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Two visions for Uphams Corner to ponder next to Strand



The Caritas Project plan offers a range of affordable rental housing with artist lofts, entrepreneur living spaces, retail space, and other amenities. The plan doesn't contain any parking on site.

Rendering courtesy The Caritas Project.

Two teams vying to redevelop a city-owned block in Uphams Corner presented differing visions to the community during a virtual public meeting earlier this month. One of the proposals for the property, which includes the former Bank of America building and the adjacent parking lot at 555-559 Columbia Rd., was advanced by Civico Development in a partnership with the DREAM Collaborative. The second offering, dubbed “Columbia Lofts,” is a partnership of The Caritas Project, in collaboration with NHP Foundation. Story, Page 16.



Civico-DREAM proposes a homeownership development that preserves the facade of the old bank building as the entrance to the library. The plan includes housing, but not commercial space, and provides room for parking.

Rendering courtesy of Civico.

WORK SITES AS RESPITES

Co-working spaces are gaining favor as option

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

In one corner of the room sits a large pile of laundry waiting for a wash while in another corner there's the home office and a big work project with a looming deadline. In yet another other room, a couch beckons with the temptation of a morning nap and a Netflix binge session. This is the common 24-hour friction between home and work life that has remote workers looking for options as temporary pandemic work conditions have now become permanent for many.

In Dorchester, hundreds of home and remote workers have turned to the Fields Corner Business Lab to stay close to home while getting a respite from the madness. The new demand has



Fields Corner Business Lab managers Deatrice Moore and Sarah Riddle report that ongoing remote working trends have started to bring more workers to their co-working space.

Seth Daniel photo

sparked the Lab to expand its footprint and, as a result, more than double its membership numbers this year.

Developed originally by Travis

Lee eight years ago on the fourth floor of the Lenane Building in Fields Corner, the Lab first served gig workers, small businesses, and start-ups that needed a place to land for a few hours or a few days. Once Covid restrictions were lifted, Manager Sarah Riddle said they began to attract weary remote workers looking for refuge. She said they expanded to the second floor in March and opened a third-floor renovation in July. Since the pandemic began, they've gone from 80 members to more than 200.

“It has been a consistent trend the last year,” said Riddle. “People tell me they need to get out of their homes. A lot of people that are still working at home become isolated and they can come in here and avoid that, even if it's just seeing another person across the room.”

“Some find that coming outside from home makes them so much more productive with their time,” she added, noting that it allows them to restore the separation between home and work.

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Councillors move toward final vote on redistricting

By GINTAUTAS DUMICIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

City councillors are barreling toward the finish line, with a plan to vote on a redistricting map this week.

Most of the 13-member panel met in multiple working sessions early this week to haggle over which precincts, the building blocks of the once-in-a-decade process known as redistricting, go into which of the nine council districts. Liz Breadon, the redistricting chair and councillor for Allston Brighton (District 9), targeted Wednesday (Oct. 26) for a vote on a final map.

The involved process has heightened tensions between council members. South Boston-based District 2, Dorchester-based District 3, and District 4, made up of both Dorchester and Mattapan, are set for surgery due to a population boom in District 2's Seaport neighborhood and a loss of residents in District 3. The four councillors elected citywide also

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Fieldhouse wins approval by ZBA

By REPORTER STAFF

The city's Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday approved plans by the Martin Richard Foundation and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) for a three-story field house on Mt. Vernon Street that will include everything from basketball courts and running tracks to an auditorium and cafeteria.

The 75,000-square-foot Martin Richard Dorchester Field House at 301 Mt. Vernon St will be built on land leased from Boston Public Schools. It will be open during school days to students from the neighboring McCormack and Devers schools, then

open to members and the public in the evenings and on weekends.

Bill Richard, president of the Martin Richard Foundation – named for his eight-year-old son who was killed in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings – said the new facility will provide

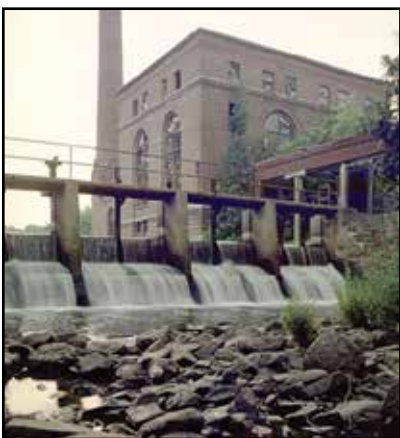
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Feds to brief residents on Neponset cleanup

By GINTAUTAS DUMICIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

In the wake of the Environmental Protection Agency's determination last March that the 3.7-mile section of the Lower Neponset River, from the Walter Baker Dam in Lower Mills to the “Mother Brook Confluence” by Hyde Park Avenue, is a “Superfund” site, federal regulators plan a series of workshops in November that will focus on upcoming cleanup operations.

Giving a site “Superfund” status is shorthand for the federal program for eliminating chemical contamination like polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are harmful man-made chemicals manufactured and used in industrial and commercial ways between 1929 and 1979, when



The Walter Baker Dam in Lower Mills.

Courtesy Neponset River Watershed Association

they were banned. The Lower Neponset region was once home to a number of industrial companies and mills.

The EPA says the workshops will offer a chance for residents to meet the team behind the cleanup and share their concerns.

The sessions will take place in Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Milton, with all of them starting at 6:15 p.m.. The Mattapan workshop, which will be held in-person, is scheduled for Tues., Nov. 15, inside the Mildred Avenue K-8 School. The Hyde Park meeting, also in-person, is set for Thurs., Nov. 17, at the BCYF Hyde Park Community Center on River Street. The Milton session will be both in-person and virtual on Thurs., Nov. 10, inside the Milton Council on Aging at 10 Walnut St.

Due to the presence of chemicals in the water, and in the Neponset's fish, the Massachusetts De-

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Police, Courts & Fire



An early-morning fire at a two-family home at 31 Brookview St. in Dorchester prompted a two-alarm response from the Boston Fire Department, which rescued two adults and a child from the second floor using a ladder. The occupants were taken to the hospital with minor injuries. Five people were displaced by the blaze, which struck around 3 a.m. on Oct. 21. The cause of the fire has not been determined. *BFD photo*

3 shot dead over weekend

Two men and a woman were killed in three shooting incidents last weekend in Dorchester and Mattapan. A 36-year-old man was shot to death in the area of 39 Baird St. early Saturday morning. He was later identified as Daniel Sanders of Dorchester. A 33-year-old woman, identified as Jasmine Burrell, was fatally shot inside her residence at 40 Fairlawn Ave. on Sunday just before 5 a.m. On Sunday night around 10:30 p.m., Christian Thistle-Kavanaugh, 21, was shot in the vicinity of 482 Geneva Ave and later died at a Boston hospital.

No arrests have been reported in the murders. Boston has recorded 33 homicides so far in 2022.

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An as-yet unidentified man who was apparently trying to walk across the lanes of Route 93 near South Bay Mall was killed by a passing SUV on Saturday night, according to State Police troopers who say the man was “immediately struck” after he entered into northbound lane of the highway. There is no indication of any wrongdoing by the driver of the vehicle that struck him, police say.

Essaibi George to lead Big Sister organization

Annissa Essaibi George, a Dorchester native and former mayoral candidate, will become president and CEO of Big Sister Boston next month as she takes the helm at the nonprofit organization focused on serving 2,500 women and girls in the Greater Boston area. Her first day is Nov. 28 as she replaces Deb Re, who is leaving after 16 years in the job.

“Annissa has been a part of the fabric of the Boston community all her life,” Re said in a statement. “From growing up in the city to being a teacher, City Councillor, and small business owner, she

brings a wealth of lived experiences that will serve her well as the new CEO.”

The mother of four and a teacher, Essaibi George owns the Stitch House, a yarn shop on Dorchester Avenue. She was elected to one of the four at-large City Council positions in 2015. She gave up the seat to run for Mayor in 2021, and came in second behind colleague Councillor Michelle Wu.

Re added that Essaibi George is “not new” to the nonprofit. “She has held match activities at her business, spoken about the importance of our work at our annual meeting, and has also participated as a ‘role’ model in our Fashion Show,” she said. “I know with her leading this organization, along with our phenomenal Big Sister team, the girls of Greater Boston will have new opportunities to thrive.”

Since the 2021 mayoral election, Essaibi George has gone back to the classroom and also headed to Poland as part of an effort to aid Ukrainians. Earlier this year, as Boston Public Schools faced a teacher shortage, she filled in as a substitute a couple of days a week across the city. Before she was a city councillor, she spent 13 years teaching at East



Annissa Essaibi George Starts Nov. 28

Boston High School.

Her journey to Poland, also earlier this year, involved assisting Ukrainians who had fled the Russian invasion of their country. She and her sister Sonia brought with them 26 hockey bags filled with supplies donated by Dorchester Youth Hockey, Boston University, the Bruins and Boston Fire.

— REPORTER STAFF

DA ends case against man locked up for 1984 murder

A Dorchester man, now age 70, who spent 37 years in prison for his alleged role in a murder was officially freed from suspicion on Monday when the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office said it would not seek to try him again.

In June, the Supreme Judicial Court ordered a new trial for Joseph Pope, who was convicted for his role in a 1984 drug-related murder in Uphams Corner, citing the fact that an assistant Suffolk County district attorney withheld notes he took during the murder

investigation that that might have helped the defense.

In a “nolle prosequi” filing on Monday, current DA Kevin Hayden’s office noted both that fact, the fact that Boston Police can no longer find the files and evidence related to Pope’s conviction, and the fact that homicide detectives who led the investigation are now dead as reasons why they could not explain what might have happened with the information.

In a statement, Hayden said: “We had a responsibility in this case to look at all available information and evidence with full consideration of all parties involved, including the victim’s family, the trial witnesses, and Mr. Pope. Having done so, it is clear to us that moving forward with a new trial is not in the best interest of justice.”

Pope was one of two men convicted for the shooting murder of Efrain DeJesus on Nonquit Street on May 23, 1984. According to the SJC’s summary of the case, the two men were charged with robbing and shooting DeJesus

over cocaine and money downstairs from his brother’s apartment. Although the other man was convicted of actually shooting DeJesus, Pope was convicted of first-degree murder under a legal concept known as “felony-murder,” in which he was judged to be just as guilty as the trigger puller because he was actively involved in planning and carrying out the crime that turned into a murder.

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‘Step therapy’ bill now on Baker’s desk

State lawmakers have sent along to Gov. Charlie Baker a bill that would limit the practice of “step therapy,” which, critics say, steers patients towards cheaper medication options, rather than ones they require.

The legislation is aimed at making sure that health care providers can implement an effective treatment plan for patients with-



Nick Collins Sees positive “effects”

out a medical insurance provider insisting on another option.

“This marks an important step today in guaranteeing that those seeking medical treatment throughout the Commonwealth will have fewer barriers to accessing the best treatment available to them,” state Sen. Nick Collins, who represents Dorchester and South Boston, said in a statement.

“I am sure,” he added, “that the positive effects of this legislation will be

felt throughout the state, and the First Suffolk District particularly so. I represent a diverse district with a wide range of needs, and we will continue working to ensure that the health and wellbeing of our constituents continues to improve.”

The legislation first passed in July before the enactment vote this week.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Early voting continues through Nov. 4. Early in-person voting in Boston began on Oct. 22, and runs through Fri., Nov. 4. The day of the election itself is Tues., Nov. 8. On Sat., Oct. 28, and Sun., Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., voters will be able to cast their ballots at Fenway Park by the concourse near third base and get a look at the field before leaving through Lansdowne Street. Other select Dorchester and Mattapan locations and their hours include: Thelma D. Burns Building, 575 Warren St., Dorchester and Richard J. Murphy School, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester, both on Sat., Oct. 22, and Sun., Oct. 23, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester will host early voting on Thurs., Oct. 27, 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.) BCYF Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester, Salvation Army Kroc Center, 650 Dudley St., Dorchester, and Mildred Avenue K-8 School, 5 Mildred Avenue, Mattapan, will all be open to

voters on Sat., Oct. 29, and Sun., Oct. 30, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The BPDA is hosting a virtual public meeting on Wed., Nov. 9 to discuss a proposed project at 26 Coffey St. in Dorchester and discuss mitigation for this new four-story, 25-unit building. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public. For more information contact Nick Carter at 617-918-5303 or see bostonplans.org.

Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center hosts an evening with best-selling author Steve Pemberton as it launches a new speaker series at the Media Arts Center at Roxbury Community College on Thurs., Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. Free. RSVP at bit.ly/3RIEHB1.

The Dorchester Historical Society will present a virtual program “Boston Women Claim the Vote: Uncovering Stories from the 1920 Women’s Voter Registers” on Sun., Nov. 6, at 2 p.m. via Zoom. Mary

Eliza Project team members from Simmons University and the Boston City Archives will share some of the stories they are discovering about these women voters. Learn how to use the searchable database they have created, including the upcoming release of Dorchester women’s registration information. Request a link at dorchester-historicalsociety.org.

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch will host an information session on Sun., Oct. 30, at 10 a.m. at East Middle School in Braintree for all high school students interested in applying to one of the United States Service academies. Contact Joseph Weydt, 617-428-2000.

A Pumpkin Parade will be held on Thurs., Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Pope John Paul II Park on Hallet Street. (Rain date is Oct. 28). Costumes and carved pumpkins are welcome. Candles provided, and no pre-registration is needed. For more info email ripley@neponset.org.

Zoo Howl, Franklin Park Zoo, Oct. 29-30: Join the fun at Franklin Park Zoo this Hallo-weekend while trick-or-treating among the animals, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., including costume contests and opportunities to learn about all the creepy crawly critters found at the Zoo.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans a workshop to discuss the Lower Neponset River Superfund plan on Tues., Nov. 15 at 6:15 p.m. at Mildred Avenue School, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for an informal open house and poster viewing. Register online at neponsetworkshopseries.eventbrite.com or call 434-260-6361. See epa.gov/superfund/lowerneponset.

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About half of the people camped in a stretch of Boston known as “Mass. and Cass” most recently resided in another city or town, underlining the regional nature of the addiction and homelessness crises straining the area, Mayor Michelle Wu said on Monday.

While her administration continues to grapple with how to manage encampments in the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard and how to help residents get access to the services they need, Wu pledged the city will not turn its back on those in need. But the path forward, she said, relies on getting Beacon Hill to take on a more active role.

Wu told WBUR’s “Radio Boston” that despite Boston’s best efforts -which included standing up about 200 units of “wraparound” housing with 24/7 access to medical services - the city will not be able to manage a “constant flow of people into the area” on its own.

“We really need the state to step up. We’ve done the calculations. We know that this works for individuals. The city of Boston, as an individual municipality with the funding we have, is not able to serve the tremendous amount of need that continues growing,” Wu said.

“If the state were to create 1,000 new, similar low-threshold supportive housing units outside the city of Boston, we believe that is what would be really transformational in solving this entire issue.”

One year ago, there were about 90 tents erected near Mass. and Cass, some of which were “deeply fortified, entrenched structures” featuring wood palettes and propane tanks, Wu said on Monday. The city in January, only a few months into Wu’s term, worked to clear the area of encampments.

Wu said in recent weeks there have been about 20 tents “that come up and down every other day.” She did not provide a specific estimate Monday, but GBH News reported last week that Wu said 173 unhoused people reside in the area.

About 400 people are connected to supportive housing services “in one way or another,” Wu said, and 72 have moved from transitional to permanent housing.

City outreach workers surveyed homeless resi-

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dents in the encampments, asking their most recent ZIP codes before they landed at Mass. and Cass or where they went to high school. In the most recent batch, 47 percent of respondents said their last ZIP code was in a city or town outside Boston, Wu said.

She added that one-third said they attended a high school in Boston, though the share of those who actually named a specific school in the city was “much lower.”

“There are lots of people who are coming in from all across the state and even New England, outside Massachusetts,” Wu said. “Boston is a center city. We are never going to say we’re putting up walls and shutting our compassion down and our ability to serve down. We are always going to be that hub, but we need the resources and the partnership from the state to actually do it right and get at the root causes here.”

Wu said state officials should not be scared away by her request for standing up 1,000 supportive housing units outside city limits, pointing to Boston’s success in creating about 200 such units as proof that the goal is realistic.

“The number seems very large and it feels very daunting when we’re talking about this,” she said. “But to just remind folks, the reason why we are talking about this and putting forward this number with such specificity is in the city of Boston, we were able to go from zero units to 200 units in a matter of just a few months.”

A Baker administration spokesperson said the executive branch has steered about \$40 million toward responding to the crisis since last year,

including more than \$15 million to develop three different transitional housing and shelter programs near Mass. and Cass that so far have helped more than 180 people.

Baker also included \$20 million in his fiscal year 2022 closeout budget, which remains on ice in the Legislature, to stand up additional low-threshold housing for people with substance use disorders facing homelessness.

“The Baker-Polito Administration has been and continues to work closely with the City of Boston to identify strategies for the challenges faced along the Massachusetts Avenue corridor, and to support the City’s response to the issues at Mass & Cass, and has invested nearly \$40 million in these efforts,” Executive Office of Health and Human Services spokesperson Olivia James said in a statement.

Much of the work Wu hopes Beacon Hill will tackle will likely occur under a new governor, with Baker set to leave office in just a bit more than two months.

A spokesperson for Democratic gubernatorial nominee Maura Healey did not immediately provide comment Monday. The Democrat nominee, herself a Boston resident, told the Boston Globe’s editorial board that she believes more housing will be needed to get Mass. and Cass residents into recovery but added “it’s just not true” that other cities and towns are not doing enough to address the situation.

“You do a census, the majority of the people down there, they are still from Boston and Greater Boston,” Healey told the Globe. “I know that was talked about and trust me, I support programs in regions. No community is immune [from addiction problems]. But I don’t think it’s the case that other cities and towns aren’t doing enough.”

Wu, who has backed Healey in the contest for governor, said she has spoken with the Democratic nominee “about Mass. and Cass again and again and again.” She noted that Healey has focused on the opioid epidemic as attorney general, including with several major lawsuits against prescription drug manufacturers.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Geoff Diehl, a former state representative from Whitman, on Monday called Wu’s request for state action an attempt “to distract and deflect attention away from ongoing failures at Mass. and Cass” and pointed to the Boston City Council’s recent vote to award itself and Wu 20 percent raises - a measure Wu vetoed last week.

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Councillors move toward final vote on redistricting

(Continued from page 1) have a say in which map will end up on Mayor Wu’s desk.

A map backed by the Boston branch of the NAACP and other advocacy groups is said to have at least seven votes for approval, and Breadon says she is using it as the jumping off point in the working sessions. Brian Worrell of District 4, one of several district councillors of color and the body’s lone Black man, has raised concerns that pulling high-voting white precincts from Dorchester’s Neponset area into District 4 weakens Black votes.

Several councillors, including Frank Baker of District 3, Ed Flynn of District 2, and At-Large Councillor Erin Murphy, have called for a slowdown rather than a vote.

“I think the thing we should do is hit the brakes and set a date a month out,” Baker told Breadon, who replied that a year is needed between the map being passed into law and next year’s municipalelection while also noting that candidates must live in their district a year before the election. But Baker asserted that Nov. 7, the deadline banded about throughout the process for passing a map into law, is arbitrary.



At a working session on Monday, councillors debated the redrawing of political boundaries across the city. *Gintautas Dumcius photo*

For their part, District 5’s Ricardo Arroyo, District 7’s Tania Fernandes Anderson, District 8’s Kenzie Bok, and Councillors At-Large Julia Mejia and Ruthzee Louijeune joined Breadon in saying they should move toward a final map sooner rather than later. Arroyo said that delaying past the Nov. 7 deadline feels like “incumbency protection” to stall candidates who may be thinking about a candidacy in the next

couple of months. Worrell, who is the vice chair of the redistricting committee, told the *Reporter* that a vote is possible as long as the working sessions are productive and they’re taking in community input while considering Black voting numbers in majority-minority districts. Whether or not Black votes are weakened by adding white voters should be taken into


consideration, said Worrell, who noted both ongoing gentrification and Black people leaving Dorchester at a high rate. “If people feel it doesn’t [weaken Black votes], then show us the numbers so we can understand the impacts it has on our ability to elect candidates of choice,” he said. “In this moment in time, we should not be weakening Black votes.” Worrell suggested keeping most of his boundaries the same, while picking up Ward 16, Precinct 11 and Ward 16, Precinct 8, both in the Neponset area, rather than the multi-

ple Neponset precincts suggested by the NAACP map. Worrell said he also wants to keep Codman Square in District 4. Baker has balked at moves to break up the Neponset area, and instead sought to keep all of Ward 16 within District 3 in a bid to put almost all Dorchester-based parishes in his district. In meetings, Baker has talked over Breadon and repeatedly referred to Bok as “Priscilla,” a first name she does not use. “Leave Dorchester alone,” he told Breadon at one point. Flaherty asked

Breadon if the City Council could get its own legal analysis, since it has largely depended on City Hall’s legal department for that. Flaherty noted that the legal department answers to the mayor’s office first. Breadon said that in past redistricting cycles, councillors had a budget and could tap its own attorney. But there is no budget this cycle, according to Breadon, who became chair nearly 60 days ago when Flynn removed Arroyo, who was in a heated and ultimately unsuccessful campaign for Suffolk district attorney. On Tuesday, redistricting experts offered analyses that showed six general elections where the candidate preferred by Black or Hispanic voters lost four of the six contests. Councillors are tasked with drawing a map that complies with the federal Voting Rights Act, meaning that there should be districts drawn that offer minority voters an opportunity to elect their candidates of choice or current such districts must be maintained. Last Friday, Moon Duchin, a math professor at Tufts University and a specialist on redistricting who runs the lab that built one of the mapping tools councillors are using in their efforts, said the five proposed maps have more similarities than differences. Mejia asked if redistricting has taken a personal turn in Boston. (Continued next page)

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A move toward a final vote

ton as councillors have scrapped over which neighborhoods to divide. “I mean, have you been following LA?” Duchin said, referring to the recent outrage over Los Angeles Councilwoman Nury Martinez, the first Latina to hold the job, and leaked audio of her remarks denigrating Blacks, Jews, and indigenous Mexicans.

Martinez resigned earlier this month. “The light and heat around redistricting this cycle is intense,” Duchin said. Intensity was evident in the Curley Room a short while later. As councillors appeared to be making headway in identifying precincts to shift between their respective districts, tensions flared.

At one point, after Baker had finished talking about keeping the Cedar Grove neighborhood united and Arroyo began to make remarks, Baker broke in and said to Arroyo, “What are you smirking at? You’re laughing at something.” Responded Arroyo, “Relax when you’re talking to other people. “I wish you peace.” Baker

retorted, “You’re laughing and smirking after I finished talking.” Bredon sought to bring calm to the situation: “Please. We need to treat each other with respect, and we need to do the work.” As Arroyo resumed his remarks, Baker said, “We need an extension to do the work.”



Florian Hall, the firefighter’s union hall at 55 Hallet St. in Dorchester, serves as a polling location for two Ward 16 precincts, 11 and 12, which are currently the focus of intense debate as the Boston City Council considers redistricting maps. Florian Hall will host early voting on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. as part of ongoing early voting in Boston ahead of the Nov. 8 final state election. *Daniel Sheehan photo*

Former Transportation Secretary: Restart MBTA from “Ground Zero”

By CHRIS LISINSKI
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Massachusetts lawmakers are weighing how to fix years of problems at the MBTA while state government stands on the threshold of a major change, and in the opinion of a former US transportation secretary, they should use that timing as an opportunity to “think very seriously” about dismantling and reimagining the entire transit system.

In less than three months, a new governor will enter office, and in the process take control of an agency under pressure to reverse service cuts, find funds to address budget shortfalls and fuel a hiring spree, and respond to a Federal Transit Administration investigation that identified glaring safety problems.

Many of the issues at the T have persisted for years, prompting Rep. Paul Tucker on Tuesday to ask former US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood if the best approach at this point would be to pursue “a complete reset.”

LaHood, who in 2019 helped produce a 69-page report about safety failures at the T, replied that lawmakers have “got to look at that” as a viable option.

“The current system is not working. It simply is not. The FTA said that, we said that, and the people that are riding the trains have said it over and over again,” LaHood said. “If you want to start at ground zero, the timing is perfect for that right now, politically, because you’re going to have new people in these chairs. If I was in your chair, I’d think very seriously about doing that.”

LaHood, a former Republican congressman who served as transportation secretary in the Obama administration, was the lone witness at the Transportation Committee’s third MBTA oversight hearing.

He brought a unique perspective to the topic. Three years ago, after a string of incidents including derailments and crashes, the Baker administration tapped LaHood, former FTA

Acting Administrator Carolyn Flowers, and former New York City Transit President Carmen Bianco to investigate safety problems at the T.

Their findings were harrowing. The panel concluded in a December 2019 report that the MBTA’s approach to safety was “questionable,” marked by “deficiencies in policies, application of safety standards or industry best practices, and accountability.”

The FTA’s investigation and report this summer made many similar conclusions, prompting a widely asked question: What happened — or didn’t happen — for the same issues at the MBTA to persist in a second probe more than two years later?

In LaHood’s opinion, the answer is clear: Covid-19. He told lawmakers he “had confidence” that MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak was equipped to address the problems his 2019 analysis flagged. During the roughly three months between publication of the independent panel’s report and the start of the pandemic, the former secretary felt the T was on the right track.

“I believe right up to the point of Covid, he was doing a good job. He was carrying out the recommendations. He was trying to implement the safety culture that I’ve talked about. And then Covid put an end to all of that,” LaHood said.

The pandemic prompted ridership on the MBTA and other public transit networks to crater, depleting a key source of revenue.

Speaking with reporters after Tuesday’s hearing, LaHood described the April 10 death of Robinson Lalin, a rider who became trapped in a Red Line door, as “very alarming.”

“You just can’t have that happen,” he said. “But you know, it is what it is, the FTA has stepped in, they’ve written a report and we move forward.”

Lawmakers offered mixed reviews of LaHood’s pandemic line of thinking. Transportation Committee Co-chair

Rep. William Strauss said there’s “no question that (Covid) played a role.” His counterpart, Sen. Brendan Crighton, said he believes there are “areas where the (the T) fell short, regardless of the pandemic,” pointing to Poftak’s push to transfer \$500 million from the

agency’s operating budget to its capital budget. “The Covid excuse doesn’t really line up too well there,” Crighton said. “We’ve been told time and time again that ‘We have all the money we need.’ Clearly that wasn’t true.”



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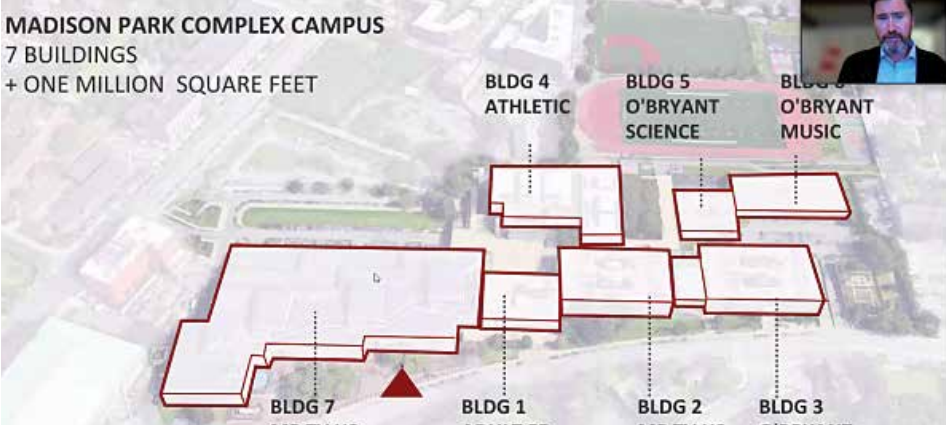
By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

The Madison Park Technical Vocational High School campus's redevelopment process received kudos this week for moving forward but loud jeers for poor outreach and an accessible format at meetings.

A meeting last Monday (Oct. 17) was the second gathering on the topic in the last month. After 90 minutes in the virtual meeting, which drew two members of the City Council, Wu administration officials agreed that better outreach was needed.

"I have asked 1,000 questions to the host and none were answered," said Roxbury City Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson. "I've had my hand raised for 40 minutes and been ignored and passed over. I've never seen a community meeting like this...If this gets to the funding stage it will have to come before the Council Ways and Means Committee, and I'm the chair of the Ways and Means Committee, and you will not even call on me to ask questions. This is an outrage."

Councillor At-Large Julia Mejia also questioned the outreach, as did members of the Friends of Madison Park



A map of the seven buildings that comprise the campus at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School. Photo courtesy Boston Public Schools

and the Madison Park Alumni Association.

Meanwhile, parents and staff at Madison Park and the abutting John D. O'Bryant High School received multiple emails and robo-calls about the meeting.

"This process needs to start again from the beginning," said Louis Elisa of the Friends of Madison Park. "You're not on solid ground."

Dion Irish, Mayor Wu's chief of operations, and Boston Public Schools (BPS) officials said there was no "ill intention" and they would be glad to reconsider the format, to have in-person meetings, and to do better with outreach.

"We're happy to do as much engagement as anyone thinks is necessary," he said in response to the criticism. "We're

happy to do more of this and we recognize this isn't the best format for everyone, but we learn and we grow together."

A kick-off meeting two weeks ago drew only 15 people, and so the effort was given a second chance on Oct. 17. Many felt the effort was yet-another failure despite attracting more than 230 participants.

The meetings are aimed at starting the \$500,000 visioning study, which includes four workshops planned for Oct. 26, Nov. 10, Nov. 29, and Dec. 13. The study is looking to involve parents, staff, community members, and other stakeholders to come up with ideas for what the new facility should focus on educationally and programmatically.

Importantly, no cur-

rent students at Madison Park will still be attending the school by the time it is built, according to a construction timeline that sees at least six years between now and when any project is completed.

Jason Bowers of AnBeha Architects and David Stephen of New Vista, an educational facilities consultant, were hired by BPS and the city's Public Facilities Department (PFD) to run the visioning study.

"The reason we're moving with the study is to begin to understand the needs of the school...and what renovations will make it a better environment for the students," said PFD architect Pedro Hernandez.

Architects and consultants have already been looking at the seven

buildings on the campus, which total one million square feet and include Madison, the O'Bryant High School, an adult education building, and a re-entry program.

"Madison Park has gone through many, many, many changes," said Linal Wood, a 1983 graduate and officer in the Madison Park Alumni Association. "To see something like this to change the environment for Madison Park and our community is a good thing. We need this to change and get everybody past the arguing and bickering because our community needs solid ground to land on."

The loudest voices from the parental and staff perspective came from the grade 7-12 O'Bryant School, which has approximately 1,600 students. They said that even though the study is also looking at O'Bryant's facilities, the school community felt left out of construction plans despite similarly deteriorating conditions.

"We're right next door and our classrooms are crowded," said a parent who identified as Ms. May. "We're an engineering school and we don't even have engineering tools for the students to use...It's really about the students and parents

and faculty that work in these buildings."

O'Bryant math teacher Nefertiti Lawrence, a Roxbury resident and active member of the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan group, said it isn't right to ignore the O'Bryant while talking about Madison Park.

"There needs to be some equity there," she said. "The design should also include and cater to our school as well as Madison. I keep hearing a Madison Park project and not a Madison/O'Bryant project. That's something I'm really concerned about."

In response to that comment and others like it, Drew Echelson, BPS deputy superintendent, wrote in the meeting's chat that they are looking at the whole campus but focusing on Madison Park.

"Step One in the feasibility study is to work in collaboration with the community to determine the education plan which will be used to drive design and feasibility decisions," he wrote.

Those who would like to join in the working groups and the planning process more intently should email Carolyn Meadows Marquez at Capitalplanning@bostonpublicschools.org.

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The Codman Square Health Center hosted its first in-person Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health gala event in a tent on its campus along Washington Street last Thursday, Oct. 20. The event included remarks from Gov. Charlie Baker, a frequent guest and "celebrity chef" through the years, who congratulated organizers on the 25th anniversary of the event. For more, see editorial, page 12.



Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox serves a guest delicious fare offered by one of the many restaurants at the 25th anniversary event last Thursday.



Long-time Men of Boston Cook participants were pleased to be back in-person after a two-year COVID-19 virtual hiatus (l-r): Meg Campbell, Moriah Musto, Steve Weymouth, Bill Walczak, Bobby MacEachern, Leoni Harrington, and Mark Harrington. *Bill Windeknecht photos*

A promotional poster for a 'Zoo Howl' event. The top half has a purple-to-orange gradient background. On the left, the words 'ZOO' and 'HOWL' are written in large, bold, black letters. The 'O' in 'HOWL' is replaced by a black silhouette of a jack-o'-lantern with orange eyes and a mouth. Three black bat silhouettes are flying around the text. On the right, there is a close-up photograph of a lion's face. The bottom half of the poster is black. On the left, the dates 'October 29 & 30' are written in large, bold, orange letters. Below them, in white text, is 'Advance online ticket purchase required.' and 'FranklinParkZoo.org'. On the right, the 'Franklin Park ZOO' logo is displayed in white, with 'NEW ENGLAND' written in smaller white letters below it.

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Dot's Carl Baty joins Food Project board

Dorchester resident Carl Baty, co-founder and executive director of the non-profit entity Rounding the Bases, has joined the Board of Trustees of the Food Project.

A Philadelphia native, Baty's non-profit connects people directly to resources for training, education, employment, housing, food, and other services in Metro Boston.

He first learned of The Food Project because the organization provided fresh vegetables for Rounding the Bases's food delivery program.

"When we started our food delivery program for seniors and their families, we delivered to a handful of houses bags of non-perishable food, mostly cans and starches," said Baty, who can often be found picking up fresh produce at The Food Project's Dudley Greenhouse.

"I knew our aging residents needed healthier options. I reached out to

a few organizations for help."

Joining the board, Baty says, is "my way of saying 'thank you' and ensuring this type of work continues to help more residents access nutritious food."

For more information, see thefoodproject.org.



Rachel Pride of Boston and Carolyn Cafarelli of Dorchester rehearse a scene from the musical "She Loves Me," which will be staged from Nov. 11 to Nov. 20 in Dennison Memorial Hall at Boston Church of Christ in Framingham. Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for students and seniors with valid ID) and can be purchased online at acommonthreadtheatre.org. Photo by Colleen Locke for A Common Thread Theatre Company

RODE promotes Dot designer to associate

Amanda Sanders of Dorchester has been promoted to an associate position at RODE Architects, the design and architecture firm that has deep roots in the neighborhood.

Sanders has been instrumental to the firm's success with her contributions to design excellence, and also as a mentor in the studio, according to said Kevin Deabler, the principal and co-founder of RODE Architects.

Originally from Iowa, Sanders was a Senior Associate at Goody Clan-



Amanda Sanders cy, where she worked as part of the preservation practice group and served on the sus-

tainability committee. She is a member of the Boston Preservation Alliance, where she is an active participant on the Advocacy Committee and Awards Committee, and the Association of Preservation Technology Northeast Chapter.

She has worked on several significant historic restoration projects, including Boston Symphony Hall, the University of Virginia's Academical Village (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), and Jose Lluís Sert's New House on MIT's campus.

Dorchester's Aidan Burke is a member of the Quincy College hockey team, which launched its inaugural season this fall. Burke scored an unassisted goal in the Granite's home opener on Oct. 14, a 5-2 loss to defending New England Hockey Conference champion Babson College. Dorchester's Luke Lydon is also a member of the Granite team, which next faces Mass. Maritime Academy on Friday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. at Quincy Youth Arena. Mia Le Nguyen photo



Alanna Devlin Ball, a South Boston native who recently retired from the United States Navy as a Lieutenant Commander, competed in the Department of Defense (DoD) Warrior Games held in Orlando, Florida in August. The games are composed of over 200 wounded, ill, and injured service members and veteran athletes. Alanna, a cancer survivor, won five gold medals, a silver medal, and crushed a Warrior Games world record in the 50-meter backstroke swimming event. The Boston Latin Academy alumna won a silver medal in women's powerlifting, along with gold medals in the 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter freestyle, 50-meter breaststroke, and 200-meter mixed relay. After serving both overseas and stateside for the United States Navy for 12 years, she was diagnosed with brain cancer. The tumor was completely removed, and she underwent



proton radiation and chemotherapy treatments. She is pictured above with her medals alongside husband James Ball.

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Lucy Stone – 1818-1893

The following is excerpted from a much longer piece published by the Society:

Born in West Brookfield in 1818, Lucy Stone joined an old New England family. Her father, Francis, was a well-to-do farmer and tanner who believed that men were divinely ordained to rule over women. Her mother, Hannah, accepted this view, but Lucy became resentful. Though her brothers were sent to college, her father was shocked when she asked to go, and he gave her no financial support. She determined to educate herself, and at age 16, she began to teach district school at a dollar per week.

Her hostility toward the existing status of women



A scan of a print made from a 1844 Daguerrotype in the Prints and Photographs Division of Library of Congress shows Lucy Stone as a young woman.

increased, especially when she learned that women had

no vote in the affairs of the Congregational Church in West Brookfield of which she was a member. By 1843 she had earned enough money to enter Oberlin College. At college she was looked upon as a dangerous radical, for she was an ardent abolitionist, was uncompromising on the question of women's rights and became Unitarian in religion.

In 1847 she graduated from Oberlin, the first Massachusetts woman to earn a college degree. She refused an invitation to write a commencement address because she would not have been permitted to read it herself, owing to the prevailing belief that it was improper for women to par-

ticipate in public exercises with men. The injustice was corrected thirty-six years later when Lucy Stone was an honored speaker at Oberlin's semicentennial jubilee.

In 1850 she led in calling the first national woman's rights convention at Worcester, Mass. Lucy, who was only barely recovered from typhoid fever, made a speech that converted Susan B. Anthony to the cause. She married Henry Browne Blackwell, a Cincinnati hardware merchant and abolitionist in 1855 but kept her own name, calling herself Mrs. Stone. The birth of Alice Stone Blackwell in 1857 led Lucy to give up some of her traveling and lecturing, but she continued to organize

many campaigns for woman's suffrage.

The 17-room Dorchester home of Lucy Stone and her family was located on Boutwell Street. It was named Pope's Hill after the land on which it stood. She lived there from 1870 until her death in 1893.

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

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The Society's historic houses are closed at this time due to the pandemic. For now, our in-person programming has been suspended, and we are using Zoom instead. Watch for announcements.

Editorial

Tradition lives on: ‘Men Cook’ is back

It’s been a Dorchester tradition for a quarter-of-a-century now and last week marked its triumphant return: Men of Boston Cook for Women’s Health, the largest fundraiser of the year to benefit Codman Square Health Center— after a two-year hiatus due to pandemic concerns— once again drew hundreds of people to eat, drink, dance, and network.

Unlike most big “gala” events in Boston, “Men Cook” isn’t laid out in the ballroom of a downtown hotel. It’s held under a lovely tent set up in the parking lot of the health center along Washington Street. The location is a huge part of the event’s charm, since many of the attendees are health center patients, employees, and their families who live within walking distance of the event. Others are neighbors who understand the central role the health center has played in making Codman Square a better place to live and work over the last five decades.

They are joined in the celebration by men and women who might otherwise never set foot in Dorchester, but who are drawn to the event to support a worthy cause. That mix of notable Bostonians is a special one, and it’s probably why Men Cook has had the staying power to survive economic dips and global health emergencies.

The other constant of the event that has kept it viable and attractive: Local restaurateurs, some of whom are still themselves struggling to regain a pre-Covid foothold, donate time, staff, food, and drinks to the endeavor.

“This year was hard for everyone, especially the restaurants,” says Sandra Cotterell, the CEO and president of the health center. “But they made an effort to come out and support and we were so excited that they came out in full force.”

Some of the eateries are established favorites like Tavolo Ristorante and Ashmont Grill, who were paired with John King, the Dot native and CNN political guru who travels up from Washington every year to attend and serve. Other Dot staples that were on hand last Thursday included Shanti Taste of India, Chill on Park, the Bowery, Lucy’s American Tavern, and Boston Harbor Distillery. Still others, like Sweet Teez Bakery — based in the Commonwealth Kitchen on Quincy Street — are quickly becoming local faves and planting deep roots in the neighborhood. In fact, Sweet Teez’s owner Teresa Maynard is now a member of the board of the health center.

Some of the celebrity chefs in the room on Thursday have been mainstays since it started, most notably Mike Wankum, the genial and generous WCVB-TV meteorologist who is now the dean of the region’s TV weather experts. Wankum has been there since the event was cooked up in the 1990s. Last week, he rubbed shoulders with two newbies: Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden and Boston’s new police commissioner, Michael Cox, who used to live within a few blocks of the party site.

Charlie Baker, another Men Cook veteran, made it a point to be there as part of his final lap as the state’s governor. The proceeds from each year’s event are funneled directly into specialized care, including “navigators,” who track and follow-up to make sure at-risk women get mammograms and related services.

“To have people throughout the evening talk about the good work that goes on here, you really felt the gratitude and appreciation for what community health centers do,” said Cotterell. “To think that it’s still going strong, it was heartfelt. And it felt so good.”

– Bill Forry

Commentary

Ballot questions dominate an otherwise quiet election

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

With few incumbents facing challenges, newcomers having cleared primaries and facing little to no opposition in the final election, and Democrats dominating public polling in statewide races, this year’s November ballot stands out for the four questions being put to voters for up or down votes.

There questions range in topics from a so-called “millionaires” tax to dental insurance and licenses for undocumented immigrants. For activists and special interest groups, ballot questions are an avenue toward enacting policy changes they’re seeking, particularly when lawmakers on Beacon Hill are uninterested in taking up the issues themselves.

Once activists and special interest groups are able to clear several hurdles, from legally acceptable language to gathering enough signatures to get their questions onto the ballot, the voters make their calls.

Following is a breakdown on what Massachusetts voters will be deciding on Tues., Nov. 8, or sooner if they’ve mailed in their ballot or participated in early voting.

Question 1: Millionaires tax

This involves a proposed amendment to the state constitution that, if approved, would establish an additional 4 percent state income tax on annual taxable income in excess of \$1 million, which could see an increase of 80 percent on certain taxpayers. The money pulled in from this new levy, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, would be designated for public education, public colleges and universities, public transportation, and repairing and maintaining roads and bridges. Proponents say it could raise \$1.2 billion, or 2.4 percent of the current state budget. If in the aftermath of an approval, taxpayers move their home or business to another state, that number could be lower. If passed, the new tax will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

A “yes” vote will amend the state constitution and impose the new tax. A “no” vote will result in no change.

Proponents say a “yes” vote means “you will make sure that the very richest in Massachusetts — those who make over \$1 million a year — pay their fair share.” Opponents are urging a “no” vote, arguing that the ballot question “nearly doubles the state income tax rate on tens of thousands of small-business owners, large employers, and retirees.” They also note there is no guarantee the revenue will be directed toward education and transportation accounts, saying that “politicians are giving themselves a blank check, with no accountability.”

Question 2: Dental insurance regulation

The proposal calls for a law that directs the insurance commissioner for Massachusetts to approve or disapprove the rates of dental benefit plans and requires dental insurance carriers to meet an annual aggregate medical loss ratio for its covered dental benefit plans of 83 percent. (The medical loss ratio measures the amount of premium dollars a dental insurance carrier spends on its members’ dental, rather than administrative, expenses.

A “yes” vote would regulate dental insurance rates. A “no” vote would make no change to the law.

Proponents say a “yes” vote expands consumer



Question 1 proponents say the tax hike will affect a limited amount of people in Massachusetts. Screenshot

protection laws and ensures better coverage for patients, and cuts back on corporate waste. Opponents say the question could lead to an increase in costs for families and employers, and potential losses of access to dental care.

Question 3: Expanded availability of alcoholic beverage licenses for sale

This proposal seeks to increase the statewide limits on the combined number of licenses for sale of alcoholic beverages that any one retailer can own or control. A “no” vote would make no change to the laws on retailers selling alcoholic beverages.

Proponents say a “yes” vote means “package stores, convenience stores, supermarkets, superstore retailers, and others will be able to apply for additional licenses for their existing locations that do not currently sell alcohol and for new locations they open.”

Opponents say the ballot question “offers an incomplete solution to a complex problem, doing little to promote competition or expand consumer choice.”

Question 4: Eligibility for driver’s licenses

Beacon Hill legislators passed a law earlier this year allowing Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of a lawful presence in the US to obtain a standard driver’s license or a learner’s permit if they meet other qualifications, including a road test and insurance, as well as proof of identity and date of birth through at least two documents. The documents can include a valid, unexpired foreign passport or consular identification document, an unexpired driver’s license from any US state or territory, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate, or a marriage certificate or divorce decree. One of the documents must have a photo and one must include a date of birth.

A “yes” vote keeps the law in place. A “no” vote repeals the law.

Proponents say 17 states have passed similar laws, which have led to declines in uninsured drivers and hit-and-run crashes. They also note the law has been endorsed by a number of Massachusetts sheriffs, prosecutors, and police chiefs.

Opponents note that Beacon Hill lawmakers overrode Gov. Charlie Baker’s veto of the law. Baker “made it known that the Registry of Motor Vehicles does not have the capability or expertise necessary to verify documents from other countries.” They add the law is “patently unfair to those who have taken the time to immigrate” via legal means.

Wu urges full-court press for hiring MBTA workers

BY CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Policymakers across the state and local level need to deploy “every last bit of political will” to reinvigorate hiring at the short-staffed transit agency, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said on Monday.

Wu, who campaigned on a platform of expanding access to low- or no-cost transit, said the T’s two most significant problems are its depleted workforce and a “lack of public confidence” in the wake of repeated safety issues and service disruptions.

“We need to be throwing every possible bit of political will and energy at them,” Wu said in an interview on WBUR’s “Radio Boston” about the series of problems facing the T. “Yes, we need to figure out plans to move and accelerate the repairs and all the projects that are low-hanging fruit like electrification and the Red-Blue Connector and accelerating West Station, but right now, we don’t even have enough signal dispatchers on staff to be able to run all of our subway lines at the frequency that they physically could be running.”

“We have to do everything possible to address this

shortage,” she added. Federal investigators estimate the MBTA is some 2,000 employees short of the workforce it needs to run current service levels, but the agency is not alone struggling to hire.

Wu recalled challenges the city faced trying to get enough school bus drivers and the “creative” solutions her administration deployed, which included increasing compensation levels as well as hiring drivers who do not yet have commercial licenses and paying them to receive that training.

A frequent MBTA commuter, Wu said her regular Orange Line trip has improved in the wake of a month-long shutdown of the line. That’s a contrast from many riders who continue to face sluggish, even slower rides to and from points north of downtown Boston more than a month after service resumed.

“What the data show is most of the slowness of the Orange Line is actually on the northern half, coming in from Malden into Haymarket,” Wu said. “I’m on the total other end, coming in from Forest Hills to State Street. It has actually been better and it has been smoother and many of the slow zones do feel a lot better.”

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‘Lack of intensity’ leads Galvin to expect muted election turnout

By SAM DRYSDALE
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NEWS SERVICE

As of Oct. 21, 157,000 Massachusetts voters had mailed their ballots for the November election, a number that Secretary of State William Galvin described as “slow” for this point in early voting.

Mail-in ballots began hitting mailboxes last week, and so far the secretary of state’s office has filled a total 1,071,000 requests to vote by mail. Early in-person voting started last Saturday and every community in the state will have voting booths open the next two weekends leading up to Election Day on Nov. 8.

“We hope that the election, as it grows closer, will grow more interesting to voters,” Galvin said at a press conference Friday. “While we’re encouraged by the requests of a million, or in excess of a million, vote-by-mails, there does seem to be a certain lack of intensity so far in terms of the campaigns other than the ballot question campaigns.”

Galvin attributed the so-far slow turnout in part to the contentious ballot questions in this race. Voters might be confused about contradictory statements from the well-funded ballot campaigns on referendum questions, he said.

Ads for and against Question 1, proclaimed

the “Fair Share Amendment” by supporters, and the “Tax Hike Amendment” by opponents, have dominated the airwaves in recent weeks. So far, coalitions have spent more than \$31 million on the question, which would levy an additional 4 percent surtax on personal income that exceeds \$1 million in a single year.

Opponents have spent more than \$10.3 million and supporters almost \$21.3 million according to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

The other ballot questions have wracked up large contributions as well, with chain liquor store Total Wine & More funding a campaign against Question 3, which would allow companies to own more alcohol licenses, to the tune of \$2.1 million this month. Questions 2 and 4 have also generated buzz and dollars.

But “lack of intensity” in candidate elections, where so far polls don’t show close races for any statewide office, and “an absence of marquee races” for the US Congress could contribute to so-far low voter turnout, Galvin said.

When asked by a reporter if he predicted voter turnout to be comparable to the last midterm election in 2018, which brought 2.75 million people to the polls, the secretary said he

expected this election to be closer to 2014, which had 2.18 million voters.

“We had a gubernatorial race that was not terribly exciting in 2018, we didn’t seem to have any statewide races that terribly were, and I looked at the ballot questions ... the only conclusion I could come to was there was a genuine appreciation of the significance of voting after the 2016 election,” he said.

Among voters who have requested ballots to return by mail, Galvin reported 38 percent are Democrats, 6.3 percent are Republicans and others are unenrolled independents.

Most people who have already voted by mail are older, he said, including 600 to 700 people who are 100 years old or older. He added that this voting option is much more popular in suburban communities, and the municipality with the largest percentage of people requesting to vote by mail is Acton.

Applications for mail-in ballots will be accepted until Nov. 1. Completed ballots postmarked before Election Day will be counted if they are received within three mailing days of the election, which this year means until Nov. 12.

Galvin warned voters on Friday that, given slow mail service, it might be more reliable to vote early at a voting booth rather than by mail at this point in the election season.

He also reminded voters that once they cast a mail-in-ballot they may not vote again at the voting booth. He referenced a situation in the prima-

ries this year where a candidate dropped out of a statewide office race after some had already voted for him, likely talking about Quentin Palfrey dropping out of the attorney general’s race a week before the primary election.

“That’s the trade-off when you vote early by mail or in person,” Galvin said. “You will only be able to vote once, there’s no such thing as retrieving your ballot.”

For those who requested a mail-in ballot but have not sent it back filled out, he said they are welcome to vote in person.

On questions around speculation of organized poll watchers and potential voter intimidation, Galvin said election officials would not “tolerate” any attempt to interfere with the election.

“Observers are permitted, but they have to obey the rules,” he said. “People who see what’s going on from an appropriate distance away from the voters, where the voters are confidentially

marking their ballots, and see what election officials are doing, provided they’re doing it at an appropriate distance -- that’s permitted. But if there’s any effort to interfere with balloting or any effort to question voters without a specific legal reason, that will not be tolerated.”

He added that police officers will be at the polls, and that campaigning or wearing anything related to a campaign is not allowed within 150 feet of the polling place both on Election Day and with early voting.

Mass students’ scores on reading and math tests dropped during Covid

By MAX LARKIN
WBUR REPORTER

Scores on a national assessment of reading and math have plummeted since 2019 — both in Massachusetts and nationwide.

The state has long touted its performance on the National Assessment of Educational Progress, known as the NAEP test. It’s still among the best-performing states, but its 2022 results show considerable drops in average scores relative to 2019, especially in 8th-grade math.

Scores in 8th-grade reading held steady in large cities, in what Commissioner Peggy Carr of the National Center for Education Statistics called a “bright spot ... amidst all the chaos and damage.” But Boston saw a slight decline in that area as well.

Carr noted that the decline in 2022 NAEP results — especially in mathematics — is a national phenomenon, one she called “stark ... troubling and significant.”

But like the reading scores from cities across

the nation, she cited recent upturns in scores on state standardized tests — including on Massachusetts’ MCAS exams — as evidence of “what our hard-working educators ... can achieve with the right conditions and adequate resources.”

Per the 2022 results, Massachusetts still leads the states in students scoring at or above “proficient” in 4th-grade reading, at or above “basic” in 8th-grade reading and — despite a 10-point decline in average scores — in 8th-grade math.

In a statement, Harry Feder, executive director of the National Center for Fair & Open Testing, warned against assigning too much significance to these latest NAEP scores, saying they only “demonstrate what educators and parents already know — the pandemic was bad for kids.”

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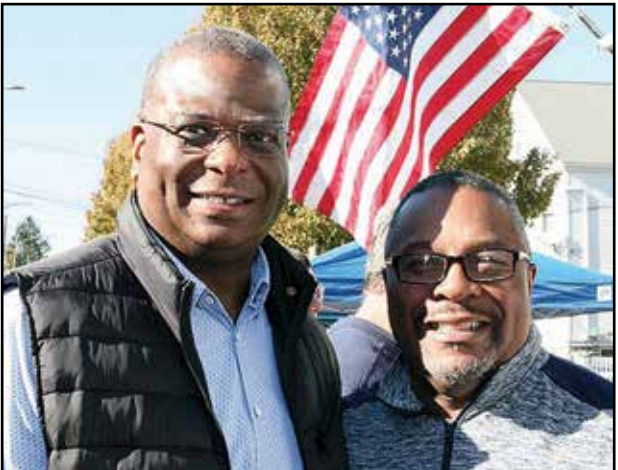
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The annual block party returns to Hazelton Street

The Mattapan Teen Center (MTC) and New England Patriots defensive end Deatrich Wise Jr. staged the return of the annual Hazelton Street afternoon block party last Saturday. Wise, who has played for the Patriots since being drafted in 2017, and his family returned to Mattapan for the renewal of the event, which included several high-quality hip-hop performers from the large pool of talent coming out of the MTC. Hundreds of people also came for free food from food trucks from Gourmet Kreyol and Fresh Food Generation, as well as a fall Farmer's Market by Baldour Foods. Numerous neighborhood barbers also volunteered their time to provide free haircuts and braiding on the spot for kids in the neighborhoods. Additionally, the MTC-produced documentary, 'Mattapan The Documentary' was shown on the big-screen during the event as its executive director, Moses Sibley, enjoyed the festivities with his mother MiShy.



Asia Spain with children Amiri and Cairo



Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox with Robert Lewis Jr., director of the Boys and Girls Club of Boston.



Maverick O'Garro gets a trim on the sides from barber Kenny Leone.



Solomon Wise, brother of Deatrich Wise Jr., carves a small pumpkin during the annual block party.



Crowds gathered on Hazelton Street on Saturday for the return of the annual Deatrich Wise Jr. Block Party in conjunction with the MTC.



Macky Ukiyo, Jassiel Chalas and Ajary Alexandre listen to some of the performers. The three performers are known as 'Ethereal Visions,' or EV.



Moses Sibley (right) and his mother, MiShy, enjoy the afternoon on Hazelton Street. Sibley was the executive director of 'Mattapan The Documentary.'



Cassius Green, Derek Green, and Barbara Crichlow enjoyed a wonderful event and a superb afternoon on Hazelton Street.



Maceyo Maze of the MTC and Ethereal Visions performs solo during the block party.



Police Supt. Nora Baston, Laila Calixte, Sandy Zamor Calixte, Kimberly Cox, and Officer William Chen.



Genaro 'Go Five' Ortega puts the finishing touches on a mural created for Deatrich Wise Jr. and the block party on Saturday afternoon.



Patriots Defensive End Deatrich Wise Jr. with MTC Director Rick Aggeler. *Seth Daniel photos*

Fieldhouse wins approval by ZBA

(Continued from page 1) recreational and athletic opportunities for a wide range of people, and will include quiet areas for children who might not do well with loud sounds from basketball courts, tracks that could be used for walking by senior citizens, and an auditorium for theater and other performances. A cafe will provide sustenance for people spending a day there.

Other facilities will include indoor fields, training rooms, classrooms, a teaching kitchen, offices and conference rooms.

“This is a pretty exciting project,” ZBA board

Chairman Mark Erlich said before voting members gave the project unanimous approval; board member Eric Robinson abstained, because his architectural firm, RODE Architects, designed the building.

The BPDA board approved the proposal in March. The facility will be owned and operated by BGCD and programmed in partnership with the foundation. The two organizations have mounted an aggressive capital campaign to raise the estimated \$50 million it will cost to build and manage the site.

“We are excited to be

a part of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a facility that will not only have a positive

impact on the Dorchester community but will also fortify the best elements of the BGCD in sup-

porting and advancing Dorchester’s youth and their families,” said Bob Scannell and Bill Rich-

ard in a statement issued when they sought city approval.



Dorchester native Mattaya Fitts has begun work on her five-story mural on the side of the Boston Housing Authority’s Peabody/Englewood Apartments in Ashmont’s Peabody Square. The mural is entitled “The Joy of Growing” and was about half completed by last weekend. The city-sponsored mural is centered on themes of personal transformation, self-care, and the relationship between people and nature, according to Fitts.

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Two visions for Uphams Corner to ponder next to Strand

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

Responding to a request for proposals issued by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) earlier this year, two teams vying to redevelop a city-owned block in Uphams Corner presented differing visions to the community during a virtual public meeting earlier this month. Both, however, include space for a new Uphams Corner branch library next to the existing Strand Theatre. And both, along with the BPDA, had timelines to finish construction at some point in 2025.

A pre-requisite set by the city for proposals was that developers provide space for a ground-floor branch library, which the city would later build out to Boston Public Library specifications.

One of the proposals for the property, which includes the former Bank of America building and the adjacent parking lot at 555-559 Columbia Rd., was advanced by Civico Development in a partnership with the DREAM Collaborative. The second offering, dubbed “Columbia Lofts,” is a partnership of The Caritas Project, in



collaboration with NHP Foundation.

The public review of the two proposals is the latest step in a years-long process to make Uphams Corner an Arts and Innovation District anchored by The Strand Theatre and other existing institutions. Natalie Deduck of the BPDA said the development of the targeted property would be “part of a vision for a new hub of creative activity” in the city.

The Civico-DREAM proposal has emerged as the early favorite based on comments made by residents at the meeting. Their proposal was unique in being a home-



Renderings courtesy of BPDA

ownership development that preserves the facade of the old bank building as the entrance to the library. The plan includes housing, but not commercial space, yet provides generous room for parking.

“The thrust of the project really focuses on homeownership,” said Taylor Bearden of Civico during the meeting. “This is in contrast to most of the developments in the neighborhood that are mostly focused on rental.”

The Columbia Lofts proposal includes a wide range of supportive, affordable rental housing with artist lofts, entrepreneur-in-residence living spaces, maker spaces, retail space, supportive services, and other amenities. The plan doesn’t contain any parking on site; the Caritas-NHP team said it had crafted

the proposal to be a development where people would live and work and rely on existing public transit.

“Caritas Communities and the NHP Foundation look forward to continuing this important conversation with the residents of Dorchester,” said Caritas’s Gregg Rittchen. “We are proud of our innovative vision of a thriving, mixed-use, mixed-income project that has the potential to be a centerpiece in the nucleus of the community.”

The Civico-DREAM bid includes 33 units of workforce housing (1-3 bedrooms) between 70 and 100 percent of the AMI in a homeownership format, where a three-bedroom at 80 percent AMI would cost approximately \$290,000. There would be 39 parking spaces and a 1,500



square-foot community space yet to be programmed.

“There is a lot to like in this project from my perspective,” said Mardi Glynn, who lives nearby. “I like homeownership a lot...I would like to see people of all income levels living in a building together.”

Another neighbor, Catherine Walker, wrote: “I appreciate the preservation of the former bank building facade, and the parking provision is important.”

Joan Tighe, a member of the Uphams Working Advisory Group (WAG), said the community space needs to be larger, and suggested that Civico coordinate with long-time organizations like the Fairmount Innovation Lab – which needs space.

The \$22 million Caritas proposal envisions 72 units of affordable housing in one-bedroom and studio rentals at levels from 30 percent AMI to 100 percent AMI – with the bulk of the units below 50 percent.

The lack of parking in that proposal was a key issue for many neighbors. “It’s too much for the area,” said Willie Pleasants. “People will have cars. I don’t care what you say, everybody in those 72 units are not going to only use the bus. It’s too congested.”

Allida Warn of WAG and the Conservatory Lab Charter School was curious about the type of supportive housing being proposed. “There’s a difference between having a halfway house down the street from my school and having a really cool development for all people with a creative focus,” she said.

Caritas team members said they are confident that parking won’t be an issue. “The notion is we have so much public transit around in such a short distance and we’re going to lean on that,” said Gary Kane of The Architectural Team.

Mecky Adnani, of NHP, noted that the proposal wasn’t about family units, but for adults who would hopefully live and work in the building.

“They’re really meant for individuals that live and work at this building,” she said. “I want to clarify that. We consider it a site with transportation access...It’s all in one place and we thought that was the best approach...”

Added Rittchen: “There are folks already living in this neighborhood and we’re trying to give them what they need in new space, business space, and housing space.”

Pleasants called on both developers, Civico and Caritas, to consider the library as a focal point and not to push it to the background.

“We’ve been waiting a long time for our library, and we don’t want it to be a sidebar to the innovation down the street that is coming to take over,” she said.

The BPDA’s Deduck said the agency is planning to hold a second meeting with both development teams, and it will be an in-person session in Uphams Corner – one of the neighborhood’s first in-person meetings since early 2020.

The comment period on the proposals remains open, and comments are questions can be directed to Deduck at natalie.deduck@boston.gov.

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Mattapan cannabis store wins city board OK; two in pipeline

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Three cannabis proposals along Mattapan’s Blue Hill Avenue corridor are advancing through the city’s regulatory review process, with The POT in Mattapan Square getting unanimous Boston Cannabis Board (BCB) approval last week.

The POT, fronted by Mattapan natives Dru Ledbetter and Marquis Cohen, appeared at the BCB on Wed., Oct. 19, and received not only the board’s okay but also accolades from commissioners, a recognition that followed a sometimes-contentious community process that ended in a reconciliation recently.

“The location is already problematic, but I think this will work to the benefit of the area. I think it will be to the benefit,” said Commissioner Kathleen Joyce.

Commissioner Lisa Holmes added: “I saw great cooperation between the church (Church of the Holy Spirit), The POT, and Mattapan Square merchants. I would ask they continue to work with the church and the community and continue to be a good neighbor, to maintain that camaraderie.”

Cohen said they were happy to have received the BCB’s nod and were on to the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA). The group had already been through the ZBA process at a previous site in Mattapan, only to run into problems with the landlord. If approved by the ZBA this time, they would proceed to the state Cannabis Control Commission (CCC).

“Growing up as a kid from Mattapan, I’m honored, humbled, and very excited about the opportunity,” said Cohen. “This is a chance to start a business that’s for us, and by us, in a community that I always loved. This is a dream come true. With the com-



A rendering shows what proponents of Legacy Underground, a cannabis dispensary, might look like at 1379 Blue Hill Ave. Image courtesy Legacy Underground

munity behind us, leading with love, we are blessed to be on this journey.”

In other action, Legacy Underground’s dispensary proposal for 1379 Blue Hill Ave. was the subject of an online community meeting last Thursday. The site is currently the home of Blue Hill Sounds & Gifts and Kings & Kweens Unisex Salon. It sits across the street from the Mattapan Branch Library.

Mattapan native Isaac Hampton, who is now in the real estate business, led the charge with business partners Jon and Kim Napoli. The site would be in a detached building, freestanding, and with 12 parking spaces and a landscaping plan. They envision 10 full-time and 10 part-time workers with a Mattapan preference, and hours of 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., with closing at 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Mitigation programs they identified included a resident/senior citizen

clean-up program, a seminar on the dangers of cannabis for pregnant

women with midwife/doula services offered, and a one percent set-aside of gross profits exclusively for Mattapan organizations and causes.

A traffic study done for the company indicated that new traffic trips would not affect the overall corridor, but residents had concerns about that study.

“Walk Hill Street is one destination where people will come from Milton and other places to get to the colleges and hospitals,” said resident Barbara Crichlow. “I think the traffic study needs to be looked at and re-addressed.”

There is no hearing date set for the company at the BCB. Comments should be emailed to eric.james@boston.gov.

A third dispensary proposal for Mattapan Square at 1589 Blue Hill Ave. next to the Mattapan Neighborhood Health Center will take place online Nov. 7 at 8 p.m. Details of that proposal are not yet available.

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Moment of Paws

It's National Adopt a Dog Month!

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of dogs and invite you to have an open mind, as well as an open heart and home when considering which animal to adopt.

Here are four types of dogs you may find at ARL or other local shelters:

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sonality, so what you see is what you will get.

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- Dogs with a medical condition. These dogs will require more frequent visits to the veterinarian and/or have medication administered often. Adopting a dog with a chronic or debilitating medical condition can be challenging, but is also very rewarding.

On the surface, you may think adopting any of the aforementioned types of dogs may be an overwhelming decision, but when you adopt from ARL, there are many resources available to help



Franklin along the way.

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Adopting a dog is a life-long commitment but is also a fantastically rewarding experience. When you adopt, ARL will be by your side to offer the tools to help establish a loving bond that will last for years to come!

For more information regarding ARL's pet-owner resources, be sure to visit our website at arl-boston.org.

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He holds a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU22P2347EA
ESTATE OF:
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a/k/a: AKASHIA SADE CYPRIAN
DATE OF DEATH: 08/05/2021
SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Ellie M. Cyprian of Lowell, MA. Ellie M. Cyprian of Lowell, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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Elevate Youth Partners with BGCD for Indoor Rock Climbing Trip: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
Elevate Youth Partners with BGCD for Indoor Rock Climbing Trip: This past week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester kicked off our school year program partnership with Elevate Youth as members traveled to Rock Spot in South Boston for Indoor Climbing. Elevate Youth's vision is to spark a lifelong love of the outdoors through equitable access and routine immersion in nature as a way to foster agency and lead holistic, healthy lifestyles.

This trip will be followed by an Outdoor Climbing trip in November and an Outdoor Adventure Trip in December.

Thanks to our friends at Elevate Youth for providing these exciting and special off-site activities to our members. To learn more about Partnerships, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org



BGCD Non-Contact Boxing with Volunteer Paul Doyle & BPD Community Engagement: See details below.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Non-Contact Boxing with Volunteer Paul Doyle & BPD Community Engagement: As part of the Fall series of Enrichment classes, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is offering a Non-Contact Boxing Class on Wednesday evenings.

The class is under the direction of longtime friend and volunteer Paul Doyle, and with assistance of Officers from the Boston Police Department's Bureau of Community Engagement, including BGCD alum, Officer Tim Wilson. During class, members learn self-defense skills while improving their conditioning.

Thanks to Paul Doyle and our BPD volunteers for their support of this program. To learn more about BGCD Programming, please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcDonald@bgcdorchester.org.

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Home workers are turning to co-working spaces like Fields Corner Business Lab

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That is exactly the case for Danielle Oaks, who works remotely for a large company based in Idaho. While she and her family will not be moving to Idaho any time soon, she said the job opportunity would never have emerged without the trend of remote working. The downside was that her home office became stifling.

“I needed to get out,” she said from her dedicated desk in the Lab. “This place has been a godsend. I have a lovely home office, but there was a need to also get out of it.” She said it wasn’t just about balancing work, but also home duties. Laundry became a daytime task, and family time extended into the afternoon. Soon, she was working only at night.

“My business is in another place and I’m here at home. At least when I’m at the Lab, I know I’m at work.” She said she was able to negotiate a salary increase recently that is intended to pay for her Lab membership.

It has been the same for Dorchester resident Simeon Naranjit, who for 14 years has run Vulcan Consulting, a computer IT company



Business Lab member Danielle Oaks works for a company in Idaho. She says that her remote working at the Lab allows her to work during the day and not push things off until the night.

Seth Daniel photo

for small and mid-sized businesses. Most of his work is at client sites, or from home. He worked more at home in the pandemic, then tried to go to Panera to escape the pitfalls of home. Last month, he chose the Lab. Since then, he said he has a new “vibe and flow” to his work and is glad to support a local business and not a workspace chain.

“I drop my kids off at school at 7:15 a.m. and in the past I’d come home and take a nap and then wake up and work,” he said. “In that routine, you’re groggy and there’s no momentum. Now I drop my kids off and go

to the Business Lab and I’m wide awake and getting things done. It’s not happening in a hoodie.”

The Lab’s Riddle said the changes began when some business tenants moved out two years ago and that allowed them to remodel and open part of the second floor. Soon, another tenant consolidated operations downtown and vacated the rest of the second floor and the third floor. She said a prospective tenant was looking at the office space and was won over by the Business Lab concept instead.

“We had a business that came to look at the third floor and they

saw the Business Lab operation and said that was what they wanted,” said Riddle. “So, we took that input and expanded the Lab to the third floor and many of the workers from that business are now members.”

Riddle and Office Manager Deatrice Moore said they have different levels of membership, from a regular office at \$600 to \$2,000 per month, to a dedicated desk at \$325 per month, to flex space memberships at lower costs that allow people to use communal spaces and conference rooms.

Memberships come with amenities like a kitchen and the all-important copy machine – which the Lab maintains and operates so members don’t have to worry about time-consuming office equipment leases or contracts.

They also offer a small gathering space for 25 to 30 people available to members and also to the community. So far, Riddle said, many have used it, including companies doing trainings or holiday gatherings.

Beyond that, co-working spaces come with the opportunity to bounce ideas off members over a cup of coffee in the

common areas.

“I had a great conversation the other day about cooperative and employee ownership of companies,” said Naranjit. “I was interested in that. It sparked a conversation with another member, and I had a good 30-minute conversation that was out of the blue but of interest.”

“As it turned out, the person with the knowledge of that topic was right there and gave me a plethora of information.”

Added Riddle: “There’s also human interaction and being able to say ‘hello’ to someone,” she said. “In the changing work world that has become a huge benefit of the co-working community.”

Others like Naranjit and Kenisha Jean Simon said they have more family flexibility, and fewer work distractions. Naranjit said he is only minutes from home and his children’s school and can run home for a bit without having a huge time impact on his work.

Jean Simon works for the Imagine That after-school provider that runs programs in Dorchester and Mattapan, including at KIPP Boston in Mattapan, the Mildred Avenue School

in Mattapan, and the Sarah Greenwood School in Dorchester. She opted for a desk at the Business Lab in May, and her company is already trying to secure a larger administrative office at the Lab.

She said that what she enjoys is the ability to have both working worlds. “I love it because I can still work from home and go into the office as well,” she said. “It’s definitely needed with having a two-year-old and a teenager. Having that space away from home has become very important... It’s a safe space to work because I can work without distractions.”

Riddle said they have only two offices left from their expansion but still have ample flex spaces available. However, increasing demand doesn’t necessarily mean they plan on more expansion. For the moment, they are looking to maintain and learn.

“When you grow really fast, you have to routinely re-evaluate how things go. We’ve had some great wins that work for people, but we’ve had things we’ve done where we needed to pivot as well,” she said.



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ZBA to regroup on Polish American Club billboard plan



By Reporter Staff
The Zoning Board of Appeal has agreed to reconsider its decision in May to reject a plan by the Polish American Club on Boston Street to erect a new billboard on a pole next to I-93. At its Tuesday meeting, the board agreed that it would take another look at the decision, not because the club sued the board, but because its zoning lawyer has since filed detailed renderings of what the billboard would look like. Ryan Spitz, the club's zoning attorney, also said he could provide details on an unusual proposal by the club to take down

three other billboards somewhere in Dorchester before the new signboard goes up. At the May hearing, Spitz said billboard company Media Partners would take down two-sided billboards at Dorchester Avenue and Freeport Street, but that the other two locations would be determined through consultation with City Councillor Frank Baker and the McCormack Civic Association and then negotiations with the owners and landlords of the other locations. The board did not set a date for reconsideration, but the earliest open slots in the board's agenda

Feds to brief residents on Neponset cleanup

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partment of Health has warned against eating fish caught in the river, especially children under 12, pregnant women, nursing mothers, and women who could become pregnant. Officials say the Lower Neponset River, which spans between 40 feet to 300 feet en route to the harbor and covers 40 acres, is still safe to use for walking, biking, boating, rowing, kayaking, and parks and playgrounds. They rec-

ommend against swimming or wading into the river, because people could come in contact with the soil and mud at the bottom of the river, which has high chemical levels. The cleanup will be paid for through the \$3.5 billion in funding of the infrastructure law signed by President Biden last year. The price tag, and the timeline to completion, are unclear at this point.

today were in January. The club maintains that revenue from leasing the land for the billboard to Media Partners would help it stay afloat. In July, the club and the billboard company sued the zoning board because of the way their plan was rejected: Spitz said he had filed the required schematics with ISD but that they were somehow lost in the ether rather than transferred to the zoning board. Had the meeting been held in person, as in the old days, instead of on Zoom, Spitz could have just handed copies to board members, but the board's current Zoom settings do not allow applicants to "share" files during meetings. The proposal requires the board to grant variations before the billboard

can go up, in part because the Boston zoning code prohibits the erection of new billboards in general, and in part because new billboards next to highways are banned unless the BPDA approves them. In this case, the BPDA opposed the proposal. In the lawsuit, the club says the company would pay it a base rental of \$75,000 for the first year's lease, then increase that by 3 percent every year for the next 30 years, on top of which the company

would also pay the club from ad sales above the 30 percent of all revenue base lease.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU22P2106GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
D'ANDRE ALLEN DeVAUGHN
OF Boston, MA
MINOR
Notice to all Interested Parties
1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 09/20/2022 by Della Smith of Boston, MA will be held 11/07/2022 09:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located: Probation.
2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.
3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.
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THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.
Date: October 18, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: October 27, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE

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. SU21P0645EA
ESTATE OF:
EMILY C. TASTE-DICKERSON
a/k/a: EMILY DICKERSON
DATE OF DEATH: 11/18/2020
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Emery-Rick Taste of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Emery-Rick Taste of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. 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 11/25/2022.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 18, 2022
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
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PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,
§§ 304 & §5-405
Docket No. SU22P2340PM
IN THE MATTER OF:
FILS SEIDE
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Faith Bandama, C.e.d. Blaire House of Worcester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Fils Seide is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jonathan M. Spinn, Esq. of Waltham, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/16/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
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LEGAL NOTICE

Cause No. 2022-PR00833-2
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE COMMONWEALTH OF COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX
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TO: AUGUST EDWARD LINZEL, III
AKA TED LINZEL, THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND ANY PERSONS INTERESTED
IN THE ESTATE OF
CLAIRE B. LINZEL, DECEASED
All persons interested in this case are cited to appear before this Honorable Court by filing a written answer or contest with the Clerk of the Court for Probate Court No. 2 of Tarrant County, Texas at the Courthouse located at 100W. Weatherford, 2nd floor, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas, on **November 21, 2022**, which is the first Monday after the expiration of Twenty (20) days from the date of publication, then and there to answer said Application to Probate Will not Produced in Court and for Issuance of Letters Testamentary of **JOHN LINZEL** filed on **March 08, 2022** and show cause why this Court should not render a determination of the estate of **CLAIRE B. LINZEL, DECEASED**.
Petitioner alleges that the decedent died in **Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas** on **October 07, 2020** and prays the Court hear evidence sufficient to determine the estate of **CLAIRE B. LINZEL, DECEASED**.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court at the office in the City of Fort Worth, Texas, Tarrant County, Texas **25th day of October, 2022 A.D.**
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John “Johnny” F. Keane

John “Johnny” F. Keane passed away on Monday, October 10th at the age of 51. John was born in Boston, MA on May 14, 1971. John was the loving fiancé of Cheryl Gervais of Lowell.



John was the beloved son of his late father, Coleman F. Keane and survived by his mother, Agnes Keane, sisters and brothers, Stephen Keane of Quincy, Margaret Keane of Quincy, Thomas Keane and his wife Samantha Keane of Abington, Gerard Keane and his partner, Ashley Corbin of Dorchester, and Laura McSheen and her husband Jerree McSheen of Dorchester.

John was a much-loved uncle of many nieces and nephews, Bryanna Hoppie and her husband, Warren Hoppie of Oak Harbor, WA, Tyler Keane of Abington, Nicholas Keane of Brockton, Neriah, Leah and Israeja McSheen of Dorchester. Great uncle to Dorian, Eleanor and Dante Hoppie of Oak Harbor, WA.

John is also survived by many uncles, aunts and cousins in Massachusetts, Scotland, Saudi Arabia, Ireland and Australia.

Donations in John’s memory can be made to Saint Anthony’s Shrine, 100 Arch Street, Boston, MA 02110.

(Coughlin) Brock. Father of Kim M. Brock and her companion Michael McMahon, William Brock, Deborah M. and her husband Edward Toland, all of Dorchester, and the late Lyn M. Brock-Mallon. Father-in-law of Albert J. Mallon Jr. of Dorchester. “Papa” of 6. Great-grandfather of 4. Brother of Corinne and her late husband Sal Vitale, Chester and his wife Ann Brock, Mary Brock, Donna Brock, and the late Elaine Newman and Margaret McCarthy. Brother-in-law of Ralph Vazza and Reginald McCarthy. Bill is also survived by many nieces and nephews. U.S. Army veteran. Donations in Bill’s memory may be made to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, 1135 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02125.



CZUPAILO, Helen V. (Fulford), 96, of Quincy,

formerly of Braintree and Dorchester. Wife of the late Walter A. Czupailo. Mother of Kathryn M. and her late husband, Richard J. Smith of Florida, Mary C. Peterson of Pocasset, Janine F. and her husband, Kevin J. Gerry of Braintree, Ann C. and her husband, Thomas J. Donahue of South Weymouth, Barbara A. and her late husband, Jeffrey Burch of Holden, and the late Paul H. Czupailo. Sister of Mary Jutkiewicz of South Boston, and the late Margaret LeFort, Robert Fulford, and Kathleen Hardiman. “Grandma” of 13 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. Donations in Helen’s memory may be made to the American Alzheimer’s Association at alz.org



GREGORIO, Kenneth “Kenny,” 55, of Dorchester. Son of the late Kenneth and Linda Gregorio. Stepson of Nancy Gregorio. Father of Katlyn Gregorio of Waltham. Brother of Darlene Williams of Dorchester and David Gregorio of Plymouth. Papa to Andrew Gregorio. Kenny is also survived by many friends and extended family.



KRIM, Margaret M. “Peggy” (Waite) of Milton. Born in Boston, she was raised in Hyde Park

and Mattapan, and previously lived in Dorchester. Wife of the late Robert F. Krim. Mother of Jean M. Krim of Weymouth, Robert F. Krim Jr. and his wife Gail Costales of Weymouth, Mary Scott and her late husband Kevin of Milton and Patricia Sheppard and her husband William of Maryland and the late Susan Krim. Also, survived by 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a granddaughter Julie Scott.



OSIS, Paul R. of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Donna M. Osis. Father of Angela Mitchell and her husband Brandon, and Paul Osis Jr. and his wife Kendall. Gramps of 2. Brother of David Osis and his wife Debi, Mark Osis and his wife Patti, Patti Mulligan and her husband Michael, Nancy Sayers and her husband Jack, and Karen Henderson and her husband Pete. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Paul was a longtime co-owner of Dave’s Transmission in Quincy. Please consider donating to the American Cancer Society in memory of Paul.

SHAUGHNESSY, Sandra A. (Walsh) of Weymouth. Wife of the late Ralph E. Mother of Kerry A. Carignan and her husband Wayne of North Weymouth. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in her memory to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, cff.org.

SHERER, Phyllis M. (Mancuso) of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Wife of the late Fred Young. Mother



of Daniel “Dan” Young and his wife Patricia of Dorchester. Sister of Margaret Gibson and her late husband Ray of Quincy, Paul Mancuso and his wife Peggy of Lexington, and Frances McGillicuddy and her husband Ed of Quincy. Grandmother of Maggie, Joseph, Sarah, and Claire Young, all of Dorchester. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

SMITH, Phyllis M. (Maxwell), 92, of Dorchester. Former wife of the late James J. Smith. Mother of Daniel C. and his wife Susan Smith of Weymouth, Kathleen A. Smith of Manchester, NH, James J. Smith III of Quincy, and the late Thomas J. Smith. “Nana” of 3. Great-grandmother of 2. Sister of Robert Maxwell of Pittsfield, and the late Rita McCormick, Dwight Maxwell, Edward Maxwell, Adrian Maxwell, Anna Maraggio, Paul Maxwell, and Charles Maxwell. Survived by many nieces and nephews.



WESTON, Betty A., 75, of Dorchester. She will be missed by her caring relatives, dear friends, and church family. Wife of the late Dennis Prichard.



BLANK, Lee H. (Weis), 91, Dorchester native and longtime resident of Sharon. Daughter of Sylvia and Manny Weis. Wife of the late Ted. Lee leaves behind her daughter, Elissa Royal, her sister, Frayda Rosenblatt, and her nieces and nephews, Matthew Harris, Pamela Rodrigues, Michael Rosenblatt, Michaela

Denaro, and Doron Sterling. Donations in her memory may be made to Literacy Volunteers of Massachusetts, 10 Post Office Square, Suite 800, Boston, MA 02109.



BROCK, William O. “Bill,” 80, of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Husband of Ellen M.



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