Council finalists make their case at Florian Hall
Civic groups organized forum
By Katie Troiano

Four Dorchester civic associations co-sponsored an at-large City Council candidate forum on Tuesday evening at Florian Hall. State Representative Dan Hunt and POLITICO reporter Stephanie Murray moderated the event, asking the candidates where they stand on education, development and zoning, transportation, and public safety.

The forum came one week after a preliminary election cut a field of 15 candidates down to eight hopefuls vying for one of the four at-large seats that will be determined by the Nov. 5th general election. Three incumbents and a first-time candidate with City Hall experience made it into the four top slots of at-large candidates in Boston’s preliminary election. Voter turnout was low. Roughly one in ten (eleven percent) of eligible Boston voters participated in the election.

The forum in Florian Hall was full of Dorchester residents who came out to see and hear from seven of the finalists: Incumbents Michelle Wu, Annissa Essaibi-George and Michael Flaherty, along with Alejandra St. Guillen, Julia Mejia, Erin Murphy and David Halbert. Althea Garrison, who currently sits on the council, was unable to make the forum due to an “unforeseen circumstance.”

The first section of the forum consisted of four (Continued on page 4)

$5.1m rehab project begins at Garvey Park
By Jack Goldman

The city will add a new dog park, renovations to the Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods, for a groundbreaking ceremony at Garvey Park on Monday afternoon. The facility is set for a $5.1 million renovation, including a 75,000 square foot, fully-lighted artificial turf field where kids can play baseball, flag football, lacrosse, softball, and soccer.

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Martin Richard Dorchester Field House pitched for Mt. Vernon Street property
By Bill Forry

Two well-respected Dorchester institutions have joined forces to plan a new, $30 million indoor sports and community center that would be built on what is now a little-used field next to the McCormack Middle School on Columbus Point. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Martin W. Richard Foundation submitted their plan for the proposed facility — named the Martin Richard Dorchester Field House — to the Boston Public Schools (BPS) this summer.

The new building, if approved by city officials, would house a turf field for soccer, lacrosse, rugby, field hockey and other sports; an elevated, three-lane running and walking track; a fitness center with locker rooms, classrooms and a nutrition center, along with some open space outside. The building would be managed and programmed by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, but would be fully accessible to the Boston Public School students at the neighboring Martin W. Richard Foundation.

In their red, white, and blue uniforms Pop Warner cheerleaders and football players lined up behind the mayor for the ceremony. Kinkead’s family, including his widow Annie, were on hand to help unveil the (Continued on page 21)

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A rendering shows the exterior of the proposed Martin Richard Dorchester Field House, which would be sited on land owned by the Boston Public Schools on Mt. Vernon Street. The $30 million indoor sports and community center would be operated by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester in partnership with the Martin W. Richard Foundation. (Continued on page 6)

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Gareth Kinkead, a man who ‘got it done,’ honored at Almont Park field
By Caleb Nelson

Last Sunday, the Matapan Patriots played the Hyde Park Cowboys on the pristine AstroTurf field at Almont Park. Around noon, between games, city and state officials, led by Mayor Martin J. Walsh, joined the players on the field alongside civic leaders to re-dedicate the field in the name of the late Gareth P. Kinkead, Jr.— including his wife Annie Kinkead — the longtime leader of a civic group who championed the park.

Mayor Martin Walsh and the family of the late Gareth Kinkead, Jr.— including his wife Annie Kinkead — reacted to the unveiling of a new sign at the football field in Almont Park, which was named in his memory on Sunday. (Continued on page 21)
Sunday (3rd) • Men of Boston Cook for Women’s Health event at Codman Square State Park from 6 - 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattiashmont@gmail.com.

Saturday (5th) • ADSL Fall Basketball begins season of co-ed games for 8-10 year olds from 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 11-14 year olds from 1:30 p.m.-11 p.m. at the Dot House gym, 1353 Dorchester Ave. Visit adslbasketball.org for more info.

Saturday (19th) • Fields Corner Main Streets annual meeting will feature a gallery show and silent auction. Stop by and bid on a variety of original artwork and a silent auction. Talk with members of the Fields Corner Main Streets board and hear about all that is going on in our community. Stay or come back from 7-9 p.m. for the main event. Bid on original art by local artists, dine, drink and dance.

Tuesday (22nd) • The Neposent River Greenway Council and DACR will host the annual Pumpkin Stroll from 5-7 p.m. around the neighborhood for your weekly planner. See more at neposentrivergreenway.com.

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The New England Avenue building, across from the group’s Talbot Commons 1 building now under construction, will have 12 parking spaces, and the Talbot Avenue building would have 6. Codman Square has been assembling land for the building since 2011. A former auto-repair garage and a small house would be torn down.

The proposed building at Talbot and Spencer would sit on what was city-owned land that is also designated for a separate building aimed at people who make up to 20 percent more than the area median income. The land now has three auto-repair garages on it, which the city has taken for failure to pay taxes.

Codman Square and Travis Lee Development - which will build the more expensive units - were awarded the develop- ment rights to the land in 2018. Both buildings will need approval of both the BPDA and the city zoning board.

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Red Line back to full service

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Martin Richard Foundation Service Event on Oct. 27 – The Martin Richard Foundation will hold a fall Autumn Service Event on Sun., Oct. 20 from 12-3 p.m. at the Leahy-Holloran Community Center in Dorchester. Volunteers come together to support neighbors with food insecurity. Can’t stay to serve? Drop off your Thanksgiving-themed canned goods all day! Family-friendly. Contact joerichard@martinrichardfoundation.org.

Mattapan woman badly hurt in tunnel incident – A 29-year-old woman from Mattapan was injured when a vehicle inside the O’Neill tunnel after she report- edly ran into the path of an oncoming Uber vehicle during Mon- day morning’s rush-hour.

The victim - who was listed in critical condition at Tufts Medical Center - was coming from Logan Airport, according to State Police.

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Climate Ready Dorchester sets up shop with Neponset meeting

By Katie Trojano
Reporter Staff

The city’s initiative on preparing for the long-term impacts of climate change was introduced to Dorchester last Wednesday night at an open house at the Leahy-Holloran Community Center. About 70 people turned out to a crowded library room to listen to a presentation about Climate Ready Dorchester and then participate in workshops on specific issues.

“This project that we’re talking about tonight is only looking at sea-level rise and coastal flooding,” said Carl Spector, commissioner of the city’s Environment Department. “This is the fourth in a series of neighborhood-based plans that we’re doing. We’re looking very specifically and concretely at how we’ll protect the city and how we adapt to sea level rise.”

Climate Ready Dorchester will advance a number of resiliency initiatives through community engagement, land-use planning for future flood protection systems, flood protection feasibility studies, infrastructure adaptation planning, coordination with other plans like Boston 2030, and the development of financing strategies and governance structures.

“The Dorchester project is going to take us into the next year,” Spector said. “We will be coming back to the community again in a few months from now when we have more concrete plans and after we absorb what you have to say and talk with other partners, including the state team.”

Despo Thoma, a senior designer with the New York-based landscape developer SCAPE and the project manager for Climate Ready Dorchester, presented a slideshow that highlighted specific issues relating to coastal flood risk in Dorchester.

“We are asking for your feedback on many different questions that we’re posing through either activities or postcards,” Thoma said. “Our project area is along the coastline of Dorchester. Here we see either fringe flooding, where water from the harbor rises up and affects the shoreline, or we see that the water finds low points along the shoreline, finds its way through the back of neighborhoods, and affects low-lying areas.”

During the session, the Dorchester team set up four interactive activity stations designed to engage and collect feedback from the community on matters like high coastal flooding and how best to create a resilient bulwark against them. Attendees were invited to place labels in the form of small different-colored flags onto the interactive map of Dorchester and its coastline, indicating whether they found areas to be inaccessible, welcoming, safe, fun, or boring.

Pippa Brashear, a planning principal at SCAPE, who helped coordinate the activity stations, later told the Reporter that “the focus of our plan is to address coastal flooding. But anytime that we’re planning there’s an opportunity to think about what else can be improved — whether that’s accessibility, transportation and other aspects that improve general quality of life for people.”

SCAPE, Tetra Tech, the city’s Environment Department, and the BPDA will bring more comprehensive plans for Climate Ready Dorchester back to the community in another open house before the end of the year.

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ing, that's the best test for schools,” Essaibi-George said. “So what’s the perception we have of exam schools, it’s about access to city exam candidates was about opening question for the candidates whose names were drawn at random. Mejia said. She added that she also would sup-

port re-evaluating the ISER exam and supports college and vocational preparation. Wu and Flaherty an-

swered the next question about how to address the community's ever-

growing need for hous-

ing without becoming “overbuilt.”

“The most important part of this is planning, which we don’t do and haven’t done city-wide in Boston since 1965,” said Wu. “We are doing visioning, but it’s not translating into clear consistent rules across the board.”

“We have a development system that is built on special approvals and exceptions. With development, every new project that comes before the board, the neighbor-

hoods have to have that light-- it hurts everyone. We need planning, and we need to have that conversation up front before developers are involved.”

Flaherty addressed the question by sug-

gesting the City adopt a “stand-alone planning committee” and chang-

ing the way the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) operates.

“There’s an inherent conflict between plan-

ning and the economic development of the City,” Flaherty said. “We need real urban planners who have resumes that are consistent with planning major cities.”

Murray asked Murphy and St. Guillen if they favor expansion of city-

wide traffic calming mea-

sures. Murphy pointed to a recent death that occurred when a woman in the Seaport district was hit by a car.

“Any of the time we wait for something tragic to happen and then re-

act,” said Murphy. “I’m in favor of it but I un-

derstand that there are neighborhood concerns from residents that are worried there will be increases in traffic.”

St. Guillen said that she supports city-wide expansion of traffic calming measures including the streets program and road diets.

“As we continue to grow as a city we have to look at how people are getting around the city, how we encourage biking and using the T,” St. Guillen said. “I also understand that it’s not feasible to live without a car.”

Rep. Hunt asked Halbert what the focus of the council should be in taking steps to address the City's opioid crisis. Halbert said he supports “safe consumption sites” to avoid the risk of needle exposure to civilians that can occur when they im-

properly discard needles.

“The first thing to realize is that the vast majority of individuals who are dealing with [opioids] are dealing with this as a sickness. That’s what this is. It’s a sickness and it’s an addiction, so we have to approach it with compas-

sion,” Halbert said. “In terms of what the City Council can do is being bold, stepping out and making sure we support innovative policy like safe consumption.

The candidates were faced with a lighting round of questions in which they were asked to raise their hands to how support for each policy. All candidates raised hands in support for moving all billboards over to digital formats, having an office aide dedicated to Dorches-

ter, incorporating dog parks into all public parks, and rebuilding the Long Island Bridge. Most candidates supported the expansion of body cameras to all Boston police— except for Mur-

ph and Essaibi-George.

In a final question, each candidate was asked to rank the top three priorities they would advocate for in the city-

n’s budget.

St. Guillen said that “wrap-around” social and emotional services in schools need to be addressed, as well as affordable housing that could be supported by luxury taxes. Essaibi-George would focus on providing full-time nurs-

es in each BPS school, as well as mental health providers for students. Flaherty wants to tackle the achievement gap by proposing voluntary year 13 for students in order to prepare students for college and would pay for with a pilot program through partnerships with local institutions.

Wu said that her prior-

ity would be improving vocational technical programs at schools like Madison Park, as well as targeting transpor-

tation improvements to the MBTA. Mejia wants to advocate for transpor-

ting from the ground level starting in civic associations, support for vocational schools, and advocating for more guidance counselors as opposed to police officers in schools.

Halbert said that he would look to support small businesses and small business development for communities by increasing the City’s small and local business program budget. Mur-

phy also supported funding public schools, including K-1 programs, in every neighborhood.

In the preliminary election, incumbent Mi- 

chelle Wu topped the citywide field ticket, finishing with 19 percent of the votes cast. She was followed by incumbents Annissa Essaibi-George and Michael Flaherty, who each collected just under 14 percent. Alejan-

dra St. Guillen, a former member of Mayor Martin Walsh’s administration, secured the fourth slot with just under 9 per-


cent.

Competition for the fifth position was fierce between Julia Mejia (7.7 percent), incumbent Al-

thea Garrison (7.09 per-

cent) and Erin Murphy, who ended up with 6.84 percent. David Halbert earned himself a spot on the November ballot by securing the eighth position at 4.76 percent.
L Street Center likely will close for up to 18 months during rehab

By Jack Goldman
Reporter Correspondent

The Curley Community Center in South Boston — known to many as the L Street Bathhouse — will likely close for up to 18 months beginning as soon as next fall as the 80-year-old beachfront property undergoes a $15 million renovation designed to modernize and protect the well-used facility.

That was the message from city officials to center members and community residents at a public meeting on Monday evening.

More than 200 people packed into one of the center’s larger rooms to hear a presentation from officials with the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) and the Public Facilities Department, which will oversee the project.

Patrick Brophy, the city of Boston’s chief of operations, led off the meeting with an effort to ease anxieties about the center’s future. “There’s been a lot of rumors, a lot of innuendoes… We are not planning on restoring it without changing the exterior, attendees in a design process that will mean for programming, a construction shutdown, what it will mean for programming, and whether the budgeted $15 million will be enough to do the job.

Officials offered ballpark answers on how long the design process will likely take before construction can begin — about a year — and provided a projected range of how long construction will take: an estimated 12-18 months. Throughout the meeting, every administrator in the room could be seen with a pen in hand noting what residents were asking for—from more saunas to ensuring that women members retain their locker rooms.

Brophy noted that the renovations are intended to target “inefficiencies” in how the center is run and to push their own slate of candidates instead of letting voters choose for themselves. A small margin of voters will have a massive impact on the results in November, so every single vote matters. I respectfully ask for your vote.

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And I will ALWAYS work for you, not me.

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The proposal from the BGCD and Richard Foundation would be responsible for financing the construction and ongoing maintenance and operations of the building.

"The facility will be able to be used by any age group," said Consalvo. "The neighborhood will be able to use it, just as we encourage the communities around our schools to use our gyms and playgrounds. That's a benefit for everyone, not just kids by-products.

The proposal from the BGCD and the Richard Foundation was the only one that was submitted. The RFP was published and publicized as all city RFPs are— in the city as a whole. The project is largely the brainchild of Bill and Denise Richard, who created the Martin Richard Foundation— named for their 8-year-old son, who was killed in a terrorist bombing at the Boston Marathon in 2013. They enlisted the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester— led by Bob Scannell and his wife Mary Rinsella— to bring their vision of an indoor recreation facility to fruition. The project is largely the brainchild of Bill and Denise Richard, who created the Martin Richard Foundation— named for their 8-year-old son, who was killed in a terrorist bombing at the Boston Marathon in 2013. They enlisted the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester— led by Bob Scannell and his wife Mary Rinsella— to bring their vision of an indoor recreation facility to fruition.
City Record and the Boston Herald. The time frame for responses was June 24-July 19.
This month, as outlined in the RFP, the proposal will be presented to community groups, including a Harbor Point tenant organization, the school community and McCormack-Dever and the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, which will see the full proposal at their next meeting on Monday (Oct. 7, 7 p.m.) at the Little House on East Cottage Street.

“What we agreed to do with the community was that before awarding it, we would come back out and see all of the RFPs. We are honoring our commitment. We will take all that feedback back to an evaluation committee inside BPS.”

Scannell and Richard say that—if approved by BPS—they are eager to hold even further community meetings to solicit detailed input about what sort of programming and amenities should be built into the field house.

The Martin Richard Dorchester Field House project represents the first phase of what Bob Scannell says is a two-phase capital campaign that the BGCD will launch this fall that will likely require more than $50 million in contributions. The second phase will include the construction of a new clubhouse on Deer Street, where the BGCD has been based for nearly 50 years.

“As an organization we have been serving the kids and families of Dorchester for almost 50 years and we’ve made a measured and thoughtful decision to plan for the next 50 years,” said Scannell.

Two other businesses with deep roots in Dorchester are key partners in the Field House proposal: Lee Kennedy Company, a construction management company; and RODE Architects, whose principal owners are Dorchester residents. Lee Kennedy serves as the chairman of the board of the BGCD.

The Richard Foundation has most recently been the key non-profit entity behind the creation of Boston’s newest public space, Martin’s Park, an inclusive play and open space which opened to rave reviews last summer. The experience, Richard said, gave the organization new insights into how it can fulfill its mission of helping kids of all abilities in his home neighborhood.

In a short time span, the foundation has emerged as a major supporter of youth organizations, including the Martin Richard Challenger Sports Program, launched in partnership with BGCD, which engages children and young adults with cognitive and physical challenges in sports leagues.

A rendering shows the potential for an indoor turf field in the proposed Martin Richard Dorchester Field House, which would be sited next to the McCormack School on Mt. Vernon Street under a proposal submitted to the Boston Public Schools this summer. Image courtesy RODE Architects, Inc.
Men of Boston Cook for Women back once more in Codman Sq.

By DANIEL SHEEHAN

"Celebrity chef" Russell Holmes, left and Chef Chris Bauers prepared for Thursday's event with a test run in the kitchen at Lucy's American Tavern on Monday. Bausers plans on serving a boiled mussel dish with apple chutney.

This year, chefs from 30 restaurants and more than 50 celebrity chefs will take up spoons and spatulas to feed roughly 1,000 guests.

Among the volunteers will be Chris Bauers, executive chef at Lucy's American Tavern, and a celebrity chef, state Rep. Russell Holmes. As the duo took a practice spin in the kitchen Monday in preparation for Thursday, Holmes spoke to the impact of the Dorchester-based event:

"Hands down, there's no other event for me in my district bigger than this one," he said, calling the health center "a leader in this neighborhood."

Codman Square Health Center is a crucial provider of health-care services to the community, particularly women, and the吃ables bear that out. In 2018, 60 percent of the center's patients were women. In treating more than 13,000 girls and women last year, the health center also conducted 1,800 mammograms, screened almost 5,000 for cervical cancer, treated almost 400 prenatal patients, and supported contraception needs for almost 2,000 women.

But the center's services extend beyond even those common wellness screenings. "It's not just about mammograms and reproductive health," explained Christine Leece, director of Communications at CSHC. "We also have a lot of group medical visits that women can participate in, pregnancy groups, diabetes groups, so we don't limit it to reproductive health.

Added Holmes: "The center is an anchor for community meetings, the space they have there, and between the farmer's markets and the educational programs they provide, it's just an incredible resource at the forefront of our community."

Thursday night's tasting menu will include dishes from Lucy's, Ashmont Grill, Shanti, and Yellow Door Taqueta and dozens of other local favorites. But Holmes says his favorite table each year is one that appeases his sweet-tooth.

"The folks over at the Cake Table know they have to give me a stack of cookies every year," he said with a chuckle.

Tickets for Men of Boston Cook for Women are available for purchase online at menofboston.com.

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3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club, Fri., Oct. 4; Little Wriggler Lapst; 1 p.m. – Alec Guinness Film Series.

Mon., Oct. 7
10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 11 a.m. – Unleash the Amazing Quilter in You; 12 p.m. – Senior Jewelry Making; 1 p.m. – Monday Films; 2:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group.

Tues., Oct. 8
10 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Computer Basics; 11 a.m. – ESL Conversation Group; 1 p.m. – Monday Films; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

Wed., Oct. 9
9:30 a.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 10 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 11 a.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 12 p.m. – Exhibit: "The Harvey Tru-Channel Storm Window is a leader in this neighborhood."

Thurs., Oct. 10
3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club, F

MATTAPAN BRANCH

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GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thurs., Oct. 10
3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH

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Codman Square Branch

Clare's Cookies will be the only business in town for the next few months, as the neighborhood center will be closed for its annual November renovation. This year, the center will be closed from Nov. 11 through Dec. 31.

"It's a challenging year," said Christine Leece, director of Communications at CSHC. "But we are planning a lot of events and programs that we think will be really exciting for the community."
Harvard Street Health Center to mark 50th year with gala on Friday night

BY DANIEL SHERMAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

As Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center celebrates its 50th anniversary with a gala event on Friday, it will herald a half century of providing care to residents along the Blue Hill Avenue corridor and impacting thousands of lives. Residents of the neighborhood rely on the health center for everything from dental appointments to flu shots. But perhaps no resident has felt the center’s impact as personally as Chef Lee.

“Harvard Street has saved my life—twice,” says Lee, a Dorchester native and longtime resident. Lee has worked at various establishments over the years, including the Boston Athletic Association’s Half Marathon and the Boston Marathon. Today, she is a self-employed caterer and wellness coach.

Since her work history, Lee has been involved in several health-related initiatives. She has volunteered at hospitals and clinics, and has also participated in fundraising events for various organizations.

Lee’s involvement in the community has been recognized with several awards and accolades. The Harvard Street Health Center will honor her contributions with the Trailblazer Award, and she has been nominated for the Seaport, Harvard Street Corridor Innovation Award for her work in creating the software that has helped Harvard University.

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Edwards is right in pushing ZBA reform

The fallout from the bribery scandal involving the city's Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) has been compounded by weeks of sexual harassment allegations, a whistleblower case, the appointment of a federal investigator, and the federal investigation targeting potential corruption at this critically important City Hall post. It remains unclear if more investigations could follow, but US Attorney Andrew Lelling's office has made it clear that the corruption has spread.

It's all deeply troubling. But from this crisis may come much-needed reform. We've already heard calls to replace the ZBA from Council President Andrea Campbell -- who wants the city to create a permanent inspector general to root out misdeeds in city government.

Now, this week, East Boston's Councillor Lydia Edwards unveiled her own proposal that would “modify and reform” the ZBA.

"These changes protect against conflicts of interest, and it sets a new standard of care, in which the City Hall must weigh the interests of developers against the interest of tenants," Edwards said. These issues are at the center of the mayor's outside review of the ZBA. He will act swiftly on their recommendations and we welcome Comptroller Edwards' collaboration as we move forward.

One of the common-sense provisions from Edwards' proposal would make financial information about any recent evictions a matter of public record. This information about the ZBA's financial interests would be transparent to the board and no named organizations or interests would have a permanent seat. Members and applicants would need to declare their financial interests.

The Edwards proposal would also prohibit ZBA members from engaging in private business related to real estate “functions,” including other “permitting, planning or development.”

This provision could prove to be a thorny one. It's hard to imagine a person living and working in Boston who hasn't had some need to conduct private business in real estate at some point. Still, the exact language may need to be formulated differently, Edwards admitted during a recent meeting.

Edwards, who once led the city's office of Housing Stability, said: "The history of organized labor is inspiring, but the discontent really at play in right now, (the ZBA) modernizes the system and the way we look at it.

There is a very broad real estate footprint. Not only does this in- terest in building the economy of the 21st century.

From an OFDer living in Indonesia: Cherish your right to vote, and do so...

By Mike Shaw

SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

“Distance makes the heart grow fonder.” I am still amazed at how true the old saying is, even if my life is far away. I’ve moved even farther away from my home. After 11 years in Beijing, I’m now residing in Bali, Indonesia, a paradise away from the hustle and noise of city life. While I’m involved in many activities, I have always kept my roots in Boston, where I grew up in Savin Hill. And yet, somehow, I feel more love for the streets that I came of age on than I ever thought was possible.

This last provision could prove to be a thorny one. It’s devastating. It’s hard to know just where to begin with this. The first step is to clear any neck of the woods, a place that I’ve been to countless times and I’ve made many friends: Hong Kong.

The people of Beverly, I’m afraid, it’s either a thing or two from Hong Kong. You’ve undoubtedly seen the pictures and read of some of the million or so people who have flooded the streets there in protest over the last several months. There are many is- sues driving this unrest, but the discontent really got started a few years back with ‘The Umbrella Movement.’

This isn’t the story everywhere in America. Union membership has plummeted over the last four decades. And it’s no surprise that the income inequality gap has expanded, incomes stagnated, and the middle class shrunk.

Workers are being forced into unfair agreements, being fired without notice, and with little to do. We’ve seen a surge in the underground economy, resulting in massive income inequality, the service sector wage theft, and in the gig economy, which leaves workers working for themselves with no protections.

Employers are chipping away at their hard-fought benefits, like healthcare and retirement.

The result is a workforce that’s being left high and dry without the safety nets we used to take for granted.

And amidst all of this, people are entering the workforce as young adults, facing massive housing costs, mountainous student debt, and crushing transportation challenges.

Unions were the answer in the 19th and 20th centuries and they are the solution in the 21st century.

For workers, being a part of the union means safe working condi- tions, stronger job protections, and better pay. In supporting the workforce, labor unions grow the economy that America will need in the 21st century.

For example, mechanical insula- tors are proud to partner with the Massachusetts Building Trades Council (MBTC) on the Migratory Patterns’ electrician training, and opportunity is the key to building the economy of the future.

Additionally, labor has been on the forefront of the fight for sustainable building practices. For example, mechanical insula- tors are proud to partner with companies to improve their energy efficiency and reduce their carbon footprint. Not only does this in- vestment save businesses money, but it also helps the environment.

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Collins proposes new laws to combat opioid epidemic

Nonetheless, Collins said he feels police had to take action because of the drug activities taking place around the intersection of Melnea Cass Boulevard and Massachusetts Avenue. An elementary school called Orchard Gardens is on nearby Albany Street.

“I think there are fewer people congregating here since ‘Operation Clean Sweep,’ and the problem isn’t as visible,” Collins said. “That doesn’t necessarily mean more people are better.”

Throughout the walk, Collins pointed out discarded syringes still littering the streets, people actively using drugs, and people staggering through intersections. One man, Ruben, who only wants to be known by his first name because of the stigma of homelessness, said he had seen Collins in the area several times.

“Thank you for caring,” Ruben said tearfully. “Not many politicians come here.”

Collins said that because so many people come to Boston for addiction treatment and homelessness services, he’s asking his colleagues in the Legislature to visit the neighborhood and pitch in to help.

“This is not just a city problem, but a statewide issue,” Collins said. “We can’t just sit and wait. We need to move forward.”

Another bill proposed by Collins to be considered by state lawmakers would require pharmacies and other places that sell syringes to also provide a way to dispose of them. Collins said that 700,000 discarded syringes were collected by Boston workers last year and businesses need to step up and help.

“As a business that’s profiting off the sale of these syringes,” he said, “we’re asking them to come up with a plan to dispose of them.”

Collins said state and federal action is needed to address even more issues that are so visible in this part of Boston.

This story was first published on Sept. 23 by 90.9FM WBUR, which shares content and resources with the Reporter through a media partnership.
Mattapan Neighborhood Council
MEETING ON OCT. 7
The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Oct. 7, from 6:30-8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Center. This meeting is about the upcoming changes in all transportation modes in Greater Mattapan. Please forward all questions to info@gmncouncil@gmail.com.

Farmers Market in Peabody Square
The Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmers Market is open for the season at the Ashmont MBTA plaza. The market will be open every Friday from 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 18. It includes farm-fresh produce, local meats, artisan breads and pastries, live music and more. See the weekly vendor line-up at tinyurl.com/AFMCal.

Fields Corner Main Street Art-Ini
Fields Corner Main Streets annual fundraiser—the ART-Ini—will be held on Sat., Oct. 19 from 5-9 p.m featuring a gallery show and silent auction. Stop by blend at 1310 Dorchester Avenue for some conversation with the artists, wine, beer and cider, and a silent auction. Talk with members of the Fields Corner Main Streets board and hear about all that is going on in our community. Then, stay or come back from 7-9 p.m. for the main event. Bid on original art by local artists, dine, drink and dance.

Martin Richard Foundation Service Event on Oct. 20
The Martin Richard Foundation will host a Autumn Service Event on Sun., Oct. 20 from 12-3 p.m. at the Leahy-Holloran Community Center in Dorchester. Work with organizations committed to supporting neighbors with food insecurity. Can’t stay to serve? Drop off your Thanksgiving-themed canned goods all day! Family-friendly. Contact joe@martinrichardfoundation.org.

Pumpkin Float at Pope John Paul II Park
The Neponset River Greenway Council and DCR will host the annual Pumpkin Float at Davenport Creek inside Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset on Tues., Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m. The event is held near the Hallet Street entrance to the park.

State Rep. Chynah Tyler and Central Boston Elder Services led a walk through Dudley Square on Sept. 23 to raise awareness of the dangers of falling, followed by a workshop providing strategies for falls prevention at the CBES Dudley Street headquarters. Falls are the second leading cause of accidental or unintentional injury deaths world-wide. Each year an estimated 446,000 individuals die from falls globally. Adults older than 65 years of age suffer the greatest number of fatal falls. CBES provides services to the elderly and disabled that enable them to remain self-sufficient and in their homes and communities. See more at centralboston.org.

Photo courtesy CBES

Open House at UMass Boston
UMass Boston will host an open house event for freshman on Sat., Oct. 19 from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Register at umb.edu/openhouse.

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Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III was officially endorsed by the men and women of IBEW Local 103, Boston’s electricians and technicians union, during his visit to its Dorchester campus on Monday. Kennedy, a Democrat, has announced his challenge of incumbent US Sen. Ed Markey, a Democrat, for the 2013 to fill the Senate in a special election in 2013 to fill the term of Sen. John Kerry, who had been appointed US Secretary of State by President Obama. He began his congressional career in 1976 when he was elected to the US House. Kennedy, who has experience as an assistant district attorney in the Cape and Islands DA’s office and in Middlesex County, was sent to Congress in 2002 when he won the election in the state’s 4th congressional district.

“I’m so grateful for all of your help and support this morning,” Kennedy said on Monday. “I will do everything I can to fight for you, your futures, and your families every single day that I am in office.”

Kennedy was also given a tour of the local’s apprenticeship program Monday morning where he heard Antonellis call this year’s apprenticeships, “the biggest and the most diverse that union local has ever recruited.

“I’m a strong supporter of vocational schools and apprenticeships just like this one, because they provide a pathway to middle class lifestyles,” Kennedy said. “The fight is for an economy that is not just about equity and equality but is about trying to ensure that we put families at the center. We need jobs that enable families to meet their own economic need.”

Added Antonellis: “We need to be strategic and be thoughtful about electing leaders and sending advocates to Washington DC on our behalf. It’s time for a new wave and a new generation of leadership. We’re sick of looking at a lot of gray hair, a lot of older people. We need a younger generation of people to advocate for this generation.”

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New BFIT program trains job-seekers for high tech career

By Yi Yun Zhang
Reportek Correspondent

Adults with a high school degree or the equivalent who want to break into the tech industry can apply training through Apprenti’s IT training programs, now in partnership with the state government and educational institutes, including the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (BFIT).

Apprenti, a nonprofit organization founded in Seattle in 2015, connects employers that need talent, people who want occupational training, and the government through registered apprenticeship programs. Participants go through intensive classroom training before being placed at one of Apprenti’s hiring partners for paid year-long on-the-job training.

“Across industries, companies are looking to fill IT jobs,” said Lauren Jones, Apprenti Massachusetts director. “In the most recent data I have, nearly three million jobs posted for IT candidates as their technology of choice. The companies send them to its hiring partners as full-time employees after they pass the certificate exam. They will receive benefits and salaries—a minimum of 60 percent of entry-level rates—with the possibility for a raise. Fran said more people who want to receive credits for training should avail themselves of the opportunity, while Jones said Apprenti is looking to attract more companies as hiring partners.

The next cohort, Jones said, will be launched in January 2020, and will be trained in software development at Launch Academy in downtown Boston. She encourages people to apply in September, but said Apprenti will always have cohorts in planning.

BFIT plans move to Dudley Square

BFIT first set up shop on Berkeley Street in the South End 111 years ago. On Monday, the college announced that over the next few years it will be moving to a new site on Harrison Avenue near the intersection with Melnea Cass Boulevard. The school said it will be filing plans with the Boston Planning & Development Agency for a building of about 85,000 square feet for its 550 so or so student body.

BFIT president, Anthony Benoit, hailed the move, saying, “our students and faculty deserve an innovative and energetic space. Rather than renovate our old buildings, it just made sense to start from scratch and build a new campus where our students can thrive, and our professors can do their best work.”

“Monday they were very stressed,” said Scott Rose, one of the six BFFT professors guiding the apprentices through the 16-week curriculum. Rose, who helped design the curriculum, said the students have daily quizzes and tests, and are committed to five hours of self-study in addition to the eight-hour classes every weekday.

Aisha Francis, chief of staff at BFIT, said the training in the partnership is something that the school already provides in degree programs. She said the apprentices come from a variety of backgrounds. “Veterans, people who have degrees, people who have some college but were unable to finish, people who don’t have college degrees—some are of traditional college age, and some are older—career transitioners, and people who know they want to directly go into the information technology field.”

In December, these apprentices will move on to work for Apprenti’s hiring partners as full-time employees after they pass the certificate exam. They will receive benefits and salaries—a minimum of 60 percent of entry-level rates—with the possibility for a raise. Fran said more people who want to receive credits for training should avail themselves of the opportunity, while Jones said Apprenti is looking to attract more companies as hiring partners.

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**RIVER STREET CIVIC ASSOC.**

The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Senior Residents, 249 River St., Mattapan. The group will co-host the Mattapan Jazz & Unity Festival on Sun., Sept. 22, 1-5 p.m. on the Foley Green.

**APPLE GROVE ASSOC.**

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

**ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

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

**ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.**

Meetings are generally held the last Thurs. of the month. ashmouthill.org or call 617-822-8178.

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Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you've read the book or not. For further info, please contact Liz Kovensky at lkovensky@boston.com.

**ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

Meetings are usually the 2nd Mon. or Tues. of the month at 6:30 p.m., at 270 Washington St., Dorchester.

**CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.**

Cedar Grove Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at Dr. Lane Hall, St. Brendan Church, 15 Rita Rd. The civic group meets on the info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

**CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.**

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

**CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

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

**COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC**

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic has the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiaavisinhillcivic.org.

**DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

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

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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley rallied outside Boston City Hall in 2018 calling for rejection of President Trump’s U.S. Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh.

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By Michael P. Norton

State House News Service

Rep. Ayanna Pressley, who serves on two of the six committees that are part of the impeachment inquiry, pointed over the weekend to growing support for that inquiry, from 10 or 12 cospon-

sors who “for months” backed the inquiry to now more than 220 U.S. House members.

During an interview with Joy Reid on MSNBC, Pressley declined to recommend boundar-
ies for the inquiry, and said she has backed the inquiry since April and believes obstruction of justice in connection with 2016 election in-
terference was proven in special counsel Robert Mueller’s report.

“It’s evidence both of the pervasive corruption throughout this admin-
istration, not only led by Donald Trump but perpetuated by all those in close proximity to him including Rudy Giuliani and Attorney General Barr,” she said. “We are early in this whole impeachment process,” Pressley said. “We’ll see where it takes us.”

Revelations about Trump’s request in July that Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky revive an investigation into Joe Biden, one of Trump’s political rivals, marked a “tipping point” for many Democrats who now favor the inquiry, Pressley said. Trump says his call with the Ukrainian president was “perfect.”

At an event with Trump last week Zel-

ensky called it a “good phone call” with the president and said “no-
body pushed - pushed me,” according to a White House transcript.

One committee Press-

ley serves on is review-

ing documents pertain-

ing to Trump’s finances and his dealings with Deutsche Bank; another panel she serves on has subpoenaed docu-

ments from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo that Pressley says will further corroborate a whistleblower-account of the Ukrainian incident.

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FAIRMOUNT CDC COLLABORATIVE
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October 2019

Fairmount Indy CDC Collaborative and partners seek a Community Organizer/Coordinator for new Kresge Foundation Climate Change, Health and Equity Initiative in the Fairmount rail corridor neighborhoods (Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park).

Year 1 responsibilities: Mobilize community stakeholders around climate threats, health, and equity; Lead planning for an advocacy campaign for policies that will mitigate the effects of climate change (i.e. development of a climate community scorecard); Help develop strategic plan for advocacy campaigns; Help develop new partnerships with stakeholders; Help to develop and coordinate advocacy campaigns.

Year 2-4 (pending continued funding): Work with stakeholders to implement Advocacy Plan; continue building community voice and power to realize the Plan.

Coordinator will facilitate the Climate Justice Initiative: Coordinate with partner agencies (Community Organizing and Environmental Sustainability staff); direct grassroots organizing; liaison to other Boston climate resilience efforts; and to funder.

Min. 4 years’ experience in community organizing, community planning; prefer Bachelors’ degree in planning, environmental, or related fields. Previous experience working with cooperatives and in low income neighborhoods of color preferred. Spanish, Haitian, or Cape Verdean Creole a plus.  Ability to work flexible hours, including nights and occasional weekends, a must.

https://fairmountcollaborative.org/climate-job/  

Submit cover letter, resume, writing sample (2 pages max) to: Joan Tighe, Fairmount Coordinator at 212Coppock019@fml.gov by October 25, 2019.

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Docket No. SU19D1564DR
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ESTHER E. CHASE
CARLOS D. CHASE

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October 26, 2019

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02224 your answer, if any, on or before 11/21/2019. If you fail to do so, the court

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t of this action. You are also required to serve a copy of your answer, if any, on:

Fairmount Indigo CDC Collaborative, by the office of the Register of this Court.

Date: September 26, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate
Published October 26, 2019

The Dorchester Historical Society announces new items for the gift shop. Priced at $10 each these wooden ornaments capture iconic Dorchester views of a three decker and of the gas tank.

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BGCD Goes Hiking with Elevate Youth! Last Wednesday, BGCD re-started our program partnership with Elevate Youth to provide outdoor learning opportunities for our members. The group enjoyed a hike in the Blue Hills and at the top of the mountain, took part in a yoga class before hiking back down.

Elevate Youth provides two activities each month including our upcoming trip horseback riding in October and rock climbing in November.

A special thanks to our friends at Elevate Youth for providing these opportunities to our members.

For information, please contact Social Recreation Director, Shannon Zarnoch at szarnoch@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Hosts College Fellows and MiDDles Kick Off Dinner: Members of College Fellows and our MiDDles program came together for a kick-off dinner and to learn more about Fall education programming.

College Fellows consists of grades 9 through 12 and helps members with college applications, financial aid and scholarship information. The MiDDles program is for grades 6 through 8 and helps them prepare for high school while learning mindfulness with our Mind Up Curriculum.

Thank you to the TD Charitable Foundation for supporting education programs at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

To find out more about our education programs, please contact Joel Figueroa at jfigueroa@bgcdorchester.org.

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$5.1m rehab project begins at Garvey Park

(Continued from page 1) points on the path. The baseball field will have additional seating along the first and third base lines.

The basketball and street hockey courts that are currently located at the park will be redone and slightly relocated in order to more efficiently utilize the available space. The basketball court will be built to serve a second role as a soccer field.

The city has plotted out new drainage and shading additions and a "shade structure" to improve access and comfort at the park. Walsh said that the drainage plans will help the city deal with climate change efforts—he’s particularly hopeful the new system will help prevent flooding in the surrounding neighborhood.

The city has been working on planning out the renovations since the Walsh administration approved a slightly smaller allocation of resources to renovate the park in 2016. After meeting three times with the community and the public, the概念 for Garvey Park was finally

Top: Mayor Martin Walsh was joined by fellow political leaders, community activists and children at a groundbreaking ceremony for the renovations to Garvey Park in Dorchester on Monday, Sept. 30. Mayor’s Office photo by Isabel Leon

DCR lays out plans for the new Pope Park playground

BY KATIE TIBAZANO REPORTER STAFF

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held a public meeting on Monday night in the cafeteria of the Leahy-Holloran Community Center to present plans for the $450,000 reconstruction of the Pope John Paul II Playground.

The meeting was a quick one as just a few community members were in attendance.

Sandra Libby, a DCR planner, reviewed conceptual designs for the new facility, noting that the playground area is being slightly enlarged, and presented options for public review and feedback.

The present site, which has been available to the public since early September, will be demolished by December, Libby said.

The new playground will feature new play equipment, 42-inch fencing, and surfacing for 2.5- and 5-12 year olds. Two secure playground entrances (latchable gates) will be added, along with new benches, landscape restoration and beautification, and new fitness equipment along the Neponset Trail deeper into the park.

Some of the design considerations are maximizing our play value, accommodating the volume of people that go there and making sure there’s accessibility for all, and maintenance going forward,” Libby said. Kids will be able to enjoy toys with musical elements, tot swings, spinning gadgets, and climbing nets, to name a few.

Libby added that community members vote in a quick breakout session on some of the proposed playground elements, including bench options, color scheme, and spring toy options. Each voting element had two options for people to pick from. Construction is expected to begin next spring and be completed a few months later. During the work, the rest of the park will remain open.

Alternative playground options for families in the area include Tootah Park on Gallivan Boulevard and the Teen Beach Playground.

State Rep. Dan Hunt and state Sen. Nick Collins thanked the DCR for their work on the project. "I just want to say thank you for being invested," said Collins. "Rep. Hunt has done a lot to make sure that this is a priority, and this park brings a ton of joy to people across the city."

Hunt said, "Across government there’s not a lot of funding to go around, but DCR is a great agency and there’s a lot of people that do important work. It is, to a large extent, where the general population meets government. We’ve got about 460,000 acres of public land where everyone feels welcome."

Community input will be collected online at mass.gov/dcr/public-comment through Oct. 15.
Gareth Kinkead, a man who ‘got it done,’ honored with naming at Almont Park field

(Continued from page 1) new sign bearing her late husband’s name. “It’s all about the kids behind the scenes,” said Tapan.

The true heroes, our hero Mr. Kinkead, who this field is being named after, those are the people who do the work,...

“Every Sunday when the Patriots are playing, to see this field come alive is a tribute to his memory.” The Mattapan team started practicing at Almont Park in 2002. It was a vastly different place then, according to Walter Apperwhite, a Pop Warner coach and organizer. “This part of the field, nobody came to. We used to say it was goose crap and mud,” he said Apperwhite. He added, “Our kids cleaned the field, and today is a special day because Mr. Kinkead was a tireless champion for Almont Park.” This used to be a dust bowl,” said Mat...
BRODEUR, John Joseph “Jack” of Canton, formerly of Dorchester and Plymout, 86. A US Navy veteran who served during the time of the Korean War, Jack worked in the heating and fuel business, including several years as past owner of Rameau-Fuel and Brodeur Heating. He volunteered at St. Peter’s Parish. Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Leo and Lorraine Brodeur, his wife Kathleen of Abington, Denise Rich- ards of Wareham, Michele Paula and her husband Steven of Fort Pierce, FL, Karen Pratt and her husband Paul of Burlington, Janine Black and Lorraine Brodeur and her husband John of Canton, Elizabeth Miller and her husband Thomas of Lutz, FL. Also survived by sister-in-law, Joan Madden, nine nieces and nephews, three great-grandchairman John of Canton, Elizabeth Miller and her husband Thomas of Lutz, FL. Also survived by sister-in-law, Joan Madden, nine nieces and nephews, three great-grandchildren. Donations may be made to Wounded War- riors, https://communityfundraising.wound- edwarriorsproject.org/campaign/John_Bro- deur or St. Jude Re- search Hospital, https://www.stjude.org/donate/ donationpage.html.

C O N N O L L Y, George E. “Eddie” lifelong resident of Dorchester. Brother of the late Barbara T. Waggett and his husband Frederick, and Margaret Connolly. Uncle of Uncle, Frederick, and Kevin of Re- dwood. Survived by retired chief captain Sherriff’s Department. Jack was prede- ceded in death by his parents, Leo and Lorraine Brodeur, his wife Kathleen of Abington, Denise Rich- ards of Wareham, Michele Paula and her husband Steven of Fort Pierce, FL, Karen Pratt and her husband Paul of Burlington, Janine Black and Lorraine Brodeur and her husband John of Canton, Elizabeth Miller and her husband Thomas of Lutz, FL. Also survived by sister-in-law, Joan Madden, nine nieces and nephews, three great-grandchil- dren. Donations may be made to Wounded War- riors, https://communityfundraising.wound- edwarriorsproject.org/campaign/John_Bro- deur or St. Jude Re- search Hospital, https://www.stjude.org/donate/ donationpage.html.

DEVOE, Mary Eliz- abeth Lawton of Car- ton, Wil- liam and Betty of Bedford. Born in 1927, she was the only child of Hilda Harris and Vincent James Law- ton. She lived in Milton and then in Dorches- ter. Mary was prede- ceded in death by her husband, Leonard. She leaves three children, Suzanne Devoe (Joe) of Greek, SC, Paul Devoe (Cindy) of Westerntown, VA, and Marianne Devoe (Vic) of Mattapoisett, MA, as well as three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

FARRICY, Jane M. Lindender of Dorchester. Wife of the late James E. Jr. and Margaret A. Connaughton and her three children. Grandmother of 8 and 12 great-grandchildren. Donations may be made to the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, 100 Arch Street, Bos- ton, MA 02110.

GANNON, Joan M. O’Brien of Braintree, for- merly of Leominster, Ire- land and Revere. Survived by five sisters, Grace of Natick, Brian Gannon and his wife Danyza of Atlanta, and Kevin Gannon and his wife Meg of Canton. Sister of Deirdre Cawd- ley of Ireland, Eustace Cawdley of the UK. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

GAY, Gregory “Gregg” of Carver, age 78, died surrounded by his family at his home in Carver on December 5, 2022. He was born to parents Irving and Karen Gay. He was the husband of Linda Gay. Gregg was predeceased by his brother, Michael Gay. He is survived by two sisters, Cynthia Conroy of RI and Linda Shuman of MA, two sons, Matthew, and Brian and his wife Janice Gay. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews, and numerous other relatives and friends.

HOPE, Bethany, 82 of Falmouth, a resident of the late Mildred Hope, 82. Bethany was predeceased by her parents, Dr. Donald Hope and Joan Brathwaite, George of Falmouth; three brothers, Pat M. Hope of Randolph, and Dr. Donald Hope of the late Mildred Hope, 82. Bethany was predeceased by her parents, Dr. Donald Hope and Joan Brathwaite, George of Falmouth; three brothers, Pat M. Hope of Randolph, and Dr. Donald Hope of Westwood, MA. Bethany leaves behind her brother, Patrick M. Hope of Randolph, and her sister, Angela Hope of Randolph. Bethany also survived by several nieces and nephews. Memorial donations can be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association 135 Parkinson Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305.

LAWTON, E. Brian Farricy of Dorches- ter. Mary was prede- ceded in death by her husband, Leonard. She leaves three children, Suzanne Devoe (Joe) of Greek, SC, Paul Devoe (Cindy) of Westerntown, VA, and Marianne Devoe (Vic) of Mattapoisett, MA, as well as three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

LEWIE, Virginia “Jimi” of Randolph. Wife of the late Howard Lewie, Sr. and mother of Taylor, 91. Virginia grew up in Dorchester graduating from Dorchester High School for Girls. Virginia later married her second husband, Pat Lewie of Randolph, Pam Lewie of Boston, Bob Lewie and his wife Emily, and Mary of Abington, Todd Lewie of NY, NY. She was also survived by her 2 grandchildren, Michelle Lopes and Abby Lopes. She leaves 12 great-grand- children, 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Virginia was an avid reader and loved spending time with her family. She was the wife of the late Howard Lewie, Sr. and mother of Taylor, 91. Virginia grew up in Dorchester graduating from Dorchester High School for Girls. Virginia later married her second husband, Pat Lewie of Randolph, Pam Lewie of Boston, Bob Lewie and his wife Emily, and Mary of Abington, Todd Lewie of NY, NY. She was also survived by her 2 grandchildren, Michelle Lopes and Abby Lopes. She leaves 12 great-grand- children, 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Virginia was an avid reader and loved spending time with her family. She was the wife of the late Howard Lewie, Sr. and mother of Taylor, 91. Virginia grew up in Dorchester graduating from Dorchester High School for Girls. Virginia later married her second husband, Pat Lewie of Randolph, Pam Lewie of Boston, Bob Lewie and his wife Emily, and Mary of Abington, Todd Lewie of NY, NY. She was also survived by her 2 grandchildren, Michelle Lopes and Abby Lopes. She leaves 12 great-grand- children, 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Virginia was an avid reader and loved spending time with her family.
Big crowd, fun evening at 4th Dorchester Bike & Brew

The 4th annual Dorchester Bike & Brew in Peabody Square took place on Sept. 21 and drew a large and festive crowd to Talbot Avenue. Mayor Martin Walsh joined in the fun this year and gave remarks about his administration’s focus on the cycling community in the city. The event was co-sponsored by Greater Ashmont Main Streets, MassBike, Dorchester Brewing Company, Mayor Martin Walsh, and the Dorchester Reporter.

It featured food trucks, a DBCo beer garden with craft brews, cider, and wine, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission H2Go trailer, and the Boston Police Department’s Operation Hoodsie ice cream truck. Live music was a highlight featuring the Tomohiro Mori Band and The Ray Liriano Experience. Photos by Lee Daniel Tran

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