be able to foster a fiery love and appreciation for all things poetry and literature in the city of Boston alongside the various incredible people I will work with. The city is transitioning and making incredible strides and I am so happy to be a part of it.”

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A painter’s tale

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Robert MacEachern was sworn-in as a member of Boston’s Human Rights Commission during a swearing-in ceremony with City Clerk Maureen Feeney on Jan. 10. MacEachern is the executive director of the board of Codman Square Health Center and a resident of Ashmont Hill.

John Wilcox/Mayor’s Office photo

Cathedral High taps a BC High VP as its new head of school

Dan Carmody, vice president for Global Mission and Identity at Boston College High School for the last 13 years, is leaving the Morrisey Blvd. campus to become head of school at Cathedral High School in the South End. Carmody joined BC High in 2007, serving in the Guidance Department for several years before being named Director of International Programs in 2011.

“Dan has helped to bring not just global citizenship, but also global leadership to BC High,” said the school’s president, Grace Regan, citing his “spirit of dedication to growth and learning through travel. … Our entire community owes him thanks – not just for bringing the world to BC High, but for bringing us to the world.”

A Hibbard portrait of a Vermont town nestled in snow.

A Hibbard (1886-1972) portrait of a Vermont town nestled in snow. The man who had painted it, Aldro Hibbard, had grown up in Dorchester – he attended the Rockport Art Association. In terms of the style, Aldro Hibbard was a post-impressionist. He summered in Rockport, but he spent the winters in Vermont, so this in fact is a Vermont winter scene. He was fairly prolific and best known for his winter scenes. There was an article in the Boston Globe in 1918 saying that, ‘Some artists paint snow, and it’s just white paint. Aldro Hibbard paints snow, and it’s snow.’… And you can see from the beautiful delineation of the blues and the greens and all the highlights of the painting that he really understands how to capture the colors and the light. It really comes from the high point of his career. It is mid-career, and he is at the top of his game.”

An update to the story appeared on the Roadshow website in February 2013: “After this appraisal aired, we received several emails from viewers who recognized the location of the placid Vermont scene.: the village of South Londonderry, Vermont. Sadly, a fire destroyed the First Baptist Church (the red building with the steeples) in February 2013 and the entire community owes thanks – not just for bringing the world to BC High, but for bringing us to the world.”

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society’s historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1861) and the William Clapp House, 185 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Let’s give a middle-of-the-road passage of the Safe Communities Act

To the Editor:

In order to protect the safety of all residents of the Commonwealth no matter where they are from, we must pass the Safe Communities Act (SCA) that is now pending before the Legislature. This legislation will ensure that all of us in Massachusetts, whether we are originally from the United States or not, can get the protection they deserve. It allows police to contact the police when needed, or enter a courtroom without being arrested. This will be a significant step in the safe passage of the Safe Communities Act and will help keep all of us safe as well.

The SCA limits state and local law enforcement involvement in purely civil statewide immigration matters, so everyone feels safe turning to the police or to our state courts for protection. The act allows full continued collaboration with all federal agencies on criminal or other regulatory matters.

State and local law enforcement can still cooperate with federal immigration and other law enforcement agencies such as ICE. The law also protects against retroactive enforcement. Massachusetts law will prohibit state or local governmental entities from taking any action to penalize any person for their immigration status, or for a family member’s immigration status.

Local and state governments, communities and families will be able to determine their own immigration enforcement policies. If there is a federal enforcement action that Massachusetts deems inappropriate or illegal, it will be able to challenge it in court.

ICE is arresting immigrants everywhere it can, which is why courthouse arrests are on the rise nationally and statewide. The Massachusetts courts are not immune from ICE’s actions. Not only will the SCA prevent the federal government from interfering in our state’s judicial system, but it will also protect immigrants from the harmful actions of ICE. The SCA represents a common-sense approach to immigration enforcement.

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Pros, cons of ranked-choice voting stir debate as some push for change in state

By Simon Rios

Last winter, more than 60 percent of the voters in Fall River opted to remove Mayor Jasiel Correia from office. But now, something remarkable happened. On the same recall ballot, Correia was allowed to run for reelection against the four other candidates listed. He clung to power with just over a third of the vote.

It was a classic example of what political scientists call a “spoiler election.” Joe Pereira, an activist in Fall River who helped organize the recall against Correia, is now calling for a new electoral system that, he said, would stop deeply unpopular leaders from winning in spoiler elections.

“I think it would have been very clear that with [more than 60 percent] of the people voting against Correia, the best way to vote was to keep him out of office,” Pereira said. “And that would have put Jasiel Correia at the bottom of the ballot. It was a simple, straightforward vote on the recall vote, Correia was facing a first round of critical mass support related to a business he founded before becoming mayor. In the months to follow, he was indicted again on fraud charges.

In the months to follow, the public, opponents sure that elected officials not only might lose an election on ranked-choice voting, but would have to assume that every vote counts. In the way they vote for candidates, it means a fundamental change would happen. That means if a voter's second choice gets a mark, they would have to vote for that candidate in the next round. That means if a voter's third choice gets a mark, they would have to vote for that candidate in the next round.

The nonprofit FairVote, which ranked-choice voting was established, has spent millions of dollars to change the electoral rules. “We're not in the business of changing the rules of the game,” she said, “but we are in the business of making sure that voters have a voice.”

Other opponents of ranked-choice voting say it's confusing and complicated — on those grounds it was vetoed by Democratic governors of California. Of course, the current governor, Gavin Newsom, did a second backup choice.”

The Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance, a Boston-based conservative group, is the most vocal opponent of ranked-choice voting in Massachusetts. Speaker of the House Carl flaming said, regardless of who benefits, ranked-choice voting helps ensure that more popular candidates win.

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PLAN: MATTAPAN MEETING ON JAN. 22

The BPDA will host a PLAN: Mattapan “Housing Deep Dive” meeting on Wed., Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. at KIPP Academy, 37 Babson St., Mattapan. The purpose is to discuss “Mattapan’s housing stock in greater detail… to better understand how and where the neighborhood can grow in a predictable manner.” For more info contact Muge Undemir, 617-918-4488 or mugzy.undemir@boston.gov.

BOSTON COMMON MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE ON JAN. 15

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of the Public Garden will host an open house to discuss the Boston Common Master Plan on Wed., Jan. 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Josiah Quincy School Auditorium, 152 Arlington St. Attendees will hear an overview of the Boston Common Master Plan project and receive an update on the work that has been accomplished to date, hear a summary of the extensive public feedback that has been received, hear a discussion about user needs and infrastructure needs, consider initial concepts for improving the Common, and learn about next steps. Park users, abutters, and other stakeholders are urged to attend. Please note that the slideshow presentation will be made available at bostoncommonmasterplan.com where there is a link to take an important user survey that closes December 31.

PUBLIC MEETING ON FLOOR & DÉCOR PROPOSAL FOR 729 MORRISSEY BLVD.

Representatives from retailer Floor & Décor will discuss substantial renovations to the interior and façade of 729 Morrissey Blvd. at a meeting on Wed., Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m. at Work Inc., 25 Beach St., Dorchester. For more info, contact BPDA project manager Stephen Harvey at 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

BOSTON CHILDREN’S CHORUS MLK CONCERT

Now in its 17th year, BCC’s signature concert honoring Dr. King will be held on Monday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at Symphony Hall, Boston. Featuring pieces by composers like Florence Price, Undine Smith Moore, and Rosephanye Powell. Contact alujarese@bostonchildrenschorus.org for more info.

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Neighbors review proposal for senior housing complex on River Street in Mattapan

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Johnathan Garland, an architect with J. Garland Enterprises LLC, presented an overview of the building design, which he said is currently in its “schematic design phase.” The layout, he said, is designed to foster connections and a sense of community between the seniors who will call it home.

“We have a nice open living room, so as you come into the building the first thing you see is this warm, inviting space,” he said. “The rooms on the bottom level are open and directly connected because we understand that these kind of facilities foster connections between the seniors.”

One couple, who said they were direct abutants, was concerned that the property line might come very close to their back porch.

Garland assured the couple that the team would work with them.

“The property line: That’s something that we can further examine as to where it actually is. We’ll go back and look at that,” said Garland.

“I think the best way to deal with it is to see how we can collaborate and maybe have a working session on this. We’re happy to roll up our sleeves and work on that corner, even if we have to walk the property.”

Other questions hinged on concerns over the tenant selection process and what the term “affordable” will mean for tenants.

Six of the units would be reserved for extremely low-income households at 30 percent Area Median Income (AMI). Five units would be priced at 50 percent, 15 units would be reserved for renters at 60 percent, and four units would be available to those at 70 percent.

According to Beverly Johnson, project manager with the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, this would mean that the income-restricted rents would range from $600 a month on the lower end to a limit of roughly $1,300 a month on the high end.

Fatima Ali-Salaam, chair of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, asked the development team to think about all facets of what it means to provide affordable housing in the city.

“The electric is very expensive in Boston,” said Ali-Salaam. “Is there any concern about implementing sustainable solar panels or proper insulation to offset the costs to the residents? How are you going to mitigate these kinds of boundaries? If you’re talking about affordability, you have to talk about actual living affordability or we’ve missed a big mark.”

“We’ll look at the solar piece,”回复了 Garland. “A lot of that does depend on our location and are we in shade or sun. One thing I’ve done in previous projects is make them solar ready. We can provide the infrastructure for not too much of an upcharge in constructing roofs and then we might be able to apply for grants to get the solar panels installed.”

Jovan Lacey, a Mattapan activist, raised questions about the management, the lottery process for prospective tenants, and the likelihood of financing for the project.

“A lot want to know who is managing the properties and what are you doing to address the senior homelessness problem in Mattapan to ensure that people in Mattapan get apartments instead of folks coming from all over Massachusetts,” he said.

Donald Alexis, founder and president of CCID, replied that the team would conduct outreach in the community to make sure that people in Mattapan are aware of the opportunity. He explained why the lottery process can restrict applications to being neighborhood-specific.

“The best way to handle this problem is one of the best in the business when it comes to managing the lottery process to make sure qualified residents get the property line around Boston apply,” said Alexis. “But once you receive city and state funding you cannot say ‘Only people living in 02126 can apply.’”

“But we’re committed to working with you to make sure people apply on time to give them the best chance possible.”

Kelly Shay, a development officer who works for the city of Boston, explained that the project is eligible for funding and must be created specifically for senior housing.

“We are working with them to try to get financing for this project as quickly as we possibly can,” Shay said. “There are lots of projects in line for financing at the state. The great thing about this project is [that] they actually submitted an application for a funding source that a lot of projects in the city are not eligible for. So I think they have a better shot of getting that funding more quickly.”

Fields Corner Food Basket to close; new player on deck

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from a headquarters in Brockton. They will be the third generation of Slawbsys to operate a supermarket in the Fields Corner shopping center, which is owned by Supreme Realty Trust, which in turn is managed by Tom Cifrino, whose family has also owned and managed Dorchester stores for generations.

Cifrino confirmed on Thursday that America’s Food Basket would vacate the space by Feb. 1, allowing the Slawbsys’ contractors to begin work on a renovation that will re-sell fresh and frozen foods, and perishables. “Our focus is to get the best quality product and the best prices to the community,” said Cifrino, noting that the Save-A-Lot stores are known for high quality meats and perishables. “Our format is to get the best quality product and the best prices to the community. We’re hoping to help — along with Target — bring a fresh approach to the shopping center.”

The Slawbsys currently operate three other stores, on American Legion Highway in Roslindale, Martin Luther King Boulevard in Roxbury, and on East Ashland Street in Braintree.

“We’ve always wanted a new player on deck, and we’ve looked long and low,” Harold Slawbsy told the Reporter in a 2015 interview. “I’ve known the Cifrinos for many years. In fact, they outbid us for that space.”

The Slawbsys family’s experience in Fields Corner dates back to the 1940s. Harold Slawbsy’s father ran a meat market at 1498 Dorchester Ave., a precursor to the Capitol chain that his family later opened. In addition to the Fields Corner location, the family operated stores on Morrissey Blvd.— a building that now houses a liquor store and a CVS— and on Morton Street and Gal- livan Boulevard, a site now occupied by Norfolk Hardware.

“I grew up basically in Fields Corner in my father’s store,” said Harold Slawbsy.

In 1948, Harold Slawbsy purchased a sandwich store in Mattapan. That became an additional vacancy in the Fields Corner Mall: Payless Shoes closed last year.

Cifrino said that he is currently looking for a new tenant for that space.
College student in Boston diagnosed with measles

Boston public health officials say a southeastern University student diagnosed with measles may have exposed others to the disease around campus, at nearby businesses and at Logan International Airport. The Boston Public Health Commission said the student was diagnosed on Jan. 8.

The student, whose name was not released but who lived in the city, potentially exposed to measles up to 10 days before becoming ill. The commission urges anyone who thinks they may have been exposed and unsure about their immunization status to consult with a health care provider.

The last time a city resident was diagnosed with measles was October and that was the first case since 2013.

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State senators offer 17 changes to Sex Education bill

By Matt Murphy

State senators offer 17 changes to Sex Education bill

The Senate is scheduled to take up a bill (S 2450) that would require all public school districts to offer sex education to ensure that their program teachings "medically accurate and age-appropriate" information, including LGBTQI-inclusive material and discussion of consent and sexual health.

Seventeen amendments were filed by Senate Republicans, many of which seek to build in local and parental control. Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr has proposed to make sure parents have at least 30 days to review the sex education program materials before deciding whether to opt their child out of the instruction.

Tarr is one of seven amendments filed by Senate Republicans, many of which seek to build in local and parental control. Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr has proposed to make sure parents have at least 30 days to review the sex education program materials before deciding whether to opt their child out of the instruction.

The Senate passed the bill in each of the last two sessions by votes of 32-6 in 2015 and 31-6 in 2017. The Republican caucus, which has supplied the opposition in past debates, is even smaller currently, with just four members.

Several Democrats have also proposed changes to the bill, including a Sen. Becca Rausch amendment that would require the teaching of "the potential physical and emotional health outcomes of sexual activity" rather than the "benefits of abstinence and delaying sexual activity."
JAMMIN’ FOR JIMMY AT FLORIAN HALL
Join us for an evening of fun and music to benefit the James P. “Jimmy” Cawley Scholarship at UMass Boston — will be held on Sat., Feb. 29 from 10:15-10:45 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St. Dorchester. The evening features a performance by the Boston ULL Harmonic (“Boston’s most loveable chamber rock ensemble”) performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. The scholarship was created in memory of a much loved son of Dorchester whose life was sadly shortened by cancer. An active political volunteer and advocate for people with disabilities in his job at WORK Inc., the scholarship is set up to benefit a student from Dorchester who is majoring in political science. The first scholarship was awarded in 2017 to an outstanding recipient, Dorchester resident Renata Teodosio. General admission is $10 at the door. Raffle prizes, hors d’oeuvres and 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.

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Registration for Dorchester Baseball is now open. Ages 4-12 can register at DorchesterLittleLeague.org, ages 13-16 register at DorchesterBaseballRutheon.org.

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BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP
Boston Public Library’s free Homework Help program is underway offering free after school help and tutoring provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher’s Union tutors are also available during select weekdays.

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FIELD CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.
The FCCA meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info, contact Vin Ayers, chair, at: 617-825-1760.

WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
WANA meets on the third Thursday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at VFW Post 8772, 54 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Nina Johnson is the president. Email woodrowavassoc@gmail.com or visit wanaboston on Facebook.

JONES HILL ASSOC.
The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact officers@joneshillassociation.org or visit jhassnpsb.com. Information, events, and voting membership updates can be found on joneshill.com.

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Upham’s Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

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Taking on the city’s music space crisis

The Record Co., outlined taking on the city’s music space crisis. "It’s a full recon of understatement," he said. "We’re going to add additional recording studios and rehearsal studies that are available on a walk-in basis, and we’re going to make sure those spaces are available for community events." The Record Co. has operated out of the Newmarket Square property since 2010. After two years of planning and fundraising, work on the expansion project finally began last January 2 and is expected to be completed by late summer of this year. McArthur, who described The Record Co. as a "community music incubator," said accessibility was one of the key issues that the renovation process would be tackling.

"Our defining vision as an organization for a city where it’s as easy to get together with other people and play basketball," he said. "In the past year in particular we’ve been in deep conversation with our community...and we’ve learned two really important things: first of all, Boston has an all-out music space crisis. I don’t use that word lightly; it is a crisis. We are losing space for music making on a daily basis."

McArthur gave an example: the closing of the WEMP building in Cambridge’s Central Square, which resulted in the loss of 35 rooms and displaced 200 musicians. "We also learned the playing field is not level," he continued. "There’s a huge opportunity gap for music makers. Women, queer and non-binary music makers, music makers of color, and those who make hip-hop all invariably will have a more difficult time expressing their creativity through music than anyone else...this is not a community until everyone has the same voice that everyone else has."

That focus on inclusivity reflects the non-profit’s updated mission statement: “To remove the technical and social barriers between music makers and their creative visions.”

Part of completing that mission will simply be creating more space. The expansion will add two recording studios for a total of four; fifteen fully equipped, soundproofed practice rooms ranging in size to accommodate large ensembles, small hands, and solo artists; a community and event space; and a kitchen with several lounge areas.

As a whole, the new facility will offer a place where music can grow organically by serving as a convener, incubator, social hub, and work hub all in one. Achieving the rest of The Record Co’s goal of eliminating barriers will happen through what McArthur called “equitable professional development programming,” which would take the form of “technical assistance grants” and partnerships to create pathways from organizations in the community through our space.

The new direction being taken by the non-profit was steered in part by an in-depth community feedback process in which The Record Co.

Above: An exterior view of the Record Co’s proposed facility as seen from Mass. Ave. Right: Control Room A, taken from a virtual reality tour of the proposed space.
UMass seeking interest about Calf Pasture site
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The Register of Historic Places and cannot be torn down. In the document, the UMBA says the restored pump building would remain a UMass Boston building for "exclusive use by UMass Boston," leaving the rest of the parcels available for "complementary use."

"UMBA/UMass Boston view the site as an opportunity to... create a vibrant mixed-use destination that is integrated within the greater university campus and neighborhood," the RFI reads.

It also notes that the 10 acres are located within an "opportunity zone," which status offers tax incentives for investors. The university hopes to "maximize the economic value to UMass Boston through a contract/agreement not to exceed 99 years in length."

In a section of the RFI entitled "UMass Project Vision," the document says that "UMass Boston envisions a mixed-use destination that complements the campus as a whole. A development should present an opportunity that optimizes its value and creates an oceanfront Boston area that supports academic and research endeavors, with the Calf Pasture Pumping Station to be redeveloped for exclusive use by UMass Boston and serving as a new "front door" to the UMass Boston campus.

With the reimagined Mt. Vernon Street as a main artery running from the Red Line a mile away, the roadway will become a grand boulevard. Then the Calf Pasture Pumping Station will mark the campus end of the avenue and provide visitors with a stunning structure as an introduction."

Possible site uses, as outlined in the RFI, could include "a new admissions center, complete with a fixed-seat theater that could be used to launch tours and be the locus of film programs on the weekends. The central hall could be a prime event space for the campus, providing opportunities for student programming, dances, community events, and other large-scale gatherings. Student government and student organizations would have an "opportunity zone," which status offers tax incentives for investors."

"UMBA says that "UMass Boston will become a grand event space for the campus."

The university hopes to "launch tours and be the locus of film programs on the weekends."

The RFI asks interest ed developers to submit a response by Feb. 19. From there, UMBA says it "may decide to develop a short list of qualified respondents."
CONNECTIONS TO THE DOT:
BGCD Celebrates 10 years with Shawnee Peak: This past weekend over 100 members and chaperones were the guests of our friends at Shawnee Peak in Maine for an exciting day of skiing and snowboarding.

Chet Homer, owner of Shawnee Peak, has hosted BGCD for the past 10 years in this annual staple on the program calendar. Participating members received donated lessons, equipment and lift tickets for the day, and transportation was provided.

Our thanks to Chet Homer, Geoff Homer and the entire Shawnee Peak team for another great day on the slopes. Here’s to 10 years and many more.

For more information on our partnership, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Members Attend Soccer Clinic with Samantha Mewis: Three lucky BGCD members had the opportunity to take part in a Clinic event last month with U.S. World Cup Team Member, Samantha Mewis.

The Clinic included teaching and playing components and everyone attending left with autographed photos and a gift bag. Thanks to our friend Samantha Mewis for including our members in this special opportunity. We would also like to thank Hidden Gems Soccer for their generous sponsorship. It was an experience of a lifetime for the members involved.

For more information on programming, please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org.

DIG YOU KNOW?:
Team BGCD Boston Marathon Runner Highlight: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was awarded 15 bibs for the 2020 Boston Marathon. One of our 15 runners, Amanda Petcher, was highlighted in the Holbrook Wicked Local paper.

The article talks about Amanda’s efforts to run the Boston Marathon for BGCD. She talks about why she chose to run for BGCD and both her personal and professional ties to the Club. Amanda Petcher is a Boys & Girls Club of Meriden, CT alum, and she worked for BGCD for six years as the auditor. Her ties have given her the passion to continue supporting BGCD in taking on this incredible challenge.

Way to go Amanda, and thank you for running on behalf of BGCD.

UPCOMING EVENTS
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John, and Meagan McDonough, and Daniel and Mairay Shafrir. John is survived by his sisters Nava Lee Shumir. Mary Lou was a graduate of Mary Litu’s High School in Dorchester. Her name may be made to the RCS Learning, 6 Sistruths Rd., Natick, MA 01760 or relearn.org

MAJEWSKI, Eileen K. (Ryan) Of Monument Beach. She is survived by her husband of over half a century, Ronald P. Majewski; and their daughters, Mary Ellen and her husband Ro- Chin Chang of Gaithersburg, MD, Anne Marie Kanally and her son Andrew, Jack, and Sean of Walpole, Victoria and her husband Adam Bond and their daughter Avery of Plymouth; her sisters Kate Miller of Brockton, and Mary Plochin of Dorchester. She was predeceased by her brother Arthur Ronald of Eileen graduated from Mary Litu’s High School in Dorchester and spent her life working as a registered nurse.

McMANUS, Kevin

of Jamaica Plain, formerly of Dorchester and Norfolk. Son of the late John and John McManus. Brother of the late John and John McManus. Son of the late John and John McManus.

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REBATES........-3,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL........-500
QUIRK DISCOUNT........-5,937
CONQUEST LEASE BONUS........-500
ASSOC OF REALTORS........-500
QUIRK DISCOUNT........-3,642
Quirk Price $31,998

NEW 2019 Ram 1500 Big Horn Crew Cab 4x4
MSRP........$51,010
REBATES........-3,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL........-1,000
QUIRK DISCOUNT........-7,612
CONQUEST LEASE BONUS........-500
ASSOC OF REALTORS........-500
QUIRK DISCOUNT........-5,762
Lease Conquest.......-500
Quirk Price $28,998

NEW 2020 Jeep Wrangler
4 Door 4WD
MSRP........$43,070
REBATE..........-7,072
CHRYSLER FINANCE BONUS.......-3,500
LEASE LOYALTY........-2,500
ASSOC OF REALTORS........-2,500
QUIRK DISCOUNT.......-18,000
Quirk Price $25,020

NEW 2020 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4x4
MSRP........$30,867
REBATE..........-1,500
CHRYSLER FINANCE BONUS.......-750
LEASE LOYALTY........-500
ASSOC OF REALTORS.......-500
QUIRK DISCOUNT......-3,642
Quirk Price $22,998

*Lease Loyalty: Must be returning Chrysler lessee. Conquest Lease Assist available to current lessees of competitive non-Chrysler vehicles. See dealer for details. All leases: $399 down, 10K miles/year. Tax, title, acq., sec. reg & doc. additional. Extra charges may apply at lease end.‘Promaster Conquest’ must own a comparable comm. vehicle ask for details. Approved credit. Finance Bonus requires finance w/ Chrysler Capital. Conquest Bonus avail. to Silverado & Sierra owners, no trade required. To qualify for snow plow rebate customers must be a business owner. All transactions must be completed at time of sale. Must finance w/ dealer. Subject to program change w/out notice. Sale ends 1/31/20. 5% AVAILABLE IN LIEU OF THE REBATE AND SUBJECT TO BANK APPROVAL.

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