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Relatives of Sgt. Victor Gemelli, killed in action while serving in the US Army in Germany in 1944, gathered with Mayor Walsh to dedicate a hero square in his name on Sunday. Yukun Zhang photo

## Killed in action in '44, Dot soldier honored at last with a 'hero square'

By YUKUN ZHANG REPORTER CORRESPONDENT About 40 people gathered at the

intersection of Kane and Bellevue streets on Sunday for the unveiling of a "hero square" marker in the name of Sgt. Victor Gemelli, a Dorchester man who was killed in action in 1944 during the Second World War.

Sgt. Gemelli's relatives joined Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and City Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George along with James Hooley, Boston's chief of Emergency Medical Services, who spoke on behalf of the family.

"Hero squares" are dedicated to service members killed in action during armed conflicts. In the ceremony at Victor Gemelli's square, attendees heard stories about the sergeant and his fateful service in the US Army after

which a biographical plaque with a QR code was unveiled on a pole at the intersection. At the top of the pole sat a sign with Sgt. Gemelli's name and a gold star, and below the pole lay flowers, photos, and medals belonging to the soldier.

"These are medals of real heroes," said Mayor Walsh. "These are medals of real action...for actually putting your life on the line.

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## Essaibi-George: The key to my job is 'being everywhere'

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

In last month's preliminary city council election, incumbent at-large City Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George enjoyed consistent support citywide as she secured a strong second place finish behind Michelle Wu.

Now, less than a month away from the Nov. 5 final election, she says her team's campaign strategy remains as simple as it has always been: "Being everywhere."

She adds: "Over the last several years really, I have made a very conscientious effort to share mywe leave no neighborhood, no community untouched or unheard."

This approach to community engagement comes naturally to Essaibi-George, 45, whose upbringing and work background have given her a level of familiarity with several of the city's neighborhoods. Born and raised in Dorchester, she was part of a diverse student body at Boston Tech – now the John D. O'Bryant High School – in Roxbury before going on to teach and coach softball at East Boston High School for 13 years.

She is also an entrepreneur,



Annissa Essaibi-George the politician says that showing up is an integral part of doing her job. Yukun Zhang photo

sewing store— The Stitch House on Dorchester Avenue—in 2007. And she is a busy mom, raising four children with husband, Doug

for more interment space at Cedar from leadership roles in banking Grove Cemetery. Bill Forry photo

#### He's on the case at Cedar Grove

By BILL FORRY **E**DITOR

Anthony Paciulli spent most of his adult life managing community banks, helping people to organize their finances and buy their first Anthony Paciulli is on the lookout homes. These days, after retiring

and mortgage businesses, he has discovered a new passion: helping people find a resting spot for all

Paciulli is the interim superintendent of Cedar Grove Cemetery, a role he took on last

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## T board listens as Walsh, others call for a new deal on Fairmount Line

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

Their specific requests varied, but the roughly halfdozen mayors and state lawmakers who addressed the MBTA's oversight board on Monday all echoed a common theme: Expanding service and connectivity on the commuter rail will bring significant benefits for the riding public.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh kicked off the advocacy, voicing his support at the meeting for running more frequent trains on the Fairmount Line and transforming the current wheel-and-spoke commuter rail system into one with trains running more regularly in both directions.

The T is considering a range of pilot programs that communities have pitched, including Boston's suggestion to run eight additional trains on the Fairmount Line that runs through the city's eastern and southern neighborhoods.

"Every time we increase access, increase service, and increase equity in our system, the residents of Boston respond with increased use and increased support of the system," Walsh told the board. "They're eager for more.'

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## Field House plan is aired at Columbia-Savin Hill meeting

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

The proposal to build a \$30 million indoor sports and community center on what is currently a field beside the McCormack Middle School on Columbia Point was presented to the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association meeting on Monday night.

The tenor of the spoken reaction to the presentation was mostly positive, even enthusiastic in some cases, though concerns about the location were shared with the gather-

Preliminary designs were shown by Bill Richard of the Martin Richard Foundation, Bob Scannell, president and CEO of the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester, and Kevin Deabler of RODE Architects.

"We're committed to building the Martin Richard Field House in Dorchester," said Scannell. "This is something that we really feel can serve the entire community. We know that we can continue to serve the Dever and McCormack schools in a very significant way, as well as the Harbor Point community, the local sports teams in town, the elderly community, and all ages of people.'

No vote was sought or taken after meeting attendees had their say, of which the following were representative:

I think that this is a terrific proposal," said Dianne Lescinskas. "There

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#### **DOT BY THE DAY** Oct. 10 - 22, 2019

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

Thursday (10th) – Greater Ashmont Main Street and Mandorla Music Events co-present the 2019-2020 Dot Jazz Series at Peabody Hall in the Parish of All Saints Ashmont. Dot Jazz will take place on the second Thursday of the month from September 2019 until May 2020, with the exception of April when we'll be on the third Thursday. Doors will open at 7 p.m. The Oct. 10 show features The Fred Woodard Collective. Contact mark@mandorlamusic. net for more.

Monday (14th) – "Behind the Mask," a special Latino Heritage Month program for children will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the JFK Library. The performance is free. On Sat., Oct. 26 the library will present a 10:30 a.m. program with Triveni Dance Ensemble called "Faces of the Divine" that explores Hindi deities. See jfklibrary.org for more info.

**Friday** (18th) – 10th annual Boston Irish Honors luncheon at the Seaport Boston Hotel, 11:30 a.m. See bostonirish.com for more info.

• The Fall Pumpkin Float will return to the Boston Common Frog Pond on Fri., Oct. 18, from 5-8 p.m. Hundreds of illuminated jack-o'-lanterns will be floated on the water accompanied by spooky family activities. Attendees are asked to bring 8-inch or smaller carved pumpkins that will be lit and then floated on the Frog Pond for a dramatic early evening display. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or visit boston.gov/parks.

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

• Urban Farming Institute of Boston invites the public to Food Day & Garlic Festival from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan. Activities include bee workshop, cider pressing, live raptor demos, and more. See urbanfarminginstitute.org for more info.

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

Submit events to newseditor@dotnews.com. Or submit events to DotNews.com/notables.

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Four students from Berklee College of Music performed for the animals and rotated around different exhibits at Boston's historic Franklin Park Zoo last Saturday as part of the zoo's animal enrichment program. The animal enrichment program helps excite the animals' senses and encourages them to use their natural abilities and behaviors to interact with their environment. The Berklee students are part of The Movement, a collaboration with partner organizations that includes youth mentorship, performance outreach, and musical instruction. Above, Berklee student Danny Corbo plays his guitar for the western lowland gorillas in the Tropical Forest exhibit at Franklin Park Zoo.

Mike Spencer Photography

## State officials: No guarantee, but you should get a flu shot

Massachusetts had among the nation's highest flu vaccination rates for children and adolescents last year and public health officials on Monday urged everyone in the state to get vaccinated this year.

Surveillance reporting began last Friday (Oct. 4) and state officials reported 82 lab-confirmed flu cases since the start of September, within the expected range.

"We don't know how severe this year's flu season will be, but we do know that the flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself, your family, and everyone around you," Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel said in a statement, cautioning that a vaccine is the most effective way to reduce risks but won't prevent every flu case.

Last year, 81 percent of Massachusetts children ages 6 months through 17 years old had a flu vaccination, according to the state Department of Public Health. The DPH on Monday did not release the flu vaccination rate for adults in Massachusetts, but warned that millions of people get the flu each year in the US, hundreds of thousands are hospitalized, and "thousands" die from flu-related illnesses. The DPH said there were 136 pediatric deaths nationwide from the flu last year.

– STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

# Wu, Walsh differ on her call for 'abolition' of BPDA

Councillor Michelle Wu on Monday called for the "abolition" of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) in a report that she published at abolishthebpda.com. She offered a scathing indictment of the city agency, calling it "an anachronism plagued by lack of transparency and misguided priorities."

She added in a statement: "We are a city of tremendous resources, and we can chart a better path forward by leaving behind outdated structures and removing barriers to participation. Meeting our challenges with urgency and scale will require considering

the interconnectedness of these issues and empowering everyone to take part. We can't afford to maintain a complicated system that only the most privileged and powerful can navigate."

In place of the BPDA, Wu proposes the creation of a new Planning Department that would "overhaul the zoning code to introduce consistency and predictability to the development process" and "begin compiling a comprehensive master plan built on meaningful community engagement."

Mayor Martin Walsh issued a response Monday morning, saying that his administration already "ordered an outside review of the [former] BRA and put in place significant reforms to bring transparency, integrity, and accountability to our development and planning processes."

Said the mayor: "Today, we have an agency that, for the first time, uses community engagement to guide growth that is inclusive and respects the history of each of our unique neighborhoods."

Wu is the chair of the Boston City Council's Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

- REPORTER STAFF

#### Police



Man charged in bike-trail attack — State Police have arrested Dwyarrn Burton, 26, on charges he randomly attacked a woman on the Neponset Trail in Mattapan last month. Burton was already facing charges for an August 5 groping attack at North Station on the Green Line.

State Police report a break in the case occurred when a police officer in Lincoln alerted them that he had had a run-in with a man matching Burton's description and was able to provide his name.

According to the State Police account: "On Oct. 3, Burton was scheduled for a court appearance for an unrelated case stemming from an Aug. 5, 2019, arrest for indecent assault and battery. On that same date troopers began a search of areas Burton was known to frequent and, at 2:25 p.m. on Oct. 3 they located him walking on a sidewalk. Burton was arrested on the court warrant and transported to an MSP barracks where he was interviewed about the Sept. 17 assault.

They subsequently charged Burton with the Mattapan assault.

Burton and the victim evidently did not know each other. Evidence indicates he approached and asked her for a cigarette, and when she did not give him one, he attacked her."

Transit Police report the North Station incident was similar: Burton tried to talk to a woman on the trolley and, when she showed no interest in talking, he followed her off the trolley and indecently attacked her.

– REPORTER STAFF

#### **UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10**

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

Oct. 29 meeting on 1199-1203 Blue Hill Avenue proposal – The BPDA will host a public meeting on Tues., Oct. 29 from 6:30 p.m.- 7:45 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. to discuss a project change for a mixed-use residental and commercial building proposed for 1199-1203 Blue Hill Ave. For more information, contact Lance Campbell at 617-918-4311 or lance. campbell@boston.gov.

Lower Mills Civic meets on Oct. 15 – Lower Mills Civic Association meets on Tues., Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at St. Gregory's auditorium. Representatives from a development team that have proposed a condo project on Washington Street (the old Molloy's funeral home)

are on the agenda. Please bring a non-perishable food item for a food drive.

Dorchester Open Studios set for Oct. 19-20 – Dorchester Artists and Friends will spotlight the diverse talent of artists in Dorchester on Sat. and Sun., Oct. 19-20 at four locations. There will be an opening reception at the Uphams Corner Library on Thurs., Oct. 17, from 12 to 7p.m. The weekend locations for Open Studios (11 a.m.- 6 p.m.) are First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St.; Dorchester Art Project, 1486 Dorchester Ave.; African Winter Gallery, 21 Oldfields Rd., Dorchester; and Susie Smith Gallery, 29 Eldon St., Dorchester.

Ward 15 Democrats meet on Oct. 19 – Ward 15 Democratic Committee will meet on Sat., Oct. 19 at 9 a.m. at the Savin Hill Apartment common room, 130 Auckland St., Dorchester. Guest speakers include Rep. Liz Miranda.

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

Sandra Day O'Connor focus of JFK Library Forum – The JFK Library will host a public forum on Mon., Oct. 28 from 6-7:30 p.m. focused a new book about America's first femal Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. More info at jfklibrary.org.

Rep. Lynch hosts Service Academy workshop on Nov. 3 – Congressman Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA-08) will host an information session for all high school students interested in applying to one of the United States Service Academies on Sun., Nov. 3 from 10 a.m.- noon at Braintree Town Hall, 1 JFK Memorial Dr., Braintree. All students and their families are welcome to attend. For those unable to attend, more information on the Service Academy nomination process is available at lynch. house.gov.

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## City rolls out plan targeting Newmarket opioid epidemic

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

The city has a new plan for addressing the longstanding public health crisis in and around Newmarket Square, according to Mayor Marty Walsh and other city officials who briefed reporters on the strategy last week. Dubbed "Melnea Cass/Mass Ave 2.0," the intent is to bring services directly to people suffering from substance abuse and homelessness in that part of the city.

What we have on our hands is an opioid epidemic of historic proportions that is taking hold of too many lives, and tearing apart families in every city and town in our nation," Walsh said in a statement on Friday. "Through this plan, we are focusing on the area of Melnea Cass/Mass Ave to make the needed improvements for those who are struggling: those with a substance use disorder; and the residents impacted by this epidemic throughout Boston's neighborhoods. There is no one perfect solution to dealing with this crisis, but we are committed to doing everything we can."

The plan has four focus areas, including connecting those struggling with substance use disorder (SUD) to resources and

pathways to recovery, reducing criminal activity, centering on quality of life issues for residents, and improving coordination and communication of services.

Those are the primary focus areas of this plan, and what we have done is look at what's working, what we're tracking, and where we need to make investments," the chief of Health and Human Services, Martin Martinez, said. "We've created a series of goals that are both measurable – that we can track, and that we can report on to ensure we're actually making the progress that we want to make."

The policing component of the plan includes deploying more patrol officers and sergeants in and around Mass Ave. and Melnea Cass Blvd. Martinez said that police officers will focus on identifying and arresting drug dealers in the area, as well as trying to connect those they interact with to recovery services, shelters, or various other resources. Martinez said that the city has seen a 37 percent increase in violent crimes in the area over the past year.

"There's always been this focus, but we're trying to double down because when there are people dealing and distributing in this area, they're targeting the folks that we are desperately trying to help. We are getting more officers involved that are trained to engage with them," Martinez said, adding, "We're going to continue to enforce the laws and focus on quality of life in the neighborhoods."

Said Michael Stratton, the BPD's deputy superintendent: "We're going to continue to deploy officers based on crime statistics, officer service and 311 concerns. Enforcement will continue, but we're expanding our role as police officers."

Stratton, who heads the street outreach team, said that three additional officers and a supervisor have been added to the team to enhance efforts. "Our role is to go out into the community, meeting people where they are, and proactively engaging people suffering from substance abuse disorder, mental health concerns and homelessness. We're trying to get them to resources that can help them, instead of just moving people from corner to corner." He added: "We've formed partnerships with the Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, Pine Street in, and other treatment facilities."

The strategy includes

the creation of a 24-member task force made up of city and state officials, businesses and community residents, and other provider stakeholders. The plan will also formalize an internal City of Boston Coordinated Response Team charged with monitoring the progress of the plan and work through gaps.

Public health goals focus on reducing the risk of death and infectious disease through comprehensive harm reduction and drug user health education. Efforts include increasing over-

dose prevention trainings to treatment providers, community groups, and law enforcement agencies, and providing and expanding resources like clean syringe distribution and disposal.

There will be additions to the number of syringe drop offlocations around the neighborhood and enhanced clean-up efforts in public spaces and streets, both being attempts to improve the quality of life for residents in the area.

Martinez said that the city is working to finish a service model for

recovery campuses on Long Island. He said it continues to be in conversation with Quincy and is working toward securing permits to build a bridge from Quincy to the island.

"We have 18 buildings in which we think we'll be able to put about 500 beds," Martinez said, adding, "although there's an immediate need for services that would in the best scenario be available on Long Island, there is unlikely to be a new bridge in the near future."





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## Essaibi-George: The key to my job is 'being everywhere'

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Then there's her work on the council, where, among things, she is the chair of the Education Committee. "I've been able to really take the lead on the council as a former teacher on issues around education," said Essaibi-George in an interview. "I think what's unique to the way that I've been able to do that on the council has been to really marry the 30,000-foot view with the 'in the weeds' conversations and carry the dialogue and the movement to change within the Boston Public Schools across multiple areas of interest... And I'm happy that that's my reputation among those who are in education

advocacy."

Her other areas of focus include homelessness, mental health, and recovery services. In her four years on the council, Essaibi-George has organized Boston's first citywide needle takeback day, called for the formation of a mental health commission, and made family homelessness a talking point on city and state levels.

"Education's my bread and butter," she noted, "but making sure that we have systems in place to support families experiencing homelessness,



Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George, left, with Mayor Walsh and a young resident at the annual Roslindale Day Parade on Oct. 6.

Isabel Leon/Mayor's Office photo

especially our kids in our schools, that is my passion."

Issues like homelessness and substance abuse "don't necessarily represent a strong voter base," Essaibi-George acknowledged, "but, it's satisfying to see that that work is appreciated and I think that residents across the city of Boston see how important it is to have a voice on the city council that is speaking for those who are often unheard." As a first-generation Bostonian – the daughter of Tunisian and Polish immigrants—she has made it a point during her time in office to listen closely to the needs of the city's immigrant population, especially where they intersect with the mental health field and access to related services.

"I've heard a lot from immigrant communities who are dealing with a tremendous amount of fear within that community," she said, "and also their need for mental health services. But they don't sign up for an hour of therapy, for instance. Mental health services need to be delivered in a different way and in a community setting."

With homelessness and mental health intertwined with the opioid crisis, Essaibi-George's attitude on the drug-use epidemic has been measured. In an interview on WBUR in August, she expressed a reluctance to

adopt safe injection sites after witnessing them in cities like Toronto and Vancouver.

However, she noted that other services implemented in those cities, such as widespread access to Nalaxone and detailed public education campaigns, would result in marked improvements on Boston's response to the crisis.

The closing of the cityrun treatment facilities on Long Island – a result of the removal of the decrepit bridge to the island in 2014 – is often cited as a primary reason for a spike in problems in the city proper. But Essaibi-George says that all beds and services from those facilities have been replaced in recent years. The effects of drug use visible in the neighborhood— in the form of discarded needles and recent rashes of car break-ins, for instance are symptoms of a widening problem, she said.

"The crisis has gotten worse, and I think it's human nature to look for something to blame and we blame it on the closure of the bridge," she said. "The appropriate center to cast blame on is on the opioid and the pushers of drugs, and that is both through traditional medical centers and prescriptions,

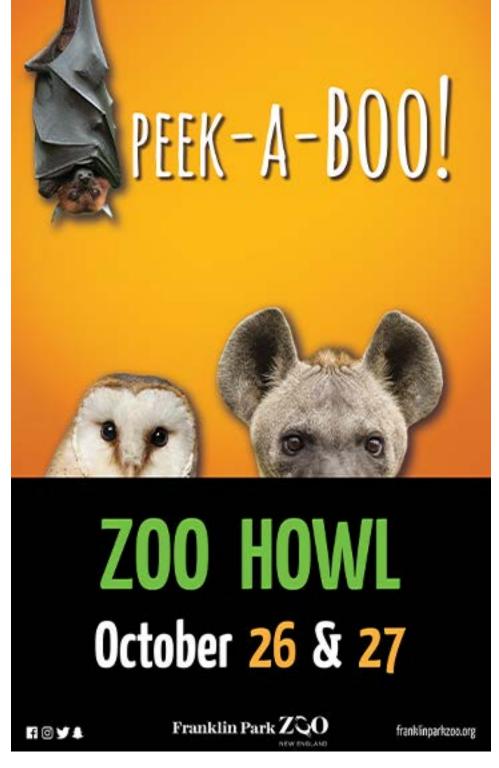
but also through drug dealing."

The councillor also pointed to external strains that are heightening Boston's opioid crisis, noting that 65 percent of people in shelters and treatment facilities come from outside of the city.

"I often find myself advocating at the State House for more support of programming and services to support those with addiction in other cities and towns because it can't all be on Boston and a few other cities. It needs to be an effort that is statewide and better coordinated...I advocate that other places do more."

As Essaibi-George and her campaign team ramp up activity ahead of the impending vote, she stressed that she remains aware of her "24-month term" and her obligation to her constituents.

"In any re-election there's sometimes this lightening of the workload when we shift to campaign," she said. "For me, I really try to hold true to the commitment that I've made to the residents of the city to continue with my work...although we are campaigning, the work continues."





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## City releases update to its Climate Action Plan; focus is carbon neutrality by 2050

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Mayor Martin Walsh on Tuesday released an update to Boston's Climate Action Plan, which he says will accelerate efforts towards carbon neutrality. The move is specifically aimed at cutting carbon emissions from Boston's buildings, the single greatest source of emissions citywide.

"Climate change is the defining challenge of our time," Walsh said. "As a coastal city, Boston is at the frontlines of this global crisis, and we understand the urgency.

While national action is at a standstill, cities like Boston are leading with plans, solutions and results.

He added: "The 2019 update to our Climate Action Plan is our roadmap to carbon neutrality, and together we will ensure all of Boston's residents will benefit from our work to protect against climate change, and create an equitable, resilient city for all."

The update sets Boston's priorities on carbon neutrality for the next five years, with the ultimate goal of making

Boston carbon neutral by 2050.

With Boston's buildings accounting for roughly 70 percent of citywide emissions, the city will be targeting the largest buildings. Going forward, the city likely will consider fining organizations that don't retrofit their buildings, probably through an alternative compliance payment.

"The plan really comes down to two things when you think of the existing building stock and the ity's capital plans," said Pat Brophy, the City's Chief of Operations. "We want to get to net zero buildings and if we can't achieve that for some reason we want to be designing buildings for the next generation of Bostonians."

Steps outlined in the Climate Action Plan include the development of new zoning requirements for a zero net carbon new construction in large projects — 35,000 square feet or greater— and guidelines for zero net-carbon city-funded affordable housing.

"I think most people in the real estate and development community want to help the city on its path to carbon neutrality," said Christopher Cook, who heads the city's environment commission. "But there will certainly be instances where we have to move people in the right direction."

Renew Boston Trust is a program that looks at ways to retrofit existing municipal buildings. The Trust borrows money against future savings to fund the work that will result in more energy efficient buildings.

"Through the last several capital plans that the mayor has announced, we've funded \$45 million into the programs that come out of the Renew Boston Trust," said city CFO Emme Handy. "We expect that phase one of the program will be completed with about \$10 million worth of work sometime in the spring."

The city had already planned for retrofitting jobs in 20 municipal

buildings over the course of the fall and spring, and is actively planning phase two, which will allocate the remaining \$35 million that will come from the FY20 capital budget.

"New municipal buildings will be net zero carbon, and we will have energy performance standards for the private sector," Cook said. "We envision that it will take us anywhere from a year to 18 months to develop those standards."

Walsh was scheduled to fly to Copenhagen on Tuesday to attend the international C40 Mayors Climate Summit where discussions with other leading cities will center on climate solutions and the status of the Paris Climate Agreement.

## Mejia gets boost from former at-large rivals election opponents

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Julia Mejia, who finished fifth in last week's Atlarge City Council preliminary election, has won the endorsement of four other candidates who did not make it onto the November ballot.

Priscilla Flint-Banks, Domingos DaRosa, William King, and Michel Denis have endorsed Mejia, her campaign announced on Thursday.

Additionally, two candidates who were unsuccessful last week's election in district races —Cecily Graham in District 5 and Lee Nave in District 9— also are backing her, Mejia said.

"I'm honored and excited to receive the endorsement from each of these leaders, who believe in our campaign to include all voices in the decision-making process and hold every government official in City Hall accountable," Mejia said.

Incumbent Councillor Michelle Wu topped the citywide field ticket last month, finishing with 19 percent of the votes cast. She was followed by incumbents Annissa Essaibi-George and Michael Flaherty, each of whom collected just under 14 percent. Alejandra St. Guillen, a former member of Mayor Martin Walsh's administration, secured the fourth slot with just under 9 percent.

Competition for the fifth position was fierce between Mejia (7.7 percent), incumbent Althea Garrison (7.09 percent), and Erin Murphy, who ended up with 6.84 percent. David Halbert earned himself a spot on the November ballot by securing the eighth position at 4.76 percent.

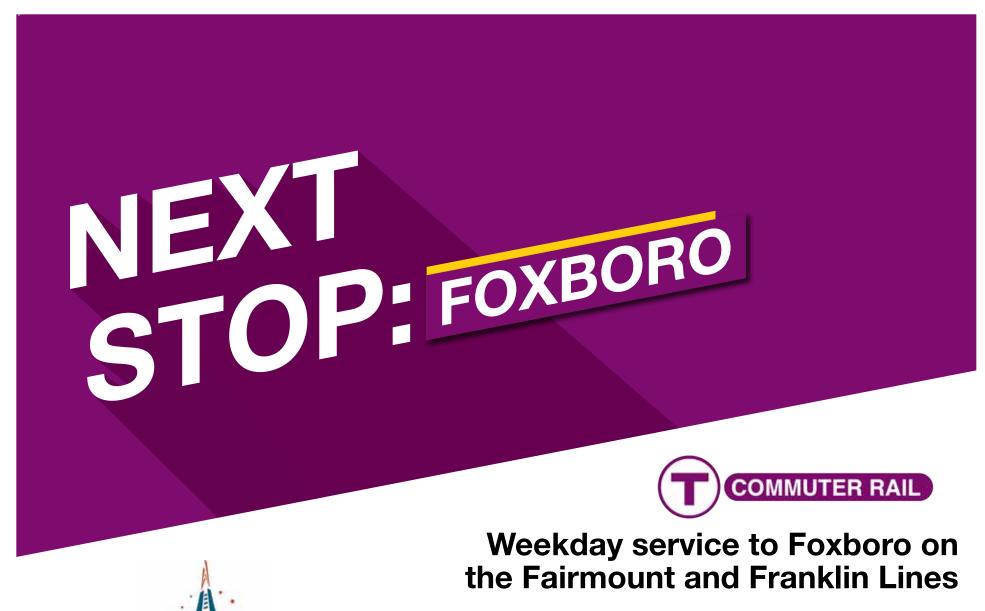
"I'm endorsing Julia because she has for many years committed her advocacy work to help empower

and fight for the issues that impact communities of color," said Banks, who came in 11th in the 15-person field. "I look forward to working alongside Julia to push the agenda that is important to the Black Economic Justice Institute as we move our community forward."

#### Arroyo gains support from District 5 candidates

Ricardo Arroyo announced last week that he, too, has drawn support from former competitors for the District 5 council seat being vacated by Tim McCarthy. Arroyo finished first in last monh's balloting and Marie Farrell ran second. The two will face each other in a run-off election on Nov. 5.

Arroyo says that Jean-Claude Sanon, Alkia Powell, Cecily Graham, Justin Murad, and Yves Mary Jean have "joined our campaign."







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#### 'MUSIC IS OUR THERAPIST'

## Dot kids find creative outlet in hip-hop program

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Last month, about a dozen student-artists  $from\,a\,Cambridge-based$ program called The Hip Hop Transformation sat in a room surrounded by friends and family and listened to a 23-track double album, the final product of a six-week music-making session. As 17-year-old Aliah Howard listened to her voice on several of the tracks, she could barely believe her ears. "When I heard myself, I was like, 'Oh, shoot. I can do that?"

Howard, a resident of Dorchester, is one of a dozen or so teenagers who participated in this summer's iteration of The Hip Hop Transformation, which is based in the Cambridge Community Center, that gives teens a chance to experience what it's like to be a music artist. For Howard, the experience was eye-opening— and ear-opening.

"I think I've become more [accepting] of music," she said. "Now I'm more open ears, I understand what people are saying now...there's always a story behind what they're saying.'

The program gives 14-18-year-olds a crash course in hip hop history, production, recording, and rhyme-writing. This immersive education is run by two Boston-based MCs - Red Shaydez of Dorchester and Imam "Flash" Bilal-Firmin of Roxbury — who draw from their own experiences as recording artists to introduce kids to their world.

"We're like their label," explained Shaydez. "We're trying to show them what it's like to be an independent artist."

The program takes place over the course of six weeks each summer. The teens gather three times a week to learn and bond over music. By the time it's



THHT's performance at The Big Head Festival in Roxbury last Saturday. Dan Sheehan photo

over, they have a professional quality album to show for it, as well as a slew of gigs and live performances under their belts.

But the "transformation" extends beyond a purely musical level, said Bilal-Firmin. "We're able to do hiphop education, mental health, financial literacy, marketing, all types of stuff. We call it the hip hop transformation, but there's so many life skills involved."

One of the core lessons that Shaydez and Bilal-Firmin teach is using rap and poetry as a means to find catharsis. The teenage years can be emotionally volatile, which makes having a strategy to cope with those emotions crucial. Bilal-Firmin compared the ritual of writing rhymes to keeping a diary.

"The health piece is very important for us," he said. "We realize that the music is very therapeutic. We had kids talking about eviction,

death, heartbreak...a lot of these things that they discuss are natural feelings and emotions that they're dealing with as they come into our program. And then as they go through [the creative process], it's like a release."

Alex Khalib-Antoine, a 16-year-old Dorchester transplant from Philadelphia, had little rap experience when he entered the program. But he quickly became a favorite among his peers, adopting the moniker "Biggie Tallz" as his rap name.

At last month's listening party, students and staff alike gleefully chanted along to his verses whenever Biggie's baritone boomed through the speakers.

"For me, the best part was that I made a lot of friends," he said.

But Khalib-Antoine also acknowledged the power of having a creative outlet. "You get mad, you just write it down," he explained. "This program will help

you get through anything. If you're, like, having trouble at school, somebody will sit down with you and help with your homework. If you're stressed out by something, you know, make a song about it."

Howard, who goes by the nom de plume "Royalty," agreed. "We gotta remember that music is our therapist," she said. Like Khalib-Antoine, Howard pointed to personal connections that she made when discussing takeaways from the six-week session. "I think the best thing about this program is you have a family now. Me and Biggie, we didn't know each other before this program, and now we're on a song together and we're best friends. We're literally like brother and sister."

As The Hip Hop Transformation moves into its eighth year in 2020, it will expand from a six-week summer format to a year-long one, thanks to an injection of funding from The Boston Foundation's Shout Syndicate Fund that will mean more kids will get a chance to test the waters of music-making and learn about the artform on a deeper level.

And that means more exposure to the industry for teens like Howard, who explained that she wasn't aware of how many jobs, such as sound engineering and ghostwriting, exist within the musical field. Thanks to the program, she now envisions a future with music as the focus. "I'm starting to do my own merchandise," she said. "I'm going to start my own brand, and hopefully after college I'll get to go out and be Royalty and be who I want to be as a musician."

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**Thurs., Oct. 10**, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Drop-In Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Oct. 11**, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. Sat., Oct. 12, 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. Tues., Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. - Hatha Yoga. **Wed., Oct. 16**, 10 a.m. – Adult Stress Relief Coloring; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Oct. 17**, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. - Drop-In Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework

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#### MATTAPAN BRANCH

**Thurs., Oct, 10**, 12 p.m. – Senior Jewelry Making Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. - Grub Street Presents: Poetry/Hip Hop Storytelling; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Sleepy Story Time; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. **Fri., Oct. 11**, 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; Smart from the Start Story Hour; 1 p.m. – Hidden Colors Film Festival; 3 p.m. – Crafternoons. Sat., Oct. 12, 10 a.m. - Computer Basics Class; 2:30 p.m. - Hidden Colors Film Festival. Mon., Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play. **Tues., Oct. 15**, 12:30 p.m. – Baby & Toddler Lapsit; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Tinker Time. Wed., Oct. 16, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 2 p.m. – Full STEAM Ahead; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Oct. 17**, 12 p.m. – Senior Jewelry Making Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. – GrubStreet Presents: Poetry/Hip Hop Storytelling; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga.

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Gain insights from an expert at the Dorchester Historical Society on Sunday, October 20, at 2 pm

#### Old House Dos and Don'ts: Preserving, Restoring, and **Updating Your Older Home**

Sunday, October 20, 2019 2 pm at the William Clapp House

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Speaker: Sally Zimmerman, Senior Preservation Services Manager, Historic New England.

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## Reporter's

## People

#### News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

#### Harvard Street hails its 50th

A host of community leaders, patients, supporters, and staff were in attendance last Friday as Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center celebrated its 50th anniversary with a sold-out event at The Exchange in the South Boston Seaport. Attendees listened to President and CEO Stan McLaren and board chair Bonnie Brathwaite give speeches about the organization's plans to increase its level of care and footprint through an expansion that would build a brand new health center as well as affordable housing at its Dorchester location.

Special honorees at the event included the center's first executive director, E. Lorraine Baugh, Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, and past CEOs Allen Ball and Charley Murphy. Athenahealth co-founder Jonathan Bush closed the program by leading an auction that raised nearly \$60,000 to support Harvard Street.



Gail Jackson-Blount, Chief Development & Communications Officer, Harvard Street NHC and Program emcee with board chair Bonnie Brathwaite.



Harvard Street President & CEO Stan McLaren presents E. Lorraine Baugh with the First President's Award.



Boston Police Commissioner William Gross accepts the Trailblazer Award from Stan McLaren as his mother Deanna looks on. Photos by Don West/Fotografiks



Linda L. Collins-Mayo



Kerri Guerin

## 3 from Dorchester earn Shattuck Awards

Three Dorchester women— Deborah Samuels, Linda L. Collins-Mayo and Boston Police Officer Kerri Guerin, will be among the eight city employees honored with public service awards from the Boston Municipal Research Bureau (BMRB) on Thursday (Oct. 10) at the Seaport Boston Hotel.

Samuels, a 23-year employee, is the assistant coordinator for operations at the Woods Mullen Shelter for Women. She has been instrumental in the creation of a safe and welcoming space for the 1,600 women every year who rely on Woods Mullen for a bed, a warm meal, and the resources to get back on their feet.

Collins-Mayo has worked for the city for 42 years, beginning in 1977 as a research analyst for the police department. She has worked in the fire department since 1984 and is now a senior data processing systems analyst and a key member of the BFD's IT Division.

Officer Guerin works in the A1/A15 Community Service Office of the

police department helping people in the downtown area who struggle with homelessness and addiction. She joined the BPD in 2011 and the Community Service Office in 2016.

The awards are named for Henry Lee Shattuck (1879-1971), who served  $as\,a\,state\,representative$ and Boston City Councillor before taking up the chairmanship of the Research Bureau from 1942 to 1958. There have been 260 Shattuck Award presentations since 1985. See mbrb. org for more information.

## Special Athletes party on Oct. 25 features Jim Plunkett

The Dorchester Special Athletes are holding their third-annual Jim Plunkett Halloween Fundraiser at 8 p.m. on Oct. 25 at the Old Colony Yacht Club at 235 Victory Rd., Dorchester, Mass. The event will feature dancing, raffles, and entertainment from Plunkett—a Boston based musician. General admission tickets are \$25, and Dorchester residents have the opportunity to sponsor the event for \$200, \$100, or \$50 as well. Proceeds will go directly to athletes,



Jim Plunkett

covering expenses.

The Dorchester Special Athletes are a charity that works directly with developmentally disabled adults and children. The event is costume optional. See DotNews.com for the link to buy tickets.

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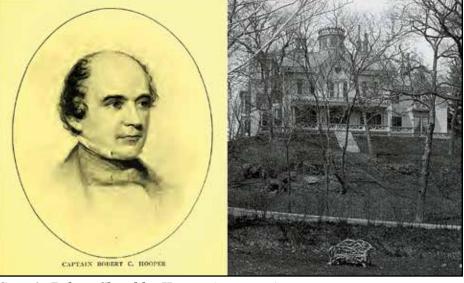
DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dorchester Historical Society has been featuring mini-biographies of Dorchester residents who served in . World War I. This week's subject is David Herbert Copson. The text consists of excerpts from Donna Albino's original profile.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1895, in Watertown, Mass., to William Arthur Copson, an immigrant from England, and Rose Ann (Norton) Copson. By 1910, with William and Catherine having joined David, the family was living at 120 Brown Street in Roslindale. William was a traveling salesman who sold crackers.

David registered for the draft on June 5, 1917, and his address was listed as 1173 Adams Street, Dorchester. He married Alvina Webb that same year and her parents lived at the Adams Street address in the Lower Mills neighborhood. Their son. David, was born on June 16, 1918, so the young family may have chosen to live with Alvina's parents in order to have help with the child while David joined the war effort.

David enlisted on July 22, 1918, and



Captain Robert Chamblet Hooper (1805-1869)

was assigned to headquarters, 36th US Infantry Division of the US Army. The unit was sent to Europe in July 1918 and conducted major operations in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive. David was discharged from service on March 21, 1919, and rejoined his wife and son in Dorchester. In the 1920 census, the family was still living withAlvina's parents David was working as a stock clerk in a machine shop.

In September 1927, at the age of 32, David was admitted to the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Togus, Maine. His disability was listed as chronic myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle most often due to a viral infection. His admission form at the hospital revealed that he was divorced and living with his parents in Roslindale.

David died in 1929. Later, his son served as captain of a patrol torpedo (PT) boat in the Philippines during WWII and afterward and went on to live a very accomplished life. Possessor of a doctorate from MIT, he worked as a researcher at Raytheon and a professor at the University of Puerto Rico before passingd away in

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### **Editorial**

## A bad call on the Kennedy Greenway

It's one of those stories that makes you wonder aloud: What the hell were they thinking?

The Boston Globe was first to report this week on a decision by the Conservancy that owns the Rose Kennedy Greenway to change maintenance contractors. After ten years— and no documented complaints— they've pulled the plug on Work, Inc., a Dorchester-based company that specializes in training and employing local individuals with disabilities. Instead, the contract to clean the Greenway has been awarded to a Kentucky-based firm that will use lower-paid workers, with the likelihood of higher turnover to follow.

To date, the head of the Conservancy, Jesse Brackenbury, has defended the decision in the media. His main argument seems the be that the contract with the new vendor—Block by Block—will save the non-profit organization about \$50,000 per year.

That's not a small figure for any non-profit. And yet context is everything in this case. For one thing: What happened to the notion that good work should be rewarded? Ten years and not a single complaint filed about the work of the men and women from Work Inc.? Pretty impressive for any company. But, keep in mind: Work, Inc. is working with a population that has historically been shut out in any meaningful way from the economy

Work Inc.'s mission is to change that and unlock the potential of this population of men and women so many of them from our neighborhoods right here in the city— who might otherwise not have employment opportunities.

Wouldn't an organization whose namesake is Rose Kennedy want to empower that sort of mission and reward its good works, particularly when there has been no outward signal of a problem?

Jim Casetta, who is the president and CEO of Work, Inc., is livid and he has been making the case for his workers to anyone who will listen. On Tuesday, he gave an interview to BNN-TV's Chris Lovett on the Neighborhood Network News.

Casetta said that Work, Inc. has been "scrambling" to find alternative employment for the disabled employees who have been cut loose from the jobs that they came to love.

There's no question they will find other spots, he said.

"We just got a call from Martin Richard's father, Bill Richard," Casetta told Lovett. "He told us that he wants Work, Inc. to maintain my son's park [Martin's Park, in Fort Port Channel]. The reason why he called us is because he loved the way we maintained the Greenway. Right now, we are about to enter into a contract with the Richard Foundation to employ at least one of the people who lost their jobs on the Greenway."

Casetta rattled off other public buildings and spaces where Work Inc. has contracts: the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum and the Edward M. Kennedy Institute in Dorchester were among them.

"We've had 30 individuals with disabilities who've gone on to equal or better jobs from the Greenway. We like to move our people along – because there are a lot more who want to go to work," he said.

"We still don't know the real reason why we weren't selected," said Casetta, who called the decision demoralizing. "I love the Greenway. I think it looks beautiful and one of the reasons why is because Work, Inc. employees were making it look great. Our people were power washing, cleaning, picking up trash, removing snow, mowing the grass..."

Casetta is right to be passionate about this. These are people who deserved better from the Greenway and its leadership. We hope they'll reconsider.

- Bill Forry

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#### Off the Bench

## It is now three years, and counting

By James W. Dolan Reporter Columnist

Here I am three years into a new relationship following the death in 2015 of my wife of 53 years. I thought it appropriate to bring you up to date on a phase of life I neither expected nor prepared for. After recovering from the shock of the loss, I determined I would not be happy alone. I needed a companion; not just anyone, but someone special.



James W. Dolan

I found her, but not as a product of a nationwide search or a casual venture into the dating world. Instead, I relied on a character trait I had nurtured in my youth that served me well over the years: Dumb luck. The dumb part was easy for me, but how does one develop the insight to identify, capture, and retain luck.

I tried praying, but that didn't work. You can ask God for guidance, virtues, hope, understanding, and

forgiveness, but not for something as superficial as luck. You cannot study and acquire luck. You cannot buy it or inherit it. If you're fortunate enough to get it, you can never be sure you'll retain it. Luck is fickle, good or bad, and often elusive. Once you think you've got it, it disappears. For whatever reason, I seem to have had more than my share.

Luck, in the person of a mutual friend, brought me Meredith. The friend told me a few months after my wife died that she knew someone who had also lost her spouse whom I might be interested in. Unfortunately, my friend had forgotten her name. A couple of months later, she called to say she had just seen her again and said she was interested. I called, asked her to dinner, and like magic, we clicked. I was smitten!

There were just so many things about her that I found appealing. Not just that she was attractive; she was lively, smart, engaging, and fun to be with. We were compatible in so many respects, even to the point where my weaknesses were her strengths. We have never had an argument and when we disagree, which is rare, I know enough to happily capitulate.

Friends and family call her "Merry" for good reason. It's a name that captures her essential good nature. A great disposition masks her strength, courage, and perseverance in the face of life's travails. One disadvantage of love in later life is less time; on the other hand, there are fewer distractions. That combination tends to keep us focused on nurturing our relationship. Fewer distractions concentrates attention while limited time enhances intensity.

Sometimes we feel a little guilty with having such a good time after the loss of a loved one. I remind her that "you play the hand you're dealt." Our spouses would have wanted us to be happy. Although, I confess, perhaps not this happy. One of my wife's favorite expressions was: "Get a life!" So I like to think she would approve.

Between us we are able to bounce around among four homes—in Milton, Weymouth, Bretton Woods, and Marco Island. Our families seem happy that we found each other. Describing our relationship can be a little awkward. Introducing her as "my girlfriend" seems a bit juvenile. "Main squeeze" is even worse. "Beloved" is overly dramatic. So I've settled on "dear friend," a workable compromise with a touch of dignity.

So rest assured that old age can have an upside. With luck, even at this stage, you can enjoy some "just rewards" before the curtain comes down. A famous Greek philosopher once observed: "We're not here for a long time but for a good time." My time is running, but in the interim "let the good times roll."

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.

# Caro's 'Working' provides another primer on American political power

#### By Roy Lincoln Karp Reporter Columnist

Years ago, I was walking through Central Park with my father when he pointed to a rather uninspired playground consisting of metal swings, a see-saw, and monkey bars floating in a sea of concrete. "Moses," he uttered with derision. He was referring not to the biblical prophet, but to Robert Moses, the powerful urban planner and builder who had radically transformed New York City during the previous five decades.

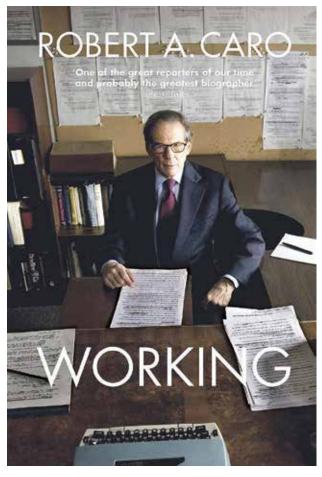
My father's dim view of Moses was no doubt shaped by Robert Caro's masterful 1974 biography, "The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York." Through meticulous research, done in collaboration with his wife Ina, Caro documented the career of a man he credibly asserts was the most accomplished city builder in human history. The book also took a battering ram to Moses's carefully constructed reputation as an incorruptible public servant unsullied by the muck of Tammany Hall politics.

After completing "The Power Broker," which won a Pulitzer Prize, Caro moved on to his next subject: President Lyndon Baines Johnson. He is currently working on the fifth and final volume of this biography, one of which – "Master of the Senate" – has already received a Pulitzer. Whether writing about Moses or LBJ, Caro has one true subject: power and how people attain and amass it, how they use it and sometimes abuse it, and how it shapes our daily lives for better or for worse.

Students of Caro's work now have the opportunity to learn how a writer of his talent and skill has honed his craft. At age 84, he took precious time away from the Johnson project to reflect on his life as a writer. The result is a gem of a book, a mini-memoir called "Working: Researching, Interviewing, Writing." As he explains in his preface, he is planning to write a full-scale autobiography, but "I am quite aware that I may never get to write the memoir."

For Caro, power is not something general or vague, but specific and concrete. It's not "the system," but individuals in that system, the choices they make, and the consequences of those choices. He understands that the devil is truly in the details and his writing is informed by a close reading of documents and patient interviews with witnesses.

An interest in small, often overlooked details also inspires Caro to give his readers "a sense of place." To understand Lyndon Johnson, for example, one had to see and feel the dry parcel of land in the Texas



hill country for which his father had overpaid in an effort to regain the family's once vaunted position in the county. That ill-advised decision impoverished the Johnsons and taught the future president lessons he would never forget. A native New Yorker, Caro moved to the hill country with Ina to better understand the place and to build trust with the Texans he needed to interview.

I hope Caro is able to write that full-length memoir. I would love to learn more about his childhood on the Upper West Side, the impact of losing his mother when he was a boy, and what inspired him to start a school newspaper when he was in the sixth grade. Until then, we have "Working," a timely reminder of the importance of independent journalists who are not beholden to the powerful and who can write freely about the people and political decisions that shape our lives.

## Richard Field House plan is aired at Columbia-Savin Hill meeting

The site along Mt.

Vernon Street is an open

space that is tucked be-

(Continued from page 1) are a lot of kids in that neighborhood and the Boys and Girls club is fully inclusive; they serve kids who have special needs. That's something we really don't have."

She added: "They do get bused in from different schools but that's just typical of how BPS operates. My daughter, who is 22 years old and has special needs, still participates at the Boys and Girls Club."

Don Walsh, a longtime Savin Hill resident and civic association member, had a different take to offer. "I'm a big fan of the Martin Richard Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club, but I think this is a lousy location for a bunch of reasons," he said. "I don't think there are many kids out there anymore. It's a tremendously valuable piece of property right now. Is putting this facility there, when you're still going to have to bus kids, is that the best use of the space?"

Bill Richard responded to Walsh, saying, "Is it perfect, Don? I don't know; nothing's perfect. But we've been through this for a number of years and we think that it's really good. I would never say that a site is perfect, but if we wait for perfect, we'll never get it done."

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Martin W. Richard Foundation submitted their plan for the new facility—named the Martin Richard Dorchester Field House—to the Boston Public Schools (BPS) this summer in a response to a city-issued Request for Proposals.

The project is largely the brainchild of Bill and Denise Richard, who cre-



The scene at the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association meeeting on the proposed field house on Columbia Point. Katie Trojano photo

ated the Martin Richard Foundation—named for their eight-year-old son who was killed in the terrorist bombing at the Boston Marathon finish line in 2013. They enlisted the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester—led by Scannell and his wife Mary Kinsella - to bring their vision of an indoor recreation facility for city kids in particular to fruition. Together, they have been seeking an appropriate site ideally in Dorchester for the past four years.

"We went through every iteration possible when we were looking for a potential site, and we're grateful that this land became available," Richard said. "We don't have it yet, because it needs to go through a process, but if we are fortunate enough to get it, we'd love to build it. We think it would be a tremendous asset to the community, the Boston Schools and not just this neighborhood but the rest of the City."

The new building, if approved by city officials, would house a turf field for soccer, lacrosse, rugby, football and other sports; an elevated, three-lane running and walking track; a fitness center with locker rooms, classrooms and a nutrition

center, along with some open space outside. The building would be managed and programmed by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, but would be fully accessible to the Boston Public School students at the neighboring McCormack-Dever campus. The facility would also be open to the larger community, and to adult sports teams, for example, that could rent the space for games and practices when not in use by children and teens.

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Docket No. SU19D1919DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
PATRICE FRANCIS

vs.
LEDMOND OBANDO
the Defendant

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

You are hereby summoned and re-

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Patrice Francis, 24 Harwood St., Dorchester, MA02124 your answer, if any, on or before 11/14/2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Pecietre of the Secret

of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First
Justice of this Court.
Date: September 24, 2019

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tween the McCormack school building and St. Christopher parish's parking lot.

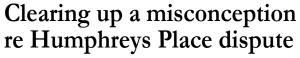
"The RFP was very strong around what the parameters would be for BPS students and we are going to present plans to the Dever and McCormack to get more feedback before we move forward," said Rob Consalvo, chief of staff in the BPS superintendent's office.

Funding for the center will be raised privately

through the efforts of the Martin Richard Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club.

"This is going to be first and foremost a center for the Boys and Girls Club and the Dorchester community, but it's going to bring us all together in a world-class way," Richard said. "It will be clean and well kept. We've got a lot of work to do in terms of raising the funds but we've got a great track record."





To the Editor:

As an organizer with City Life/Vida Urbana, I have been proud to support tenants at 6 Humphreys Place in their fight against no-fault evictions. A building clear-out has been the goal of the current investor,

Letter to the Editor Greg McCarthy, since he purchased the building in the spring of 2018. I thank the Dorchester Reporter for covering the public hearing at the Kroc Center on Sept. 23. Tenants from 6 Humphreys and almost everyone at the hearing insisted that Mr. McCarthy stop the no-fault evictions before he is considered for variances and permits on any new development.

One misconception needs to be cleared up. Mr. McCarthy had the audacity to suggest he is evicting tenants for non-payment of rent. In fact, tenants signed a letter to him in April 2018, right after he purchased, offering to negotiate a new contract and pay rent. Mr. McCarthy rejected this offer and began no-fault evictions against everyone in the building.

He doesn't want "rent", which would establish a tenancy contract by state law. He wants to clear everyone out to make a big profit. Of course, he would love to get "use and occupancy" payments, which would establish no contract, repair no conditions, and help fund his legal costs to evict.

Of course, tenants are not willing to do that. Mr. McCarthy knows that at any time he could have signed contracts with tenants and gotten rent payments. He could get that tomorrow.

Tenants at 6 Humphreys, like those in countless other buildings around the city, are not being evicted because they are not paying rent. They are being evicted no-fault despite being willing to pay rent.

Steve Meacham, Organizer City Life Vida Urbana



## Reporter's Neighborhood Notables

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## MARTIN RICHARD FOUNDATION SERVICE EVENT ON OCT. 20

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

#### **JAZZ SERIES OPENS ON OCT. 10**

Greater Ashmont Main Street and Mandorla Music Events co-present the 2019-2020 Dot Jazz Series at Peabody Hall in the Parish of All Saints Ashmont. Dot Jazz will take place on the second Thursday of the month from September 2019 until May 2020, with the exception of April when we'll be on the third Thursday. Doors will open at 7 p.m. The October 10 show features The Fred Woodard Collective. Guitarist Fred Woodard is a veteran of Boston's jazz scene as well as the presenter behind The Dudley Jazz Festival. He's joined by his son Fredrick on violin, Melvin Graham on bass and Matthew Williams on drums. Fred described the band's music as "straight-ahead jazz spiced with R&B." Contact mark@mandorlamusic.net for more.

## CELEBRATE SERIES AT KENNEDY LIBRARY IN OCTOBER

"Behind the Mask," a special Latino Heritage Month program for children will be held on Mon., Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the JFK Library. The performance is free. On Sat., Oct. 26 the library will present a 10:30 a.m. program with Triveni Dance Ensemble called "Faces of the Divine" that explores Hindi deities. See jfklibrary.org for more info.

#### DORCHESTER OPEN STUDIOS SET FOR OCT. 19-20

Dorchester Artists and Friends will spotlight the diverse talent of artists in Dorchester on Sat. and Sun., Oct. 19-20 at four locations. The community is invited to enjoy and support our local artists by purchasing their work. There will be an opening reception at the Uphams Corner Library on Thurs., Oct. 17, from 12 to 7 p.m. The weekend locations



The second installation of the 2019-2020 Dot Jazz Series, featuring the Fred Woodard Collective, will take place on Thursday (Oct. 10) at All Saints' Peabody Hall. The guitarist Fred Woodard is a veteran of Boston's jazz scene as well as the presenter behind the Dudley Jazz Festival. He will be joined by his son Frederick on violin, Melvin Graham on bass, and Matthew Williams on drums. Woodard describes his band's music as "straight-ahead jazz spiced with R&B." Tickets cost \$15 and will be available for purchase at the door or online at greaterashmont.org/dotjazz. Doors open at 7 p.m., music starts at 7:30.

for Open Studios (11 a.m.- 6 p.m.) are First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St.; Dorchester Art Project, 1486 Dorchester Ave.; African Winter Gallery, 21 Oldfields Rd., Dorchester; and Susie Smith Gallery, 29 Eldon St., Dorchester.

## FOOD DAY & GARLIC FESTIVAL AT FOWLER CLARK EPSTEIN FARM

Urban Farming Institute of Boston invites the public to Food Day & Garlic Festival on Sat., Oct. 19 from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan. Activities include

bee workshop, cider pressing, live raptor demos, and more. See urbanfarminginstitute.org for more info.

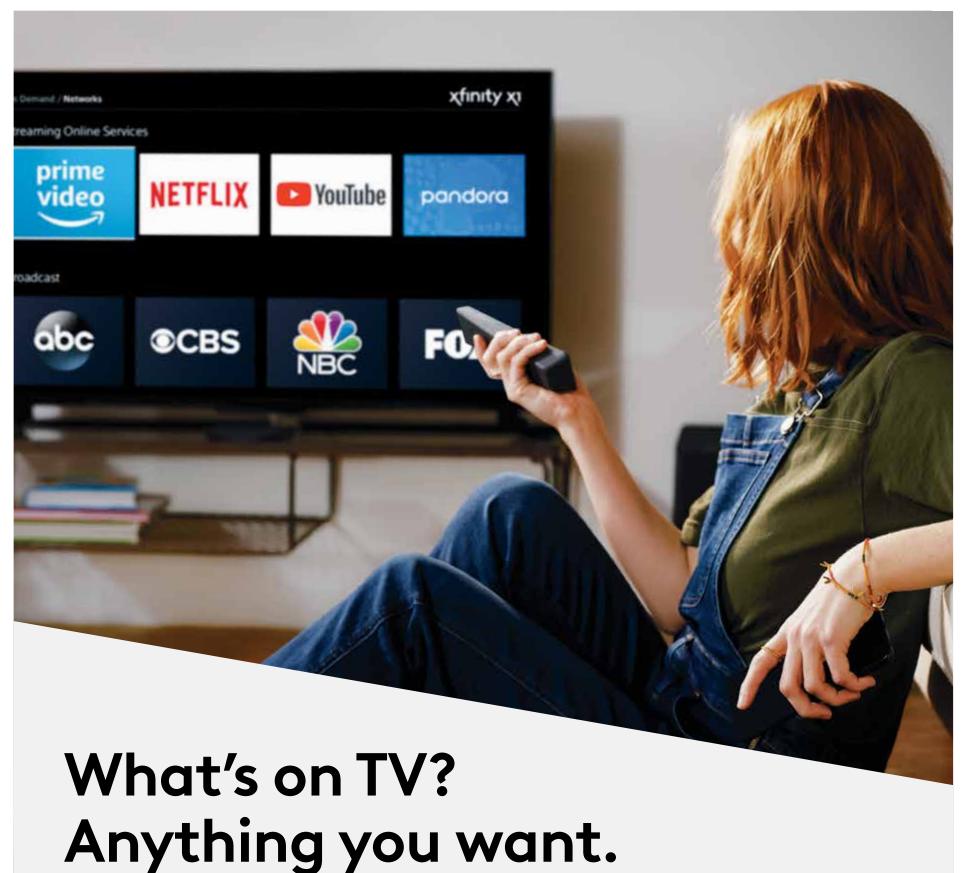
#### WARD 15 DEMOCRATS MEET ON OCT. 19

Ward 15 Democratic Committee will meet on Sat., Oct. 19 at 9 a.m. at the Savin Hill Apartment common room, 130 Auckland St., Dorchester. Guest speakers include Rep. Liz Miranda, who represents Dorchester and Roxbury in the Fifth Suffolk district.

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## T board listens as Walsh, others call for a new deal on Fairmount Line operations

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The calls for expanded service came at the same meeting where MBTA officials described an exploding midyear budget deficit, now pegged at \$53 million, and as House lawmakers prepare for a debate sometime this fall on possible new sources of transportation revenues.

No decision on the Fairmount pilot's fate was reached on Monday, but supporters described it as an essential strategy to meet the region's needs. The Fairmount Line, built as mitigation from the Big Dig project, serves a large,

(Continued from page 1) diverse portion of the city - 83 percent of residents along the line are people of color — that is generally inaccessible

by subway.
"These neighborhoods have been overlooked for far too long," said Staci Rubin, an attorney with the Conservation Law Foundation.

While most of the line's stations are in Zone 1A and therefore cost the same amount to use as a subway ticket, advocates want to see trains run more frequently so that commuters will be more encouraged to use it.

Members of the Legislature's Boston delegation filed a bill (H 2985) that would require the Department of Transportation to conduct a two-year program on the line with trains every 15 minutes at peak and every 30 minutes off peak. The legislation has yet to be taken up by the Transportation Committee.

Rep. Dan Cullinane, one of the bill's authors, told the T's board that making the Fairmount Line operate in a manner similar to rapid transit would be an "incredibly important" boost to commuters in the city. He also asked the MBTA to allow full use of Char-



Boston Mayor Marty Walsh asked the MBTA's oversight board to support expanded service on the Fairmount Line, describing it as a "gamechanger" for city residents who do not have easy access to other forms of public transit. Chris Lisinski/SHNS photo

lieCards rather than a test run could begin in commuter rail tickets on board.

"Let's remove the last hurdle for people riding the line," he said.

The board is set to vote on new pilot programs, including the one suggested by Boston, in January. However, members suggested on Monday that it may be worth scheduling a vote on the Fairmount project by the end of this year so

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OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON

PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU19P1799GD IN THE MATTER OF:

IN THE MATTER OF:
FREDDIE GILLARD
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been
filed by Marvie Gillard of Fall River, MA in
the above captioned matter alleging that
Freddie Gillard is in need of a Guardian
and requesting that Marvie Gillard of Fall
River, MA (or some other suitable person)
be appointed as Guardian to serve Without
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The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/31/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filling the

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

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The above-named person has me ingint to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: September 19, 2019

spring 2020.

A separate pilot program extending weekday Fairmount Line service to Foxborough, which includes lower prices for reverse commuters, begins this month.

Walsh has been vocal about his desire to see improvements on the MBTA. During months of Red Line delays this summer after a derailment, the mayor described the system as "not currently a functional service.

With infrastructure aging and roadway congestion near a breaking point, scrutiny has been high on the MBTA and what investments it will — or can afford to – make.

In addition to Walsh, both Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee and Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria Jr. implored the board to support programs that would extend rail service to their communities, which are often overwhelmed by drivers cutting through to get to Boston.

"We bear a disproportionate burden of the region's transportation system, but reap few of the benefits," DeMaria said. "Two miles of commuter rail tracks and 70 trains each day pass through Everett but do not serve the community. We host large-scale maintenance facilities critical to maintaining tracks and trains that do not serve or operate in Everett."

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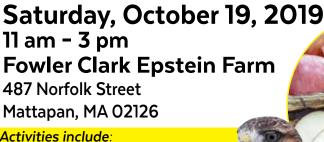
term transformations to the commuter rail, ranging from running some trains more frequently to electrifying the whole system. Costs vary, too, with likely price tags of \$1.7 billion in 2020 capital dollars for the simplest option to \$28.9 billion for the most dramatic system overhaul, according to figures presented during Monday's meeting.

Walsh called for the MBTA to embrace a plan that would use electric trains in place of the existing diesel vehicles and run high-frequency  $service\,inside\,Route\,128.$ He said that change could help take cars off the road and mitigate the constant headache

of traffic. Asked about how such a project's significant price tag could be handled, Walsh said he believes lawmakers whose House members are preparing this fall to embark on a stillundefined debate about transportation funding - need to identify a new dedicated revenue

source for public transit. "We have to have a serious conversation about revenue," Walsh, who said one of his last votes as a state representative was in favor of raising the gas tax, told reporters. "You need to have a dedicated revenue source because the issue's not going to go away, and if you don't address it now, it's only going to get worse, which means the bill is going to get higher."





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#### Men of Boston Cook for 500

The 22nd annual Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health was held on Thurs., Oct. 3. Dorchester native John King, CNN's chief national correspondent and host of Inside Politics and WCVB's chief meteorologist Mike Wankum served as emcees. They were two of dozens of celebrity chefs who teamed up with some of Boston's finest restaurants to serve up delicacies for more than 500 guests. All proceeds benefit the health center.

Bethany Versoy photos



Codman Square Health Center founder Bill Walczak (right) serves food with CNN's John King, Chris Douglass of Tavolo and Ashmont Grill restaurants, and a representative of Ashmont Grill.



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Jim Braude of WGBH Radio and Greater Boston (left) and singer-songwriter Livingston Taylor pass out food with Villa Mexico Cafe's Julie King.



Jeff Bellows and Jay McQuaide of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts hand out treats with Bill Fine, president and general manager of WCVB.



Sandra Cotterell, CEO of Codman Square Health Center, meets up for a photo with Patriots defensive end Michael Bennett.



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Boston. The evening kicks off with a Social Hour at

6 p.m. and the dinner program at 7 p.m. The event

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Congressman Stephen F. Lynch (D-MA-08) will

host an information session for all high school stu-

dents interested in applying to one of the United

States Service Academies on Sun., Nov. 3 from 10

a.m.- noon at Braintree Town Hall, 1 JFK Memorial

Dr., Braintree. All students and their families are

welcome to attend. For those unable to attend, more

information on the Service Academy nomination

The BPDA will host a public meeting on Tues., Oct.

29 from 6:30 p.m.- 7:45 p.m. at the Mattapan branch

of the BPL, 1350 Blue Hill Ave. to discuss a project

change for a mixed-use residential and commercial

building proposed for 1199-1203 Blue Hill Ave. For

more information, contact Lance Campbell at 617-

The Fall Pumpkin Float will return to the Boston

Common Frog Pond on Fri., Oct. 18, from 5-8 p.m.

Hundreds of illuminated jack-o'-lanterns will be

floated on the water accompanied by spooky family activities. Attendees are asked to bring 8-inch or

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**WORKSHOP ON NOV 3** 

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#### **OPEN HOUSE AT UMASS BOSTON**

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

#### FIELDS CORNER MAIN STREET ART-INI

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

## SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR FOCUS OF JFK LIBRARY FORUM

The JFK Library will host a public forum on Mon., Oct. 28 from 6-7:30 p.m. focused a new book about America's first female Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. More info at jfklibrary.org.

## ABCD GALA TO FEATURE SINGER AUDRA MCDONALD

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) hosts its annual gala that recognizes and honors community volunteers on Fri., Nov. 8 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave,



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The Fall Pumpkin Float is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston. This free family-friendly event will also include glow-in-the-dark games, children's crafts, games and giveaways by Magic 106.7. A monster mash of science activities will include the Massachusetts Horticulture Society, giant bubbles with the "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter, and Halloween giveaways. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or visit boston.gov/parks.

#### PUMPKIN FLOAT AT POPE JOHN PAUL II

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

## FARMERS MARKET IN PEABODY SQUARE

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

#### **ADSL OFFERS AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING**

The All Dorchester Sports and Leadership program (ADSL) will offer one-on-one tutoring for children ages 6-13 for only \$25 per school year. Starts Oct. 1, Mon-Thurs, 3-5:30 p.m. Seats are limited. Register at alldorchestersports.org.

#### BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library's free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher's Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl. org/homework.

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## Killed in action in '44, Dot soldier honored at last with a 'hero square'

(Continued from page 1) He made a promise when he signed up to protect his country and protect his neighborhood, and he absolutely fulfilled that promise.'

Victor Gemelli enlisted in the Army in 1941 at the age of 35. Before that, he was living at 44 Bellevue St., a few steps from "his" square, and was working at a market in Cambridge. Hooley noted that he served in North Africa, Sicily, England, and Germany, where he was killed while clearing landmines in 1944.

But the story didn't end



Victor Gemelli

there, according to Joan Shanley, Sgt. Gemelli's grandniece. "Mom often told us that before Uncle Vic deployed to Europe, he said to her, 'Don't get married until I come home, because I'm going to bring you one of my soldier boys.' And she laughed about it."

After the war, the sergeant's remains, originally buried in Belgium, were escorted back to Massachusetts by Staff Sgt. Irving Shanley. The Gemelli family invited Shanley to stay for the memorial services, where he met Joan's future mother, Florence. They spoke for the first time during the family dinner afterwards and were married a few months later. They were together for 64 years until Irving passed away in 2012. Florence died earlier this year. "Mission accomplished, Uncle Vic," said Joan.

"I was so happy about the hero square," said Victor, Gemelli's nephew and namesake who survived a meeting with a landmine in Vietnam. He remembered his uncle as "a funny guy" and "the favorite, favorite brother."

He added: "I was thinking today about all of the Gemellis that are in heaven. If you listen carefully and use your God-given imagination, you can hear the trumpets that all of them are playing for him right now."

During his speech, Walsh thanked active service members and



Newly-installed signage marks the Hero Square named for Sgt. Victor Gemelli. Mayor's office photo/John Wilcox

veterans, and reminded people that the 1,700 hero squares across the city of Boston deserve to be noticed. "They remind us of the history of our

neighborhood," he said, "and the residents who paved the way for the freedom of our city and the country that we enjoy today."

## Two from Dot are 'Belles' in 'Brawl VII'; their fight is with the ravages of cancer

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT **E**DITOR

Two Dorchester residents strapped on their gloves, laced up their sneakers, and stepped into the ring on Wednesday night (Oct. 9) with a common goal: to knock out cancer. Erin O'Neill, 28, and Megan Walsh, 27, were participants in Belles of the Brawl VII, the seventh iteration of the annual charity boxing event put on by Haymakers for Hope, a nonprofit that has raised over \$11 million for cancer research over the past decade.

The Wednesday event at the House of Blues on Lansdowne Street marked the culmination of a four months-long journey that saw the two women endure intensive training in preparation for their respective fights, all the while raising a record-breaking total of over \$575,000 that will be donated to Dana-Farber.

The USA Boxing-sanctioned event featured 32 fighters - all women– who made up a card of 16 bouts, with each lasting for three two-minute rounds. For Walsh and O'Neill, neither of whom has had any boxing experience, the countless hours in the gym had proved grueling.

"I've bled a lot over the last few months," said Walsh, who was inspired to take part in the event after watching it last

Preparing for a boxing

bout means getting to the gym as early as 5 a.m., engaging in rigorous cardio and strength-training regimens, and sticking to a strict diet. In Walsh's words: "A lot of cardio work, a lot of technique work, a lot of getting yelled at."

But those sacrifices pale in comparison to the daunting task faced by cancer patients, said O'Neill, who has found herself in close proximity to the effects of the disease while training. "A lot of women competing are either cancer survivors or are dealing with terrible family situations at home," she explained. "We're all working hard, but when you see that and learn about those women's stories, that's the perspective that we need. Everyone's working their

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butts off, but it's such a small sacrifice compared to what these families are going through."

Both women have been personally affected by the disease: a close family

friend of O'Neill's is currently battling Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, while Walsh says she has lost both grandparents to cancer.

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## **Matt Sharrock** Marimba

Thursday October 17, 2019



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Gilman Chapel at Cedar Grove Cemetery 920 Adams Street Dorchester

Start: 7 pm Doors open: 6:30 pm Admission: \$15

## At Cedar Grove Cemetery, goal is to keep things busy while stabilizing finances

(Continued from page 1) time" kind of guy. March. Earlier, he had been deeply involved in the 101 year-old burial ground's operations as a member of the board of trustees, which he joined in 2015.

The more he delved into the cemetery's finances and history, the more he became convinced that it needed the sort of leadership skills and business acumen that helped him build a very successful community bank based in Lower Mills.

At first, Paciulli was part-time, but spend a few minutes with Tony— as most people call him— and you find out fast: He's not a "part-

His latest obsession is carving out space for new plots and expanding the edges of existing cemetery sections. With the aid of surveyors, he thinks he has identified room for 1,000 new burial plots in the existing footprint of the cemetery. With some additional work he and his team can identify perhaps 2,000 more, Paciulli says. "I think we can find a couple of thousand more. That's give us a 25, 30-year supply.'

As he walks briskly through Section 34which backs up to private homes along Adams Street- Paciulli describes work that's under

way near a thirty-foot tall "feature" tree.

"There was a 20-foot culvert here and so we've filled this in and expanded Section 34 down here and we put this beautiful feature tree in," he said. "Look at all these rows here. You can just visualize how many graves we've added."

He gestures to his right, a smaller section of what is now just grass with no monuments. "Over here is going to be a cremation garden," he says. "Fifty percent of burials in this day and age are cremations. It's the new thing. Massachusetts runs a little bit behind, but it's catching up. People want to go



Anthony Paciulli, acting superintendent of Dorchester's Cedar Grove Cemetery, is supervising efforts to open up additional space for interments in the coming decades. Bill Forry photo

in the ground with a smaller thing and put a marker down.'

Cedar Grove sells about 150 burial plots each year, he says. On top of that, there are between 150-175 burials per year for people who were already accounted for in pre-purchased family plots.

But creating up to 2,000 more new burial spots is not his only challenge. There are, for example, long-deferred maintenance projects, such as the wrought-iron perimeter fence that needs partial replacement.

He wants to restore a now-disabled system of pipes to supply water to visitors who tend to memorial plantings throughout the cem-

And a greenhouse, which sits close to the Granite Avenue end of the property, could be enhanced, he says, to generate more income.

All cemeteries need to think long range about financing maintenance costs, he says, long after they have exhausted the limits of burial space. That means an endowment and new streams of revenue.

One near-term endeavor on Paciulli's to-do list: The creation of a Friends of Cedar Grove Cemetery group that he hopes will bring in new volunteers to help with special projects.

'We're planning have our first meeting of the new Friends of Cedar Grove Cemetery on Wed., Oct. 16, at six o'clock in the [Gilman] chapel," he says, referring to the small church located just inside the Adams Street entrance of the cemetery.

"We only want them to come in a couple of times a year. Share ideas. I need someone who says, 'I know how to do some research to maybe make get you some historical recognition. Or, I can look for some grants."

Last month, in what might be a first for the cemetery, the Gilman Chapel hosted a concert by a local reggae band. It's all part of Paciulli's campaign to put the cemetery into the public view more regularly. Other music nights are planned in the future.

"That's why," he says, "we've been doing the music shows: To get people to come in and talk to us."

#### Charitable Irish Society honors three with its Silver Key Award, citing 'Good Will Doing Service'

Society held its annual last month at the Fair- ter, Cambridge, and mont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. As in the past, this year's honorees -Charles L. Donahue, Jr., Mike Oliver, and Anita Sharma – come from the corporate and grass roots community sectors and have shown exceptional leadership in building cooperative links between civic, religious, and cultural organizations. • Charles Donahue has had a long career in health care planning, with particular emphasis on community based care and expansion of health care to all. He has been a loyal supporter of Irish philanthropic organizations such as the Irish American Partnership and the Boston Irish Business Association.

For more than two

The Charitable Irish decades, Mike Oliver has served the immigrant Silver Key Awards event communities in Dorches-

Boston. As director of the

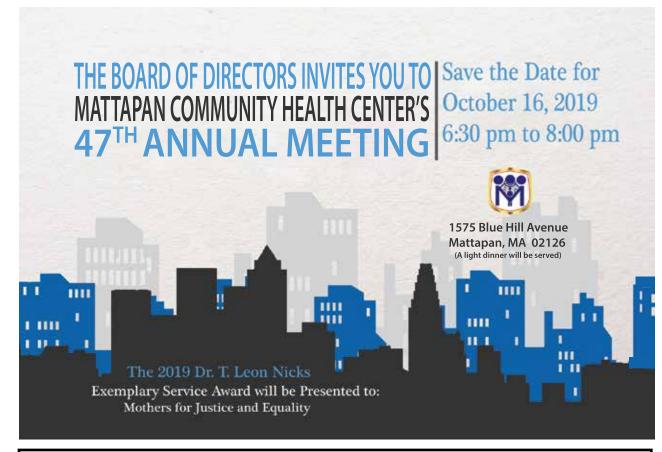
St. Mark's Community

Educational Program,

he has organized English

language classes and citi-

zen preparation classes for adult immigrants • Anita Sharma is the executive director of the PAIR (Political Asylum/ Immigration Representation) Project, which provides legal representation to asylum seekers, and matches pro bono attorneys with those in need of legal advice. She works closely with the Boston Bar Association's Immigrant Services Section. She was recently honored as a Barr Foundation Fellow in recognition of her leadership in Greater Boston's civic society.



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Susie Smith Susie Smith Gallery 29 Eldon Street, Dorchester, MA 617-620-3614 dotnews.com October 10, 2019 THE REPORTER Page 17



## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER**

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BGCD Hosts 2nd Annual KINGS Classic: See details below.



#### **CONNECT THE DOT:**

BGCD Hosts 2nd Annual KINGS Classic: On October 3rd, BGCD held it's 2nd annual Bowling Tournament at KINGS Dining and Entertainment in the Seaport. It was the perfect night for family, friends and co-workers to come together to support the youth of

The night consisted of a delicious food buffet, drinks, access to arcade games, raffles, DJ and more. The winning team also received an incredible grand prize for their amazing win.

A special thanks to Josh Rossmeisl, Chief Operating Officer of KINGS Dining and Entertainment and all his incredible staff for making this event possible each year! Also a big thank you to all the teams that participated in this year's event.

#### FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:

BGCD Partners with Tufts' Dorchester Health Initative: BGCD staff attended Tuft's Dorchester Health Initiative along with Director Sherry Dong and Stephen Muse, Program Specialist of the Community Health Improvement Programs at Tufts.

The Dorchester Health Fair was a convening of agencies involved in the Dorchester Health Initiative. Through the DHI, Tufts Medical Center provides grant funding to innovative programs addressing the priority health needs of the Dorchester community. The grant has allowed BGCD to address the health needs of its members as well as implement violence and substance abuse prevention programming.

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ANADORE, Robert F. "Bobby" in Dorchester. 59. Son of the late Francis J. and Anna M. (Sheehan) Anadore. Brother of Claire and her husband Bob O'Neill of Abington, Helen and her husband Ray Travers of Brewster, and Charles Anadore and

his late wife Margery of Colchester, CT. Uncle to numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, meant so much to him. Bobby was a lifelong resident of Dorchester. He attended and was educated at Cardinal Cushing School

and Training Center in Hanover. For those who wish, donations in Bobby's memory may be made to The Brett House, 44 Moseley St., Dorchester, MA 02125.

McNEICE, Laurie (Stefaniak) of Natick and York, ME, suddenly and unexpectedly. Wife of Stephen T. Mc-Neice. Mother of Kimberly Latlippe and her husband Jean-Pierre of Nantucket, Courtney McNeice of Dorches-ter, and Brian McNeice and his wife Sarah of

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SUFFOLK DIVISION
Docket No. 19P1540
ESTATE OF:
MARY P. McDONAGH
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DATE OF DEATH: March 29, 2019
To all persons interested in the abov

To all persons interested in the above

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Colin A. Fitzpatrick of Pembroke, MA,

a Will has been admitted to informal

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regarding the administration from the

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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.

York, ME. Grandmother of Brenna, Charlotte, Benjamin, Charlie and Molly. Sister of Patricia Gassett, and Joseph, Frederick, Brian, Paul and John Stefaniak. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and loving in-laws. Donations in Laurie's name may be made to A Place to Turn

SHAGOURY, Charles A. "Chuck" of Winchester, formerly of Dorchester and Milton. Husband of Judy (Talanian) Shagoury.

**LEGAL NOTICES** 

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SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300

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Docket No. SU19C0498CA
IN THE MATTER OF:

I.C. GLOVER GILMORE

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by I.C.

Glover Gilmore of Dorchester, MA

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: JC Glover Hobbs

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ourposes of objecting to the peti-

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but a deadline by which you must

ile a written appearance if you

object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J

DUNN, First Justice of this Court

Published: October 10, 2019

Date: October 1, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate

Son of the late George and Mary (Matook). Brother of John Shagoury and his wife Diane, and the late Alice Sabbag and her late husband Essa. Uncle of Jay and Michael Shagoury, and Lynne and Lewis Sabbag. Also survived by many cousins and friends. Proud U.S. Air Force Veteran, Contributions in Charles' memory may be made to the Church or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude. org), 501 St. Jude Pl.,

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PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
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Docket No. SU19D1167DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS
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SAMIRA DaSILVA RODRIGUESS

ADDISON SEAN RODRIGUESS

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for

Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable Breakdown

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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been entered in this matter preventing

you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial

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ter, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 11/21/2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and

adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer

if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Published: October 10, 2019

Justice of this Court.
Date: September 30, 2019

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

Memphis, TN 38105.

SHEA, Irving W. Veteran U.S. Navy, Korean War. Retired Chief B.F.D. and member of the Boston Fire Dept. Liars Club, of Milton. Husband of the late Helen (Kelley). Father of Donna N. Shea and Diane M. Shea both of Milton. Grandfa-ther of Deen II of Milton. Brother of Edith Rannila of Leominster and Patricia Megley of Braintree.

VERANIS. Ralph A. in Dorchester. Ralph was a Korean war Veteran serving in the U.S. Army. He was a retired maintenance man for the Boston Globe and the Boston Housing Authority for many years. He also was a member of the Quincy Elks, Lodge #943. Son of the late Anthony S. and Theresa (Dillon) Veranis. Brother of the late Anthony S. "Tony" Veranis, Jr. Cousin of Jacqueline A. Dillon and her late husband Walter Bagley of South Boston, Kenneth J. Nave of Quincy, and their families. Dear friend of Rita F. Collins-Nave and her late husband Edward "Brother" Nave of South Boston. Donations in Ralph's memory may be made to St. Margaret Church, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester, MA 02125.



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1199-1203 Blue Hill Avenue LLC

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Update to the community regarding the Notice of Project Change ("NPC") consisting of a mixed-use residential and commercial development in a new five-story building that includes thirty-two (32) rental units, 2,500 square feet of cafe/restaurant space, eleven (11) at grade parking spaces, and covered storage for thirty-two (32) bicycles located in the parking area. The preliminary unit breakdown is sixteen (16) one-bedroom units and sixteen (16) two-bedroom units.

mail to: Lance Campbell

Boston Planning & Development Agency

One City Hall Square, 9th Floor

Boston, MA 02201 617.918.4311

phone: lance.campbell@boston.gov email:



This October, Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center is proud to participate in National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is one of the most common kinds of cancer in women after skin cancer. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point.

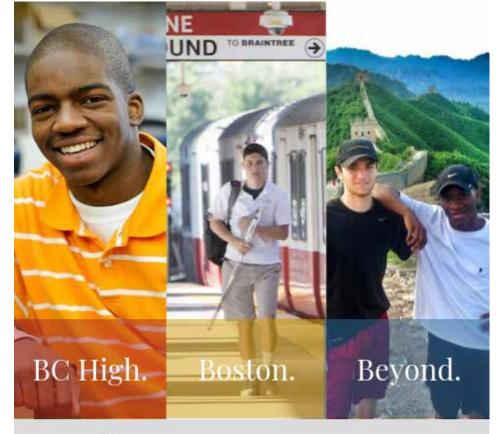
- The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early.
- If you are a woman age 40 to 49, talk with your doctor about when to start getting mammograms and how often to get them.
- If you are a woman age 50 to 74, be sure to get a mammogram every 2 years. You may also choose to get them more often.
- Talk to a doctor about your risk for breast cancer, especially if a close family member of yours had breast or ovarian cancer. Your doctor can help you decide when and how often to get mammograms.

According to Pat Arnold, Women's Health Nurse Practitioner at Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center "It's important that every woman be checked regularly for breast cancer. It's also not a bad idea for men to be tested as well if they suspect problems." We encourage everyone to learn as much information about this disease, especially if you have a family history of breast cancer."

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## First: Sandra Day O'Connor

Monday, October 28, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Award-winning author Evan Thomas and his wife Oscie Thomas, an attorney and frequent

collaborator on his books, discuss his new book First: Sandra Day O'Connor, drawn from exclusive interviews and first-time access to the archives of America's first female Supreme Court justice. Barbara Perry, professor and director of presidential studies at the University of Virginia's Miller Center, moderates.





#### **Bending Toward Justice**

Sunday, November 3, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Senator Doug Jones, author of Bending Toward Justice: The Birmingham Church Bombing that

Changed the Course of Civil Rights, and William Baxley, former Attorney General of Alabama, discuss the decades-long efforts to prosecute the 16th Street Baptist Church bombers.





#### **Everyday Decisions and Environmental Challenges**

Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Tatiana Schlossberg, author of Inconspicuous

Consumption: The Environmental Impact You Don't Know You Have, and other panelists discuss the environmental impact inherent in our everyday choices. David Cash, dean of the McCormack Graduate School at the University of Massachusetts Boston, moderates.



#### A Conversation with Ash Carter

Monday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Ash Carter, former Secretary of Defense and director of Harvard's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs,

discusses his distinguished career and his new book, Inside the Five-Sided Box: Lessons from a Lifetime of Leadership in the Pentagon.

## Creating a Sweet World of White House Desserts



Wednesday, November 20, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Roland Mesnier, White House executive pastry chef from 1979 - 2004, discusses his distinguished career and his new book, Creating a Sweet World of White House Desserts: Pastry Chef's Secrets.

## **Great Lives Worth Reliving with Mo Rocca**



Monday, November 25, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Mo Rocca, correspondent for CBS Sunday Morning and frequent panelist on NPR's Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!, discusses his new book, Mobituaries: Great Lives Worth Reliving, featuring remarkable lives of leaders, innovators, and artists

worthy of greater attention.

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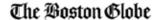
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#### **Behind the Mask**

#### The Woman Who Outshone the Sun **Latino Heritage Month**

Monday, October 14, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

A poem inspired by a Zapotec folktale comes to life. When a mysterious woman is exiled from a mountain village, she takes the river with her and the villagers must learn the importance of tolerance and forgiveness, and understand their impact on the world around them.





#### Triveni Dance Ensemble Faces of the Divine

Saturday, October 26, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Learn about many fascinating Hindu deities—Ganesha, the elephant-headed God; Krishna, the cowherd; Durga, who rides on a lion to control the elements of nature; and Shiva, the Lord of Dance—in a stunning performance with beautiful costumes and traditional dance styles.

#### **Wampanoag Nation Singers** and Dancers

#### **Native American Heritage Month**

Friday, November 29, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers as they share stories of both their history and modern culture in a performance that culminates with a full audience dance in honor of Native American Heritage Month.



#### **National Marionette Theatre** Peter and the Wolf

Thursday, December 26, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.



Enjoy marvelous scenery, handcrafted marionettes, and enchanting music from Prokofiev's orchestral score as Peter and his animal friends work together to capture the wolf in turn of the twentieth-century Russia.

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