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A newly released rendering shows how the Port Norfolk waterfront might look after the city-approved redevelopment.

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After years of debating, development at Port Norfolk wins approval by city

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

City planning officials last week signed off on a 3.6-acre development that will add three buildings to the tip of Dorchester's Port Norfolk peninsula, a once busy industrial and commercial site that is now home to a distillery and a restaurant.

The board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved the project, known as Neponset Wharf or 24 Ericsson, last Thursday. First proposed in 2017, the project now goes to the Zoning Board of Appeal. It also requires approval from state environmental officials due to its waterfront location.

The project site, much of it covered by asphalt, now contains three vacant marina buildings and as well as an empty office and retail building. The shoreline also includes a concrete block that has fallen into disrepair.

Port Norfolk has a long history as a home to commercial and industrial companies, including a nail company, yacht builders, and ice cream makers.

The Neponset Wharf project, a joint venture between South Boston-based City Point Capital and RISE Together, a developer headquartered in Port Norfolk, calls for two residential buildings, with one including retail space, and a new mixed-use

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Condo project proposed for Rent-All site in Lower Mills

By SETH DANIEL REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

A Boston-based developer is looking to build his first project in Dorchester at the Rent-All of Boston location on Adams Street in Lower Mills, a 33-unit development on two lots that will capitalize on the existing grade changes to provide 29 underground parking spots.

The proposal, by Bill Caulder of

6M Development, who has some building experience in East Boston and the North End, hasn't had much of a community airing yet, just an initial online meeting with the Lower Mills Civic Association executive board, with a second demolition delay hearing in process with Boston's Landmarks Commission involving a small home on one of the lots.

The project was on the agenda



An rendering of the proposal for the Rent-All of Boston property in Lower Mills.

Artwork courtesy Spalding & Tougias

for Tuesday's civic association meeting and will eventually go through the Boston Planning and (Continued on page 14)

Closings batter Fields Corner business district

By Seth Daniel REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Two more vacancies have occurred in the Fields Corner business community this month, following the sudden closure of Anh Hong Restaurant in late

December and ongoing vacancies at other storefronts.

In the heart of Fields Corner, the Dorchester Art Project (DAP) storefront has closed, though the 14 or so studios and theatre space upstairs will continue to function. "We've been trying to make it

work," said Sam Potrykus, director of Brain Arts, which oversees the DAP. "It's just not been sustainable this way. We were trying to grow, but we aren't sustainable to the point where we can compensate our staff so they can earn

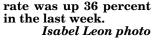
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Vaccine mandate going smoothly, says Wu; local test sites set to go

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

It's so far, so good in the implementation of a vaccine mandate for city workers and a proof of vaccination for certain indoor spaces, Mayor Michelle Wu said Tuesday.

"It's been very, very smooth," the mayor told hosts WGBH's Boston Public Radio's Jim Braude and Margery Eagan, saying her administration was going through "one by one" with



Mayor Wu on Tuesday:

City Covid vaccination

every city employee who still needs to submit proof of vaccination for their jobs.

As of 8 a.m. Tuesday, 17,861 of the city's 18,000 employees are in full compliance with the mandate, Wu said during a press conference about a new coronavirus testing site in Roxbury and additional sites opening soon in Dorchester and Mattapan.

About 1,000 city workers had received the vaccine since last Monday. Vaccine clinics are available at City Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, open to the (Continued on page 16)

Vaccine mandate brings stress, agreement, and criticism to city rinks

By SETH DANIEL REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

As the Covid-19 vaccine mandate-those age 12 and over had to prove they had one dose of the vaccine to enter various establishments - was set to descend upon the city last Saturday, it wasn't just restaurants, function halls, and coffee shops confronting the situation; there was much anxiety at ice rinks throughout Boston, including at Dorchester's Devine Rink.

That angst, fueled by numerous calls and e-mails from par-

ents, brought about a last-minute push by many of Dorchester's elected officials to clarify and exempt ice rinks from the mandate, which the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) and Mayor Michelle Wu agreed to do late on Friday afternoon.

"The mandate was $never intended \,to\,include$ youth sports and we just asked in our letter to clarify that by adding 'ice rinks' so that it was fair to everyone," said City Councillor-at-Large Erin Murphy. "It was a (Continued on page 15)

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Police, Courts & Fire

Loaded handgun lands Dot man in district court

A Dorchester man who police say was under surveillance for alleged involvement in an earlier shooting incident was arrested last Wednesday (Jan. 12) after police found he was carrying a loaded

Jeffrey Jean-Jacques, 42, was taken into custody near Wales and Nightingale streets after a traffic stop. Police had been following the car he was driving— which was unregistered, according to BPDfollowing a call for "shots fired" incident.

"Detectives removed Jacques from the vehicle, and a pat-frisk of his person revealed a loaded firearm," a police report stated. "A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed additional ammunition and a magazine. Jean-Jacques was arraigned in Dorchester District Court on multiple gun and motor vehicle charges.

A fugitive who hopped a fence and escaped from the Lemuel Shattuck Hospital in Jamaica Plain last year was captured in rural Georgia on Saturday. Darren Devine, 30, faces charges of assault with intent to rape, assault with a dangerous weapon, and attempts to intimidate judicial and law enforcement officials, according to State Police. He was wanted on multiple warrants out of Barnstable and West Roxbury district courts.

His brother, Jordan Devine, was also arrested in Georgia and charged with "impeding an investigation and possession of narcotics.



The Boston Police Department welcomed 87 new officers to its ranks on Jan. 7 during a swearing-in ceremony at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Among those who took the oath was Officer Coleman Danilecki, whose father Capt. John Danilecki is a veteran BPD superior officer.

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A crowd gathered in Adams Village on Sunday afternoon for a vigil to remember the late Ashling Murphy, 23, who was killed in an attack in Ireland last week. Bill Brett photo

Candlelight vigil in Adams Village a memorial for Irish murder victim

By Ed Forry ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Roughly 200 people gathered in chilly weather late Sunday afternoon (Jan. 16) at a candle-lit prayer vigil for a young teacher who was murdered last week near her hometown in Ireland. Ashling Murphy, 23, was assaulted and killed while out for a run on the Grand Canal Walk in Tullamore, Co. Offaly, last Wednesday, an unsolved crime that has shocked the Irish people at home and abroad.

The grievers gathered

in the Supreme Realty parking lot at the rear of Greenhills Bakery in Dorchester's Adams Corner for the vigil, organized by the Irish Pastoral Center (IPC). Holding lighted candles despite a heavy breeze, the crowd of adults and children gathered to hear mournful Irish music and recite the rosary. Music was provided by members of the Boston chapter of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann .

News about the murder continues to dominate media coverage across Ireland since last week's gruesome killing. No one has yet been charged in the murder. Sunday's gathering here in Dorchester parallels similar vigils across Ireland and in New York, London and Australia.

The tragic murder resonated personally for Cindy Quinn and her husband Dermot, owners of Greenhills Irish Bakery. Ashling's sister Amy Murphy spent a summer several years ago with them ago working at their bakery, she said.

"Amy and a friend of

hers taught music to Dermot's niece in Ireland," Cindy recalled this week. "That's how she connected with us when she had a J-1 visa to work in the US.'

She recalled meeting the Murphy parents when they visited Bos-

"I hope they will take some comfort knowing that so many people here came out for the vigil," she said. Funeral services took place in her hometown on Tuesday morning.

Fire union chief: If talks on vax mandate fail, we'll take our protest 'to the street'

The head of the Boston firefighters union told members on Sunday that the union will give the bargaining table one last try, but if the city refuses to yield on mandatory vaccinations - or offer the union something decent in return - "we are prepared to take our fight to the street."

In a memo to his members, Local 718 President John Soares said this will be a kinder, gentler mass protest - no standing outside the mayor's house yelling on bullhorns about Hitler or taunting her kids that they'll grow up without a mother, as another group of protestors reportedly did last week.

"Local 718 does not

that rises to the level of violence or personal disrespect to Mayor Wu's family or neighbors," wrote Soares. "Our protests will be exclusively organized by Boston Firefighters Local 718 and attended by Local 718 members and their families. The actions of any outside organizations or associations that may also have an issue with Mayor Wu should not be aligned with our labor dispute. We, as a union, need to be cognizant of this, considering the emotional response this mandate has generated."

A Suffolk Superior Court judge last week denied a request from Local 718 and two police

one that represents patrol officers, to block the city from requiring employees to show proof of vaccination and to drop an earlier agreement to let anti-vax employees show weekly Covid-19 test results.

Judge Jeffrey Locke ruled that public-health concerns outweigh collective-bargaining rights, in this case in the way the city decided to require the shots without first bargaining over the

Still, City Hall told the unions on Jan. 14 that it would delay any enforcement from this past Saturday to Jan. 24 to allow for bargaining-table negotiations.

Local 718 has a memendorse any behavior unions, although not the ber meeting scheduled

for Thursday (Jan. 20), at which Soares says he hopes to be able to update firefighters on the status of those negotiations and whether the union will need to put more pressure on the city through respectful public protests. In his e-mail to members, Soares said respect is called for among members as well.

"I am asking our members to be respectful to each other at this week's union meeting," he wrote. "I understand the passion that this issue has generated and the severity of the consequences for not being vaccinated, but we must not allow this issue to fracture our solidarity."

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Dorchester Historical Society will host a virtual program on The Synagogues of Dorchester, Roxbury & Mattapan on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2 p.m. via Zoom. Dorchester native Jeff Calish will describe the movement of the Jewish population to and from Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan over the last 150 years, and the synagogues that served the many congregations that were formed. He will also point out buildings that once housed Jewish congregations and are still in use by other religious groups in our neighborhoods. Register for the event at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

The Boston Ward 17 Democratic committee will hold its annual caucus virtually, on Wed., February **16.** The purpose of the caucus is to

elect delegates to the Massachusetts Democrats 2022 State Convention. Doors open for registration at 5:30 p.m., and all participants must be registered and in the virtual room by 6:45 p.m. All are welcome, and any registered Democrat in Ward 17 can run and/or vote. To register for the caucus, please visit https://bit.ly/ w17caucus.

A BPDA-hosted Article 80 public meeting will be held on Thurs., Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. in connection with the proposed Martin Richard Dorchester Fieldhouse project. See bostonplans.org for more information on how to join the meeting, which will be held via Zoom. A comment period on this project will be held through Feb. 7.

The BPDA will host the next in a series

of virtual public meetings beginning on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. to review specific topics of the Dorchester Bay City project. The Jan. 20 meeting will focus on housing and economic development. Please register in advance by going to the link: bit.ly/3ysaUEy. Additional, topic-specific public meetings include Jan. 31 (inclusive public realm improvements and placemaking) and Feb. 17 (urban design and open space.) View more documents related to this project at bostonplans.org. The Pope's Hill Neighborhood Association cancelled its January meeting "due to the high numbers of Coronavirus," according to its newsletter. "Please consider getting tested, vaccinated, boostered and stafy safe! We are hoping to get back on track in February."

The next monthly general membership meeting of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association will be held on Monday, Feb. 7 from 7-9 p.m. via Zoom. Go to columbiasavinhillcivic.org for info.

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music will host a recital by violinist Randall Goosby and pianist Zhu Wang on Sun., Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. at Peabody Hall, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. Proof of vaccination required. Children under 13 are admitted free, but this is a ticketed event. See ahchambermusic.org for prices and more info on the program.

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Students across city 'walk-out' to protest lack of Covid safety

By Seth Daniel

REPORTER CORRESPONDENT The magic minute for high school students around the city and in Dorchester last Friday was at 10:30 a.m. when they staged a massive citywide 'walk-out' to draw attention to the lack of pandemic safety measures in their schools pointing particularly at Gov. Baker and his Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) as being tone-deafin the moment.

At the Henderson K-12 on Croftland Avenue in Dorchester, School Committee Student Rep Xyra Mercer – a senior at the school – said they hoped to be taken seriously and heard.

We hope this walk-out will make the governor and DESE do something and not say it was just a bunch of kids, as he has called us before, said Mercer, in front of the Henderson. "A lot of people in the Commonwealth who are adults are also pushing for this, such as teachers and staff and state representatives.

The walk-out went well beyond the Henderson, where about 75 to 80 kids left their classrooms with a plan ipate in the event online. At Roxbury Crossing, where the Madison Park and the John D. O'Bryant high schools are located, hundreds if not thousands of kids-many from Dorchester and Mattapan – poured out of the two schools that morning. Three news helicopters hovered overhead, and news crews were gathered to catch the action there.

At the Henderson, many of students said they were "kind of worried" about the lack of precautions in the school, particularly in the cafeteria.

Mercer said the overall effort was aimed at getting N95 masks provided to students and teachers, having a two-week cooling period online to stop the current spread, and making sure the lunchroom/cafeteria was Covid safe and friendly.

Mercer said a big concern for many kids throughout Boston Public Schools (BPS) whom she has spoken with is the extended family situations. She said that while she is worried about Covid for herself, she and others are more concerned about their relatives. In her case, she

to seek a place to partic- lives with older grandparents and a cousin who has severe asthma. If she were to bring home the virus to them from school, she said she would be devastated – a sentiment shared by many other students in the district.

> "At this point I'd much rather focus on my education than this, but you have to think about the other people you live with, too," she said. "I have to make sure they are okay, too, when I come home."

One of the more controversial pieces within the student body, the school communities, teachers, and elected officials is the call for a two-week online school period. Many are asking, said Mercer, "that these two weeks online be put in place to help stop the spread of Covid-19 and that they be counted as official days by the state," she said. "None of us want it to spread further than it has."

She added that students do not want to have the online session last more than two weeks.

"If we don't do the two weeks now, we probably won't have a senior graduation and be able to take pictures with our

About 75 to 80 high school students at the Henderson K-12 on Croftland Avenue walked out of school around 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, to protest unsafe pandemic conditions. Seth Daniel photo

families," she said. "We'll have to have another drive-thru. We don't want that again and we don't want to close out the year on Zoom. We want school to be safe and it starts now with these two weeks."

Tiffany Luo, a senior at Boston Latin School, advocated for a major push by the district, parents, and students to get more kids enrolled in pool testing at the schools.

Mary Dibinga, a teacher at Boston Latin Academy (BLA), said the situation inside the classrooms is much different than what is portrayed to the public

in terms of Covid safety. "I'm seeing a reality in my classroom and with my students every day that is a reality not

being reflected in the media or by...BPS," she said. "I don't know how you can learn under this stress, and I don't know how we can teach under this stress." BPS Superintendent

Brenda Cassellius sent out a letter on Monday addressing the Friday event. "As you might have seen on Friday, a group of BPS students organized a walk-out,' she wrote. "I believe in students activating their voice for change

and in helping them advocate for the issues that matter to them. I met with a group of students last week as part of my ongoing conversations with student leaders and encouraged them to work with their school leaders to share their concerns about health and safety protocols in our schools.

Cassellius has recommended that students who participated be given an excused absence if they returned to class, and if they stayed in class but participated in the protest, they be marked "constructively present."



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Wu appoints Mattapan scientist to a seat on the School Committee

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Dr. Stephen Alkins, a Mattapan resident and neuroscientist, has been appointed to a four-year term on the Boston School Committee by Mayor Michelle Wu. The eight-member committee oversees the city's school system.

Alkins is the diversity, equity, and inclusion officer at TERC, a Cambridge-based nonprofit focused on science and technology research and development. The nephew of former NAACP Boston president Leonard Alkins, he has a background as a college and high school educator who has performed spoken word poetry and

degrees in biology and cellular neuroscience from Morehouse College and Brandeis University, respectively.

Wu said Alkins is someone who has "dedicated his career to bringing about the systemic change that's needed in this moment." She added: "His commitment to inclusion and holistic understanding of education will benefit all BPS families, educators, and staff."

Said Alkins of his appointment: "I am excited to collaborate with diverse voices advocating and strategizing toward educational equity and empowering the valuable knowledge and input of the Boston community.

This role necessitates us to face difficult questions and conflicts that center Boston's students, their families, and our community."

The school committee is chaired by Jeri Robinson, a Dorchester resident who retired as vice president of early childhood initiatives at the Boston Children's Museum.

"Dr. Alkins will be a great addition as we strive to ensure that the Boston School Committee represents the diversity of our schools and our city," said Robinson in her own statement. "He has strong connections within the community, and a demonstrated passion for diversity,

equity and inclusion and helping to dismantle systemic inequities so that students can continue to succeed.

The school committee also includes Quoc Tran, a Dorchester resident who works as deputy director of the office of diversity and civil rights within the state office of health and human services, and student representative Xyra Mercer, a senior at Dorchester's Henderson K-12 Inclusion School.

The committee is rounded out by vice chair Michael O'Neill, a Charlestown resident and longtime financial services executive; Lorena Lopera, a Jamaica Plain resident and ex-

Dr. Stephen Alkins and Mayor Wu.

ecutive director of Latinos for Education; and Rafaela Polanco Garcia, a South Boston resident and director of parent engagement at St. Stephen's Youth Program.

After she was sworn in as mayor, Wu re-appointed Lopera and Polanco Garcia, who were appointed by Acting Mayor Kim Janey. Their terms are up in 2024. Alkins is Wu's third appointment.

The panel's makeup is

expected to change over the next few years, after Boston voters last fall signed off on a return to an elected school committee. The city switched to mayoral appointments in the 1990s. The City Council is weighing the details of the return to an elected body, with Wu saying she supports a hybrid approach, involving both appointed and elected members.

NAACP Boston's Sullivan sets run for secretary of state post

Tanisha Sullivan, a Hyde Park attorney who heads the Boston branch of the NAACP, on Tuesday launched a run for Massachusetts secretary of state.

"We are at an inflection point in our democracy, and the challenges before us demand urgent, collective action," Sullivan said in announcing her campaign. "In light of obstructionism that continues to stand in the way of federal action on



Tanisha Sullivan

voting rights, it falls to state leaders to protect and expand the right of every Massachusetts resident to participate in our government, and to show what a truly inclusive, representative democracy looks like.

The incumbent, Bill Galvin, has not yet said whether he is running for another term. He has served in the job since 1995. The elected position involves overseeing elections, securities,

public records, and the state archives.

Sullivan was raised in Brockton. Her father, Steve Sullivan, headed the John D. O'Bryant School in Boston before retiring in 2014. Her mother, Thelma, published a directory of Black-owned businesses in New England and ran a home daycare.

Tanisha Sullivan, who has worked within the state's life sciences industry, including at the Cambridge-based biotech company Genzyme, is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Boston College. She took on the role of president of the NAACP's Boston branch in 2017.

She is running as a Democrat, setting up a contested primary if Galvin, a former state representative from Boston before winning election as secretary of state, opts to run for re-election.

Galvin told GBH News

earlier this month that he plans to announce his political plans after state lawmakers set a primary date for the 2022 election cycle.

"No one has had more primaries than me, and I've won all of them," he told the public media outlet.

Galvin last faced a Democratic challenge in 2016, from Josh Zakim, a Boston city councillor.

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New Suffolk DA says he'll focus on equity and fairness, not next election

By Deborah Becker WBUR REPORTER

Interim Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden doesn't expect to make major changes in the office he took over last week. But Hayden does say there will be some differences between him and his high-profile predecessor, Rachael Rollins, who is now the US Attorney for Massachusetts.

For example, there's the well-known "list" of lower-level crimes that Rollins said the Suffolk DA would not immediately move to prosecute under her leadership. Hayden doesn't plan to have a formal list necessarily, but said reducing the rate of incarceration is important to him.

"With regards to 'the list,' as people call it, we'll be taking a look at that," Hayden told WBUR during an inter-

view at his new office last week. "I don't think that's ever been absolute. Divergent and different levels and measures of accountability, short of incarceration, things that can hopefully reduce a carceral footprint — I think those have always been a priority across the DA's office across time. It'll certainly be an interest of mine.'

The 53-year-old Hayden said his appointment as district attorney this month is almost a "homecoming" for him. He worked as an assistant district attorney in the Suffolk County DA's office from 1997 to 2008 under former DAs Ralph Martin and Dan Conley.

When Gov. Baker appointed him to take over after Rollins's swearing in as the US attorney, Hayden was chair of the Commonwealth's Sex Offender Registry Board. which oversees convicted sex offenders.

Hayden said he hasn't decided yet whether he'll run to keep the job in this fall's election, but expects to make a decision soon.

Although Rollins was known as a "progressive prosecutor," Hayden shied away from the term. He said he intends to continue the work of the office's Integrity Review Bureau, which investigates claims of innocence and wrongful convictions in past criminal cases. His focus, he said, will be solving serious crimes and on equity and fairness in the criminal legal system.

"I think it's a little dangerous to say, 'Oh, he's progressive,' or, 'He's moderate," Hayden said. "I have some ideas that are progressive, and I think that I have some that are moderate and

my job is to ensure public safety and fairness and equity in this system, regardless of a political view. I think that if I have the honor and privilege to do this job for a little while, that everyone — including the progressives - would be very happy with the job I do.'

As Suffolk County's top prosecutor, Hayden will oversee a staff of some 270 people, including 160lawyers. The office handles more than 25,000 criminal cases a year.

Hayden announced new appointments last Friday: Padraic Lydon as his chief of staff and Erika Reis as general counsel. He said current General Counsel Donna Patalano and Chief of Staff Amanda Teo will be leaving at the end of January to pursue other opportunities.

Hayden said among



Kevin Hayden worked as an assistant district attorney in the Suffolk County DA's office from 1997 to 2008 under former DAs Ralph Martin and Dan Conley. Courtesy of the

Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

his other priorities as DA will be "community outreach and collaboration like you've never seen before." Hayden also plans to focus on guns and gun violence, which he said is important to law enforcement around the country.

'I'm actually going to be looking at every single gun case that we currently have and where they stand and figure out what to do with them and how to prioritize them and then how

to deal with them going forward," Hayden said.

Hayden added he supports Mayor Wu's "public health approach" to last week's clearing of tents near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard, the epicenter of region's opioid epidemic.

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Miranda to Baker: Step up testing options in Boston

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

State Rep. Liz Miranda, who represents parts of Dorchester and Roxbury, sent a letter to Gov. Baker on Jan. 12, pressing his administration to expand testing supplies and offer cities and towns the option of returning to remote learning for schoolchildren.

"Families in my district are at the very beginning of another economic crisis with small businesses closing, large events canceling, restaurants returning to

take-out only and ending in-person dining, and our gig economy workers are once again left without resources," she wrote.

Her letter asks for funds and staffing for daily mobile testing and vaccination clinics in "frontline communities disproportionately represented in Covid-19 cases," including Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and Hyde Park.

New state-sponsored booster and vaccine clinics opened in the last two weeks, including two in Roxbury (Whittier Street Health Center on Tremont Street and Melnea Cass Recreation Complex on MLK Jr. Boulevard).

The letter also calls for foreclosure protections, a Covid-19 response director as an overseer of the response by the Department of Corrections to a coronavirus outbreak in state prisons, a statewide indoor masking policy, and remote learning options.

The state should provide "clear guidance that public school districts should not be penalizing students, parents, or guardians for staying home as a response to the increasing" infections.

City officials have extended hours at testing centers and said they would only shut down schools district-wide and go remote as a last resort. But at some schools, absences have reached 40 percent, according to city officials.

Last Thursday, Mayor Wu noted the high



Liz Miranda

coronavirus positivity rate, with school staff, students, and families getting exposed to the virus, but added that wastewater data indicate the peak "may be past us soon." She said: "Closing our schools and moving to remote is a last resort but one we are prepared for.'

While Boston already has an indoor mask mandate, a universal mask mandate across the state is not under consideration within the Baker administration.

Baker and his health and human services chief, Marylou Sudders, have also resisted calls to return to remote learning amid the surge in the coronavirus variant.

'I'd also point out, ana I spend a lot of time looking at other state data as well as our own data, is that in New York, which has a mask mandate, Covid cases are through the roof, and so I don't know, other than further frustrating people in the public, what a mask mandate would do, a universal mask mandate," she told lawmakers at a State House hearing earlier this week.

Before the hearing, administration officials announced that the state has reached an agreement for 26 million rapid tests, which will first go toward K-12 testing and early education.

Material from State House News Service was used in this report.



CODMAN SQUARE HEALTH CENTER STANDS WITH OUR COMMUNITY IN FIGHTING RACIAL INJUSTICE





Gray & Pape staff are conducting a historical survey for the Camp McKay/ Columbia Village housing area and we want to connect with veterans who lived there, their descendants, and any historical societies/militaryrelated organizations in the area with information about this site. Though Camp McKay/Columbia Village was only active for around eight years. its history enriches the history of Boston, Dorchester, South America's homeland World War II effort. Unfortunately, due to COVID variant increases, no in-person public events or engagements can be carried out. However, we welcome any information the community can offer. Please reach out to us by January 31st, 2022, at 401-273-9900 or ksmith@graypape.com if you can help!

Reporter's People

News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Passafaro leaves City Hall for VP position at Berklee College

Kaitlin Passafaro, a Dorchester native and former aide to Mayors Marty Walsh and Kim Janey, has signed up with the Berklee College of Music as the college's vice president of community and government relations.

Passafaro, who served as a senior adviser to the mayor as director of the office of intergovernmental relations, started at Berklee on Jan. 10. While at City Hall, she



Kaitlin Passafaro: A move from City Hall to Berklee College of Music.

oversaw a team of nine people and had a cabinet-level position. Her resume includes the title of director of policy for economic development and working for Mayor Thomas Menino's advance team.

Mayor Wu has appointed Clare Kelly of Jamaica Plain as the new director of her administration's office of intergovernmental relations. Kelly previously worked as executive director

of the Environmental League of Massachusetts Action Fund, executive director of the state Democratic Party, and political director for Gov. Deval Patrick.

"We could not be more thrilled to have someone of Kaitlin's caliber join Berklee," Richard Hisey, the college's chief financial and investment officer, said in a statement.

Said Passafaro, who has degree in history from Boston College and a master's in public administration from Suffolk University: "I am honored to join this prestigious institution and am grateful for the opportunity to build upon the strong foundation of the college's past community and government relations work.

Berklee, a school founded in 1945 as the Schillinger House, has 6,000 undergraduate students and is based in Boston's Fenway neighborhood.

Passafaro is the daughter of City Clerk Maureen Feeney, who served as District 3 City Councillor, representing Dorchester, until taking the clerk's job in 2011.

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VietAID's Le says she will step down this year

Lisette Le, the executive director of the Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID) in Fields Corner, plans to step down later this year. She has served in the role since January 2018.

"The past four years have been profound, transformative, and challenging," she wrote in an email to supporters. "I will be staying on on a part-time basis until a new executive director is named; please be on the lookout for a job post in early 2022."

Le previously worked as director of the Mas-

sachusetts Voter Table and as an organizer with Right to the City and the Chinese Progressive Association. Sheimmigrated to the US in 1990 from Vietnam, and grew up in Ohio. She holds an American Studies degree from Tufts University and lives in Dorchester with her family.

Founded in 1994, VietAID opened a community center on Charles Street, behind the Fields Corner MBTA Station, in 2002.

Le credited staff and volunteers who have helped provide "access to quality early education, affordable housing, youth leaders, a community for older adults, language access, and so much more." During the pandemic, the organization helped more than 2,000 people with unemployment insurance and rental assistance. VietAID is "on its path to being the anchor institution for all of Dorchester," she added.

"We have also forged new work areas from a commitment to mental health, climate resilience, and workers' rights for nail salon workers. We have also been part of incredible



Lisette Le

formations that include Fields Corner Crossroads, an 8-organization collective seeking to transform Fields Corner, and APIsCAN, a statewide network building the political power of Asian American communities."

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Rob McCarron, president and CEO of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts (AICU Mass), has been named to the Board of Trustees of Dorchester's Cristo Rey Boston High School. McCarron has been involved for several years on the school's jobs committee working to introduce companies located in Greater Boston to Cristo Rey and the Corporate Work Study model.

"Education and work experience shouldn't be an exclusive club, it's what everyone wants — the opportunity to have a fair shot," said Mc-Carron. "I am looking forward to working to provide that opportunity for Cristo Rey Boston students."

He previously served as director of legal affairs for the Massachusetts House Committee on Ways and Means and as chief legal counsel for the Massachusetts Joint Committee on the Judiciary where he developed an extensive network across the state.

Acclaimed violinist, pianist to perform at Peabody Hall



Randall Goosby

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music, which seeks to "build community through the shared experience of music," will host a live recital at Dorchester's Peabody Hall next month featur-

ing the acclaimed American violinist Randall Goosby and the pianist Zhu Wang.

The ticketed performance begins at 4 p.m. on Sun., Feb. 13 at 209 Ashmont St.

Goosby's debut album for Decca entitled "Roots," a celebration of African American music that explores its evolution from the spiritual through to present-day compositions, was released in June 2021.

The 26-year-old artist has performed with the Los Angeles Philharmonic under Gustavo Dudamel at the Hollywood Bowl, Baltimore Symphony under Dalia Stasevska, Detroit Symphony under Jader Bignamini, the London Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Philharmonia Orchestra.

Collaborating with Zhu Wang, Goosby has curated an album paying homage to the pioneering artists that paved the way for him and other artists of color.

Tickets for the performance are \$25 for adults, \$18 for students, and \$3 for EBT card holders. Children under 13 admitted free. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at ahchambermusic.org.

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music is requiring attendees to provide proof of vaccination, either in paper or electronic form.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

Dorchester Historical Society Gamewell Fire Alarm Co.

In 1949, the Gamewell Company was located in Newton. The Gamewell fire alarm was created by George Milliken, who lived at 44 Virginia St. in Dorchester from the 1880s to 1921. Milliken was renowned for his inventions. Among them were the Milliken Repeater and the Duplex System, both of which aided greatly in the development of the telegraph system. By 1867, Milliken had risen to the position of general manager of the Boston Office of Western Union. During his tenure, he hired and oversaw the work of a young Thomas Edison as a telegraph operator. After many years of service, Milliken left Western Union and by 1885 had become the superintendent of Electrical Development and Manufacturing, a laboratory and factory on Congress Street. Three years later, he was superintendent at the Gamewell Auxiliary Fire Alarm Company on Pearl Street where he remained until his death in 1921. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at



This advertisement in Fire Engineering magazine of April 1949 featured a picture of eight-year-old Thomasina De Beneditto re-enacting how she pulled a Gamewell fire box alarm when she observed a fire in a nearby factory in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

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

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Editorial

Poll: Voters want to invest in transportation

The people of Massachusetts are primed and ready to invest in the state's transportation infrastructure and they don't mind raising new tax revenues to do it. That's the take-away from new public polling that was published last week by The MassINC Polling Group in work sponsored by the Barr Foundation. The survey asked more than 1,000 Massachusetts voters about the state's public transportation system and their attitudes toward making improvements and how to pay for them.

"For years, public transit has been expected to pay for itself in a way that other government services, including other modes of transportation, have not, said Richard Parr, research director at The MassINC Polling Group (MPG) in a statement. "These numbers show that voters are open to shifting to a new approach to paying for transit.'

Here are some key findings, according to MPG: Overall, 47 percent of those who were interviewed think that "things in Massachusetts are headed in the right direction" while 36 percent said that, no, we're on the "wrong track." Another 17 percent were unsure.

• Aside from Covid-19, the single-biggest issue facing state government is "economy/jobs," which got top billing from 18 percent of respondents. Transportation and infrastructure was the top issue for about 8 percent.

 When asked about a November ballot question that would add a 4 percent levy to the tax bills of state residents making over \$1 million annually, a super-majority of respondents - about 69 percent said they support the idea while 21 percent oppose it.

• Use of the T remains significantly below pre-Covid levels, with large chunks of the state's workforce—roughly 37 percent—working from home "at least a few times a week.'

•Also quite popular among those surveyed last month: Discounted fares for lower-income residents. Almost 80 percent of respondents said they "strongly" or "somewhat" support the idea. And majorities well over 50 percent – like the idea of making bus lines, subways, commuter rail, and ferries totally free for everyone.

The poll, which was conducted in late December, suggests that Mayor Wu and other leaders who make a case for shifting the cost of public transportation from riders to a broader base of taxpayers have traction, at least in the minds of the citizenry. And there's clearly an appetite to ask the state's wealthiest people to take on more of the burden of helping

But getting to a "free T" cannot be the only item on the punch list. When asked to rate our state's system-inclusive of tunnels, bridges, and highways -the biggest chunk of respondents answered "fair.' About three in ten said that it is straight-up "poor."

Count us among the 45 percent or so who basically gave our overall system a "meh" grade. It's hard to live in Dorchester and Mattapan and offer up much more than a lukewarm "I guess it could be worse."

That could change if we align the Commonwealth's eagerness for improvement and investment with the transformational changes afoot in places like Columbia Point, Port Norfolk, the Dorchester Avenue corridor, and inland as well, to Blue Hill Avenue. There's a chance here to harness federal stimulus dollars with the longer-term promise of increased revenue to create a robust new system of road, rail, pathways, and ferry routes to serve our community well. We hope that our business and elected leaders— with algance from the voters — will seize this -Bill Forry moment.

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Odds on return of rent control now slim, instead of impossible

By Lew Finfer SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

For 25 years, the cities of Boston, Lynn, Cambridge, Brookline, Somerville, and Lowell had forms of rent control for some or all of those years. But in 1994, a statewide referendum repealed the remaining laws in a 46-44 percentage vote, with 10 percent left blank. Although I volunteered against the repeal, when I think about all the people who have been forced to pay unreasonably high rent increases, not a week goes by where I don't greatly regret not having done more on that campaign.

In all those years since, it has seemed politically impossible to return to rent control, which would require approval from the Legislature and the governor.

What exactly is rent control? It typically exempts from its coverage owner-occupied multi-family buildings and usually exempts newly constructed buildings. It sets limits on rent increases by using a formula for a fair net operating income that guarantees landlords a profit, but not as much as they want to charge, as they can now. It generally includes a just cause standard for eviction, including non-payment of rent, destruction of property, the owner's immediate family moving in, and committing crimes in the apartment. But these fair reasons have to be proved instead of the current law, where the landlord doesn't have to prove anything to evict a tenant. People can resent and oppose this kind of regulation, but we do regulate and do not allow electric, gas, and car insurance companies to charge whatever they want.

There are three reasons why a renewal of rent control policies seems highly unlikely:

First, real estate interests are strong and well-organized to pressure legislators to oppose this through calls and campaign donations. With so much money being made in real estate development, buying, selling, rehabbing, and flipping buildings, there's a bigger constituency against ending big profits.

Second, the governor has to sign it. Since it was repealed 28 years ago, we have had Republican governors for all but 8 of the last 28 years, all of whom likely would have vetoed a reinstatement.

Third, the Legislature has a large majority of Network.

Democrats but a significant number of them are moderate, so they are not always inclined to vote for this. Legislators representing suburban and rural districts have relatively few tenants in their districts. Huge rent increases are not things they hear about.

But two major events happened in the last two months that make the return of rent control go from the impossible to the very unlikely. Michelle Wu, who supports its return, was elected mayor of Boston over Annissa Essaibi George by 28 points. Last week, she spoke at a press conference prior to a legislative hearing in support on bills that would allow local communities to pass rent control. She will, otherwise, work for Boston to pass and send to the Legislature a bill allowing Boston to pass a rent control law.

Weeks later, on Dec. 1, Gov. Baker announced he would not run for re-election. Based on the candidates coming forward, it now seems very likely a Democrat will be elected governor this fall and would likely sign a bill returning rent control if it ever to reach his or her office.

Wu says she's setting up a committee to develop a proposal for Boston. It would then have to be passed by the City Council in order to go up to the Legislature, as it would be a special bill called a home rule petition.

Some say, "We don't need rent control, we just need more funding for affordable housing." We do very much need that, but when it costs more than \$300,000 to make a unit affordable, we cannot "fund ourselves out of the housing crisis." More local, state, and federal money for housing needs to be passed and it all will help, but it can't do the whole job.

There's a lot of work to do to change the very sad stories of people being displaced by high rent increases or only hanging on if they pay 30 percent, then 40 percent, and then 50 percent of their income for rent. It will not be easy to win this; in fact it's unlikely. But we have to give it a try if we want poor, working class, and even many middle-class renters to have affordable places to rent.

Lewis Finfer is a Dorchester resident and an organizer for the Massachusetts Communities Action

Those who want rents to stabilize, should make push for more housing

By Melvin A. Viera, Jr.

Boston's housing crisis won't be solved by our city or state government stepping in to set rent prices.

The high costs of housing are caused by a lack of housing production. Rent control does nothing to solve the root of the problem and, in fact, will only deepen our crisis. It will have an adverse impact on our seniors, the disabled, those on a fixed income, and our citizens of color who own property and provide housing in their communities.

Boston needs to build 5,000 new apartment homes each year to meet demand. A recent industry study shows that rent control would cut the number of apartments built each year by more than 700, cut apartment property values by \$262 million, and cut property taxes to the city of Boston by \$2.3 million. Today, Boston is among the most restrictive and costly cities in which to build new apartments, falling only behind the island city of Honolulu in

In 2021, new apartment deliveries of ground-up construction in the Boston metropolitan area were the lowest since 2016 and fell below 7,500 for just the second time in seven years. A number of issues caused this disruption in the market, including labor shortages, fewer permits processed, material costs, and supply chain concerns. While the inventory of higher end apartments has caught up significantly over the last decade, a shortage of starter homes, market rate, and mixed income homes remains.

Housing providers large and small - especially those based in our neighborhoods - need an incentive to move beyond the Seaport, Back Bay, and Cambridge, and into the communities that need more housing choices for their residents. They will certainly be reluctant to invest in Boston if rent control is adopted.

Here are some facts: The total number of rental units in Cambridge and Brookline dropped by 8 percent and 12 percent, respectively, in the 1980s following the passage of rent control in large part because development stagnated. Over the long-term, rent control results in fewer apartments because there are fewer incentives for owners to invest in new housing.

The still-new Housing Choice Act rewards communities that produce new housing and adopt best practices around housing production. It is a landmark law supported by leaders on both sides

of the aisle. It should be supported and given time to work, particularly since many communities have already begun acting on these incentives. Passing rent control now would undermine the promise of this important state law.

Massachusetts apartments and their residents contribute \$61.4 billion to the state economy every year and support 268,200 jobs. The economic impact of rent control in Massachusetts would be staggering, decreasing apartment property values by more than \$800 million and decreasing apartment rental income by more than \$30 million each year. Perhaps more importantly to the cities and towns throughout Massachusetts, it would decrease property tax revenue by more than \$7 million a year.

Sixty-five percent of Massachusetts apartments were built before 1980, 36 percent of those were built before 1959. These apartment owners are our neighbors, many of them small business owners who rely on this rent to support their families, to pay their mortgages, and to earn their livings. They take care of their properties and the people in them.

During our last failed experience with rent control, owners who don't have the ability to even marginally increase rents to keep up with costs or cover repairs will be either forced to sell their properties to developers or allow them to fall into a state of disrepair. That hurts communities.

Adding to the confusion, the proposals at the State House are need blind – meaning that rents would be limited for the needy and wealthy alike. Even if the occupant's income and assets exceed those of the owners, the occupants' rent would still be subject to limited increases, forcing the owner to subsidize their tenant's housing costs regardless of their ability to pay.

These are challenging times. Rent control, sadly, is an easy policy talking point for a problem that will require far more complex solutions.

Economists and housing policy experts agree rent control doesn't work. It results in fewer affordable options while reducing the quality of the housing we have. Rebranding it as stabilization or tenant protection is just that: a rebrand for a tired, failed policy idea.

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Let's first plant and then nurture more trees along Dorchester Ave

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

Dorchester Avenue is embarrassing. Though certain sections, like the Lower Mills area adjacent to Milton, are better planned and developed, the northern half is an uneven mess.

Dot Ave, as residents refer to it, is supposed to be Dorchester's prestigious main street for businesses and services, and a thoroughfare for travel to downtown, but it does none of these things well.

The short drive from Savin Hill Avenue to Columbia Road can take 15 minutes in the morning. Bike riders take their lives in their hands trying to navigate the narrowness of the avenue, which lacks a coherent feel; it's a hodgepodge of industrial and commercial spaces, housing, and parking lots.

And yet the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) is allowing multiple housing developments involving hundreds of units to be built in the area without dealing with Dot Ave's deficiencies. Why? Because the BPDA takes each development as if it is the only development going on, and its transportation impact reports do not consider the cumulative impact of multiple developments, and what would be needed to accommodate them. To get all this done, Dot Ave needs a

As a 50-year-Dorchester resident, I've seen plans for Dorchester Avenue come and go with little change other than additional traffic lights. The Flynn and Menino administrations both announced plans to fix the Ave. I remember Mayor Menino talking about it as a street that was so difficult to drive down "you can start your trip on one end of Dorchester Avenue at breakfast time, and by the time you get to the other end, it's dinner time."

In 2005, Menino created "the Dorchester Avenue Project," and hired a firm to come up with a follow-through plan. The project's goals were to enhance the pedestrian environment, improve traffic flow, support existing neighborhood housing and businesses, and develop preliminary designs for streetscape and transportation improvements. Ultimately, in 2008, this led to a \$12 million rebuild of the Glover's Corner and Fields Corner intersections, along with the synchronization of some traffic lights.

A reasonable person would conclude that city planners are incapable of figuring out how to make Dot Ave work for Dorchester residents. And so, it was refreshing when Michael Keamy, a neighborhood resident, formed the $\hbox{``Dorchester Avenue Vision Committee'}$ (DAVC)," which called a meeting last May for those interested in "meet(ing) passionate and like-minded neighbors committed to guiding Dorchester Avenue into a better future! Bring your eyes, a pen and notebook, your talents



A view looking north along Dorchester Avenue near Glover's Corner shows the Dot Block housing development under Bill Walczak photo construction last week.

and ideas. We will look at the Avenue with fresh eyes and see what works great, what could use improvement, and explore what actions can be taken to help make the change."

The group's focus is the section of the Ave between Columbia Road and Freeport Street. Its ambition is to develop the plan that has eluded city government, but to start with a greening plan on the basis that one way to create coherence and beauty is to have trees and plantings all along the roadway. Michael asked for volunteers to walk the avenue and come up with a proposal.

This is important because the way the city allocates trees runs counter to the needs of a main street with such diverse uses. Boston typically plants a tree when a resident requests one and the location meets certain requirements. In this case, the request would be for many trees and rain gardens (small plots with greenery typically at intersections) at various locations.

On Nov. 1, a group of volunteers
—myself included— walked the Avenue and looked at current plantings between Columbia and Freeport. We found some blocks with sufficient trees, but many without a single one. We mapped out locations for trees and rain gardens, and outlined the area between Freeport and Bay Street as a section with so much development and construction in process that professional landscape architectural help is needed to develop a greening plan.

We are working with a group named Speak for the Trees to ensure the newly planted trees will be watered during

the summer months, when so many new trees die from lack of water. We found a volunteer with a wonderful name for this effort, Charlotte Shade, who provided the electronic map that identifies locations for 30 trees and 8 gardens. Michael Keamy worked up a change.org petition asking residents to support this greening effort. As of Jan. 18, more than 600 people have signed it. You can find the petition and plan at https://chng.it/2MsRWJPg, or just google "change.org Boston trees." You can join DAVC by writing to Dorchesteravc@gmail.com.

DAVC plans to provide the plan and petition to Mayor Wu and our city councillors, asking them for support in getting trees and rain gardens along Dorchester Avenue. We urge community groups south of Freeport Street to undertake their own planning efforts to make the thoroughfare greener.

 $Dorchester\,Avenue\,is\,the\,main\,street$ of what would be one of the largest cities in Massachusetts were it separate from Boston. The Wu administration is committed to increasing the tree canopy of Boston. The Dorchester Avenue greening plan is ready to go.

 $Bill \, Walczak \, is \, a \, Dorchester \, resident.$ He is the founding president and former CEO of the Codman Square Health Center.



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Closings batter Fields Corner business district

(Continued from page 1) a living wage, which is the foundation of any successful business."

The store sold art, apparel, body care items, and other fun things from local artists and artisans.

The Brain Arts organization was founded in 2010 and launched DAP a few years later. It opened the storefront at Fields Corner in September 2020 and officially closed it three weeks ago, on Jan. 1, Potrykus said, as another business down the street Coco Leaf Café – was expressing interest in moving to the DAP space. That deal, however, fell through and the space is being marketed actively now by the landlord – who, Potrykus said, has helped them "in every way possible."

He said the store was an outcropping of their most successful year – 2019 – hosting art events, family-friendly concerts, and other community activities.

"It's just time for us as an organization to look forward to the next 10 years in a way that cares for our staff and makes it sustainable...for the people that carry out this work," he said.

One point of frustration he expressed was with organizations and



The Fields Corner business community continues to see vacancies at key locations this winter as the second year of business disruption continues. The Dorchester Art Project (DAP) closed its storefront doors for good on Jan. 1, and Fields Corner Glass Co., a 50-year business in the neighborhood, has decided to liquidate and close this month amid a rental dispute with its landlord. Seth Daniel photos

institutions throughout Dorchester and Boston, such as Harvard University. He said they and others constantly asked DAP for help in promoting diversity and artistic diversity in their organizations but were never willing to invest in the DAP organization itself. Most of the help he gave them came for free, and he said that's a trend that needs to stop.

"Ultimately it's the same old dilemma: these institutions with endowments in the hundreds of millions of dollars ask for our help and they don't support us," he said. "They ask for our time for free and it's not right. If I could make it where we would get a fee of like \$1,000 every time a university

institutions throughout Dorchester and Boston, such as Harvard University. He said they and others constantly asked DAP for help in promoting diversity and or institution came to ask us to work for them for free, then we'd have no financial problems and we'd be sustainable. Forget \$1,000, just make it \$100."

He added, "They often don't know they are taking advantage of us."

Meanwhile, Fields Corner Glass—a business that has been operating in the area for more than 50 years—announced this month that it is liquidating and closing due to landlord/tenant issues that surfaced during the pandemic.

Owners of the glass shop, which has provided glass, Plexiglas, and auto glass services—as well as snow plowing and rock salt sales—for more than 50 years in the Fields Corner area and moved



to its current location at 1386 Dorchester Ave. almost 20 years ago, told the Reporter that they didn't want to comment much on the closure as they were involved in a legal proceeding in Suffolk Superior Court. One owner, Russell Tardanico, Jr., did mention they had a plan with the landlord for Covid-19 circumstances, but it never came to pass.

Property owner Mario Schiavo, speaking through his son Rob Schiavo, said the glass shop never closed during

the ongoing pandemic and had been successful in making partitions and other Covid safety products. However, he said, they had not paid rent for the last 20 months. He added that they decided not to renew their lease in December 2019 and have been tenants at-will since then.

"It's frustrating," he said. "No one wants to be in court, and this came after we gave them three or four months of rent breaks during Covid-19 and what they decided to do is take advantage

of the situation...They have told people we doubled their rent and that's 100 percent inaccurate. We haven't collected rent for 20 months."

The shop is the former home of Mario Schiavo's business, which was Bill's Muffler Shop from 1979 until 2003 when he retired after a car accident. His son said it has been a very frustrating for small landlords like themselves, who haven't been able to collect rent and are forced into court battles.

"This is a business and not someone's home and a business that continued and thrived during Covid," he said. "Landlords get stuck with the bag and it's tough if you're a small family-owned business with a bank knocking at the door and the city of Boston every quarter wanting their property taxes. They don't care about the landlord, and this has really affected

Fields Corner Glass had put up a sign that read 'Liquidation' in the window a few weeks ago, and it didn't appear that any work was going on inside. The eviction case was moved from Dorchester District Court to Suffolk Superior Court on Dec. 31, according to online records.



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Fields Corner's 50Kitchen plans to close next month



50Kitchen, the Dorchester Avenue fusion eatery, last week announced plans to permanently close its doors in February.

Seth Daniel photo

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

50Kitchen, the Fields Corner eatery that featured a fusion of Southern American and East Asian cuisine, plans to permanently close its doors in February, as the coronavirus pandemic continues to pummel the restaurant industry.

According to its Facebook page, 50Kitchen has been closed except for takeout and delivery since Dec. 23, noting "concerns about gatherings during the holidays that could have potentially led to exposure."

The Dorchester Avenue restaurant is the creation of Anthony Caldwell, the chef and owner who was born and raised in Dorchester and picked up a passion for cooking while in state prison. A veteran of the city's restaurant and catering scene since 2007, he previously worked at Legal Seafood, MIT, and Harvard University.

Caldwell, who was not immediately available for comment, opened his business in 2018 after winning a 2017 contest sponsored by the Fields Corner Business Lab, which offered six months of free rent at a storefront located at 1450 Dorchester Ave.

Social media posts from the Black-owned restaurant said the move to close, with Feb. 12 as the last day, was a "difficult decision to make, but a necessary one." The posts added: "Although we are sad that we will soon close our doors, we are grateful for what we were able to do and accom-

plish in just two years." The restaurant is seeking to stay positive and ended its social media posts on a hopeful note: "It was thanks to our customers that we were able to stay open and provide meals to those in need throughout this pandemic...This is not the end of our story, but merely the end of this chapter of it." In follow-up social media posts, the eatery encouraged people to use their gift cards if they have one. The menu, offered Thursdays through Sundays, features chicken and waffles, as well as

jambalaya egg rolls.

Last year, the restaurant was featured in "All-Inclusive Boston," a city-backed effort to boost tourism amid the pandemic. Caldwell also made an appearance, with Martha Stewart, on the Food Network show "Chopped." But restaurants across the city, state, and country have continued to struggle, particularly as a new variant swept through the US. They've experienced shortages in staffing and ingredients, as well as price increases for the latter.

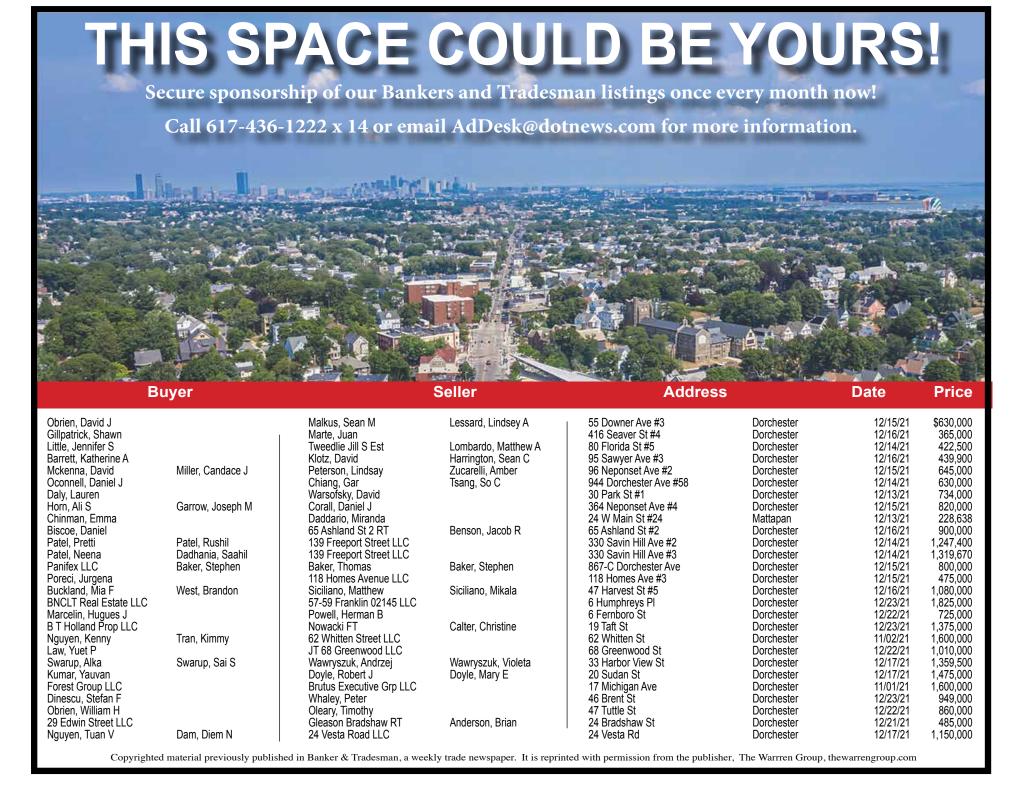


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After years of debating, development at Port Norfolk wins okay

(Continued from page 1) building consisting of offices and residences. The boathouse would be replaced, and the developers plan to add a harbor walk, pedestrian pathways, and a fishing pier, providing public access to the waterfront.

The developers have reduced the gross square footage of the project and the number of bedrooms from initial plans. The development now calls for 120 residential units, $where \, previous \, versions$ included 150 units, a 25room hotel, and a fourth building on the site.

The project offers a small footprint for retail and a restaurant (3,600 square feet), which would share the peninsula with Boston Harbor Distillery, which is housed inside the former Putnam Nail Company facility, and Venezia, the Italian restaurant that has been a Port Norfolk mainstay for more than 20 years.

Kevin Deabler, a Dorchester resident who is principal and cofounder of architectural firm RODE, which worked on the project, said the neighborhood's waterfront access is part of the project's appeal.

"You talk to any architect and any developer, any person associated with real estate, having a chance to be on the water is a hugely appealing aspect of this," he said.
"It's really just been a new kind of a challenge to try to make that work for the neighborhood."

The project's scale is different from Boston's Seaport area and Quincy's Marina Bay neighborhood, which is located across the Neponset River. "It's really intended to be more appealing



to those who can walk there, ride their bikes, and get there without driving," Deabler said.

To combat climate change and rising sea levels, the project's plans include building elevation, site grading, and

ing that it's built on a floodplain and that the buildings are too tall.

"This entire area is already being flooded and it will get far worse," Maria Lyons, a Port Norfolk resident for 40 years, said in a message to the Reporter. "It makes no sense putting large projects here."

For their part, proponents note that the project site has been a marina for two centuries and the proposal has

"It is really about trying to bring back what's there," Deabler said.

"We're not doing anything that hasn't been done before. It's more about a matter of maintaining and restoring this part of Dorchester.'

A pair of renderings made public last week offer views into how the Neponset Wharf development will look once completed in Dorchester's Port Norfolk section. The BPDA board last week gave its approval for the project —first proposed in 2017 – to move forward. It will include 120 residential units, where previous versions included 150 units, a 25-room hotel, and a fourth building on the site.

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floodproofing efforts. But some local residents remain unhappy with the project, argugone through multiple iterations over the last five years in response to community comment.

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Hamilton Street complex for seniors gets green light



A VietAID-led proposal to build a senior rental housing complex on Hamilton Street in Dorchester won approval from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board last Thursday (Jan. 13). The project will replace an existing two-family home with a four-story, L-shaped building that will house 36 units, all of them income-restricted for seniors aged 62 and up. Nine of the units will be targeted for people transitioning from homelessness. The building will also include a community and game room for residents.

The new building will be sited on three parcels of land - 25,29, and 33 Hamilton St. - that comprise about 19,359 square feet of space, much of it currently vacant. The project will include 13 parking spaces and 18 bicycle spaces. According to the BPDA, the proponents anticipate that the project will receive funding from city and state agencies to help keep the project affordable. VietAID presently maintains a portfolio of 123 units of housing in Boston, all of which are considered affordable.

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Condo project proposed for Rent-All site in Lower Mills

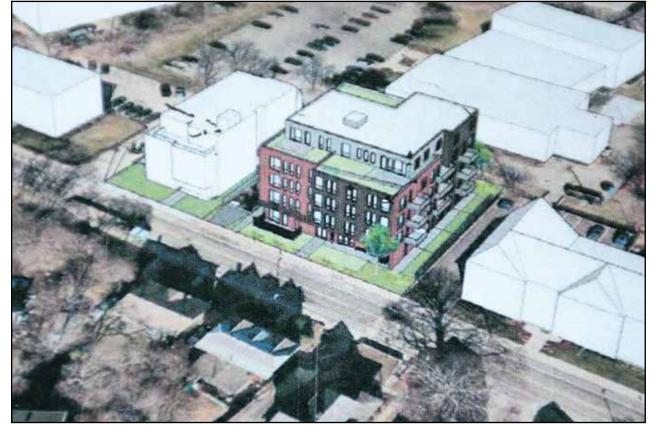
(Continued from page 1) Development Agency's (BPDA) Article 80 Small Project Review process.

"The owners of Rent-All were good at keeping the company there in operation and serving Dorchester and beyond for so many years," said Caulder. "Now, they feel the time is right to move to sell it. To develop the housing there will reduce trips from a traffic perspective and will also reduce the noise of the uses there that emanate now from Rent-All."

He added, "This is really just an extension of the success of Dennis Keohane's development next door. The density fits in context with the adjacent buildings as opposed to being built in a dense single-family section of Dorchester."

Caulder said he was drawn to the area's proximity to public transit and the ability to use the existing grade change for development purposes while noting that Lower Mills is a great neighborhood to pursue development.

"We're taking ad-



vantage of the existing grades to provide below grade parking with 29 spaces," said Caulder. "In Lower Mills you have the renaissance of eateries and shops and the proximity to basic staples

like Star Market, CVS, and the other businesses. New buyers are looking for that. It checks all of those boxes, plus it's only a short walk from two MBTA stations."

The plan includes 33 units of condo housing, with 4 of them in the affordable category, and the 29 spaces in a four-story section with a

fifth story stepped back and not visible from the street.

Mike Skillin, moderator of the Dorchester Lower Mills Civic Association, did not immediately answer a request on the project. The group was expected to discuss it this week.

During last week's online meeting, Project Ar-

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chitect Cheryl Tougias, of Spalding & Tougias, said the small home planners hope to demolish dates from about 1930, and is structurally unsound on the inside and at the foundation.

"We really felt pretty much all of the exterior cladding and windows and doors have been replaced and the interior, any significant element has been replaced," she said. "So, what we're left with are some things that are not compliant such as the stairs, and you have the fireplace... The replacements were inconsistent with other

structures in the district, both the interior and exterior."

A similar, sister building on the site next door, where the Keohane project has been built, was demolished prior to that construction project.

Caulder said some of the initial comments are that the building is too big, but he noted it is not much bigger than the new project next door or the other buildings in the vicinity and is on a double lot.

"Saying it's too big is a bit arbitrary," he said. "There is only a single-story building there now, so everyone's first reaction is it's too big, but this is a part of the city of Boston with multimodal transportation and it's also amenity rich. The Sheet Metal workers union are all in favor of this development, and we feel our immediate abutting neighbors are on board as well."

Development plan for Metamorphosis

A second development project in Lower Mills has also emerged this month. It's described as a 24-unit development on the site of the current Metamorphosis store (1153 Washington St.). There are few details available regarding the project, but RODE Architects of Dorchester is working on the project, which was to be taken up at the Tuesday (Jan. 18) meeting of the Lower Mills Civic Association.

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Vaccine mandate brings stress, agreement, and criticism to city rinks

(Continued from page 1) mistake, and we were able to clarify that on Friday, and the Wu administration agreed. It didn't make sense that kids up to grade 12 could participate and were exempt for a school activity but were not exempt from the same activity in the same location if it wasn't for school."

Murphy added that it was a quick resolution. "I don't think it was as controversial as some want to make it," she said. "That's our job, to be pro-active and have these conversations and look at what's written and what it really means."

Ricardo Patrón, a Wu spokesperson, said on Monday that the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), which owns most of the rinks in Boston, approached them on Friday with concerns about how to enforce the mandate on Saturday. He said that after some conversation, DCR and city officials agreed that the DCR facilities are exempt from the order.

In addition to Murphy, those signing the letter asking for clarification included Councillors Michael Flaherty, Ed Flynn, Frank Baker, state Sen. Nick Collins, and state Reps Dan Hunt and David Biele.

The mandate, announced last year, includes several exemptions including city community centers, senior centers, and public and non-profit schools grades pre-kindergarten to 12th grade. There hadn't been much elaboration on the matter, and specifics around ice rinks weren't really discussed until the last minute.

Many within the city's youth hockey leagues, like Dorchester Youth Hockey (DYH), and the various club hockey organizations that play frequently in Boston rinks had assumed they were not affected by the man. date due to high school sports and community centers being exempt. However, last Thursday night, the DCR sent out communications to leagues across the city noting they would be requiring a vaccination card from parents and players aged 12 and up on Jan. 15.

Murphy said that notice caused a great deal of stress for parents and young players - even though many on the teams are vaccinated. She said the phone calls came in fast and furious on Friday.

"The concerns ranged from sadness to frustration to those that said they didn't want to have to tell their kids

another match or game is cancelled because the other team won't come to Boston," said Murphy. "Many wondered if it even logistically made sense." She noted that a Framingham-based team had cancelled a game rather than come into Boston and be subject to the mandate in the rinks.

For all that, the ice rink exemption decision did not ring very popular on social media and in the public square. While many of those directly affected were relieved by the clarification, others thought the push was a mistake and a missed opportunity to get kids vaccinated.

As of Jan. 6, according to the state Department of Public Health (DPH), it was estimated that Boston's vaccination rates for youth were low, with 66 percent of those 12-15 having a first dose, and 24 percent of age 5-11 having a first dose, and 46 percent of those 16-19 having a first dose.

Rosemary Powers, president of Dorchester's Cristo Rey Boston School, said she didn't want to criticize the exemption, but from her school's experience, requiring a vaccine to play sports is a good way to "move the needle" on low youth vaccination rates.

Savin Hill's Cristo Rey serves about 210 students from Dorchester and surrounding neighborhoods, and they've used a "carrot and stick" approach to raise their vaccine rates and keep their school open throughout the pandemic. She noted they've had no serious outbreaks since the pandemic began and said that by using continuous one-on-one vaccine education with families and requiring a vaccine for students to participate in sports and extra-curricular activities, they took their vaccine rate among students from 42 percent to 94 percent.

"We said that if it's important for our community to be safe, it's important for us to be vaccinated," she said. "We didn't require a vaccination to come to school at Cristo Rey, but we do require vaccination for students to participate in sports or extra-curricular activities...Kids love to play sports, and they love our clubs. So, we said anyone who wanted to participate in extra-curriculars had to be vaccinated. That did move the needle."

Murphy said the matter with ice rinks was only about consistency and not about resistance to vaccines or the mandate.

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The Vice President of Organizing Strategy and Fundraising supervises the Directors of Community Organizing and Resident Engagement and the Eco-Innovation Director. Assist senior managers to plot out strategies to expand identification and recruitment of leaders, to carry out organizing, leadership development and engagement work and to plan and implement grass roots campaigns focused on racial equity and socioeconomic mobility that are targeted and impact root causes. The goal is to mobilize the base (Equity Army) to create change at the policy, programmatic, resource distribution/allocation and legislative levels.

Research, create and implement fundraising plans specifically focused on base building and organizing. Craft/develop fundraising proposals. Cultivate funding relationships and partnerships to build a significant base of mobilized constituents that are trained and ready to act on campaigns.

Bachelor's degree in relevant field with 5-7 years experience in supporting senior staff and/or at least 7 years' proven experience managing senior managers in the organizing arena to expand and achieve work. Previous meaningful strategic work launching initiatives with successful/proven implementation and a clear track record of accomplishments. Excellent analytical and critical thinking skills. At least 4-5 years' experience in fundraising and proposal writing. Ability to work with people of diverse backgrounds. Excellent verbal, written communication and computer software skills; knowledge of Salesforce helpful. Bilingual in Spanish, Haitian Creole, or Cape Verdean Creole, as well as prior experience in the nonprofit field a plus.

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Vaccine mandate going smoothly, says Wu; local test sites set to go

(Continued from page 1) ings around tables across public but geared toward city workers.

The Wu administration has also implemented a requirement for those aged 12 and over to show proof of at least one shot of a Covid-19 vaccine in some indoor spaces, such as dining, fitness, and entertainment venues. Places where you go in to pick up a takeout order or make a quick visit are exempt from the policy, which went into effect last Saturday.

The implementation of both the vaccine mandate and the proof of vaccination policy has gone relatively smoothly, aside from a vocal minority of people, including some first responders, who have repeatedly harassed Wu outside her Roslindale home and at press conferences.

Overall, 81 percent of Boston residents have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, a 36 percent increase from last week, according to city health officials.

The heartening numbers, and declining positivity rate, come as city officials have scrambled to increase local testing capacity after the holiday season, and gatherthe country, led to a spike in infections and high demand for tests.

Wu and public health officials said testing sites are set to open at Dorchester's Lilla Frederick Pilot Middle School and Mattapan's Jubilee Christina Church.

The Frederick Pilot Middle School testing site, which opens on Friday, will be in service on Fridays (5 p.m. to 9 p.m.), Saturdays (noon to 8 p.m.) and Sundays (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

At Jubilee Church, which will open next week, testing will be available Tuesdays through Thursdays from noon to 7 p.m.

'We're trying to open this resource for people and make it easy to access testing," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission.

Federal officials have also sought to ease access to tests, with people now being able to order free at-home tests online from the US Postal Service. Households can request four tests each.

The announcement of the Dorchester and Mattapan testing sites came at the opening of another free walk-in testing site in Roxbury, at the Bruce Bolling Municipal Building, which will turn around test results within 24 hours. The city's other sites are at the Anna Cole Community Center in Jamaica Plain and the West End House in Allston.

The sites will be open "as long as they need to be," according to Ojikutu, meaning they could remain in service beyond February if high coronavirus levels continue.

Ojikutu said she is "cautiously optimistic" about a waning surge, citing new data.

The city's coronavirus positivity rate is now 26.5 percent, down from the previous week's 32 percent. The threshold of concern is 5 percent.

"This is still very high," Ojikutu said, noting that one out of every four people who have been tested are found to be coronavirus positive.

But overall, cases are down 33 percent, and emergency room visits have decreased 23 percent in the last week.

Still, hospitalizations of adults and children remain elevated, and Ojikutu urged people to get vaccinated, boosted, and tested.

At the state level, Gov. Baker announced that schools can sign up to receive at-home rapid tests for weekly use by students and staff. Schools that opt into the program are able to stop contact tracing, but have to keep participating in symptomatic or pooled testing.

School districts that join the program this week are expected to receive tests during the week of Jan. 24. Tests for students will come the week of Jan. 31.

The supply of tests comes from the 26 million units that the Baker administration ordered from iHealth. The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education said the move would "enable school health staff to spend more time and resources identifying symptomatic individuals and focusing on other aspects of Covid-19 management."

Separately, state lawmakers are pulling together a bill that would spend \$55 million on testing, school mask supplies, and youth vaccination efforts. The bill sets aside \$30 million for testing sites, and \$5 million for vaccinating children ages 5 to 11.

Material from State House News Service was used in this report.

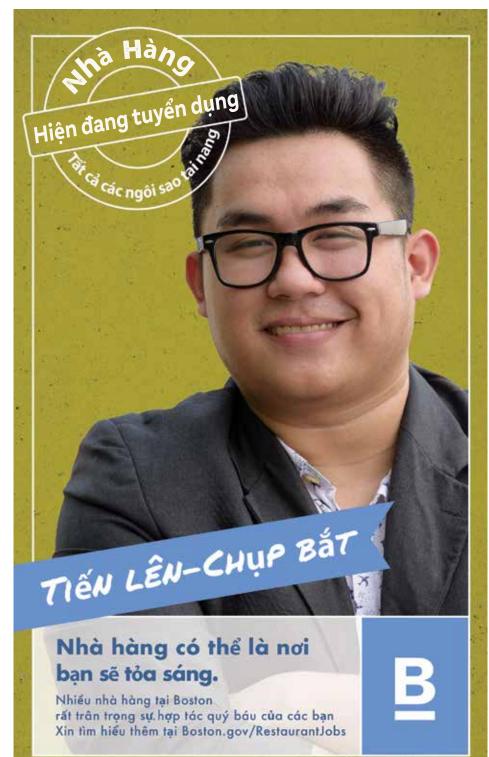
City schools will resume playing games next week

A pause on winter sports for student-athletes who attend Boston Public Schools (BPS) will $be \, lifted \, beginning \, next$ Monday, Jan. 24. All winter sports activities had been suspended on Dec. 23 and were to resume on Monday, Jan. 10, but a decision was made the day to suspend sports activities indefinitely. Then, after an outpouring of comment from families, athletes, coaches, and others, as well as a story in the Reporter, BPS reversed course on Wed., Jan. 12.

"After consultation with the Boston Public Health Commission and in light of a thorough review of recent data, Boston Public Schools is excited to announce that athletics will officially restart practices on Tues., Jan. 18," said Avery Esdaile, the district's Athletic Director. "We are tentatively planning to resume competitions on Mon., Jan. 24, if the Covid-19 surge improves....We are excited to resume the season."

Student athletes are required to participate in weekly testing at school, and healthy team habits like masking must be adhered to.

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BGCD Congratulates Members on POSSE Scholarships: BGCD would like to congratulate members Erica D. & Ajay G., both of whom have been selected for the prestigious POSSE Scholarship. Both members went through a rigorous interview process along with many other high quality candidates before being selected. Congratulations Erica and Ajay!

BGCD's College Fellows has kicked off this year with some exciting offers coming up. We're partnering with Let's Get Ready for S.A.T Prep classes online from February 28 - April 29 with sessions from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/ Thursday. To apply today, please visit www.tfaforms.com/4942650. When registering, select Community Program/ Organization then select BGCD from the menu to reserve your spot.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Staff Host "Cold Day"

Activities & Fun for Members: Last week, Boston had one of our coldest days yet! Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester changed our hours for school cancellations and opened for a small group of members to host a "Cold Day".

BGCD staff put together some fun "Cold Day" activities, such as a popup photo booth with props in our gamesroom for our members to take pictures in. Members were also able to take part in activities in the gym, education and other program areas. Despite the weather, BGCD makes sure to always be there for our members and families.

For more information on membership, please contact VP of Programming Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@ bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Staff Host "Cold Day" Activities & Fun for Members: See details

DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Partners with Fresh Films for Classes with the Food Network:

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is once again partnering with our friends at Fresh Films for weekly film classes. This time around, Fresh Films is partnering with the Food Network for some fun new food content filming.

Learn editing and filmmaking skills with the Food Network and Fresh Films starting February 3 right here at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester! Dive into Unscripted Food Content as you create your own episodes with help from the experts at Food Network! No previous filmmaking experience is required and it's FREE to participate! Apply by January 26 at freshfilms.org/ weeklyfilmmaking.

For more information, please contact Chad Hassey at chassey@ bgcdorchester.org.

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College Fellows Career Speaker Series
January 25

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Elevate Youth Outing February 5

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RECENT OBITUARIES



CURRAN, Christine M. (Halpin) of Dorchester, formerly of Co. Westmeath, Collinstown, Ireland. Wife of the late Bartley Devine. Mother of Thomas and his wife Marie, Michael, Ann Marie Keenan and her husband Brian, and Shane. Grandmother of 6. Great grandmother of 2. Predeceased by her bothers Billy, Shane, Thomas, and Michael.

Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Christine to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.



GOONAN, Thomas, 89, of Needham, formerly of Dorchester, originally from Ireland. He was an active member of the Irish Social Club in West Roxbury. Husband of the late Nora (Daly); father of Michael Goonan of Needham and Patrick Goonan and his wife Kristyn of West Roxbury; and the grandfather to 4. He was the brother of Bridget Stapleton and Margaret Minogue of Ireland and the late Mary Curley, Nora Morrisey, Michael, Patrick, Henry, Gerard and Joseph Goonan. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.



PICKERING, Patricia Ann (Conley) in Haverhill, formerly of South Boston. Wife of the late David E. Pickering, II. Mother of Amy Clayton of Haverhill, Eric Clay-

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU21P2323GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
ADLAI TORRES
Of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Alleged Incapacitated Person

interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging tha

the above captioned matter alleging that Adlai Torres, is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Myriam Torres of Bronx, NY (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this

appropriate. The petition is on file with this

court and may contain a request for certain

court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 02/10/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the

object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further

may be taken in runs matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To the named Respondent and all other

ton of Amesbury, Karen Clayton of Haverhill, and Thomas Clayton of Haverhill. Grandmother of 2. Sister of late Paul T. Conley, John "Jack" and Francince Conley of Dorchester, Anna Williams and Richie Sterzzela, Patrick Glennon and Elizabeth Wyer, Leo and Debra Glennon, Linda and Joseph Leeman all of South Boston. Daughter of the late Paul Conley and Catherine (Hanscom) Glennon. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, family members, and friends. Donations in memory of Patricia may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.



ROGERS, Walter B., 90, of Walpole, formerly of Norwood. Husband of Ann K. (McGrail) Rogers. Father of Michael J. Rogers and his wife Robin of Wrentham, Eileen M. Murphy and

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF PUBLICATION NOTICE

SUFFOLK DIVISION To all persons interested in the above

captioned estate, by Petition of Petitione Paul A. Macello, Jr. of Hull, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Paul A Macello, Jr. of Hull, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety or 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 the 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

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU19P1395EA
ESTATE OF:
PAUL ANGELO MACELLO, SR.
A/K/A: PAUL A. MACELLO, SR.
DATE OF DEATH: 12/06/2007

her husband Thomas of Walpole, Paul F. Rogers and his wife Lisa of Cohasset, Peter J. Rogers and his wife Donna of Foxboro, John H. Rogers and his wife Brenda of Norwood, Julie A. Cooke and her husband Christopher of Wrentham and Matthew S. Rogers and his wife Shannon of N. Brady of Quincy, and Mi-Attleboro. Brother of the

late Lawrence, Joseph,

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Grandfather of 19. Son of

the late Malcolm J. and

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was married to Dr. Rose-

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Marilyn of Capitol Hill,

DC; his stepdaughter

Megan Price and her

husband Steven of Dun-

stable; and his stepson

Sean Torpey and his

wife Dana of Somerville. "Grampi" to 3. Ralph grew up in Dorchester,

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toriety singing on local

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(Filipowicz) Szymczak.

Brother of the late Ed-

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Szymczak, Josephine

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McBride. Survived by

many nieces, nephews,

grandnieces, and grand-

nephews. WWII and Ko-

rean War Navy veteran. Life member of the

Thaddeus Kosciuszko

VFW Post #2091 and the

South Boston Yacht Club.

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L., 51, of Dorchester. He

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O'Halloran. Son of Janice

M. (Barker) Brady and

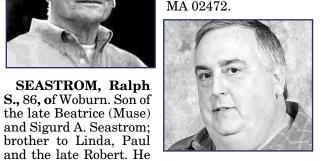
her husband Richard

WATSON, Michael

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chael L. Watson. Brother of Karen and her husband Jeff Falcone of Maine and Keri Ann and her husband Sean Connelly of Quincy. Uncle of 5. Former husband of Amy O'Halloran. Dear friend of Joanie Purcell of Weymouth. Michael is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Michael was a member of $the\,Laborers\,Union\,Local$ #223 for many years. Donations in Michael's memory may be made to The Perkins School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon Street, Watertown,



WLADYSZEWS-KI, Edward F., 72, of Dorchester, formerly of Everett. Husband of the late Barbara M. (Bednarski) Wladyszewski. Father of Adam E. and his wife Amanda Wladyszewski of Buffalo, NY, and Edward F. Wladyszewski and his wife Danielle Zina of Cumberland, RI. Brother of Gail and her husband Dom Correggio of Saugus, Christine and her husband Tom Gagne of Abington, and Frank and his wife Alice Wladyszewski of Rockland. Survived by several nieces and nephews.



WOODS, Dolly A. (Sweeney) of Yarmouth and Milton, originally from South Boston. Wife of Thomas E. Woods of Dorchester and Yarmouth; daughter of Mary Sweeney of Dorchester and the late Matthew J. Sweeney (BPD); sister of Mary Sweeney of Weymouth and her companion Maryellen Palingo, Sheila Sweeney of Milton and her companion Shawn Davis and Matthew Sweeney and wife Jill of Dorchester; loving aunt of 4; sister-in-law of Rick Woods, John Woods, and the late Robert Woods and his wife Joanne; dearest friends Joe and Dottie D'Angelo, Helen Skulski and Tom O'Brien. Donations in Dolly's memory can be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, at dana-farber.org

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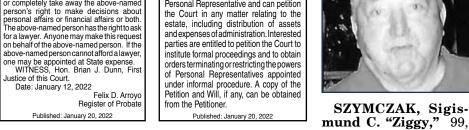
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The Boston Nature Center (BNC) partners with Boston Public Schools, the Boston Public Library, and a number of community groups to help serve Dorchester residents. Boston Nature Center Summer Camp faced new challenges in 2020. It was still the summer camp loved by children, appreciated by families, and eagerly anticipated by staff who display our resiliency and care for our community. Camp was filled with the laughter of children. Nearly half of BNC's families receive assistance from our Kids to Camp Fund. This sliding scale helps offset the cost of attending summer camp for families who face financial obstacles. And it's made possible thanks to your help!

We want to make sure that every child in our community who wants to experience summer camp at the BNC is able to, and we need your support to make that possible. Every gift, every dollar will help BNC provide the over \$100,000 needed for families attending camp.

> April Vacation Camp at the Boston Nature Center April 19, 2022 (Tuesday) - April 22, 2022 (Friday) (8:30am-5:30pm) Audience: Children 5 - 14 years

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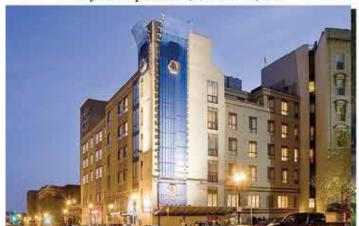
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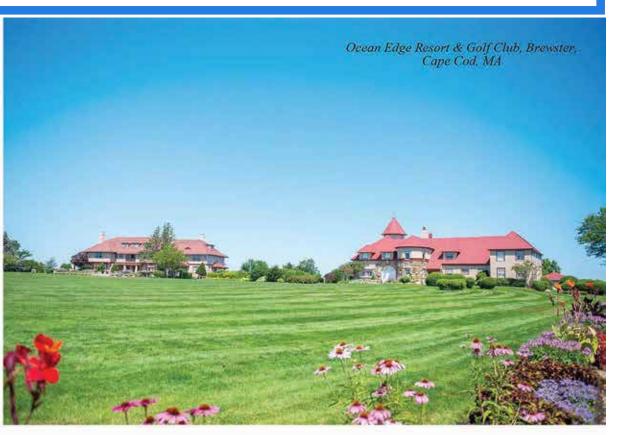
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