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ASHMONT TO JFK-UMASS VIA THE AVE



Shuttle buses shared Dorchester Avenue with motorists and bicyclists this week as train service along the Ashmont branch of the Red Line was suspended to allow for track improvements. Seperately, Fields Corner residents want the MBTA to share more info about this bridge, above. Page 3. Seth Daniel photo

MBTA chief says Red Line track work on schedule

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Five days into a sixteen-day shut-down of train service along the Ashmont branch of the Red Line, city and state officials continue to adjust their plans to help Bostonians and commuters move around the city as workers scramble to finish accelerated track improvements that prompted the diversion.

The object is to replace aging ties, rails, and ballast with new equipment along both the right-ofway on the main subway line and the Mattapan trolley line. Workers

have been hammering away at the job since early Saturday morning.

On Tuesday, Phillip Eng, the general manager of the MBTA, said in an interview that the project is on track to be completed on time, by Sun., Oct. 29.

"I feel good about the ongoing

"I feel good about the ongoing effort," said Eng, who took over at the transit authority in April. "It's an urgent matter from a public perspective. It's also urgent because this is some of the oldest track infrastructure that we have. We wanted to accelerate this sooner, but we took more time to plan

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Track work at Butler Street station Lee Toma photo

At long last, a Food Coop on Bowdoin St.

By Seth Daniel News Editor

It has been decades since Bessie Gaul could walk from her apartment near Bowdoin-Geneva and get fresh food in a high-quality store. But last Saturday morning, she went shopping with a smile as the long-awaited Dorchester Food Coop (DFC) opened its doors on the ground floor of a new building at 195 Bowdoin St.

"I've been waiting for this for 54 years," said



DFC worker Brianny Aguasviva serves up croissants and cinnamon twists at the café in the Coop.

Seth Daniel photo

Gaul, who was with her adult granddaughter, Shanice Richards. "We never have had a real supermarket since we lost the one on Columbia Road. You couldn't walk to get food anywhere. I want something close by me."

Richards agreed: "I am excited about it. I love that there's so much organic food and it has strong ties to the community. I just moved to the area recently, but I've (Continued on page 15)

City report favors multi-modal design, including bus lane, along Blue Hill Ave.

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

A report released last week by the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) summarizing nearly two years of input from neighborhood residents, merchants, and other involved parties about a planned re-design of Blue Hill Avenue signals a strong preference for a multi-modal design that includes a dedicated center bus lane along much of the much-trafficked thoroughfare that connects Mattapan Square to Grove Hall.

The department had briefed elected officials on its 112-page "Community Engagement Report" a week before, on Oct. 6.

"By the end of the year, the City will be responsible for the final decision on what type of street design to move forward with for Blue Hill Avenue," the report announced. "The mayoral administration will make this decision in consultation with local elected officials, BTD, MBTA, other state and local partners, and community constituents."

The study condenses input from public meetings, street surveys, bus operator interviews, community stakeholder meetings, "Real Talk for Change"-branded discussions, and even innovative cocktail/mocktail parties along Blue Hill Avenue.

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Candidates' forum on housing centers parking and costs as key issues

By Chris Lovett Reporter Correspondent

Asked for a yes on more housing in Boston's backyard, candidates running at-large for City Council found different ways to say, "Not so fast." That was overall response last Wednesday at a

That was overall response last Wednesday at a forum hosted near Downtown Crossing by Abundant Housing Massachusetts. The nonprofit advocacy group backs statewide legislation to increase housing supply and affordability. But some of the six candidates at the forum pushed back, especially with concerns about affordability and parking.

"There's more people parking on the sidewalks, double-parking, trying to find somewhere to double-park, even three or four blocks away, and I've seen people actually do that," said Shawn Nelson, a health care worker from Dorchester and first-time candidate for the council.

In August, Mayor Wu signed a zoning amendment that would eliminate minimum parking requirements for developments where at least 60 percent of the

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Police, Courts & Fire

Two men are shot dead; one Friday, one Saturday

A man was fatally shot at 46 Corona St. in Dorchester around 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 13. The victim was later identified as James Jones, 30. Another man was shot to death outside 1194 Blue Hill Ave., near Morton Street, in Mattapan shortly after midnight on Saturday (Oct. 14). He was later identified as Kalil Jackson, 25, of Dorchester. Both men were declared dead on the scenes, police say. No arrests have been reported in either incident.

A 25-year-old Dorchester man pled guilty this week in a Boston courtroom to killing his mother in their Columbia Road apartment in February 2020. Zackery Grandy admitted to second-degree murder in the strangulation death of Gisel Thomas, 51. The victim was on the phone with a clinician from the Boston Emergency Services Team (BEST) seeking mental health for Grandy when the attack took place, according to prosecutors. Boston police responded to the home but did not receive a response. The victim's brother discovered his sister's body the following afternoon. Judge Robert Ullman sentenced Grandy to life, with the possibility of parole after 20 years.

The firearm-related arrests and arraignments last week of two men with numerous prior gun convictions is a "prime example of a fairly small group of repeat offenders driving the illegal gun possession menace" in Boston, Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden said after the court proceedings The men, arrested in unrelated traffic stops, both have served prison sentences for prior firearm convictions, prosecutors said at their arraignments.

Daniel Larkins, 40, who was charged in Dorchester BMC last week following his arrest near Codman Square on Oct. 8, has three prior violent or drug crimes on his record. After he was stopped for speeding after 1 a.m., officers found a pistol loaded with five .22-caliber rounds under the driver's seat. A large quantity of fireworks "packaged for commercial sale" was found in his car's trunk, according to Hayden.

Judge Erika Reis found him "dangerous" at his arraignment last Friday. Larkins will return to court

On Oct. 12, Jamison Gatson, 27, was charged in Dorchester court with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, carrying a firearm without a license (third offense), possession of a stun gun, and a litany of related charges. He had been arrested just after midnight earlier that day in an encounter with police that began, according to officer, with the accused speeding through a stop sign.

Judge Joseph Griffin ordered the suspect held without bail pending a dangerousness hearing on Oct. 20.



US Sen. Ed Markey, Mayor Wu, and members of the Boston PowerCorps program announce more than \$11 million in federal funding to support, among other things, programs to expand and keep Boston's tree canopy.

Photo courtesy of the Mayor's Office/Jeremiah Robinson

Federal pipeline will pump \$11.4m into city's community forestry effort

Mayor Wu joined US Sen. Ed Markey to announce \$11.4 million in funding from the US Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Grant during a press conference in Franklin Park on Oct. 6. The grant will bolster Boston's workforce development in urban and community forestry and reduce technical and financial barriers to growing Boston's tree canopy.

The funding, which comes through the Inflation Reduction Act, will support improving tree care and accessibility, workforce development opportunities, administered through PowerCorps Boston, and expanding Boston's new-

"Having access to tree coverage throughout our neighborhoods provides cool, green, healthy spaces for residents to thrive," said Wu. "I'm grateful to the US Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Grant for their generous support to grow our workforce and expand our canopy across Boston to increase the livability of our neighborhoods."

Said Markey: "We shook the money trees, and we got green for green. This funding will help plant new seeds of environmental justice in communities that have been fighting for fresh air and fresh investments and will create new green communities across our Commonwealth."

The program specifically targets neighborhoods like Dorchester

ly created Tree Alliance. jobs and more resilient and Mattapan and has already helped to expand plantings at the Boston Nature Center in Mattapan this year.

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Early voting ahead of the Nov. 7 final municipal election starts on Sat., Oct. 28 and Sun., Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at select locations, including Mildred Ave Community Center in Mattapan and the Richard J. Murphy School in Dorchester. Early voting will also be held on Tues., Oct. 31, at Florian Hall on Hallet Street and the Perkins Community Center on Talbot Avenue from noon to 8 p.m. And voters can also go to City Hall from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. See boston.gov/early-voting for a full list of locations, dates, and hours.

Joel Richards and John FitzGerald, the finalists for the District 3 city council seat, will appear at a forum at VietAID, 42 Charles St., Dorchester on Thurs., Oct. 19 at 6 p.m.

UMass Boston will host a communityuniversity open house on Wed., Oct. 25, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the firstfloor atrium of the Integrated Sciences Complex on the UMass Boston campus. Email ocp@umb.edu for more info.



Pumpkin Parade at Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester will be held on Thurs., Oct. 26, at 5:30 p.m. Bring your costumes and carved pumpkins. Music, games, candy, hot chocolate, and more. Rain date: Fri., Oct. 27.

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute and

American Academy of Arts & Sciences host a panel event on Wed., Oct. 25, to discuss the role the US Senate could play in establishing Supreme Court term limits. (6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. program). See emkinstitute.org for more info.The annual Boston Irish Honors luncheon will take place on Fri., Oct. 27, at 11:30 a.m. at the Seaport Boston Hotel. Honorees include Gov. Maura Healey, the Rooney family, and Kieran Jordan and Vincent Crotty of Dorchester. See bostonirish.com for information on tickets and sponsorships.

The BPDA is hosting a virtual public meeting for the proposed 81 Hancock St. project on Mon., Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proponent Huy Nguyen's responses to comments received at the last public meeting. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public. The proposal calls

for a 4-story, 39-unit mixed use building with 14 parking spaces with retail space for a liquor store and laundromat accessible to the public. See bit.ly/81Hancock-St for more info.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., Oct. 25, to discuss a draft residential zoning change that "will support more plentiful housing opportunities throughout Mattapan, as well as enable Additional Dwelling Units."

The Deatrich Wise annual block party at the Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center will be held on Sat., Oct. 21, from 3 p.m. to **6 p.m.** at 10 Hazelton St., Mattapan with free food trucks, live performances, popup barbershop and hair braiding, photo booths, and farmers market. Call 617-533-9051 or email raggeler@bgcb.org with questions.

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Fields Corner residents press MBTA for update on bridges

By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

The Fields Corner Civic Association is asking the MBTA to provide more details about the status and integrity of three bridges that carry Red Line trains over neighborhood streets this month.

During the group's Oct. 3 meeting in the Kit Clark Senior building, civic leaders said they want an MBTA official to address their concerns about the bridges on Dorchester Avenue, Geneva Avenue, and Freeman Street. A fourth bridge on Clayton Street was replaced a few years ago and is not a concern at his time.

The other three, however, look to be in rough condition, with neighbors describing crumbling concrete, rusted steel trusses, and retaining walls that are cracked and falling apart.

We have requests for the MBTA to come to the civic association for an opportunity to check in on infrastructure in Fields Corner," said Hiep Chu, secretary of the civic group, citing the same concerns as neighborhood residents.

The bridges, in particular the Dorchester Avenue Bridge (officially known as #B-16-140), have been mentioned by



Workers are shown on top of the MBTA bridge above Dorchester Avenue in Fields Corner over the weekend. Train service has been suspended for a two week period as work is accelerated to replace tracks and make other repairs to the Ashmont branch of the Red Line. Lee Toma photo

neighbors for more than a year, but Lisa Battiston, a spokesperson for the T, said the spans in question have been examined routinely and do meet muster.

"They... are each inspected every 24 months and were all last inspected in December of 2022," she wrote in a statement to the Reporter. "Following this last inspection, the structural elements of each bridge were rated 'fair,' or above, no structural deficiencies, and are all functional."

FCCA members said they would still like to have a community liaison from the MBTA come out to speak more in-depth about what they see as problems.

61 Linden St. plan put off for a month

Phoebe Nguyen, of 59 Linden St., and her representative, Michael Nguyen, came before the Civic on Oct. 3 to discuss changes to their proposal for a three-story, six-unit building that would replace a single-family ranch home on the street. The plan has

been floating around for some time and was last addressed a year ago.

The newest version does not change the footprint, or height, but the number of bedrooms has dropped from 18 to 12.

"We're hoping that sort of puts us over the edge with approval because we've been at this awhile," Michael



A closer view of the same bridge structure, which residents say looks worn with crumbling concrete. Seth Daniel photo

Nguyen said.

Neighbors and abut-ters, however, question the owner's ability to take care of the propertv. They say she doesn't take care of her current properties on Linden Street, citing unsanitary conditions. Their position was laid out in last year, and they said it has only gotten worse.

"Ultimately, she will do better than what she has done," said Nguyen on hearing the criticism.

The project will be presented again next month.

The next FCCA meeting will be on Nov. 14 rather than Nov. 7 due to the general election on the latter date.

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Wu appeals to the Legislature for 'powerful' tax as pro-housing tool

By Chris Lisinski State House News Service

Along-sought tax on pricey real estate transactions in Boston could generate tens of millions of dollars for affordable housing investments, but "remains out of reach" without the blessing of Beacon Hill, Mayor Wu told lawmakers Wednesday.

She was one of several local officials from communities across Massachusetts who urged lawmakers to grant them the ability to impose additional levies on the sale of property and buildings, an idea that top House and Senate Democrats have hesitated to embrace even in the face of a worsening housing crisis.

Like several of Wu's other priorities, the fate of the proposed Boston real estate transfer tax hinges on whether state lawmakers and the governor give their approval, a dynamic that has left her "impatient," she said.

"We're doing everything we can at the city level – overhauling our zoning code for more housing and more affordability, restructuring our planning department to ensure we're using every bit of land possible, providing tax incentives for converting offices into residential buildings, and providing down payment assistance and interest rate subsidies to homebuyers to accelerate wherever we can," Wu told the Revenue Committee. "But the one powerful tool that remains out of reach without legislative and gubernatorial approval is a transfer fee."

At least 10 cities and towns have voted in support of imposing additional transfer fees on real estate transactions in their communities, albeit with varying mechanics involved: Boston, Somerville, Cambridge, Arlington, Amherst, Chatham, Concord, Provincetown, Truro, and Wellfleet.

Last session, the Revenue Committee favorably reported an earlier version of Boston's home rule petition, but the measure never made it through the House or Senate.

Healey was noncommittal about the idea on the campaign trail last year.

Wu said that this time around, she sees "the greatest shared urgency for getting housing costs under control that I've ever seen," pointing to enforcement of a new law requiring multifamily zoning near MBTA service as a sign of state interest in housing affordability.

"It's not only on the minds of residents who have been displaced for years and years now, but for the business community, for employers, for workers," Wu told reporters after her appearance at the hearing. "I think there's a shared sense from the city, from the Healey administration, from the Legislature, that we have to do everything we can on housing."

Healey created a standalone housing secretariat, and her deputies have signaled that a housing bond bill expected to be unveiled soon will propose a range of policy changes aiming to mitigate the problem.

Boston's proposal, which the City Council approved unanimously, would impose a 2 percent tax on any real estate transfer over \$2 million. It would only apply to the overage, so a \$2.5 million sale would incur a fee of \$10,000.

Wu said if the tax had been in place in 2021, it would have impacted about

700 transactions out of more than 10,000 in total, generating up to \$100 million in revenue for affordable housing initiatives.

The latest version features a provision that would make more older homeowners eligible for a senior property tax exemption, which Wu said will "provide peace of mind and stability to our elders."

The proposals continue to draw opposition from major real estate industry groups, such as the Greater Boston Real Estate Board. The group, which represents members in 64 cities and towns, filed commentary with lawmakers warning that transfer taxes will "harm the economy, further constrain housing, and is simply a bad tax policy."

The board contends that communities imposing an additional tax on property sales would likely see increased costs, equity stripped from buyers and sellers, and an "unstable source of revenue," adding:

"We remain focused on supporting legislation that focuses on enabling greater development of housing as the solution to affordability and housing concerns," the group wrote. "A new sales tax on homes and real estate simply limits the incentive to invest in new multifamily housing, slows the production of new supply, and only exacerbates the challenge of housing affordability."

State Rep. Mike Connolly, who is also pursuing a ballot question campaign to revive local-option rent control, filed legislation that would clear the way for any city or town to create a transfer fee without waiting for the elusive case-by-case legislative authorization.

Because state government gets a say over many local policies, several of Wu's priorities for the city are stuck in limbo. She is similarly waiting for lawmakers to act on home rule petitions allowing Boston to bring back rent control within its borders and expand the number of liquor licenses it can award. The city also cannot limit the use of fossil fuel infrastructure in many new buildings and major renovations unless the Healey administration grants it admis-

sion into a pilot program.







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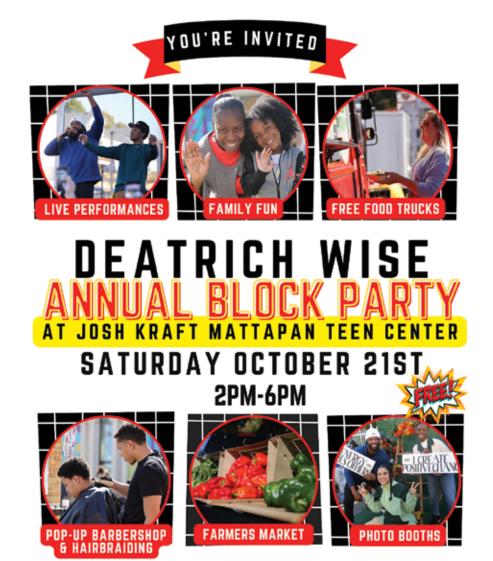


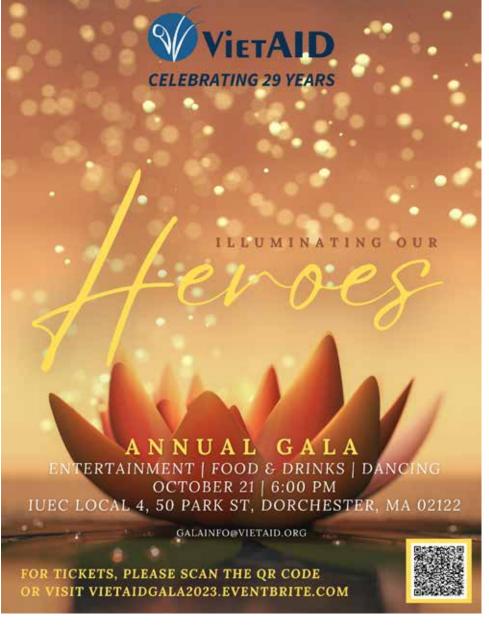


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MATTAPAN, MA







Richard Foundation, Henderson students join in planting project

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

Henderson Upper School third graders are learning about erosion and beautifying their school grounds this month with the help of the Martin Richard Foundation.

As last year's second grade class took up the study of erosion with teacher Mary O'Brien, they began to look for signs of the problem right outside their school's front door. It didn't take long to find them.

Current third grader Rose Bonina was quick to spot evidence along the Croftland Street school building's foundation. She suggested it might be a good idea to plant some bushes near the foundation of the school to hold in the soil.

"Mrs. O'Brien took us outside one day and I saw some erosion right in front of the school and I told her it looked like what we had learned – the effects of wind and water on the land," said eight-year-old Rose. "I thought some plants would bring more of nature into the



Last spring, students in the Henderson Upper School learned about erosion, then noticed some significant erosion in front of their building. They reasoned that a project where they could plant shrubs might combat the problem. They were able to get funding for the project from the Martin Richard Foundation's Bridge Builder program. *Photo courtesy Henderson School*

school and the roots would help keep the soil in place."

All three second grade classes last year sprang into action and made a checklist of things to do, with Rose leading the way. With O'Brien's guidance, she called local Garden Centers to determine prices of various plants.

Then, she and her classmates

applied to the Martin Richard Foundation's Bridge Builder program for funding. They asked for just over \$300, but the Foundation granted them \$500.

"Our Bridge Builder Program is designed to help the next generation learn, grow, and lead. We believe that when young people are taught the values of peace, justice, and

kindness, they will lead the way as thinkers, up-standers, and peacemakers in their communities," said Denise Richard, co-founder of the Martin Richard Foundation.

"We couldn't be more proud of the second graders at the Henderson who followed a fantastic project check-list in order to beautify their school while learning how to mitigate erosion with new plantings. Congratulations to Rosie, who led the charge and submitted the grant request!"

First, the class called DigSafe to check on the location where they wanted to plant, making their own white flags to mark the area. Then they used part of the grant money to pay for soil testing, with a sample sent off to UMass Boston for analysis.

Rose said they had studied blueberry bushes in class, and wanted to plant them, but the soil test showed it wouldn't be a good fit. The class pivoted and ended up planting three Girard's Fuscia Evergreen Shrubs – one shrub per classroom.

Last June, every student from every class pitched in to properly plant their erosion-avoidance shrubs.

"Everyone had their hands in it, and it was really fun," said Rose. "I think this was different than most school days because we had so much fun doing this... I think the part that was most exciting for everyone was when they flowered."

O'Brien said students in Boston Public Schools (BPS) all learn about erosion in science class and apply that knowledge to thinking about how to stop erosion on the north slope of Thompson Island in Boston Harbor.

"Taking that idea, Rose took the concept a little closer to home, to Peabody Slope," said O'Brien. "They worked very hard on it, and it worked really well in aligning with their reading curriculum."

With the extra money from the grant, this fall the same students – now in third grade – planted mums in planters at the front of the school.

Action for Equity aims to provide 'green work' skills to BIPOC workers

Dorchester's Action for Equity will be joined by city and state officials next Monday (Oct. 23) at an event in Four Corners to launch a program aimed at bringing more people of color into the 'Green Economy" workforce.

Organizers say the Green Equity Partnership (GEP) will bring employers and community jobseekers together and offer technical training for building decarbonization for both retrofit and new construction.

The program is funded by a \$1.2 million grant from Massachusetts Clean Energy Center.

"As a Black contractor in Boston, the Green Equity Partnership will provide the skills my employees will need to do tomorrow's green work, so I can compete in the new green economy," said Stafford Lewis, who owns Alpha Building.

"Employers like me sit on the GEP advisory committee so that we get to shape the program the way we need. This is for the people now working for and with us—not just about new hires. There are still spaces open for more employers to join the GEP."

There are nearly 6,000 buildings in Boston that are required to achieve net-zero emissions under new city requirements. Under other regulations, GEP expects all new buildings will have

new technology requirements, and new refrigerants to be used in all new heat pumps.

"I am excited that this program will expand access for BIPOC residents of Boston to train in HERS [Home Energy Rating System] and heat pump installation, that will support the city in achieving our carbon neu-

trality goals," said Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, the city's chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space, who added: "We must prioritize workforce development opportunities for environmental justice communities in the fields of decarbonization and energy efficiency."

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CITY of BOSTON

Bridging Black America's past and present, Danny Rivera revives songs of the enslaved

By Andrea Shea WBUR Correspondent

At 22 years old, vocalist Danny Rivera is already at home in several genres, from R&B to soul and pop songs, like the one he wrote in 2019 for Massachusetts Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley. He has also performed at the Museum of Fine Arts, MGM Music Hall, and TD Garden, singing the national anthem before Celtics games.

But most Sundays you'll find Rivera singing where his journey as an artist began: in church. That's also where he wanted to meet to talk about his calling to re-imagine historic songs by enslaved Black people in America.

On a weekday morning, Rivera's buttery baritone floated above the crimson carpet and empty wooden pews at Holy Tabernacle Church in Dorchester. He was singing "If I Can Help Somebody," one of Martin Luther King Jr.'s favorite gospel tunes.

"Part of my commitment to Black culture is understanding the Black church, which is the staple in the Black community," he said. "It's where everything goes down: the good, the bad, the ugly, the beautiful."

Rivera calls himself a



Singer Danny Rivera at the Holy Tabernacle Church on Washington Street in Dorchester.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

"church baby." He started singing at services as a little kid. By age 11, Rivera directed his church's youth choir. Today, he is inspired by his faith, his pastor, and his parents, who were community organizers.

organizers.

"My mother is Black—
African American — and
my father is from Puerto
Rico. For most mixed
kids, you're always torn
between your culture,
you never really feel like
you have an identity," he
said. "And I've always
found a strong place in
identity in church."

Rivera's talent took him outside church, including to the White House, where he performed with a choir for the Obamas. In high school at Boston Arts Academy, he studied classical music. But Rivera said the lack of Black representation in that genre challenged his identity. He struggled to find his place and his voice. Then Rivera heard spirituals. "I was blown away," he recalled.

Spirituals are religious folk songs first sung by enslaved African people during worship, in fields and as "signal songs" along the Underground Railroad. They were lyrical lamentations about the darkness of slavery that also offered hope for freedom and salvation. Rivera said choirs, including the Fisk Ju-

on Washington Street in Jesse Costa/WBUR photo bilee Singers, have popularized spirituals. But he wanted to revive the historic works through a solo lens that would speak

to the Black experience

today.

"For as much as being beautiful, these are very bloody songs," he explained. "They have much history that has been unpacked, and much that has not, intertwined in the lyrics and the melodies. I knew the spirituals—even as old as they were—could be prophetic, forward-thinking and innovative by allowing us to see into the future."

Rivera found collaborators Matt Savage and Gavin Rushing to help rearrange spirituals while he was studying at Longy School of Music. For his senior recital in 2022, the musicians premiered the project at the African Meeting House in Boston. Rivera called it "Songs of Free Men," to provoke questions.

"Well, these were not free men, so whose songs are these?" he explained. "When did they become free? How were they freed through these songs?"

The project's title is an homage to Paul Robeson, the legendary, multigenre activist-artist who produced a pioneering album of the same name in 1943.

One of the first spirituals the musicians set out to re-interpret

was, "Were You There (When They Crucified My Lord)." The choice was in response to the flood of emotions they grappled with after George Floyd's murder in 2020. In the song, a refrain repeats the question posed in its title.

"When we were working on this, one thing that we kept on saying was that my Lord is 'blank," Rivera explained, "and I was maybe 12 or 11 when I was watching the riots happen with Michael Brown — so 'my Lord' was Michael Brown. I stopped wearing hoodies in middle school because of Trayvon Martin —and Trayvon is 'my Lord."

These feelings transcended time, "which is why we're so committed to bringing the spirituals back," Rivera said. "They not only share what has happened in the past, but paint a very similar picture to the world that we live in today."

Working with Rivera on the spirituals hit home for organist Gavin Rushing. He's a student at Berklee College of Music, performs at Holy Tabernacle Church on Sundays, and he grew up in Georgia.

"As I play this music, I embody what the songs mean," Rushing said, "but I also embody my grandfather who, rest his soul, passed away in 2016. He was born in a time where his father and him were still sharecroppers. They worked on somebody else's land."

Rushing said Rivera, who's also his best friend, challenges him to go beyond the spirituals. "Also Black history, Black culture, which obviously I'm tied to because I'm Black," he said. "But there's still some digging of things that are not just embodied in your soul that you have to understand — history, timelines, the connection between spirit and music."

When asked about Rivera, Emmett Price III

called him a committed activist with an "old soul," and a 21st-century renaissance man. "He leaves a trail for others to follow," he said, "which is a great quality for a leader."

Price is dean of Africana Studies at Berklee College of Music, a musician himself and an ethnomusicologist. He was also guest scholar and speaker at the "Songs of Free Men" performance. For Price, who is an expert on sacred and secular expressions from the African diaspora, locating the concert at Boston's first Black church propelled the spirituals to an even higher level.

"We were tapping into the souls of the freed people who were expressing not only their desire for freedom, but also the importance of liberation," Price said. "Danny was able to elevate that in a way where the souls of these Black folk — to use W.E.B. Du Bois' terminology — 'lived again.' And in living again, we have now an intergenerational context that allows the music to transport us back, but also forward."

The spirituals keep Rivera grounded because all of the other music he makes — soul, jazz and even pop — can be traced back to these early cries for freedom. The young artist said he can feel the restlessness of his ancestors, and that it's his duty to make sure their music is heard.

"I feel the need to set the tone for my generation," Rivera said. "It's not enough for you to come in and just sing music that makes you feel good. If you really want to be a contributor to the sound, you have got to know the history and what makes us who we are."

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Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

New leader appointed for Rape Crisis Center

been named to lead the Boston Area Rape Crisis



Is a Woldeguior guis is thenew executive director of the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center.

Center as its permanent executive director. "We took great care to find the right person to lead us into the next generation," said Board Chair April Evans. "Isa is the right person for BARCC."

The center is based in Cambridge, but has a satellite office in Grove Hall at 451 Blue Hill Ave. It receives on average 15,000 inquiries on

Isa Woldeguiorguis has its 24-7 hotline service een named to lead the annually and provides free counseling sessions for survivors and their families.

Woldeguiorguis is well known nationally and in the region, having worked in the anti-violence field for nearly 30 years holding several statewide and national roles in the movement to end sexual and domestic violence.

For the past 11 years, she has served as the executive director of the Center for Hope and Healing in Lowell. "I am looking forward to working with the BARCC team in building our community presence and reaching survivors who historically have not been reached," she said. She succeeds Duane de Four, former board member and interim executive director.



State Rep. Daniel Hunt of Dorchester received the Legislative Advocacy Award from Boston Senior Home Care at the nonprofit agency's annual gala on Oct. 12 at the Omni Parker House. The award, presented by Rep. Kate Hogan (right), noted Hunt's steadfast commitment to creating affordable housing, his unwavering support for older adults, and his dedication to fostering economic growth within the community." Kenneth Berman photo

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Franklin Park Waiting Room



Today's photo shows the Franklin Park waiting room where people were on watch for streetcars. The photo, dated 1895, shows the building on the east side of Blue Hill Avenue between Columbia Road and Ellington Street.

In 1887, four Boston horse car railway companies merged under the name West EndStreet Railway; the new company became one of the largest street railway systems in the world. As streetcar lines were extended farther out from the city center, construction of housing grew by leaps and bounds. In the 1880s, the streetcars were drawn by horses. In the early 1890s, the

cars were converted to electric power by stringing wires from poles, allowing trolleys to travel along the rail

These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.





On Thursday, Oct. 5, the freshman class from Archbishop Williams High School (AWHS) traveled to sites throughout the Greater Boston area for its annual day of service, including two locations in Dorchester. Before and after the event, students were challenged to reflect upon the calling to serve the local and global communities. In Dorchester, students are shown serving at St. Mary's Center for Women on Jones Hill, and at Catholic Charites Yawkey Center on Columbia Road. During the day, students performed cleaning inside and outside of the sites and helped to organize clothing donations and items for those Photos courtesy AWHS in need.



Mayor Wu attended the Colorado Street Citizens Association last Tuesday (Oct. 10) to listen and learn about what's going on in that part of Mattapan. "She is just trying to get out and go to neighborhood associations across the city," said Ricardo Patron in speaking for the mayor. "It's more of a city and mayoral visit than a personal visit. It's very casual. She's been to a few others over the course of the last few months." Wu also recently attended two neighborhood meetings in downtown Boston, one in Hyde Park and one in the South End before coming to Mattapan last week. Photo courtesy of the Mayor's Office

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Editorial

Carney's president appeals for support at Lower Mills Civic



Carney Hospital President Stan McLaren spoke in St. Gregory's gym on Tuesday evening. Bill Forry photo

Stan McLaren, the president of Carney Hospital spoke to about 35 members of the Lower Mills Civic Association in St. Gregory's auditorium on Tuesday evening. It was McLaren's second appearance of the year in front of the group, which monitors development issues and checks in routinely on public safety matters.

McLaren's speech struck many of the same familiar notes that punctuated his March remarks. The survival of the hospital, which has long been in question, depends in part, he said, on the community's willingness to support and advocate for the Carney. In the present tense, that means asking the Commonwealth's taxpayers—through their elected lawmakers—to give Carney state funds set aside for distressed hospitals. It's is a hard ask for legislators and the Healey administration, who are well aware that Carney is owned by a for-profit corporation, Steward Health Care that has shown little evidence that its serious about making Carney a priority in their own business plan.

McLaren is an empathetic figure. He lives in Codman Square and assures anyone who'll listen that he is personally committed to keeping the community hospital alive "for the long run." He is candid about the fact that Carney struggles to pay-off delinquent bills owed to vendors. But, he seems sincere and devoted to the cause of keeping the place afloat. He correctly points out that Carney gets a raw deal from insurance reimbursements that pay-out smaller sums to the Dorchester hospital than they do for the same procedures done in downtown teaching facilities.

During Tuesday's presentation, McLaren dove a bit deeper into a proposal that he has floated before, but that has not advanced, likely because of a lack of funding from the Steward overlords. He wants to get state approval to open a 25-bed Substance Use Disorder (SUD) unit on what is now a vacant, third-floor space at Carney. An application to start the year-long process moving, McLaren said, is imminent.

The idea to open-up a locked detox ward might be deemed controversial in some settings. The Lower Mills crowd was largely unfazed, although some want more details on how any outpatient services might evolve if the state approves the unit. And while McLaren emphasized that he "doesn't want Mass & Cass in my backyard," he noted that Carney is already home to a 50-bed, secured psychiatric unit that has operated for many years without fanfare or incident.

McLaren told the civic group that there would be a series of meetings before any final decisions are made on whether to actually open such a unit. Like most dynamics at the Carney, whether or not the detox unit ever actually opens will depend on whether the bean-counters at Steward world headquarters in Texas think it's profitable enough to advance. In recent years, they have been downright miserly in their approach to the Dorchester hospital, leaving McLaren to dangle as a one-man missionary who spreads his own gospel to a few dozen neighbors in parish gymnasiums.

There's no larger marketing campaign, no press releases trumpeting the medical staff or the hospital's quality-of-care audits, which were regularly stellar. There's no billboards urging the neighborhood to use its services, as there are for Carney's big sister, St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton, also a Steward asset.

If Steward wants Dorchester residents to take up their cause, it's time for them to step up their game, and make their long-term commitment to this hospital and this community clear.

-Bill Forry

Looking Up Longfellow Street

The Democratic Party is running on empty

By Edward M. Cook Reporter Contributor

As I have mentioned previously in this space, I am the co-chair of the Ward 15 Democratic Party Committee. We fashion ourselves "progressive, diverse, active, and passionate about politics." It is from this "insider" perspective that I am looking at the party with a critical eye. And my conclusion is that it is virtually an empty shell and that many sincere Democrats are political ostriches with their heads buried in the sand.

Two recent articles have highlighted an ongoing alarm of mine about the state of the Democratic Party, especially in Massachusetts. Reporter Matt Stout recently (10/11) wrote a piece in the *Boston Globe* in which, among other things, he divulged that the percentage of voters in Massachusetts who are registered as Democrats fell from 49 percent in 1990 to 29 percent today. Independents are the actual majority with 61 percent of registered voters, with Republicans at 9 percent. Further, Stout points out, roughly 554,000 people have registered to vote since 2020, all as independents. Yet, the Bay State is often considered the bluest of blue states, meaning the most Democratic state in the US.

This divergence between appearances and percentages arises from the super-majority of elected officials with a (D) attached to their name: all state-wide officers, super majorities in the Legislature as well as among county sheriffs and district attorneys. The conclusion: Voters in Massachusetts lean left ideologically but not because of affinity to the Democratic Party organization.

The other article's author is *New York Times* columnist David Brooks, a smarmy, snobbish, Republican-leaning columnist often seen clutching the pearls at his throat, and someone who writings I consciously avoid as a rule. However, in his column "Can we talk about Joe Biden" (10/6), he provides a chillingly piercing analysis of the state of the Democratic Party. His conclusion is that the danger in 2024 is not centered on Joe Biden's age or electability but on the party's abandoning its historic role as the voice of the working and middle classes in favor of an urban-centered, highly educated, holier-than-thou leadership that is out of touch with the kitchen table issues of most Americans. Joe Biden is actually the exception.

So, what has been going on with the Democratic Party structure recently? At ground level in Boston, there are 22 wards, each, supposedly, with a Democratic Party Committee. In fact, with Ward 15, only a handful of those committees have any activities. Some never meet. A member of one of the ward committees recently told me that she had received no notice or information about the annual state party convention (to which every town or ward committee is expected to send delegates).

Up until the Menino administration, there existed a City Democratic Party Committee but that panel ceased to exist over 20 years ago. The state party chair retired this year after eight years in office and took credit for the super Democratic majorities across state government – the evidence for which is not visible to me – while the party's structure continued to become hollowed out. The current state party chair was elected knowing that he would only be part time.

The party organization is actually shrinking. Candidates running as Democrats (or Republicans) do not depend on any party organization to get elected; they rely entirely on their own campaign organizations for financing, organization, and volunteers.

In my view, the Democratic Party in Massachusetts is an empty shell disguised by the success of candidates who share the Democrat label. This situation cries out for a solution in our state and across the country. Although the details may differ from one state to another, there are a number of ways to stiffen the Party in preparation for the battle for democracy in 2024.

Giving local Democrats something meaningful to do and an expectation of activism by leaders come to mind as a starting points. The Ward 15 Dems Committee, like a few other Boston committees, meets monthly, interviews candidates for city and legislative offices, provides a financial contribution, advertising, and volunteer support to endorsed candidates. Our members participate in and/or lead every community organization in our neighborhood, including labor unions.

As a result, from our ranks we have produced multiple candidates for city council and state representative as well as leaders in the state party committee. None of these activities are required of us by the state party organization. Our energy for the past 35+ years has been generated by our goal of using every avenue available to us to voice the multiple needs of our perpetually underserved and neglected community.

We have hosted state party leaders, at our initiative. What if the state party leadership initiated contact with local committees by showing up at meetings and providing expectations? What if the state party organized financial support to local committees for advertising, organizing, voter registration, GOTV campaigns, etc., instead of asking for financial contributions from the locals?

We are intentional, loyal, and vocal Democrats. But, looking at the official party that does not sit at our kitchen tables and is empty of structure, we are beginning to feel that we are part of a shell that is covering an empty space. This is not a good feeling as we face the horror of a Trump campaign in 2024.

Let's do the right thing for disabled workers

By Jim Cassetta Special to the Reporter

In October, we celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month, coming together to raise awareness for those with a disability and the importance of being employed. Having a month to provide resources, raise awareness, and have targeted advocacy is all necessary and very important, but what happens the other eleven months of the year?

I come to work at WORK Inc. every day with the knowledge that individuals with a disability can and want to work. In October, we do some social media posts and other advocacy surrounding the topic. Still, people may not know that we advocate for individuals to be included in the workforce every day!

I come to work and constantly share with others, friends, colleagues, local officials, et al., that individuals with disabilities can and want to work and if everyone seems to be on the same page. But why is it so hard to pass a piece of legislation recognizing that individuals with disabilities should have a place at the table?

Since the 1930s, the federal government has had a law in place ensuring that individuals who are blind and/or significantly disabled have employment opportunities through the AbilityOne program. WORK Inc. has employed more than 120 individuals with significant disabilities on AbilityOne contracts since the 1970s. Through these contracts, I have witnessed first-hand the purpose that jobs and paychecks bring to these individuals.

After many meetings and conversations since 2016, I have been working with the Legislature on mirroring the federal law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to provide more opportunities for individuals with disabilities. However, after four bill filings, we still have not been successful. Why? I am not sure what is holding the Legislature back from passing such a bill since it is revenue neutral; in fact, it generates revenue and saves significant dollars via

increased payroll taxes and less dependency on state and federally funded entitlements.

Why is it so hard to pass a law that will benefit and improve the quality of life of thousands of individuals with disabilities living in the Commonwealth?

Are you interested in working with us to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities? If so, please give me a call, and we will continue to work on passing legislation that will make a difference and change lives.

As we continue challenging the limits and changing the lives of individuals with disabilities, we will continue to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness Month throughout this month and continue our advocacy work to improve their lives

continue our advocacy work to improve their lives. Jim Cassetta is the president of WORK, Inc. in Dorchester.

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Trinity at Shawmut: two views

Non-profit developer would be better option on Centre Street

To the Editor:

I want to keep you apprised of the increasingly large number of Shawmut community residents who oppose the Trinity Financial development proposal for 150 Centre Street. There are now more than 1,000 individuals who have signed their names in opposition to the plan.

Like myself, most signees applaud affordable housing, but not the oversized building on a too-small lot, the 100 percent rental

component, and the tiny units Trinity is pushing. The neighborhood supports affordable housing for families with a path to home ownership.

We all recognize a need for family housing, yet we all know there is a dearth of this type of unit. Why? Because for-profit developers don't make "enough" money on larger affordable units. The lack of family-sized affordable units is driven solely by greed.

We and the Epiphany School wel-

come discussion with a non-profit developer who will respect our community and work with us to create long-term, affordable, family housing solutions with a path to home ownership. Solutions that will contribute to the stability of our neighborhood and create for new residents a sense of belonging to the existing community.

As the 150 Centre Street proposal comes closer to a BPDA vote, we implore you to recognize and respect the massive opposition to this project, and to reject Trinity's proposal.

– Arlene Simon Melville Park resident

development. Trinity Financial worked with the residents to make sure that it would successfully integrate with the neighborhood, maintaining or even enhancing property values. Additionally, Boston Planning and Development's thoughtful planning process ensured that this new housing aligns with the character and architectural standards of our community. I urge you to consider the benefits of this new affordable housing opportunity, not only for those in need but for the entire neighborhood. It's an investment in the long-term sustainability and well-being of our community. I am committed to supporting this initiative and am willing to work with local residents and organiza-

> – Haris Hardaway Dorchester

Trinity plan at Shawmut brings much-needed affordable units

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my strong support for 150 Centre Street at Shawmut Station, an affordable housing project in our neighborhood. As a long-time resident of this community, I believe that affordable housing is crucial for maintaining the diversity, vibrancy, and inclusivity that make our neighborhood so special. Our neighborhood has seen significant growth and change over the years, which has brought both benefits and challenges. While we've enjoyed increased economic opportunities and improved amenities, the rising cost of housing has become a major concern for many residents. This has created a situation where some

members of our community are struggling to make ends meet or have been forced to move away. Affordable housing is not just a matter of financial well-being; it's about social cohesion and community health. It enables essential workers, teachers, and other dedicated professionals to live in the neighborhood they serve. It helps us maintain a rich tapestry of backgrounds and perspectives, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment for all. I understand that there may be concerns about the impact of this affordable housing on abutting property values and aesthetics. However, 150 Centre Street at Shawmut Station is a well-designed affordable housing

State law governing Boston's liquor licenses needs changes

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the article titled "City's bid for more liquor permits hits deeply rooted bump up on Beacon Hill" in the Oct. 11th edition of the paper. I was disappointed to learn of the challenges faced by restaurants and entertainment venues due to the Legislature's restrictive approach to liquor licenses.

I see significant issues with the current limitations and believe there are no modern justifications for maintaining them. Boston faces a per capita liquor license allocation that is significantly lower than other municipalities.

This scarcity creates obstacles for small business owners due to high demand, especially considering Boston's year-round tourist economy. Notably, affluent coastal communities like Nantucket and Orleans are exempt from the quota system and can issue unlimited licenses. Similarly, both Worcester and Cambridge, cities comparable to Boston, can grant unlimited licenses. The current system has a particularly adverse effect on underserved neighborhoods. Areas that are already facing economic challenges are further harmed by the lack of available liquor licenses, which could otherwise stimulate local economic growth and offer residents more dining and entertainment options.

Both our state and federal constitutions prioritize safeguarding individual rights against unequal and potentially discriminatory practices. The Equal Protection Clause stipulates that no state

can "deny equal protection of the laws" to any person within its jurisdiction.

tions to make it a reality.

While proving historical animus might be challenging, the current limitations on liquor licenses, which disproportionately impact Boston and its underserved neighborhoods, could potentially fail strict scrutiny. If this law's primary or significant effect is the unequal treatment of a particular group or community, the law may be on precarious legal ground.

I urge the Massachusetts Legislature, including Rep. Tackey Chan, to take decisive action and reform the existing law. As temporary relief, I suggest allocating additional licenses during the current legislative session.

This issue is critical for the economic development and equal treatment of all Boston residents and entrepreneurs.

Jake Wachman Dorchester





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Uphams Corner boosters are seeking Historic District status

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Stakeholders in Uphams Corner want the central section of the neighborhood to be recognized as a National Historic District – a designation that must be granted by state and federal authorities. Such a status could bring new resources to the Dorchester crossroads.

The effort is being led by the Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation (EDC). An online meeting, hosted by the Boston Landmarks Commission, has been scheduled for Wed., Nov. 29, at 6:30 p.m.

A National Historic District, officially known as a listing on the National Register of Historic Places, is a grouping of properties that are collectively representative of a period of time, are reflective of a community's development, or of an architectural style, according to the National Park Service (NPS), which has jurisdiction over such districts along with the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC).

Buildings in an approved district can be related historically or architecturally, but they collectively have significance, and are therefore considered collectively to be a place worthy of preservation. Unlike a city-authorized Landmarks District like Beacon Hill, no entity supervises a historic district. It is simply a grouping of historic buildings that are eligible for certain funding incentives intended to encourage



A view of Uphams Corner from the roof of the Strand Theatre shows the intersection of Columbia Road and Dudley Street. Seth Daniel photo

their preservation.

The proposed district boundaries would include Bird Street, Columbia Road, Cushing Avenue, Dudley Street, Hamlet Street, Hancock Street, and Stoughton Street.

Dorchester Bay EDC said it began exploring the feasibility of the designation in 2016 and made presentations to neighborhood leaders and affected property owners, including Uphams Corner Health, Uphams Corner Main Streets, and Pilgrim Congregational Church, among others.

"Having received positive feedback, we began the application process for designation of Uphams Corner as a Historic District in 2017 as a district designation would make historic tax credits available for rehabilitation of the Pierce Building," said Susan Chu, director of real estate for Dorchester Bay EDC.

In May of that year, the Mass Historical Commission (MHC) determined that Uphams Corner was eligible for the designation and provided recommendations for certain properties to be added to the proposed district map. In March 2018, a nomination form was submitted to MHC by a consultant, Epsilon.

The next step is a series of meetings that will take place in the community before the MHC's Review Board considers the matter at a meeting set for Dec. 13 at 1 p.m.

"Forming a historic district would allow Dorchester Bay EDC to access close to \$1.5 million in historic tax credit equity, which it would use to fully rehab the Pierce Building, one of the entry points to the UCMS district," read an informational statement that the EDC produced.

"The proposed historic district would have no effect on property owners unless they plan to use federal funding to rehab their buildings, but would give the [Main Streets] district the added benefit of being able to advertise itself as a historic area listed on the National Register and would allow property owners

access to additional sources of federal funds for major rehab projects.'

The federal designation is not like a Boston Landmarks district and does not carry the detailed reviews of renovations and construction that those districts require. However, if federal funds are used for a renovation, then the project would need to be reviewed by MHC and get a statement of "no adverse effect" before proceeding.

An example would be that if a building has a slate roof currently, and federal funds are used to replace it, the slate roof would have to be replicated; shingles could not be used instead. Likewise, if a building owner is replacing bricks using federal funds, they would have to match the original brick as closely as possible.

Also, there would be no reviews for lighting, paint colors or signage on buildings, such as in Boston Landmarks districts.

An additional benefit to property owners in a Historic District is that federal and state tax credits of up to 20 percent each to repair or maintain a building's historic features.

Conditions at older buildings in the district like the Pierce Building could be affected positively by the designation, including the Strand Theatre, the Dorchester Savings Bank building, Fox Hall, the Columbia Square building, the Municipal Building, the Pilgrim Church building, and several others.

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City report favors multi-modal design, including bus lane, along Blue Hill Ave.

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A "robust" schedule of meetings to gather feedback regarding the report will take place throughout October, November, and December, officials said. Still, key leaders like Boston's Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge and MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng clearly registered their support for the multi-modal design in announcing the report's publication.

We heard from residents that Blue Hill Ave. is an essential corridor for the communities it connects, but that travel today is often unsafe, unreliable, and inconvenient," said Franklin-Hodge, who works for Mayor Wu. "The majority of those traveling Blue Hill Avenue during rush hour are on buses, and 96 percent of those riders walk or bike to reach the bus. We in the Streets Cabinet believe that a multimodal corridor approach will best address the shared concerns raised through the engagement process while supporting neighborhood businesses and providing safer and more reliable options for those who travel, shop, or live along Blue Hill Ave."

Said Eng: "Based on the engagement summarized in this report, we know our bus operators and our bus riders want to see improvements for Blue Hill Avenue in order to better serve Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan. Moving forward with the multimodal design approach will provide the best service for the more than 35,000 bus riders who rely upon the corridor today and is critical for expanding

A Blue Hill Avenue

property owner will host

a meeting on Thursday

evening (Oct. 19) to pitch

one of his two storefront

Avenue in recent years.

his plan. "You have to

pivot sometimes, and

we've pivoted; basically,

with the dispensary we

have to start all over

have this other space next

door [1102], we've been

'Right now, because we

again," he said.

service as a part of Bus Network Redesign. We value our partnership with the City as we jointly strive to create a safer, more accessible place through public transit."

In an analysis within the report done by Streets Cabinet members, two alternatives that had been presented to the public are evaluated -the multi-modal design with bus lanes, vehicle lanes, bike lanes and ample pedestrian space. and an enhanced existing-conditions approach that keeps the current layout implemented by small-scale safety improvements and better traffic enforcement.

The analysis leaned heavily toward a multi-modal corridor: "More room for benches, trees, lighting, art, and amenities makes significant friendly places that strengthen community. Transforms Blue Hill Ave into a boulevard-like street that is part of the neighborhood, not a street designed to get people from the suburbs into and out of Boston as quickly as possible."

The preference is not a great surprise, as city officials have been upfront over the last several months that they prefer the center bus lane within a multi-modal approach. One reason is they have a \$48 million budget for that approach and only \$18.5 million for the enhanced existing format, since a federal grant of \$15 million distributed through the MBTA is contingent on the dedicated bus lane

An "Engagement Summary" in the report details a wide variety

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of inputs, perceptions, and opinions - some who favor the bus lane, some who oppose it, and some who don't trust the government to do anything correctly in majority-Black neighborhoods like the Blue Hill Avenue corridor. For all that, one thing was held in common: Something has to be done to increase safety and improve infrastructure, but how best to do that was different for many people.

"In general, travelers of all modes noted multiple challenges and frustrations when moving along this stretch of BHA...There were a number of shared concerns, although the exact nature of each concern varied depending on the primary mode of travel," the report noted.

For cyclists and pedestrians, there is the of being hurt by speeding drivers, for drivers and bus operators, it was the fear of collisions and dangerous speeding by other drivers. Due to overall neglect for decades, many said they avoid Blue Hill Avenue altogether - with some bus operators using off-avenue bus routes because of the conditions.

Many young people especially students - said they often didn't get to school on time or got in trouble because the bus infrastructure and operations were so poor.

"In many anecdotes, transit reliability was not only about convenience - it was directly linked to access to services and opportunities," the report said.

Adult bus riders also said they had been late for jobs, childcare pickups, or medical appoint-Blue Hill Ave. storefront

ments because of transit delays along the avenue.

There were also strong voices in the process for no major changes along the corridor, which came from those who were worried about losing parking/ travel lanes for vehicles, or who felt that negative issues could be better handled by increased enforcement, not re-design.

"However, even if people did not indicate a preference for major changes to roadway design, many pointed to the need for better road paving, lane paintings, and overall maintenance," the report said in quoting a meeting participant from 2022 saying, "Please leave Mattapan alone...we love it just the way it is."

The Community Engagement Report will receive an active review over the next few months, and that, combined with the report itself, will in-

Passengers wait for the 22 bus as it approaches a stop along Blue Hill Avenue by Franklin Park. MBTA photo

form the design decision by the end of this year and the process will move ahead with final plans.

"Once a design decision is made, the process of refining and finalizing the design concept will be overseen by the MBTA, with continued close collaboration by BTD and other City partners," the report noted.

Councillor Brian Worrell offered this reaction after reading the report: "Revitalizing Blue Hill Avenue is a long-overdue investment in the safety and utility of one of our most essential transit corridors," he said. "I appreciate the administration's comprehensive community involvement approach to offer input and I believe it's critical that all of our residents' voices continue to be centered in the final decision, which will help address the community's distrust in our government systems that this report revealed."



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munity gathering hall and meeting space, a need that has been pegged as significant for Blue Hill

is pitched as 'event space'

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> other things as well." The site also hosted a workshop for local DJ's to train others in the entertainment business and in how to start their own DJ businesses. They've

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also had other job skills workshops and, if it is made legal, they would be able to accommodate others that already have equested the which has a projector, a stage, and can accommodate other meetings or events, he said.

Byron notes that the Blue Hill Avenue corridor has been targeted by city leaders and entertainment professionals as a place in the city with little to no event space. Since the loss of the Caribbean Culture Center (Three C's), very few new spaces have emerged to accommodate community events, resulting in people hosting events in their homes or out of town. The meeting will be online on at 6 p.m. Join by logging in at tinyurl.com/1102BlueCommunity.

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Candidates' forum on housing centers parking and costs as key issues

units would be for households at no more than 100 percent of the area median income. According to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), the current figure in Boston for a household of two would be an annual income of \$118,800, though many units are restricted for lower incomes.

Henry Santana, a candidate from Dorchester endorsed by Wu-and former head of her Office of Civic Organizing - called the policy a "balanced" approach.

"We need to prioritize affordable housing over parking," he said, "and this policy doesn't eliminate or disregard parking that is needed or wanted."

Seeking her second term as Councillor At-Large, Ruthzee Louijeune called the zoning amendment a "good move" that needs to be taken further, despite "difficult conversations" about parking.

"I want to get us to a place where we can remove all parking minimums. I don't believe that we're there," she said. She later added, "If the trade-off is between housing someone and a parking spot, the obvious choice is to make sure that someone has housing.'

A first-time candidate from Mattapan, Clifton Braithwaite, said developments should include free off-street parking. And Catherine Vitale, a first-time candidate from Dorchester, said she was "completely against" the elimination of requirements for parking spaces.

We need to have cars. We want to have cars. We need to stop squeezing thousands of people into the city when we don't have room for them," she said. "We should all be able to park our cars where we live. We shouldn't have to pay to

But Councillor At-Large Julia Mejia argued that parking requirements could be used to prevent affordable housing and "keep people out. I definitely do not believe I am going to give anyone here in the City of Boston a pass at building affordable housing because of parking," she said. "We need more affordable housing than, I think, parking. According to the BPDA, Boston's housing supply increased in the years 2017-21 by 20,121 units, with another 3,399 units added in 2022. Dorchester had the largest increase in 2017-21, and thousands of new units have been proposed, mainly in high-density projects near Red Line stations at Shawmut, Savin Hill, and JFK/UMass.

A Dorchester realtor, Joseph McEachern, vice president of sales and



Pictured at the Abundant Housing Massachusetts candidates' forum held last week in Boston's Downtown Crossing: (l-r) Tim Logan, moderator and Deputy Business Editor, The Boston Globe; candidates Henry Santana, Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, Clifton Braithwaite, Shawn Nelson, Catherine Vitale. Chris Lovett photo

mount Properties, says that local homeowners apart from feeling the squeeze of higher interest rates — see development as a "mixed bag," with benefits and drawbacks.

"I don't think it's so much the density," he said, "as more cars." And families with more younger children have given way to households with more working adults, some with grown-up children commuting to jobs or school.

"People need their cars," he said.

According BPDA figures for 2015-21. Dorchester also led the city with 781 condo conversions. Citywide, almost three-quarters of these were in two- or three-family buildings. And, from November 2020 to March 2022, the BPDA reported, Dorchester accounted for almost 40 percent of the city's eviction filings. At the forum, some candidates blamed rising property values—and tax assessments—for pressuring owners to raise rents.

Vitale argued that the best way to make housing affordable was to put the brakes on new supply and give tax relief to small property owners. "I think we need to take care of the people that are here first, before we bring new people in," she said.

Though more than one-quarter of Boston's new units are restricted to households that fall within income limits, the amounts are sometimes above the average earnings for the surrounding neighborhood. Of the housing added between 2017 and 2021, 62 percent were one-bedroom units or studios.

 $\hbox{``A lot of these programs'}$ that say 'affordable,' it's a joke because they're not working to help the families," said Braithwaite.

"Living in my neighborhood, I've seen a new building went up. It said 'luxury,'" Nelson complained. "I live in Dorchester. This is the borderline of Roxbury. How do you have something that's 'luxury' in Dorchester if people can barely afford their rent?"

In July, the BPDA approved Wu's increase in the requirement for income-restricted housing in new developments with at least 10 units. Under the latest changes to the Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), the

marketing with Para- requirement for typical projects with zoning relief went from 13 percent to 20 percent, including market-rate units set aside for tenants with rental subsidies.

Some of the candidates favored more increases. Braithwaite said the set-aside should be 22 percent, and Mejia wanted to go even higher. "I believe that we need to push for 50 percent," she said, "because what we're doing is giving developers a pass every single time."

Rather than call for a change in the IDP figure, Louijeune said, new affordable units could be supported in other ways, including the use of money from bonds backed by the city's strong credit rating. "If you raise it to an IDP level where developers are not able to build and you get no housing production," she warned, "not only do you get no market housing production, but you also get no affordable housing production."

The candidates also showed some support for increasing production by making the city's zoning code less restrictive and complex—or tailored in ways to reduce the need for zoning waivers. "We need to streamline the permitting process, to promote mixed-use development. And I'm also looking at how do we incentivize developers who do want to prioritize affordable housing," said Santana.

Louijeune also said she favors the mayor's attempt to ease zoning hurdles for multi-unit buildings.

"We need to make sure that we are making it easier to build in certain areas to build as of right, that in some areas, especially around transit-oriented housing, that we have more density, that we are able to think about how we are able to solve this crisis," she said, "because we are not going to single-lot our way out of the housing crisis. We have both an affordability issue and a production issue."

Following the trend in past city elections, this year's front-runners in campaign funding have drawn support from different kinds of donors with stakes in a new development. These range from trade unions, contractors, and individual workers to architects, developers, and property managers.

A South Boston candidate and first female

member elected to the executive board of the Iron Workers, Local 7, Bridget Nee-Walsh reported the second-highest amount of contributions for September. On her website, her campaign called for "responsible develop-ment" and expressed concerns about projects using non-union workers. Though she was expected to attend the forum, Nee-Walsh did not appear. The executive director of Abundant Housing Massachusetts, Jesse Kanson-Benanav, said he was told that she had a medical emergency involving a family member.

Also not at the forum was Councillor Erin Murphy, who reported the highest amount of contributions in September. Kanson-Benanav said his group had no communication from her before the event. Murphy later said she "had a pre-existing scheduling conflict" that prevented her from attending.

"But I talk with constituents every day about the serious housing issues facing Boston," she added, "and work with my colleagues on the City Council, administration officials, and advocates on solutions."

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MBTA manager says Red Line track work is 'urgent,' on-schedule

(Continued from page 1) this properly."

He added: "We have much greater confidence that when we finish, we'll bring [the Ashmont branch] to a level that trains will be running at regular speeds, and the public can rely on this particular section knowing that the travel will be safe and quicker."

In the meantime, those who usually ride the trolley and/or trains are being transported by shuttle buses to and from the JFK-UMass

station to Ashmont and and businesses along Dot Mattapan Square. City transportation officials have deployed extra enforcement officers to discourage double-parking at bottleneck locations along the avenue.

Matt Moran, a team director at Boston Transportation Department, said that the city agency began planning for the Ashmont branch shutdown's impacts on city streets about one month ago. Moran, who lives in Savin Hill, helped to post flyers alerting residents

Ave on Saturday. Along with other BTD staff, he is constantly monitoring the traffic situation via closed circuit monitors and is on a text thread with MBTA staff and personnel from Yankee Coach, which operates the fleet of buses that is shuttling passengers along the avenue.

'We have a text chain to make sure there's clear and consistent coordination for trouble spots," Moran said.

The Monday afternoon and evening commute was "a bit of a struggle," he said, prompting the worst conditions during the shutdown so far. It led to modifications made on Tuesday, including temporary parking restrictions in select locations.

One of the worst choke points was at the already notorious Glovers Corner intersection of Freeport Street, Hancock Street, and Dot Ave. On Tuesday, a line of orange cones was placed to prevent parking along the Dot Ave curb on the southbound approach to Hancock, creating a 1,000-foot "queue-jump" for motorists. A similar curb restriction was put in place on the northbound approach to Co-

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lumbia Road on Tuesday. A back-up on the ex-

pressway on Monday was blamed for pushing additional motorists onto the avenue. BTD officials are able to remotely adjust traffic signal cycles with pre-programmed codes - and did so at the intersection of Columbia Road and Dot Ave during Monday's debacle. The BTD has also put out cones to block left turns onto Buttonwood Street— a popular cut-through off of Columbia Road—in an attempt to prevent dangerous and troublesome turns that were making matters worse, he said.

In Fields Corner, city officials also used cones to create a temporary bike lane along Park Street to enhance safety conditions.

"The first few days are usually the most difficult," said Moran. "I don't see one day as more challenging than the other, but weekdays tend to be more problematic with additional commuters

and BPS school buses on the road."

A large percentage of the BPS school bus fleet is housed right along Dorchester Avenue in a huge yard off Freeport Street. BTD is coordinating closely with BPS, said Moran, who added that none of the shuttle bus stops along Dot Ave were shared with BPS pick-up or drop-off locations.

Councillor Erin Murphy says she's concerned about the inconveniences facing constituents but has noticed a concerted effort to adjust on the go.

"The flags I've noticed around the neighborhood are a positive effort toward ensuring that commuters know where to connect with buses and shuttles. I hope additional outreach assists our seniors, students, workers, that neighbors are adequately apprised of all the options available to them, and that all the work is completed in timely fashion," she said.

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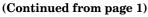
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At long last, a Food Coop on Bowdoin St.



Board Treasurer Jenny Silverman cut the official ribbon as other board members and elected officials Seth Daniel photos celebrated.



found stores are farther apart and you have to deal with traffic."

The notion of the coop is credited to Jenny Silverman, who enlisted hundreds of helpers over the years to sign up members and make it a reality. Nightingale Community Garden coordinator Elnora Thompson recalled pulling a wagon full of paperwork to garden events to sign up people for memberships as far back as 12 years ago.

 $The idea \, is \, that \, anyone$ can shop at the store, but those interested can also become owner-members for a one-time payment of \$100. Workers at the store also have an option to have an ownership stake as well - making it community-and-worker-owned. Owner-members cangive input into store inventory and operations, receive a share of profits if the store is profitable, and get special discounts on items.

The store is full-service with stocked shelves of non-perishable items, a meat department, fruits and vegetables and a coffee/bakery area.

"Today our amenity

comes to life; our dream opens its doors," said DFC Board member Sarah Assefa in welcoming the crowd for the ribbon cutting and noting there were more than 1,700 member-owners now.

Mayor Wu, who attended the grand opening, said it was a store "of the people, by the people and for the people." She added: "Food is the first,



meet each other across generations and differences."

City Councillor Brian Worrell also took note of the new deal for Bowdoin-Geneva: "We've never had a lot of healthy food options and today that has changed with the Dorchester Food Coop opening."

General Manager John

Santos said the store was supposed to open in June, and employees were ready to get to work, but delays in the permitting and construction process pushed the opening to October. The store is now open seven days a week, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.



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BGCD Supports 6th Annual MR8K with Family, Friends & Keystone Members: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Supports 6th Annual MR8K with Family, Friends & Keystone Members: On October 15th, 20 teen members of BGCD's Keystone Club joined staff, parents, alumni and friends to take part in the Martin Richard Foundation's 6th Annual MR8K Walk/Run. The scenic 5-mile course through Boston's newest neighborhood was presented by New Balance and Amazon. Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers on a highly successful event! A special thanks to our teen leaders, along with the staff, alumni and friends who helped represent **BGCD** at this fun event!

Next up for our teen members will be Senior Class Talk on October 25th and Career Speaker Series with Ellenzweig on October 24th. For more information on Keystone Club, please contact Declan Hall at dhall@bgcdorchester. org. FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Members Participate in BGCA

Northeast Leadership Conference: This past week, Boys & Girls Clubs of America hosted the 2023 Northeast Regional Conference in Boston for more than 400 Club professionals and board volunteers. Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was honored to participate. Our members were invited as part of the member entertainment, while our President & CEO Bob Scannell welcomed the crowd at the Opening Ceremony. Our BGCD Dance Team also helped open up the conference with an amazing hip-hop performance, while member Nam V. powerfully sang an original song at the Closing Ceremony. BGCD's Youth of the Year and Massachusetts Youth of the Year Deshawn V. also addressed the crowd with his inspirational Club story. Thank you to BGCA for allowing our members to shine on stage and for encouraging their talents!



BGCD Members Participate in BGCA Northeast Leadership Conference: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:

BGCD To Host Young Professionals Kickoff Event: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is hosting a Kickoff Event for our Young Professionals Group!

Date: Tuesday, October 24th **Time**: 5:30pm

Location: Loco Taqueria & Oyster Bar at 412 W Broadway in South Boston

Join us at Loco Taqueria to learn more about how to get involved with BGCD, while also enjoying appetizers, raffles, a silent auction, drinks and networking! Tickets are \$20 online ahead of time, or \$25 at the door. Please note, this is a 21+ event.

Visit **bit.ly/BGCDYPKickoff** to purchase your tickets today. We hope to see you there! For more information on the Young Professionals Group,

please contact Hailey Cummings at

hcummings@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Harbor Point Community Event October 23

Teen Career Speaker Field Trip October 24

Young Professionals Kickoff Event October 24

Rodman Theater for Kids - Frozen October 26

> **BGCD Halloween Party** October 31

> > BGCD Closed November 3

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RECENT OBITUARIES

BIAGIOTTI, Virginia "Ginny" R. (Murphy), 91, of Dorchester. Wife of the late John P. Biagiotti. Mother of Paula O'Connell and her husband Paul, John F. Biagiotti and his wife Laura, Daniel J. Biagiotti and his wife Tina, and Christine Hobbs and her

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husband Joseph. Sister of Frances MacMillan. Grandmother of 9. Please consider making a donation in memory of Ginny to St. Matthew's Food Pantry (Dorchester), c/o Bob Carter, 143 Forest St., Arlington, MA 02474.

DONATO, Mary A., 83, of Pembroke, formerly of Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Dedham. Daughter of Catherine (Mitchell) and Richard Walsh. She is survived

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by her sister, Eileen Stuart; and was predeceased by brothers, Richard, Peter, Leo, and Vincent. Wife to Michael A. Donato. Mother to Paula. Michael, Christopher, Ted, and Daniel. Grandmother of 15. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



FOLEY, Patricia (Garland), 79, of

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU23P2145EA
ESTATE OF:
SEAN PATRICK O'CONNOR
A/k/a: SEAN O'CONNOR
DATE OF DEATH: August 25, 2023
SUFFOLK DIVISION
To all persons interested in the
above captioned estate, by Petition

above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Maureen Lindholm of Carver, MA. Maureen Lindholm of Carver, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

Blackstone, Sean Foley of Ashland, and Sheila Foley of Whitman. Grandmother of 3 and sister of Kathleen Zangla of Weymouth and William Garland of Quincy. She leaves many nieces and nephews. Donations in Patricia's memory may go to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014 Hagerstown, MD 21741, michaeljfox.

Whitman, formerly of

Dorchester and Quincy.

Mother of James P. Foley

and his wife Kristen of

MARLOW, Barbara A. (Fuller), 78, of Mattapan. Wife of the late James E. Marlow. Mother of Ronald Marlow and his wife Alison of Randolph, and Stacey Marlow of Mattapan. Grandmother of 4. Sister of Robert Fuller, Betty Fuller, and Joyce McQueen all of Boston, Marcia Brown of Chicago, IL and Marvin Brown of Georgia. She also leaves a host of friends and relatives.



MARSHALL, Walter **J.**, 88, longtime resident of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Joseph and Mildred (Pontuso) Marshall. Husband of Marilyn J. "Molly" (Nee) Marshall. Father of Karen M. Griffin and her husband Peter of Pembroke, Walter J. Marshall, Jr. of Quin-

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P2055GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
VINA PHAM
OF BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Alloced Incapacitated Person

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other nterested persons, a petition has been filed by Christy Pham of Boston, MA in the above by Christy Pham of Boston, MAIn the above captioned matter alleging that Vina Pham is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Christy Pham of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/31/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date. the written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter withou action may be taken in this intaker without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ast for a lawyer. Anyone may make this reques on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person above-named person cannot afford a lawyer one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

of this Court. Vincent Procopio Register of Probate
Date: September 21, 2023 Published: October 19, 2023

cy, Nancy A. Tessier and her husband David of Needham, and Deborah J. Crosby and her husband Michael of Kingston. Grandfather of ten and great grandfather of nine. The youngest of five siblings, Walter was predeceased by Joseph, William, Edward, and Robert Marshall. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and their families. US Navy veteran. Donations in Walter's memory may be made to Holy Trinity Parish, c/o 227 Sea Street, Quincy, MA



McINTYRE, Thomas R., 33, of Dorchester. Husband of Heather L. (Sturges) McIntyre. Son of Peter McIntyre of Milton and the late Maryann (Rogers) McIntyre. Brother of Lindsey Grabowski of Hanover, Philip McIntyre of Whitman, and Kelsey DeMelo of Quincy. Grandson of Bernice (Kirk) Rogers of Dorchester. Thomas is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.



MORASH, John L. "Jack" Jr. of Dorchester. Husband of Lisa A. (Oliver) Morash. Father of Mathew Morash and his wife Saori of Japan, Andrew and his wife Jenn of New Hampshire, Olivia Smith of Dorchester, and Morgan Smith of Dorchester. Son of Marie Morash of Salem, NH and the late John L. "Jack" Morash Sr. Brother of Russell Morash of Salem, NH. Grandfather of 2. Jack is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

RODRIGUES, Nancy D., 77, of Mattapoisett, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Paul W. Rodrigues. Born in Cambridge, daughter of the late Edmund F. and Dorothea (McPartlan) Coleman. Survivors include her daughter, Michelle Bergeron and her husband Wayne; 2 sons, Paul Rodrigues and his wife Kimberly and Todd Rodrigues and his wife Maurine; a brother, Richard Coleman; a sister, Donna Lopes; 6 grandchildren; great-grandchildren. She was the sister of the late Paul Coleman and Edmund Coleman, Jr.



WASIK, Marilyn T. (Daley), 92, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late William Daley and Felicia (Baracewicz) Daley. Wife of the late John E. Wasik. Mother of Alan and his wife Kathleen Wasik of Bridgewater, Kevin and his wife Theresa Wasik of East Bridgewater, Cheryl and her husband Steven Ellis of Weymouth, and the late Robert G. Wasik. "Nana" of 9. Great-grandmother 14. Sister of William and his wife Elaine Daley of Lynn, and the late Lorraine Daley, and Dolores and her husband Neil Donga. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in Marilyn's memory may be made to a charity of your choice

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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU23D1797DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
PHUONG HOANG NGUYEN

vs. TIEN NGOC BICH NGUYEN

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Dan Tran, Esq., Law Office of Dan N. Tran, 1377 Dorchester Ave., 2nd Floor, Dorchester, MA02122 your answer, if any, on or before 12/07/2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required tion of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 11, 2023

Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** FEOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COLIR 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0464CA IN THE MATTER OF: RUSSELL PAUL LOVEJOY

A Petition to Change Name o Adult has been filed by Russell Paul Lovejoy of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Jaxson David Holmes

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the peition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/08/2023. 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: October 12, 2023

Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate Published: October 19, 2023



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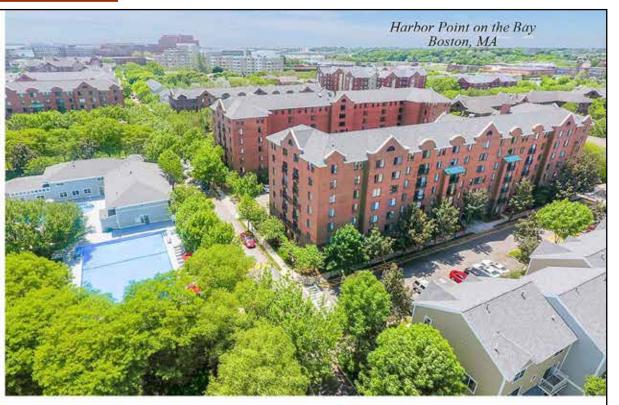
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