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The Osman family, (l-r) Omar, son Delshad, and daughters Shawnam and Ala, enjoy afternoon tea at their home in Harbor Point, Dorchester.

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# From the 'Kurdish village' in Dot, words of grief, and a sense of hope

By Simón Rios WBUR Reporter

Surrounded by family, with a scarf flashing the colors of Kurdistan draped across his chest, Kurdish war veteran Omar Osman Omer recalled life before coming to the United States more than 20 years ago. From the age of 19, he spent 13 years battling the Iraqi government as a Peshmerga fighter, struggling for freedoms

like the ability to speak the language he now speaks at his home in Dorchester.

"The ideology behind the freedom fighters was that we wanted peace, democracy – and our basic rights were violated by the Iraqi regime," Omer said in Kurdish that was translated by his 44-year-old son, Delshad Osman.

But Omer, 65, eventually left Iraq to find democracy elsewhere

and after a decade-long journey, he and his family landed in Dorchester's Harbor Point neighborhood.

In an interview, Omer noted that the Peshmerga revolution of the 1980s was crushed by Saddam Hussein, who infamously used chemical weapons against the Kurds. He then moved his family to Pakistan, where they lived as refugees for nine years,

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# Two at-large candidates – two views

### Garrison: Vote just for me, not any of the others

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Althea Garrison is not on Twitter or Facebook. In an increasingly left-leaning city, she describes herself and her base of voters as "moderate to conservative." And, alone among sitting city council members, she is openly campaigning for the defeat of her at-large colleagues.

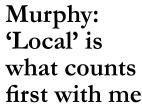
"Replace all three of



Althea Garrison

those councillors that have been there for years. Get rid of all of them," she said at a Roxbury forum early this month where she also asked for a "bullet vote," meaning just vote

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By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

First-time candidate Erin Murphy says her "independence" and focus on local issues is what sets her apart from the field of eight finalists in the at-large Boston City Council election set for Nov. 5.

The Dorchester native and longtime Boston Public School teacher finished in 7th place in



Erin Murphy

last month's preliminary election with 6.84 percent of the overall vote.

Murphy sees a path forward to one of the four citywide seats if she can broaden her message beyond Dorchester and (Continued on page 21)

# Flooring retailer will move into Morrissey site left vacant since '18

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

A high-profile commercial space along the Morrissey Boulevard corridor near Victory Road will be taken over by the Georgia-based national retailer Floor & Décor, a self-styled multi-channel American specialty real-



The former site of the National Wholesale Liquidators operation.

tor of hard surface flooring and related accessories that hopes to open its doors by late 2020 or early 2021.

The large building, at 729 Morrissey Blvd., has been vacant since National Wholesale Liquidators went bankrupt in 2018 after a decade at the site.

Representatives from Kimco Realty, which owns the building and has a pre-existing business connection with Floor & Décor, laid out their company's plans for the site at a meeting of the Clam Point Civic Association on Monday night.

While Kimco has not formally filed an application with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), its officials are making their rounds to local civic associations, introducing their project and asking for community feedback.

"We are working on our application but we wanted to come here and meet with you first," said William Squires, an attorney who represents Kimco Realty.

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# Polito tours pier site on Point being eyed as ferry service stop

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito joined a contingent of Columbia Point stakeholders last Wednesday evening for a tour of Fallon Pier, which has been identified as a potential location for ferry service connecting Dorchester with Quincy and Long Wharf in Boston.

UMass Boston Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman and JFK Library Foundation executive director Steven Rothstein were among the group that met with Polito at the library before taking a walking tour of the pier setting.

Newman said that the possibility of having a ferry stop just steps from the UMass Boston campus would be "a real shot in the arm. It would be completely transformative on a peninsula that is already under transformation," she said, noting the current explosion of growth of campus as well as the looming development of the former Bayside Expo Center site.

Researchers at UMass Boston received a (Continued on page 17)



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### **DOT BY THE DAY** Oct. 26 - Nov. 2, 2019

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

Saturday (26th) - Join a walking tour and learn about the hidden rich history of Mattapan on Sat., Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. as part of the Fall Mattapan/Open Streets Open Studios weekend. Stops include Wellington Hill, houses of worship, Simcos, the site of the Oriental Theatre, the new Neponset Greenway and many more. The tour starts at Young Achievers School (formerly the Solomon Lewenberg school) at 2 Outlook Rd. on Wellington Hill. The Open Streets Open Studios happening Oct. 26 and 27 includes an artist reception, jazz brunch and Harvest Garden Party. Learn more on our Facebook page or go to mattapanopenstudios.com to download the full

• Put in an hour to two to clean up Savin Hill Park for the winter on Sat., Oct. 26 from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Tools and refreshments available at the Caspian Way dead end at the top of the park. Sponsored by Friends of Savin Hill Park.

•Triveni Dance Ensemble performs "Faces of the Divine" at JFK Library on Columbia Point from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Part of Celebrate, a free performing arts program for children. See jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1600.

• Pumpkin Palooza at Lawn on D - a two day event on Saturday and Sunday—includes live music, circus workshops, magic show and of course: pumkin carving. 7 a.m.- 10 p.m. on Saturday, 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. on Sunday.

Sunday (27th) - Harvest Festival at Cedar Grove Gardens, 911 Adams St., Dorchester, 1-3 pm. Free, kids' costumes encouraged. Horse drawn wagon rides through Cedar Grove Cemetery.

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

Thursday (31st) - A Halloween Day harvest festival will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 31 in Dr. Loesch Family Park on Wainwright and Brent Streets. Music, pony rides, corn maze, farm animals and trick-or-treating. Call or text 781-405-8648 for more info.

Saturday (2nd) - First Parish Dorchester will honor Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins with a Meetinghouse Award for Service to the Community at their annual gala in the parish hall, 10 Parish St., Dorchester from 7-10 p.m. Full event details, including links to ticketing and sponsorship opportunities, can be found at first parishdorchester. org/tickets.

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The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors last week voted to approve a new mixed-use apartment building for 1297-1305 Blue Hill Ave. The proposed "Wellington at 1301" building will be five stories and include 39 rental units, five of which will be "income-restricted." There will also be three ground-floor commercial spaces, a residential lobby and parking for up to 40 vehicles. Image courtesy: Rick Schmidt Architect, LLC

# Possible challenger looking at Cullinane's House seat

State Rep. Dan Cullinane will likely face a new challenger next year for the 12th Suffolk seat he has held since 2013. Donovan Birch Jr., a Mattapan native who lives in Dorchester, has been preparing his candidacy for the run.

In recent months, Birch has started a "Live from the 12th Suffolk District" monthly blog and email newsletter that he says "share a different political perspective from the community he loves." This weekend, he discussed his candidacy at a house party in Dorchester.

On his website, Birch writes that he "hopes to empower more young, queer, Black, and Latino folks from the district to lend their voices to politics and help redefine what is possible for all of us in the Commonwealth."

Cullinane, a Democrat, has faced two consecutive challenges from Jovan Lacet, a Mattapan attorney who has indicated that he will likely

seek to mount another campaign for the seat as well. Lacet's Twitter account describes him as a candidate for the 12<sup>th</sup> Suffolk.

In September 2018, Cullinane defeated Lacet in the Democratic primary by 467 votes. Next year's general election will be held on Nov. 3. with the primary scheduled for Sept. 15. The local filing deadline is May 5; the state filing deadline is June 2.

- KATIE TROJANO

# BCYF's citywide swim league seeking kids, teens to sign on

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is now enrolling children and teens ages 5-17 for the annual BCYF Citywide Swim League, a developmental league that serves as an introduction to competitive swimming for more than 300 young swimmers.

In addition to improving their water skills, participants make new friends and enjoy visits to other BCYF swimming pools in Boston for meets. Swim team experience is not necessary.

The regular season meets are held once a week beginning in No-

the season, the Nakieka "Kiki" Taylor Championship Meet, will take place with all teams in March.

Dorchester swim teams and meetup locations include B.E.S.T. Orcas at Dorchester House at 1353 Dorchester Ave. (contact: info@ swimbest.org); The BCYF Holland Community Center at 85 Olney St. (contact: chenault. terry@boston.gov); and the BCYF Leahy-Holloran Community Center at 1 Worrell St. (contact: lisa.zinck@boston.gov).

Mattapan meets take place at the BCYF Mat-

vember. The final meet of tahunt Community Center (contact: ernest. hughes@boston.gov)and BCYF Mildred Avenue Community Center (contact: dorian.barcus@ boston.gov).

To sign up to participate, e-mail or call the contact at your local pool listed below. For more information, contact Antonio Rosario, BCYF Aquatics Manager, at Antonio.Rosario@boston.gov or 617-635-4920. Ext. 2150.

Team enrollment will continue through November or until each team reaches its capacity number.

### Police, Courts, & Fire

Suspect in Milton Ave. murder caught in Atlanta – The man arrested last week for a bank robbery in Atlanta has been identified as Ricardo Jamesy Washington, 24, of Roxbury, who has been wanted since May 8 in the shooting death of Donell Davis on Milton Avenue in Dorchester. Washington now faces a rendition hearing in Atlanta before he can be returned here to face arraignment on the murder charge. Police found Davis, 24, with gunshot wounds inside a Milton Avenue house shortly after 10 a.m. on May 8. He was declared dead at the

- REPORTER STAFF

Southie man threatens Michael Flaherty, assaults BPD - A 53-year-old South Boston man was arrested on Monday morning for allegedly threatening City Councillor-at-Large Michael Flaherty and his campaign staff. John Donovan was placed into custody after two incidents in which he is alleged to have made threats at Flaherty's campaign office on East Broadway.

According to a Boston Police account, when officers approached Donovan, who was driving a vehicle near the scene, he "repeatedly used his vehicle to strike the officers' cruisers. They were eventually able to place the suspect in custody after a lengthy struggle."

Donovan was arraigned Tuesday in South Boston District Court on various charg-

Break-in reported at Dot Art Project - The headquarters of the Dorchester Art Project was the target of an attempted break-in last Wednesday evening (Oct. 16). The volunteerrun gallery and venue space in Fields Corner posted photos of their front door's shattered window on Instagram in the aftermath of the incident. The post explained that no one was harmed and nothing much was taken.

### **UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 12**

Bayside redevelopment planning session on Oct. 26— A coalition of civic groups — Citizens Connect to Bayside will meet to discuss the future Bayside Development on Sat., Oct. 26 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the BTU's Carson Place, 180 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Light breakfast, childcare and translation services available. A shuttle will run from Harbor Point and JFK-UMass station. For more info: CitizensConnect-Bayside@gmail.com.

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

boston.gov.

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Greater Mattapan Council meets on Nov. 4 – The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, Nov. 4, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Center. Speakers will include discussions on zoning with Larry DiCara, P.C.

and At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu. Please forward all questions to info.gmncouncil@gmail.com.

Rollins to be honored by First Parish Dorchester - First Parish Dorchester will honor Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins with a Meetinghouse Award for Service to the Community at their annual gala on Sat., Nov. 2 in the parish hall, 10 Parish St., Dorchester from 7-10 p.m. Full event details, including links to ticketing and sponsorship opportunities, can be found at firstparishdorchester.org/tickets.

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# SJC upholds dismissal of murder conviction in '16 Mattapan case

By Adam Gaffin Universal Hub

The Supreme Judicial Court last week overturned the 2018 second-degree murder conviction of Abdullah Yasin in the death, in 2016, of Chaz Burton outside a Mattapan party, ruling that the trial judge should not have allowed the case to go to a jury after she had concluded that Suffolk County prosecutors had failed to produce evidence showing that Yasin was responsible for Burton's death.

In its decision, the state's top court said that Suffolk Superior Court Judge Janet Sanders had made decisions that harmed both sides in the case, but, the justices decided, Burton's constitutional right to due process had been harmed, so it was ruling for him and dismissing the case

A Suffolk Superior Courtjury had convicted Yasin of the murder of Burton, who had been stomped on, then shot to death in March 2016 outside 227 River St. A co-defendant in the case was convicted of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Both men had been charged with the first-degree murder of Burton in a

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fight that involved two

After prosecutors had made their case to the jury in March 2018, Yasin's attorney filed a motion asking the judge to issue a "required finding of not guilty." In a hearing on the motion, the SJC wrote in its summary of the case, Sanders agreed that prosecutors had not proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Yasin caused Burton's death.

"The judge observed that murder premised on a theory of extreme atrocity or cruelty was 'totally unsupported' by the evidence," the SJC wrote in its ruling. "The judge also said that the Commonwealth had failed to present any such evidence and thus that the Commonwealth had not proved that the killing was unlawful. She noted, as well, that the Commonwealth had presented no evidence that the defendant had aided or abetted the shooter. For all practical purposes, the judge thus deemed the evidence insufficient to convict the

defendant of murder."

But despite her misgivings, Sanders decided to take no action in court, saying she reserved that right until after the jury had made its decision. She similarly "reserved" any action after Yasin's lawyer repeated the request after his presentation of Yasin's case, during which Yasin was not called because his attorney felt the case was so weak.

The jury then found Yasin guilty of second-degree murder, which carried a sentence of life, with the possibility of parole after at least 15 years.

At that point, Yasin's attorney again filed his motion for a dismissal of the case, and this time Sanders agreed, issuing a ruling that overturned the murder charge. But Yasin was also convicted of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. He did not appeal his two-anda-half year sentence for that judgment.

In a hearing on her post-verdict ruling, Sanders told both sides

that she figured the jury would conclude, as she had, that prosecutors had failed to make their case and that jurors would find Yasin not guilty. She added that because her experience had taught her that "juries are able to recognize when a case is founded on speculation or conjecture, and they will return a verdict of not guilty, thus making it unnecessary for me to intervene."

Also, she said, "No rational jury following the

instructions I gave them could have concluded that there was an unlawful killing."

She noted that had she granted the motion to dismiss before the jury ruled, that would legally let the DA appeal her decision to appellate courts and "then the time and expense invested in selecting a jury and presenting evidence at trial would be wasted."

She then granted Yasin's motion, in part because "the verdict was based on emotion rather

than reason and therefore was not consonant with justice."

The DA's office then appealed, an action that the SJC ruling dismissed.

In its decision, the court concluded that the way Sanders did not act on Yasin's motion until after the trial was a violation of his rights, but that the judge's decision to essentially overturn the verdict was also wrong.

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# Richard Foundation's final Service Day targets hunger

\$1 million grant for Project 351

By YUKUN ZHANG REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

"Five more boxes! Five more boxes!" The words from Joe Katusich, the Martin Richard Foundation's service leader, resounded over the chords of uplifting music inside the Leahy Holloran Community Center in Neponset on Sunday.

It was 2:28 p.m., two minutes before the scheduled closing celebration of the foundation's autumn service program on a day when the foundation announced a \$1 million grant to Project 351, an organization committed to developing the next generation of community-first service leaders.

At the center, highspirited volunteers, having worked for almost two hours, were finishing up sealing rice, corn, dried vegetables and powder into plastic film bags and packing the bags into paper boxes.

And Carolyn Casey, founder and executive director of Project 351, an organization for youth service and leadership, was keeping a tally of the number of boxes packed on a piece of paper taped to the door.

The ingredients came from Meals of Hope, a Florida-based non-profit organization. Adding six cups of water to a bag will produce a meal of chicken flavored rice and vegetable soup.

Steve Popper, CEO and president of Meals



Bill Richard, founder of the Martin Richard Foundation, addressed the crowd of volunteers at Sunday's service day event.

Yukun Zhang photo

of Hope, said that all the soup will be given out to the hungry by the end of the week.

About 200 volunteers of all ages, some of whom came with families and friends, some from community service organizations, and some from student groups, rotated working on four service projects, of which Meals of Hope was the largest.

Upstairs, volunteers from a Springfield organization called Square One packed cans of beans, pasta, gravy, baking mixes, instant potatoes, cranberry sauce, candies, and other Thanksgiving meal goods into black non-woven tote bags. At least 100 meals would later be trucked to Spring-

field and distributed to families in need.

Sam Paster, a 22-yearold Dorchester resident, said he had fun packing the goods. He said he has been volunteering for a few years with EPIC, which organizes young people with disabilities to do community services. For Sunday's service event, about ten EPIC volunteers were on site.

The other two projects on Sunday were with Food for Free and Fresh Truck.

In the room for Food for Free, volunteers packed coffee, tea, creamer, and candies along with hand-written cards into storage bags. The Cambridge organization will deliver the 160 or so goodie bags to people

who can't access a traditional food pantry due to illness or disability.

Fresh Truck, a mobile fresh produce market, would bring 200 bags of produce to Grand Manor, a Boston pantry, that same day, said Raya Jackson, Fresh Truck's program coordinator. Each bag contained two potatoes, one apple, one avocado, three bulbs of garlic, one onion, three bananas, one red pepper, and three tomatoes.

By 2:38 p.m., almost all tables in the large hall were cleared of boxes, funnels, and sealers and the floor had been swept. The volunteers then gathered in the hall for a game of "The Price is Right" as Casey crossed off the number 116 and wrote 120 above it. The number of meals in the boxes packed that day amounted to 52,242.

Sunday's packing effort was the final service event of the Martin Richard Foundation, which is changing its focus to charitable giving. But Bill Richard, who co-founded the organization with his wife Denise, told the assembly that people could always find opportunities to serve.

"You don't need organized service days to give back," he said. "Thankfully we live in a location in Boston, in Dorchester, where there is always something going on. Stay tuned and seek out these opportunities, and find your own ways to make an impact."

As to the grant to Project 351, the foundation's largest commitment to one organization to date, Denise Richard said, "As we have partnered with Project 351 over the past five years, we have been inspired by their unique approach to motivating and developing young leaders through service across the Commonwealth.

"We know this grant will support their work not only in developing eighth graders, but also the Project 351 alumni who are so committed to moving forward as upstanders and changemakers for our world."

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# At St. Peter's Teen Center, study and fun are partners

#### By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

The St. Peter's Teen Center in Dorchester was opened by Catholic Charities in 2002, and since then it has served as a home away from home for many middle and high-school students who live nearby. The facility provides safe and constructive after-school spaces for kids and teens to grow intellectually, participate in sports, and have fun with their

"Our goal is to provide safety and do the best we can to help academically so that kids improve in school," said Joao Dos Santos, the current director, who joined the center as a member in 2003 when he was in the ninth grade.

"It's also [a priority] to get them thinking about their futures, and what they want to do after they leave here," he said. "We want students who leave after graduation to come back and talk about their jobs and what they learned with the next group of kids."

Dos Santos, who immigrated to Boston from Cape Verde, worked at the center as a counselor, peer leader, and then academic coordinator before becoming director

"We serve kids, mainly from this neighborhood. We get some kids from Roxbury and Mattapan as well," he said. "We give them academic support, take them out of the streets so they're safe and their parents can be comfortable. Most of our kids' parents work two to three jobs. Sometimes the kids won't see their parents until the weekend."

The halls of the Teen Center are decorated with art that Dos Santos said was created by a former student. The second and third floors of the three-story building are set off by grade level, with the second floor split between middleschool grades and the third floor made up of high-school grades.

The building also has a basketball court, workout, dance, and music rooms and a common area where the students can play with an assortment of games from ranging from pool and foosball to Wii sports.

The center provides structured after-school support as well as summer programming that keeps the students learning, active, and safe during hot summer months. The staff also provides students with daily snacks and homecooked hot dinners, as well as transportation to and from the facility.

Tenth grade students Aliah and Bruna love that they can come to the Teen Center and get their homework done.



Joao Dos Santos, the director of the St. Peter's Teen Center, is shown with members at the Bowdoin Street center. Photo courtesy Catholic Charities

"It's helpful for getting said Aliah. "The staff are your homework done so that you don't have to worry about it later,"

always here to help us." Added Bruna: "You get to learn different things

while you're getting your work done and it's a happy place to be."

Dos Santos said that

the Teen Center served close to 400 students last year. Although the program was originally meant for high schoolers, many of those students were missing out on substantial time at the center so they could care for siblings in middle school. When the center opened up its programming to middle school, De Santos said they saw a number of kids coming with their older siblings.

Like Dos Santos, a majority of the staff members are former students themselves. The student roster includes many Cape Verdeans, and a number of young Haitians and Vietnamese.

"Dos Santos and his team will often bring former students back to meet with the kids and talk about their careers,"

said Christine Fennelly, the director of marketing and communications for CCAB. "The kids are able to see themselves in these people who have been through the program."

Over the summer months, the Teen Center pairs with the Youth Opportunities Program (YOP) to take the kids on field trips to places like Spectacle Island, Georges Island, and an overnight trip to Cape Cod. In addition. students regularly attend Save The Harbor/Save the Bay events at Carson Beach.

The Teen Center at St. Peter is located at 278 Bowdoin St. in Dorchester. For more information on their programs and hours, visit ccab. org/TeenCenter or call 617-282-3614.

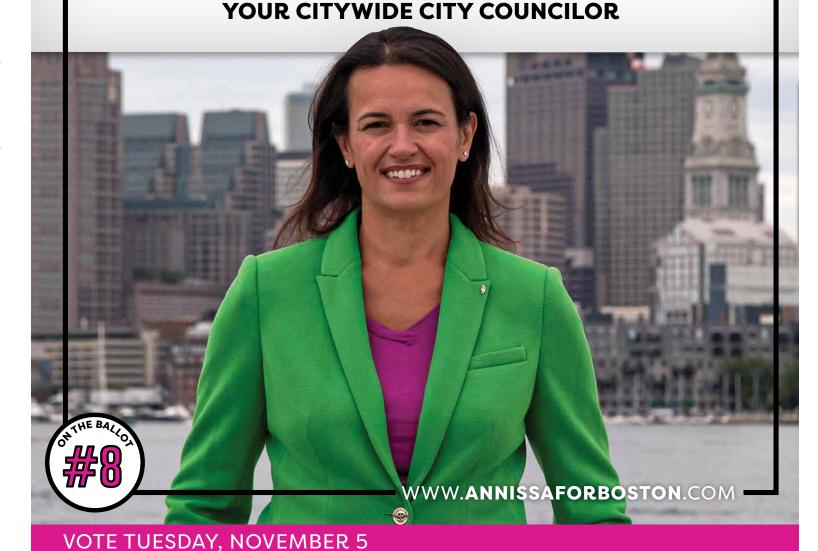
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# Bayside developers to host first 'vision' meeting on Saturday

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

Accordia Partners, the company selected to re-develop the UMassowned Bayside parcel on Columbia Point, will

launch a series of "vi- non Street. sion" meetings to gather community input for its plans this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Boston Teachers Union Hall on Mt. Ver-

Accordia and the UMass Building Authority signed a lease agreement for the 20-acre waterfront property this past summer in a deal

that could yield the Boston campus more than \$200 million. Richard Galvin and Kirk Sykes, the principals at Accordia, have also attended several civic meetings



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Sincerely, Councillor At-Large Althea Garrison

in Dorchester over the past few weeks to invite neighbors to participate in the planning.

Accordia has retained Catherine O'Neill, a longtime civic and business consultant who lives in Savin Hill, to help them engage with the community.

"For us, the Bayside property is a once-ina-lifetime culmination of career opportunities, and it's a benefit to UMass Boston," said Galvin at a Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association meeting in September. He added: "We won't be filing publicly until sometime in late January. The first step is engaging in the conversation and hearing your concerns, ideas for what will make the project work. You all live here and you know best."

Said Sykes: "The name Accordia means "together," and we see this as an opportunity to work together. We have

a history of working with communities, which is important to us."

According to City Councillor Frank Baker, who spoke at the September civic meeting, the "visioning" meetings are similar to the process that informed redevelopment at the South Bay Shopping Center.

"This is not a BPDAsponsored event," he said. "It's just the community coming together to give these guys a sense of what we would like to see.

Accordia Partners will lease the property, which UMass Boston acquired in 2010 for \$18.7 million, for 99 years and make an up-front payment that will fall between \$192.5 million to \$235 million.

The developers say they will keep the 2011 Columbia Point Master Plan in mind as they proceed. That document offered a consensus guideline for growth on the peninsula.



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# Virtuoso violinist Goosby will perform in Ashmont

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music will present a recital by violinist Randall Goosby with accompaniment by pianist Zhu Wangon Sun., Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. at All Saints' Peabody Hall.

The 23-year-old musician has been earning praise as a virtuoso performer ever since he became the youngest violinist to win the Sphinx Concerto Competition at age 13.

Last year, the Juilliard graduate was the recipient of several prestigious awards including First Prize in the

2018 Young Concert Artists International Auditions.

His recital program will include "The Chaconne in G minor" by Tomaso Antonio Vitali, "Sonata in G minor" by Claude Debussy, "The Suite for violin and piano" by William Grant Still, and Richard Strauss's "Sonata in E-flat major."

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for students, and \$3 for EBT card holders. Children under 18 are admitted free. Tickets are available online at eventbrite.com. They will also be available the door.



**Randall Goosby** 

# Flooring retailer will move into Morrissey site left vacant since '18

(Continued from page 1)

Kimco Realty purchased the property, which they are now calling Morrissey Plaza, in April 2014. "What you may not know is that we don't own the entire property," explained Chris Ciminiello, the associate director of development at Kimco. "We only own the portion that used to be National Wholesale Liquidators, [which] signed

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irst Justice of this Court. Date: June 25, 2019

a lease in 2011 when the property was under different ownership.

"We're being as proactive as possible in maintaining the property while it's been vacant,' said Ciminiello. "But as you can understand, having a vacant lot of this size poses a lot of challenges, which is where I see a lot of opportunity with leasing that space to Floor & Décor.'

The Morrissey Plaza property also includes 127 parking spaces, but that situation is complicated by deed restrictions that, according to Ciminiello, prohibit "full-service restaurants, entertainment or groceries" from operating at the site. He added:

"Retail is really the only thing we could look at to lease an 85,000 squarefoot space.'

Two other people spoke to the Clam Point mem $bership, Vanessa\,Massell,$  $development\, manager\, for$ Centerpoint, and Austin Turner, project manager at Bohler Engineering, who have been hired by Floor & Décor to help with preparation of the site.

"As part of our initial conversations, the BPDA has asked us to introduce some more green space and landscaping to the property," said Turner. "This is going to lead us to reduce some of the parking count, and we're

okay with that because operationally we don't have a large expectation for high parking demand. We think that it will fit nicely into the flow."

Noted Massell: "We're looking at ... making significant improvements to the interior and exterior of the building. It's really old, and it's going to take a lot of work to put it back into use.

'We would do the typical Floor & Decor building front entry way," she said, "maintain the loading docks that already exist on the right side of the building, and incorporate a customer pick-up area. We're maintaining the existing blueprint of the building. We're not expanding it or taking away any square footage.' She added that Floor &  $Decor\,store\,would\,employ$ roughly 45-50 people, with local applicants given priority.

Kathy Lynch, vice president of the Clam Point Civic, asked:

"How do you plan on accessing the property with your deliveries since many of the surrounding streets have truck restrictions?" The Kimco team responded that materials coming from local distribution centers would exit Rte 93 at Freeport Street and generally approach the store through the main entrance on Morrissey.

Attendees seemed to generally accept the development team's plans. "It's a good use for the property," said David Higgins. "Ithink it's been in shambles there for years and years." Others made the point that local associations are strongly opposed to digital billboards as a branding technique.

Security and public safety issues regarding the property were also raised by some residents, who asked about security cameras. Others highlighted long-standing safety issues in the property's parking lot.

"Please be aware that you're buying a property that has a history of drughandoffs because it's very accessible to the nearby major highways," Lynch said. "It's been a spot for people to meet and exchange drugs."

The team assured the membership that they would take the safety concerns to heart. "While Kimco is large in scale, we're very much local in nature," said Ciminiello. "We're hands-on owners who like to engage with the community and the city and it's important for the community to understand that we're not a fly-by-night company. We have your best interests in mind."

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Thurs., Oct. 24, 10:30 a.m. - Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Fri., Oct. 25**, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. - Friday Afternoon Fun. Sat., Oct. 26, 10 a.m. - Dorchester Story Walk. Mon., Oct. 28 - Monday Films; Homework Help. Tues., Oct. 29, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 5 p.m. Tricks & Treats at the Library. Wed., Oct. 30, 10 a.m. - Adult Stress Relief Coloring; 3:30 p.m. -Homework Help. Thurs., Oct. 31, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. - Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. - Homework

GROVE HALL BRANCH

Thurs., Oct. 24, - 3:30 p.m. - Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. - LEGO Club; 5 p.m. - Halloween Films for Kids; 5:30 p.m. - "In Their Shoes" Film Screening and Panel Discussion. Fri., Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m.

– Short Preschool Movies; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming.
Sat., Oct. 26, 11 a.m. – ESL Conversation Group; 1 p.m. – Girls Who Code; 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Workshop. Mon., Oct. 28, – 11 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Tues., Oct. 29, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Wed., Oct. 30, 10 a.m. – Cractive Writing Workshops: 11 a.m. Methor Coses Creative Writing Workshops; 11 a.m. – Mother Goose on the Loose; 1:30 p.m. – Knit/Crochet Circle; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; Kids Cooking with Miss Debbie. **Thurs., Oct. 31**, – 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Club.

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Thurs., Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club. Fri., Oct. 25, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wigglers' Lapsit; 1 p.m. – Alec Guinness Film Series. Mon., Oct. 28, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Sleepy Storytime. **Tues., Oct. 29**, 11 a.m. – Computer Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Wed., Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., Oct. 31, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

**Thurs., Oct, 24**, 12 p.m. – Senior Jewelry Making Class; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Grub Street Presents: Poetry/Hip Hop Storytelling; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Club; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Sleepy Story Time; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. Fri., Oct. 25, 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 10:30 a.m. - Hugs & Play; Smart from the Start Story Hour; 3 p.m. - Crafternoons. Sat., Oct. 26, 9 a.m. -USCIS Information Desk; 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class; Day of the Dead; Zumba with Carlina; 1:30 p.m. – Haitian-Creole. **Mon., Oct. 28**, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 2:30 p.m. – Beginning Meditation; 3 p.m. – Movie Mondays; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Tues., Oct. 29**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Tinker Time. **Wed., Oct. 30**, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Thurs., Oct. 31**, 12 p.m. – Senior Jewelry Making Class; 2 .p.m. – Halloween Spooktacular; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. - GrubStreet Presents: Poetry/Hip Hop Storytelling; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6:30

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Oct. 24, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 5 p.m. – Feasting with Your Instant Pot. Sat., Oct. 26, All Day – Halloween Crafts. Mon., Oct. 28, All Day - Halloween Crafts; 10:30 a.m. - Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 2:45 p.m. - Kids Cooking with Miss Debbie; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Make It Mondays: Halloween Taco Dip. **Tues.**, Oct. 29, All Day – Halloween Crafts; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Wed., Oct. 30, All Day – Halloween Crafts; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., Oct. 31, All Day – Halloween Crafts; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.



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# Reporter's

# People

# Four honored at Boston Irish luncheon



Mayor Walsh addressed the Boston Irish Honors luncheon last Friday, Oct. 18. Isabel Leon/City of Boston photo



From left: Ed Forry, Rev. Jack Ahern, James Carmody, Grace Cotter Regan, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Bill Isabel Leon/City of Boston photo



First row, from left: Kathy and John Drew, Grace Cotter Regan, James Carmody; top row: Maureen Forry, Linda Dorcena Forry, Bill Forry, and Ed Margaret Brett Hastings photo

On Friday, Oct. 18, more than 300 people gathered at the Seaport Boston Hotel for the 10th Boston Irish Honors Awards luncheon where they saluted two women and two men who have inspired the Irish-American community with their visions, their hard work and their caring for others. Mayor Martin J. Walsh, a past honoree and event co-chair, offered remarks. The event honored Jim Carmody, Kathy and John Drew, and Grace Cotter Regan. Carmody, who runs the Seaport Boston Hotel, grew up in Neponset. Regan, whose dad, Jim Cotter, was born and raised in Savin Hill, is the president of Boron College High School.Kathy Drew grew up on Elm Street in Dorchester, near Fields Corner.

The Irish Reporter has been a part of the Reporter's extended family of newspapers and online publications since 1990. The Forry family, which owns and operates the Boston Irish Reporter, Dorchester Reporter and Mattapan Reporter, has deep roots in Ireland.

### Celtics' Edwards helps launch new STEM lab at Murphy School

Celtics rookie Carsen Edwards was in Dorchester on Monday to help unveil the Brilliant Career Play Mobile Lab, a new STEM facility at the Murphy School in Neponset.

The space, which will allow students to participate in a variety of activities, comes equipped with threedimensional printers, motion detectors, robotics equipment, virtual reality technology, laser cutters, and programming

At the event, which was sponsored by the Celtics, the GE Foundation, and the Fab Foundation, Edwards participated in a demonstration lesson and helped kids build batter- powered name blocks. The unveiling ceremony was followed by a Grade 5-8 pep rally in the gym. The event was part of Massachusetts STEM Week (Oct. 21 to 25), which is organized by the Executive Office of Education and the STEM Advisory Council in partnership with the state's 9 Regional STEM Networks.

All are part of a statewide effort to boost the interest, awareness, and ability for all learners to envision themselves in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education and employment opportunities and complement the formal instruction happening in the Commonwealth beyond STEM week.



- DANIEL SHEEHAN Carson Edwards participates in a lesson at the new STEM lab at the Murphy School.

### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

### DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we have been featuring minibiographies of Dorchester residents who served in World War I. This week's profile, excerpted from the text written for the Society, features Percy Edward Blair, who was born on April 17, 1898, at 778 East Fifth Street, South Boston, to Milledge and Sophia Blair. His younger sibling Milledge L. was born in 1900, followed by Clarence in 1902, Florence in 1907, and Arthur in 1916.

The family was living in Dorchester by 1913, at 6 Bearse Avenue in Lower

Milledge was a machinist; a "brass finisher." according to directories. The 1910 census reported he was a safety valve tester at a brass factory. Eventually, he became a foreman at the Mason Regulator Company, 1107 Adams Street in Lower Mills. The company made balanced valves, steam traps, and speed and pressure regulators.

Percy attended school through the eighth grade, then worked as a clerk



**Percy Edward Blair** 

in Boston. On Nov. 5, 1916, he enlisted in the Massachusetts National Guard and reported for duty on July 15, 1917. He initially served in the 11th Company Coast Artillery Corps (CAC) of the National Guard. The CAC manned coastal and harbor fixed artillery instillations and minefields. During the war, the CAC also was responsible for all manned heavy artillery. On Dec. 18, 1917, Percy began for whom he worked for 40 years. serving at Fort Andrews on Peddocks Island in Boston Harbor. As of April 6, 1918, he was with 26th Company CAC (the re-designation of the 11th Company he served in originally). Following a promotion to corporal, he was transferred to Camp Eustis, Virginia, to serve with the 57th Ammunition Train CAC.

On Oct. 21, 1918, he departed for France, on the USS Aoelus, along with the 45th Artillery CAC, under the command of Captain K.S. Stevenson. He was overseas until Jan. 23, 1919, when he sailed from Bordeaux on the USS Sibonev. He was discharged on Feb. 12, 1919.

After his discharge from the service, he returned to live with his family. In 1920, they lived at 87 Richmond Street, Dorchester, and Percy worked as a machinist in a car shop. In 1925, his parents purchased 96 Wrentham St., Dorchester, and Percy lived with them there. By then, he was working as a cable splicer for the New England

In 1929, Percy married Beatrice Moran, and by 1932 they were living in the Montclair neighborhood of Quincy, at 39 Bowdoin Street. Their son, Robert, was born in 1936. Percy retired in the mid-1960s, and died on Jan. 1, 1973, at Quincy City Hospital. A Mason since 1927 and a member of the Macedonia Lodge, he was mourned at a Masonic service before his burial in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Dorchester.

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

### **Editorial**



# This new Dot hot-spot rocks

On Monday evening, the owners of Dorchester's newest restaurant and bar— Ghost Pepper Taqueria— held a celebratory reception for the latest successful chapter in a terrific partnership between two Savin Hill residents and business partners who deserve tremendous credit for their role in transforming this part of Dorchester: Ken Osherow and Driscoll DoCanto, who connected more than a decade ago through the sale of a condo.

Osherow owns At Home Real Estate Group and the block of storefronts that includes McKenna and Honeycomb Café. Ten years ago, he and DoCanto, who works for Merrill Lynch, acquired the property that now includes Savin Bar and Kitchen and Ghost Pepper Taqueria. They built 14 rental units of housing on three floors above the retail space.

The setting is a long, long way from the old Bulldogs barroom—which closed and was later demolished. What the neighborhood was stuck with – for decades – was essentially a giant crater hidden behind ugly cement barriers and plywood boards. It was, in short, an eyesore.

Osherow and DoCanto bought the property at the corner of Sydney Street and Savin Hill Avenue when a popular former restaurant called Donovan's suddenly closed. It was a tough time, as you may recall. The nation had been jolted by a financial crisis and a precipitous recession.

But the duo of DoCanto and Osherow saw an opportunity and bought the building and the vacant lot at 120 Savin Hill Ave. next door. They invested in their neighborhood when many others decided to sit it out, be cautious, and wait for a recovery. It was a bold move, but it's paying off for them and for the neighborhood at large.

The crowd inside Ghost Pepper on Monday night looked like us. Cape Verdeans and Haitians and African Americans and Irish and Vietnamese—and all of the wonderful blends and variations that are now just the norm in this community. It wasn't always so

Bulldogs, for sure, wasn't exactly a cauldron of multiculturalism. And this ain't 1974, thank God.

On Monday, Rep. Liz Miranda butterflied around the horseshoe-shaped bar, meeting constituents and introducing them to one another. "Kids" who grew up on Hamilton and Dudley drained Margaritas and downed Chef Dante Funes's spicy cauliflower tacos and Peruvian-ceviche with friends who hailed from Auckland and Adams streets. City kids, all grown up and re-connecting in an art deco taqueria as the Red Line rattled by out the window.

On the wall, a projector was showing the Patriots dismantle the pathetic NY Jets. Most people weren't watching. They were too busy enjoying each other's company

Such is the cynical nature of this moment in time that there are those who bemoan changes like this, who see a hot new spot like Ghost Pepper and react by craving for the throwback beer-and-a-beatin' joint they haunted back when "The Friends of Eddie Coyle" was playing at the Neponset Drive-In.

Those folks are nuts.

Modern day Dorchester is vibrant. It's tolerant. It's enterprising. It's intelligent. It's open-minded – and it's open for business.

We're grateful to people like Ken Osherow and Driscoll DoCanto who helped to make it so much better.

Bill Forry

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# Arroyo as councillor would bring long-overdue change to District 5

By Roy Lincoln Karp Reporter Columnist

Much needed change may soon be coming to City Council District 5. On Nov. 5, voters will have the opportunity to elect a new councillor to represent the district, which includes Hyde Park and parts of Mattapan and Roslindale. The race pits Ricardo Arroyo, a public defender whose father and brother both served as at-Large councillors, against Maria Esdale Farrell, chief of staff to outgoing District Councillor Tim McCarthy.

Results from the preliminary held in September reveal an electorate that is divided in large measure along racial lines. The "old guard"—longtime white voters who have a stronghold in Ward 18—is lining up for Esdale Farrell. Haitian, Latino, African-American, and most progressive voters are going for Arroyo, who is of Puerto Rican descent.

Though the district is 70 percent people of color, it has never elected a non-white councilor. A big part of the problem stems from the Democratic Committee in Ward 18, which includes two-thirds of the D5 precincts. A 2016 filing with the state's Office of Campaign and Political Finance reveals a committee that skews heavily white and no longer reflects the ward's racial diversity.

According to Rachel Poliner, director of Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale, her constituents have long been concerned about the ward's lack of transparency and democratic norms. The committee doesn't hold any public meetings or host candidates' forums, has no web or social media presence, and does not make its by-laws available so voters can learn how to get more engaged.

Ward 18 is a throw-back to an era of backroom deals that turned people off of politics and, let's be frank, kept people of color out of power. Esdale Farrell is a member of the ward committee and I have seen no evidence of her taking on the local

political establishment or making waves. She is smart, thoughtful, and enthusiastic, but I don't think she will challenge the status quo or open up the doors of local government to those who have long been shut out.

When I asked her how she would address issues of equity, she told me she just "treats everyone equally." That is the kind of tone-deaf response that ended the Congressional career of Michael Capuano and that just won't fly in 2019. During a televised debate, Capuano asked to be judged by the content of his character, not the color of his skin. I like Mike Capuano, and I agreed with all his major votes in Congress, but he lost my support that night. Ayanna Pressley made the case that the job is about more than your voting record. Since then, she has proven her case, becoming a real presence in the community just by showing up and engaging communities long neglected by her predecessor.

Arroyo is similarly making the case that a city councillor's job is not simply about delivering constituent services. He rejects the alleged divide between leaders who are visionary and those who focus on the nuts and bolts of government. "That is a false choice," he says. "There is a justice aspect to constituent services. That is the entire reason I am running."

As a public defender, Arroyo has seen the devastating impact of poor public policy on communities of color, from criminal justice and public education to housing and transportation. He is the better candidate for District 5 not because he is Puerto Rican, but because he understands the complex intersection of race, economics, and public policy far better than his opponent. As a city councillor, he would bring new ideas and perspectives to a district that for too long has been stuck in the past.

Roy Karp is a Roslindale resident who lives in District 5. His column appears monthly in the Reporter.

# Mishap snarls Orange Line commute; T may re-think weekend work program

By Chris Lisinski State House News Service

The MBTA may re-examine its fall maintenance workload and schedule after a construction accident extended a planned weekend shutdown into the Monday morning commute. Service on the heavily used core subway line was back up and running by 2:30 in the afternoon.

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak hinted Monday that Tofficials might adjust how much work they plan to accomplish during a stretch of consecutive weekend closures in the wake of the incident, which pushed thousands of commuters onto shuttle buses and other train lines at peak travel times.

"If that's something we need to adjust, we will adjust it," Poftak said in an interview after an MBTA board meeting. "We're going to learn as we go. Right now, there are no plans to curtail the number of weekends, but we may be changing our expectations around the amount of work that can realistically get done."

The issues arose over the weekend, which was the third of six straight weekends with the Orange Line scheduled to be closed for maintenance. Crews initially faced problems because of "unforeseen site conditions," Poftak said, but that the problem "cascaded" Sunday night.

Two vehicles used to transport tracks and ballast collided between the North Station and Community College stops, Poftak said. One contractor, who had been operating one of the vehicles, was taken to the hospital complaining of chest pains.

Delays spread through the system as the Monday morning commute began. Orange Line passengers were asked to use shuttle buses between Sullivan Square and Haymarket, then to use the Green Line — whose Copley stop is about a quarter-mile from the Orange Line's Back Bay Station — to reach destinations downtown and farther south.

"We regret the inconvenience, not only to our Orange Line riders but to our Green Line riders and to our bus riders," Poftak told reporters. "We had to pull buses off routes so that we could run this level of bus diversion. This is not the service we want to provide."

In August, two months after a Red Line derailment brought heightened scrutiny to the quality of the MBTA's infrastructure, the MBTA unveiled a \$27.5 million plan to expand weekend shutdowns on down parts of the Red, Orange and Green lines so that crews could gain access to system and make significant improvements.

Some, such as almost three straight months of no weekend service on the Green Line's D Branch, had already been planned, but the new proposal called for six straight weekends of closures on the heart of the Orange Line and four weekends off for the Red Line through Boston.

Officials said the closures would pose difficulties for riders, but would allow much-needed repair work to take place on a shorter overall timeline than doing repairs only at nighttime.

"If you think about the work window overnight, where it may take two or three hours to mobilize, two or three hours to work, two or three hours to demobilize — if you're doing a diversion over a weekend, that two or three hours of mobilization and two to three hours of demobilization only happens once and then you've got, depending on your timeframe, a 40- to 50-hour window where you can work continuously," Poftak told WGBH this month. "It makes a big difference."

### Letter to the Editor

## Time to ban flavored tobacco products in state

To the Editor:

The teen vaping epidemic threatens decades of progress in lowering youth tobacco use. The tobacco companies continue to target us with flavored products, including e-cigarettes, cigars, and cigarettes. To truly protect youth, we must take all flavored tobacco off the market and create tax parity with cigarettes.

The BOLD Teens is a youth-led organization focused on social, health, and environmental justice. We have worked to prevent young people from smoking and have assisted smokers in quitting smoking for more than 20 years. Every year that we make progress in saving lives, the tobacco industry finds new ways to hook youth, using massive doses of nicotine, thousands of kid-friendly flavors, and cheap prices.

We are at a critical moment to stop this epidemic. I am calling on our Legislature to ban the sale of all flavored tobacco products, and to do it now.

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# Salvatore V. DiCara: An Immigrant Story

By LAWRENCE S. DICARA

Dad came off a boat in New York City 100 years ago last month; he was thirteen months old. No agent of the United States government ever separated him from his mother. He was not teargassed. He was not fenced in a camp. It is appropriate to acknowledge his journey and comment regarding current immigration policy.



Larry DiCara

Dad was lucky. He entered the United States before the nativist insurgency which arose after World War I, when the rising power of the KKK among other groups resulted in discriminatory changes to the immigration laws which had permitted effectively open access to most any European who was in good health.

The conventional wisdom of the day linked Italians and Eastern European immigrants to crime of all sorts, organized and unorganized. Thinking people advocated the passage of laws mandating sterilization of those considered "feeble." Intelligent people supported legislation which would have prohibited any "mixing" of various ethnic groups. Among those proponents were former President Charles Eliot of Harvard and Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge. Yes, Henry Cabot Lodge, whose statue is on the State House Lawn around the spot where John Hancock's house stood, not far from Horace Mann and Daniel Webster who guard the ceremonial center entrance to the Massachusetts State House.

The rhetoric used to describe the immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe was not dissimilar to the words written about the Irish two or three generations prior and which are written about immigrant people, and the poor in general, today.

In 1916, Madison Grant, an active conservationist, who had degrees from Yale and Columbia published "The Passing of the Great Race." He identified Northern Europeans "the blue-eyed, fair haired peoples of the North of Europe" as genetically superior to Southern Europeans "the dark-haired, dark eyed people." The latter group includes my family.

Charles Davenport feared an America "Darker in pigmentation, smaller in stature...more given to crimes of larceny, kidnapping, assault, murder, rape and sex-immorality." Davenport wrote to Grant in 1920 asking "Can we build a wall high enough around this country so as to keep out these cheaper races?" Perhaps some in Trump's minyan have been reading history while not tweeting.

Jill Lepore's recent revisionist history of the United States reminds us of the climate 100 years ago. She quotes Congressman Fred S. Purnell (R-Indiana), who said in the debate regarding immigration, "There is little or no similarity between the clear thinking, self-governing stocks that sired the American people and this stream of irresponsible and broken wreckage that is pouring into the lifeblood of America social and political diseases of the old world."

Henry James referred to Italian immigrants as "gross little aliens." President Walker of MIT writing in the Yale Review described immigrants as "vast masses of filth...beaten men from beaten races." Prescott Hall of the Immigration Restriction League considered the new immigrants "toiler, begger, thief and scum."

Daniel Okrent's recent volume, "The Guarded Gate," reminds us of the linkages between eugenics, pseudo-scientific racism and nativist sentiments in the first decades of this past century. His research concluded that such antisemitic, racist, and anti-Catholic sentiment was not limited to the great unwashed, but included many educated people, some of whom, including Eleanor Roosevelt and Margaret Sanger, are considered heroes by many.

Donald Trump may want to rewrite history, but he cannot deny that his paternal grandfather was an

immigrant from Germany. He changed his name. [He was not Swedish, as Trump "wrote" in "The Art of the Deal."]

It is not surprising that Trump has installed as the Acting Citizenship and Immigration Services Director, Ken Cuccinelli, who appears to be ignorant of his own Italian heritage and is in the forefront of administrative efforts to limit immigration. Cuccinelli has gone so far as to suggest that the famous Emma Lazarus poem engraved on the Statue of Liberty be amended to read "Give me your tired and your poor who can stand on their own two feet, and who will not become a public charge." I can see why he and Stephen Miller are Trump favorites. Is this not a different message the sermon from one of my favorite priests? His sermon reminded us to show love to those who come to America seeking a new life and that God "does not make exceptions for only the 'deserving poor' or for those with proper papers."

If one attends Trump's so-called rallies, the tone is frenetic, just as it was in Europe in the 1930's and also when George Wallace presided over such gatherings in the 1960s. All that is missing are references to purifying the nation. Okrent specifically confirms that Hitler was supportive of the theories promulgated by Madison Grant writing him that "The Book is My Bible." Why is it not a surprise that Hitler referred to the United States as "a mongrel nation"?

How different is the chant "Send Them Back" from a chant from a similar mob gathered in a stadium in Germany 80 years ago who would froth at the mouth at the suggestion of a Germany which would be "Judenrein"? Was it not rallies such as those which led to Kristallnacht? Was it not thinking regarding the superiority of some over others which brought about the Holocaust? Is today's climate not unlike 100 years ago when some sought a reinterpretation of what it means to be an American and who sought to mold immigrants in their own image and likeness?

To the ruling class and those who accepted their theories, immigrant families such as mine were a good source of labor. Women would work in sweatshops and men would work construction; many Italians had especial skills in that area and still do (this author excluded). Many of the nation's leading citizens believed 100 years ago that it was important that uneducated immigrants be Americanized and that children such as my father be taught a trade so they would not become dependent upon private charitable efforts or governmental assistance.

Dad did not spend much time in a settlement house. He studied the violin. Dad did not learn a trade but somehow or other scraped together enough money to enroll at Northeastern University in the middle of the Depression, from which he graduated and became gainfully employed. He was a beneficiary of the co-op program.

Dad became a good citizen. He did not commit any crimes. Once he received a parking ticket; his resident sticker was not on his rear windshield given that his car had been broken into, while he and my mother were at 9:00 a.m. Mass! He put on a suit, took the subway to City Hall, appealed the ticket and was successful. That was his only encounter with the law, other than fulfilling his civic obligation as a juror.

Although I cannot prove it, somewhere along our southern border, or perhaps at an airport at which flights from the Middle East arrive, there are young men and young women desirous of entering our country, and studying hard and working dutifully and raising children and becoming good citizens. Many of them are not unlike Sal DiCara. Should our nation not welcome them as they welcomed my father 100 years ago?

Larry DiCara is a Dorchester native and former member of the Boston City Council. He is a real estate and administrative law attorney in Boston.

Editor's Note: Larry DiCara will be a speaker at the next meeting of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council on Mon., Nov. 4, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Center. At-Large City Councillor Michelle Wu is also scheduled to speak. Please forward all questions to info.gmncouncil@gmail.com.



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# Reporter's Neighborhood Notables

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Dorchester resident and former Central Boston Elder Services Board President Beverly Ann Rock with Mayor.

# OCT. 29 MEETING ON 1199-1203 BLUE HILL AVENUE PROPOSAL

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

# HALLOWEEN HARVEST FESTIVAL AT DR. LOESCH FAMILY PARK

A Halloween Day harvest festival will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 31 in Dr. Loesch Family Park on Wainwright and Brent Streets. Music, pony rides, corn maze, farm animals and trick-or-treating. Call or text 781-405-8648 for more info.

# BAYSIDE REDEVELOPMENT PLANNING SESSION ON OCT. 26

A coalition of civic groups — Citizens Connect to Bayside— will meet to discuss the future Bayside Development on Sat., Oct. 26 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the BTU's Carson Place, 180 Mt. Vernon



The Dudley Square building that is the headquarters for Central Boston Elder Services was renamed for the agency's former CEO Catherine Hardaway last Thurs., Oct. 17. The building also houses 57 affordable units for seniors. Pictured above: (l-r) Danny Hardaway, Catherine's husband; Catherine Hardaway; Mayor Martin J. Walsh Walsh; Tony Francis, CBES Board President. *Photos by Isabel Leon/City of Boston* 

St., Dorchester. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Light breakfast, childcare and translation services available. A shuttle will run from Harbor Point and JFK-UMass station. For more info: CitizensConnectBayside@gmail.com.

# FALL CLEAN UP OF SAVIN HILL PARK ON OCT. 26

Put in an hour to two to clean up Savin Hill Park for the winter on Sat., Oct. 26 from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Tools and refreshments available at the Caspian Way dead end at the top of the park. Sponsored by Friends of Savin Hill Park.

# GREATER MATTAPAN COUNCIL MEETS ON NOV. 4

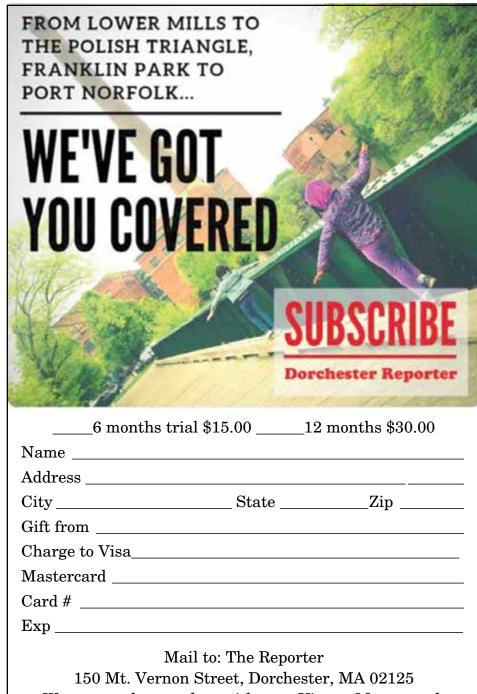
The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its scheduled monthly meeting on

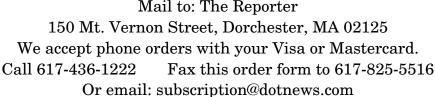
Mon., Nov. 4, from 6:30 - 8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Center. Speakers will include discussions on zoning with Larry DiCara, P.C. and At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu. Please forward all questions to info.gmncouncil@gmail.com.

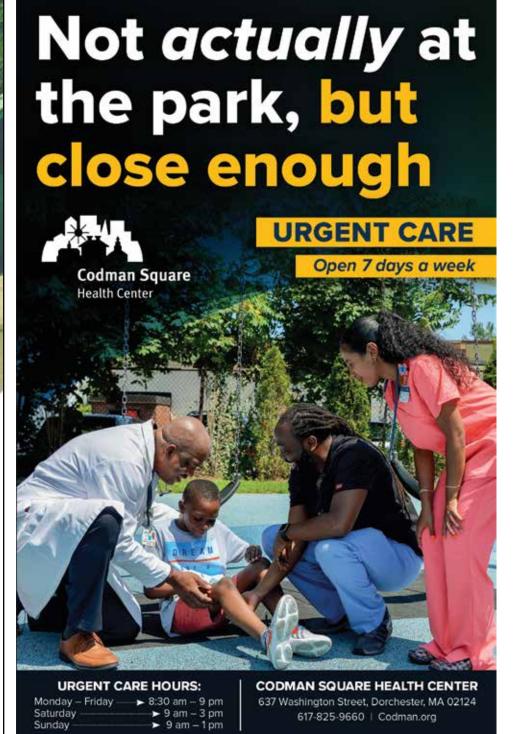
# ROLLINS TO BE HONORED BY FIRST PARISH DORCHESTER

First Parish Dorchester will honor Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins with a Meetinghouse Award for Service to the Community at their annual gala on Sat., Nov. 2 in the parish hall, 10 Parish St., Dorchester from 7-10 p.m. Full event details, including links to ticketing and sponsorship opportunities, can be found at firstparishdorchester. org/tickets.

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# Happening at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

# **KENNEDY LIBRARY FORUMS**





# First: Sandra Day O'Connor

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

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

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

### **Bending Toward Justice**

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







**Senator Doug Jones**, author of Bending Toward Justice: The Birmingham Church Bombing that Changed the Course of Civil Rights, and William Baxley, former Attorney General of Alabama,

discuss the decades-long efforts to prosecute the 16th Street Baptist Church bombers.



### A Conversation with Barbara Lee

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

Congresswoman Barbara Lee discusses her distinguished career and contemporary civil rights issues. Kenneth Mack,

professor of law and history at Harvard University, moderates.





# **Everyday Decisions and Environmental Challenges**

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

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



### A Conversation with Ash Carter

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

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

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



### Creating a Sweet World of White House Desserts

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

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

### RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION:

All Forums are free and open to the public. Reservations are strongly recommended. Reservations guarantee a seat in the building but not the main hall. Doors to the main hall open approximately one hour before the program begins. To make a reservation, you may either call **617-514-1643** or register online at **ifklibrary.org/forums**. Please check our website periodically for updates to our upcoming Forums.

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# Triveni Dance Ensemble Faces of the Divine

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

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# **Wampanoag Nation Singers** and Dancers

### **Native American Heritage Month**



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

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

# **National Marionette Theatre**

## Peter and the Wolf

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

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



### **RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION:**

In order to optimize your comfort and enjoyment, reservations are recommended for all visitors to this free program. Make reservations by visiting jfklibrary.org/celebrate or calling 617-514-1644 and leaving a message. Children are seated on the carpeted floor with their caretakers. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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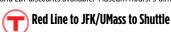


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# Collins and Biele fill their bill proposing a BCEC expansion

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

State Sen. Nick Collins and state Rep. David Biele have filed legislation proposing an expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) in South Boston that would consolidate the city's major convention business operations in one dynamic location.

The bill also provides for a marketing program that would incentivize the participation of women, minority groups, veterans, LGBT persons, and individuals with disabilities in all phases of the development.

Under the bill, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) would sell the



The Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in South Boston.

Hynes property, with the proceeds set aside for the expansion project, and also transfer an approximately 12-acre parcel of land located behind the current BCEC facility

to the city of Boston. MCCA employees who now work at the Hynes would have the option of transitioning to the expanded BCEC.

"The expansion could

bring significant opportunities in terms of job creation and economic impact in a more diverse and inclusive way than ever before," said Collins, who, with Biele, lives in

South Boston. He added, "But this is just the beginning of a community-driven process. Anytime we consider a sale and transfer of state assets of this magnitude, there must be careful consideration of the public good. I look forward to a robust public debate on this proposal."

The BCEC, which opened in 2004, outperforms national occupancy figures for major market facilities. The expanded facility, with a greater variety of available spaces, will be positioned to capture a greater market share of large multi-day conventions and shows, its proponents say.

"This is the start of public conversations involving potential economic growth and job creation," said Biele. "This proposal for future use of public land will go through a robust review process including legislative hearings and debate, as well as opportunities for public input at community meetings. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Legislature as well as residents and stakeholders on the future of the MCCA."

The bill will now move through the committee process on Beacon Hill before being debated and voted on in each chamber. If the legislation is enacted, the MCCA will issue a Request for Proposals for the project.

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

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

For more information, visit the National Breast Cancer Association: https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month or the Adult Medicine Department at:

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# Tenants rally against rents, conditions at Fairlawn Apartments in Mattapan

#### By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Residents of Mattapan's Fairlawn Apartments held a rally last Friday evening to protest what they say has been a trend of steep rent hikes and inadequate living conditions at the 400-plus-unit complex.

City Life/Vida Urbana, a local housing justice nonprofit, facilitated the rally in support of a group of about 30 residents who waved signs and shared their grievances along Cummins Highway.

"I don't know what homelessness is, but I know it's a sorry state of affairs," said Linda Sinclair, a resident of Fairlawn apartments for 37 years. "They go up on the rents every year and I'm at my max. I've been here so long I don't know where to go and I would really like to stay here."

Sinclair, a retired senior citizen, said she started working with City Life/Vida Urbana about six months ago after learning that she would soon be seeing yet another rent increase. According to tenant organizers, the management company that owns the development – DSF Group - has raised some families' rents by as high as 20 percent since it acquired the property in July 2018 for a recorded \$65 million. Organizers say some families have already been displaced by rent increases.

DSF representatives have not responded to the *Reporter's* request for comments about the rally last week or the letters containing demands that the tenants' association have sent to their offices.

Last year, DSF rebranded Fairlawn Apartments to "SoMa Apartments at the T" - short for South Mattapan Apartments at the T— a reference to the nearby Blue Hill Avenue station on the Fairmount Line that opened earlier this year.

"It's an unjust irony," said Gabrielle René, a community organizer with City Life/Vida Urbana. "After this community advocated for better public transit and put sweat equity into improving their neighborhood, they are getting driven out because speculative investors like DSF Group see it as valuable now."

Fairlawn Apartments consists of a single-story leasing office/maintenance shop and 12 four-story apartment buildings completed between 1965 and 1968. The unit mix comprises 14 studios, 143 one-bedroom apartments, 75 two-bedroom/one bath apartments, and 115



Protestors held signs along Cummins Highway during last Friday's tenant action outside the Fairlawn Apartments. At top right, Gabrielle René, left, an organizer with City Life/Vida Urbana is shown with Linda Sinclair, a resident of Fairlawn Apartments for 37 years.

two-bedroom/one & a half bath apartments with an average unit size of 829 square-feet.

According to the tenant's association, a large percentage of current tenants have been at Fairlawn Apartments for decades and live on fixed income. Some of them hold Section 8 vouchers and many are immigrants.

In a press release issued when the property was purchased, DSF Group President Josh Solomon said, "This acquisition aligns perfectly with our strategy of purchasing underutilized properties at transitoriented locations."

Residents said that the rent hikes are causing residents to pack up and leave.

"People are moving out, but you don't know it. All you see is their furniture in the dumpster," said longtime resident Betty Lewis.

Annie Gordon, who has lived at Fairlawn for 43 years, said that when her lease was up for renewal late in September, she chose not to sign it after seeing the rent increase. "I received a really big increase that I can't afford. I'm retired now, and I would need to try to find someplace else and a lot of places have waiting lists of anywhere from two to five years," Gordon said.

"I decided not to sign and started working with City Life. They told me that I have rights and they taught me about those rights. I'm not asking for anyone to give me anything; I'm just asking to be treated fairly."

Said Steve Meacham, a Community Organizer with City Life/Vida Urbana: "This is a case in point for why Boston desperately needs rent control." Added Gabrielle René: "This is not right. It's immoral. If the management doesn't want to be here and work with us, then they are the ones who need to leave."

The letters to management from representatives of the Fairlawn Tenant Association contain three "demands":

• Keep rents for section 8 tenants within the payment standard

and keep rent increases for all tenants to a manageable affordable level of two percent per year maximum.

Katie Trojano photos

• Fix the "poor conditions" in all of the apartments, including addressing pest and mold issues, provide adequate security for the buildings, and give children a safe area such as a playground or park for them to play in.

• Meet with the association to work out a long-term plan for the tenants of this building.

To date, there has been no response from DSF Group.







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# Neighborhood Notables

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#### WALKING TOUR OF MATTAPAN ON OCT. 26

Join a walking tour and learn about the hidden rich history of Mattapan on Sat., Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. as part of the Fall Mattapan/Open Streets Open Studios weekend. Stops include Wellington Hill, houses of worship, Simcos, the site of the Oriental Theatre, the new Neponset Greenway and many more. The tour starts at Young Achievers School (formerly the Solomon Lewenberg school) at 2 Outlook Rd. on Wellington Hill. The Open Streets Open Studios happening Oct. 26 and 27 includes an artist reception, jazz brunch and Harvest Garden Party. Learn more on our Facebook page or go to mattapanopenstudios. com to download the full program. Tickets are FREE with a \$10 and \$5 suggested donation. Register at mattapan\_2019\_tour.eventbrite.com.

#### **ABCD GALA TO FEATURE SINGER AUDRA MCDONALD**

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) hosts its annual gala that recognizes and honors community volunteers on Fri., Nov. 8 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Ave, Boston. The evening kicks off with a Social Hour at 6 p.m. and the dinner program at 7 p.m. The event will feature a performance by record-breaking Tony, Grammy and Emmy award winning performer Audra McDonald. More at abcdheroes.org.

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

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

### REP. LYNCH HOSTS SERVICE ACADEMY **WORKSHOP ON NOV. 3**

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

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### **BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK**

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

#### **POLICE DISTRICT C-11**

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#### **POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS**

For info, call B-3's Community Service Office at 617-343-4711.

### WELLINGTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

 $The Wellington\,Hill\,Neighborhood\,Council\,will\,meet$ on Tues., Nov. 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library. Next meeting is Dec. 10. Updates can be found on Facebook page: @ wellingtonhillneighbors. Or Google Group: wellingtonhill@googlegroups.com

#### RIVER STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

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

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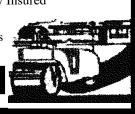


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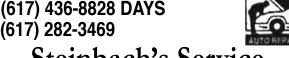
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### **ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.**

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

#### ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP

Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you've read the book or not. For further info, please contact Lil Konowitz at klil@hotmail.com.

### **ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD** ASSOC.

Meetings are usually the 2nd Mon. or Tues. of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

#### CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

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

### **CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.**

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

## **CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD**

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

### **COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC**

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

### **DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD** ASSOC.

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Assoc. (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Assoc.) generally meets on the third Tues.of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Questions and agenda

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### **WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD** ASSOC.

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# Polito joins in tour of pier near JFK Library eyed as harbor ferry service stop

(Continued from page 1) benefit from having a \$150,000 grant last February to analyze what improvements need to be made to the pier to set it up for a ferry service. They are expected to have their report available by January.

According to a report published by Boston Harbor Now, a civic organization advocating for the ferry service, Fallon Pier offers an optimal location in terms of water depth because a dredged channel already offers access to the pier. Any necessary changes, the report asserts, will only require adding infrastructure like floats, ramps, and gangways to the existing dock.

Other new construction would include a passenger shelter, a ticket office, safety equipment, bike racks, and an ADAaccessible ramp leading up the hill toward the library. The report estimated the cost of these renovations would amount to about \$5 mil-

Columbia Point is home to thousands of students and faculty at UMass Boston and Boston College High School, both of which would

commuter option from the South Shore, said Newman, who added that it "would release some of the tension out on the street and give us a beautiful way to get here in the morning.

While Fallon Pier has been used occasionally by chartered boats, often for events at JFK Library, there is currently no scheduled service to the "underutilized" dock.

Polito noted that a renovation project offers an opportunity to rebuild the pier with the climate in mind, citing S.10, a Baker administration-sponsored bill that would create funds for constructing climateresistant infrastructure.

"This, in my mind, would be a project that would qualify as wanting to build resilient infrastructure," she said, adding, "Obviously, we would not want to rebuild this pier in the same way it was built at the beginning of time because it wouldn't stand up to the climate changes and impact that the water brings to this

Chris Sweeney, direc-

tor of transportation at UMass Boston, pointed out that in addition to a 100-passenger MBTA ferry, other recreational and tourism-oriented vessels could use the pier for their benefit. "We've had interest from Encore about doing a tourist ferry from here,' he said. "We'll also have built-in costs to maintain this. One thought is to have some slips here that could be rented. So, you walk out of the library, you come down here and go on a whale watch out of here, or a fishing charter."

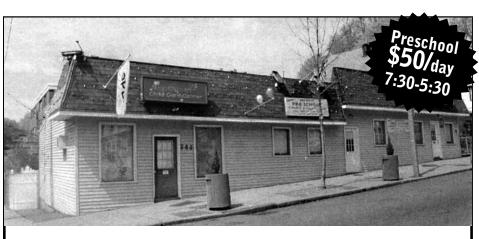
Sweeney mentioned Discover Dorchester Bay tours and Boston Harbor tours as other potential recreational trips that could depart from the site.

Fares for the ferry service would range from \$6.50 to \$10, according to the report, with trips lasting roughly 30 minutes. In a JFK Library Foundation poll from last year, 76 percent of responders indicated they would be more likely to visit the library if water transportation were available.



Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, third from left, and UMass Boston Chancellor Katherine Newman, to her right, joined a group of Columbia Point stakeholders who are pushing for a renovation project that would allow for ferry service Daniel Sheehan photos at the Fallon Pier near the JFK Library, below.





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# From the 'Kurdish village' in Dot, words of grief, and a sense of hope

(Continued from page 1) before being selected for resettlement in the United States. Their first homes were in Chelsea and Roxbury, and in 1998 they settled in Harbor Point.

Living in the US, Omer said, means his family can enjoy the ideals he fought for as a member of the Peshmerga, the Iraqi Kurdish military organization whose name means "those who face death." But, he added, that free-

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dom is bittersweet with Kurds in Syria facing an aggressive military invasion by Turkish forces.

"We have the freedom, democracy here in United States," Omer said. "But back in my country ... people are still fighting for those things. So I know the pain that my people are suffering ... it's just unbearable."

A focus on education Roughly 500 Kurdish families are spread throughout New Engthe New England Kurdish Association whose co-founder, Seyhmus Yuksekkaya, said the greatest number are from Iraq, followed by Turkey, Syria, and Iran.

While most of the first-generation Kurds have gone directly to jobs and starting businesses, Yuksekkaya said, nearly everyone he knows among the younger generation is focused on education.

"Overall the education is very important to the first generation,

because they probably didn't have a chance," he said. "So they send their children to school, and they're very disciplined about it."

Patterns of Kurdish immigration have been tied to international conflicts, including the US invasion of Iraq and activity in what Yuksekkaya calls the Syrian part of Kurdistan. Most of Boston's Kurds are from Iraq, he said, while a Kurdish community in Worcester comes from Syria.

But Yuksekkaya, who is from Turkey, said the arrival of Kurds in the US has grounded to a halt over the last three years. He pointed to the Trump administration's antagonism toward refugees as the reason why.

"A Kurd is safe anywhere but Kurdistan," he said. "If you are outside of Kurdistan, you're probably more successful than inside Kurdistan because of the discrimination, because of the state terror ... if you refuse to assimilate and attempt to live like a Kurd."

### A Kurdish village in Dorchester

After the first Kurdish family came to the Harbor Point apartments, Omer's son Delshad said, a manager at the development encouraged federal authorities to direct more families to Dorchester. Now, he added, there are nearly 30 Kurdish families living along the waterfront. "And so that's how we became a village of Kurdish community here," he said. "We call it a Kurdish village."

Omer has six children — all but one of whom has graduated from college — and nine grandchildren. While life is good in Dorchester, the entire family is distraught over events unfolding now in the north of Syria.

When President Trump announced he was pulling troops from that region, he left the Kurdish militias — strong allies who'd helped defeat ISIS and reportedly lost some 11,000 lives in the fighting — to fend for themselves against a vastly superior Turkish military and other Syrian militias. Many Kurds and those sympa-

thetic with their cause, including some in Massachusetts, described Trump's pullout as a stab in the back.

Shawnum Osman, 27, is one of Omer's four daughters. She said she reacted to Trump's move with "complete shock. Given the history of the way that the Turkish state ... has treated the Kurds in Turkey, I knew that it was not going to be good, and that it was just a matter of time before Turkey was going to act," she said. "And they wasted no time, in fact, and began their offensive."

Shawnum, who recently got her law degree from Northeastern University, and is now waiting for the results of her bar exam, said the plight of the Kurds in Syria fills her thoughts each day.

"I'm still proud to be an American Kurd, and I think that with administration changes and with shifts and pendulum changes, we've seen that America is an ally of the Kurds," she said. "It's just that this time in history has proven otherwise."

She added that it's heartening to hear opposition to Trump's abandonment of the Kurds from both Democrats and Republicans. And she hopes the 2020 election will bring a new president, and the restoration of the US alliance with the Kurds.

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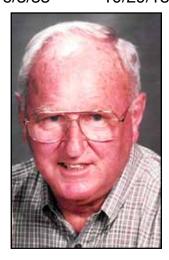
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The tour was part of the College Fellows program which includes workshops, career speakers, and more. Upcoming tours include UMass Lowell on October 27th. We will also be holding a FAFSA Night on October 23rd with American Student Assistance (ASA) and our annual Destination U College Fair on November 7th.

For more information, please visit bgcdorchester.org or contact Tricia at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Members See "The Lion King"
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Kids Program: On October 15, a group

of 100 members and chaperones from BGCD were invited to see award winning best musical, "The Lion King" at the Opera House. They all had a fantastic time singing along to some of their favorite Disney songs.

For some of our members, it was their first time ever attending a live performance in a theater. This opportunity will be a memory that they will never forget due to the generosity of BGCD's partnership with the Marilyn Rodman Theatre for Kids Program.

An enormous thank you to the Marilyn Rodman Theatre for Kids Program, and Don Rodman for continuing his legacy of providing such an incredible experience for our members.



Save the Date for the BGCD Ugly Sweater Party: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester presents our annual Ugly Sweater Party on Friday, December 6th! Join us at The Harp + Bard Restaurant wearing your most festive holiday sweater for food, fun and raffles!

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For more information, please contact Chad Hassey at chassey@bgcdorchester.org.

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# Garrison: Vote just for me, not any of the others

(Continued from page 1) for her and leave the other candidates' ballots blank.

Although she has identified as a Democrat in the past, Garrison, who, as runner-up in the at-large election in 2017, moved onto the council early this year when Ayanna Pressley went to Washington, said in an interview that she believes her views align more closely with Republican values. "Democrats don't protect taxpayers or the working class, even though they pretend to," she said

Her approach to the race is unconventional for a candidate who has been on city or state ballots dozens of times over the last four decades. A Dorchester resident, Garrison was elected in 1992 to represent the Fifth Suffolk district in the Legislature. She served a single term.

As to this fall's race, she said she's "feeling good" about her bid, although "voter turnout could've been better" than the 11 percent who voted in the September preliminary election where she earned 7.09 percent of the total, placing her in the sixth position of a field of eight, closely behind Julia Mejia (7.7 percent) and just



Althea Garison is "feeling good" about her candidacy.

ahead of Erin Murphy (6.84 percent.)

As she goes door-todoor across the city-she was spotted on Butler Street in Lower Mills this past weekend -Garrison said, she talks about "real affordable housing." She says she is also fighting "City Hall corruption," caring for senior citizens, stopping the over-development of Boston, improving the

MBTA, and advocating for veterans, police officers, and firefighters.

"Affordable housing has to be redefined," Garrison she said. "We need to talk about what the term 'affordable' means and the City Council should have addressed this a while ago. Rent control also needs to be specific to Boston." Noting that "seniors have been priced out of their

apartments," she added that she would also work to make sure that Meals on Wheels is available and accessible to every senior."

At a recent candidate forum in Roxbury, Garrison said that her solutions to the city's housing crisis would involve rent control, eviction control, and price controls over anything that has to do with development.

Yukun Zhang photo

"You can't build your way out of a housing crisis," she said. She also chided her incumbent colleagues, saying they "have not taken steps to address the crisis although they know there is a crisis and they've been elected over and over."

Michelle Wu, the top vote-getter on the ballot last month, is Garrison's most frequent target.

She is particularly critical of Wu's proposal to raise revenue by instituting fees for residential parking permits, and she dismisses Wu's proposal to "abolish" the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

"She's just saying that for re-election," said Garrison, although she adds, she does support a "community-based" approach to planning and development.

During her term in the Massachusetts House, Garrison served on the Housing and the Election Law committees. She also worked for 34 years as a clerk in human resources for  $the\,Mass a chusetts\,State$ Comptroller's Office and served as vice president of the board at Uphams Corner Health Center in Dorchester.

As she keeps at her meetings with voters, Garrison said she wants voters to know that she's available to them in ways that none of her colleagues could be.

"I'm constantly campaigning, and I really listen to the people," she said. "I even answer the phones. I'm probably the only councillor who still does that. I don't need social media. People know me and I'm very accessible."

# Markey, Kennedy keep rolling out endorsements

BY MATT MURPHY STATE HOUSE News Service

Former state senator and gubernatorial candidate Dan Wolf endorsed U.S. Sen. Edward Markey on Tuesday as the incumbent and his chief rival to re-election U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III have traded endorsements over the past several days from labor and prominent Democrats. Wolf, who left Beacon Hill after three terms to return full-time to his company

Cape Air, praised Markey's commitment to environmental causes.

"He has prioritized climate change as a challenge of our generation, but beyond that, he has focused on wealth and income inequality, healthcare, all of the issues that are important, not only to our generation today, but to future generations in the Commonwealth and across the country," Wolf said in a statement shared by Markey's campaign.

Cape Air is pursing

what would Markey's campaign said would be the world's first electric battery-operated commercial airplanes by 2023. Wolf's endorsement comes after Markey over the weekend picked up the support of the Association of Flight Attendants, and Kennedy on Monday went to Chelsea to accept the nod from Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins.

Tompkins, who once ran for Democratic Party chairman, called Kennedy a " champion for

civil rights, a powerful and educational inequity opponent of economic and a staunch supporter

of criminal justice re-

# Jackson endorses Mejia for at-large council seat

Former Boston city councillor and mayoral candidate Tito Jackson endorsed Julia Mejia in her at-large bid for city council at a campaign event on Sunday at the Stop & Shop in Grove Hall.

With that show of support, Jackson became the latest of several former politicians and public officials of color to endorse Mejia, who, if elected, would become the first Afro-Latina to serve on the council.

"We've approached a time in our city when real systemic change is needed in City Hall, where the mode of incrementalism must give way to a bolder and urgent spirit of transformational change in how we do business in city government," said Jackson in a statement. "That's why I believe Julia is precisely the type of leader that the city council needs now to help push along, among other issues, income equality, economic access and empowerment, narrowing the opportunity gap in our public schools, and affordability for all residents who call Boston

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of Boston." Mejia, an immigrant from the Dominican Republic who grew up in Dorchester, finished fifth in last month's preliminary election.

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# Murphy: 'Local' is what counts first with me

(Continued from page 1) South Boston, where she performed well in September.

"I feel great, I feel that we've worked really hard," Murphy said in an interview with the *Reporter*. "I just need to keep doing what I've been doing and meet as many people as possible. We have a small, grassroots campaign and at first we wanted to focus on our base and then move outwards."

Murphy's career as a school teacher is what inspired her to seek elected office. "It wasn't like I woke up one day and decided to run for city council," she said. "This decision comes out of my whole life's desire to serve, and politics is connected to how we help people. I grew up in a family knowing that you do better when you help others. And it's not finite. We can have a wonderful community here, say in Adams Corner, Neponset, Dorchester, and we can grow that across Boston."

When speaking at candidate forums, Murphy emphasizes her interest in advocating specifically for mental health and recovery services, for better services at Boston Public Schools, for more affordable housing, and for a collaboration with other councillors on public transportation



 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Erin Murphy spoke at a at-large council forum organized by several Dorchester civic associations on Oct.} \\ 1 \text{ at Florian Hall.} \end{array}$ 

improvement initiatives. All of the at-large candidates have expressed support for moving toward a more community-based approach to planning and development in Boston, although their ideas on what that might mean differ.

Michelle Wu, an incumbent candidate and top-vote getter in the at-large field last month, published a report last week that called on the city to abolish the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and transfer its responsibilities back to the city under a Planning

Department. The report has received mixed reviews. For her part, Murphy agrees that planning and development efforts should be more inclusive and community-driven, but she doesn't think that abolishing the BPDA is the best solution to effect positive change within the development process.

"I'm not for any abolishing anything. Absolutely not," she said. "I do think we need to be more transparent, but when something isn't working, we don't just blow it up. I think a wiser approach is to see what's working

and what isn't. We need to look at who serves on the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeal), which is just one piece of the process. We need to work at being more transparent in the process to avoid corruption. And neighborhood [groups] also need more of a voice."

On the subject of parking minimums for transit-oriented developments, Murphy said that each case is unique, but also directly tied in with transportation and development.

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Yukun Zhang photo
because each neighborhood has its own issues," she said," adding, "But I support and agree that parking is part of the development conversation. We can't build without taking into account transportation and how

people get around."

Murphy said that her experience as a teacher and as a supporter of one of her children who struggled with drug-addiction and went through recovery helps her to think about the ways she would address policy making around education, mental health, and

"I understand the struggles related to education," she said, "And recovery and drug-abuse issues are also things that I really care about. There are so many people that this resonates with and that a lot of families struggle with. These issues are connected to mental health and trauma; there's no easy solution to it."

Murphy supports the reconstruction of the Long Island Bridge, and suggests that in the meantime, resources for those who are struggling with substance abuse, mental health issues, or homelessness need to be spread out and connected to those who desperately need them.

"At first I wasn't sure if I should share my life experiences," Murphy said, "but as I was talking to people one on one, I realized that it's important and it helps people connect.

"I grew up in Dorchester not having much, and I think being a public school teacher for over 20 years is huge. I also think my honesty and hard work is an example of my character. I want to do this work, I'm an independent voice, and I really do care about people in Boston's neighborhoods feeling like they have a voice in City Hall."

# At-large candidates tackle opioid, housing crises in debate

#### By Simón Rios WBUR Reporter

Eight candidates competing for four at-large seats on the Boston City Council faced off Tuesday, tackling transportation, addiction and policing, housing and education in a wideranging debate.

Moderators Tiziana Dearing of WBUR's Radio Boston and Adrian Walker of The Boston Globe covered many topics during the 90-minute event, held at WBUR's CitySpace.

While there were areas of agreement among the candidates, several offered different plans to address issues like housing.

Julia Mejia, a first-time candidate and education advocate from Dorchester, said she would require 50 percent of housing units in new developments to be affordable, a figure beyond the 13 percent Boston currently requires.

"We can no longer afford to push for incremental change," Mejia said. "If we asked for a 50% percent, we might get 30. But if we are only asking for 20, we're lucky if we get 15 or 18, so I think that we have an opportunity to negotiate."

Incumbent Althea Garrison of Dorchester said rent control is at the top of her agenda. Rent control is banned under state law.

"The city council is going to have to reconsider rent control ... get it on the ballot and let the people decide for their own selves," Garrison said.

A large part of the debate focused on the opioid crisis, including the future of the Long Island treatment facility, the status of the area around Melnea Cass Boulevard and Massachusetts Avenue, and how to get communities outside of Boston to share the burden of treatment and recovery.

Councillor Michelle Wu of Roslindale, who finished first among the eight candidates in last month's preliminary election, took aim at the city's plans to rebuild on Long Island, noting that the projected cost to rebuild a bridge to the location has swelled to an estimated \$92 million.

"Even if we were able to get permits tomorrow, it would still be a three-to five-year process to rebuild the bridge," Wu said. "Not to mention the funding for new buildings and where ... services would actually be provided on the island. I have deep concerns about whether this is the the most effective and immediate way to address the opiate crisis."



The eight finalists for at-large Boston City Council are shown on stage at WBUR's CitySpace on Tuesday. WBUR image by Robin Lubbock

Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George said a key issue in the fight against opioid addiction is getting more recovery beds in Boston and across the state.

"The work to rebuild the Long Island [facility] will bring additional recovery services, including about 500 recovery beds to that campus," she said. "Boston can lead the way and will continue to lead the way in this work."

Asked about Operation Clean Sweep, a Boston police action against transients in the "Mass and Cass" area, Dorchester-based Erin Murphy said she was glad the city finally took action.

"This has been a problem for a long time, it's been bubbling up," said Murphy, a veteran Boston Public Schools teacher. "So I think this was a good example of the city reacting to something that had been an issue."

David Halbert, who also lives in Dorchester, said he supports the idea of supervised consumption sites, which are prohibited under federal law.

"Every time I take my daughter to a park, one

of my grievous concerns is that she's going to prick herself on a needle and it's going to change our lives," Halbert said. "No parent in the city of Boston should ever have to live under that kind of fear."

Incumbent Michael Flaherty, of South Boston, said the burden of responding to the opioid epidemic can't only land on Boston.

"Let's put something in Wellesley, let's put something in Westwood, let's put something in Lexington — treatment facilities, halfway houses, three-quarters

houses, detox facilities. You get crickets from our suburban counterparts. Yet it's their kids, their constituents that are down at Mass and Cass," he said.

Alejandra St. Guillen, who lives with her wife in West Roxbury, said there needs to be a balance between the needs of those seeking recovery and the right of residents and businesses in the neighborhood to live in peace.

"Everyone deserves to be able to go out on their stoop and not have someone doing drugs or defecating in their lawn," St. Guillen said. "So I think that there is a tension there. But if we bring the stakeholders to the table ... and we invest more in services ... we can get there."

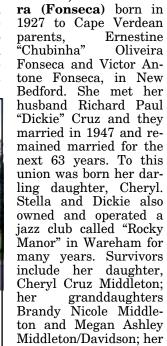
The debate was organized by WBUR, the Globe and the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at UMass Boston. The election is Nov. 5.

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### RECENT OBITUARIES

ABRAHMS, Jaimi of Dorchester. Daughter of Jonathan Quentin Abrahms, and the late Gail Lorraine (Gold) Abrahms. Sister of Tracy Gaudiano and her husband Francis, and Nathaniel Abrahms and his wife Natalie. Jaimi is survived by friend and

roommate Rachel Frey, and the wonderful Boston Home community. Born in 1973, Jaimi was diagnosed with Familial Dysautonomia at a young age. She grew up in Swampscott, moved to Sarasota, FL, and then moved back to the Boston Home. Donations



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CRUZ, Stella Olivei-

lings, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

GORDON. David of Billerica, formerly of Needham and Dorchester. Husband of Deborah D. (Ball) Gordon. Father of Jennifer Shephard of Portsmouth, RI and Deborah J. Gordon of Groton. Stepfather of Ian T. Wall of Lexington. Grandfather of Nicholas, Marianna and Sophie Silverio and Jacob and Zachary Wall. Brother of the late Norman Gordon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jimmy Fund, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02884. Mr. Gordon proudly served in the U.S. Army.

LeBLANC, Francis J. "Frank" of Watertown, 90. Husband of Gracemarie V. (Alfe). Father of Janine M. LeBlanc-Straceski (Anthony) of Andover, John J. LeBlanc (Debra) of North Andover, Steven F. LeBlanc (Anne Beinecke) of Cambridge and Marybeth L. Shea (Tom) of North Andover. Grandfather of Joseph and Christa LeBlanc, Madeleine and Matthew Shea, and Francis, Joseph and Michael

Straceski. Brother of Ruth Burke and brother-in-law of Francis Alfe. Retired physicist at Geophysics Laboratory, Hanscom Air Force Base. US Navy Veteran, WWII. Past Grand Knight, Dorchester Knights of Columbus. Memorials in Frank's memory may be made to Catholic Charities of Boston, 275 West Broadway, Boston, MA 02127, ccab.org or St. Jude Parish, 147 Main St., Waltham, MA 02453.

McGRATH, Adelene B. (Deanie) of Abington, formerly of Dorchester, 94. Daughter of the late James and Reva MacGowan. Wife of the late John J. McGrath. Mother to John and his wife Maureen McGrath of Abington, James and his wife Barbara Mc-Grath of Fort Edward, New York, Thomas Mc-Grath of Abington, Barbara and her husband Paul Dever of North Easton, Daniel McGrath Abington, Patricia of and her husband James Stone of Whitman, and Robert and Pamela Mc-Grath of New Harbor, Maine. Sister to the late Margaret Mastrangelo and Mildred Smiddy. Also survived by 14 grandchildren, 20 greatgrandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Donations may be made in memory of Adelene to: Hospice of the South Shore, 30 Reservior Park Dr., Rockland, MA 02370.

McLAUGHLIN, Joseph Thomas, 95, Medway, formerly Charlestown and Dorchester. Husband of Eileen Patricia (Reen) McLaughlin who died in August. Father of Eileen Dame and her husband Steven of Worcester, Annie Carver and her husband Mark of Medway, Kathleen Cantwell & her husband Peter of Verona, New Jersey, and Mary-Jo Gibbs of Bellingham. Cherished grandfather of Elizabeth, Megan, and Haley Dame, McKenzie and Abigail Carver, Cole and Sadie Cantwell, and Aidan and Charlotte Gibbs. Brother of the late John H., Arthur W., James F., Robert M., and George R. McLaughlin. Also survived by many nieces

jewelry, cutlery, coins, comic books, baseball cards and other collectibles - were displayed inthe State House Monday, and will be showcased in locations throughout the state before the first 100 lots go up for auction on eBay.

and nephews.

Auction proceeds will go to the state governments' general fund, and heirs who discovery family items included in the sale will be able to go through a process to reclaim their property, according to Goldberg's staff. The treasurer's office has said the vast majority of auction items come from safe deposit boxes whose contents have gone unclaimed for at least nine years. Once the property is turned over to the state, the treasurer's unclaimed property division attempts to reach owners through outreach and advertising, and holds preview events at various locations.

Bidders will have the chance to vie for Wade Boggs, Don Mattingly and Roger Clemens baseball cards; a trio of

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vs. THELMA JONES THOMAS, CHARLES

Thomas, and Defendants, John Doe and Richard Roe, as unknown parties, are no residents of Mattapan, MA and, if so, the present whereabout of said Defendants are unknown and that said Defendants are necessary parties to the within action, now herefore, on motion of James D. Mostelle

Court for Aiken County, South Carolina be served upon said Defendants publication of the same in The Reporter Newspapers, a newspaper published in Mattapan, MA,

a Summons and Complaint has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Aiken County in Case Number 2019-CP-

Aiken, South Carolina

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AIKEN
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Notice of Commencement of Action
Case No.: 2019-CP-02-00613
ROBERT V. VSV.

LOUIS COLLINS, and BEVERLY AD-AMS, and JOHN DOE, a fictitious name constituting and representing all un-known heirs-at-law, legatees, devisees, grantees, assignees and lien creditors not named above of THELMA JONES THOMAS, CHARLES LOUIS COLLINS, AND BEVERLY ADAMS and RICHARD ROE, a fictitious name constituting and representing all unknown parties who may be minors or suffering under any legal disability or persons in the Armed Services of the United States and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or estate in or lien

upon the real estate described in the Complaint herein.

Defendants
TO: THE DEFENDANTS, THELMA JONES THOMAS, JOHN DOE AND RICHARD ROE:

HICHARD HOE: Having read the Affidavit of the Plaintiff's attorney, and it appearing that this is an action for clearing the title of real estate located in the County and State aforesaid and that the Defendants, Thelma Jones

III, Attorney for the Plaintiff.
IT IS ORDERED that the Notice of Commencement herein, together with notice of filing thereof in the office of the Clerk o which newspaper is designated most likely to give notice to said Defendants, Thelma Jones Thomas, John Doe and Richard Roe once a week for three consecutive weeks AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

October, 2019

Clerk of Court/Presiding Judge
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE tha 02-00613. October 15, 2019



# Goldberg: Last call for unclaimed property

By KATIE LANNAN STATE HOUSE News Service

Standing between an expansive gold-plated brass flatware set and a silver tea set, Treasurer Deborah Goldberg slid two nearly identical, four-and-a-half carat diamond rings onto her pinky finger.

"Isn't it sad that somebody's family member didn't get that as an engagement ring?" Goldberg said, tilting her hand so the light would

catch on the large center stones.

The pair of rings which staff in the treasurer's office believe were converted from earrings, and expect to fetch upwards of \$10,000 each — are among the centerpieces in the collection of unclaimed property Goldberg's office plans to sell in an online auction set to begin Saturday.

Left in safe deposit boxes for years and belonging to estates without heirs, the goods — including

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU19P2197EA ESTATE OF: DEBORAH CHRISTINE RUFFIN DATE OF DEATH: 03/29/2019

A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Peter M. Ruffin of Rockland MA requesting that the Court enter a forma Decree and Order and for such other relief as equested in the Petition. The Petitioner rebe appointed as Personal Representative ( of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/11/2019.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 30, 2019

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Justice of this Court.
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first-day issue Susan B. Anthony coins; silver frames with antique photos; a variety of bracelets and rings; 15 silver bars; a collection of 87 halfdollar coins, and more. "One of the most fascinating" items, Goldberg said, is a silver spoon engraved with a series of Boston icons: the State House in the bowl and Paul Revere, the

# Local groups win grants from Boston Foundation

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

The Boston Foundation announced nearly \$6 million in grants to a collection of Greater Boston organizations, including eight from Dorchester.

The Record Company, a recording studio and arts service organization based in Newmarket Square, received a \$50,000 one-year general operating support grant. College Bound Dorchester received a \$75,000 one-year project support grant for its Boston Uncornered program, which provides education access for gang-involved youth.

Freedom House, a Grove Hall organization that works to remove barriers to education for first-generation and low-income students of color, received a \$75,000 one-year general operating support grant.

The University of Massachusetts Foundation received a \$50,000 oneyear project support grant for Success Boston, a college completion initiative.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health received a \$100,000 one-year project support grant for Mass in Motion, an initiative designed to build capacity at the municipal level to create a sustained approach for healthy eating and active living in Dorchester, Roxbury, and Malden.

The Four Corners Action Coalition received a \$45,000 one-year project support grant for its work as fiscal sponsor of Action for Equity and for its 'Creating Fairmount Corridor Special Protection Zones' project, which will develop a new zoning overlay district for residents in the Fairmount Corridor to protect residents from displacement.

BAMS Fest, a Franklin Park-based music and arts festival, received \$10,000 for general operating support, and The Guild, a Bowdoin-Geneva social enterprise focused on sustainability, received \$5,000 for general operating support.

"This quarter's grants provide a continuation in our support of workforce development through SkillWorks and new investments in entrepreneurship through our support of EforAll's Roxbury expansion," said Paul S. Grogan, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation. in a press release. "In addition, we are excited to target a series of grants toward strengthening programs and services designed to help lowerincome Boston residents build their assets and find affordable, sustainable housing."

The largest grant-funds totaling \$350,000-went to SkillWorks, an initiative that seeks to close skill gaps and provide employment opportunities by supporting training and engaging employers in industries such as health care, information technology and hospitality.

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COMMONWEALTH OF
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Docket No. SU19W1583WD
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
JACQUECELINA OLIVERA,
Plaintiff

v. CARLOS A. PIRES, JR., Defendant

Defendant
To the above named Defendant,
Carlos A. Pires, Jr.:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Jacquecelina Olivera, seeking a Complaint for Custody-Support-Parenting Time. You are required to serve upon

You are required to serve upon Jacquecelina Olivera, whose address is 63 Hano Street, Apt. F, Allston, MA 02134. Phone 617-610-4649 your answer on or before November 29, 2019.

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, ES-QUIRE, First Judge of said Court, this October 3, 2019. Felix D. Arroyo

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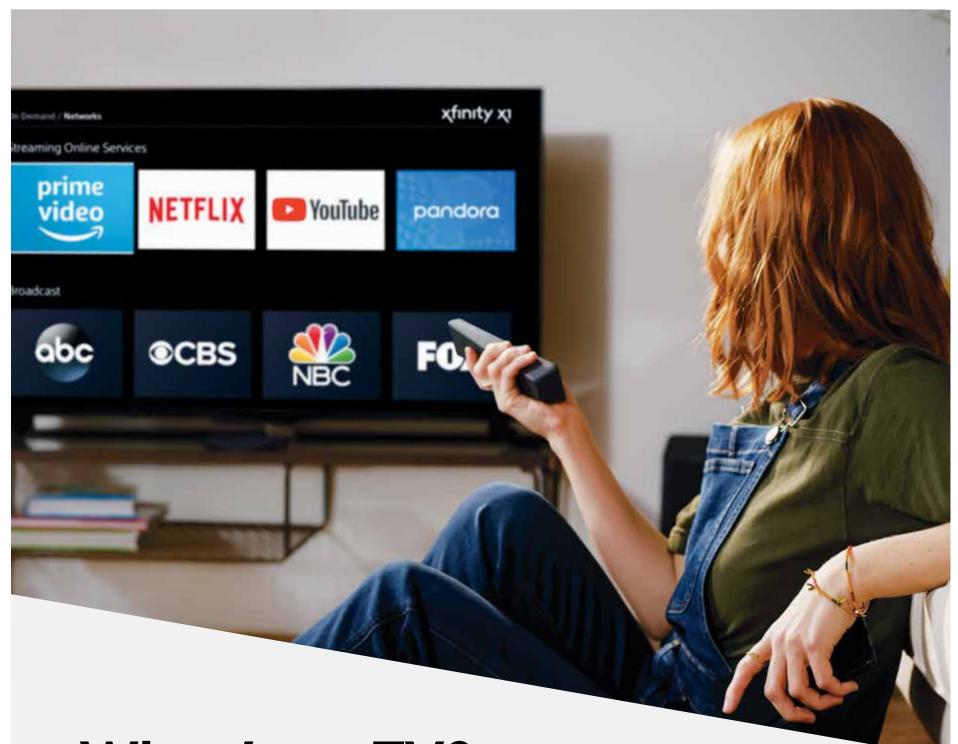


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