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Auston Harris, Shani Fletcher, director of GrowBoston, and Ricky Guerra take a walk in the new garden space on the corner of Magnolia and Lebanon Streets. The space is the result of 15 years of dedicated effort by neighbors and other groups. An official ribbon cutting took place on Sept. 28. See Page 6.

Seth Daniel photo

# Family's hope to name city space after murdered girl riles Ronan neighbors

#### By Seth Daniel News Editor

The horrific murder of an 11-year-old girl four decades ago in Dorchester's Ronan Park is again stirring emotions as a proposal to re-name a playground inside the park as a memorial to the victim is under consideration by city officials.

Maryann Hanley was found murdered and raped in the park on Aug. 1, 1983. The then-boy-friend, Val Mayfield, of one of her sisters, was convicted of the murder. The case traumatized the tight-knit neighborhood and still reverberates among those who were alive at the



An informal garden memorial to Maryann Hanley sits now in Ronan Park.

konan Park. Seth Daniel photo time. Mayfield, who was 17 at the time, remains imprisoned after being denied parole yet again earlier this year.

Even as 40 years have passed, the scars remain fresh for neighbors, residents, and family members who disagree over the naming of a city-owned playground near the crime scene after the victim.

The proposal, led by Maryann's sister, Janet Kulka, has been going through the requisite procedures over the past several months, leading to a public hearing last Thursday (Sept. 28) at which Parks De-

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# Columbia-Savin Hill civic weighs \$750k mitigation funding Developer in private offer

#### By Seth Daniel News Editor

Members of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association were told by two senior leaders at a meeting on Monday night that they had been "approached by a local developer with an offer for \$750,000 to us" that the association would fully control.

If the arrangement comes to pass, the leaders said, the money would be donated by Centre Court LLC, which has proposed a multi-year, phased redevelopment of parcels along Morrissey between the MBTA station and what is currently an empty TV studio at 75 Morrissey Blvd.

Don Walsh and David Butler, who co-chair the Columbia-Savin Hill Community Benefits Committee, briefed about 60 people on the matter during a hybrid virtual and in-person meeting that was held inside the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester's McLaughlin Youth Center.

Walsh said that a more indepth discussion about the matter would be held at the committee's meeting on Wed., Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Savin Hill Yacht Club, after which association members would



Savin Hill residents installed their own cameras near neighborhood mailboxes this past summer in an effort to capture mail thieves in action. This screen shot from a video taken on July 12 shows two men opening a USPS blue box and stealing mail from the inside. See story, Page 14.

#### Screen shot courtesy Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association

be asked to vote on the committee's recommendation at a general meeting on Nov. 6.

Both men described Monday's discussion as preliminary to a decision to accept the money if it is formally offered and decide what to do with it.

"This is a first draft," said Walsh. "Consider it done in pencil." In a statement to the *Report*-

*er* on Tuesday, a spokesperson for the Center Court team said: "The owners of 35-75

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# Fairmount Line to be free during October shutdown

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### Challenging 'Up South' Boston

#### Roxbury forum recalls the city's school desegregation movement

#### By Chris Lovett Reporter Contributor

They marched, they protested, and they gathered detailed proof that the Boston Public Schools were racially separate and unequal.

When a stubborn school committee failed to acknowledge the problem and provide remedies, parents and activists organized one-day boycotts, carpooled, and raised money for student transportation to more adequate schools. They even opened their own "freedom schools" to surmount barriers of low expectations.

These were the actions taken by people in Boston's Black community between 1963 and 1974, a period of more than ten years before school desegregation was ordered by Judge W. Arthur Garrity in response to a federal lawsuit filed by

Black parents in 1972.

Overshadowed by the turmoil and strife that came after the ruling, that earlier history took the spotlight in a forum last month at Roxbury Community College sponsored by the Boston Desegregation and Busing Initiative.

"This is a much different narrative from the one that has dominated over the last

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#### Police, Courts & Fire

Two brothers faced charges in Dorchester court last week after police say they recovered four firearms and hundreds of pills from their vehicle on Perth Street on Sept. 24. Christopher Summers, 51, of Boston, and Gary Summers, 54, of Brockton, each have prior violent or drug crimes on their records. They were each charged with possession of a large capacity firearm, and possession with intent to distribute class B, C, and E substances, and two counts of receiving stolen property. According to District Attorney Kevin Hayden, the judge in their arraignment—Judge Jonathan Tynes —did not find them dangerous, set bail at \$3,000, and ordered them to stay away from Perth Street. They are due back in court on Nov. 15. Police were called to Perth Street near Grove Hall after midnight for a report of a person with a gun. According to Hayden's office, two of the four guns seized from their possession were stolen. "In addition, officers also found seven loose 9mm rounds of ammunition, multiple bags of pills and \$2,100 in cash," Hayden said.

A 13-year-old juvenile was arrested last Thursday (Sept. 28) near Grove Hall after Boston Police caught him carrying a "Hi-Point C9 Luger with seven rounds in the magazine" in the area of Columbia Road and Washington Street. He is expected to be arraigned in Boston Juvenile Court.

A 27-year-old Mattapan man was arrested on Saturday afternoon (Sept. 30) on Malta Street during what police termed an "ongoing drug investigation." Joshua Mendes was taken into custody after police stopped his vehicle and "executed search warrants on the suspect's home, vehicle, and person. As a result of the search warrants the officers recovered the following items: \$975, 10 foiled packets of marijuana, Smith & Wesson .38 caliber firearm, & and 5 live rounds of ammunition." He will face charges this week in Dorchester District Court.

Boston Police based in District B-3 arrested a 36-year-old man last Thursday (Sept. 28) on firearm and drug related charges after police say he blew through a red light on Columbia Road.

A search of his car turned up two loaded guns and "a plastic bag containing what they believed to be cocaine and crystal meth." The suspect, Jonathan Mena-Hernandez, was be arraigned in Dorchester court.

#### City Council signs off on firefighter contract

The City Council has approved a labor agreement reached between the Wu administration and the city's firefighters union, Local 718. The sign-off, which came at last week's Council meeting and sent the agreement to Mayor Wu's desk, was unanimous.

The agreement, which Wu announced at the Greater Boston Labor Council's Labor Day breakfast earlier this month, runs from July 2021 through June 2024, and costs \$27.3 million.

of the contract include base wage increases of 3%, 3%, and 2.5%, to be given in July of each fiscal year of the contract term," Wu said in a Sept. 18 filing with the Council. "The agreement also includes increases to hazardous

vember 2021. Nearly two years later, the remaining city contracts left on the table involve the police

#### duty pay and the detail rate.' A total of 48 city contracts had expired by the time Wu took office in No-

"The major provisions unions, of which the largest, the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association (BPPA), has sought arbitration.

The 1,600-member firefighters union, which is based out of Dorchester's Florian Hall, ratified the contract earlier this month.

The City Council is legally prohibited from inserting itself into labor negotiations between the mayor's office and a union, but the 13-member body gets an up or down vote on contracts once they're filed by the mayor's office, since the matter deals with appropriations within the Council's purview.

The Council's Committee on City Services, chaired by District 4 Councillor Brian Worrell (Dorchester and Mattapan), held a hearing on the agreement on Sept. 26, and Lou Mandarini III, Wu's senior labor policy adviser, testified on behalf of the administration. Sam Dillon, the head of Local 718, also appeared to voice support for the agreement.

At the hearing, City Councillor At-Large Michael Flaherty noted the contract ends next June. "You're going to have to be right back at the

table," he said.

"This was a catch-up contract," Mandarini acknowledged. He said the mayor is set on never allowing a labor contract to expire without having another contract already in place. Mandarini called it an "operational imper-ative," and quipped, "We don't ever actually leave the table."

- GINTAUTAS **DUMCIUS** 

#### 13 displaced by 3-alarm fire on Woolson Street in Mattapan



An early-morning fire that started in a vacant three-decker house at 52 Woolson St. in Mattapan turned into a three-alarm incident impacting three buildings on Monday. The fire burned through the rear porches and the roof before spreading to 56 Woolson St., where it displaced 13 people. According to a Boston Fire account, "An aggressive interior and exterior attack helped to stop the fire from spreading to third building, but the extreme heat melted the siding at 20 Sutton [St. in] Mattapan." The building where the fire started was under construction. One firefighter was transported to a Boston hospital with 'minor injuries," according to the department.

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Reception to follow

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Christine Todd Whitmar











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Codman Square Health Center's annual meeting will be held on Thurs., Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at The Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. All are welcome. The event will honor Sec. Kate Walsh and Sandra Cotterell. See codman.org for more info.

The annual Boston Irish Honors luncheon will take place on **Friday, Oct. 27, at 11:30** a.m. at the Seaport Boston Hotel. Honorees include Gov. Maura Healey, the Rooney family, and Kieran Jordan and Vincent Crotty of Dorchester. See bostonirish. com for information on tickets and spon-

The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Tues., Oct. 10, at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal by St. Mary's Center for Women and Children to redevelop the campus along 90 Cushing Ave., allowing St. Mary's to continue to operate and improve its adult family shelter and parenting programs. It will also include a new building with 71-units of "deeply affordable permanent supportive housing

On Thurs., Oct. 5: The Kennedy Institute on Dorchester's Columbia Point and Pew Research Center present new data from Pew and host a panel of national leaders discussing Americans' deepening dissatisfaction with their elected officials and government and what that means for the future of American politics. 6

p.m. - 7:30p.m. The presentation will feature former US Sen. Tom Daschle (D-SD), former NJ Governor Christine Todd Whitman, and former Massachusetts State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry. Journalist and MSNBC contributor Mike Barnicle will lead panelists in a candid discussion of what comes next, leaning on his first-hand knowledge of the late Sen. Ted Kennedy's commitment to bipartisan collaboration. See emkinstitute.org for more info and to RSVP.

The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation. New Balance. WS Development. Amazon, and DMSE Sports, will host the sixth annual MR8K, a 5-mile race in Boston's Seaport District on Sun., Oct. 15. Registration is now open at mr8k.org. Codman Square Health Center hosts its annual Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health gala under the tent at the health center, 637 Washington St., Dorchester on Thurs., Oct. 12, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. featuring celebrity chefs paired with the best local restaurants. See codman.org/ menofbostoncook to sponsor or get tick-

Anna Mae Dancy Foundation celebrates its annual dinner on Sat., Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. at the Cathay Pacific Restaurant, 111 Hancock St., Quincy. Now in its second year, this fund was established

in honor of Mrs. Anna Mae Dancy, a longtime Boston civil rights activist and retired educator who dedicated her career to educating children in the Boston Public Schools system until her death in 2022. Tickets, \$50, are through Eventbrite. See DotNews.com.

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Musical Revue, takes the stage at the Strand Theatre for two shows on Oct. 6 and 7 following an appearance at the John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Center in Washington, DC. Tickets are available online we move in color.com, or at the Strand 's box office, 543 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, during the week of the show. The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is urging all residents ages six months and older to get their annual influenza vaccination as flu season approaches. Getting the flu vaccine in September or October helps ensure strong protection from the virus before peak flu activity begins. Visit your local pharmacy, community health center, or contact your primary health care provider to set up an appointment. The new flu vaccines are also available for free at BPHC's standing clinics at the Bruce C. Bolling Building in Roxbury (Thurs-Saturdays, noon-6 p.m.) and at City Hall, Mondays 7 a.m.-1 p.m. and Wednesdays, noon-5 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, no appointments or proof of insurance are needed. If you do not have health insurance, or if co-pays are a barrier, call the Mayor's Health Line at 617-534-5050. Residents can also use the Health Line for information on transportation services to vaccine sites. The Bruce C. Bolling Building and City Hall are also offering free COVID-19 testing and will soon have the updated COVID-19 vaccine. People can also call the Mayor's Health Line at 617-534-5050.

Mayor Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department host the third annual Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets on Fri., Oct. 20, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of free fun and spooky, family-friendly activities.

The Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight,in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedv Institute and the Massachusetts Municipal Association, invite the public to a training session conducted by the Attorney General's Office of Open Government on Wed., Oct. 11 at the EMK Institute. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the program begin promptly at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

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#### Campbell alleges bias against disabled by Olmsted Green, Winn

Attorney General Andrea Campbell has filed a lawsuit against two companies that her office claims violated fair housing and consumer protection laws involving tenants in the Olmsted Green development in Dorchester.

The lawsuit— announced on Oct. 4— targets Olmsted Green Rental III, LLC, and Winn Residential Corp. It hinges on complaints made by tenants with disabilities and alleges that they were discriminated against by failing to respond to maintenance requests because of their disabilities.

The allegations originated in 2020 for one resident of Osprey Way, and in 2022 for a resident of Sandpiper Lane - both within the third phase, 50-unit complex of Olmsted Green on the former Boston State Hospital site. The cases were referred to Campbell's office by the Boston Fair Housing Commission.

"I want residents across the state to know that when companies or others violate our laws – especially laws meant to protect people from discrim-



ination – my office can and should be a resource," Campbell said in a statement. "We will continue to use every tool available to address discrimination in all its forms."

The suit, filed in Suffolk County Superior Court, alleges that the landlord and the property management company repeatedly failed to respond

to tenants' requests for reasonable, disability-related accommodations for maintenance work at the property since at least 2020.

For the Osprey Way resident, she suffers from cardiovascular disease and in 2020 began to ask maintenance staff to wear masks and gloves when entering her unit. According to the suit,

they continued not to do so until 2023. For the Sandpiper Lane resident, who has a young child with autism, she asked for advance notice before any maintenance was done to prepare her child for the disruption. However, they allegedly continued to disregard that request and routinely disturbed the child with unannounced visits and other disruptions.

As outlined in the suit, the AG's Office is asking the Court to find that the defendants violated the state's fair housing and consumer protection laws and order them to comply. The AG's Office said it is also seeking penalties and damages for the affected tenants.

When asked for comment, a spokesman for Winn Residential said: "The events described in this filing were isolated incidents and do not reflect any intent to discriminate against residents. We will make our case in court as this claim moves forward."

- REPORTER STAFF

#### Campbell, Fluker Oakley seek 'environmental justice' fund

Joining with a representative from Mattapan and a senator from Springfield, Attorney General Andrea Campbell last week filed legislation to establish a way for her office to distribute to communities disproportionately impacted by environmental harms the money it takes in from environmental protection fines, penalties, and settlements.

The bill would create an Environmental Justice Trust to be administered

by Campbell's Environmental Protection Division (EPD). The fund would be used to support environmental restoration and community well-being projects - the AG's office used projects like air monitoring networks, asthma prevention programs, roof top and community gardens, and de-paving heat-absorbing black top as examples – in environmentaljustice neighborhoods and other disadvantaged communities. Campbell filed the bill with Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley and Sen. Adam Gomez. It has not yet been referred to a committee.

'For far too long disadvantaged communities across the Commonwealth have suffered many, cumulative environmental harms," Campbell said. "The Environmental Justice Trust Fund would give my office an important tool in the fight for environmental justice by providing those communities with resources and ensure we are centering equity in all our work."

Campbell's office said it currently "does not have the ability to provide EPD penalties to those disadvantaged communities directly impacted by the violations of the state environmental laws EPD enforces." Communities that bear an inordinate burden of cumulative climate and environmental harms are at higher risk of negative health impacts because they tend to be in risk-prone areas like urban heat islands, coastal and other floodprone areas, areas with older or poorly maintained infrastructure, or areas with higher levels of air pollution, the AG's office said.

"In Massachusetts, which already has one of the nation's highest incidences of pediatric asthma, degraded air quality is expected to disproportionately affect already disadvantaged communities, who are

more susceptible to incidences of childhood asthma and elder mortality," Campbell's office said.

"Heavy rains and flooding are expected to increase mold, overburden sewer systems, and cause contamination of private and public water supplies. And droughts will deplete water supplies, with disproportionate impacts on disadvantaged communities across Massachusetts."

-COLIN A.YOUNG

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### Roxbury forum recalls the city's school desegregation movement

(Continued from page 1) fifty years," said one of the forum's panelists, Zeb Miletsky, author of the recently published "Before Busing." "Like all Bostonians," he said, "these parents paid the city taxes and were entitled to a quality education for the children from its public school system, a constitutional right, something which they had been denied."

That point was made to the Boston School Committee-with 14 demands for remedies – by leaders of the Black community. They included Ruth Batson, the Roxbury parent and co-chair of the Boston NAACP's Education Committee, and Paul



Kim Janey shows Gloria Lee and the forum audience her class picture from New School for Children in 1964. Chris Lovett photo

Parks, the other co-chair, an engineer and activist who would later become the state's first African American Secretary of Education.

Batson's presentation took place after years of advocacy, but little more than one month after chris Lovett photo shocking news reports around the world showed non-violent demonstrators against racial exclusion in Birmingham, Alabama, being attacked by police dogs. Many of the demonstrators were of school age, taking part in a "Children's Cru-

sade" against segregation. With its prominent roles for young adults and children, the civil rights campaigns in the south would resonate with parents and activists in Boston.

Little more than a month later, after threats in response to desegregation of the University of Alabama, President John F. Kennedy, in a televised speech, called for new laws on voting rights, educational opportunities, and access to public accommodation. The speech aired on the same night as the presentation to the Boston School Committee, and the night before the assassination at his home in Jackson, Mississippi, of the civil rights worker Medgar Evers.

During the Sept. 26 forum, the north-south connection was even more explicit when the audience saw an excerpt from the recent PBS documentary, "The Battle Over Busing," in which longtime activist Hubie Jones — the dean emeritus of the Boston University School of Social Work — singled out the showdown with the school committee as the point when the civil rights movement came to Boston.

Speaking at the forum, Jones said that on arriving in Boston for post-graduate studies, he saw "patterns of discrimination" that ranged from Boston's public schools and public housing to the police and fire departments, even to a dearth of Black people in jobs interacting with customers at downtown department stores. "And they were almost invisible as a presence in the city," he said, "so I saw this as an 'Up South' place, and something had to be done about it." That something was an event that turned invisibility into a oneday work stoppage and a march to the Boston Common, converging on a memorial gathering for Medgar Evers. "And the presence was felt," said ones "and the message was sent."

In 1965, following repeated unsuccessful attempts to pass a racial imbalance law, Rev. Vernon Carter mustered a different kind of visibility: a vigil outside the Beacon Street offices of the Boston School Committee that began just a few days after the march from Roxbury to the State House led by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and lasted almost four months-until the legislation was signed into law.

Rev. Carter's daughter, Vernita Carter-Weller, devoted most of her time as a panelist at the forum to reading from her father's account of how the vigil went from a crusade of one to something much larger. "But," she noted, "during those days, he was shot at, screamed at, assaulted, and reviled. At the same time, newspapers and news sources from not only Boston but from all across the country reported that thousands of people who came to walk with him, pray with him...'

Another panelist, Charles Glenn, was a desegregation planner who, according to Ronald P. Formisano's "Boston Against Busing," would later be a critic of plans put in place by Judge Garrity. Before he took charge of urban education and educational equity for the state in 1970, Glenn was a student activist at Harvard and then an Episcopal priest at a church in Roxbury. That led to contact with teenage civil rights activists in North Carolina, some of whom were invited to events

with students in Boston. For Roxbury teens with limited interest in events in the south, Glenn said, the meeting in late 1963 with the youthful activists from North Carolina was "absolutely galvanizing." A few months later, when urban and suburban teens gathered for a freedom school at St. Cyprian's Church in the South End, Glenn said he decided to have all the teaching done by teenagers. He also asked the students to write about what freedom meant to them.

"In my view," he said, "they weren't talking about what we call 'civil rights.' They weren't talking about laws-they weren't talking about that kind of thing. They were talking about the dignity of standing up as a human being and the way in which they saw that reflected in the great bravery of the youth they had heard from North Carolina, and which they intended to express in their own lives. And many of them did."

Another panelist, Batson's longtime assistant, Lyda Peters, had her own example of how an activist's life of service could inspire a movement.

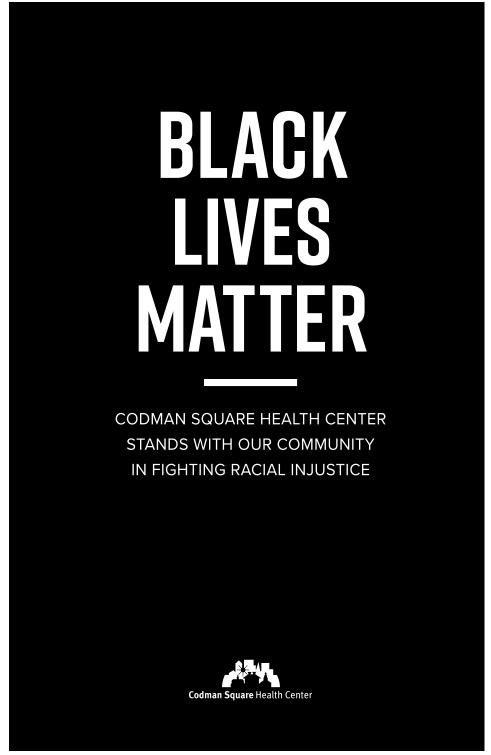
"And when you work with someone who has that kind of strength, they also spread that strength, and that's where action comes from," Peters recalled. "That's the kind of thing that makes people know that they have a mission in life and that the mission belongs to someone else: it's for you to do something for other people." That was the mission cited by Jean McGuire, a panelist who formerly served as a Boston School Committee member and executive director of METCO. In September of 1974, when the desegregation order took effect, McGuire was with Batson, riding the first bus taking Black students to South Boston.

The event's moderator, former Boston mayor and city councilor Kim Janey, asked McGuire why she was on the bus. "We wanted to protect the children," McGuire answered. "We felt that if we as adults were there on the bus that would make the families who trusted us know that we put our lives on the line with their children, that it would be safe."

Almost fifty years after being visible on a bus, McGuire was calling for political visibility, repeatedly urging people to use their right to vote.

Along with community control, visibility in educational content was among the goals of freedom schools organized in Roxbury and Dorchester in 1966. Instead of learning materials in which Black presence was invisible or marginal, organizers of the schools wanted to include learning about non-violence, Black history, and civil responsibility. One of their ventures, The New School for Children, was established when parents took their children out of the Gibson School in Dorchester, where a year-long substitute teacher, Jonathan Kozol, had been fired for teaching a poem by Langston Hughes. In his book "Death at an Early Age," Kozol said the firing had been triggered by a complaint from a single white parent.

Gloria Lee, a panelist who had worked for MET-CO, had taken part in a "Freedom Day Stay Out" in 1964. At the forum, she spotlighted her place in history by displaying a class photo from The New School for Children. When Janey saw the photo, she asked for a closer look—and saw a piece of her own history near the upper right corner: a little girl, crowned with an upright, voluminous Afro. She then showed the photo to the audience—as a documentation, a discovery, and a trophy.



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#### A green space 'oasis' opens on Magnolia St.

#### By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

When Auston Harris looked out on the newly finished garden and open space on Magnolia Street last week, he recalled the early days of the effort when he was a teen-ager who joined with other volunteers to dig out polluted soil on the site and level off the ground by hand.

He remembers long days with a shovel and pickaxe driven by a community vision for the space that at the time was not sure to come true.

Now 26, Harris and his neighbors in the Magnolia and Alexander Street area can enjoy the fruits of their labor—a firstclass garden and open space on a corner that was once derelict and overgrown.

"When I started it was really just dirt here," he said during a speaking program at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 28. "It's wild now to see it so green and full of life. It's just so healthy for the community to have space to reflect and to grow their own food so they don't have to go to the store to buy all their produce. Being in the hands of community in Roxbury and Dorchester is powerful."

It took 15 years to



Auston Harris cuts the ribbon on the Magnolia Gardens on Sept. 28, as neigh-Seth Daniel photos bors and officials look on.

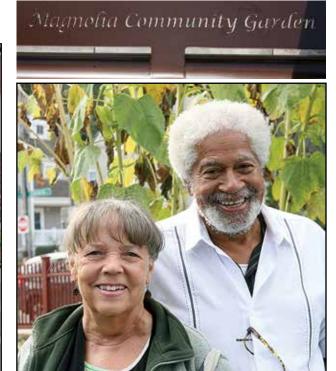
transform the lot into an assortment of garden plots, places to sit, a small play area, a gathering space, water access for gardening, walking areas, and a community mural on the building wall that faces the open space. A remnant from the past is a large oak tree that fills out the community space with shade, while the rest of the garden is organized in terraces that create the many "nooks" that make the small space feel much larger.

June, but was formally dedicated last Thursday, with long-time neighbors thanking the various helpers who pitched in over time, including the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH), the Fairmount Greenway Task Force, COG Design, Dudley Neighbors Inc., the Community Preservation Fund, and a host of others.

Ricky Guerra, a neighbor who has volunteered on the project, said the effort started when the city had an 'adopt a It had a soft opening in lot' program before the real estate market took off and there was open land sitting dormant. The neighbors had first identified a lot farther up Magnolia, but later settled on the the corner of Magnolia and Lebanon Streets.

"It ended up being the best choice," she said.

"Here we are 15 years later, and this project is particularly important to me as a resident and a person of color," Guerra continued. "As people of color, our connection to the land has been severed for so long with urban-



Angela Paige Cook and Joe Cook, of Roxbury, came over to visit the finished product.

ization, so community spaces like this where people can grow food are important."

She added that visioning meetings were truly multi-generational over several years, so the final product represents many different ideas from a variety of people. She offered specific thanks to the late Jim Mahoney, who formerly worked for the city and came on as a volunteer after retirement to carry the project over the finish line. He passed away in January 2022, and there is a bench in the Magnolia Garden dedicated to him.



Fading sunflowers caught the morning sun in the Magnolia Garden last week during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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#### Adams Library youth find that Bailey is a good listener

By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

There is the old expression, "The dog ate my homework," but Bailey, a four-year-old male Maltipoo, promotes literacy instead of digesting it.

Stacy Siegal adopted her furry friend when he was a puppy and quickly enrolled him in training courses. Although she works full-time in financial services, she has always been passionate about volunteering. The Quincy resident had no idea her dog's obedience classes would reignite her desire to give back to the community.

"We went to puppy training and during that time the instructor said



Four-year-old Bailey is the Adams Street Library's favorite Mal-

that Bailey was very extroverted and would be a good therapy dog. I thought, 'Oh, I can combine my love of dogs and my love of volunteering together,' said Siegal.

"We trained, we did the puppy kindergarten, an advanced puppy class, and a canine good citizen class and then got certified through the Dog B.O.N.E.S Therapy Dogs organization. And that's how I was able to volunteer at the library."

Dog B.O.N.E.S Therapy Dogs of Massachusetts is a 501-C3 non-profit corporation that was established in 2002 to trains dogs to provide therapeutic contact for the elderly, disabled, and youth at various locations. The acronym stands for Dogs Building Opportunities for Nurturing and Emotional Support.

Bailey graduated from

Dog B.O.N.E.S in 2021 but because of the pandemic, was not able to find work immediately. In the spring of 2022, when the world returned to some normalcy, Siegel contacted the Adams Street Branch of the Boston Public Library. Siegal had recently observed a Read to a Therapy Dog event at a library in Hingham and wanted to do the same with Bailey at the Adams Street location.

The librarians there were excited to team up with Bailey and have now been working with him and Siegal for more than a year and a half.

"The kids get very excited to see Bailey it is they're getting to practice reading oneon-one in a supportive environment. There's no judgment," Siegal said in an interview with the Reporter. "One of the moms had told me that the program had given her daughter more confidence in reading. Prior to the program, they would fight, but now it's fun for her."

Participants are asked to arrive a few minutes before their session to ensure they get a full 15 minutes with Bailey. The event is best for independent readers ages five and up but is open to all who want to join. Attendees can bring a book with and the theory behind themorpickone out from

the library before their scheduled session.

Residents are invited to join Bailey at another Read to a Therapy Dog session on Thurs., Oct. 28. Typically, Bailey visits the Adam Street branch once a month and has oc $casionally\,held\,programs$ twice a month.

"I think literacy is extremely important and helping children feel confident in themselves is very important too," Siegal said. "That's something I think we give them. Even though it's just a short time, every child seems to leave feeling good. They've finished a story and confidence carries you a long way in life."

#### Construction timeline set for new Fields Corner Library

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

The construction timeline for the Fields Corner Library now projects that the facility will be closed for 20 months, starting next spring 2024. The scheduling was laid out at the final design meeting last Wednesday (Sept.

Officials with the Boston Public Library (BPL) have been meeting with the community and getting the wheels in motion to replace the one-story, 8,500-square-foot-library



A public meeting at the Fields Corner Library on Sept. 27 laid out the latest designs and construction timelines. If all goes well, the library could close next spring and reopen in late 2025. Seth Daniel photo

now the time has come for thinking about construction.

for several years, and months left in the process to come up with a final design," said Chris Genter of Oudens Ello 'We have about 4.5 Architects, which was

hired for the project. "We would hope to get those documents together for bids in February 2024. If the bidding goes smoothly and we get the contractor on site as quickly, the library could close in the late spring for construction, and a new library would open up in late 2025.

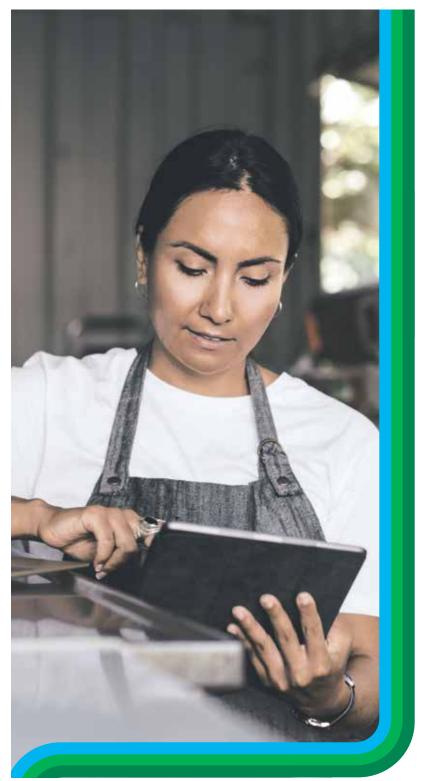
Construction would include demolishing the existing library on the corner of Dorchester Avenue and Park Street and replacing it with a two-story, 14,500-squarefoor library that will be nearly twice the size of the existing facility.

A new rendering shows a generous glass façade showcasing the corner site, as well as an interesting overhanging roof to create shade and display the unique design. A carve-out outdoor terrace for reading and quiet meditation space is still in the plans on the second floor, as are a 100-seat community room and study rooms and classrooms.

The first floor would

be home to the fiction collection, spaces for remote working, a service desk, a teen section, and a children's wing.

Other elements displayed in the advanced design included details of the exposed wood interior, the inside wood screening, new sound buffers throughout, a charcoal grea brick façade, and a small seating area on Dorchester Avenue in front of the library which will be pulled back about 10 feet from its existing property line.



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# Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods



Graduates of Boston Technical High School from the classes of 1969-1972 got together for a reunion at the Adams Inn in Quincy on Sat., September 30. Above, alumni from the combined classes of 1970 and 1971 are shown at the event. The school at the time was located on Townsend Street in Dorchester in the building now occupied by Boston Latin Academy. Patrick O'Connor photo

#### Codman Health Center honors Kate Walsh, Sandra Cotterell

The Codman Square Health Center will honor Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh and its own outgoing Sandra Cotterell at the center's annual public meeting its first in-person session since the onset of the pandemic - this Thursday (Oct. 5) in the Great Hall in Codman Square.

Codman hosts its public meeting annually to both honor those who have made an impact on the health center, and to report to patients, staff, and community members



about the previous year's numbers and activities.

Prior to her current role as Health and Human Services Secretary, Walsh served as CEO of Boston Medical Center (BMC) for over 13 years.



Sandra Cotterell

Cotterell, who has spent 29 years working at Codman, announced her retirement last month. The event starts at 6 p.m. in Great Hall at 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester.

#### Nine from Dot, Mattapan named to SPARK Council

Mayor Wu last week Fils, Farhana Karmali, named new members to the SPARK Boston Council, a 43-member group that seeks to connect young adults to leaders in local government, city services, and one another. The Council advises Mayor Wu on city policies and programs affecting 20-to 35-year-olds in the City of Boston. Its new director, Anthony Nguyen, is a former council member.

The new council includes Dorchester residents Fiex Thevenin, Keenan Ottley, Reginald Aisha Donna, and Alex Burdulis, and Mattapan members Rosalyna Felix, Edosa Osemwegie, and Genelle Faulkner.

Young people in Boston are driven. They are our city's future leaders, first responders, organizers, business owners, homeowners, teachers, parents and more," said Nguyen. "This year's council will create programming that addresses the needs of millennials and Gen-z young adults. This opportunity also

greatly connects members to ways that influence the city of Boston, so that it is a place where Boston-born residents and those who are new to the city want to continue to live, socialize, and work."

Said Dorchester's Keenan Ottley: "I believe that by serving on the council, I can work alongside other decision-makers who share my passion for driving positive change in Boston.

#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

#### **DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Samuel F. Perkins and Man-carrying Kites

Samuel F. Perkins lived at 14 Rockmere St. He invented the man-carrying kite and continued experimentation on his creation from 1910 through the first World War and into the 1920s.

Perkins demonstrated his kites and skills at aeronautical exhibitions across the country. At the 1910 Harvard-Boston Aero Meet in Squantum, "he demonstrated that a man can be sent 2,000 feet in the air, supported by from 5 to 6 large 18-foot passenger-carrying aeroplane war kites." (The Boston Globe, Dec, 14, 1912).

In 1912, he received an order for 25 kites from Lt. John Rodgers of the USS. Nebraska, which was docked at the Charlestown Navy Yard. Rodgers was the



foremost researcher in the use of man-carry kites for the U.S. Navy.

The following is taken from a Facebook posting: "The principle was simple. A lead kite, eighteen feet high, was flown into the sky to test the wind. If conditions were right, a series of six to seven stringer kites would follow until there was enough lift to



raise a man. A ground crew operating a winch could reel the "pilot" in or out depending on the weather, or what he needed to see.

"Perkins may have been misguided, but he was not seen as a crackpot. He attended Harvard and MIT. The US Army Signal Corps and the US Navy expressed serious interest in his

invention as a means of observing the enemy. Admiral Richard Byrd even took a Perkins kite on one of his Antarctic expeditions.

The biggest issue was stability. Getting a Perkins kite into the air was easy, but if wind conditions changed, the kite could veer out of control. Perkins learned this the hard way during



a test flight when he fell 150 feet to the ground. Nevertheless, he not only survived, but he also remained undeterred.

"The US wasn't the only country to experiment with kite observation systems; Germany and France employed

them on a regular basis during World War I. However, it soon became clear that using a kite for observation was nothing more than a heroic investment in white elephant technology, and once again kites became the playthings of children.'

#### Editorial

# US adults: Woe is us!

Are you feeling upbeat and optimistic about the future? Too prone, perhaps, to smiling? Sleeping well?

May we recommend spending a few minutes with a newly published Pew Research Center survey of American adults, summarized in a 143-page report that will suck out your soul.

The survey asked a large sampling of US adults—more than 13,000— for their opinions and feelings on "the state of the nation's politics." As you might surmise, it reveals a republic that is wallowing in chronic despair, bereft of both confidence and trust in government and political leaders, and "exhausted" even at the thought of engaging in discourse about the nation's future.

It paints a painful, pessimistic and pitiful picture of a people who are on the verge of giving up on the whole experiment of self-governance. And yet, as the Pew report points out, it comes amid a surge in actual voter participation nationally, as the last three federal elections resulted in "three of the highest-turnout US elections of their respective types in decades."

What to make of this cognitive dissonance? That's the unenviable task that will fall to a panel of leaders—including this newspaper's co-publisher, Linda Dorcena Forry— at Dorchester's EMK Institute on Thursday evening. The Columbia Point forum (Oct. 5, 6 p.m.) will include the former US Senator from South Dakota Tom Daschle, former NJ Gov. Christine Todd Whitman, and Mike Barnicle, the former Globe columnist and MSNBC contributor. Collectively, they'll be asked to "chart a path forward" out of the malaise.

By every measurement outlined in this report, it'll be a steep and harrowing climb. About two-thirds of us have either zero or not-too-much confidence in the system as its presently constituted. Trust in the federal government is at its lowest point in 70 years, with only 16 percent indicating that they trust in the government most or all of the time.

And most aren't just tired of the impasse and dysfunction. More than half— 55 percent— are "angry." About one-in-ten are hopeful. When asked to describe the tone today, the top one-word answers are "divisive," "corrupt," and "chaos."

If there's any solace to be found, it's that the disdain for the present situation mainly cuts across partisan lines. A pox on all their houses is the basic premise. Eighty-six percent agree that both "Republicans and Democrats are more focused on fighting each other than on solving problems."

There's bipartisan consensus, it seems, on trying to bring a younger lens to the scene. Seventy-nine percent of people say they favor instituting a maximum age for elected officials—and 74 percent think that an age-out rule should apply to Supreme Court justices as well.

The weariness quotient extends to the "tone" that the vast majority of Americans—84 percent—say has "worsened" over the last several years. There's an awareness that also cuts across party lines that discourse has become "less fact-based" — a statement that 82 percent of Republicans and 77 percent of Democrats agree with.

The Kennedy Institute has taken on as part of its mission the goal of finding common ground and breaking through the divide that this report suggests could be an existential threat to our democracy. Thursday's discussion is an important next step.

-Bill Forry

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#### Commentary

#### Giving Black, Latino students a fighting chance in tech world

#### By CHYNAH TYLER

Massachusetts is troubled by two stubbornly persistent shortages of opportunities for our urban youth, and workers for our rapidly growing health, life sciences, and clean energy industries. Data show our tech boom is leaving too many groups behind. While 23% of Massachusetts is Black or Latino, they make up just 12% of tech sector workers, according to the Mass Technology Leadership Council. We have the chance to close both of these gaps at the same time – but only if we act boldly and creatively to bolster student learning and improve economic opportunity.

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Across Boston, our equity gaps certainly are not limited to one sector or to one cause. A 2015 study famously showed the net household wealth of a group of non-immigrant Black families in Boston to be just \$8, compared to \$247,500 for white families. How can we possibly close such a broad divide?

We can begin by ensuring greater success for all our students with the goal of diversifying the workforce and increasing access to high-paying, reliable careers in high-demand industries. That can only happen with improved student-to-workforce transition and making sure that all of our high school students have the same opportunities to participate in meaningful college and career pathway programs.

Our schools work diligently to connect students with a diploma, but in today's competitive and demanding workforce environment, we must do more to give them job-ready skills that can link them with the careers of the future. In Roxbury, and throughout all low income and communities of color across the Commonwealth, we need to expand our educational goals to include connecting students directly with careers. By combining a rigorous curriculum with high expectations, we can meet our education and workforce goals while improving equity and promoting economic justice.

That's why I have gladly joined with state Sen. John Cronin of Fitchburg and Leominster to introduce An Act to Create and Expand Student Pathways to Success (HD.1568/SD.2172). This legislation reimagines our economic development engine, aligning what students are learning with the incredible opportunities available to today's workforce. Investing in career-focused learning is critical to ensuring the success of our next generation of workers and the businesses that depend on their smarts, skills, and creativity.

Here's how our bill would do it:

• Here in Massachusetts and around the country, there are programs that are proven to put students on a path to college and rewarding careers – we just need to give more students the opportunity to access those programs. Seven Boston high schools have Early College programs that give students a jump start on earning college credits aligned with careers in health care, advanced manufacturing, and computer science to name just a few. These programs target students who don't necessarily think of themselves as college material and provide supports that are needed to earn credits at no cost to them. Our legislation would grow Early College and other career connected programs as well as expand access to strong college and career advising so students understand their options and the steps they need to take to pursue their dreams.

• Our high school students should have opportunities to earn industry recognized career credentials. This bill, as proposed, would create new financial incentives to help more schools offer that life changing opportunity.

•To make sure these opportunities reach students of all backgrounds and in every corner of our Commonwealth, we'd require the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to conduct a study aimed at removing the barriers to work-based learning experiences for students and take steps to create more internships and apprenticeships.

These kinds of innovative supports can help all students succeed, giving students in cities like Springfield, Worcester, or here in Roxbury the same opportunities that exist elsewhere.

This bill is a critical step in broader efforts to close wage, wealth, and opportunity gaps, giving our young people more pathways to economic opportunity. By investing in—and then strenuously evaluating—innovative ideas and programs, we can make sure that today's students all have an opportunity to succeed and to have Massachusetts schools continue to lead the nation.

Massachusetts state Rep. Chynah Tyler (D-Roxbury) is vice chair of the State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee and former chairwoman of the Massachusetts Black and Latino Caucus.

#### Letter to the Editor

# Time for Trinity to withdraw its Shawmut development plan

#### To the Editor

I have been a resident of the Melville Park neighborhood of Dorchester for 36 years, and in that time have seen much change. I have been active in the Melville Park Association, one of the many associations established throughout the city with the support of the various administrations to assist in addressing local issues.

For the past six years our neighborhood has been dealing with a proposed development by Trinity Financial of the Fitzpatrick Auto Body lot on Centre Street. The company's proposal is for a 4-story, 74-unit building with no parking. The Melville Park Association, St Mark Neighborhood Association, Codman Square Association, Friends of Loesch Park, the abutters, and Epiphany School are all in opposition to the development. The Build Together website, developed by neighbors to support proper development of the site, currently has more than 900 individuals who have signed on to our vision.

My concern is that the proposed development does not address the needs of the neighborhood or respect its character. The neighborhood is currently zoned for one- and two-family homes and is designated an architectural overlay district.

The Epiphany School, a valued part of our neighborhood, owns a lot adjacent to the Fitzpatrick parcel, which is currently used by the school as a parking lot. Epiphany is an independent school for economically disadvantaged families with financial aid for all students, who get a level of education that the city is sadly unable to provide. But Epiphany needs to expand, and it now has the funds to purchase the

Fitzpatrick site. This would allow for a plan that would include development of the parking lot. Epiphany would partner with a not-for-profit developer to build affordable housing on the Centre Street end of the lot that would be for larger family units more in line with the architecture of the neighborhood.

This plan would address Epiphany's needs, the city's need for additional affordable housing, and the neighborhood's and abutters' hope for development that conforms with the character of the neighborhood. Trinity's proposal will give us a building out of scale and character with the neighborhood and leave a parking lot that most likely cannot be developed.

While the mayor initially said she would abolish the BPDA, after she was elected that stance morphed into reforming the agency over time. My experience has been that there has been little to no change in the agency's approach. It still appears to be to support the developers at the expense of the neighborhood. It is evident that the city has no master plan for development.

Our neighborhood does, however, have a vision for the Fitzpatrick site that would benefit everyone as I detailed above. So, my final comment is to Trinity: You have done a lot of good in Dorchester, and also benefited financially from it. Now is the time for you to step away from your Centre Street project to allow Epiphany to purchase the property to expand their outreach to children in desperate need of a quality education and to ensure that our neighborhood will maintain its character.

Domenic Accetta Wellesley Park

#### **Looking Up Longfellow Street**

#### We expect more from you, Governor

#### By Edward M. Cook SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

I am a gay Irish Catholic Dorchester Democrat. I am the co-chair of the Ward 15 Democratic Party Committee. Nothing was more consistent and natural to me then supporting Maura Healey for attorney general and then for governor. And now comes the "But:"

Maura, are you really a Democrat or just a Charlie Baker clone?

To the self-described "Education Governor:" Why are we feeding the parasitic charter schools, as reported in the Globe ("State seeks ways to bolster charter school offerings," 9/25). Charter schools are a Republican "reform" added to the Education Reform

Act of 1993 so that Gov. Bill Weld would sign the bill. Your responsibility is to the state's public schools not to charter schools that are private corporations (paid for with public money) that compete with each other and with the public schools.

The Globe reports that your administration "Over the next five years ... expects to work with up to a dozen charter school developers per year." You are using federal grant money to hire an outside consultant to serve private companies applying for charters. This is money that would otherwise go to public schools. The public understands these parasites and overwhelmingly rejected the 2016 ballot measure to raise the cap on charter schools. As AG, you opposed the increase in the charter school cap. Get back to that place.

On another topic: Fixing the MBTA. At the beginning of his first term as governor, Charlie Baker announced that he would bring his CEO-style of

management to the T and asked us to judge his governorship by the results. Done: Failure! He left you a bag of dung, Maura, and you made a point to never criticize him so as not to offend his admirers. But now you own that bag.

True, there is plenty of blame to go around. The House and Senate let Baker slide for 8 years without even a whimper. They denied Gov. Patrick his plan to improve transportation, especially with regard to the T. But now you and the Legislature plan to return \$1 billion back to taxpayers, which is very Republicanesque. This plan turns logic on its head after we just voted to enact a millionaire's tax to aid transportation — and education! You know that the cost to bring the T out of the hole that Baker left it in is enormous, leaving alone what it will cost to expand the T. If you put that cost in front of the voters, they will forgive you and the Legislature if instead of returning the money to them, you applied it to upgrading the T.

Maura, you have an enormous job, and you are off to a great start in many directions. But I fear that you are unwilling to make some tough decisions  $regarding\,charter\,schools\,and, especially, the\,MBTA.$ You won a landslide victory to become governor, and not just because of the low quality of your opponent. The voters believed in you enough to give you a mandate added to the mandates from the charter school cap rejection in 2016 and the mandate to create the millionaire's tax. Please use that power to live up to our expectations before your honeymoon is over.

Ed Cook's column appears regularly in The Re-

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#### For District 4, a commitment to reverse past budget inequity

#### By Brian Worrell

As a lifelong Dorchester resident, I grew up seeing my neighbors feeling forgotten by our city government. I heard the frustrations from residents struggling to get what they needed, while other neighborhoods seemed to thrive and flourish.

Boston's district council system was formed in 1983 to provide neighborhoods with more support and direct representation. But there have been inequities in investment across the districts since its

My predecessors as councillors in this office, Attorney General Andrea Campbell and Charles Yancey, spoke out against these inequities and the tale of two Bostons. They high-lighted the jarring geographic differences in life expectancy, median income, and graduation rates.

We all have heard some of these statistics, but it's important to look at

understand the scale of the issues that communities like Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury are facing.

**Brian Worrell** 

• Back Bay and Nubian Square are two miles apart but there is a 23-year difference in life expectancy and a \$100,000 difference in median income between the two neighborhoods.

•In 2020, 70 percent of people stopped by the Boston Police were Black — even though Black Bostonians only make up one-quarter of the city's population.

•Nearly 80 percent of students in downtown Boston and Charlestown attend high-quality or tier 1 schools, compared to just 5 percent in Mattapan.

According to the city's own study, less than onehalf of one percent of prime city contracts awarded over a 5-year period went to Black-owned businesses.

For decades, city policies have continued to turn  $friends, family\,members, and\,neighbors\,into\,statistics$ as inequities in opportunity, wealth, health outcomes, and education persisted generation after generation. I want to change the trajectory of Black people in Boston to provide leadership for a community rich with talent, creativity, and genius, but lacking in the structural support within our city so that all Black Bostonians can realize their full potential.

I ran for office to continue the work of those who

came before me and to fight for more investment in our district, using my experience as a small business owner helping people achieve their dreams of homeownership to navigate our city and deliver on key issues.

Despite that background, when I started to dig into my first city budget, I was shocked at how black-andwhite these inequities have been when it comes to our city budget. District 4 lagged far behind every other district, receiving only 4.22 percent of the budget allocated specifically to our communities in the past five years — the lowest percentage of any of the nine districts. When you combine this recent lack of investment with the historical policies that enforced structural inequity and racism, it created a clear picture of the challenges that still face my district today and how they were reinforced and often created by government action.

I immediately got to work, engaging Mayor Wu and her administration, to discuss how we could use this budget as an opportunity to begin to right those past wrongs and tackle immediate needs that residents had been vocalizing for years.

Through that partnership, District 4 received a record of capital improvement plan (CIP) funds with a total of 11 percent allocated to capital projects in our community that will help our parks, school buildings, and streets. That investment includes money to design and construct new branch libraries in Fields Corner and Codman Square, a new stand-alone BCYF Dorchester Community Center, improvements to Cevlon Park, and renovations to King K-8 School, Henderson Inclusion Lower School and UP Academy Dorchester, among many other District 4 projects.

While this initial win is a great first step, there is critical work ahead as we continue to demand key investments in our infrastructure for the future and resilience of our neighborhoods. I am grateful to Mayor Wu and will continue to partner with the administration and my council colleagues to tackle the issues facing our city, make our city more equitable, and deliver for District 4.

Brian Worrell is District 4's city councillor.

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# Family's hope to name city space after murdered girl riles Ronan neighbors

(Continued from page 1) partment officials were to hear from people who want to memorialize Maryann Hanley this way and people who think that it is a bad idea. However that was tabled at the last minute.

In an interview, Kulka said some in her family see the naming as something positive to come out of the tragedy. There already is an unapproved, informal memorial flower garden to Maryann at the spot beyond the baseball field where her body was found. Kulka said the Parks Department offered her a bench, or the playground – and she chose the playground.

"Right now, there are plenty of parks that are named after children that have been murdered," she said. "I am not looking to name a park, only a playground...My sister played in that playground and my children and grandchildren played in that playground...There are still happy memories in that park regarding Maryann. That should be her legacy."

Linda Matranga, a neighbor who was 12 at the time of the 1983 crime, is one of those speaking out against the proposal. "It's our park and it's a whole new generation of people's park," said Matranga. "Now, you're going to introduce this tragedy to a whole new group of people who think Ronan Park is nothing but awe-some."



The playground above inside Ronan Park would be named for Maryann Hanley under a proposal made by members of her family. Seth Daniel photo At top right, the last picture taken of 11-year-old Maryann Hanley, before she was murdered in Ronan Park on Aug. 1, 1983.

Photo courtesy Hanley family

She added: "You're giving it over to one terrible memory and taking away millions of happy memories from that playground. It was unfair the first time and it's unfair this time as well."

Matranga's position has won favor from some, including the Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association, which had initially supported the family's position. The group re-considered its support after a presentation by Matranga at its Sept. 20 meeting.

Sept. 20 meeting.

"We all agreed upon reflection that it's not a good idea to name a playground or park after someone that's been murdered," said Jennifer Johnson, the civic group's president. "We decided it had become a

bigger issue than Maryann Hanley. We took a stand and said it wasn't the right thing to do in general. We don't want another person to come up in the future and try to name it after someone else, either."

Johnson said that she originally signed the petition because she wanted to be supportive, but not having lived in the neighborhood in the early '80s, she didn't know exactly what had happened or the wide-ranging effects it had engendered.

"In this situation, there are still people in the community that remember," Johnson said. "To have this playground named after her is upsetting to many because it's a tragic and horrible memory from their childhood."

Kulka maintains that people have lost focus. "They have a grudge from 40 years ago that has nothing to do with me but with my family," she said. "This is victimizing our family and Maryann again. We're trying to take a negative and make it into a positive. Somewhere down the road, they all forgot that. This is dirty politics."

For their part, the city officials charged with making a determination on the naming proposal have decided to hold off—for now.

"I don't believe ever in our history have we ended up in the position we're in now," said Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, city chief of environment, energy, and open space, during the Sept. 28 meeting. "We have parties suggesting two different opinions on the same action....We are going to table the conversation on the playground until we follow up and get clear information from all parties and do our due diligence."

This is not the first time that questions about how to memorialize crime victims has come up in the context of city streets, parks or playgrounds.

Hearings have been held on the naming of city-owned spaces for murdered children, including the Jermaine Goffigan baseball field in Roxbury's Marcella Park, named for a boy who was killed by a stray bullet on Halloween in 1994; Martin's Park, located in the Seaport and named after 8-yearold Martin Richard who was killed in the Boston Marathon Bombing; the Stephen Odom Peace Park off Morton Street in Dorchester, named after a 13-year-old gunned down in 2007 in a case of mistaken identity; and the Tiffany Moore Tot Lot in Roxbury, named after a 12-year-old girl hit and killed by stray bullets in 1988.



For Matrangra and others, the trauma that accompanied a peer's homicide is something that they would prefer not to revisit on a daily basis.

"We went through it up here back then," said Matranga, who remembers the murder clearly. "Everything stopped. What changed was the air. You could just feel it in the air. That's how bad it was. When you would go outside, there wasn't a freakin' soul outside and it was summer. No one even watering their lawn. Nothing."

She said it took years for people to return to Ronan Park, and when they did, no one would go to the side where Maryann Hanley was found.

"We were shattered and completely deflated," said Matranga. "We've already carried these crosses and it's time to unburden ourselves...They are naming a playground after an 11-year-old girl that was found murdered and raped in that same park. Who wants to remember that?"

But the Hanley family and their supporters think that their sister's memory should be kept alive in the park where her life was ended so brutally.

"I use that park and I still live in the community," said Kulka. "Many of [those against it] do not, so why does it matter to them? This is all about Maryann...I'm not throwing in the towel."

The Parks Department has not yet scheduled follow up meetings. Meanwhile, Matranga and a group called Ronan Park Neighbors & Friends have scheduled a meeting on the topic for Oct. 19 at 4 p.m. in the Fields Corner Library.

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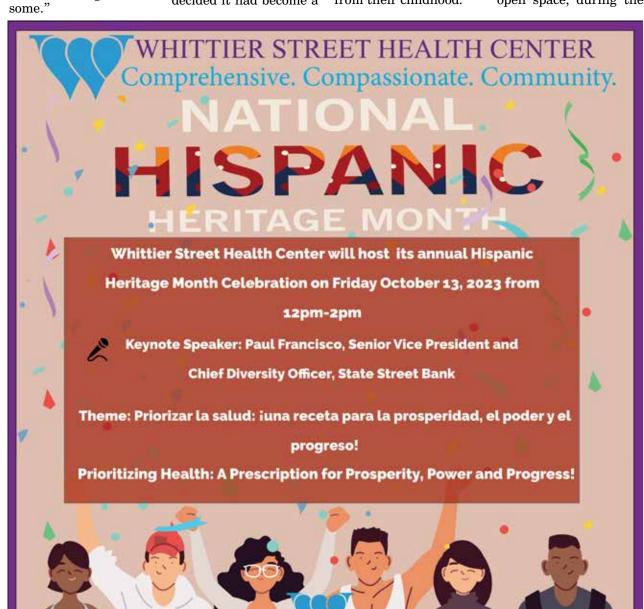
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#### Harvest party marks the change of season at Nightingale Garden

The Nightingale Gardens farmers combined efforts with the Trustees and Dorchester Food Co-Op to stage their annual harvest party last Sunday (Oct. 1) in the garden on Park Street near Codman Square.

The garden is decades old and boasts numerous plots for those looking to grow food or to just get their hands dirty. Elnora Thompson, who started gardening there in the 1980s, runs youth programs in the summer to teach young people about the food they eat, and what they can grow themselves.

Nightingale Garden is one of the largest community gardens in Dorchester, with 132 plots, hundreds of gardeners, and a history that stretches back to the 1970s when neighbors reclaimed the property following the demolition of the Nightingale School. The property had been home to gardens and greenhouses at the turn of the 20th century.

Now under the stewardship of the Trustees for more than a decade, the garden features improvements such as running water, a gazebo, a shed, concrete sidewalks, and granite plot dividers.

On Sunday, the sun was out, and a DJ played dance tunes for the 'Green New Dance Party' while Dorchester Food Co-Op brought in vendors and information tables.



Teens from Save the Harbor-Save the Bay visited the party, including, from left, Seoule Simmons, Arianny Cabral, Chrisnel Peña, and Liany Cruz.



Maxine Clark, of Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC), Nightingale Garden coordinator



Alyssa Melendez, right, a board member at Dorchester Food Co-Op, helps color with her niece and nephew, Lena and Julian.



Gardeners and Dorchester Food Co-Op members Mike Prokosch and Robin Saunders paused for a photo. Seth Daniel photos



Green New Dance Party by bike.



Elionora Melo-Keefe and Tristram Keefe under the gazebo drinking apple cider during the harvest party.



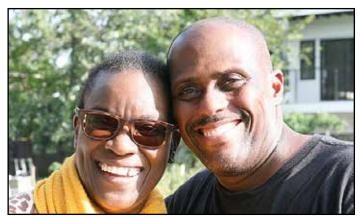
Caroline Bowes, of the Trustees, welcomed everyone to the party.



A sure sign of fall, the sweet corn in the garden had tasseled and was about ready to be picked.



Miguel Pacheco, left, and Apolo Catala show off some of the interesting crops grown at Nightingale Community Garden. They identified this gem as 'bitter melon,' a relative of the cucumber. They said it was a great medicinal crop, helping those with diabetes and hypertension.



DJ Renell Jean and Irene Nakabonge-Lugude enjoyed the upbeat music and the warm sun on Sunday.

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#### Videoing mail thieves in the act on a Savin Hill street

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Facing numerous stories about the routine disappearance of mail this summer, Savin Hill residents have taken matters into their own hands by installing cameras near and above United States Postal Service (USPS) blue boxes and recording the criminals stealing mail on camera.

The thieves have gained access to the Postal Service's marked keys, which, the Reporter was told by reliable sources this week, are universal

and open every blue box, as well as all green relay boxes and the privately locked mailboxes found in multi-family or multi-business buildings.

Videos shared with the Reporter show incidents that took place in July and August.

The ongoing pattern of the thefts - which are federal crimes - was discussed at Monday's meeting of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, which has had its Safety Committee tracking the problem for months.

"We put up a couple

of cameras on our own because we were tired of our mail getting stolen," said one Savin Hill resident, who asked to remain anonymous. "It's very chilling to watch someone open the blue box with a key and grab the mail. You hear about that elsewhere, but never think it might happen in your neighborhood. It will happen and has happened. They want you to think it's just one box, but it's every box in

No matter how the criminals got the keys -

Boston."

were they lost or stolen or bought? - they are valuable items for determined thieves.

Last month, a mail carrier was robbed at gunpoint, allegedly for his keys and the mail he was carrying, on Whitfield Street near Codman Square. That incident is under investigation by Boston Police and the US Postal Inspection Service.

A USPS spokesperson suggested that people take their mail-especially checks or payments or greeting cards – directly into a postal branch or give them directly to a mail carrier. Blue box use is particularly discouraged on weekends and at other times when the mail will sit for long periods of time without a collection.

'We're doubling down on our efforts to protect our Postal employees and the security of the mail. We are hardening targets – both physical and digital - to make them less desirable to thieves and working with our law enforcement partners to justice," said Postal Inspection Service Chief Gary Barksdale in a May press release.

Incidents of letter carrier robberies are on the rise across the nation, according to USPS. In FY22, 412 letter carriers were robbed on the job, and 305 incidents were reported in the first half of FY23. Additionally, USPS reported an increase in high volume mail theft incidents from mail receptacles like blue boxes: 38,500 in FY22 and more than 25,000 to bring perpetrators in the first half of FY23.

### Columbia-Savin Hill civic weighs \$750k mitigation funding

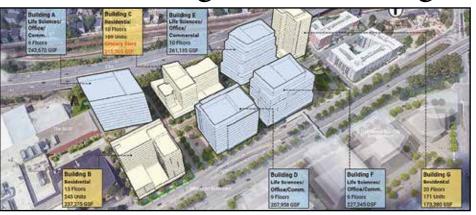
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Morrissey Boulevard have made a commitment to the CSHCA to develop a community benefits package and will continue its discussions with them regarding this benefit and how to best ensure it can make a meaningful difference to the community and people of Dorchester."

The donation would be made outside of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) mitigation program, Walsh said.

Walsh and Butler launched their Benefits sub-committee several years ago in anticipation of the new wave of development along the Morrissey corridor and on Columbia Point, which could eventually bring 10,000 new housing units, and 7 million square feet of commercial space, by Walsh's count. "After going through all of this," Walsh said, they we contacted by Centre Court with the offer.

He and Butler said that their current



A rendering shows the layout of a Master Plan for 35-75 Morrissey Blvd. pro-Image courtesy Stantec posed by Center Court Mass, LLC.

proposal calls for a three-year plan for the use of the money, beginning with an outlay of \$300,000 in the first year. They propose hiring an executive director for the association, which is currently an all-volunteer operation. The idea would be to have full-time representation for the neighborhood on projects like the

Morrissey Boulevard and Kosciusko Circle reconfigurations. That person would also champion infrastructure investments, beautification efforts, pedestrian walkways, and public spaces.

"This is a good time to be able to present our own list of priorities," said Butler. "I don't think any of us wants to see six lanes of roadway heading downtown so everyone from outside  $going\,down town\,can\,use\,Morrissey\,and$ bypass the expressway.'

Other parts of the draft plan include spending \$100,000 on a consultant to come up with neighborhood preferences for a potential 20-acre development on Freeport Street, Dorchester Avenue, and Bay Street. They also are thinking about giving Columbia-Savin Hill Civic committees \$20,000 per year for programming and moving to increase community contributions.

Finally, they want to rename the civic group the Dorchester Bay Civic to broaden their catchment area to include Uphams Corner to South Bay, the Mary Ellen McCormack Housing Development, and Columbia Point to Freeport Street.

'We are looking for ideas now," said Walsh. "We would like to end the year with the civic association having a real good handle on how to spend the

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#### Bill pushes 250 liquor licenses for city neighborhoods

By Alison Kuznitz STATE HOUSE News Service

Legislators grilled Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and other city officials for more than an hour Monday over a home rule petition that would dramatically expand the volume of liquor licenses in city neighborhoods. Proposals from Rep. Christopher Worrell and Sen. Liz Miranda, which build upon local approval from the Boston City Council, would gradually add 250 targeted liquor licenses in 10 ZIP codes in Mattapan, Roxbury and Dorchester, among other neighborhoods.

The scarcity of available liquor licenses, plus the nearly \$600,000 price to buy a license from an establishment that's going out of business in Boston, has contributed to the racial wealth gap and disproportionately concentrated restaurants and bars in wealthier hubs of the city, according to city officials and state lawmakers who voiced their support for the bills at a legislative hearing Monday afternoon.

"We are, I believe, in such dire need of licenses across the board that we very well may be coming back to you in the future as we see where things go," Wu told the Joint

Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. "I'm confident that with this first threshold and first set of permits, we'll be able to make some significant headway on that and very likely we will need more as the success grows.'

Rep. Tackey Chan, cochair of the committee, noted that Wu had not spoken to him or co-chair Sen. John Cronin about the liquor licenses before Monday's hearing. After a barrage of questions from his colleagues, Chan told Wu and Kathleen Joyce, chair of the Boston Licensing Board, that the committee would be requesting more information about the distribution of licenses and their active use in recent years. including a focus on the rollout of 75 restricted licenses to certain neighborhoods in 2014.

"I do want to dispel this notion that we have all these licenses out there that are not open and operating - I would have to guess single digits," Joyce said in response to committee member Rep. Joan Meschino, who suggested that there are Boston liquor licenses going unused and questioned what city officials are doing to take them back.

The bills before the

committee Monday would add up to three non-transferable restricted licenses for the sale of all alcohol, plus up to two non-transferable restricted licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages, each year

over a five-year period. At-Large Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune said the legislation is crafted to ensure that liquor licenses remain in specific neighborhoods, restricting the current scenario in which licenses that originated in places like Jamaica Plain are bought at a hefty price and end up in the S following restaurant closures. She called sit-down restaurants "strong economic agents."

"By increasing the number of neighborhood-restricted licenses, we encourage the growth of sit-down restaurants, enhancing community bonds and fostering economic success in historically marginalized and excluded areas," Louiieune said.

"The current liquor licensing system in Boston presents numerous challenges: the high costs of licenses effectively restricts them to well-funded. well-connected, often corporate and often white operators, especially in high traffic areas, like the Seaport and downtown."

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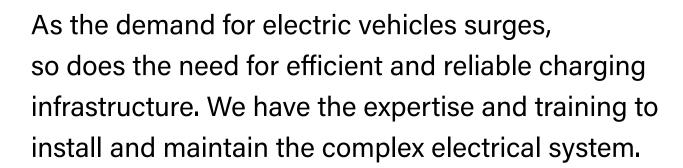




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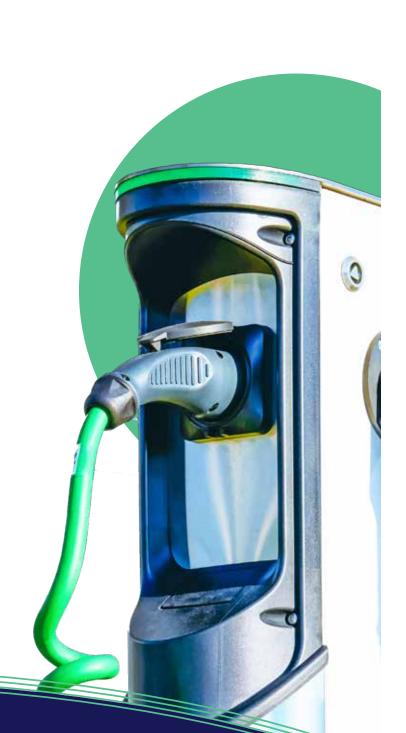
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Free shuttle buses will also be available to MBTA customers during the shutdown.

A similar policy on the Fairmount Line was put in place during last year's Orange Line shutdown, and Mayor Wu noted that it boosted ridership. She pushed for it to be reintroduced for the Fairmount Line, which runs through Dorchester and Mattapan, but MBTA



 $At the Morton \, Street \, Fairmount \, Line \, station, passengers \, leave \, as \, train \, pulls \, out.$ Chris Lovett photo

officials initially were reluctant.

Fairmount trains run between Readville and

South Station, with stops on Blue Hill Avenue, Morton Street, Talbot Avenue, Four Corners/ Geneva, Uphams Corner, and Newmarket. T officials say the Red

Line shutdown is needed for track work that would otherwise take six months of weekend and evening work. The agency is also seeking to make repairs to Savin Hill Station and JFK/ UMass Station, a major transit hub in need of an upgrade. The lobby floor at JFK/UMass will be replaced, as will part of the roof, and Savin Hill Station will see a temporary staircase. The stations on the Mattapan line will receive new lighting.

The MBTA has seen systemwide slowdowns, driven by safety concerns at the federal level. Commuters on the Red Line in particular have seen trains slow to a crawl and wait times that used to be 6 minutes up to 15 to 20 minutes.

"The upcoming work on the Ashmont Branch and Mattapan Line is critical to addressing and improving safety and reliability along this stretch of the Red Line, and the complete closure of these lines allows us to accomplish vital work in 16 days," MBTA GM Phillip Eng said in a statement last Wednesday. "While this service change will be challenging for our riders, they have let me know that they appreciate that we are committed to improving their

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# Seeking a profile of Boston's women voters in the year the 19th Amendment was ratified

By Cassidy McNeeley Special to the Reporter

The Mary Eliza Project team, which began in 2021 as a collaboration between the Boston City Archives and Simmons University, invited community residents to join them at the Lower Mills branch of the Boston Public Library last Saturday to learn about archival records and transcription research. Over the past two years, project members have been working on transcribing the handwritten columns of general registers of women voters in 1920 - the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote was ratified in August of that year - from City of Boston records into a searchable online dataset.

The project is supported by a grant from the Community Preservation Act, which will end next April and is overseen by the Boston City Archives.

"These are public records, records that everyone in and outside of Boston should have access to," said Marta Crilly, the Mary Eliza Project's co-director. "Right now, you can come into the city archives and look at them but they're really difficult and time-consuming to use because they're handwritten and there are a lot

of barriers. So, something we really wanted to do with this project is make it accessible for everyone because we think that this is a really important piece of Boston's history."

Crilly, who is also an archivist for reference and outreach for the City of Boston, believes the database can teach the public many things such as the activities of women, civic engagement, and newly arriving immigrant groups in Boston in 1920.

"We have found a lot of women in these registers break outside of the bounds of what you would expect from a woman in 1920," Crilly said. "Something that I personally have taken away from this is that there's a lot to explore in these records. They show us that our imagination and the way that women lived in the past is not always correct."

The dataset, which can be accessed by the public as a searchable Excel spreadsheet, includes information about the registered women including their name, address, place of birth, occupation, place of work, naturalization information, and closest male relative. Until transcriptions are fully completed next spring, the database will be updated periodically.

Erin Wiebe is one of six

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transcribers for the Mary Eliza Project. She began working on this project as a graduate student at Simmons University in 2021 and is now is a contractor for the project through the Boston City Archives and their Community Preservation Act grant.

In an interview, Wiebe explained that handwritten register books are formatted similarly to a spreadsheet and read left to right. Although this makes the transcription process easier, the task does not come without challenges such as illegible handwriting and misspellings. Wiebe and the other transcribers work together to translate as much information onto the digital sheet as possible but sometimes must turn toward the public for help. Crilly said that the team has even utilized social media to do so.

"We have crowdsourced before, using Twitter and Facebook, where we'll put up the handwriting and say, 'Can someone help us figure this out?' and sometimes people who are native speakers of that language will be able to recognize something where they can say, 'Oh, yeah, that clerk is phonetically writing this name,'" Crilly said.

In acquiring information about each registered woman, both Crilly and Wiebe hope to share the stories of those who have been overlooked in the past.

"A lot of the popular narratives of women's suffrage in America are focused on a few certain political leaders, most often the white and more affluent women that we hear about. But this project is a way to reveal the stories of black, immigrant, and working-class women who were registering right alongside those more well-known women and who also deserve to be called suffragists," said Wiebe.

Focusing on these other women allows Wiebe and her team to better explain the limitations of the 19th Amendment. Said Wiebe: "It was very important for women's suffrage, but it was more of a turning point and not an end point. There were

still women left out when the 19th Amendment was ratified; it didn't automatically enable every woman in the country to access the ballot.

"We have seen in Boston from these transcriptions that many black women were registering to vote. But in other parts of the country, it was much more difficult."

On Saturday, Mary Eliza Project members brought records, specifically those focusing on Dorchester, to Lower Mills, where guests had the opportunity to hear the stories of Dorchester women and learn about the project as well as how to access the database and conduct research.

"I hope that they feel empowered to use the dataset to do their own research. We really wanted to make this easy to use. We really want to provide equitable access to these records," said Crilly.

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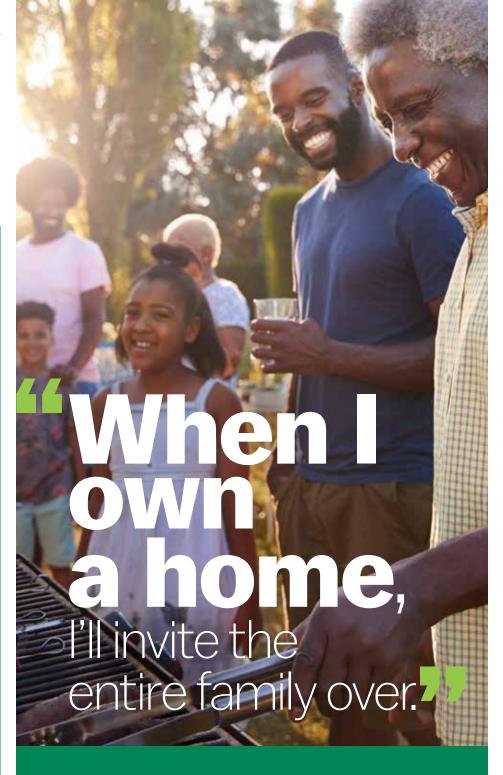
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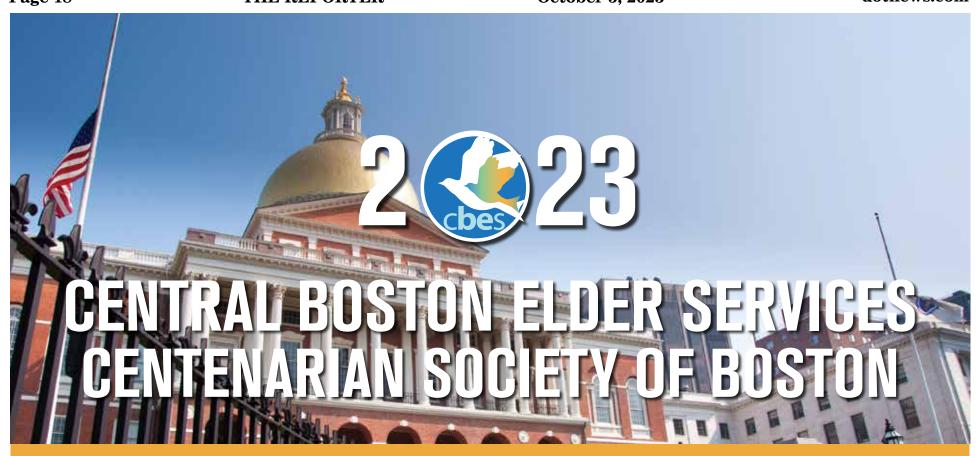
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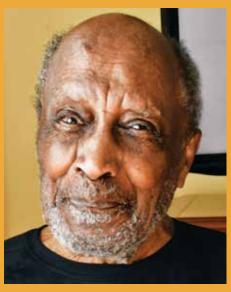
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Event with New England Patriots
and Fanatics: In late June, a group
of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester
members had the amazing opportunity
to attend the FanFest event held at
the Bubble at Gillette Stadium. Our
members spent the day taking part in
skills and drills and were able to meet
Professional Athletes like New England
Patriot Jonathan Jones. At th end of the
day, each participant received a gift
bag with Fanatics merchandise to take

A special thanks to the team at Fanatics and the New England Patriots for including BGCD in this fun event. Your generosity allows our members to have these once in a lifetime experiences. For more information on Partnerships with BGCD, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Partners with Girlstart for
Week Long Summer STEM Program:
Last week, Boys & Girls Clubs of
Dorchester partnered with Girlstart,
a nationally operated program that
provides STEM Education for Girls, to
offer a week long STEM program for 25
of our members.

The week-long adventure was titled "Pet Vet," and allowed our Girls to investigate cat genetics, examine fish tank environments, build a prosthetic limb for an injured pet and practice sutures on a stuffed animal. The week closed out with a trip to the Museum of Science on Friday.

Thanks to our friends at Girlstart for making this opportunity possible. For more information on BGCD's Education program, please contact Joel Figueroa at jfigueroa@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Partners with Girlstart for Week Long Summer Girls STEM Program: See details below.

<u>DID YOU KNOW:</u> Join Team BGCD for This Year's

Rodman Ride for Kids: Join us on Saturday, September 23rd for the 33rd Annual Rodman Ride for Kids! In partnership with Rodman for Kids, the Club has the unique opportunity to participate in this collaborative event which helps to support 42 charities supporting at-risk youth. The event will feature a 25 or 50 mile route that will begin and end in Foxboro. After the event there will be a barbeque and celebration for all who participated. If you can't Ride in September, you can be a "Choose Your Own Adventure" virtual participant. The options are unlimited with participants choosing to run, walk, bike or what ever you like to do on your own time. Please note, in-person riders must commit to a \$2,000 fundraising minimum, and virtual riders must commit to raising at least \$500. To join our team, please visit http://do.nr/ticun6.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Safe Summer Streets
July 10 - August 11
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to register!

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#### Internet service program update on track for BHA developments

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

City officials on Friday announced \$5 million in internet accessibility upgrades and instructional programs for the Boston Housing Authority's 17 developments, including Mattapan's Hassan Apartments, home to an elderly and disabled public housing community on River Street with a large Haitian American population.

Mayor Wu and Boston Housing Authority (BHA) director Kenzie Bok announced that state and federal grants would be used at Hassan and the 16 other developments to increase the quality and speed of internet wi-fi service. On display at Hassan was a "Wicked Free" mobile wi-fi unit in the community room that is a pilot being used to help fill in spots around the city with slow connectivity.

Also included in the program are classes to help public housing residents, particularly the elderly, learn how to use the internet more effectively.

Ignus Thomas, a Hassan resident, urged all senior citizens across the city to take advantage of these new upgrades, and, especially, to especially take the computer classes that go with the program.

"The computer in the hands of everyone, but especially the seniors, is something very import-ant right now," Thomas said. "If we don't try to pick up something on the computer, no matter how small it might be, we will be far behind and left behind, because we are already behind. Seniors, make every effort to take any class about the computer."

He noted he learned important lessons about

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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THE TRIAL COURT
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INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU20P0388EA
ESTATE OF:
CHRISTOPHER WAYNE
THOMPSON
k/a: CHRISTOPHER THOMPSC CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON DATE OF DEATH: May 3, 2019 SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Stephanie Fullard of Boston, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Stephanie Fullard of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond

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

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Mayor Wu and BHA Director Kenzie Bok traveled to Mattapan's Hassan Apartments on Friday to announce \$5 and classes for BHA properties in the city – hoping to help close the digital divide in the neighborhood.



million in internet connectivity grants A "Wicked Free" Wi-Fi mobile internet station is being piloted in the community room of the Hassan Apartments in Mattapan.



Santiago Garces, chief information officer for the city.

Zoom, how to get faster connection speeds, and how to be proficient with e-mail.

Wu recalled how so many families in her

during the 2020-2021 pandemic school year couldn't reliably get online for school. This, she said, was sharply felt in low-income communities son's kindergarten class and public housing com-



**Hassan Tenant Task Force President** Amos Louis thanked everyone for bringing better service to the senior public housing development.

Seth Daniel photos

munities.

"Even as we got laptops to every single student, only half of the class was on at any moment for Zoom kindergarten," she said. "Many couldn't hear the teacher because the connection wasn't strong enough or fast enough to support that program...It has to be high quality and reliable.'

She also noted that at a recent phone seminar with other mayors around the country. many were dealing with how to even get the internet to their residents. She said Boston is blessed to have great connectivity, but it also needs to continue until "every gap is closed."

Bok said the classes referenced by Thomas started at BHA properties in 2021 and have been important when combined with better and faster internet service. "We don't want to just provide things in theory, but we want to provide them in practice," she said.

Santiago Garces, chief information officer for the city, said the city has gone from 32,000 people without internet connectivity to 14,000 now under the discounted internet program now offered.

"We know high-quality internet is critical for young people to access jobs and opportunities," he said.

The investments were made via grants from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Michael Baldino, director of the Broadband Institute, said \$4.55 million of the money came from the state's Digital Equity Partnership program, and \$450,000 came from the Digital Equity Planning grant.

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

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NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
DOCKET NO. SU23P1123GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
JAYLAN JUSTICE LOUISSAINT KELLEY
OF BOSTON, MA OF Boston, MA MINOR

OF Boston, MA
MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition
for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on
05/24/2023 by Venus E. Garay of, will be held
12/20/2023 99:00 AM Review Hearing Located
24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114, 3rd
Floor Probation Dept.
2. Response to Petition: You may respond
by filing a written response to the Petition or
by appearing in person at the hearing. If you
choose to file a written response, you need to:
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3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an
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request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent
of the minor child who is the subject of this
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an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot
afford to pay for one and if you give proof that
you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned
to you. Your request for an attorney should be
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of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the
application form in person or by mail at the court
location where your case is going to be heard.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P1591EA ESTATE OF: CLAUDE JASPER WILLIAMS DATE OF DEATH: 12/20/2022

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestac and Appointment of Personal Representativ and Appointment of Personal Hepresentative has been filed by Diane Johnson of Boston MA requesting that the Court enter a forma Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Diane Johnson of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety

on the bond in unsupervised administration You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this written. written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/02/2023.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First ustice of this Court.
Date: September 21, 2023

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P2062EA ESTATE OF: JAMES EARL BLIGH DATE OF DEATH: 02/13/2023

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dorothy O'Connor of Boston Deer lined by Dorothy O Cominor in Bostonian MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Dorothy O'Connor of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. on the bond in unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

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**Commercial Property** 1190 Massachusetts Avenue Dorchester, MA 3-33994

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On September 21, 2023, Eleven-90 Mass Ave, LLC recorded, with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080.

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- Any future construction of occupied buildings within the AUL area.

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The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be viewed at the MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-0033994 at

http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx or at the MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA; (978) 694-3200.

#### **RECENT OBITUARIES**



DYKEMAN, Rosemarie, 81, Daughter of Theresa and Rocco Bombardieri, proprietors of the renowned Bombardieri's Bakery. Rosemarie is survived by her husband, Jim; her children, Rosemarie (Christopher), Christine (Martha), Margaret (John), and David (Cori); her 6 grandchildren; and her 2 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Marietta, Rocco (Merle), Louise, and Gina (Geoff); and sister-in-law Eileen (John). Rosemarie's family requests donations be made to Mass General Hospital Cancer Center, VNA Of Cape Cod Hospice, or The Cape Playhouse.



FARRAR, Vincent H., 96, of Dorchester. Husband of the late Martha Virginia (Holliday) Farrar; father of Patricia and Tarikhu Farrar, and Debra Farrar-Parkman; grandfather of Ashaki and Hodari Fenderson, Haileab (Haiba) Samuel, Shola, Jawara and Teju Adisa-Farrar, and Charbra-Adia Parkman (Thomas) and the late Virginia-Jeni Parkman; great grandfather of 2; and a host of cousins and friends.



"Nell" (McDonagh), 91 of Dorchester, formerly of Leiterard Carna, County Galway, Ireland. Wife of the late Terence "Terry" Kenny. Mother of Terence Kenny and his wife Robin of Sandwich, Mary Morgan and her husband Sean of Dorchester, Brigid Kenny-White and her husband Brendan of West Roxbury, Catherine Wu and her husband John of West Roxbury, Eithnea Kenny and her wife Patricia of Quincy, Helen Melo and her husband John of West Bridgewater, Sean Kenny and his wife Jayne of Braintree, Peter Kenny and his wife Lindsay of Dorchester, and the late Roisin Kenny. Sister of the late Mary McDonagh, Johnny McDonagh, Mathais McDonagh, Brigid Ly-don, Nan ONeil, and Catherine McDonagh. Mamo of 13. Donations in memory of Ellen may be made to CatholicTV, P.O. Box 9196, Watertown, MA 02471 (catholictv. org) or St. Mark Youth Group, 20 Roseland St., Dorchester, MA 02124 Attn: Fr. Marcos.



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LEMBO, Nicholas J., 94, of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Joan K. (Lawless) Lembo. Father of Michael and his wife, Linda of Dedham, Mark and his wife, Michele of Tampa, FL, Thomas & his wife, Lori of Dedham and James and his wife, Cheryl Frye of Albany, NY. Grandfather to 9 and great-grandfather to 6. Brother of the late Vincent, Josephine, Anthony, Silvio and Paolino Lembo. Please consider donating in Nick's name to Deutsches Altenheim-German Centre, germancentre.org/donate/ or St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital, stjude.org/donate LYNES, Evelyn A. (Zaia), of Milton. Mother of Edward Lynes and his wife Cynthia of Needham, Deborah Elisio and her late husband Antonio of Quincy, Steven Lynes and his wife Mary Jane of Hudson, New Hampshire, and Thomas Lynes of Milton. Sister of the late Dorothy Demers and her husband Arthur of Virginia, Jean Bono and her husband Giralamo of Milton, Alma Chick and her living husband Walter Chick of Milton, Eleanor Palisi and her husband Anthony of Quincy, Richard Zaia of Dorchester, and Nancy Quatro and her husband Del of Pittsfield. Grandmother of 6. Great-grandmother to 4. Please consider making a donations in Evelyn's name to the Alzheimer's Foundation - alz.org



MICHALIK, Anne G. (Kane), 66 of Roslindale, and West Yarmouth, originally from Dorchester deceased by her husband Walter E. Mother of Edward C. "Coley" Michalik and his wife Mariah of ME; and "Nana" of 2. Also survived by her sister Mary and her husband Ron Rakow of New London, NH; and her brothers Colm and his wife Lolit of Hobe Sound, FL, and Rick and his wife Mary Iane of London, UK; and her sister-in-law Maryann Michalik of Roslindale.

RYAN, Daniel T. "Dan", of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Son of Timothy and Julia (Kelliher) Ryan both originally from County Cork, Ireland. Husband of Maureen Ryan (Maloney). Father to Daniel T. Ryan and his wife Sharon, Karen A. Ryan, Stephen M. Ryan and his wife Sharon, all of Milton, Joanne R. Conroy and her husband

#### Sister Mary (Anna Marie) Mulligan S.N.D.deN.

Sister Mary (Anna Marie) Mulligan S.N.D.deN., died Wednesday, September 27, 2023. She was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1930.



Beloved daughter of the late Anthony & Anna T. (Sullivan) Mulligan. Sister of Donald A. Mulligan and the late John Mulligan, C. Eileen Tangvik, Francis J. Mulligan, Rev. William L. Mulligan, SJ, Ann Mulligan and her best friend Eunice O'Connor. Survived by three generations of many loving nieces and nephews

as well as many Sisters of Notre Dame, including her loving community of 53 years, Sr. Carol Hood and Sr. Louise Kearns.

In 1950, Sister Mary became a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame De Namur, a Congregation founded to serve educational needs of the poor.

Committed to education and social justice, Sister Mary was always involved in her community. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Emmanuel College and a Master's from Boston College, both in English. After teaching at St. Gregory's School in Dorchester and St. Mary's High School in Cambridge, Sister Mary was missioned to her alma mater, Cardinal Cushing Central High (CCCH), first as English teacher, then Principal.

For several years, Mary assisted at the St. Peter & Paul Parish's CCD program helping children with special needs prepare for their first Holy Communion. It was her most heartfelt ministry. Additionally, Sister Mary and Sister Maria Delaney led the efforts to establish an adult education program, the Notre Dame Education Center, which offered GED programs to individuals, including new immigrants.

Sister Mary contributed to her community in many ways, but first and foremost, Mary was a TEACHER. She treasured the relationships that she made with her students, and is fondly remembered by many.

Mary's commitment, caring and love were carried forth to each member of her family. She was a dedicated advocate and friend to her younger sister Ann who was born with Down's Syndrome. Mary also created an individual relationship with three generations of nieces and nephews.

She was a lifelong resident of Boston and was passionate about the Boston Celtics. She was also an avid reader and loved participating in her family book group. She enjoyed all types of music and theatre, and was often seen on the dance floor. She appreciated nature - the ocean waves in Maine and the birds and flowers in her backyard. Mary and her best friend Euni had many adventures including a pilgrimage to the birthplace of St. Julie Billiart.

Sister Mary's funeral will be held Monday, October 2, in the Notre Dame du Lac Chapel, 555 Plantation Street, Worcester, with a calling hour at 1 p.m. followed by sharing of memories at 2 p.m. and the Mass at 3 p.m. Burial will be private. For a more detailed obituary, please visit www. athymemorial.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Julie's Family Learning Program, 133 Dorchester Street, Boston MA 02127, juliesfamily.org.

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Stephen of West Roxbury, and the late Kevin J. Ryan. Grandfather to 4. He was also the brother of the late Paul Ryan of Plymouth. US Army veteran veteran. Please consider donating to St. Agatha Church.

SKINNER, Diane Rose (O'Brien), 78, of Plymouth, native of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Joseph J. O'Brien and Mabel (Oliver) Ward; wife of Charles E. Skinner; mother of James Dio, Jr. (Mary), Elena M. Richards (David)



and Renee Sanger (Michael); stepmother of Jonathan Skinner (Karen) and Amanda Skinner Blauvelt (Kalter); grandmother 9; great-grandmother of 5; sister of Dolorus Maggio, Joseph O'Brien, Francis O'Brien, Jacqueline Paterson, Brenda McWhirk, Gail Lawrence and the late Robert Rose, Louise Quartlebaum, Mary Witunsky, Jeanette Muise, Margaret Sheridan and Leonard O'Brien; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to Alzheimer's Association.

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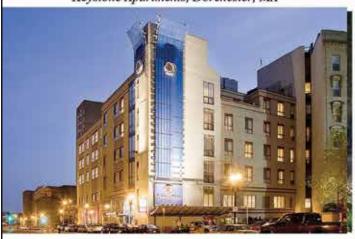




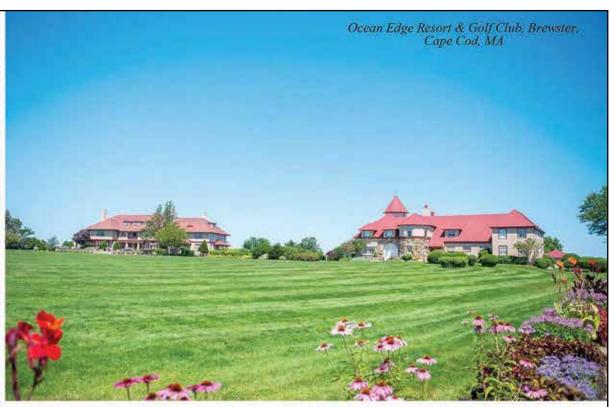
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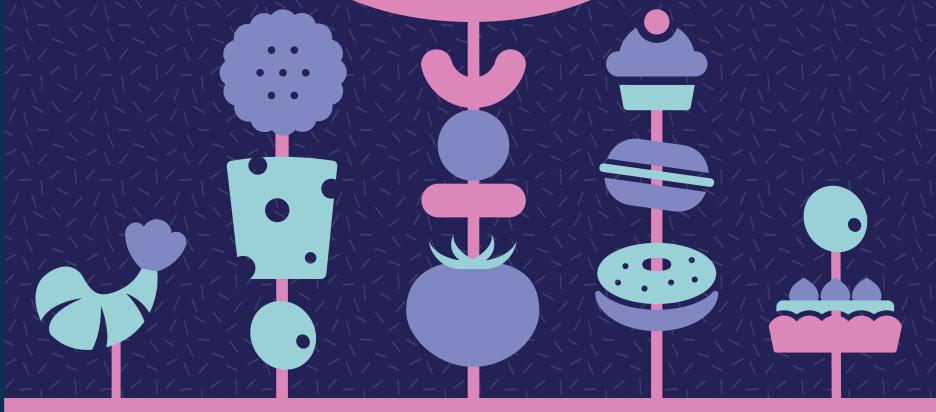
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