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One last Mass, then St. Matthew Church is shuttered after 97 years of services

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

St. Matthew Church has closed its doors, apparently forever. The building on Stanton Street in Dorchester, which has been a worship space for Catholics since 1923, held its final Mass last Sunday, according to the Archdiocese of Boston.

The move comes three months after St. Matthew and St. Angela parishes — both with predominantly Haitian congregations in recent years — merged to form a single new entity, Our Lady of Carmel parish.

The combined parish will now gather exclusively at the St. Angela church building on Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan Square for liturgies, funerals, marriages, and other services.

Fr. Paul Soper, a priest who runs the Archdiocese of Boston's pastoral planning office, said that a group of parishioners along with their pastor, Rev. Garcia Breneville, made the decision recently. It went into effect on Oct. 1, he said.

"The decision to move to a single church was made
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Savin Hill-based artist Robyn Thompson-Duong painted a utility box downtown last week as part of Tasteful Boston, a new public art installation celebrating Boston's food culture. See story, Page 7.

Photo courtesy Downtown Boston Business Improvement District

In Boston, SBA chief checks out effects of small biz loans, and cites role banks played in PPP outlays

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

The head of the US Small Business Administration (SBA) visited Boston last week to meet with some of the people who received loans from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which pumped more than \$14 billion into 110,000 businesses in the city of Boston.

One of the stops made by SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza, was Commonwealth Kitchen, a non-profit on Quincy Street in Dorchester that uses shared kitchen space and functions as a launchpad to assist aspiring chefs and food industry entrepreneurs — the majority of whom are women and immigrants of color.

Jen Faigel, executive director of Commonwealth Kitchen, told Carranza that the PPP loan "honestly saved our operation and provided us with really important funding because we rely on revenue from our businesses to cover our costs. It also allowed us to waive fees for all of those businesses, and so we didn't have to put them into further debt so that we could pay our own bills. That has helped us create a better situation for them and our recovery strategy."



SBA administrator Jovita Carranza speaks with a chef at Commonwealth Kitchen.

Katie Trojano photo

Before March, Commonwealth Kitchen housed 55 businesses, 75 percent of which were owned by women and/or people of color, and a third of which were started by immigrants. Now, according to Faigel, about a third have been able to resume operations.

The PPP program, established by the CARES Act and distributed through partnerships with local banks, helps small businesses cover pay-

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Covid 'uptick' ongoing concern in Boston, says Walsh; Dot areas noted

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During a week in which the nation absorbed the news that the president and the first lady had tested positive for Covid-19, Mayor Walsh warned that Bostonians must continue to be vigilant about viral spread, noting that here has been "an uptick in the city over the last few weeks," with two Dorchester zip codes faring especially poorly.

"We've seen it and talked about it here and we need to do all we can and stay focused on what we can do to keep the activity rate down," he urged

during a Oct. 2 press availability outside of City Hall.

Walsh had a crisp reaction to the outbreak of the coronavirus at the White House: "If he can get it with all of the protections around him, it just shows that no one is safe and anyone can get it."

Boston officials have been closely monitoring the city's positive rate and trends, the mayor said. On Oct. 1, he noted, the city's positive test rate had climbed to 3.5 percent — an increase from 2.7 percent last week, with Dorchester's 02125 and 02121 zip codes

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Gallivan pot shop siting getting push-back from Ashmont-Adams civic

By KATIE TROJANO
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A proposal to site a 3,000-square-foot retail cannabis store in a key commercial building in Adams Corner was the topic of contention during an in-person meeting of the Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Association last Thursday evening.

The proposal by CNA Stores, Inc., a company based in Amesbury, MA, is the latest in a series in Dorchester, but the first for the Adams Corner-Neponset neighborhood.

About 50 people gathered in the parking lot of the Plas-

ters Union Hall on Minot St. and many spoke in opposition to the project, which was generally well received by the Cedar Grove Civic Association in their virtual meeting last week.

Preliminary plans for the Dorchester facility would include a retail site in the building at 540 Gallivan Blvd. that currently houses Supreme Liquors, Boston Sports Club, a dental office and the specialty clothing retailer College Hype. The cannabis shop would be located in the basement level — next to College Hype's

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Police, Courts & Fire

Murdered man ID'd – The individual who was shot to death at 16 Hubbardston Rd. in Savin Hill on Sept. 27 has been identified by Boston Police as Keenan Ritter, 28, of Dorchester. He was found suffering from multiple gunshot wounds on the porch of a three-family house on the normally quiet street that overlooks the Southeast Expressway and the Savin Hill Red Line station. No arrests have been reported. Police have asked that “anyone with information relative to this investigation to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at 617-343-4470.”

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A man was arrested early last Friday morning (Oct. 2) on Adams Street after a traffic stop turned up two illegally owned guns and over 500 rounds of ammunition in the vehicle he was driving.

According to a police report, State Trooper Rudy Tryon was on patrol at 12:45 a.m. when he observed a Honda Accord with both license plate lights not working and stopped the vehicle. The driver, Michael Williams, 40, of Chelsea, was found to have a suspended license.

As officers called for a tow truck and began to search the car, Williams fled the scene but was later apprehended and subdued in a backyard on Adams Street.

Searching the vehicle, Tryon located in the center console a loaded handgun and assault-style pistol along with over 500 rounds of ammunition. Williams was booked and charged with two counts of possession of an unlicensed firearm, three counts of possession of a large capacity weapon or feeding device, possession of ammunition without an FID card, and resisting arrest.



A three-alarm fire caused major damage to a multi-family structure at 34 Stanley St. in Dorchester on Friday morning, driving 37 people from their homes. Firefighters responded to the scene at 6:15 a.m. to battle the blaze, which BFD says began in the rear of the building and spread to the roof. The Red Cross was requested to help find new housing for the displaced residents. There were no injuries. The department estimated damage at \$1 million.

Cullinane dropped from healthcare panel after announcing he'll join lobbying firm

By COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Rep. Daniel Cullinane, the de facto chair of the Committee on Health Care Financing, was removed from the small group negotiating a long-awaited health care compromise with the Senate last Thursday and the reason soon became clear: Cullinane has a lobbying job lined up.

The Dorchester Democrat did not run for reelection this year and announced late Thursday morning that he will go to work for the lobbying firm Kearney, Donovan & McGee as soon as his elected term ends in January.

“KDM is an outstanding firm that delivers for its clients. I am thrilled to become part of KDM and to bring the same energy, drive and passion for people, and policy solutions, to their team as I brought to work each and every day I had the honor of representing the communities of Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park and Milton,” Cullinane wrote.

Kearney, Donovan & McGee was one of eight lobbying firms to top \$2 million total compen-



Rep. Dan Cullinane, who represents the 12th Suffolk district, did not seek re-election in 2020.

Sam Doran/SHNS photo

sation in 2019 and its roster of clients includes Allstate Insurance Company, Amazon.com Services, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Comcast, Massachusetts Brewers Guild, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Partners HealthCare System, Novartis, and National Grid, according to the firm's 2019 disclosure.

Among the firm's lobbyists is another former Boston lawmaker: Anthony Petrucci of East Boston resigned from the Senate in 2016 to go work for Kearney, Donovan & McGee.

Though he referred to his time as state representative in the past tense, Cullinane did not

announce any intention to leave office early.

His announcement said he will “stay in office through the November election in order to finish open constituent services cases, to ensure the 12th Suffolk District has a voice and a vote should any general legislative or budgetary matters arise, and to help facilitate a seamless transition as State Representative-Elect Brandy Fluker Oakley prepares to take office.”

He did not immediately respond to an email asking whether he intends to resign from office between the November election and the January end of the term - a period when

the House could take scores of major budget votes and act on policing reform, climate change, health care, economic development and transportation bills.

Before he was removed from the conference committee Thursday, Cullinane was one of three representatives negotiating with the Senate to try to find a compromise to bills (S 2796 and H 4916) that each branch passed to support community hospitals, address telehealth access issues, and more. The House named Rep. John Mahoney, a Worcester Democrat who chairs the Public Health Committee, to replace Cullinane on the conference panel.

In 2018, the House and Senate each passed their own attempts at an overhaul of health care laws but legislators failed to find common ground to hold on to the insurance access gains achieved since Gov. Mitt Romney signed a universal access law in 2006. Since then, costs have continued to grow and the state's massive MassHealth program grew to consume about 40 percent of all state spending.

MR8K race takes off on Sun., Nov. 15

The Martin Richard Foundation's third annual MR8K will take place virtually on Sat., Nov. 14 in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance, and DMSE Sports. The virtual version will include a live race experience for runners to compete on the course of their choice. The event will take place Live and On Demand through a partnership with Charge Running, a platform that offers live virtual races with real-time feedback, including a live leaderboard, a DJ, and instant race results. The starting gun will sound at 9 a.m., but runners unable to participate in the live event will be able to compete and register their time through Sunday, Nov. 15. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children. Registration is \$40 for adults and is now open at mr8k.org.



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New building proposed for Dot Ave. at King Street

Developers Patrick Mahoney, Michael Moore, Seamus Moore, and Patrick Costello last week proposed a four-story apartment building with 25 units and a separate four-story building with 11 condos on Dorchester Avenue on both sides of King Street. The apartment building, at 1700 Dorchester Ave., would replace an existing commercial building and parking lot and would have

12 parking spaces and ground-floor retail space, according to the plans they filed with the BPDA. The condo building at 1710 Dorchester Ave., would replace a parking lot and would have 8 parking spaces. Three of the apartments would be rented as affordable and two of the condos would be sold that way. The developers hope to begin work on the \$9.2-million project this spring.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dorchester Bay City public meeting on Oct. 19— The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a virtual public meeting on Monday, Oct. 19 to kick off the review process of Dorchester Bay City, the proposed redevelopment of the 34-acre site at Bayside on Dorchester's Columbia Point. The meeting, which will give an overview of the project, will start at 6 p.m. Subsequent virtual meetings will focus on specific topics. See page XX for zoom link or call-in info.

Virtual meeting on Willow Baker project next to South Bay— the BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., Oct. 22 from 6-8 p.m. on a proposal to build three new residential buildings at Willow, Baker and Fields Court in Dorchester, next to South Bay Mall. The buildings

would include approximately 236 units of housing, commercial space (office and retail) and 59 garage and on-street parking spaces for vehicles. See page XX for info on joining the Zoom or phone call.

Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a virtual public hearing on Thurs., Oct. 8, at 10 a.m. on a request to remove one public shade tree at 32 Norwood Street in Dorchester. The Callery pear tree measures 22 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) due to construction of a new eight-unit residential building To participate by computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82452286624> To participate by phone: 1-646-558-8656 or 1-301-715-8592. Webinar ID: 824 5228 6624

A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at 617-635-7275.

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate will convene a Getting to the Point conversation with Associate Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer – on Thurs., Oct. 8, at 11 a.m. Justice Breyer will talk about his career in the judicial system, some of the most recent notable SCOTUS decisions and their impact on the country as a whole, and the increasingly vital role that the Supreme Court plays among the three branches of government. The discussion will be moderated by Ari Melber, MSNBC Chief Legal Correspondent and Host of “The Beat with Ari Melber.” Any member

of the general public who would like to attend can pre-register at emkinstitute.org.

The Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health gala to benefit the Codman Square Health Center will be held virtually on Thurs., Oct. 29 from 6-7 p.m. Anyone can attend the virtual event free of charge—or you can purchase a dinner ticket and have a special event meal delivered. You may also make a donation to support the event. See codman.org for more info.

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Some new MBTA trains won't arrive until 2023, 2024

By Chris Lisinski
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NEWS SERVICE

The long-awaited transformation of commuting on the Red Line or the Orange Line will require an even longer wait. MBTA officials announced Monday that the all-new full fleets set to replace decades-old trains on both lines will arrive at least a year behind schedule, pushing back major improvements to the system's capacity and the frequency of service.

Under its contract with Chinese manufacturer CRRC, the MBTA expected to have a complete fleet of new Orange Line cars delivered on a rolling basis by January 2022 and a fleet of new Red Line cars by September 2023. The Orange Line delivery is now projected to wrap up 15 months late and arrive in April 2023, while the Red Line set is running a year late and is expected to be done in September 2024.

"From the MBTA standpoint, we are obviously not happy about the schedule," said MBTA Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville. "We are not happy about the delays and the impact it has to our customers, but also the impact it has to our employees. We will have to maintain our fleet for longer than we were anticipating having to do as a result of this."

The projects, which together cost almost \$2 billion, aim to replace the aging Orange and Red Line fleets with bigger groups of brand-new vehicles.



State officials and members of the press got a look at one of the new Orange Line cars Aug. 14, 2019, before the first new set of cars was launched into general service.
Chris Lisinski/SHNS/File photo

CRRC starts production in China and ships components to Massachusetts for final assembly, but the company experienced issues at its facility in Springfield ranging from material availability to staffing and training, Gonneville told the Fiscal and Management Control Board.

The pandemic has exacerbated those issues, Gonneville said, prompting CRRC to shut down the Springfield facility in March and reduce capacity when it reopened in late May.

"At the heart of the issue has been production output from CRRC's Springfield facility," Gonneville said. "The most recent delays from the pandemic have only compounded some earlier issues CRRC was

experiencing in pre-pandemic times."

CRRC delivers the new vehicles in batches, and the MBTA has so far received 24 Orange Line cars with two additional pairs set to arrive this month. Three trains featuring all-new cars are in passenger service after the first one launched in August 2019.

On the Red Line, six pilot cars have arrived and are being tested, but that process was also delayed due to the pandemic, Gonneville said. The first new Red Line train set should start passenger service by the end of the year, he added.

The project has been an often-touted accomplishment for the Baker administration.

Once complete, the newer and larger trains should add about 85,000 seats to the T's core subway system.

They will also allow the MBTA to run service more frequently, which could reduce delays and crowding, by cutting the headways between trains from six minutes to four-and-a-half minutes on the Orange Line and from four-and-a-half minutes to three minutes on the Red Line.

That goal has also been pushed back as a result of the manufacturing delay. Gonneville said the T now expects to achieve the shorter headways by summer 2023 for the Orange Line and winter 2024 for the Red Line.

However, because of the rolling delivery schedule, enough trains should arrive to run existing levels of service with all-new fleets by spring 2022 on the Orange Line and winter 2023 on the Red Line, he said.

Most of the infrastructure work the T is conducting to prepare for the transformation, including signal upgrades and construction of testing facilities, remains on schedule, officials said Monday.

The MBTA may seek financial recourse to account for the delay. Its contract with CRRC includes language requiring the company to pay \$500 per day for each car that is delivered late – potentially representing hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars.

Gonneville said officials "certainly do intend" to examine that option once the contract is complete.

Before the delay, the T found several problems with the new vehicles. In September 2019, a door leaf opened while a train was in motion, prompting the agency to take the trains offline for several days. The MBTA then pulled them from service in November 2019 due to a faulty pad interface and again in March after inspectors found a problem with the bolsters.

MBTA officials have recommended slicing \$60 million to \$255 million from spending on services in fiscal 2021 and 2022 to help manage a COVID-inflicted budget shortfall, targeting routes with low ridership potential and a smaller portion of "transit-critical" riders for the steepest cuts. T staff plan to present options for comprehensive, line-by-line changes on Nov. 2, then open a month-long public feedback period before the Fiscal and Management Control Board reaches a final decision on Dec. 7. "Some of these decisions we are making will require a significant amount of time to put into operation, to put into flight, so that we can realize some of the savings in next year's budget," MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said during a Monday board meeting. "I think it's important that we do this with a pretty deliberate tempo so we hit our Dec. 7 date to make many of these – what I fully acknowledge are really difficult decisions."



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EMK Institute to re-open this week

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
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The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate will reopen to the public in limited fashion on Wednesday of this week after being closed since mid-March due to the pandemic.

Caroline Angel Burke, the Institute's Vice President of Education, Visitor Experience & Collections, told the *Reporter* the institute is "excited" to reopen with a host of new safety precautions, and emphasized that its civics-based programming and education resources have crucial importance in today's day and age.

"Things definitely have changed for us, as with any cultural institution," said Burke. "Face coverings are mandatory for all visitors and we're making sure they're social distancing from other visitors in pods and making sure everything is fully sanitized after every tour so that everything is totally clean. We've, of course, had to limit our capacity, which means that some of our programming is changing, but I think that's pretty much par for the course for most places."

The institute will welcome pre-booked tour groups on Wednesdays only, with the scheduling

In a limited way on Wed., Oct. 7

online of up to 30 people at a time, who will then be subdivided into smaller groups.

"They'll get guided tours and facilitated programs with our fantastic educators," added Burke, "so it will be a nice conversation to have, and what better time to have that conversation? There is no more critical time for our nation than right now to learn about the importance of democracy and participation."

The in-person experience at the EMK Institute will be slightly different, as touchscreens and tablets have been removed and exhibits altered to create a one-way flow for patrons. The popular "Today's Vote" program, a facilitated role-play activity in which students take on the role of senators in the institute's replica Senate Chamber, has been modified for 30 senators instead of the usual 100.

In the mock setup, students take on a variety of topics based on real legislation such as the DACA Dream Act, assault weapon bans, the Green New Deal, and the minimum wage.

Burke said the effect of the chamber setting

and the context of the program often provoke an immediate change in students.

"When the doors open and they walk in, we start to address them as 'Senator' because it's important to kind of get into the role, and people really do transform. They start to see that being an elected official has a real responsibility, but it's also possible for you to do that — it is for you."

Recently, the institute launched a new website (todaysvote.org) with resources for educators around the country to conduct the Today's Vote role-play programming in their own classrooms. The website launch is the culmination of a two-year project funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency that transforms services in house and makes them accessible across the country.

"We're happy to be able to launch that this semester as well because it gives teachers who are not able to come here, and who need to do things at their own pace the flexibility to meet the needs of their students either in the

classroom or at home or both, depending on where they're at."

The launch of the virtual Today's Vote in the Classroom program is in tandem with another new website and series of resources called JustVote.org, aimed at providing a nonpartisan space where people can find out about registering to vote and the history of voting.

"Here at the Institute there's a rich, deep set of resources that looks at historic and contemporary issues around voting," explained Burke. "So things like gerrymandering and voter suppression and voter fraud — things that pop up in the news a lot — there's a huge amount of history behind that, and it's really important that voters understand that history, because it helps them not only to understand why it is so important to vote, but also to see how the patterns of expansion and suppression of voting rights is playing out today."

That close attention to the voting procedure will, she said, hopefully boost awareness and provide a sense of urgency for participants in the



A replica of the Senate chamber is a feature of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate, which reopened to the public in limited fashion on Oct. 7.

Dan Sheehan photo

month ahead of a pivotal election.

"We see it as even more critical now to be connecting with young people, first time voters, and voters that have felt disenfranchised in the past, and hopefully re-inspire them to see that their voices do matter, and they do count," said Burke, pointing to a city council race last year that saw Councillor Julia Mejia win by a single vote.

As the institute resumes its programming in both in-person and virtual formats, Burke said she feels an even greater sense of purpose surrounding civic education, one that affirms the aspirations of the institute's namesake.

"When the senator was thinking about what his legacy would be, he saw that there was a lack

of general civic engagement, and civics weren't really seen as being important in school and STEM was all the rage," she said.

"Yet he saw that civic participation was plummeting because people didn't really understand why they had to do it, what they had to do, how they could get involved, how it really was their right to get involved. So when we opened the doors in 2015 we felt like, yes, we're here to provide this amazing experience for kids. In the past five years things have changed so much, and the feeling has never been stronger that civics is so critical."

Schools or groups interested in booking in-person or virtual tours or programming at the EMK Institute can do so at emkinstitute.org.

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Bill to extend rent, eviction freeze passes key hurdle

By MATT MURPHY
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The Legislature’s Joint Committee on Housing voted along party lines last week to recommend a bill that would halt evictions and freeze rents until a year after Gov. Charlie Baker lifts the COVID-19 state of emergency, seeking to keep people hurt economically by the pandemic in their homes. The push to put in place long-term tenant protections comes as fears of a second surge of the coronavirus this fall and winter are growing, and housing advocates worry that tens of thousands of evictions in the pipeline could exacerbate the pandemic.

Community organizers said that short of legislation or another extension they were also making preparations to physically blockade evictions with their bodies, if it comes to that. The expiration of the moratorium could lead to anywhere from 20,000 to 80,000 evictions, advocates said.

“Many of us can’t pay rent because we haven’t been called back to work ...,” said Rosa Lidia Godoy, a Chelsea resident who, along with her husband, lost her job because of the pandemic.



Tenants and community groups focused on preventing evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic rallied outside the State House on Sept. 30 for a bill that would halt evictions and rent increases for a year after the end of the public health emergency.
Matt Murphy/SHNS photo

“We urge the governor to hear our voices.”

Godoy was one of more than a dozen people who rallied outside the State House and joined a virtual press conference on Sept. 30 to press for passage of the bill, known as the Act to Guarantee Housing Stability. The bill was filed in the House by Housing Committee Co-Chairman Rep. Kevin Honan, of Brighton, and Rep. Mike Connolly, of Cambridge.

The Honan-Connolly

bill would bar evictions for missed rent payments due to the pandemic and prevent no-fault evictions and rent increases for 12 months after the governor lifts the state of emergency, which was put in place in March. It would also help small landlords with fewer than 15 units by allowing them to pause their mortgages and put missed payments onto the end of the loan and set up a fund to help small-scale landlords

with money from public or private sources, include legislative appropriations or federal relief funding.

The 14-2 vote in favor of the bill now sends it to the House Ways and Means Committee, where Honan told the News Service it could be amended based on ongoing negotiations between legislators, the Baker administration and the courts. A Republican with the power to extend the existing moratorium

on evictions, Baker has said he’s inclined to let it expire on Oct. 17, but he’s talking with judges and others about ways to avoid a housing crisis in the midst of a pandemic.

Every Democrat on the committee voted to advance the bill (H4878), while the two House Republicans — Reps. David DeCoste and Will Crocker — voted no. Sen. Patrick O’Connor of Weymouth, the only GOP senator on the panel, reserved his rights. The bill would also offer some assistance to small landlords, including allowing property owners with fewer than 15 rental units to pause their mortgages and put missed payments onto the end of the loan.

Honan said he didn’t know what would happen if a deal can’t be reached by Oct. 17.

“Obviously the public health emergency is still here and winter is coming,” Honan said. “We continue to explore common ground with the stakeholders, understanding that everyone is impacted by the pandemic, so there is a lot of work that remains to be done on this.”

Baker signaled that he was prepared to allow the state’s eviction and foreclosure moratorium to lapse after extending

the ban for two months over the summer, mentioning ongoing talks with the courts and housing groups about an alternative solution.

Prior to his unexpected death, Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Ralph Gants had been an active participant in those talks, and his passing forced the administration to “recalibrate some of those discussions,” according to the governor.

“I think our view at this point in time is we’d really like to see if we can put a plan together to make sure we can do, with the courts, what needs to be done to ensure that people are protected with respect to their housing, but the longer this things goes on the deeper the hole gets, not just for tenants, but also for landlords, especially small landlords who are have in many cases already run out of rope,” Baker said.

Hodes said he was optimistic the bill would get a vote based on the breadth of support, both among lawmakers and outside organizations. Homes for All Massachusetts said 90 legislators signed on to the bill, and over 200 groups, including the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, have endorsed the proposal.

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‘Ever growing’ rapper Latrell James seeking ‘permanency’ for his artform

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Oftentimes in music, as in other artforms, less is more. Fields Corner-bred rapper and producer Latrell James knows the upside to leaving fans craving more: His last project, “Still,” published in February of last year, offered listeners five tightly wound songs topping out at just over 15 minutes.

In recent weeks, James has dropped three neatly packaged tracks with visual accompaniment, each of them shorter than 90 seconds. This isn’t to say James’ output is low.

In fact, the countless hours of music left on the cutting room floor or tucked away in digital archives — some untold thousands of songs, he says — paint a picture of a prolific artist’s output. But managing the rollout of that product in a way that maximizes its impact and value requires careful curation, James explained this week in an interview with the *Reporter*.

“That’s a format that I’ve been toying with,” he said of the bite-sized films. “I wanted to put out some music like that because people are used to hearing full verses, two verses, two hooks, maybe a bridge on records for me. I wanted people to get a different feel because there’s more music to come, and I don’t want people to think I’m this one trick pony. It’s gonna change every time

I put out something. I’m ever growing.”

That type of flexibility is a must for artists today, especially in the age of Covid. After the virus halted revenue streams from live performances, which James said was responsible for “the bulk of cash” he saw, other money-making methods burst to the forefront, particularly the vast opportunities that fall under the umbrella of synchronization licensing.

“Sync licensing,” as James pointed out to his Twitter followers last month, refers to the fees that companies pay musicians for permission to use their songs in movies, TV shows, video games, podcasts, and commercials.

Having a steady stream of income from those sync deals means “literally money in your sleep,” James wrote, and limits dependence on any one avenue for turning a profit.

Since landing a spot in a Cheerios ad jingle in 2017, James has personally felt the potential in those media. “When you get placements, it’s life-altering money...we’re talking anywhere from 6 to 20 grand on a job,” he said.

But knowing what to do with that first big check is just as important as earning it — a caveat that James issues on “Lil Mo,” one of the three audiovisual tracks that dropped in September.

On the record, which he

wrote after securing his first major sync deal, James explores the complexities of making and retaining wealth, and the nebulous path between making “a lil’ dough” and making “a lil’ mo.”

Said James: “I wrote that song to educate my homies. There’s a Blackness to it, you know, when I say ‘tuck it in your Nike boxes,’ I’m speaking to them, I’m talking about that reality. As kids we’d seen drug dealers tucking bills in their waistbands, we put that s*** under our beds, or in our shoeboxes, not really trusting banks...but at the same time I want to educate people, get them to think about investments.” (James repeats the line “You better think about investments” twice in the song for emphasis.)

James is always investing in himself. He says so on the hook to “B.I.M.A.,” a track produced by his brother, Tedd Boyd, and illustrated in a shadowy video directed by Rohan Mudgal and Jessica Richards.

“Unapologetic/Black is my aesthetic/I’m my own investment,” James raps on the hook, putting in plain language the underlying principles of his artistry. For James, Blackness entails everything about him — ideologically, sonically, and aesthetically.

“When I say that, I mean that for real, for real, for real,” he explained. “My parents are both from North and South



Fields Corner-bred rapper/producer Latrell James says he’s “ever growing.”

Carolina so I know how their ancestors got here...I’m the epitome of Black.”

In a way, each bit of music he releases is another small investment in future earnings. James is surely aware that a short end product translates to more YouTube plays and Spotify streams, and more audience exposure. The sub-two-minute format of these recent releases is another example of his savviness, as well as his nimble creativity.

There’s reason to believe the best is yet to come from James, who plans on releasing a new EP at the end of the month featuring members of his uber-talented family. But much of his worldview can be distilled from the roughly five minutes of audio and video he released last month. One line in the verse on “B.I.M.A.” homes in on James’s ideolog-

ical and artistic convictions. “You drew a line but it was in pencil/I drew a line but it was in Sharpie,” he says.

Here, James issues a challenge: Anything you can do, I can do it Blacker, and bolder. An artist needs to be unapologetic, he says, in order to have staying power, to endure in ink and not fade like graphite.

“Everything’s about taking a risk. You can’t half-step into your future, you’ve got to jump two feet in. That’s my mentality with everything. I’m not gonna write Latrell James on people’s walls with a pencil so they can erase it! “Nah, I’m putting Sharpie on the wall so you can see who I am forever. You’re going to have to do something heavy to get rid of it, knock the building down or something...at the end of the day, I just want permanency.”

 | **Virtual Public Meeting**

Willow Baker Development

Thursday, October 22
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link:
bit.ly/WillowBakerPublicMeeting
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 278 5753

Project Proponent:
Willow Baker, LLC

Project Description:
The Proposed Project consists of the redevelopment of approximately 59,100 square feet of land located along Willow, Baker, and Fields Court in Dorchester. The proposal includes the demolition of the existing structures occupying the site and the construction of 3 buildings, totaling approximately 213,590 square feet and would include approximately 236 residential units, commercial space (office and retail), 59 garage and on-street vehicle parking spaces, and associated public realm and open space improvements.

Please note, this public meeting will be hosted virtually, using Zoom. You must register for the meeting through the link above. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting.

To join by phone, please dial in using the toll free number and enter the Meeting ID number listed above.

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 | **Virtual Public Meeting**

Dorchester Bay City

Monday, October 19
6:00 PM

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Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
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Project Description:
Virtual Kick-Off Public Meeting in connection with the proposed Dorchester Bay City project. This meeting will provide an introduction and overview of the Proposed Project, with subsequent Virtual Public Meetings focusing on specific topics.

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With utility boxes as canvases, 3 Dot muralists hail ethnic food

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Three Dorchester artists are leaving their mark on city infrastructure in downtown Boston as part of “Tasteful Boston,” a new outdoor public art installation sponsored by the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (BID) in which local artists transform utility boxes into works of art celebrating iconic elements of the city’s culinary history.

Ngoc-Tran Vu of Fields Corner, Howie Green of Uphams Corner, and Robyn Thompson-Duong of Savin Hill were among the 12 artists selected out of a pool of more than 50 applicants to participate in the installation by sharing their own experience of Boston food culture.

Vu chose to paint an ode to pho, the Vietnamese noodle soup dish ubiquitous in and around Fields Corner. “I wanted to do it to highlight some of the more marginalized food within Boston’s



Green’s candy themed utility box sits across from the Old State house downtown.

culinary scene,” she explained.

“A lot of us know the mainstream Boston foods, but I wanted to show really local communities and being Vietnamese-American, I wanted to highlight dishes in my culture and the

Vu said the warming, familiar nature of pho made it a fitting choice to represent her idea of home. “You can enjoy it in cold weather, and when you’re feeling down or feeling not so well, so it’s a very comforting vibe. My mom still makes it to this day. She made it when I was growing up. I think people from all cultures can relate to experiencing that feeling of home in a dish.”

Like Vu, Thompson-Duong said she wanted to portray the diversity of Boston’s food scene, which can sometimes be depicted as monochromatic in mainstream culture. Her colorful utility box, situated near Park Street station, aims to cover the full spectrum of Boston cuisines with an explosion of ramen, Ethiopian food, lobster rolls, ice cream, pho, cannolis, and boba tea.

“When I heard the idea for the project,” she said, “I started thinking about all the food that represents Boston but

is not what you would typically think about. The first thing that comes to mind is clam chowder, lobster, all that stuff... When I thought of all the foods I’ve enjoyed in Dorchester, there are so many diverse foods that it was hard to narrow it down to what I wanted to include.”

Thompson-Duong noted that while painting, she was reassured by a passerby who recognized the Ethiopian dish, saying, “That’s from my culture!” Those small, uplifting personal interactions reveal the true purpose of the installation, she said.

“I wanted it to be positive, to feel hopeful, and to have people look at it and feel joy. That’s why I chose so many bright colors; people could use something in their day so smile about right now.”

For his utility box, Green chose to illustrate a piece of Boston’s renowned confectionary history and hearken back to the days when the city was a “candy mecca.” He noted that “in the ‘20s,

Boston was the candy capital of America.”

His design, a pop-art collage of sweets that originated in, or are still made, in Boston, features a wide variety of products, including Necco Wafers, Tootsie Rolls, Fluff, Sky Bars, Junior Mints, and Baker’s Chocolate.

“While I was painting, people kept coming up to me and commenting on their favorite candies,” he said. “People were very aware these were candies from Boston.”

Green added that his sweet-tooth connection to Dorchester began when he was a child growing up in Rochester, New York.

“I’m Dutch, and my family were terrific chocolate bakers,” he explained. “My aunts and mother would be in the kitchen baking and give us pieces of Baker’s chocolate to chew on. That dark bitter chocolate flavor is still my favorite!”

For more information on *Tasteful Boston* and a map of the utility box installation, visit downtownboston.org.

Lescinkas named ‘Advocate of the Year’

Dorchester’s Dianne Lescinkas has been awarded 2020 Carmela Gregorie Disability Advocate of the Year by Triangle Inc., which empowers people with disabilities and their families.

Dianne’s daughter, Alexa, has served as her biggest inspiration and led her to a life of advocacy. As a mother of a young woman with a disability, she has focused her energy on creating a more inclusive world by serving as a member of Boston Public Schools’ Special

Education Parent Advisory Council, Boston Public Schools’ Inclusion Task Force, and the Boston Special Education Transition Project. In these various roles, she advocated for Triangle programs, including IMPACT:Ability.

Dianne’s continued support of IMPACT:Ability helped the program to rapidly expand within BPS and diversify its curricular offerings to include advanced IMPACT:Ability classes for older students and healthy relationship training. Dianne’s ded-

ication and expertise in advocating for people with disabilities has led her to work as the Program Development Manager at the Massachusetts Autism Commission. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Partners for Youth with Disabilities and on the Massachusetts Advisory Board for Best Buddies International.

She successfully advocated for the first Best Buddies Chapter in Boston Public Schools, which was nationally recognized as the Middle School Chapter of

the Year. Additionally, she currently serves on the board of the Dorchester Educational Enrichment Program (Project DEEP) and is a volunteer coach for the Martin Richard Challenger Sports Program. She played a major role in the expansion of the Henderson Inclusion School from a kindergarten-fifth grade elementary school to its current program, which serves children with disabilities from kindergarten to age 22.

— REPORTER STAFF



Above, Dianne Lescinkas received her award last week from Triangle Inc.’s Coleman Nee.

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The Hotel at Lower Mills

Minot Thayer owned a hotel that later became known as Young’s Hotel and also at some time as the Hotel Milton. It was located on the west side of Adams Street at Lower Mills, approximately on the site where the Baker Chocolate Administration Building was built in 1919. The detail from the accompanying 1874 atlas shows Thayer’s property as gray-shaded buildings across from the bend in the Neponset River. Whether the building was remodeled or replaced, or the street was widened, the result was that the building depicted in the postcard is closer to Adams Street than laid out in the 1874 atlas. A note: This section of Adams Street has at times been called Washington Street.

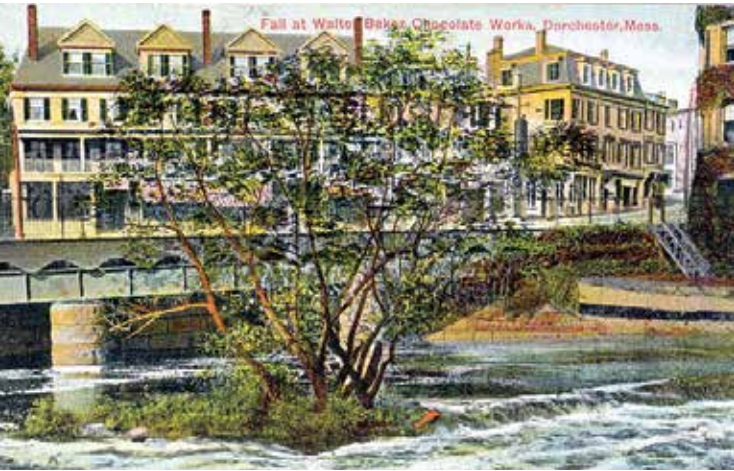


“The History of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Dorchester, Massachusetts” by John R. Chaffee (Boston: The Pilgrim Press, 1917) mentions an old tavern conducted by Minot Thayer, Sr. The 1858 and 1874 maps show the hotel owned by Minot Thayer. After 1874, the property was acquired by

Seth Mann and in the early 1900s it was conveyed to the Baker Company.

The following is excerpted from an item from the Milton Historical Society:

“As you may know, Minot Thayer purchased the Blue Hill Hotel (later called Clark’s Tavern) in Milton in 1832 from Abigail Tucker.



He kept it as a hotel for several years then rented it to several individuals: Cephas Belcher (brother-in-law), Mr. Linfield, Vinton Clark of Randolph, Mr. Huckins (son-in-law), and last it was kept by Wm. H. Clark (son-

in-law) who either purchased or inherited the hotel after the death of Minot Thayer.”

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical-society.org.

Editorial

Anti-cannabis NIMBYs should be challenged

The question of whether or not cannabis products should be banned from the legal marketplace in Massachusetts was decided in 2016 when we— the voters— approved Question 4 by a clear margin, 53-46 percent. In Boston, the margin was even greater: city residents voted 62-37 in favor of legalization.

Still, the battle to block dispensaries continues to be waged in piecemeal fashion at civic association meetings and on Zoom calls across the state— and right here in Dorchester.

As we report this week, one proposal that has just surfaced in Adams Corner has generated dramatically different responses from two adjacent civic groups in recent weeks. The proposal— made by CAN Stores, Inc.— calls for the company to lease space in a commercial building at 540 Gallivan Blvd. The 3,000-square-foot retail store would share space with Supreme Liquors, Boston Sports Club, and College Hype, among other small businesses. They would operate daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., if they win approval from the city of Boston.

The group’s first formal hearing came two weeks ago when Cedar Grove Civic convened online to hear from CAN Store’s principal, Robert DiFazio, a veteran who pledged to hire people from the neighborhood, provide a security presence, and invest in causes important to the neighborhood, such as youth sports.

His pitch was well-received by civic members, who seemed to grasp that a well-operated cannabis store would be a welcome addition. Some wanted assurances about parking and traffic concerns, legitimate issues in a business district that has had trouble over the years on both fronts.

Last week, however, DiFazio and his team got a big dose of “not in our backyard” from a few dozen neighbors who assembled in the parking lot of a union hall on Minot Street for the monthly Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Association meeting. One-by-one, neighbors spoke out against DiFazio’s proposal with arguments centered on re-litigating the health and morality of legalized marijuana use.

One person stood to say: “This is one of the last real neighborhoods left in the city.” Another challenged DiFazio, apparently, for having had the misfortune of not growing up in Dorchester: “You didn’t grow up here, you grew up in Haverhill. This is a different neighborhood.”

Different? What is that supposed to mean?

As another neighbor at the meeting acknowledged, Adams Village is home to a popular liquor store and five different licensed bars and restaurants where a busy trade in alcohol is a point of pride for many, although some might argue that the abuse of alcohol and related crimes are a far more prevalent danger.

The knee-jerk NIMBYism afoot at the Ashmont-Adams meeting carried shades of earlier iterations of opposition in and around Adams Village that we covered in the 1990s. Hard-fought campaigns were waged in those days to block a more modern McDonald’s from being built on the site that now houses Lucy’s— one of the aforementioned licensed establishments. The current McDonald’s on Gallivan has no drive-thru lane as a result of those pitched battles that played out through the Cedar Grove Civic, which met in the basement of St. Brendan’s Church back then.

In another notorious case, a small group of neighbors in the mid-1990s sought to block a video rental franchise from opening on the site of the abandoned Joseph’s Catering building at the corner of Gallivan and Granite Avenue. The opponents went so far as to circulate an anonymous flyer that falsely accused the business of trafficking in porno flicks.

In that instance, thankfully, good and well-reasoned people stood up to the church-basement bullies and put a stop to their propaganda. The video store project went forward, the neighborhood razed a longtime eyesore, and the city realized much needed tax revenue and jobs.

Reasonable people, of course, can disagree about the suitability of specific proposals in their community. But the tone of this one – e.g., “This is one of the only real neighborhoods left”— carries a stink of ignorance and bigotry that shouldn’t be in the mix in 2020 Dorchester. We hope that this proposal, and others like it, get the fair hearings they deserve in front of the city and state’s proper cannabis control boards.

— **BILL FORRY**

Behold the BUBBLE: An ounce of prevention

**BY JAMES W. DOLAN
REPORTER COLUMNIST**

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There are a few safety precautions about which BUBBLE owners should be aware. Overinflating your unit could result in your floating into the outer atmosphere. Sharp objects should also be avoided. One Boston BUBBLE owner backed into a picket fence and was last seen flying over Block Island.

Be prepared for the unkind remarks of some of your friends and neighbors. Their derision will quickly turn to BUBBLE envy when the pandemic strikes.

Should the world manage to avoid catastrophe, the BUBBLE can easily be converted into a Tethered Environmental Nesting Tube – yes, you guessed it: a high-tech TENT.

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



James W. Dolan

The murders in our neighborhoods should be outrageous to everyone

BY BISHOP WILLIAM E. DICKERSON, II

Currently there are marches taking place highlighting Breonna Taylor’s murder in Louisville, Kentucky. No police officer has been arrested for the reckless shooting on that fateful night. My heart goes out to the Taylor family.

The game-changer in shouting “Black Lives Matter” and “End Racism” came about because a lot of young white people started marching by the tens of thousands with some Blacks and people of color regarding the injustices in our nation.

But why are there no concerns expressed through marches and rallies when our city youth, in particular Black males and females right here in Boston, are murdered?

We should feel outrage when someone unarmed is shot and killed by police anywhere. However, the Black community should show outrage locally since we have so many parents and loved ones who are mourning the loss of victims in their families.

In regard to Breonna Taylor, many are sad and angry that it appears Black lives do not matter as much to white America. In our nation, we should be angry and outraged when an unarmed person is killed by police, whether that person is Black or white. The good cops should vehemently denounce racist cops or those who are too quick to shoot. There should absolutely be police reforms implemented immediately regarding the use of deadly force.

I believe those of us within the Black community must stand up for all of the parents and family members who have lost loved ones to violence on the streets of Boston and the surrounding areas. There are too many shootings and homicides in Boston that go unnoticed by the masses of protesters. As a senior pastor of 30 years, I have officiated at or participated in hundreds of funerals for young homicide victims over those years. There are so many grieving loved ones who are in pain and feel ignored because their murdered loved one was not a part of a national discussion.

Americans need to view the violence and homicides in the Black community as an American problem. There are some basic things that we can do to address all violence and homicides with dig-

nity and equity. We should be concerned and voice it publicly when we lose our neighbors to violence. Law enforcement should work with families to solve more homicide cases in our city neighborhoods.

We should be more empathetic toward parents and families in the aftermath of homicides. As a Black man I am cognizant of the visceral pain, frustration, and fear that envelop the Black community after a murder.

Many do not speak up because of the fear of retaliation. That is a reality that we should be concerned about. Nonetheless, we cannot allow outside people to capitalize on the trauma in the Black community in ways that benefit them.

We should not allow others to politicize urban trauma and drama, but we do need to work on eliminating violence and homicides. All lives will not matter until urban Black Lives Matter, too.

Those fallen urban youth who were caught up in the street violence were Americans. Moreover, we can’t be silent because there are too many innocent young people who have been killed.

Let’s stop pointing fingers at each other and unify for the greater good of humanity. Let’s stand together and show concern for all families.

Bishop William E. Dickerson, II, is the pastor at Greater Love Tabernacle in Dorchester.



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Outdoor cold-weather dining: If you build it, will they come?

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For some, the coronavirus was supposed to fade before winter came around again. Or was it?

The reality is that no one knew what to expect, so Dorchester restaurant and bar owners made accommodations for the virus as best they could with the little information they had: They implemented outdoor dining, reduced indoor capacity, put up plastic partitions, and added takeout options.

But this is New England. Patios lose their cache as the temperatures drop, and restaurants have never before faced an imperative to force outdoor dining beyond what's comfortable.

This year, the City of Boston extended the outdoor dining season from Oct. 31, the usual closing date, to Dec. 1. But making it comfortable to eat outside in November is complicated.

Matt Malloy, an owner and the CEO of Dorchester Brewing Company, says his establishment's spacious outdoor seating areas — at the street level and on the rooftop — have helped the brewery continue to serve patrons and employ its workers throughout the pandemic.

For a while, Dorchester Brewing installed tents on the rooftop to provide a more comfortable experience for diners, but they were told to disassemble them because they were in violation of zoning code. Now, Malloy is working with a manufacturer to make custom tents that align with city code (they will be able to handle snow build-up, for example) at a price tag approaching \$150,000. And that's before the infrared heating system is installed by a licensed electrician, which will push the total bill closer to \$200,000.

Meanwhile, business is down significantly this year: the establishment has experienced fewer patrons, and can't



Dorchester Brewing Company co-founder and CEO Matt Malloy, right, was shown in the brewery's Massachusetts Avenue space last winter, before the Covid-19 crisis.
Katie Trojano photo

make up for it by holding events or weddings as was the case in previous years.

"This isn't going away, it's going to be like this for years. Winter is going to be devastating," said Malloy. "We're not trying to make money. We're trying to survive."

Indoors, the Brewery has removed tables to accommodate social distancing. But the remaining tables are unnecessarily big for the largest allowable parties — currently still at six — so Malloy is working with a local craftsman to build smaller custom tables that will help maximize the available indoor space while keeping patrons safely separated — that carries a five-digit price tag.

Bar seating is now permissible, but the continuing limits make it less than appealing. Bar staff and other patrons must be six feet away from seated drinkers, and plastic partitions are required to divide parties and staff.

"We have the space, but nobody wants that experience, so we're not doing it," said Malloy.

Despite the obstacles, Malloy remains optimistic. He has a good relationship

with the city licensing board and says they've been nothing but supportive, showing that they fundamentally care about restaurants and their people.

"They're learning as we're learning," said Malloy. "We're all rolling with the punches together."

Under the city's Reopen Boston Fund, restaurants looking to seat and serve outdoors past Oct. 31 can apply for debt-free grants to cover the costs of equipment like heaters, propane, outdoor seating, and more.

"As we head into the cooler months, we want to support the restaurants and businesses that bring so much to our neighborhoods," Mayor Marty Walsh said in a statement. "Restaurants have continued to face incredible challenges during this pandemic, and we remain committed to supporting them, whether it's through expanded outdoor dining or additional funding."

But even an extra infusion of cash might not be enough for some businesses. Graham Reed is vice president of Sunglow Industries, an East Coast distributor of commercial patio heaters. He said the demand for their products is much higher than in previous years,

which has resulted in a significant backlog. They're seeing three-plus month backorders on propane heaters, putting the next available supply well into December.

"Under normal circumstances, restaurants trying to plan for outdoor dining should be finishing up right about now," said Reed. "Restaurants that aren't used to outdoor dining are behind the eight-ball. I can't imagine the financial strain these restaurants are under. Having to spend money on additional supplies for accommodating guests outside has to be very nerve-racking. If you build it, will they come?"

Still, the team at Dorchester Brewing is soldiering on, keeping their employees and the neighborhood front-and-center. All of the \$338,000 the restaurant received through the paycheck protection program — and more from the restaurant itself — went to its 50 employees, ensuring that no one was furloughed or had hours reduced.

"First and foremost, we want to do right for our community," said Malloy. "Many of our employees live here in Dorchester and walk to the brewery."

What they ask from the community in return is twofold: patience and patronage. They've had more than a few clashes with patrons who feel their rights are being infringed upon and take their frustrations out on the bar staff.

"There's a lot of emotion right now. It comes out in different ways with people at different times. I feel for people, these are tough times," said Malloy. "Please understand that we are doing our absolute best to accommodate the changes needed."

"The next 6-12 months are going to be rough," he said. "If you want to help, now more than ever, shop locally."

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Developers say two Dot Ave. projects to start soon

**By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF**

Two highly anticipated development projects along Dorchester Avenue are expected to move into their construction phases within the next few months, members of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association (CSHCA) were told during a virtual meeting on Monday evening.

Dot Block, a \$200 million, 488-unit complex that will include four buildings at Glover’s Corner, is “moving forward” despite delays caused by the pandemic, Abe Menzin, a principal at Samuels & Associates, told the 70-plus people on the call.

The complex will include about 30,000 square feet of neighborhood-focused retail space and more than an acre of public space.

“We’re absolutely still working on the project and we are moving forward,” Menzin said. “There are a lot of things that have been happening behind the scenes in terms of the nitty-gritty work after the approvals happen, including constitution documentation, lining up the construction, and the financing that has to happen.”

The team expects to “start some site prep as soon as we can get some of the engineering in place later this month, and then hopefully make an announcement later in November or December when we’re starting foundation work,” said Menzin.

“We’ve never let off the gas on any of this,” he added. “I’d say the whole industry was



An architectural rendering shows what the Dot Block project might look like once completed. Below, the Dorchester Market-Tom English site.



really slowed down by Covid – not just the shutdown, which didn’t really affect us that much because we weren’t working yet. But things are much better now and projects are starting to move forward.”

Revised plans that have been approved by city officials include a 345-space underground garage as opposed to the original plans for a 5-sto-

ry, 450-space above-ground garage.

“We’re working very hard, everything is moving forward, please don’t be concerned,” said Menzin. “Someone said they thought the project was ‘stalled’ and I would not use that word to describe it. We’re very confident that we’ll be getting in the ground on this very soon.”

Developers are also moving ahead with plans for a mixed-use building to replace the Tom English Bar and Dorchester Market sites on the prominent Dorchester Avenue corner at East Cottage Street. Property owner Adam Sarbaugh, a principal at Cornerstone Real Estate, told the Reporter last week in an email that the development team is awaiting permits before they can begin construction.

“We are currently working through BPDA design review and with the utility companies to get all the details worked out prior to starting construction,” he wrote. “We have an approved and closed construction loan of \$15.25 [million] from early this year, and we are just awaiting the permits to be completed and issued, which we hope to be in October.”

The 959 Dorchester Ave. project includes a multi-floor building with 38 residential units, 26 below-grade parking spaces, a restaurant, and a market. Four levels of rental apartments, staggered upward in height from where they meet neighboring buildings, would sit above the new commercial spaces.

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Walsh: ‘Uptick of Covid-19’ remains a concern in Boston

(Continued from page 1) among the worst hit, at 7 percent. The increase, the mayor said, put the city back in “the red zone” and will prevent Boston from phasing into the next part of the state’s reopening sequence.

Marty Martinez, Boston’s chief of Health and Human Services, said that the city is closely monitoring the data. As of Monday, Boston had recorded a total of 17,649 cases with 764 deaths, according to the city’s Public Health Commission. Roughly 14,723 people were listed as “recovered.”



People waited outside of the Bowdoin Street Health Center this week for Covid-19 testing, which is conducted in a tent in the center’s parking lot.

Reporter photo

“The state has been clear that if you are in that red trend for three weeks of more, then you are really seeing a trend of that uptick. That’s

what we’ll be monitoring,” Martinez said.

“That number has been tied to the reopening of Boston Public Schools. We want the citywide rate to stay under 4 percent so we can continue [with] hybrid learning. Reaching the 4 percent citywide rate would prevent us from continuing to do that. That’s what we’re focusing on. We’re living with Covid, so we have to be able to contain it.”

Walsh added that the city’s rates have been “up and down” in the past few weeks, and consistently low rates will need to be

achieved in Boston to ensure everyone’s health and safety.

“We’ve gone as low as a 2 percent infection rate and then as high as 3.5 percent. In some ways it’s trending in the wrong direction or it’s not consistent,” he said.

“What we don’t want,” he added, “is to get to a 4 percent rate that then turns to 5 and 10 percent and then all of a sudden the restaurants we’re trying to help open are closing and all of the things we’ve done to try to contain the virus are gone and we’re back at square one. That is not what we need to do.”

He added: “We’re still talking about pretty small numbers when we’re talking about hospitalized Covid cases—probably 100. Which, as you know, is down from almost 4,000 at the peak.”

Baker said his administration would look at “re-framing messaging” to target a younger population, noting that 75 percent of new cases in the state over the last 14 days were from people in the 20-30 year-old demographic.

The governor added that cities “could only move forward if they were a low-risk community to begin with,” and that the administration has left the decision to move into the next reopening phase “up to the mayors to make a call if they had issues that were particular.”

In response to a question about a recent tweet made by the president, in which he told Americans: ‘Don’t be afraid of Covid,’ Baker said: “I think all of us in public life, and I would include the president in this category, need to carry the message that while this thing may not be bad for some, it can be deadly for others. And if we are serious about being all in this together, we all need to do the things that stop the spread and that starts with wearing a face covering.”

“There are 200,000 people who died from this thing and many others who didn’t die because they were saved by the healthcare system. It is a brutal, vicious disease for those it negatively impacts, and it is horribly contagious to begin with.”



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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU20P1763EA ESTATE OF: MARIA E. ROSA DATE OF DEATH: 01/20/2013

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Isabel C. Darosa of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Isabel DaRosa of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Corporate Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/02/2020.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 28, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: October 8, 2020

Gallivan pot shop siting getting push-back from Ashmont-Adams civic

(Continued from page 1) space— and would be accessible through the rear of the building, which faces the large parking lot that is controlled by the building’s owner, Supreme Realty Trust.

Under the plan, the facility would operate from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Dianne Morad, a Dorchester native who is a liaison for the CNA team, explained that the group is in “the early days” of its process, and hasn’t formally started anything with the city.

Robert DiFazio, the owner and CEO of CNA Stores Inc., said that his team would work with the surrounding community on a benefits package and hopes to be a “partner you can work with.”

He noted that “the state legalized recreational adult cannabis use a couple of years ago and since then the state has been working to develop regulations and a licensing process. According to state law, the city needs to license a minimum of 52 cannabis establishments. The city has been pretty explicit about saying that those licenses are going to be dispersed pretty evenly so that no neighborhood has a whole pile or has a complete absence of them. The city has also instituted a half-mile buffer zone between establishments.”

He added: “We’re not some big company. I started this company with my own money. We want community input so that we can improve what we do and make it better and safe.”

If approved, the Dorchester location could employ up to 30 people. No persons under the age of 21 would be allowed in the facility and security guards would be positioned at the entrance of the store to check IDs. The added layer of security, DiFazio said, would be a benefit to the surrounding community.

Still, those who had



Rob DiFazio presented CNA Stores Inc.’s proposal to members of the Ashmont-Adams Neighborhood Association during an in-person meeting last Thursday.
Katie Trojano photo

gathered to hear about the proposal largely spoke against it, and no civic members voiced support. One woman said: “People are going to go in there and buy drugs. I have a huge problem with this being in my neighborhood. I’ve lived here my entire life and I have never come to a meeting, but I’m here to tell you that I’m 100 percent against this and you couldn’t pay me a million dollars to support your recreational marijuana store.”

Several people who said they were parents of young children and teens also voiced their opposition.

“I know it’s normalized, but I don’t want my kids thinking it’s harmless when it’s packaged in this nice way,” said one mother. Another attendee told the team that the proposal was out of place and in “one of the only real neighborhoods left in Boston.” He added: “You didn’t grow up here, you grew up in Haverhill. This is a different neighborhood.”

Some urged the team to find another location.

“The voters voted to make marijuana legal. That law passed and there’s not a lot we can do about it. This gentleman has the right to run a business; however, this is our neighborhood and that area is the hub of this neighborhood,” said one attendee who added, “There are five bar rooms and restaurants down there and a liquor store. Kids are kind of inundated with

it and there are a lot of teenage kids in this section of the city in their formative years. I don’t knock you for your

business venture. I just think somewhere not in a residential neighborhood would be better.”

The group applauded loudly.

As the sun began to set, DiFazio offered a few final comments: “I would like to tell everybody that we are not here to fight with you. We are going to work with the civic associations within this neighborhoods as much as we can in order to get all of the information out about us, because eventually we’re going to find a location that

you’re okay with and we are probably still going to have to come talk to you about these locations.

“I just want you to know that we aren’t here to make everyone mad and piss people off. Yes, I do have a right, but I don’t want to damage any neighborhoods.”

One man asked the team directly if they would make a public commitment to finding a different location.

“We’re actively looking at other locations, but I’m not going to say we’re going to move on from the space,” said DiFazio. “I’m

not going to lie to you. We wanted to take the opportunity tonight just to introduce who we are.”

CNA’s Store’s proposal is set for a vote at the Cedar Grove Civic Association’s general membership meeting later this month that will decide if it will support the proposal. The Ashmont-Adams membership did not agree to put the proposal up to a vote. The next step after the vote would be for the CNA group to seek city approvals to open at the Gallivan location.

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In Boston, SBA chief checks out effects of small biz loans, and cites role banks played in organizing outlays of PPP

(Continued from page 1) roll and other costs while facing pandemic-related impacts.

“In Massachusetts, we have over 700,000 small businesses that represent a little over a million employees,” said Carranza.

And in Boston there were over 111,000 businesses that were supported by the PPP program. That’s a funding of over \$14 billion.

“What has been important for me as an administrator, advocate, and supporter of the cabinet during this tremendous pandemic is going out and sharing with the small business owners, learning how the Paycheck Protection

Program has enabled them and their employees, and thinking about what more we can do at the SBA to support small businesses and employees going forward.”

When asked if her agency anticipated a second round of PPP loans, Carranza said: “Yes, just as soon as Congress and the Senate come up with an agreement. They’re still negotiating today. Everyone is anticipating, including the president, to get something resolved before the campaign [ends]. If that’s achieved, that money will be made readily available by the banks in order for us to approve the loan transactions.”

A second round of fund-

ing would be available both to those who need to apply again and for those owners who didn’t apply in the first round, said Bill Manger, chief of staff at the SBA, who accompanied Carranza on her visit to Boston.

“We have to see what the final [bill] says, but we believe that it will include additional new applicants,” Manger said.

That’s important to Faigel at Commonwealth Kitchen, who said that many of the start-up food businesses she helps did not seek a loan in the first round.

“We understand the power of the model, and we’ve been going out and sourcing businesses, particularly in immigrant

communities and communities of colors, that might not trust the banks or are scared of getting into more debt,” she said. “We certainly know of many entrepreneurs that didn’t apply because they were worried about debt.”

Carranza said that many of the banks that the SBA partnered with to disburse relief funding used their own assets. “And that’s surprising for some of the small businesses to learn. We didn’t just pour a ton of money into the banks and say, ‘Distribute their checks.’ They took the shareholders’ value of the assets and said, ‘We’ll take care of this, but make us whole on the back end’ and that’s what we’re working on with the forgivable application. That’s been streamlined and is probably going to go through another reiteration.”

Kerry Harrison, vice president of public affairs for Citizens Bank, said that 85 percent of PPP loans distributed by Citizens were for less than \$150,000.

“We appreciate the partnership with the

banks so much because that was the way that the program was structured. We would on a delegated basis have the banks make these loans, and so it was an amazing public-private partnership,” said Manger. “We were given the task by Congress...and we basically had six days to stand up a whole new program. It was quite a daunting task, especially now that we’ve been able to get out \$525 billion. To be able to craft a program that could do that in the short amount of time that we did I think is actually pretty miraculous.”

Carranza thanked Faigel for her work assisting other small business owners through Commonwealth Kitchen.

“The fact that you have

employees here trying to model a good business plan for a potential client of yours, that’s typically what the SBA does for any entrepreneur that approaches our office,” she said. “At the end of the day people are watching how you are handling this pandemic, and so you serve as a role model, and inspiration – even to the ones who know they’re going to have to throw in the towel.”

“Our work is fundamentally about economic development by using the food industry as a way to help people build assets and wealth,” said Faigel, adding that PPP loans will allow small businesses to “rehire, have a little bit of hope, and start to innovate.”

Boston near top in new clean energy scorecard

Boston is tied with Seattle for second in a report released Tuesday that sizes up efforts of 100 U.S. cities to make buildings and transportation more energy efficient and to scale up the use of renewable energy. New York City

captured first place in the scorecard released by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, which concludes that 20 cities are on track to meet their own greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, up from nine last year.

The scorecard authors reported that other cities, including many in the South and Midwest, are “years behind” and in some cases haven’t started in on the adoption and implementation of clean energy policies.

“Many cities are really seizing the moment and embracing policies that help them fight climate change, while too many others are, frankly, doing very little,” said David Ribeiro, director of ACEEE’s local policy program and the lead report author. “We want to show all the cities, even the leaders, the further steps they can take to cut carbon emissions most effectively and equitably.”

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One last Mass, then St. Matthew Church is shuttered

(Continued from page 1) in strong consultation with a group of about 30 people, representative of a whole variety of people in the parishes, who met weekly for months. I myself met with them almost every Friday night,” said Soper. “They came to the conclusion that that was best way forward for pastoral focus and financial viability.”

The merger of the two parishes, which became official on July 1, is the latest in a much broader contraction in Boston’s Catholic community. Elsewhere in Dorchester, two longtime parishes in Neponset— St. Ann and St. Brendan— were also merged into a new entity, St. Martin de Porres, in recent months. In that instance, parishioners were advised that the merger would help ease crippling financial deficits facing both churches— and, hopefully— keep both worship spaces open.

In the instance of St. Matthew, it is not yet clear what will become

of the nearly-century-old edifice at 33 Stanton St. off Morton Street.

“We don’t know yet,” Fr. Soper told the *Reporter*. “There are canonical processes that have to go forward before we investigate too much about how to use the property. It remains an asset of the parish and it will be used in some form or another to support the life of the parish.”

He added: “The biggest need is financial, but it’s early to try to envision. They have just stopped functioning and right now their principal concern is getting themselves settled in the new space.”

A heavily used food pantry at the church will continue to operate, but not at the church building, Soper said.

The news of the closure was a surprise to most people in Dorchester’s extended Catholic community.

Tim Delaney, who was raised in the parish and attended the parish school, said that the lack

of notice was hurtful to many families with deep attachments to the church.

“The mixed message of a parish consolidation into Our Lady of Mt. Carmel with St. Angela was frustrating to say the least,” he said. “Had the Archdiocese made last Sunday’s closing more widely known, I would have attended.”

He continued: “I think the archdiocese could have provided wider and greater notice so more current and former parishioners could have attended a final Mass at the church that held such

enormous formative influence on so many. My own mother received every sacrament at St. Matthew’s from baptism to matrimony to funeral rites at the church which many consider the most beautiful in the entire archdiocese.”

A food pantry that has been based at St. Matthew church for many years is in the process of relocating to new space nearby. The pantry will re-open during a ceremony this Friday at 29 Stanton St., opposite the church rectory, in the Wesley Day Care Center.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER M.G.L. c. 183A:6

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of the Suffolk Superior Court (Civil Action No. 1884 CV 1838), in favor of Myrna Santana and Juan Quezadas, Managers of the Blue Hill Place Condominium Association against Hershey Briscoe, et al, establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L. c. 183A:6 on the real estate known as Unit 10 of the Blue Hill Place Condominium with a street address of 352R Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts for the purposes of satisfying such lien, the real estate is scheduled for Public Auction commencing at 10:00 a.m. on October 27, 2020 at 352R Blue Hill Avenue, Unit 10, Dorchester, Massachusetts. The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

DESCRIPTION:
The Unit designated as 352R Blue Hill Avenue, Unit 10 (the “Unit”) in Blue Hill Place Condominium (the “Condominium”) created pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 183A by Maser Deed dated May 1, 2006, recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39532, Page 130, as amended by First Amendment to Master Deed dated January 12, 2007 and recorded at Book 41143, Page 135, as further amended by Second Amendment to Master Deed dated December 18, 2007 and recorded at Book 42871, Page 209, as further amended by Third Amendment to Master Deed dated May 18, 2009 and recorded at Book 44960, Page 210, and as further amended by Fourth Amendment to Master Deed dated April 29, 2010 and recorded at Book 46340, Page 106 (the “Master Deed”). Capitalized terms used in this Unit Deed which are not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Master Deed.

The Post Office address of the Unit is: 352R Blue Hill Avenue, Unit 10, Dorchester, MA 02121.

The Unit is shown on a plan recorded with the Master Deed, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided by M.G.L. Chapter 183A section 9, and is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in M.G.L. Chapter 183A, the Master Deed, the documents establishing the organization of unit owners and the By-Laws as amended of record. The Unit is conveyed subject to, and with the benefit of, all easements, restrictions and encumbrances of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.

Each of the units in the Condominium is intended for residential purposes as set forth in the Master Deed.

The undivided percentage interest of the Unit in the Common Elements is Four percent (4%). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Grantee, and Grantee’s successors in title, take title to the Unit subject to the rights of Grantor, as Declarant under the Master Deed, to add additional phases and additional units to the Condominium. The Unit’s undivided percentage interest is subject to reduction in case of the addition to the Condominium of additional phases and additional units.

If Grantee intends to sell or otherwise transfer any interest in the Unit, including without limitation, the granting of a mortgage interest therein, Grantee shall so notify grantor in writing, describing the details of the proposed transfer. Within sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice (the “Notice Date”), Grantor may elect, by notice to such Grantee sent by certified or registered mail, to purchase such Unit at the then fair market value thereof, which shall be determined by an independent third party appraisal. If Grantor elects to purchase the Unit, the transfer shall take place on the business day specified in Grantor’s notice of election (which day shall be not more than ninety (90) days after the Notice Date), at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. Grantee shall convey the Unit to Grantor by quitclaim deed, with all tax and documentary stamps affixed and paid for by Grantee. Grantee shall pay all other taxes arising out of such sale. If Grantor shall fail to make such election within such 60-day period, then Grantee shall be free to sell

or transfer the Unit or any interest therein at any time within one hundred twenty (120) days after the Notice Date. If such sale or transfer is not consummated within such 120-day period, then Grantee shall not sell his or her Unit or transfer any interest therein unless s/he first complies again with the provisions of this paragraph. Grantor may release or waive its rights under this paragraph, either before or after receipt of notice from Grantee, in which event the Unit may be sold or conveyed free and clear of the provisions of the paragraph. A certificate, executed and acknowledged by Grantor, stating that the rights under this paragraph have been duly waived or terminated, shall be conclusive upon Grantor in favor of all persons who rely thereon in good faith. Such certificate shall be furnished upon request to any Grantee who has in fact complied with the provisions of this paragraph.

For title, see Deed to Hershey Briscoe dated April 29, 2010 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 46340, Page 117.

In the event of a typographical error or omission contained in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said Unit Deed shall control.

- TERMS OF SALE:**
1. A non-refundable deposit payable in cash, certified or bank check in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the unit shall be payable at the Auction.
 2. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the auction.
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 4. Additionally, and not by way of limitation, the sale shall be subject to and with the benefit of any and all tenants, tenancies, and occupants, if any.
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 7. No representation is or shall be made as to any other mortgages, liens, or encumbrances of record.
 8. No representation is or shall be made as to the condition of the Premises or the Condominium. The Premises shall be sold “as is.”
 9. Other items, if any, shall be announced at the sale.
 10. The sale is subject to and in accordance with the Judgment and Order, a copy of which may be obtained from the seller’s counsel, Attorney Dean T. Lennon, Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Brooks, P.C., 45 Braintree Hill Park, Suite 107, Braintree, MA 02184, (781) 843-5000.

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The Dorchester Historical Society is always looking for photographs and high school yearbooks from Dorchester’s past.

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Expecting record turnout, Galvin talks up early voting

By MATT MURPHY
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NEWS SERVICE

With less than a month until the election, Secretary of State William Galvin on Monday urged voters to make a plan and not wait if they anticipate casting their ballot by mail to ensure that their vote gets counted. Galvin said that more than 1.6 million registered voters have already requested mail-in ballots, and he predicted that number could grow as fear of a fall surge of coronavirus infections grows and the state's daily case count has produced "unsettling numbers" in recent days. Mail-in ballots were due to arrive to all cities and towns by Monday and Galvin said it's his goal to see all of those ballots mailed and received by voters who have requested them by the end of the week. "No voter should have to compromise their safety to participate in this election, and I don't believe anyone will," Galvin said at a State House press conference where he kicked off what he called a "very important week" for the state's election system. The period for in-person early voting also begins on Oct. 17 and gives voters an option to vote through Oct. 30 surrounded by fewer people, he said. As the state's chief elections officer, Galvin said, he has been working closely with local clerks to ensure that the elections run smoothly and that voters are aware of all their options to participate, including voting by mail, early in person, or in person on election day. Those efforts, the secretary said, have included encouraging local officials to find polling locations large enough to accommodate a high volume of foot traffic to avoid asking voters to wait in long, congested lines. Galvin projects more than one million people will turn up at local polling locations on Nov. 3. The secretary is also working with communities to locate secure drop boxes for mail-in ballots in every community at early voting locations and elsewhere. "Hopefully, everything comes to fruition," said Alex Psilakis, policy and communications manager at MassVOTE. More than 200,000 ballots have already been mailed out to voters, Galvin said, and the secretary's office prioritized getting ballots out to the 30 communities with the largest volume of mail-in ballot requests, topped by the town of Lexington. "We are very anxious that voters not only receive their ballots early but that they also return them early," Galvin said. "We are very cognizant of the issues relating to the Postal Service and other sorts of delivery." Galvin is projecting a record turnout in this year's election that will eclipse the 3,375,801 ballots cast in 2016, just like 2016 topped the 2012



Secretary William Galvin is projecting a record turnout in this year's election. Sam Doran/SHNS photo

election, and the 2012 turnout beat 2008.

"Do you think things are more boring now that they were in '16? I don't," Galvin said.

Unlike during the primary campaign, ballots that are mailed in must be postmarked by election day, but can arrive as late as Fri., Nov. 6, at 5 p.m. and still be counted.

"I think it's important for voters to know that, but I also think it's important that they vote as soon as possible if they can. If they are fully decided for whom they want to vote and their decisions on the questions, there is no reason to delay," Galvin said.

The last day to request a mail-in ballot is Oct. 28, but Galvin said he would recommend doing so no later than Oct. 20 to provide enough time for that ballot to reach the voter and be returned by Nov. 6. Voters can also track their ballots at TrackMyBallotMA.com to monitor their status.

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CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Martin Richard Challenger Sports Starts Back Up with Soccer: BGCD started the Fall Martin Richard Challenger Sports Soccer Program season this past Sunday. These Fall sessions will be held every Sunday at McConnell Park in Dorchester at 10am for ages 5-11 and 11am for ages 12 and up. Please note that there will be no soccer this Sunday October 11th due to the Columbus Day holiday.

This year, BGCD is partnering with our friends at Thayer Academy and the Massachusetts Special Olympics, who will be providing volunteer buddies. We will also have a personal coach to help our members with socially distant drills and scrimmage games throughout the Fall.

For more information or to register, please contact Erin Ferrara at eferrara@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Begins "Learning Hubs" for Members During Remote School Learning: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is providing safe, supportive and supervised space to assist families in our community during the time children are learning remotely.

Our newly developed Learning Hubs support cohorts of k-8 students during typical "school day" hours. The Learning Hub program includes meals, technology assistance, academic support and guidance. Hubs are led by BGCD staff with a focus on supporting the children's social emotional well-being as they adapt to virtual learning. Additional activities woven into the day include arts & crafts, stem, fitness, outdoor play, and more.

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



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DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD Fall Music Lesson Programming: This Fall, BGCD has resumed our Music Lessons as part of our enrichment programming. Classes are being offered on site and virtually to 18 of our members weekly. Current music instruction being offered include instruments such as piano, guitar, drums, ukulele and saxophone, as well as studio production.

A big thanks to our friends and partner at the Music & Youth Initiative who have supplied additional instruments and equipment for our members to take lessons virtually.

For more information or to register for the Music Lesson program, please contact Music Director Carleton Burke at cburke@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hiking Club
October 10

Challenger Soccer
October 18

"A Night of Giving Gala"
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November 21

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RECENT OBITUARIES



CRONIN, Dr. Joseph Marr, 85. Born in Dorchester to Joseph Michael Cronin and Mary Marr Cronin, Joe's education began in the Milton Public Schools until he entered BC High where he graduated in 1952. Joe went on to attend Harvard College, with a Bachelor of Arts and subse-

quently a Master of Arts in Teaching. He married Marie (Whalen) Cronin. Joe completed a doctorate degree at Stanford University in 1965. He then returned to Harvard as an Associate Professor of Educational Administration, and Associate Dean. Massachusetts' Governor Frank Sargent named Dr. Cronin the Common-

wealth's first Secretary of Educational Affairs in 1971. He was a founding board member of the Colonel Daniel Marr Boys & Girls Club, built in memory of his mother's brother. He leaves two brothers, John (Maritta) of Milton, MA and Tom (Tania) of Colorado Springs, and a sister Kathy Dowd (Jim) of Webster Groves, Missouri. He was married to Marie Cronin for 47 years. He leaves their seven children: Maureen Peterson (Dwight), Kathy Cronin, and Tim Cronin (Elizabeth), all of Milton, MA, Elizabeth Cronin (Ron Shields) of Norwood, MA, Joe Cronin (Sarah) of Hingham, MA, Anne Cronin of Arlington, VA and Patricia Fertig (Lou) of Roswell, GA. He leaves nineteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren, as well as several nieces, nephews, and their families. He also leaves his good friend, Elizabeth Cook, of Needham. Donations may be made to either: The Cronin Scholarship Fund at Boston College High School, Attn: Office of Institutional Advancement, 150 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, MA 02125 or online, at www.bchigh.edu/give or Bentley University in memory of President Joe Cronin. Please mail checks to Bentley University, Office of Advancement, 175 Forest Street, Waltham, MA 02452; or online at Bentley.edu/giving.

She was the mother of Virginia Chetkauskas and husband, Robert, of Dorchester; John Groves of St. Petersburg, Florida; grandmother of Eric Chetkauskas and Julie Chetkauskas of Dorchester; sister of Anna Walsh of Weymouth, and the late John Spatola of Brockton.



KANTROVITZ, Martin, 79. Son of the late Gabriel and Vera Kantrovitz. Marty grew up in Mattapan and went on to attend Roxbury Memorial, Northeastern University and later Boston University, where he studied law. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Sheridan, sister Ellen Chella, brother, Sherwin Kantrovitz, and children Pamela Johnson, Suzanne Belanger, Julie Bertram, Michael Kantrovitz and Larisa Kantrovitz.

MCCARTHY, Gerald J., 74. Born in Dorchester, he was the son of Jeremiah and Catherine McCarthy. Graduate of St. Peter's School and Catholic Memorial High School. He served in Vietnam with the USMC and was awarded a Purple Heart. A former member of the BPD and long-time resident of the VA Health System. He is survived by a sister Ann, brothers Kevin and Brian as well as nieces Samantha Krenz, Elizabeth Hughes, Kerri Devine, Julie Deck and nephew Patrick Scott. He was a good brother, friend and uncle. Please make donations to Wounded Warrior Project.



McDERMOTT, John S. of Dorchester, formerly of Portland, Maine. Husband of Christine A.

(Forsberg) McDermott. Father of Colin McDermott and his fiancé Chanz McManus of South Portland, Maine, and Kate Miller and her wife Caitlyn Miller of Quincy. Son of the late John H. McDermott and Catherine (Lee) McDermott. Brother of Frank McDermott and Mark McDermott, both of Maine, and the late Peter and David McDermott. Brother-in-law of Roy and his wife Patricia Forsberg of Scituate, Helen and her husband Frank Fedrowski of Maine, and the late Sonja Connelly. Dear friend of Mary Kate Power of Braintree. Survived by many nieces and nephews. He was a pharmacist for Boston Children's Hospital for 47 years.



RATTIGAN, Frances A. (Kennedy), 85, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Bradley F. "Brad" Rattigan. Frances was born in Boston the daughter of the late Richard Kennedy and Alyce (Ryan) Kennedy. She resided Jones Hill before moving to Braintree in 2005. She is survived by her children, Maureen Rattigan of Braintree, Kathleen Rattigan of Braintree, Brad F. Rattigan of Hanson, Jean M. Rattigan of Kalispell, MT, and James L. Rattigan of Waterford, ME. Sister of Marjorie O'Leary of Yarmouthport, Robert Kennedy of Milton, James Kennedy of Marshfield, and the late Richard and Catherine Kennedy. Also survived by 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in her memory to Cardinal Cushing Center, 405 Washington St., Hanover, MA 02339, or the Boston Firefighters Relief Fund, 115 South Hampton St., Boston, MA 02118.



SAVAGE, Helen D. (Drake) of Dover, NH, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Edward "Doc" Savage. Mother of Brian Savage of Dorchester, Michael and his wife Ellen Savage of Cohasset, Patty and her husband Donald Loiodice of Kittery, ME, Elizabeth "Betty" and her husband Neil Griffin of Weymouth and Ted and his wife Barbara Savage of Walpole. Grandmother of 7. Sister of the late Margaret Drake. Donations may be made in memory of Helen to St. Ann's Nursing Home, 195 Dover Point Rd., Dover, NH 03820.



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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P1720EA

ESTATE OF:

MARY LEE BERRY

DATE OF DEATH: 06/21/2020

A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by Teresa Alleyne of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 22, 2020

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Published: October 8, 2020



GROVES, Gilda (Spatola), 91, of Dorchester. Gilda was born and raised in Dorchester as a member of a close knit Sicilian family. She volunteered at the front desk at Carney Hospital and was very active in the St. Gregory community as a member of the Ladies Sodality, and later, the sixty and over club, of which she eventually became president. Gilda was predeceased by her husband, Leonard.

LEGAL NOTICES

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In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 114, Section 3A, notice is hereby given that more than seventy-five years has elapsed following the issuance of a license by the Proprietors of Cedar Grove Cemetery to Cheever N. Ely for the grave at Lot No. 89, Section No. 7, Cedar Ave., in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, and the Cemetery cannot locate the holder's successor in interest after making a diligent search; and that within 180 days hereof the Cemetery will reclaim ownership of the license, unless a successor in interest to the late Cheever N. Ely and Madeleine W. Ely contacts the Cemetery in writing on or before that time. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 114, Section 3A, if ownership of the license is ascertained after the Cemetery has reclaimed ownership of the license, then the Cemetery shall pay the fair value of the license at the time of its taking to the owner.

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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU19C0662CA
IN THE MATTER OF:

ADAMARI MICHELLE MORAN GOMES

A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Adamari Michelle Moran Gomes of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Adamari Michelle Gomes

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/29/2020. This is not a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 24, 2020

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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU20C0213CA
IN THE MATTER OF:

MICHELLE DIANE CARTER

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Michelle Diane Carter of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Michelle Diane Stokes

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/29/2020. This is not a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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