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Sisters Barbara Rose and Janet Kulka at the playground at Ronan Park that they hope will be named after their sister, Maryann Hanley, who, at age 11, was raped and murdered in another part of the park Seth Daniel photo

# Memorial plan for murdered girl vexes Ronan Park neighborhood

#### By SETH DANIEL News Editor

A proposal to rename a playground in Ronan Park after the late Maryann Hanley, an 11-year-old girl who was raped and murdered in the park in 1983, continues to roil the neighborhood in controversy, with family members saying they won't give up the cause and some community members still debating the appropriateness of

After an intense informal community meeting on the matter at Fields Corner Library on Oct. 19, Maryann's sisters, Janet Kulka and Barbara Rose, said they were even more resolute in their position.

"I am not giving up on the

playground," said Kulka after the meeting. "Now they're telling me to plant a tree or put a bench or a rock up there for her, but that makes no sense because you still have to explain to kids what happened, which is what they don't like. They just don't want the name on the playground, and they're contradicting themselves, so I'm not giving up."

For the past year, the sisters have led the effort to name the playground after Maryann, a place where she found happiness as a child. That effort progressed well until last month when some opposition arose, and the Parks Commission tabled a Sept. 26 vote on the matter.

The Oct. 19 meeting surfaced

raw feelings from long ago and presented the question of whether it's appropriate to name city spaces, particularly playgrounds, after childhood victims. There are several parks or fields named after children who have been killed, but none is also the scene of the crime.

The leader of the opposition, Linda Matranga, who grew up next to Ronan Park and lived there at the time of Hanley's murder, called for the meeting. Also in attendance were several members of the Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association, which originally backed the proposal but pulled its support after hearing more details. For her part, Matranga also wants to address the larger citywide issue.

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# Three councillors, three decisions: How a single vote can alter city life

#### By Chris Lovett REPORTER CONTRIBUTOR

In a comparison of Boston's three at-large city councillors running for re-election, a single vote tells different stories about their senses of political mission and the limits of their power.

Early this month, on Oct. 4, the Council voted, 7-5, to approve \$3.4 million in federal grants for the Bos-

ton Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC). Formed in the wake of attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, BRIC and similar fusion centers around the country were supposed to help combat terrorism, with more information sharing among local, state, and federal agencies. Since that time, the Boston Police Department has given more emphasis to the BRIC as a tool for public safety, pinpointing "areas of

# ahead of Nov. 7

Early vote

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crime, shootings, and gang violence," and helping to identify "major players and ex-offenders returning to our neighborhoods."

In their early years, fusion centers around the country came under fire for surveillance of non-violent activists. Locally, in 2007, BRIC filed an intelligence report on an event whose organizers included Felix

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### Reports of turmoil draw citizen panel's attention to Lena Park governance

#### By Seth Daniel News Editor

A series of internal struggles has hit Lena Park Community Development Corporation (CDC) over the past several months. Yet another executive director was fired during the summer and yet another board chair resigned this month just as hundreds of new units are about to be built on the former State Hospital land, and so members of the State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) want to know what's going on behind the scenes.

The CDC fired back at the CAC this week, calling their implications about organizational unrest unfair, and noting that its board has a clear action plan. "It's a 'new day for Lena,'" said incoming board member Steven Godfrey, who spoke for the organization.

For all that, at last Thursday's CAC meeting, concerns about the executive leave-takings expressed by state Rep. Russell Holmes, Lena New Boston developer Jerry Rappaport, and Steve Andrews, a representative from the state Division of Capital (Continued on page 10)

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# Dot's Boys & Girls Clubs is seeking ways to 'lift up' local families in need

#### By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) has served as a safe haven and caring environment for the neighborhood's kids for more than fifty years. But the organization is also helping parents — many of them single moms— find paths towards better opportunities and financial stability.

One key program that the club now offers is called Lifting Individuals and Families Together—or LIFT. It helps vulnerable families achieve economic stability by giving parents the resources they need to succeed. Based on the national non-profit EMPath's model of mobility and mentoring, the program focuses on families with children ages zero to three.

There are currently 15 families in the program, including many that are led by single mothers who have endured domestic violence. All come from some of Boston's most disadvantaged communities.

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Rosa Shouder at her desk at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester's McLaughlin Center. Photo by Cassidy McNeeley

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#### Police, Courts & Fire

#### Man stabbed to death on Rugby Road

A man was stabbed shortly before 11 a.m. last Thursday (Oct. 19) at 18 Rugby Rd. in Mattapan. He was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead, police say, adding that the initial investigation shows the victim and suspect may have known each

Boston Police gang-unit officers on patrol after an Oct. 14 homicide on Blue Hill Avenue arrested a man on gun charges on Oct. 17 after first stopping him because his windows seemed too darkly tinted and his registration was expired. Police say officers were on Fottler Road in Mattapan shortly after 10 p.m. last Tuesday, when they spotted the car and pulled over Nyjohn Jones, 19.

The officers issued an exit order due to the suspect's evasive behavior and refusal to be identified. Upon conducting a frisk, the officers located a black semi-automatic firearm in the suspects waistband," the police report read. "The firearm was later determined to be a 9mm P80 Ghost Gun loaded with 9 rounds in the magazine, and 1 round in the chamber. The officers also located an additional 99 live 9mm rounds in the trunk of the vehicle."

Jones faces numerous firearms charges.

A man with a long record of lewd behavior was arrested last week after he allegedly committed two new "open and gross" acts in separate incidents on Oct. 6 and 9 in Dorchester. Lucio Tomar, 38, was arrested near Crescent Avenue on Oct. 9 after police were called to the scene on a report of someone "pleasuring" himself in the open. Tomar is a Level 3 sex offender with 17 prior charges dating back to 2006, according to the District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office. The other recent alleged offense took place on Oct. 6 on Clayton Street. Police say that suspect was Tomar. He is due back in court on Nov. 10 for a pre-trial hearing.

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### BPDA will take up 150 Centre Street project on Nov. 16

A controversial proposal to build an affordable housing complex on Centre Street next to Shawmut MBTA station will get a crucial hearing before the board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) at a meeting on Thurs., Nov. 16. The board authorized the project to move to a board review at its meeting on Oct. 12.

The proposal, dubbed 150 Centre Street at Shawmut, would create a 72-unit, 4-story residential building on what is now a 29,286 square-foot site used by the Fitzpatrick Brothers Auto Body business.

The developer, Trinity Financial, Inc., says that the site is ideal for socalled "transit-oriented development" and will be "fully affordable." The project has faced stiff resistance from abutters and some other nearby residents, who have



A rendering of the 150 Centre Street project. Trinity Financial image

petitioned to block the project, arguing that it's too dense for the neighborhood.

The board is scheduled to take up the matter at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be televised on Boston City TV (Xfinity Channel 26, RCN Channel 13, and Verizon Fios Channel 962) and live streamed on boston.gov. REPORTER STAFF

### Faster, cleaner Ashmont branch to re-open Monday on schedule

#### By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Red Line's Ashmont branch and Mattapan trolley service will be back in business as planned on Monday, according to Philip Eng, the general manager of the MBTA. Eng told the MBTA's board of directors on Tuesday that work to replace sections of track, ties ,and other equipment between JFK-UMass and Ashmont station— and also between Ashmont and Mattapan— remained on schedule more than halfway through the 16-day diversion.

The whole Ashmont surge is currently on schedule and we expect to lift speed restrictions on Monday," Eng told the board during a presentation on Oct. 24. "I'm pleased to report that the work on the Mattapan line is also on track and on schedule and we plan to restore service on Monday, the 30th, in time for morning train service.'

Train service has been replaced by shuttle buses since Oct. 14.

Eng praised T workers and contractors for the progress



Workers replacing track along the right-of-way between JFK-UMass and Savin Hill stations last week. MBTA photo

that'sbeenmade during "the surge," saying, "I couldn't be more proud of the team for the effort that's going on."

He showed board members vid-

This Fall at the

eo and photos of the work, which includes new flooring, paint, and other "brightening and cleaning" improvements inside JFK-UMass station.

"As we progressed, we added some station work," said Eng. "We're not only focused on safe, reliable train service."

The general manager won praise from the board members for the diversion project's success to date, including effective wayfinding signage and the presence of T employees at shuttle stops to help guide commuters.

"I want to thank the city and the mayor for helping us to implement some on-the-fly fixes," Eng said. "It is a team effort."

Eng said a "boots on the ground" approach from his management team has made a big difference.

"The leadership team is out and about every day in the field making real time decisions to assist and all of the teams underneath them,' he said. "Without all of them being out there, even on smaller projects, there's always things you encounter.'

#### **UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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

UMass Boston plans a community meeting to share campus and community updates on Mon, Nov. 13, from 7 p.m to 9 p.m. at the Integrated Science Complex, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Refreshments and parking will be provided.

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Department, and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will host a virtual meeting on Wed., Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. to explore options for the design of a new community center in the Grove Hall section of Dorchester. To learn more about this project, how the location was selected, and review the final presentation from the first phase of this process, visit Boston.gov/BCYF-Grove-Hall.

BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting to discuss a proposed project at 376-384A Blue Hill Ave. in Dorchester. MTK Development wants to build a 4-story building with units, rooftop green space, and Solar PV. The 18 residential units consist of 1BD, 2BD, and 3BD units that will be targeting households between 80 percent-100 percent AMI. Currently, all of the units and commercial space will be for sale. However, the programming can change depending on community feedback and feasibility. The meeting is

set for Thurs., Nov. 9, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 **p.m.** See Page 15 for link details.

The BPDA is hosting a virtual meeting on Mon., Oct. 30, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the development project at 3 Aspinwall St. in Dorchester. The meeting will include a presentation followed by a Q&A session and comments from the public. The applicant seeks to amend its project, initially, a 4- story building totaling approximately 34,200 square feet, with 34 condo units and 29 parking spaces, to a 5-story building totaling approximately 42,750 square feet, with 45 condo units and 29 parking spaces. For more information and updates, visit bostonplans.org.

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

The annual **Boston Irish Honors** luncheon will take place this Friday (Oct. 27) at 11:30 a.m. at the Seaport Boston Hotel. Honorees include Gov. Maura Healey, the Rooney family, and Kieran Jordan and Vincent Crotty of Dorchester. See bostonirish.com for information on tickets and sponsorships.

The annual Hidden Heroes and Sheroes dinner and awards ceremony hosted by the Codman Square Neighborhood **Council and the Greater Four Corners** Action Coalition will take place on Fri., Nov. 17, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Tickets are \$45. Go to codmansquarecouncil.org to purchase or

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### Wu leads push for more additional dwelling units

By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

From the curb, Mark Kennedy's home on Centre Street in Roxbury looks like most others on his block: tidy, well-kept, and inviting. But the house, a single-family residence built in 1850, features a cellar that that he recently converted from its unfinished state into living space for his 89-year-old mother. The city refers to her new home as an additional dwelling unit, or "ADU."

Last Wednesday, Mayor Wu and other officials toured the home while promoting the idea that ADUs like Mrs. Kennedy's present another way to combat Boston's housing shortage.

Mark Kennedy proudly showed off her full kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms, and a laundry station, all completed by contractors from Allen's Construction and Remodeling

Most notable to the mayor and group were the accessibility features inside and outside of the unit. Since his mother has mobility issues and uses a walker, it was important to Kennedy that she not have to face the same challenges when she moves into the space in the next month that she currently confronts in her three-story residence.

The features include a builtin handrail to take a small step up to the hallway that leads to a bathroom with an accessible bathtub and shower. A little farther down the hall are the two bedrooms, one of which



includes one of the house's five emergency exit options. And there are light switches that can be controlled through voice commands through Amazon's Alexa.

"The main thing was to give her a unit without her having to enter by walking upstairs,' said Kennedy, who noted that the addition will also allow him to age in place and stay in his home.

According to Wu, there are now about 130 ADUs that have been created in Boston under the program, with 100 more on the way. The "new concept," she said, allows homeowners to take previously unpermitted spaces and turn them into safe living environments.

Many of the completed

ADUs are unrecognizable from what they once were, she noted. "It is gorgeous inside, absolutely beautiful," she said about Kennedy's new unit in the home he bought in 1996. "You walk inside you can't even picture how it could be an unfinished basement."

She added: "We want to make sure Boston is the best city for families, we want to make this available for all."

While those who meet eligibility requirements can renovate a basement for family reasons, like Kennedy, others who are permitted can convert a pre-existing unit into a rental, carve out units by dividing floors into multiple studios or convert attics, or convert an attic.

New units in one, two and three-family dwellings must include a bathroom and kitchen, at least two ways to exit the building, accessibility to water and electricity shutoff valves, compliant ceiling heights, and an operating sprinkler.

To qualify for the ADU program, a homeowner must own the home and live in it. The unit also must be built within the footprint of the existing home, and above the Base Flood Evaluation if the home is in a FEMA flood zone.

'We want to make this available for all families to stay in place and have multigeneration support," said Wu, who lives with her mother and describes it as a "stabilizing" and "loving" environment.



Above, Homeowner Mark Kennedy showed Mayor Wu a newly-installed kitchen inside a new in-law apartment he created recently in his Roxbury home. At left: Wu and city officials joined Kennedy and neighbors outside his Roxbury home last Wednesday.

Cassidy McNeeley photos

As Kennedy showed each feature to the mayor, his gratitude and enthusiasm were apparent to all. "I live on the other side of this ceiling with pleasure," Kennedy said as he held his hand up in one of the bedrooms. "I'm excited and I know she is as well. Thank you to the city of Boston for their contribution.'

The Boston Home Center, part of the city's housing department, also offers interest-free loans and gap funding up to \$50,000 to eligible homeowners. Those interested in applying for the ADU program can visit boston.gov/departments/housing/addition-dwelling-units/ adu-program.

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# FitzGerald, Richards strike note of harmony in District 3 forum

By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

On Nov. 7, voters in Dorchester will choose between two finalists-John FitzGerald and Joel Richards — to succeed Frank Baker as District 3's city councillor.

Last Thursday (Oct. 19), the candidates were invited to participate in a forum at the Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID) center on Charles Street in Fields Corner.

Before the forum started, the two men greeted a small crowd that had gathered to hear them discuss policy positions and their plans for the district

FitzGerald was the top vote get in September's preliminary election, finishing with 43 percent of the vote in a 7-person field. Richards qualified for the November balloting with his second-place finish on Sept. 13 as he garnered some 19 percent of the 6,450 votes cast.

"We feel that the result was great, so let's just continue doing what we're doing," said Fitz-Gerald when asked about his ongoing campaign. "We haven't changed much in our approach of knocking on doors and going to events."

GHB reporter Tori Bedford, who moderated



GBH reporter Tori Bedford, right, asked a question during a candidates' forum held last week at VietAID featuring Joel Richards, left, and John FitzGerald, Cassidy McNeeley photo

the forum, explained that each candidate would have two minutes for opening and closing statements and one minute to answer questions.

Richards spoke first, and noted his experience as "a teacher, pastor, and father."

He told the audience of about 40 people that that included his wife and three children, "I keep saying I'm running on nothing political, it's actually personal,"

FitzGerald's family plays a large role in his political journey as well, the candidate said.

"I love two things, my family and this city and I would like to see those two things stay together," he said. "I think about how I want to stay in this city. I said to myself, 'John if you want to stay in this city, you have to go get a seat at the table."

The hour-long forum covered a wide variety of topics from education and youth violence to concrete actions that each candidate will initiate to solve the housing crisis.

Both men mostly agreed on the need for improving Boston Public Schools. Richards, a teacher and member of the Boston Teachers Union, has two sons in city schools who attend separate schools with the same start time and different end times.

"We need to know where our kids are going for 12 years," he said. "People leave because they don't know where their daughter or son is going to go to middle

school," said Richards.

FitzGerald, a planner for the Boston Planning and Development Authority, is also the father of three and his two children attend the same school.

"We do live on the same street as our school and it is something that makes me very, very happy," said FitzGerald. "I still get to walk them to school every day and that's the best part of my day."

In an interview with the Reporter, Richards said, "Î really want to be that person that has serious conversations about schools and brings parent groups together. Let's form a vision for what we want our schools on this side of town to really look like and be for our students and for our families.'

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FitzGerald, who has coached baseball, flag football, and soccer teams in the neighborhood, said that he has his eye on developing a cohesive youth sports program in the neighborhood.

"I want to do an umbrella over Dorchester youth sports where it makes it easier for parents to pick the schedule for their kids," he said, adding that once parents' lives are made easier through streamlined scheduling, they can direct more attention to improving BPS.

Through the improve $ment \, of \, \overset{\smile}{schools}, Richards$ and FitzGerald said they hope to see fewer Bostonians departing from the city.

In his closing statement, Richards said, "We need to be focused on what's going on in our community and keeping Bostonians in Boston. We have a housing crisis for a reason. Our schools are falling apart for a reason. I want to be that person to bring a fresh perspective and to bring the community with me. I want to get in there and do the work to solve it."

In his windup, FitzGerald said, "What sets me apart is the 17 years of experience. In a smaller city like Boston where everything is built on relationships, I have 17

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years of that. There's not a lot of difference between us. We're dads with three kids and we love our city and want to stay. Joel is a great candidate and friend and it's been an honor to run against him."

Whoever wins on Nov. 7 will be seated on the council in January. Frank Baker, who decided not to seek an additional term earlier this year, will remain the District 3 delegate until then. Baker, who has held the seat since 2011, endorsed FitzGerald before the preliminary election.

One clear difference between FitzGerald and Richards has shown itself in the fundraising department. FitzGerald has a huge advantage in the closing days of the race, with \$109,678 on hand as of the end of September, according to the state's Office of Political and Campaign Finance (OCPF), which tracks donations and expenditures as reported by the campaigns. He spent about \$33,000 in the month of September alone, much of it on direct mail to voters.

For his part, Richards spent about \$9,600 last month— and only had about \$6,000 on hand as of Sept. 30.

Reporter staff contributed to this article.

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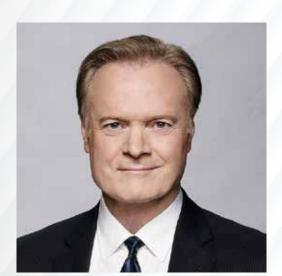


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#### **KEYNOTE CONVERSATION**



**LAWRENCE O'DONNELL**Host, The Last Word, MSNBC

DORCHESTER NATIVE LAWRENCE O'DONNELL is the host of *The Last Word* on MSNBC. An Emmy Award-winning executive producer and writer for "*The West Wing*," O'Donnell also served as senior advisor to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY). Born in Boston, O'Donnell is a graduate of Harvard College.



**REP. JUSTIN J. PEARSON** 

Tennessee House of Representatives

**JUSTIN J. PEARSON** is a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives. When a mass shooter took the lives of six persons – three of them 9-year-olds – at The Covenant School in Nashville last March, Pearson, along with fellow state representatives Justin Jones and Gloria Johnson, staged a protest for common sense gun legislation on the Tennessee House floor.

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# Three councillors, three decisions: How one vote can alter history

(Continued from page 1) D. Arroyo, at the time an at-large city councillor and father of the current District 5 councillor, Ricardo N. Arroyo.

In more recent years, the BRIC has come under fire for its gang database. Designed as a tool to fight violent crime, the database has been criticized for racial profiling. Last year, a federal appeals court ruled the BRIC had acted wrongfully in listing an immigrant and student at East Boston High School as an "active and verified" member of the violent, transnational MS-13 gang. The court found the database was flawed by reliance on an "erratic point system" and "unsubstantiated inferences."

At the time of the court decision, in January 2022, Boston Police officials were already saying the BRIC 's operations had changed and that more names were removed from the database than added. On Oct. 4, an earlier opponent of the funding authorization, Mayor Michelle Wu, called for approval, citing changes in BPD regulations and new oversight put in place by a city ordinance. But the center's handling of the database remains under investigation by State Attorney General Andrea Campbell.

At a hearing in late September, Councillor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune asked for more information about BRIC, including its standards for reasonable suspicion, as well as collection and sharing of data. She said the information she received the morning of the vote on Oct. 4 was incomplete.

At the hearing, Councillor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty noted that the vote was only on whether to approve the grant money, with no chance to directly change how it would be used. But, in an interview last week, Louijeune said her decision to vote "no" was "really about accountability and transparency"

- that these were less at issue in her support for more police power to remove tents around Massachusetts Avenue, Melnea Cass Boulevard, and Atkinson Street.

"But when it comes to BRIC and the gang database," she said, "there's just too much information, too much from past councils, from court cases, that that trust isn't yet there." She went on to say that "it is not up for us at the City Council to be a rubber stamp, especially when constituents bring us their concerns."

For Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy, the trust was already there before the start of the Oct. 4 meeting and declared in a post that day on X (formerly Twitter). The next day on X, the Boston Po-



lice Patrolmen's Association, which is supporting Murphy, hailed the seven councillors supporting the grants "who put public safety first." In a later interview, she said, "So, by default, it makes our schools and our parks and our streets safer, our neighborhoods safer."

In September, the council had referred funding measures to a public hearing. This followed the anniversary of September 11, but also incidents of crime during the summer that involved groups of young people and alleged assaults on police, the shooting of eight people during the "J'ouvert" festival, and mounting concerns about crime and drug traffic around Atkinson Street.

The day before the vote, Fox News reported a "stall" on law enforcement funding "as violent crime, especially among youth, has surged." BPD statistics tell a somewhat different story: an increase in homicides (up by three) through Oct. 15 and an 8.7 percent increase in robbery and attempted robbery. There were two more fatal shootings than during the same period in 2022, but non-fatal shootings were down by 11 percent. A MassINC public opinion survey in April produced another crime metric: 68 percent of Boston Public School parents felt extremely or somewhat concerned about safety.

When councillors made their decision on Oct. 4, the voting was along racial lines, with seven white members in support. That was already expected when Councillor At-Large Julia Mejia spoke at the meeting.

"It is interesting," she said, "that we are yet again following on a vote that will again uplift the deep racial divide that exists here in the City of Boston, that exists here in the City Council, that continues to haunt us and how we lead."

Mejia argued that the vote should have been held off to get more comments by other entities, including the city's Office of Black Male Advancement. On her X feed that day, she posted a clip with her comments, adding "The fight for racial justice continues..."

Regular City Council elections in years without a race for mayor typically attract fewer voters. For the last "off-year" final election, in 2019, Boston's voter turnout was



Councillors Julia Mejia and Erin Murphy engaging at a forum held this month. Inset: Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune. Chris Lovett photos

16.53 percent. That year, 15 candidates ran for the 4 councillor at-large seats in the preliminary balloting, when one of them – held by Althea Garrison – was considered by many to be up for grabs.

This year, there were only 8 candidates in September, not enough to require a preliminary election that might have generated more visibility. There was an at-large seat being vacated, by Flaherty, but his decision wasn't announced until July 5. That was one day before a campaign feed was started on X for a second at-large campaign by Bridget Nee-Walsh, but more than two months after an at-large campaign had been announced by Henry Santana.

When the new council takes office in January, it will have no more than three of the members elected in 2019. The three at-large incumbents re-elected that year had previously served a combined total of 13 terms. Running for re-election this year are one councillor in her second term and two in their first. Of the 13 councillors elected 4 years ago, 6 have already left – 3 of them for other elected offices, and 4 others who either lost in the preliminary election or decided not to run again.

The 2019 vote resulted in the first city council with a majority whose members were people of color. Among the newcomers was Mejia, who clinched fourth place by a margin of one vote. In that same election, Ricardo N. Arroyo become the first Latino councilor in District 5 (Hyde Park, Roslindale, Mattapan). Two years later, Kendra Lara made a similar breakthrough in District 6 (West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain).

Next month's election will not increase the current Latino representation on the council, but the competition includes two Latino candidates running at-large (Mejia and Santana) and two running as finalists in District 5, Enrique Pepén

nd Jose Ruiz.

As a councillor, Mejia has called for giving that base more clout, whether by letting non-citizens vote in local elections, or creating a city Office of Latino and Caribbean Affairs, or codifying the current Office of Immigrant Advancement. On housing, she has called for much higher commitments on set-asides by developers for affordable units and a tax on displacement. She was the co-sponsor of a home rule petition to reinstate an elected school committee a change overwhelmingly supported by Boston voters in 2021. The measure was passed by the council, with Louijeune in support and Murphy opposed, but it was vetoed by Mayor Wu.

A 54-year-old Dorchester resident and former "Rock the Vote" reporter for MTV, Mejia said she began to act as an advocate when she was 9 years old, standing up for her mother at a local welfare office when, she said, a caseworker was being "incredibly mean."

When she talked about the experience at a forum organized by students at Boston University, she told them, "First, you have to speak truth, because speaking truth to power is the most courageous thing you can ever do. And what they expect you to do is to be tame, to be submissive, to be mild. But, you know, we don't have any more time to hope and pray that you're going to do right on whatever cause that you're fighting for. You have to rage against the machine."

A 53-year-old Dorchester resident, Murphy ran a strong but unsuccessful campaign in 2019 before winning her first at large term in 2021. She traces her roots in community advocacy to her grandfather, Richard J. Murphy, who led a campaign to convert a landfill along the Neponset River for use by the community. He was later honored by the naming of a public K-8

school in Dorchester's Neponset area.

Murphy's mother, Ann Walsh, was founder of a group that, in 1999, supported a reverse-discrimination lawsuit challenging race-based student assignment in the Boston Public Schools. Last year, Walsh was among the challengers to a City Council redistricting plan—later revised—that shifted three predominantly white precincts from the predominantly white District 3 to the neighboring, predominantly Black District 4.

A teacher in the Boston Public Schools for twenty years, Murphy said her transition to electoral politics came after she spent time working as a coordinator to help parents trying to get more services for students with special needs.

"And I realized that I was really happy with my job, that it wasn't that I didn't want to be a classroom teacher anymore," she explained, "but I knew that a lot of my families and parents needed more than just me teaching their kids how to read and write, that they needed somebody who listened and was willing to find out who could help them."

In June, Murphy voted against BPS budget plan, arguing that more money should have been included for sports and arts, after-school programs, and social and emotional supports.

"What is our return on investment when 94 percent of the students at Madison Park High aren't reading on grade level," she said, "when we have a 42 percent absentee rate every day chronic, when over 20,000 students every day do not show up to our Boston public schools?"

On housing, Murphy said there weren't enough new units large enough for families with children, too many hurdles to new development, but also problems associated with new growth and rising prices. And she has noted a range of needs,

from her youngest children, ages 24 and 25, to homeless students, new immigrants, and people needed treatment and supportive housing.

"We have to make sure we're not just putting all of our efforts to one group," she said, "that we're making sure that everyone feels like their housing needs are being addressed and listened to, and the concerns we have to just have answers for them."

A 37-year-old Hyde Park resident, Louijeune is the youngest sitting at-large councillor. A champion of affordable housing production and multi-modal transportation, she says she sometimes uses an electric scooter for trips close to her neighborhood or when going to "open streets" events around the city.

Her parents, Robert and Marie Louijeune, were immigrants from Haiti. Her father's first job in the US was at a Store 24, and her mother's was at a McDonald's, though her father played a very active role in his children's education in the BPS. The councillor said they also made their home a place of welcome and support for fellow immigrants.

"I grew up in Mattapan, and I did not know what a locked door was, because people would come over all the time for food," she recalled. "We'd be the temporary place for refuge and shelter for those in need... I have this fancy resume of Harvard and Columbia and Latin School and all of that, but my reason for being in public service and me knowing how I treat people, and how I relate to people, and how I think about being a good neighbor, all comes from my parents and what they modeled for me."

In the 2021 election, Louijeune picked up votes in parts of the city beyond Hyde Park and Mattapan, finishing third in Ward 20 (West Roxbury and part of Roslindale), where she trailed only Flaherty and Murphy. She credits the result in part to her years at Boston Latin, where she made friends and contacts from around the city.

Louijeine also looked beyond neighborhood lines earlier this year, trying to bridge the council's acrimonious divide over redistricting. She credits the effort with a 10-2 vote for her own map, about which different sides made concessions.

"We had to find a way to agree," she explained. "I'm proud of the work that we were able to do as a council," she said, "to get us to a place where we could have maps, and we could have districts, and have an election."

#### Voters can cast ballots ahead of Nov. 7 final

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

# Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

# BAA's fitness program stages show at Pope John Paul II Park



#### Final event in series for walkers, runners

More than 100 runners and walkers took part in the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) Neighborhood Fitness Series presented by Boston Children's Hospital on Oct. 14 in Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester. Athletes of all ages and abilities lined up to run/ walk the 2 km (1.25 miles) or 4 km (2.5 miles) course through the park and along the Neponset Trail, with all participants receiving a unicorn

 $More \, than \, 100 \, runners \, of \,$ all ages took part in the **Boston Athletic Associ**ation's Neighborhood Fitness Series run/walk in Pope John Paul II Park

Photo courtesy BAA

medal at the finish.

Runners also took pictures with the Boston Marathon Champion's Trophy and received a special BAA Adidas hat while community organizations, including Boston Children's Hospital Injury Prevention, Bowdoin Street Health Center, Waterfront Coalition, and Neponset River Greenway Council, were present sharing information and resources with participants.

This was the fifth and final BAA Neighborhood Fitness Series presented by Boston Children's Hospital this year. The 2024 calendar of events will be announced in the coming months.

# MSNBC's O'Donnell to participate in ABCD 'Heroes' celebration on Nov. 3

Dorchester native Lawrence O'Donnell, host of MSNBC's The Last Word, and Tennessee State Representative Justin J. Pearson of the "Tennessee Three" will engage in a keynote conversation during ABCD's Community Heroes celebration on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, where four Dorchester residents will be among 18 people who have been nominated from across the region by ABCD neighborhood centers and programs.

Ronald M. Drucker, president of The Druker Company Ltd., is chair of the dinner committee, and NBC10's Glenn Jones will emcee the event.

"Since our inception during the tumultuous 1960s, ABCD has blazed a trail in every aspect of anti-poverty and social justice work in Greater Boston," said ABCD



Lawrence O'Donnell

President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler. "Society is once again at a tipping point.

'This crucial conversation between leaders and advocates who use their platforms to forward the dialogue about social issues is vital, and it will bolster our 2023 Community Heroes who are on the frontlines making a difference in communities throughout Greater Boston and the Mystic Valley.'

The Dorchester honorees include:

• Joanna Ruhl, of Fields Corner, a research assistant at the University of Massachusetts Boston and a professional balloon artist using the name Punky Balloon-ster. Her work on behalf of ABCD communities involves leading the Dorchester Community Fridge, a mutual aid project aimed at combating both food waste and food insecurity.

• Diane Crump, of Harbor Point, volunteers with Sister Joyce Mc-Mullen, SND de Namur. director of Project Care and Concern, in stocking and delivering delicious and nutritious food to her neighbors. The Dorchester organization is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

•Dr. Jehu Leconte is founder and CEO of EDEN, a nonprofit focused on breaking the cycle of homelessness and multigenerational poverty that works mostly with single mothers whose families are unhoused. He and EDEN are actively involved in ABCD food security initiatives, and he plans to volunteer during the upcoming tax season as a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provider.

• After graduation from Knoxville College, Alma Wright moved to Boston, teaching at the Dudley School for five years and at then-new William Monroe Trotter Elementary School for 51 more years. An ABCD Head Start teacher for three summers, she volunteers with Strong Women, Strong Girls, whose mission centers on developing the next generation of women leaders, and at the Trotter's Outdoor Classroom.

O'Donnell is an Emmy Award-winning execu-



**Alma Wright** 



Jehu Leconte

tive producer and writer for "The West Wing," and earlier in his career he served as senior advisor to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY).

Pearson rose to prominence in April 2023 after being expelled from the Tennessee legislature following a peaceful protest for gun safety in

ture Dads band includ-

ed: Lee Harrington, bass, vocals; Richard

Kerr, drums; Fritz Ericson, guitar, vocals; Robert "Moose" Parsons,

saxophone; and Richie

Parson, vocals, guitar,

producer. Ted St. Pierre

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**Diane Crump** 



Joanna Ruhle

response to a mass school shooting. He also has roots in Boston, having served as special assistant to the ČEO at Year Up, a national workforce development nonprofit that focuses on social, racial and economic justice.

 $For \ more \ information$ about the event, see bostonabcd.org.

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### 11th Castle of Our Skins series set for Nov. 5 at Hibernian Hall

Marimba player Steph Davis and spoken word artist Dzidzor Azaglo will perform on Sun., Nov. 5, in the 11th annual opening concert for the Castle of our Skins series at Roxbury's Hibernian Hall entitled "Belonging."

Davis received their Master of Music in marimba performance from Boston Conservatory at Berklee, where they studied with Nancy Zeltsman. They also hold a Bachelor of Music in percussion performance from the Conservatory.

Other areas of study include music composition, African and African American music/history, Africana philosophy, and Western classical music theory. They serve on the boards of directors at Castle of our Skins and Modern Marimba.

Dzidzor (Jee-Jaw) is a Ghanian-American performing artist, author, and curator of folklore. Born in Italy, to Ghanian Parents and raised in North Carolina, she has immersed herself in merging cultures from the South to Ghanian culture. Azaglo has released a book of poems entitled, "For Girls Who Cry in Yellow" inspired by childhood experiences, healing, and womanhood. She also has been nom-

inated twice for a Boston Music Award. She released her debut EP entitled, "bush woman" on April 10, 2020.

"Belonging" will include "Connection Stations" beginning at 3 p.m., with participatory driven and artist-curated workshops designed to deepen one's connection to self, followed at 4 p.m. by an immersive mix of music, dance, and spoken word performances.



Castle of Our Skins

Light refreshments will be provided.

Tickets for the interactive experience are free, with a donation to Castle of our Skins encouraged. Reservations can be placed by visiting givebutter.com/ belonging.



Dzidzor Azaglo, a spoken word artist who hails from Dorchester.

Photo courtesv

lived Powerpop/Surf/ New Wave band from Boston led by former Unnatural Axe member Richie Parsons. They released their Dorchester Summer-titled EP on Modern Method Records in 1981. Bassist Lee Harrington also

played with the Great



This design ran on a 45-rpm record sleeve of "Dorchester Summer,' recorded in 1981 by the **Future Dads**.

Neighborhoods."

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

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#### **Editorial**

### Red Line fix-up instills confidence



MBTA General Manager Phillip Engis shown during a September visit to JFK-UMass station in Dorchester before this month's 16-day surge to fix tracks and other equipment on the Ashmont branch.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

It's been a tough week for state transit officials. First, they had to explain why new tracks to carry the Green Line into Somerville will need to be re-installed because the original work was faulty. Then, passengers elsewhere on the Green Line had to be evacuated from train cars not once, but twice, in a matter of 24 hours as overhead power lines snapped and failed.

It made the scene here on the Ashmont end of the Red Line seem somewhat functional by comparison which is saying a lot, since at the moment, the trains aren't even running here. It's all part of a planned 16-day diversion to "surge" repair work along this end of the rapid-transit corridor that extends from JFK-UMass through Dorchester to Milton and Mattapan Square. (That's right, Milton friends, you're on the rapid-transit team with us, like it or not.)

The good news, however, is that the surge is working, according to the T's new boss, Phillip Eng, who briefed the Reporter and the MBTA board on the project's progress on two occasions over the last week. Most recently, he gave a presentation to the T board on Tuesday in which he praised the workers who have been toiling around the clock to hoist rails, fasten bolts, and spread ballast along the right-ofway—some of it in confined spaces in the tunnel that runs between Ashmont and Fields Corner. Thanks to them, he said, when the trains start rolling again next Monday, the riding public can expect a faster, safer experience - with no more "slow zones." At least, not on the Ashmont branch.

It may be a few days too early to classify this diversion as a complete success. But there's reason to be optimistic, in part because Eng and his team have done an impressive job staying on task and keeping the public informed. They were willing to call audibles early last week, like working with city officials to tinker with the shuttle bus route. When they encountered a ventilation problem inside the tunnel on the first weekend— they wisely halted work on that stretch, shifted gears, solved the problem with huge industrial-sized fans, and soldiered on. The result: Eng says the project is still on time. Meanwhile, with the stations empty, other crews are busy painting, fixing stairways, and installing new floors in the foot-worn older stops, like JFK-UMass.

Eng, a New York transplant, has been on the job for only about six months, but his command for what's going on across the system is impressive. Like most things that are going wrong, the major mishap on To the Editor: the GLX line is an inherited problem for Eng. But, to his credit, he has stepped up to explain what he knows and diagnose a fix—all while presiding over what seems to be a much-needed improvement here in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Milton.

-Bill Forry

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# Legislators reflect on uneven impacts of gun violence across state communities

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

State Rep. Bud Williams is tired of going to funerals. Rep. Francisco Paulino helped a young woman get into college, and then she was shot and killed. And Rep. Frank Moran lost a 21-year-old cousin to gun violence.

While debate over the contents and course of a sweeping gun reform bill has roiled Beacon Hill, representatives from cities and towns with significant populations of color are steady in their support of the measure, often fueled by firsthand brushes with

Massachusetts has the lowest rate of fatal gun violence in the contiguous United States, but that statistic flattens every death into one measurement. It does not fully communicate how much more common losses are in less white, less affluent parts of the state.

"We see the ramifications of gun violence too often in our communities. You know, I live in the city of Lawrence. It's probably one of the poorest communities in the commonwealth, maybe in New England. Crime is 45 percent higher than the state average," Moran, a second assistant House majority leader in Speaker Ron Mariano's inner circle, said in an interview. "We see that too often.'

He added: "All you've got to do is just turn the TV on and see what goes on in Boston almost daily - you see a shooting, someone's kid gets hit. We need to do something. We can't just stick our head in the sand and hope it blows away."

The controversial legislation the House passed last week — despite opposition from gun owners groups and police chiefs - is a priority for the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, most of whose members registered their support at a contentious, emotional public hearing earlier this month.

"All of us who are standing here are the ones who see the brunt of much of the violence that you're talking about," Rep. Russell Holmes, a Boston Democrat,

Paulino, a first-term Democrat who represents parts of Methuen and Lawrence, said many of his friends have lost children to gun violence. That includes the family of Angie Aristy, a 19-year-old woman who was fatally shot in Lawrence on Sept. 6. Paulino told fellow representatives that his family had helped Aristy win acceptance to Northern Essex Community College.

"Coming from Lawrence, I know how hard it is to visit a friend that his son or his wife have been killed with a firearm," Paulino said, urging action on the legislation to "prevent a Sandy Hook up here in Massachusetts.

State data reveal wide gaps in the rates at which gun violence claims lives from different demographic

In 2020, the most recent year with Department of Public Health facility data available, 270 Bay Staters died from firearm-related injuries, or 3.7 people per 100,000 residents. Men were significantly more likely to die from gun violence than women, with 7 deaths per 100,000 compared to 0.6 deaths per 100,000.

About 4.8 white, non-Hispanic men per 100,000 were killed by firearms in 2020. The rate for Hispanic men was nearly twice as high  $(9.2 \, deaths \, per \, 100,000)$ , and for Black men, it was four and a half times higher

(21.8 deaths per 100,000).

"That gap is huge," said Abrigal Forrester, CEO of the Center for Teen Empowerment in Roxbury. "The availability and access to guns in itself - that's where the biggest gap is. The question becomes: How do we focus on stopping the pipeline of access to guns and availability in Black and brown communities that just doesn't exist, for many reasons, in communities that are more affluent."

"Conflict is prevalent in all communities. It's what you have access to to resolve that conflict that creates the problem of gun violence," Forrester added. "It's access to guns as an opportunity to resolve conflict where disparities come from."

Forrester said not only are people of color more likely to be victims of gun violence, but they also rarely receive the same kinds of support to recover from trauma as residents in wealthier, whiter areas.

"The experiences in Black and brown communities are that young people, they may lose a friend and they go to school the next day," Forrester said. "They're expected to go about business as normal. In other communities, those communities will pause and have a day of mourning, or therapists come in to help young people navigate the experience."

For Moran, the topic "hits home" - he lost a younger cousin after she was struck by "crossfire." She was 21years old. I don't want to go into detail, but she was just in the wrong place at the wrong time," he said.

The House-passed bill would cut across many areas of gun ownership, licensing, and regulation. It expands the list of people who can petition the court to temporarily revoke guns from someone deemed a threat, requires every firearm frame or receiver to bear a serial number, updates the list of prohibited assault weapons, bans carrying firearms in certain spaces like schools and government buildings, creates a new offense for firing a weapon at a building, and more.

Gun owners and Second Amendment groups have been vociferous in their opposition, contending the reforms would infringe on their rights without making much of an impact on criminal activity.

Many law enforcement leaders also added their voice to the campaign against the bill. Members of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, which represents nearly 400 municipal and college campus departments, unanimously voted earlier this month to oppose the legislation.

Mark Leahy, the organization's executive director and a former Northborough Police Department chief,  $told\,law makers\,the\,chiefs\,"believe\,some\,provisions\,may$ not be constitutional." He noted that "Massachusetts continues to enjoy our country's lowest rate of gun murder deaths, and while one violent death is too many, this bill will not solve that problem.

Massachusetts rate of gun deaths in the contiguous United States in 2021 was 3.4 deaths per 100,000 people, roughly one-tenth that of Mississippi, which had the highest in the nation at 33.9 deaths per 100,000 people, according to data from the US Centers for Disease Prevention and Control.

For Moran and other supporters of the legislation, that top position is little comfort. "Anything above zero is too high," he said. "It's somebody's kid, somebody's parents. One is too many."

### Let's seize the chance to add affordable units at Shawmut

Like so many current residents, I am deeply concerned about the growing issue of housing affordability in Dorchester. The struggle to resolve it is already at a crisis level and the situation is only getting worse. The dream of securing a safe and affordable place to live is becoming increasingly elusive for many of our community members, and, as housing costs continue to rise, it is becoming evident that more action is needed.

I urge the Boston Planning and Development Board to take decisive action on Nov. 16 to address the issue of housing affordability by approving 150 Centre Street at Shawmut Station. Here are some key aspects of this project:

 Affordability for a mix of neighbors: The project features affordable one-, two- and three-bedroom units, helping to address housing affordability issues for seniors, young adults, and families, especially around Centre Street. Easy access to public transportation will also make this housing appealing to people who don't own cars.

• Environmental Benefits: The project is a net-zero and all-electric building, showcasing the latest green building technologies that can help lower greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and overall environmental impact in the neighborhood. It can also help

reduce energy and water consumption, resulting in lower utility expenses.

• Community Connectivity: 150 Centre Street at Shawmut Station will promote walking and cycling, leading to a healthier and more connected community. Trinity Financial has committed to more pedestrian-friendly streets and improved access to the Shawmut Station plaza, helping create a sense of place and community.

For more than a year, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, an Impact Advisory Group comprised of neighborhood volunteers advising the BPDA, and Trinity Financial worked together to address the concerns of neighbors, such as noise, traffic, and environmental impacts, by making necessary adjustments to the plans. The collaborative process helped build a better-designed development that is a better fit for the existing neighborhood. 150 Centre Street at Shawmut Station will play a crucial role in the city's efforts to address the housing crisis, transportation, and environmental challenges.

I hope the Board decides to embrace this opportunity for us to move forward towards a greener and more inclusive future for Dorchester.

> Ann M. Walsh Dorchester

# Amid layoffs, MassBio re-imagines the future on campus in Mattapan

### MBL Mattapan Staff from the Community

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2023
Community Residents	38	37	36	33	37	37	37	33	31	12
Total MBL Mattapan Staff	186	180	191	197	205	192	199	191	187	128
Community Residents as a % of Total	20%	21%	19%	17%	18%	17%	19%	17%	17%	9%



The MassBio campus on Walk Hill Street in Mattapan, on the grounds of the former State Hospital property, has been hit hard by the downturn in the biotech industry. File photo

#### By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Industry pressures nationwide have led the Mass Biologics Lab in Mattapan to make significant layoffs this year and rethink its strategy regarding its plans for growth on its Walk Hill Street campus.

A year ago, MassBio, an anchor industry on the former State Hospital site for more than a decade, proposed and initiated the purchase of four additional acres on the site for a laboratory expansion. The future of that plan, and of the existing operation, is up in the air now.

"We had a consolidation of the workforce and it's all biotech and other companies, too," said Sarah Wiley, a spokesperson for MassBio. "It's not just MassBio. The team is re-evaluating the strategic plan and taking a big picture of where to [position] resources... That is continuing at this time...We don't have specifics yet."

She said layoffs were announced across the MassBio portfolio last spring, with most of them completed by April. At the Mattapan facility, 25 people were laid off in 2023 and 5 of those  $individuals\,were\,from\,the$ abutting communities of Mattapan, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Roslindale, and Roxburv.

Eric Peterson, deputy director of Manufacturing and Facilities at Mass-Bio, told members of the State Hospital Community Advisory Committee (CAC) last Thursday at a public meeting that layoffs hit in February. "We weren't producing materials, so...quality control, supervisors, and manufacturing people

were hit hard," he said.
State Rep. Russell
Holmes noted that he had heard the workforce was going to be consolidated into the operations building on the site, leaving the research building vacant and shut down.

"The senior leadership is working with the school and outside consultants on the research strategy for MassBio; I don't think they've agreed on a plan yet," Peterson responded.

He said conditions in the industry have been tough, and part of their business has dried up. Right now, they are trying to find a strategy to replace what they lost and "get back on track."

"The biotech world as you may know...has been in a little bit of a tight spot over the last 6 to 18 months," he now what happens if they said. "Rising interest decide not to buy that rates and other concerns really affected starter companies. Part of our business is working as a contract manufacturing company doing work for other companies. If they are having trouble, we don't have that work."

A troubling issue for many CAC members and Holmes was the status of MassBio's plan of a year ago. "We were at the point where MassBio was about to pay for the property there," said Holmes. "They were locked in and

property?"

He and CAC Secretary Beverley Johnson both noted that the workforce has consolidated quite a bit in recent years, especially within the six communities, and shutting down a building potentially is very concerning.

"I want to state for the record that these are huge changes in numbers -huge for the community staff that live in the six neighborhoods," Johnson said. Added Holmes:

"I think it would be great to have a much more thorough conversation about this."

The staff at the Mattapan facility has traditionally numbered closed to 200, with a high of 205 in 2016. Originally, about 20 percent of that staff came from the six communities, but that has changed over the years. In 2020, there were 187 staff members and 31 (17 percent) from the community. As of this month, there are 128 staff and 12 from the community (9 percent).



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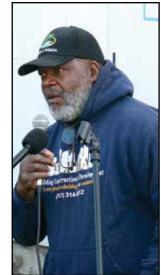
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### Green Equity Partnership celebrates launch

The Green Equity Partnership (GEP) held its kick-off celebration in Four Corners on Monday with an eye on training existing construction workers and those interested in jobs in sustainable construction trades. State and local officials were on hand, as were local construction contractors, who said they will need qualified employees to retrofit and build structures that comply with the state's new zero emissions regulations.

The GEP started with several organizations getting a planning grant from the state's Clean Energy Center, then just this August year receiving \$1.2 million in implementation funding.

The contractor Stafford Lewis, a Four Corners resident, said he is optimistic this effort will be much different from anything previously done. He added that he is looking forward to hiring newly trained peo-



**Stafford Lewis** 

ple from the community. "Other programs have made people skeptical,' he noted, "because it never happens or if it does happen it's so minuscule that it's a drop in the ocean...I believe in this community and that is why I'll stick around to employ people from this program."

The GEP will be located at 367 Washington St.

#### **Pwogram Koupon pou Lwaye Massachusetts** (Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, MRVP) Dat Limit Lotri Lis Datant 27 Oktòb

MRVP bay Koupon pou lojman yo pou moun ak fanmi nan Massachusetts ki gen revni fèb. Yo ka itilize koupon mobil sa yo nan tout Eta a.

#### Pwosesis aplikasyon an

Aplike nan mass.gov/CHAMP. Plis pase 100 ajans lojman aksepte aplikasyon yo. Ou ka jwenn epi retounen aplikasyon sou papye yo nan ajans lojman lokal ou. Yo pral seleksyone pa mwayen lotri aplikasyon ki te antre oswa ki gen so lapòs oplita le 27 Oktòb 2023 a 4:00 pm. Epitou ou gendwa itilize kòd QR ki anba a pou w aplike.



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sou papye, oswa kesyon CHAMP, jwenn ajans lojman lokal ou a nan mass.gov/CHAMP.

### Reports of turmoil draw citizen panel's attention to Lena Park governance

(Continued from page 1) Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) were aired publicly.

"Lena Park has again lost the chair of their board and it's the third or fourth board chair that has left in an angry way and the third or fourth executive director that left as well," said Holmes. "We need to hear from Lena Park and hold them accountable."

Godfrey reacted to Holmes's words with what he called a personal observation: "Russell Holmes operates contrary to the views of this community." He cited issues that exist at Quincy-Geneva CDC, at the ongoing Shattuck Hospital recovery campus proposal, and at his Mt. Hope/Canterbury neighborhood as evidence of Holmes's shortcomings.

Rappaport's company develops the units and then turns them over for management to Lena Park CDC. His company also built out the 10,000-square-foot community center at the old Hecht House on American Legion Highway that Lena Park manages. He cited unrest at the CDC.

"It's doing us a disservice to have all that turmoil over there," he said. "I would like to see much better governance and much more activity in the [community center] facility you engaged us to build, and we did...I hate to see it not being used."

The center's website shows that the most recent scheduled activities were two events in August, one of them outside. There were no events listed for Septemher or October

Andrews said that the housing unit management should also be examined.

"They also have units they manage. Not only should we find out about any engagement [at the community center], but we should look into the other side on the management of their housing portfolio," he said.

Godfrey, who hasn't officially joined the board, has led Madison Park CDC and Quincy-Geneva CDC in the past and said the criticism from CAC members is not fair. He said he was acting as the spokesman for Lena Park, though active board members were present during the phone interview.

"Every partner that spoke has a liability interest with the organization other than Russell Holmes," said Godfrey..."It's unfair if that's what they're saying because they have existing partnerships with Lena Park," he said, without further elaboration.

Lena Park CDC has had issues before. In 2008, it shut down its operations on American Legion Highway, but regrouped in 2015 and reopened.

Hints of trouble this year started in early spring when its new executive director Kevin Sibley, a seasoned executive most recently at the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC), was fired by the board. A March 15 letter to the board from Sibley, obtained and verified by the *Reporter*, noted that he would be out of the office

until further notice for "personal reasons." He added, "I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding and cooperation," he wrote. "I look forward to resuming work and continuing our productive collaboration upon my return."

Sources, including Holmes, confirmed to the *Reporter* that Sibley had been fired shortly afterward and that there is ongoing litigation over the termination.

Then, Board Chair Karen AllenBowie resigned this month.

In a letter obtained by the *Reporter*, she wrote: "This Board is paralyzed in any effort to correct historical difficulties pertaining to equitable interest in serving the community and residents. I hope that Board members move forward with more emphasis toward transparency, accountability and inclusiveness..."

Godfrey said the board had no comment on the letter and that Allen-Bowie's resignation was "under advisement."

In the meantime, he said, Treasurer Gloria Moon has "stepped into the role" of leading the board. She comes with a history, which was noted in criticism at last Thursday's meeting by Rappaport. A *Reporter* article from 2011 detailed Moon's suspensions and questionable activities when she was working for the Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) as a community center cluster administrator. She had been suspended without pay for 45 days for time sheet inconsistencies and doing personal errands during work hours. She had also been suspended in 2005 for running her catering company on city time, cited that article.

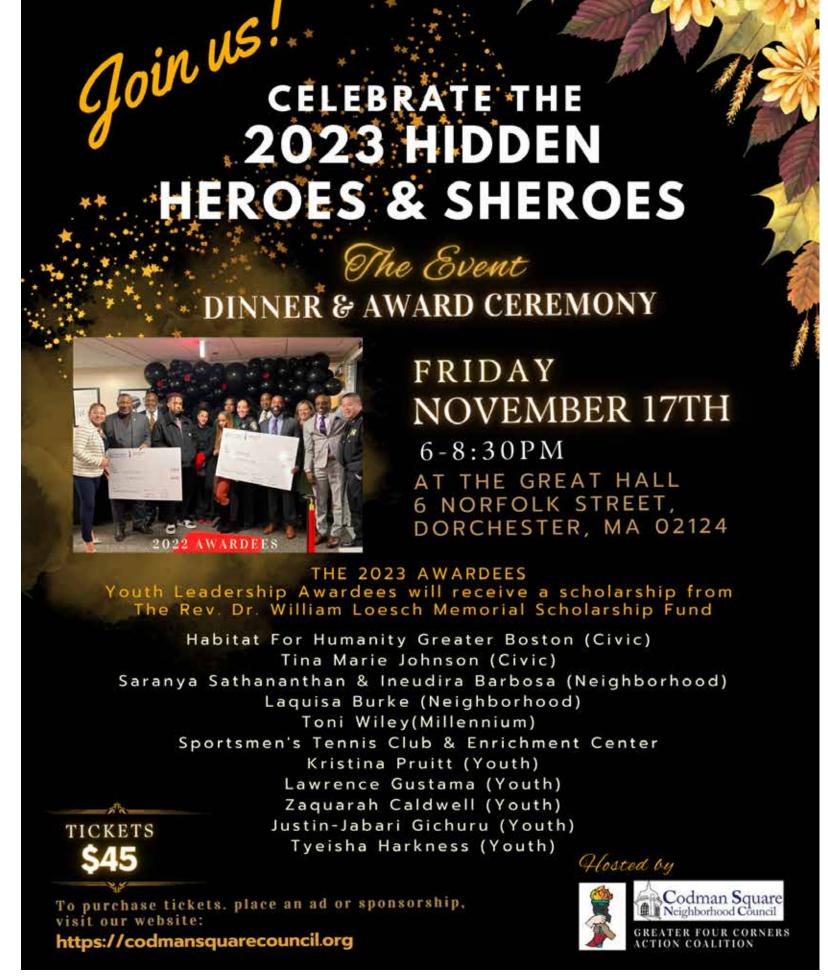
According to the Lena Park CDC's 990 tax document for the year 2021, Moon was the only compensated board member, earning \$33,500 for her efforts.

Moon had no comment while on the call last Thursday, but Godfrey said she is an important part of the hard work the board has done recently in "putting everything on the table" and coming up with a "clear action plan."

He said that 7 of 10 board members remain, and a slate of 8 to 10 is being onboarded later this week in a decisive meeting of the organization.

"The board has been very introspective and doing the hard work," he said.

Holmes said he remains concerned, "The last thing we want to see happen is that place go dark again, and we find out in the newspaper."



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### Henderson Upper math teacher wins national teaching award

#### By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

For award-winning seventh grade math teacher Connell Cloyd of the Henderson Upper School, the secret to reaching a tough age group in a subject like math is to be crazier than they are.

The 43-year-old Cloyd, a Memphis native who lives in Dorchester and hastaught at the Henderson Upper for 13 years, laughed during a recent interview when he shared that he once jumped up on top of a school desk to show 12-year-olds his authentic enthusiasm for math.

Kids that age, he said, can sniff out a fake miles

"Everyone in middle school has the middle child syndrome," said Cloyd. "You have to help them to understand it's okay to be weird and awkward and that it's just temporary."

Despite that, he noted, "They still have a passion to learn even though they may give you attitude. On the flip side, I act crazier than they act, and they don't know what to do with that."

Cloyd is a popular teacher with current and former students whom he often sees around the neighborhood. "They remember me standing on the desk, and they know that I wasn't lying about my excitement for math," he said.

But his classroom skills have drawn attention beyond the neighborhood, landing him this year's Barbara Henry Courage in Teaching Award, an honor bestowed on only one educator in the

country. Henry, who attended Girls Latin School in Codman Square and is from Boston, was recognized internationally in 1960 when she was the only teacher who would instruct Ruby Bridges – a young Black girl who desegregated New Orleans public schools. Henry, now in her 90s and living in Boston again, established the teaching award in 2021 and it has quickly gathered acclaim for its awardees.

After a difficult year at the Henderson Upper School with safety issues and other incidents, Henry picked up on the news reports and personally nominated him, Cloyd said.

"Out of nowhere [in September], Mrs. Henry walks into the Henderson building one day," said Cloyd. "It still hasn't really sunk in because you're talking about a prominent figure in history. I was humbled and I didn't know what to do ... It feels good someone recognizes the things you're trying to do and the sacrifices you've made."

Growing up in Memphis, Cloyd experienced



Henderson Upper seventh grade math teacher Connell Cloyd in his classroom last week.

the lingering effects of the segregation that Henry and Bridges endured. Prior to living with his grandfather from the age of 12, Cloyd said, he underwent experiences no child should have to endure.

They caught up to him later in life. Despite being a go-getter who was always involved in math and science camps, as well as athletics, he acknowledged that he "harbored a lot of trauma from my younger years and I'd learned to hide it and mask it very well," he said. "The things I was exposed to at an early age I had to succumb to or understand them. I understood them."

A "life-changing" moment occurred when Phillips Andover Academy came to Memphis to recruit minority students for their school, and for a multi-year math and science summer program. Cloyd said he didn't have anyone to push him to go for the school, but his guidance counselor insisted he at least participate in the summer program.

That brought him to New England every summer, and he fell in love with the region. That sparked him to stay at Phillips for a post-graduation year. He flourished there, joining the theater program as a stage actor, playing basketball, and running track.

Cloyd attended Tufts University in Medford so he could stay in New England. He found great success there in his sciences studies while also, on a whim, pursuing an improbable yet successful diving career.

But his years of trauma, and an up-to-then undiagnosed Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), struck him head-on in his junior year. He pivoted from the sciences to education, where an "Intro to Child Development" class changed his life.

Cloyd said it was then that he began to understand himself and realize that he had serious issues he needed to address. "When I got with the elite of the elite in college, it wasn't good enough anymore; the way I had coped caught up with me," he said.

As he worked on heal-



Former teacher Barbara Henry, center, with Connell Cloyd and several Henderson Upper staff members during Henry's surprise visit to the school in September shortly after Cloyd had been announced as the winner of the award named in her honor.

Seth Daniel photos

ing and took education more and more deeply, he said an "epiphany moment" led him to the classroom. "I began to imagine how it would have been different for me if I had someone like me leading the way to help with all of these things," he said. "I just came to the conclusion that I had to be a teacher. I had fought it forever... but I felt I had so much to offer. It was a calling."

After a stint in Medfield and a teaching position at a Department of Youth Services (DYS) program, Cloyd was hired in Boston as the seventh grade math teacher at the Henderson Upper School in 2010, where he has been multiplying his impacts ever since.

"Kids this age can sniff you out and they can tell what you're in it for," he said. "If they can tell you're in it for the job and to get a paycheck, they'll be all over you. If they see you really want to teach them and care about that, they will buy in."

Cloyd employs his own methods in the classroom, like using supermarket circulars as teaching tools, striving to have his students buy in to his view that math is an asset in everyday life. He also shares personal story and how he overcame traumatic times. "I don't sugarcoat it," he says. "I tell my students exactly what happened to me in my life without forcing it."

Living in Dorchester near the school has also helped him to bridge gaps in what can be a tough environment. Students often see him around the neighborhood, and many times he knows parents before their kids.

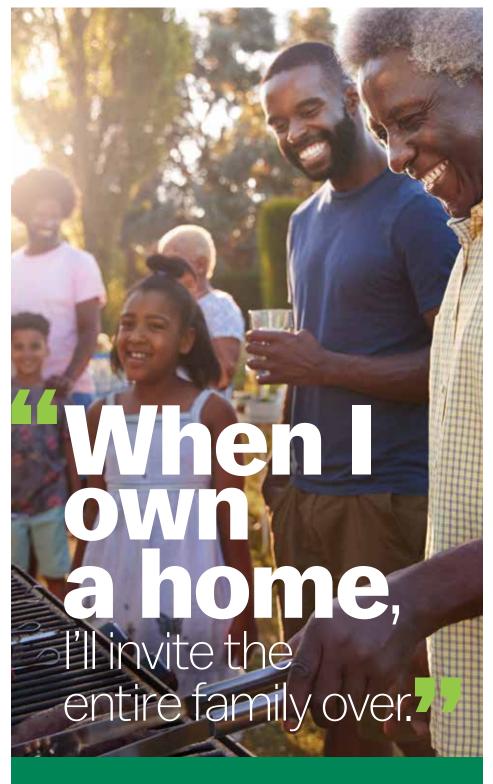
"They see me and know I'm a real person and I live right here where they live," he said. "One year many of my students lived right in my immediate community and always wanted me to come down and play basketball with them ...

It's become very important in my relationship building."

As for the Henry award and the publicity that

he's had, Cloyd said it won't change his focus on his school community. "I just can't see myself going anywhere else but

the Henderson," he said.
"There have been opportunities, but I'm so rooted here, I can't do it."



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# Dot's Boys & Girls Clubs seek ways to 'lift up' families in need

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Mary Kinsella, who has worked as a BGCD executive for over 35 years, described LIFT as "really focused on disrupting the cycle of poverty through mobility, coaching, and mentoring.

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by its own leader's experiences. Since taking over in 2017, director Rosa Shouder has drawn on her experiences as a teen mother who once grappled with poverty to guide participants.

"I tell them from the beginning that one of the reasons why I started doing this work is because I was in their shoes once," said Shouder. "I was homeless when I was 17. I'm a domestic violence survivor. I was in a shelter and once I got my apartment, I wish I had somebody like a mentor to guide me."

Shouder went on to earn degrees from Springfield College, Suffolk University, and Simmons University.

"In our journey, it's all about recognizing that families are the experts of their own lives," she said. "As mentors, our role is to guide and support them in tapping into their unique skills, helping them lay the foundations for a brighter future, one achievable goal at a time."

Ninety percent of the families in LIFT are already active in the BGCD network, while others are referred by doctors, social workers, shelters, and healthcare centers. After the referral, Shouder contacts the family within two to three business days

The program is shaped to discuss the program's offerings.

She structures the assistance around five pillars: family stability, well-being, financial management, education and training, and employment and career.

'We work with families on their goals, and they are goals that they want to work on. Oftentimes, for families that have experienced [state Department of Children and Families intervention] that power got taken away from them and they worked on goals that DCF set for them," said Shouder. "I tell them, 'In our program, you set the goals, we just brainstorm with you on options on how you can accomplish those goals."

Tufts Medical Center is providing financial support for the LIFT program in Dorchester.

Sherry Dong, executive director of community benefits and community health initiatives at Ťufts, praised LIFT's financial literacy efforts in particular.

In our most recent community health needs assessment, we identified financial security and mobility as one of the key priorities that we wanted to support in our local communities," said Dong. "It was an issue a lot of people may not

but clearly your financial well-being impacts your physical and social-emotional wellness."

One program participant, named "Vevian," moved to Boston from Nigeria, and was connected to LIFT through a family nursing program. After working with Shouder, Vevian quickly reached her initial goal of getting a job, but her relationship with Shouder did not end when her employment began.

Instead, the two continued to collaborate on other short- and longterm goals, including Vevian getting a driver's license.

"Then we moved on to another goal of saving some money so she can buy a car," Shoulder told the Reporter.

A driver's license allowed Vevian to take on more responsibilities at work, where she moved up to become the assistant director of the program. With that came improved financial status and a new goal: becoming a homeowner.

"The main goal was just to save money because she wanted to buy a house," said Shouder. "In the process, she was able to bring her mom from Africa. She could then do all the overtime that she wanted because her

think of directly as health mom stayed home with the kids. With the help of her own mother and LIFT, Vevian was able to work extra hours and purchase her first home."

> Another client whom Shouder points to is Carolina, mother to an 11-year-old daughter and a two-year-old son who was recently diagnosed as being on the autistic spectrum. Since Carolina was not familiar with that disorder, she began blaming herself for her son's condition and feeling unfit to parent him. Shouder stepped in to teach Carolina that she was not at fault and had the potential to be a great mother to her son as she had already been to her daughter.

> "When I do home visits there's a lot of modeling for the parents. So, my role is not to go out there and tell them how to parent," Shouder said. "We tell parents that they are the captains of their ship, they are the experts in their lives and there is nobody in this world that knows their kids better than them. We're just really here to coach them and guide them and connect them with resources that match their needs. But at the end of the day, you know, they're the experts."

One thing that makes LIFT different is that there are very few prerequisites that participants must meet before joining. Unlike other programs, those who participate in LIFT do not need a GED or authorization to work in the country. Instead, any community member who meets the poverty level and has a child from ages zero to three is invited to join the program.

While the program in based at the Paul R. Mc-Laughlin Youth Center on Dorchester Avenue, most of the work happens

"We mostly see families at their homes, we meet them where they're at," said Shouder. "If a family says that they don't have a space or they don't want people to come to their house, we'll meet them at a park, or I'll meet them in the parking lot of their job during their lunch break."

Shouder's ability to abide by each family's needs has allowed her to help them accomplish their goals. She says that "none of this incredible work would be possible without our dedicated and generous funders."

Those interested in working with Shouder and becoming a part of LIFT should call BGCD at 617-288-7120 or email the clubs at info@bgcdorchester.org.



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# Memorial plan for murdered girl vexes Ronan Park neighborhood

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"We're saying the playground is a childsafe zone, but on the entrance, we're introducing a tragedy that happened there," she said. "I'm not trying to take anything away; we're just turning a place for child innocence into something not innocent when they go inside a safe zone.'

The meeting was lively and testy at times, with several heated exchanges on both sides from those who lived near Ronan Park in 1983, and those who have strong opinions about the concept. Some had to leave the room to compose themselves, and tears were shed on several occasions, a reminder that after 40 years, Maryann Hanley's death remains heartbreaking and the trauma fresh.

Kulka, saying she did not understand the opposition, noted that her their mother had tried naming something after Maryann decades ago but was turned away. She said her petition this year seemed to be approved, but then was taken away.

"They named a park after Martin Richard - well deserved, and they named a park after Tiffany Moore – well deserved," said Joan-ie Hanley, Maryann's cousin. "For Maryann, it's not even a park; it's just the playground. Anybody that can say they're against it, I think there's some other reason ... I think if Tiffany Moore can happen, Maryann Hanley should get the same respect." Representatives of the civic association offered a variety of opinions.

Linda Loska recalled moving near Ronan Park just before the murder and having a child who wanted to play in the park. She said she was hesitant. "As an outsider

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Maryann Hanley

looking into the situation without a connection, I won't say it was off-putting, but it was a thing,' she said. "It's up to every parent to tell their child it can be dangerous in the park, but at the same time when you think it through, you're like, 'Oh, my God, my playground is named after a dead child.' That's so unhappy."

Her husband, Ted Loska, noted that he had been a swim coach at Dorchester House at the time of the murder, and knew most of the kids and the genesis of the conflict that led to the

"I see no harm in having the name of the person in their favorite place," he said. "I realize kids don't ask what

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names [on plaques] are all about. Some of these places named after these children were children I knew. It's comforting for me to see the name as I walk by. It helps me remember."

 $Meeting house\,Hill\,Civ$ ic President Jennifer Johnson noted that she didn't grow up by Ronan Park and didn't know the full history when she supported the naming. A presentation by Matranga changed her mind, and now she doesn't feel it's appropriate.

"I hate to say it this way, but frankly it's gruesome," she said. "It is gruesome to name any playground or park after a dead child that was murdered in that same park."

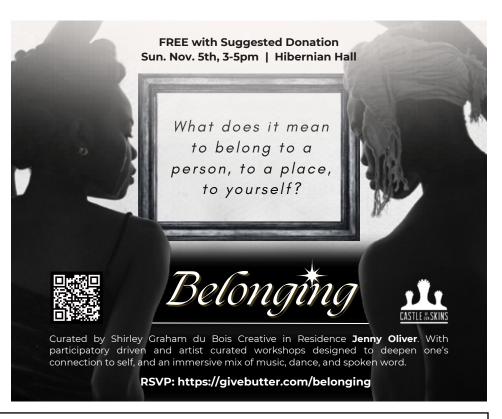
At one point, the meeting went off the rails, and allegations of personal vendettas and grudges surfaced.

"It's clear you guys are all still traumatized by what happened," said Johnson. "Of course, we are," said an emotional Kulka. "We've been living it 40 years. It's traumatizing every day." Responded Johnson: "We should find some-

thing that is a beautiful memory and memorial to Maryann without pulling the community apart."

The vote at the Parks Commission is on hold indefinitely, and there

was no indication at the meeting about when it might be picked up again. Kulka and Rose, though, said on Monday they will continue to push ahead with their cause.



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# MassHousing will finance Dot, Mattapan developments

MassHousing on Monday announced \$44.6 million in financing for six new homeownership development projects across the state, including two in Dorchester and one in Mattapan. The local projects are 120-122 Hancock St. in Dorchester, 270 Talbot Ave. in Dorchester, and

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Since its launch in 2021, MassHousing has committed a total of \$68.7 million to 14 CommonWealth Builder projects across Massachusetts.

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proximately 46 percent of households occupied by people of color are under their ownership, compared to just 34 percent in Massachusetts, according to MassHous-

The project at 120-122 Hancock St., will receive \$2.35 million in financing for Urbanica to turn 2 vacant lots into 15 homeownership units in a 4-story



A rendering of a housing project slated for 120-122 Hancock St. in Dorchester, which will receive \$2.35 million in financing from MassHousing. Image by Studio Luz Architects

building. There will be 3

one-bedroom homes and

12 two-bedroom homes.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT

SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET

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BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION TO EXPAND
THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN
Docket No. SU22P1363GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF:
KATARA DIXON
Of DORCHESTER, MA
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To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filed
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The petition asks the court to make a
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return date of 11/16/2023. This day is NOT

at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/16/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance. You or your attempts.

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Date: October 19, 2023

Published: October 26, 2023

providing \$2.25 million in financing to the project and Leader Bank is providing \$3.9 million in construction financing.

The project at 270 Talbot Ave., will receive \$4.7 million in financing through MassHousing to assist TLee Development in redeveloping two parcels, demolishing former car repair garages, and landscaping storage space. A 4-story building will rise on the site with 18 affordable homeownership units for moderate-income homebuyers.

In Mattapan, the 8 Preserve at Olmsted Green will get \$7.7 in MassHousing financing to assist New Boston Fund and Lena Park CDC in a project that will result in 80 new units of homes for people with a range of incomes.

Other financing sources include \$5.1 million from Boston's MOH, \$21 million in construction financing from Eastern Bank, \$6 million in financing from BlueHub Capital, \$1.8 million in developer equity, and \$750,000 from Boston's Neighborhood Housing Trust Fund.

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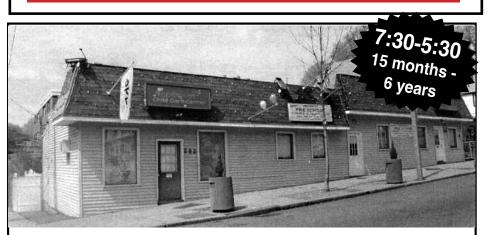
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# 3 Aspinwall Street

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Zoom Link: bit.ly/3FDCFyB

Meeting ID: 161 679 3973

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864



#### **Project Description:**

The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 3 Aspinwall Street project located in Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Change Application. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the public. Applicant seeks to amend its project, initially, a 4 story building totaling approximately 34,200 sf, with 34 condo units with 29 parking spaces, to a 5 story building totaling approximately 42,750 sf, with 45 condo units with 29 parking spaces. At this time, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) is continuing to host public meetings in a virtual setting for the health, safety, and accessibility of Boston residents. For more information and updates, visit bostonplans.org.

mail to: Quinn Valcich

**Boston Planning & Development Agency** One City Hall Square, 9th Floor

Boston, MA 02201

phone: 617.918.4219

email: quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov

Close of Public Comment Period:

11/03/2023

Website

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#### **Virtual Public Meeting**

### 376-384A Blue Hill Avenue

NOVEMBER

6:00 PM - 7: 30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3PPIMGY

**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 946 1860



#### **Project Proponent:**

MTK Development

#### **Project Description:**

The BPDA is hosting a virtual Public Meeting for the proposed 376-384A Blue Hill Avenue project located in Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Small Project Review Application (SPRA) that was filed and its potential impacts. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public.

MTK Development proposes to develop a 4-story building with ground floor retail and community space, 3 floors of residential units, and rooftop green space and Solar PV. The 18 residential units are comprised of 1BD, 2BD, and 3BD units that will be targeting households between 80%-100% AMI. Currently, all of the units and commercial space will be for sale, however, the programming can change depending on community feedback and feasibility.

mail to: Scott Greenhalgh

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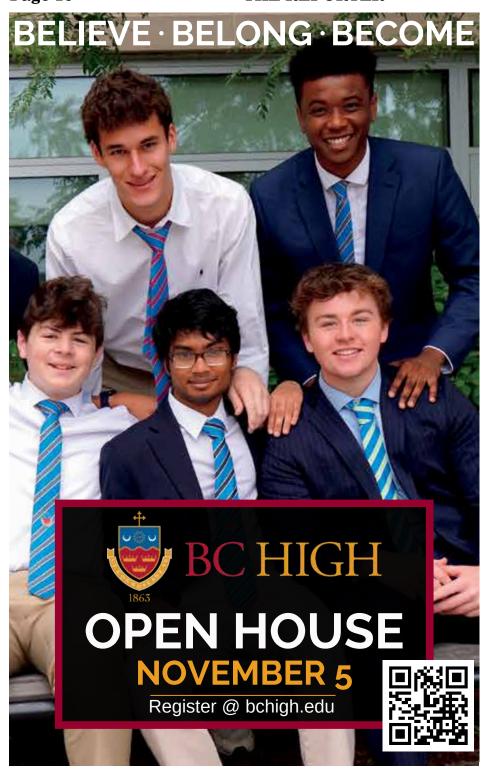
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Period: 11/16/2023 Website bit.ly/376-384A-<u>BlueHillAve</u>



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# of bedrooms	Minimum Income 70% AMI		Household size	Maximum Income 70% AMI	
0	¢70.077		1	\$72,730	
0	\$38,977		2	\$83,160	
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Elevate Youth Takes BGCD Members on Outdoor Rock Climbing
Adventure: See details below.

#### CONNECT THE DOT: **Elevate Youth Takes BGCD Members on Outdoor Rock Climbing** Adventure: This past weekend, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester teamed up with Elevate Youth to host our first outdoor adventure for the new school year as 11 members enjoyed Rock Climbing at Hammond Pond Park in Chestnut Hill. 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. Upcoming trips include an outing at Camp Wing for Outdoor Exploring & Cooking in November and Indoor Rock Climbing in December. Thanks to our friends at Elevate Youth for their ongoing partnership, which helps our members participate in healthy habits and activities. For more information on our partnership with Elevate Youth, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

**FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Holds Annual Destination U College & Career Event for Teens:** This past week, Boys & Girls Clubs of **Dorchester held our Annual Destination** U event, an interactive and informative Fair for our teens that showcases Colleges, Certificate programs and other opportunities upon graduating high school. Over 35 representatives were on hand to answer questions and share information. Thanks to all the representatives who participated and to the teens from the Arlington BGC, Billerica BGC and the West End House BGC in Allston-Brighton for attending. The Fair was part of the Power Forward program which helps prepare our members for life after High School.

For additional information on upcoming Power Forward programming for teens please contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@ bgcdorchester.org.



**BGCD Holds Annual Destination U College & Career Event for Teens:** See details below.

# BGCD Thanks Boston Consulting Group for Volunteer Service Day: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester recently partnered with Boston Consulting Group on a facility project as part of their company wide Service Day. The volunteers spent the day on a painting project that included the beautification of the outside of our Marr Clubhouse including the front face and both side entrance areas. In addition, Boston Consulting Group

A huge thank you to the team at Boston Consulting Group for their time and generosity! Volunteers like you help make a huge difference in the lives of our members. To learn more about Volunteer Opportunities at BGCD, please reach out to Volunteer Coordinator Macy Pierce at mpierce@bgcdorchester.org

made a generous donation to support

our after school activities.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Rodman Theater for Kids - Frozen October 26

BGCD Halloween Party

@ WDYC Site - Harbor Point
October 31

Professional Development Day BGCD Closed November 3

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#### RECENT OBITUARIES



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**DESMARAIS, James** J. of Dorchester. Son of the late Albert H. and Mary (Flaherty) Desmarais. Brother of Ann L. and her husband Brian E. Flynn of North Quincy, and the late Albert H. Desmarais, Jean M. and

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her husband William Kiley, and Paul F. and his wife Mary Desmarais. Survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. US Army veteran. Donations in Jimmy's memory may be made to the "Jimmy Fund".



KELLEY, Patricia E. "Patsy" (Brennan), 88. Wife of the late Paul J. Kelley. Mother of Paul G. and his wife Patrice of

Hanover, Theresa M. and her husband Robert Owens of Falmouth, Sheila A. and her husband Kevin Roake of Norfolk, Thomas J. and his wife Michelle Kelley of Walpole, and Kevin M. and his wife Karen Kelley of Dorchester. Mother inlaw to the late Noreen (Cahill) Kelley. Patsy is also survived by her 8 grandchildren, and 1 granddaughter. Sister of Peter and his wife Patricia Brennan, John and his wife Ellen Brennan, the late Margaret Esperian and her husband John, and the late Edward Brennan. Patricia is also survived by her sisters in-law, Margaret Kelley and Barbara Kelley. survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations can be made in Patricia's memory to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 62 Walnut Street, Wellesley, MA. 02481, or



KEENAN, **K. 'Jimmy**", 81, of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late John F. and Diana (Mc Carthy) Keenan. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Anne (McGuire) Keenan; and his two brothers, Jack Keenan and Richard Keenan. Jimmy is survived by his three children, Brian Keenan of Springfield, Dennis Keenan and his wife, Erin of Hanover. and Patricia Mattera and her husband, Tom of Norwell, ; his sister, Diana Qualter of Hanover; and six grandchildren; along with many nieces, Memorial contributions in Jimmy's name may be directed to Massachusetts General Hospital, Cancer Center, 125

Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114.



LYNCH. Robertta M. "Robbie" (Adams), 78, of Dorchester. Wife Joseph T. Lynch Sr. Mother of Kevin Lynch Dorchester, Brian Lynch of North Reading, and the late Joseph T. Lynch Jr. and John Lynch. Sister of Carol and her husband C.L. Beard of Arizona, Alexander "Buddy" and his wife Joyce Adams of Holliston, Thomas Adams of Arizona, and the late James Adams and Patricia Sims. Grandmother of 5. Great-grandmother of 1.



MULLIN, Patricia "Patsy" (Lydon), 89, a lifelong resident of Dorchester. Patsy was proceeded in death by her husband, Patrick "Pat" Mullin. Daughter of the late Michael J. and Josephine "Phina" (McDermott) Lydon; her siblings, Josephine, Michael and James Lydon; and her son, William Mullin. She is survived by her sons, Patrick and his wife, Susan Mullin, Michael and his wife, Susanne Mullin, James and his wife, Rosemary Mullin, all of Weymouth, Stephen Mullin (Ret. BFD) of Dorchester and his fiancé, Nancy Renaud, Daniel Mullin of Dorchester; and her daughter, Kathleen McCarron and her husband, Mark of Kingston. Mother-in-law of the late Jeanne M. Mullin. She is survived by nine grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Donations in Patsy's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929.

PETERS, Patricia, 78, of Dorchester. Daughter to the late George and Grace Peters. She was the sister of Anne Feely, and her husband Jack of Stoughton, Aunt to Brian Feely of Abington, and Kristin and her husband Matt, of Abington. Patricia was the proud Great Aunt to Drew, Grace, and Sebas-



STRAUGHTER, Deborah, 73, Dorchester. Daughter to the late Justice Thomas (Straughter) Muhammad and Pearl Tibbs Mother of the late Shane Straughter, and her brother, Eric Straughter. Members of her family include daughters, Micko Copeland, Shamele Straughter, Teyarnna Straughter, her husband Patrick Wilkinson, Nickiesha Straughter, Shayla Straughter, her husband Darien Askew; along with her brothers Vanthomas Straughter, his wife Euvelle Sueneetta Straughter, Sulieman Muhammad, his wife Aminah Muhammad, Ricky Barnes, his wife Lachelle Barnes, Justin Barnes, and Louis Barnes. Deborah's leaves numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and a great grand-



**chael J.**, 46, B.F.D., of Wareham, formerly of Dorchester. Fiancée of Kimberly L. MacDonald. Father of Kayla Miller, Brennah Sullivan, Meghan Sullivan, Sean Sullivan, and Ryan Sullivan. Son of Jacqueline (Egan) and Michael Sullivan. Cherished brother of Brendan Sullivan, B.F.D., and his wife Christine, and Alana Workman. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cous-ins, and friends. Michael was a member of Local #718 and a veteran of the United States Navy. Please consider making a donation in memory of Michael to the Alzhei-

mer's Association or to

the Dana-Farber Cancer

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#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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. SU23P0772EA ESTATE OF: ROSA BELL BROOKS a/k/a: ROSA B. BROOKS, ROSA BROOKS DATE OF DEATH: 06/30/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Kenyatta Kenya Brooks of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Kenyatta Kenya Brooks of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised desirable that the server without Surety on the bond in unsupervised desirable that the server without Surety on the bond in unsupervised desirable that the server without Surety on the bond in unsupervised desirable that the server without Surety on the server without Surety of the server without Surety of the server with the server without Surety of the server with Surety of Su

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.

Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/22/2023.

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 fall 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

A Personal Representative appointed unde he MUPC in an unsupervised administration s not required to file an inventory or annua 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. dministration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court.
Date: October 18, 2023

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0508CA IN THE MATTER OF: NINA BETH GOTTFRIED

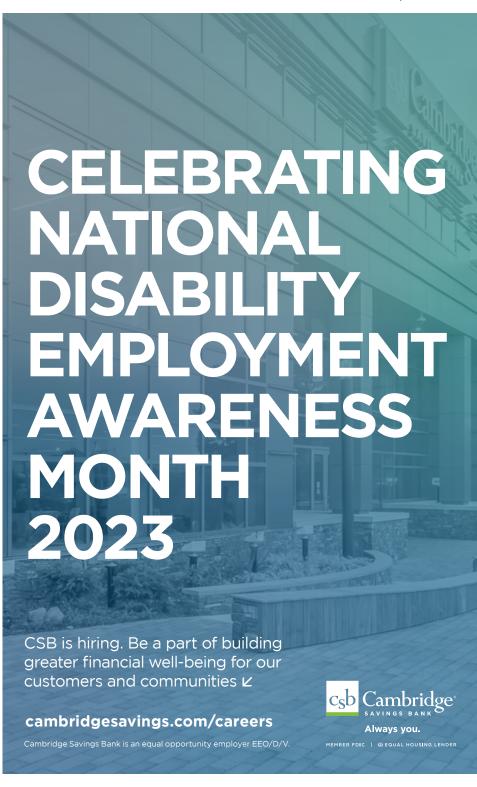
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Nina Beth Gottfried of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Nina Bascia

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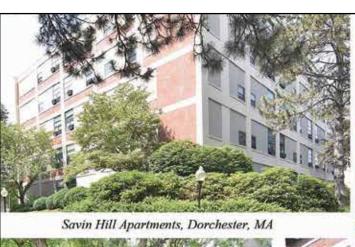
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/09/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this

proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 6, 2023

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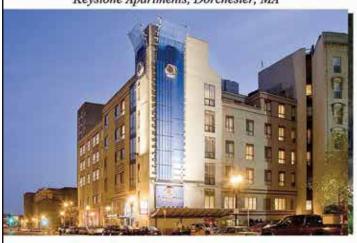








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