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Wu and her advisers move to take City Hall reins on Tuesday

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR
A former local law-maker and the head of a Dorchester-based union are on Mayor-elect Michelle Wu’s roster of transition advisers as she moves toward her swear-

ing-in next Tuesday and beyond.
Charlotte Golar Richie, a former state lawmaker who served in Mayor Thomas Menino’s cabinet and was one of the 12 candidates who ran to succeed him in 2013,

is an honorary co-chair of Wu’s transition, the mayor-elect’s camp announced this week.
Jay Gonzalez, a former state budget chief for Gov. Deval Patrick and a 2018 gubernatorial candidate, is also a co-

chair. Acting Mayor Kim Janey, who will pass the reins of city government over to Wu on Tuesday, is serving as the honorary chair.
Community activist Noemi “Mimi” Ramos, the executive director of New England United 4 Justice, and Joe Byrne, the executive secretary-treasurer of the Dorchester-based North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, are also among the members of the advisory team.

The group will “advance key priorities during the condensed transition period, support the early days of the Wu Administration, and ensure close, collaborative ties to communities (Continued on page 10)



Kevin ‘The Commish’ Monahan with ADSL Director Candice Gartley at the McKeon Post last Friday. *Seth Daniel photo*

‘The Commish’ bids farewell to ADSL’s Girls Softball family after 27 years as its champion

By SETH DANIEL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT
Gloves, catchers masks, bats, bases, and buckets upon buckets of neon yellow softballs crowded not only Kevin Monahan’s garage, but also the lives of the entire Monahan family for nearly three decades. Last Friday, after 27 years as commissioner of the former CYO, and now All Dorchester Sports League (ADSL), Girls Softball League, Kevin ‘The Commish’ Monahan hung up the clipboard and passed the torch to a new committed group of parents, coaches, and volunteers.
“It’s pretty rare to have a garage

in the city, and I never got a car into my garage until I was 63 years old because of all the softball gear,” said Monahan with a smile. “It was pretty nice to finally get the car in there for a snowstorm and it was all clean the next day and I didn’t have to shovel it off. Took a long time for that to happen.”
Monahan said he and his wife Elaine are in the process of moving to Boxford to be closer to their new grandson, and he felt it was the right time to step away from softball and let others steer the ship. Although Monahan specializes in computers and technology as (Continued on page 16)

As students return to Henderson School, talk is about safety, resources for families

By SETH DANIEL
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Patricia Lampron, leader of the Henderson K-12 School in Dorchester, continues to recover at home this week after she was reportedly attacked by a 9th grade student outside the school on Nov. 3 – apparently in full view of several young elementary students – following a confrontation that left Lampron knocked unconscious. She was later rushed to a hospital.
In response to what happened, BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius ordered the school closed last Thursday and Friday, and put new safety guidelines in place. Henderson students made a staggered return to classes this week on Monday and Tuesday – with the older students returning on Tuesday.
The situation was in the immediate sense a criminal matter and a school safety issue, but some critics of the BPS administration say it was also a byproduct of a decision made last summer to remove the traditional Boston School Police from public school buildings.
The Henderson is a full inclusion school located on two campuses in Dorchester. Students in K0-1 go to the Lower School on Dorchester Avenue,

which is the former Patrick O’Hearn School building. Students in grades 2-12 attend classes in a building that once housed the Woodrow Wilson School on Croftland Avenue, just off Washington Street on the side of Codman Hill. (Continued on page 14)

Fare-free Route 28 bus pilot is extended to end of year

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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The MBTA’s Route 28 bus, which runs between Roxbury and Mattapan, is fare-free for another month.
The pilot program, which started in August, was originally slated to end Nov. 29, but city officials say the program has cost less than the \$500,000 budgeted for the route, enabling them to extend it through the end of the year.
The pilot has led to weekly rides rising to 70,000, up from a previous count of 47,000, making the 28 the route with the highest ridership within the MBTA bus system. Two-thirds of Route 28 riders are considered low-income, according to a MBTA survey.
“The success of this pilot program shows just how crucial the Route 28 bus is as an economic (Continued on page 13)

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BPD officers attacked in two incidents

Three cops shot, one stabbed; suspects shot dead

Three Boston police officers shot, assailant killed after standoff near Codman Square Three Boston Police officers were shot and wounded and a suspect who fired on them was killed inside an apartment on Ferndale Street near Codman Square on Tuesday afternoon after an hours-long standoff. The officers were all being treated for non-life-threatening injuries, although Boston Police Superintendent-in-Chief Gregory Long characterized the injuries as “serious.” The incident began on Tuesday morning around 9:30 a.m. after police were called to a six-family house on the street for a report of a man threatening other residents with a gun. Long said later that police had engaged in negotiations with the

man, who had barricaded himself in a third-floor apartment.

Gunfire erupted inside the property around 3:30 p.m. and the three officers who were wounded were transported to local hospitals. Long said that the gunman was shot multiple times and was pronounced dead at the scene.

District Attorney Rachael Rollins, speaking from the scene on Ferndale Street on Tuesday evening, said that her office would be conducting an investigation into the incident. She noted that Tuesday’s incident was the second in three days in which Boston Police have been met with violence by people in Boston’s neighborhoods.

A call to the scene of a domestic disturbance on Ingleside Street on

Saturday ended with the shooting death of a suspect in the case by an officer who fired his gun after the suspect stabbed another officer in the neck with a knife on Saturday evening.

BPD Superintendent-in-Chief Gregory Long said that “as the officers approached the third-floor landing, they encountered a suspect. The suspect immediately assaulted the two officers with a knife — stabbing one in the neck.”

Long said another officer at the scene discharged his firearm and killed the suspect, who has not yet been publicly identified. Officials say the wounded officer has serious injuries but is expected to recover.

—REPORTERSTAFF

Police arrest man in connection to sexual assault on juvenile near Shawmut Station

A Dorchester man was taken into custody Monday night as part of an investigation into what police have called an aggravated sexual assault on a juvenile female that took place in the area of Sharp Street near the T’s Shawmut Station earlier in the day.

According to the BPD, members of its Special Investigations Unit along with the Sexual Assault Unit and C-11 detectives F, detectives arrested Naeem Patrick, 29, of Dorchester at about 8:20 p.m. on Monday in connection to the assault that occurred at about 1:30 p.m. The report alleges that Patrick approached his victim from behind, striking

her in the head with an unknown object before attempting to drag her toward a nearby wooded area.

He will appear in Dorchester District Court on charges of Assault with Intent to Rape and Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon.

At hearing, elected officials oppose liquor superstore at South Bay mall

The Boston Licensing Board could vote this week whether to allow Total Wine to open a 23,000-square-foot store in the South Bay mall, where the OfficeMax store used to be.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey and City Councillors Frank Baker, Michael Flaherty, and Annissa Essaibi George all opposed the proposal at a hearing last Wednesday (Nov. 3), citing opposition among nearby residents. City Councillor Julia Mejia had earlier submitted written opposition to the proposal, but did not attend the hearing or send a representative.

Also opposing: The Massachusetts Addiction Prevention Alliance, which says a large liquor store is the absolute wrong thing to put at the edge of the Mass. and Cass area.

Alliance President Heidi Heilman said the giant store would just prove too much of a lure for local people with addictions and predicted that 75 percent of the store’s business would be among people who would drink two handles of hard liquor a day if they could.

Nonsense, Total Wines attorney Patricia Farnsworth said: The store will not sell either nips or 40-oz. malt bottles



A Total Wine store proposed for South Bay is causing controversy. Photo courtesy “Yes to Total Wine & More at South Bay

and all the workers are connected by ear pieces to quickly roust any troublemakers - all of whom would have to come through a single entrance with a video screen there showing that they’re under surveillance while in the store. Also, she noted: Managers would always be on the store floor, alert to any potential trouble, in part because they won’t have offices.

Legally, the board can only consider the “public need” for a liquor license at the location, not the potential impact on existing liquor stores. Farnsworth and a Total Wines official said part of the need is that Boston in general and Dorchester in particular are growing, as shown by recent Census figures.

Other opponents of the proposed big-box store, including a small-business association concerned about the impact on existing nearby liquor stores in Dorchester, the South End and South

Boston, said the mall’s current owner had once agreed to never allow a packie in the mall. Farnsworth said that, too, was wrong, that there is no such agreement.

Joe Rull, who worked for the mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services at the time the mall went in under Mayor Thomas Menino and who now works for a consulting group representing small businesses, said that’s only because residents and officials at the time - he mentioned then Councillors Jimmy Kelley and Maureen Feeney - thought a handshake was good and so never sought to have the agreement put in writing.

Rull submitted signatures of some 2,000 nearby residents opposed to the proposal.

Total Wine submitted 300 signatures in favor of the proposal. Also backing it is the Newmarket Business Association.

—REPORTERSTAFF

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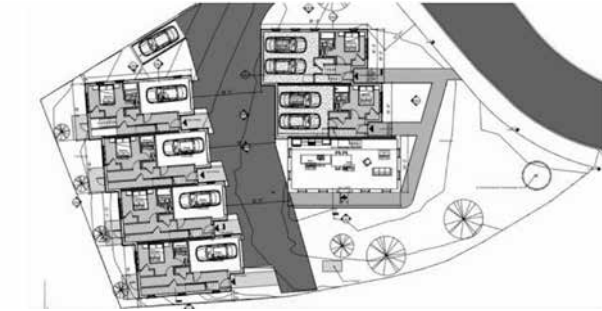
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Zoning Board rejects development plan on Ashland St. a second time

Several months after it rejected plans for a single building with eight units on an Ashland Street parcel, the Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday said no to the developer’s new proposal for a two-building, seven-unit residential project at 19-23 Ashland St.

In May, the board had rejected developer Raymond Boghos’s one-building proposal in part because it would have required demolition



Proposed layout.

of a potentially historic house on the site. The proposal the board rejected today would have preserved the house, but

Courtesy Zoning Board

extended it from two to three families and added a new building with four units in the rear.

Board members said

that even with the reduction of the number of units, they were still concerned about the density, in particular the three-foot distance from one building to the neighboring property on one side and the four-foot distance in the rear. The board rejected the proposal without prejudice, which means that Boghos could come back with a new plan.

—REPORTERSTAFF

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fields Corner Civic Association meets on Tues., Nov. 9 via Zoom from 6:30-8 p.m. See DotNews.com for link. Agenda items include a safety report from BPD Area C-11, a proposed development of 9 condos at 18-20 Parkman St., relocation of Coco Leaf, and second presentation by Travis Lee regarding re-development plans for the USPS building. Contact Hiep Chu, president at hiepchu@hotmail.com with any questions.

River Street Civic Association will meet on Thurs., Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. Meeting ID: 720 607 3284. Passcode: 914336. The group meets on the second Thursday of the month.

A proposal by VietAid to build a 36-unit, four-story building for senior housing at 25-33 Hamilton St. in Dorchester will be the subject of a virtual public meeting on Monday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m. See page 15 for more details on how to join the meeting.

The Dorchester Historical Society will

host a virtual program on Dorchester authors, past and present, on Sun., Nov. 21 at 2 p.m. via Zoom. Go to dorchester-historicalsociety.org for more info.

Greater Ashmont Main Streets plans Holiday Pop-Up Market on Sat., Nov. 27 from 3-7:30 p.m. to coincide with the Peabody Sq. Tree Lighting at 7 p.m. Food trucks, local artisans, live music, gift shopping.

A virtual public meeting to discuss the proposed Dorchester Bay City proposal will be convened by the BPDA on Wed., Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting will focus on how the Columbia Point Master Plan and other City plans guide the BPDA’s review of the proposal. The planning department will provide a brief presentation followed by an opportunity for questions from attendees. Attendees can expect to learn what guiding questions the Agency has in reviewing the project. No decisions related to the

proposed project will be made at this meeting. See bostonplans.org for link info.

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music concert features cellist Sterling Elliot and pianist Wynona Yinuo Wang on Sun., Nov. 14, 4 p.m. at Peabody Hall, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. See ahchambermusic.org for more info.

The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports will host the fourth annual MR8K at Boston Landing on Sat., Dec. 4. Registration is now open at mr8k.org. The Martin Richard Foundation established the MR8K in 2019 as its signature annual fundraising event, giving more people an opportunity to run for Team MR8. Registration is \$45. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children.

Franklin Park Turkey Trot will be held Thurs., Nov. 25 Thanksgiving morning at

9 a.m. We’re back running (or walking) in person with safety measures in place to protect your health. Participate in this timed 5k and support programs in Franklin Park. All ages, strollers, and race-friendly dogs on leash are welcome. Prizes for best costumes and by age-group. Sign up your running group, a family team, or just yourself: fpc5k.com.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal to build a 45-unit residential building at 9-19 Vaughan Ave. in Dorchester. For more info, contact Ebony DaRosa at 617-918-4419 or ebony.darosa@boston.gov.

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Irish envoy to US: We'll be welcoming you back soon

A chat at Greenhills with Daniel Mulhall

**By Ed Forry
Reporter Staff**

After 20 months of severe restrictions due to Covid-19, the island of Ireland is getting ready to welcome tourists and other visitors back, Ireland's top diplomat to America said this week.

In a wide-ranging exclusive interview with the *Reporter* on Monday morning at Dorchester's Greenhills Bakery in Adams Corner, Ambassador Daniel Mulhall, who had just visited the nearby Irish Pastoral Centre offices, said he hoped that near normal tourism activity will resume soon. "I predict that by the summer of next year, we'll be back to somewhere close to what we had in 2019," he said over a 'cuppa tea' in the busy Irish bakery.

Told that Delta Airlines has announced that it will soon begin Boston flights to and from Dublin on weekdays, and that Aer Lingus expected to restore flights to Shannon as early as next May, the envoy said, "I don't know the details because each airline would make up its own mind. You know, they have things to think about, the loads and so on. But what I'm hearing from travel agents and people in the tourism business is that the demand for Ireland next year is very high. And if the demand is high, supply will develop.

"A lot of these airlines have spare aircraft after all, be-



Ireland's Ambassador to the US Daniel Mulhall (2nd right) visited Dorchester's Greenhills Bakery on Monday. Pictured are: Dermot Quinn, Bartley Collins, Cindy Quinn, Amb. Mulhall and Ireland Consul General Laoise Moore.
Photo courtesy Boston Irish Consulate

cause they haven't really used them for a year and a half. So I don't think there's any shortage of aircraft, which means that I think as soon as there's a market for these flights, the flights will resume.

"I encourage people who haven't been there for two years to go next year, because I think the welcome for Americans will be even warmer than it has been in the past." Looking ahead to the new year, Mulhall was enthusiastic: "It's going to be a bumper year,"

he said. "And I think it would be great to be there because it's the centenary of Irish independence, which is the big thing. I think we should also celebrate the contributions that Americans have made to the independence of Ireland." The ambassador has served in his current post in Washington DC for four years, after a forty-year career that includes a post as ambassador in London. "My biggest takeaway is how important the Irish continue to be in this

country as part of America, but also as a support for Ireland. I am privileged to have had the opportunity over the last four years to travel all over this great country, especially here in Boston, and to meet so many people who have a deep affinity with Ireland. Even though they may be descended from people who came here generations ago, they still have Ireland in their hearts. And that is vastly important to Ireland."

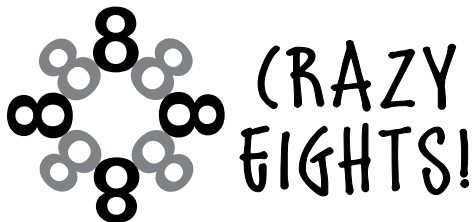
Mulhall sounded a caution-

ary note about the continuing dispute with UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, saying he would rely on Ireland's close ties with America.

"We do not underestimate the value of Irish American support for Ireland, including today, when there are issues surrounding the border on the island of Ireland, when sadly the British government seems to be, or at least is toying with the idea of, walking away from an agreement they made last year to keep the borders on the island of Ireland open.

"If they do that, it will create a genuine crisis. And we will be looking to Irish America to support us, to prevail upon their government and their Congress to make it clear that that open border on the island of Ireland is an absolute must to be retained.

"Congressman Richie Neal [D-Springfield] is the most important Irish American for me over the four years I've been here because he has been stalwart in his support for Ireland. And also because his knowledge of Northern Ireland is unbeatable. We are deeply indebted to Richie Neal and the other members of the Friends of Ireland in Congress for having stood behind Ireland, and for having made it very clear that they will not be happy if the British government walks away from the agreement they made last year to keep that open border."



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St. Guillen will temporarily take Wu's at-large council seat

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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Alejandra St. Guillen, who was one vote shy of becoming an at-large city councillor in 2019, is set to fill Michelle Wu's seat when the mayor-elect resigns in the next few days. If a vacancy occurs among the four at-large city council seats, the runner-up from the last election can slide into the open job, meaning St. Guillen will serve as a city councillor through the end of the year.

St. Guillen, a West Roxbury resident, was the runner-up in the 2019 election, just one vote behind Julia Mejia. In 2020, then-mayor Marty Walsh appointed her to the city's cannabis board, which reviews applicants for marijuana licenses. She said she'll be stepping down from the board, since city employees cannot draw two salaries. GBH News first reported St. Guillen's decision to take the time-limited at-large job. While the logistics of her swearing-in are still being worked out, her first council meeting will likely be on Dec. 1. Wu will take the mayoral oath of office on Nov. 16.

"I thought long and hard about what can someone do in that period of time," St. Guillen, 44, told the Reporter, referring to the shortness of her expected tenure. "I talked to some close advisers. I'm just looking forward to supporting fellow councillors and the work they've been doing on equity in exam schools and removing police officers from schools." The time limit was "my biggest concern" when weighing the move, she added. "I can't do in two months what I wanted to do in two years, but I can push the issues that are important for me and I can use the bully pulpit to advocate."



Alejandra St. Guillen on the campaign stump in 2019. Yukun Zhang photo

If St. Guillen had decided against this move, the seat would have gone next week to Erin Murphy, the 51-year-old Dorchester native who trailed St. Guillen in the 2019 election and won the fourth at-large seat in this year's election, behind incumbents Mejia and Michael Flaherty and newcomer Ruthzee Louijeune.

Until St. Guillen's announcement on Tuesday, Murphy had been preparing to get an early start at City Hall. She met with several councillors last week and has other sit-downs planned. Last week she also started a "thank you" tour, with a visit to Greenhills Irish Bakery and stops in Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Brighton.

David Halbert, a Dorchester resident and a former City Hall aide who finished in fifth place behind Murphy by just 325 votes, called her the day

after the Nov. 2 election to congratulate her. He opted against a recount. "While this is not the result we were hoping for," he said, "I am incredibly proud of the campaign we ran and am thankful for the invaluable support of my family, my campaign team, and all of the volunteers who helped move our campaign forward every day, having the important discussions with voters."

Jockeying for Council president is underway

With the end of election season for mayor and other municipal candidates, talk is already turning to who will be the next City Council president in January.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey will return to the position after Mayor-elect Wu takes the oath of office next week. The charter calls for the City Council president to step in as the city's chief executive when the mayor — in this year's case, Marty Walsh — leaves office.

But Janey did not run for reelection to her District 7 City Council seat, and Tania Anderson, who will become the council's first Muslim and first African immigrant, won the Nov. 2 election to replace her, beating out perennial candidate Roy Owens.

Five new councillors are joining the 13-member body: Anderson, Louijeune, and Murphy, as well as District 4's Brian Worrell and District 6's Kendra Hicks. The number of new councillors adds to the dynamics of the behind-the-scenes jockeying for the presidency, with their cell phones likely to be ringing in the weeks ahead as prospective presidents try to get their votes.

Sources say the names of Councillors Kenzie Bok and Ricardo Arroyo are in the mix for the job, as is Councillor Ed Flynn's. The president gets a gavel,

funds for a bigger staff, and a larger office.

Arroyo, who easily won reelection with 75 percent of the vote, confirmed he is a candidate. "I think they've been productive," he said of his discussions. "Obviously all three of us have qualities that are strong qualities for this role."

The others were not immediately available for comment.



Hunt plans fundraiser at Dorchester Brewing

State Rep. Dan Hunt, who is up for reelection next year, is planning a fundraiser at Dorchester Brewing Co. The event is set for Wed., Nov. 17, at 6 p.m.

In an email to supporters, he encouraged people to join him for a "little friendship, cheer and fun." Beer from DBC and other local breweries, with food from M&M BBQ, will be available.

Hunt, who was elected in 2014 in a special election to succeed Marty Walsh, previously served as a Department of Conservation and Recreation official and State House aide.

He is the chairman of the House Committee on Federal Stimulus and Census Oversight and a member of the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting, which is tasked with redrawing political boundaries after every US Census.

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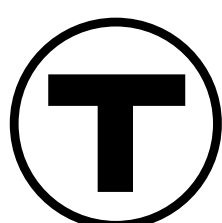


The MBTA, City of Boston and neighborhood leaders usher in a new era in public transit with the opening of the Columbus Avenue Center-Running Bus Lanes between Franklin Park and Jackson Square Station.

The Columbus Avenue Center-Running Bus Lanes allow for faster, more reliable service for nearly 10,000 weekday riders, by decreasing the likelihood that buses will be delayed by traffic, slowed by turning cars, or stuck behind double-parked vehicles. The project also makes significant improvements to pedestrian safety and accessibility along Columbus Avenue.

The new bus lanes save riders 4-7 minutes on the chronically delayed Routes 22, 29 & 44, serving Mattapan, Dorchester, Roxbury, and Jamaica Plain.

The \$14 million dollar collaboration between the MBTA and the City of Boston is a key component of the MBTA's Rapid Response Bus Lane Program and a major initiative to improve bus service in the wake of the pandemic.



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Planning underway for park West of Washington

By SETH DANIEL
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Residents of one of the few heavily residential neighborhoods in Boston without a park kicked off a planning process with the Parks Department last weekend by brainstorming park space ideas for the fertile open ground in the West of Washington (WOW) neighborhood.

After the discussion time on Saturday, WOW President Laquisa Burke said the successful kick-off marked one of the largest efforts by the neighborhood since the organization was founded around 2016.

“This is the biggest project WOW has been involved with,” she said. “About five years ago, we stood on this corner and the vision was to have a park. We pushed through to make our streets safer with Slow Streets and now we are seeing the park come to life... Without the neighbors, we wouldn’t have been able to have this kick-off if we didn’t fight for it and ask for the things we wanted.”

Said Vice President Corey Thompson, “I’m going to point out what I see in the neighborhood now—a lot of effort. It’s this kind of effort our community needs to grow, thrive, and succeed.”



Lanelle Sneed, Corey Thompson, Councillor-elect Brian Worrell, Laquisa Burke, Marilyn Forman and Rachele Gardner celebrate the planning kick-off for the new WOW-area park on Saturday. *Seth Daniel photos*

The WOW area has always had many vacant lots left over from the 1970s when so many houses there were burned down and no one returned to build new ones. That unfortunate legacy includes four large lots next to the new Talbot Avenue Commuter Rail Station on Norwell Street. Through a partnership with TLee Develop-

ment and the city, the neighborhood was able to get the vacant land set aside, and then accumulate a large amount of money designated through Community Preservation grants, as well as support from the Trustees for Public Lands (TPL). Recently, the city’s Parks Department assigned Bea Chatfield to manage the project. She was on hand



In what was a harbinger of fun things to come for the kids in the neighborhood, Damian Dunkley prevailed in the ‘donut on a string’ eating contest last Saturday morning during the Boston Parks Department planning kick-off on Norwell Street for the new park project.

Saturday to explain the process with landscape architect Kaki Martin of Klopfer Martin Design Corp.

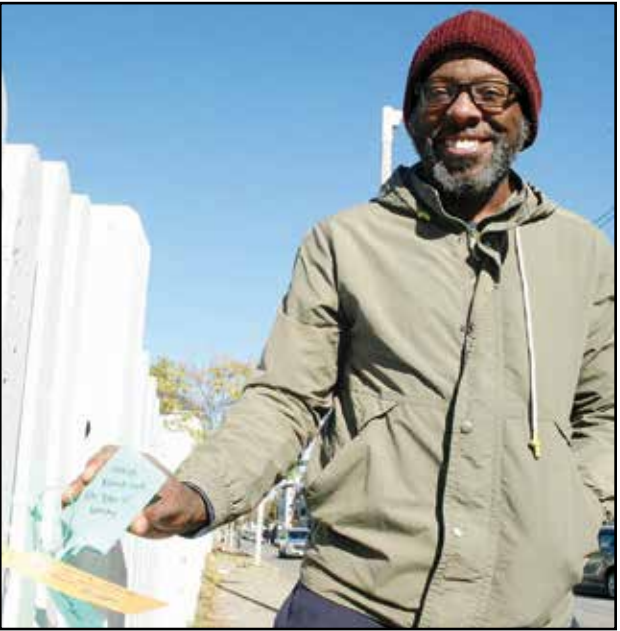
“It’s a privilege to work on this project,” Chatfield said. “So many Parks Department meetings you get one idea here and there and a few show up for the meeting. You all have come to the table with a lot of ideas and with a lot of passion for creating this new park.”

Added Martin, “We want to know your preferences and vision for this place. That will help us when we draw up what will be here.”

The project has a budget of \$660,000, and Burke announced a new \$80,000 grant from the Doris Duke Foundation



Landscape Architect Kaki Martin attaches “wishes” to the wishing wall during the new park kick-off meeting.



WOW neighbor Chris McEachin put a “wish” on the wishing wall last Saturday at the new park kickoff in the WOW neighborhood. His request was for more health-related activities and maybe even a boot camp.

for programming over the next two years. The timeline for the project is to complete the input

and design process in six months, start construction next summer, and complete it in the fall.

There will be two more planning and input meetings over the next few months for the as yet unnamed park. Although the space is not an official park, it has been used informally over the past two years as a gathering spot for neighborhood BBQs, concerts, art installations, and public meetings.



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Kennedy Institute for US Senate reopens to student groups

By GRACE MAYER
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Inside the US Senate Chamber, a group of people were poised to take their seats behind gleaming brown desks and discuss environmental policy. But they weren't top government officials, they were students from a high school in Rhode Island, and they were ready to "debate" the Green New Deal bill inside a life-size replica of the Senate Chamber housed at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate.

After 18 months of providing strictly virtual educational programming during the pandemic, the Columbia Point facility has reopened its doors to in-person, registered groups and as part of that, introduce a new exhibit on voting rights.

"The right to vote is the foundational right as a citizen," said Caroline Angel Burke, the vice president of education, visitor experience, and collections at the Kennedy Institute. "It is something that we shouldn't take for granted."

Located across from the UMass Boston

campus, the Kennedy Institute, named after the legendary US senator from Massachusetts for close to a half-century, curates digital and in-person exhibits and provides educational programs about the US Senate.

The Institute's new exhibit, called "Standing Up For Democracy," traces the history of voting rights for Americans—from the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, to the women's suffrage movement, to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which prohibited racial discrimination in voting, to the present day. Throughout much of the country's history, voting rights were limited largely on the basis of sex, race, age, economic status, and educational background, guaranteeing only the most privileged in society the right to vote.

But the fight for voting rights isn't just a story from the nation's past. The exhibit examines the challenges today's voters face, including the closing of locations, poll taxes, and the division of voting districts so that one political party is given an unfair advantage, a process known as gerrymandering. It's an issue that is especially relevant to Boston, as its districts are currently being redrawn.

The exhibit also examines Kennedy's role in the fights to expand voting rights.

He was such a proponent throughout his entire career in the Senate," Angel Burke said. "He was involved intimately in the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Some have said it is the most important legislation of the 20th century."



Students inside the replica US Senate chamber at the Edward Kennedy Institute on Columbia Point. Photo courtesy EMK Institute

Along the walls of the exhibit, red, blue, and yellow graphics break down the history of voting and the nuances of voting laws. Mock-ups of Boston's election ballots are tucked into voting booths stationed in the exhibit, giving high schoolers under 18 a chance to practice filling out a ballot. Younger attendees can cast their votes by launching a ping pong ball through a clear voting tube—an exercise that Angel Burke said helps museum staff explain the difference between a secret ballot and a public vote.

Last month, students from UMass Boston toured the exhibit and learned about the electoral college. High schoolers from the Met Liberty School in Rhode Island also traveled to the Institute, where they debated the "Green New Deal" proposal in the Senate chamber.

The students "were really energized and engaged," said school principal Arthur Baraff, "and it's not just that they get to see

the Senate Chamber but that they actually get to engage with the educators."

"For students, I especially hope that it will give them some context for all of the national conversations about voting rights that are going on at the moment," said Sarah Yezzi, the institute's director of education, family and youth programming.

Since reopening its in-person programming, Angel Burke said, the Institute has seen a higher percentage of Boston public school students coming to visit compared to previous years. The facility has in-person and virtual program reservations open through next June.

With its Senate Chamber resuming session, Angel Burke said that the return to in-person programming will help to engage students after a year of sitting behind screens.

"There is nothing like group participation in the same space," Angel Burke said. "That's what the Senate is all about—it's a group of people coming together."

Fields Corner Crossroads program names director

Keyla Kelley has been named program director for the Fields Corner Crossroads Collaborative, based at DotHouse Health. Formed in 2018, Crossroads received a three-year funding incubation grant in 2020 from Boston Children's Hospital to help coordinate resources and deliver services to kids and families in Fields Corner. It includes eight organi-

zations: All Dorchester Sports and Leadership, Asian American Resource Workshop, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, DotHouse Health, Louis D Brown Peace Institute, MassCOSH, New England United for Justice, and VietAid.

"I am excited about the vision and power that Crossroads offers to the community," Kelley said in a statement announcing her appointment on Nov. 4. "We must start with hearing the voices in Fields Corner to create strategies that genuinely work."

Kelley, who holds a master's degree in Child and Family Studies from Wheelock College, has worked and interned in a variety of settings, including Massachusetts General Hospital, WIC, and Boston Children's

Hospital. She has experience working as a child life specialist, lactation counselor, and community leader.

"As leaders and organizations who represent eight organizations with eight unique sectors, we believe that it will take our diverse Collaborative to envision and implement the holistic needs of the neighborhood," says Michelle Na-

dow, CEO of DotHouse Health and Crossroads Co-Anchor.

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Crossroads will host a Harvest Festival at Town Field on Dot Ave. on Sat., Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The festival will include activities for children, information about community services (such as SNAP, RAFT) and giveaways. Follow along with

Keyla Kelley

Crossroads journey on Instagram @FieldsCornerCrossroadsCollab.



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Lyceum Hall

Today's illustration is a 1953 photograph of Lyceum Hall, which opened in February 1840, and the fire station behind it on Parish Street. Walter Baker presided over its opening formalities.

The idea of having popular lectures was just beginning to receive wide popularity at the beginning of the 1840s, and Lyceum Hall took a place in educating the minds of the community and influencing political opinion.

Those who used the Hall to talk about their interests included Dr. Jerome Van Crown-

inshield Smith, afterwards mayor of Boston, on geology; Mr. Purdett on phrenology; and Mr. W. Phillips, Mr. William Lloyd Garrison, Rev. John Pierpont and Theodore Parker, who caused much excitement in advocating for the abolition of slavery.

The facility was also used for a wide sampling of events—enlistment in the Union Army at the time of the Civil War, the first services of new religious congregations before they constructed their own buildings, and balls and other social events.

In the 20th century, the building was used by the School Department, but its condition steadily deteriorated, and in 1955, it was demolished. The *Boston Globe* reported that year that "It had been condemned by the Boston School Committee after

serving for many years as an annex to the nearby Mather School and as a shop training center for exceptional boys." The fire station behind Lyceum Hall in the photograph was built in 1928. In 1953, the building had three floors, which is the way it was built, but since then the third floor has been removed. The building behind the fire station was at one time the Francis G. Kane Post of the American Legion. It is now the Calvary Church International. Its visual appearance suggests that it may

be from an earlier time period and may have been moved to this site. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at [dorchesterhistorical-society.org](#).

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Reminder: A house history from the Dorchester Historical Society would make a great gift to a homeowner in Dorchester or Mattapan. Take a look at some of the completed histories on the Dorchester Historical Society website

Editorial

Two too-close calls for Boston Police

It has been a violent, perilous, and bloody few days for the men and women charged with keeping order in our neighborhood. On Tuesday, three Boston Police officers were shot and wounded and the man who fired on them was killed inside an apartment on Ferndale Street near Codman Square after an hours-long standoff. The officers are being treated for non-life-threatening injuries, although Boston Police interim Superintendent Gregory Long characterized the injuries as “serious.”

The incident began on Tuesday morning around 9:30 after police were called to a six-family house on the street for a report of a man threatening other residents with a gun. Long said later that police had engaged in negotiations with the man, who had barricaded himself in a third-floor apartment. Gunfire erupted inside the property around 3:30 p.m. and the three officers who were wounded were transported to local hospitals. Long said that the gunman, who has not yet been identified, was shot multiple times and was pronounced dead at the scene.

District Attorney Rachael Rollins, speaking from the scene on Ferndale Street on Tuesday evening, said that her office would be conducting an investigation into the incident, following protocols for police-involved shootings. Rollins noted that Tuesday’s incident was the second in three days in which Boston Police have been met with violence. A Boston Police officer was stabbed in the neck while responding to a domestic violence call at a home on Ingleside Street in Dorchester on Saturday night. The assailant in that incident was also shot and killed by police.

Aseparate, but nonetheless bizarre scene unfolded as DA Rollins spoke at the Ferndale Street crime scene on Tuesday evening. As she attempted to brief the media— and, therefore, the public— on the latest facts in the case, one person off to the side of the press conference began haranguing Rollins, screaming at her to the point that she had to— on several occasions— stop talking. The heckler was not a resident of Ferndale Street or anywhere close to Tuesday’s incident. He was Joao DePina, a provocateur and failed candidate for city council who has been banned and suspended from social media platforms for harassing both private and public figures. Whatever his most recent grievances are with Rollins, DePina’s behavior on Tuesday— broadcast live across the region on television— was a form of vandalism, interrupting the dissemination of information. DePina’s rantings were not related to the day’s awful events on Ferndale Street and were certainly not representative of the good people of Codman Square.

Another nuisance that manifested itself amid the rapidly unfolding events on Tuesday hovered hundreds of feet above Codman Square and neighboring sections of Dorchester. Several helicopters connected to news organizations responded to the scene of the quadruple shooting— and stayed for hours, well after darkness fell. The journalist Michael Jonas, a nearby resident. noted that after a certain amount of time, there is no longer news value to establishing the scene of the events, long after they had unfolded. Instead, the cacophony of low-flying, noisy aircraft, he suggested, just made the trauma worse for people who live here.

He’s right. News organizations should use better judgment in deploying helicopters for long hours above our community on occasions like this. We hope our friends in broadcast news will take that critique under advisement. In the meantime, we can all be grateful that the officers injured over the last week will survive their brushes with lethal force. We are grateful to them for their service to the city.

-Bill Forry

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Rev. Elizabeth Carrier-Ladd is pictured during her installation ceremony on Nov. 7 in First Parish Dorchester on Meetinghouse Hill. Rev. Carrier-Ladd, a native of Medford, is the 25th settled minister of First Parish, which dates back to 1680, when Dorchester was a settlement of the Massachusetts colony. Today, the church is a Universalist Unitarian congregation that welcomes people of diverse faiths and backgrounds.
Photo courtesy Larry Ladd

Commentary

Sorry, no celebration this time; 50 years ago was the real thing

BY LAWRENCE S. DiCARA

I thought that this November would provide an opportunity for a celebration, nothing fancy, just a gathering of old friends who were present during my first winning election campaign, culminating at St. Mark’s VFW Post on Bailey Street in Dorchester on Election Night, Nov. 2, 1971. But for a number of reasons, I’m sorry to say, there’ll be no such event.

There is a photograph on the wall at my office showing me and my parents very jubilant, and in my case quite sweaty, savoring victory that evening (or perhaps it was early the next morning) when it was reported that the unofficial tally had me in 7th place, which ensured a seat on the City Council; I was 22.

In addition to my parents – the three of us were standing on chairs so that we could be seen – the photo on the wall shows Norman Workman, a Dorchester friend; Emilio Favorito, who had handled East Boston; Mike Goff, with his mutton chops. He had been one of my many campaign workers in Hyde Park; Jack Ferris from West Roxbury, Bill Guenther, my campaign manager and still my friend 50 years later; and my sister Ginny, then a freshman at Simmons who had worked tirelessly during the summer on my campaign, coming into the office every day. There is also a side shot of John Hogan in whose wedding I was an usher that summer and, I believe, his wife, Jean. There were many others there. We were truly a motley crew; nobody was paid anything. For the most part, we were young and, for many, it was their first campaign. I still think we knew what we were doing!

With all due respect to my other campaigns, there is a certain innocence and excitement that occurs

when one does anything for the first time. When one is declared to be the youngest City Councillor in the history of the city of Boston, it was even more exciting.

One of the other attendees that evening was a television reporter who at that time was dating one of my campaign supporters who subsequently married a wonderful woman to whom he has been married for some 40+ years. She was also standing on a chair. I remember looking directly at her when I was speaking.

In that era before email and texting, we relied upon radio or TV, which had given us some idea that we were close. Around midnight, Richard Serino (later to be the director of the EMTs in Boston) ran in from sitting in his car where he had been listening to the radio and announced that the newscast had said that I had won and I had come in seventh place.

To suggest there was excitement in the room was an understatement. The next day the phone rang and John Henning, the late, great gentleman of Boston news, came to my house and interviewed me. We decided that he would stand on the pavement and I would be on one of the steps to my house as my grandmother looked out, as she had been looking out for me for over 20 years, from the front porch. To the camera, we were almost all the same size.

There are aged clips of that evening and the next days. There is correspondence in a safe place in Marion, where I have a place now, including telegrams from people all over the country. It was a wonderful achievement for a 22-year-old candidate. Then it was time to get to work two months later.

Larry DiCara is a Dorchester native.

For the Record

Because of editing errors, the Page One story in last week’s edition about HVAC issues in the Boston Public Schools was incomplete. The finished version is on Page 9 in this edition. The Reporter regrets what happened.

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Because of production problems at our printing facility in the wake of the severe storm of Oct. 26-27,

the production and circulation of that week’s edition and mail subscriptions regretfully were delayed. The unusual presentation of that week’s issue – it was printed on a full broadsheet page – was due to the generosity of The Boston Globe, which came to our rescue and ran our print order off on one of its presses. We are thankful for that intercession.

HVAC issue in Boston schools a crisis for many

Last week's edition carried an incomplete version of this story on the front page. The final version is being reprinted here to include remarks from the BPS administration.

By Grace Mayer
Reporter Correspondent

On the first day of school in Boston three years ago, Jovani Fox had a strategy for her six-year-old daughter Ava's outfit. Knowing it would reach a high of 97 degrees by noon, they went with shorts and a T-shirt layered over an undershirt.

Fox still remembers receiving texts later that day from Ava's teachers at Lee Academy Pilot School, explaining that, in an attempt to beat the heat, Ava had taken her socks and T-shirt off in the unairconditioned classroom.

"It was just that hot, even though we had prepared for a hot day," Fox said.

The conditions that Ava experienced that day three years ago repeated themselves this past June, when temperatures climbed to 90 degrees in classrooms, prompting schools throughout Massachusetts to close or dismiss their students early. And Fox isn't the only Boston public school parent who's taken note of the extreme temperatures her child has endured while at school.

Mike Ritter, 41, began circulating a petition this past month calling on Boston schools officials to add heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems (HVAC). Teachers and staff from BPS have spoken with administrators and even taken to social media to share their stories enduring extreme temperatures.

And after decades of advocacy from parents, teachers, and staff, BPS is finally starting to answer their calls for change. Ritter started the petition on Sept. 21. But parents and teachers have called upon Boston Public Schools to make overhauls before the June heat wave, before the Covid-19 pandemic shed light on the lack of ventilation in classrooms, and before a 2017 report from BPS found that of the 125 Boston public school buildings, more than two-thirds of the school buildings were built before World War II and lacked HVAC systems. Currently, only 35 BPS buildings have HVAC systems, a spokesperson from BPS said.

"The pandemic threw the state of BPS buildings just into the spotlight," Ritter said, "and they are so lacking. They're dangerous."

Nearly 900 people have signed Ritter's petition so far. Ritter said he's hoping to collect at least 54,000 signatures—the number of students enrolled in BPS. In addition to the petition, Ritter, a freelance photographer, is also taking photos of BPS families in front of their children's schools to promote his campaign.

"We're staring this thing in the eyes, and it's obvious what needs to happen, and it's obvious that it needs to happen as quickly as possible," Ritter said about implementing HVAC improvements.

Before Ritter drafted the petition, he also presented on the HVAC topic to the BPS Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief commission board in June.

In a statement provided to the *Reporter*, a spokesperson for the Boston Public Schools said: "Ensuring the health, safety and wellness of students and staff remains a top priority of the Boston Public Schools. BPS is dedicated to the continuous improvement of its facilities and consistently making investments in upgrades to ensure appropriate air circulation, quality, and temperature in all of our school buildings."

The district has been working with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE),

the City of Boston Public Facilities Department, and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) to review federal, state, and regulatory requirements for airflow in Boston's public schools, the statement added.

Ritter said he has hope that Michelle Wu will make progress on implementing HVAC in Boston's public schools. Ritter believes BPS should cover the cost of implementing HVAC systems in Boston's public schools with part of the \$400 million in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds the school district received from the federal government during the pandemic. "Why can't we make these big investments up front and then reap the benefits in student health, productivity, and environmental carbon cutting?" Ritter said.

Ventilation has only recently been addressed in Boston's public schools, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. To provide better air circulation in school buildings, school officials planned to repair or replace 12,000 windows this past year, and air purifiers were added in some classrooms.

But the ventilation changes haven't turned down the heat in classrooms. This past September, Ritter noticed his two daughters, who are 4 and 7, would come home from Lee Academy with flush faces and low energy. "Adults can't function well in that environment, kids can't function, there's no learning happening in that environment," Ritter said.

Pamela Rose, who has taught eighth grade at Boston Latin Academy for close to seven years, said the classrooms have reached temperatures of 86 degrees on multiple occasions. In her own classroom, Rose said her students can't focus on the material she's teaching. "Looking at my students, their heads are down, they're sweating, they're lethargic," Rose said. "They're not in a place where learning is taking place."

Rose, 38, said Boston Latin Academy teachers have been putting thermometers in their classrooms, and recording these temperatures at least since she started teaching there.

Before Boston Latin Academy, Rose taught at Snowden International School and Brighton High School. Conditions were the same there. "This is something that's been ongoing for years," Rose said, "and now with climate change, we're gonna start to see more of these unpredictable temperatures." Tracking classroom temperatures has even trickled onto Twitter, the social networking site. Earlier this year, Excel High School teacher Molly Mus posted a picture that showed a temperature chart logging her classroom's temperatures—the highest reaching 90 degrees during April. On March 3, Rebecca Mulligan, another Boston teacher, posted three photos, one of which showed that the temperature inside a classroom had dropped to 45 degrees.

Despite concerns from teachers, fans didn't come to Boston Latin Academy classrooms until the pandemic, as school officials sought to get a handle on an airborne virus. Before that, according to Rose, she and other teachers had taken money out of their own pockets to pay for fans in their classrooms.

A spokesperson from BPS said that the school district monitors temperature in all classrooms three times a day and makes any adjustments as needed to ensure they are following protocols around expectations set by Occupational Safety and Health Administration for temperatures.

In addition to this, BPS said they installed air quality systems that will monitor the air quality in every BPS classroom to ensure they meet ventilation guidelines. BPS has also installed notification systems that

track the ventilation and air quality of schools, which then prompt a series of response protocols.

Additionally, BPS said they are working on distributing 6,400 air conditioners to all school buildings that lack HVAC systems. The systems will be installed starting late fall of 2021 through summer 2022.

This past summer, when summer sessions were held, 34 of the 64 buildings in use had air conditioning units. For the remaining building without air conditioning, 600 to 800 fans were distributed among classrooms, BPS said.

Now, as winter approaches and the temperature starts to drop, Rose is not only concerned about her students, but also her 4 and 5-year-old daughters, who are enrolled at the Sarah Greenwood School.

While her daughters attended school virtually in the winter last year, inside the classroom the windows were left open to provide ventilation. Rose saw from the Zoom screen that her daughter's kindergarten teacher and the students were bundled up with jackets, gloves, and hats.

Rose said the school currently plans to keep the windows open again this winter. But Rose said she's prepared to pull her daughters out of school if the temperatures get too cold this coming winter. Because her oldest daughter has asthma, Rose said she's worried that the extreme weather inside the classrooms could lead to an asthma attack.

"The rhetoric we get from Boston Public Schools is that they're working on it, but they haven't been," Rose said. "Then when you become a parent, it becomes even more pressing because now it's your own child who's in that classroom."

Erik Berg, vice president of the Boston Teachers Union, said members have pushed for decades for the installation of heating and cooling systems. When the pandemic first started, Berg said the BTU fought even harder for air purifiers and operable windows in their classrooms. BPS made some changes last year. But even with these updates, Berg said the BTU wants new school buildings to be built as soon as possible, complete with HVAC systems.

"We need more new buildings faster," Berg said. "Our students deserve it so other communities don't need to send their kids to such antiquated buildings."

Meanwhile, Ava, Fox's daughter, graduated from Lee Academy earlier this year, and started fourth grade at the Dr. William Henderson K-12 Inclusion School.

While Ava was still at Lee Academy, Fox, along with other parents, raised the HVAC issue to the parent council and governing board. Although Fox said the teachers and staff at Lee were just as concerned about the heat, discussions never amounted to any action inside the school.

Three years later, BPS is now working to implement air conditioning units and monitoring temperatures inside all its classrooms. But while changes slowly trickle into Boston's schools, many teachers, staff, and students are still stuck waiting for the rest of their calls for change—echoing back decades—to be answered.

"Our children now are having to bear the brunt of this lack of ventilation and heating and cooling," Fox said.



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Wu and her advisers move to take City Hall reins on Tuesday

(Continued from page 1) across Boston,” a release from the transition team said.

Other members include Ali Fong, chef and co-founder of the popular food truck and restaurant company Bon Me, public relations executive Micho Spring, climate activist Kannan Thiruvengadam, and Mitchell Weiss, a Harvard Business School professor and former Menino aide.

Wu plans to take the oath of office at noon, with the scene set for the City Council chamber. The location, according to Wu, allows her team to go “right back to work across the hall in the mayor’s office.” A “full inauguration” is scheduled for January.

The mayor-elect has



Mayor-elect Michelle Wu (right) spoke with reporters in City Hall the day after the Nov. 2 election. She was joined at the podium by Acting Mayor Kim Janey. Photo courtesy Mayor’s Office

been participating in daily briefings, climbing up and down City Hall’s stairs for meetings on topics ranging from Boston Public Schools to

the police, a department which is a target for reforms as a handful of officers stand accused of theft of funds and abuse on the job.

Wu says she has a “daily check-in” with Janey, who took over in March, after Dorchester’s Marty Walsh was tapped for the role of US labor secretary.

A member of the 13-member council since 2014, Wu is already familiar with the city’s operations and multibillion dollar budget. “It’s pretty thrilling now getting the chance to think about how to really take steps and move on plans to make those changes,” she told reporters on Monday.

The to-do list is “quite significant,” Wu said. “There’s a lot to do and

a lot that has been pressing for a while.”

On Saturday, after a day full of briefings, Wu and her family were able to slip away to Dorchester for dinner. They visited Fields Corner’s Pho Hoa, a Vietnamese restaurant that Wu calls their “usual family comfort food spot” and “one of our favorite restaurants in the city.”

Noodle soup was on the menu, though the mayor-elect said she had to start rushing due to the late hour and as her children, Blaise and Cass, began to throw noodles while in the restaurant booth.

Wu, a Roslindale resident, said, “We are probably at Pho Hoa multiple times a month.”

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Janey is ‘proud of the work we’ve been able to do’

By RUPA SHENOY
AND WALTER WUTHMANN
WBUR

Kim Janey will leave the mayor’s office inside Boston’s City Hall next Tuesday, ending her short, but historic time as Boston’s mayor.

In some ways, the room inside City Hall still looks the way former Mayor Marty Walsh left it after he went to Washington to become President Biden’s labor secretary. The James Michael Curley desk, ornately carved out of mahogany, anchors the space. In front of it, four large screens display the most current data about the city, from stabbings to trash pickups. But in many other ways, the acting mayor made the space her own. There’s a bold, abstract painting of Michelle Obama hanging directly behind her desk. A chess set from her mother. A piece of stone from her Roxbury neighborhood.

“It was important to me to open up the space,” Janey said, “... to bring people in who historically have been left out and felt left out of power and not able to access the mayor’s office, or their only interaction with City Hall is a negative interaction when they’re paying off a bill.” Now, as Janey makes way for the second woman and person of color to sit in the office, Mayor-elect Michelle Wu, she is assessing her time as acting mayor and her place in history — from being a Black kid who was bused to a white neighborhood in the 1970s, to being a grandmother who



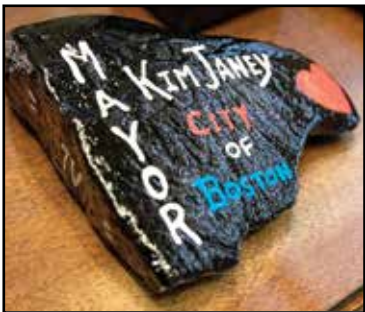
Mayor Kim Janey, in the mayor’s office at Boston City Hall.

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‘It’s important to kind of brush yourself off, get up, and keep pushing forward. And that’s what I’ve always done my whole life. I’ve had no choice as a Black woman’

shattered what may have been Boston’s highest glass ceiling. “Whether that was Covid, whether that is the reckoning on racial injustice in our country, we were focusing on issues that matter to the people of Boston, like housing and public safety, and making historic strategic investments for our future. I’m proud of the work that we’ve been able to do in such a short period of time,” Janey said in an interview with WBUR.

Her eight months as acting



A painted rock that Kim Janey keeps on her desk at City Hall.

mayor broke the 200-year legacy of Boston being run by white male mayors and allowed for a new perspective in City Hall. “For me, my lived experiences,” she said, “the things that I’ve been able to overcome, I think has made a profound difference in terms of how I lead and govern and the things that I was hoping to accomplish

using an equity lens and all that we do,” she said. “It was never about kind of going back to some normal — when that normal was hurting people, that normal was leaving people out.”

Janey said she sometimes met resistance to her agenda. “Not everyone is excited about change, particularly when you are part of a power structure and you are enjoying what it means to be part of that power structure,” she said. “It doesn’t mean, though, that we give up — you just you keep pushing, you keep being willing to have the conversation, being willing to work with folks. But change doesn’t come easy. It doesn’t come overnight. It certainly wasn’t just going to come in eight months, but we’ve been able to do a lot in

the eight months.” Racism doesn’t go away because you have a Black mayor, and sexism doesn’t go away because the mayor is a woman, Janey said.

“Those issues persist. And it’s important to kind of brush yourself off, get up, and keep pushing forward. And that’s what I’ve always done my whole life,” she said. “I’ve had no choice as a Black woman.”

Janey was one of five front-runners in the mayoral preliminary election in September. She came in fourth, barely behind third-place finisher Andrea Campbell. The three Black candidates were eliminated from the race during the preliminary election.

The loss stung, said Janey. “It was very difficult. And, you know, I guess I hadn’t lost an election before, either ... I am grateful for what has been the honor of my life to serve as mayor, particularly given how difficult, you know, how many challenges that there were. For whatever reason, I was called to be the person to serve in that role and to make history while doing it.”

Next Tuesday, she will hand over the reins to Wu, who will make history herself as Boston’s first elected female mayor, and mayor of color. For her part, Janey plans to return to the City Council in December. She isn’t saying what she’ll do after her replacement is sworn in in January.

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Fare-free Route 28 bus pilot is extended to end of year

(Continued from page 1) engine, connecting residents of Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan with jobs, schools, and other important destinations,” Acting Mayor Kim Janey said in a statement.

Steve Poftak, the MBTA’s general manager, said the extra month will help transit officials understand the impact of the pilot. “Extending the pilot through the end of the calendar year allows us to gather even more data so we can perform a thoughtful and comprehensive evaluation of the pilot’s effects on ridership and the transit network,” he said.

The evaluation will include the effect on travel time, reliability, rider experience and numbers, and the economic impact of the pilot, which started as the race for mayor was underway. Janey was among the candidates and she frequently touted the pilot as one of her administration’s accomplishments. She and Michelle Wu, the city councillor at-large who on Nov. 2 became mayor-elect, have both long supported such a proposal. Janey endorsed Wu over City Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi George after the acting mayor fell short in the September preliminary.



The Route 28 bus heading to Mattapan from Roxbury. Photo courtesy City of Boston

A fare-free MBTA system is a key plank in Wu’s mayoral platform. But the proposal has received a lukewarm reception at the State House. Gov. Baker is a skeptic of eliminating fares, but he said during an appearance on WCVB’s “On the Record” chat show that the idea is “worth the conversation” if Boston pays.

“Somebody’s going to have to come up with a lot of money from somebody, and I do think if the city of Boston is willing to pay to give free T to the residents of the city of Boston, that’s certainly worth the conversation, I suppose,” the governor said. “But I don’t see a reason why you would expect people who live on the Cape, on the North Shore, in central or western Mass. who

will never be anywhere near the T except on very rare occasions -- why they should pay to give everybody in Boston a

free ride does not make any sense to me.”

House Speaker Ron Mariano said he was more focused on maintenance of the MBTA, while Senate President Karen Spilka said she is looking forward to meeting with Wu to discuss her priorities.

Asked about Baker’s comments, Wu told reporters, “This was always going to be a back and forth about what makes sense from the state and city partnering together. So I am very excited that the window is open, as I always knew it would be, to have these conversations.”

The fare-free Route 28 bus is an example of a conversation and a partnership between the state and the city, which put “some skin in the game,” according to Wu.

“There’s a lot to be done and however we arrive at that, the impact on the lives of Bostonians will be huge, of getting to remove barriers to get to where you need to go, to have the freedom and flexibility to benefit from every single resource in the city, no matter where you live, no matter where you’re trying to go, and the impacts on our climate which are incredibly dire,” she said.

Separately, Boston transportation officials are also waiting for sign-off on a federal grant application for the Blue Hill Avenue corridor. If approved, the grant would fund a center-running bus lane which could speed up and improve service. A previous effort, more than a decade ago, ran into headwinds as some community members raised concerns about the loss of parking spaces and trees along the median strip, as well as a lack of local input.

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As students return to Henderson School, talk is about safety, resources for families

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“The attack at the Henderson school is the culmination of a safety crisis that exists at the school and across the district,” said state Sen. Nick Collins. “We need to protect our public servants and make sure our students are in a safe place to learn. That means ensuring a baseline of health and safety that is currently lacking in our schools. These incidents highlight the reason why the ability for school police officers to be present in schools remains preserved under the law.”

Boston Police say their investigation into the alleged attack on Mrs. Lampron is ongoing.

Mayor-elect Michelle Wu told reporters on Monday that she didn’t think the issue revolved around the changed role of the Boston School Police, who are now called the Office of School Safety and no longer have



Henderson School students put out the welcome sign on the Croftland Ave. sidewalk. *Seth Daniel photo*

arrest powers. She said preventing incidents like

this one means supporting students and families before such a crisis point.

“There are school safety officers in our schools right now,” she said. “There were officers at the Henderson school when this incident happened. I continue to stand with community members and even with school community members who have come up with school safety plans that involve much a bigger picture of what investments are needed into social and emotional health and resources to stabilize families. This is not just about reacting to situations, but

about ensuring that every single young person and their family is fully supported.”

Wednesday’s alleged assault happened outside of the school building on Croftland Avenue. The 16-year-old female student charged in the incident has been arraigned in Juvenile Court on charges of assault and battery on a person over age 60 or disabled resulting in serious bodily injury and assault and battery causing serious bodily injury and assault and battery on a public employee. She was also charged with assaulting another

BPS employee. She was released on \$5,000 bail under stay-away order conditions. Her name has not been made public because she is a juvenile.

The situation unfolded at approximately 2:30 p.m. during dismissal time for younger grades at the upper campus. According to an account from Suffolk County prosecutors, Lampron approached the teen and instructed her to leave the area of the school. The youth reportedly then grabbed Lampron’s hair and struck her in the head and face repeatedly with a closed fist. The principal fell to the ground and was rendered unconscious for several minutes. School safety officers detained the teen until the Boston Police arrived while other school personnel tended to Lampron until she was transported to Brigham and Women’s Hospital for treatment of her injuries.

Sources have told the Reporter that Lampron has recently had a police detail outside of her Dorchester home due to threats of violence directed at her, and that there was a history with her, this student and her family. Boston Police did not confirm that.

For her part, Cassellius said the health and safety of students and staff were the first priority, and she said she worked directly on the situation with school leaders during the closure last Thursday and Friday.

“This violent behavior will not be tolerated,” said Cassellius in a message to Henderson parents. “The health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority at Boston Public Schools. I am personally involved and am ensuring we are taking immediate and swift action.”

Last Friday, Cassellius and BPS officials un-



Patricia Lampron

veiled the guidelines for the return that started on Monday. They included crisis prevention training, more counselors, and extra staff on arrival and dismissal. The plan did not include more policing in the school or any mention of completing the agreement to license and train school safety officers.

“I am personally grateful for the entire staff who came to school on Thursday and convened to develop a plan so that we can ensure a sound safety plan, with clear steps so that students and parents can be sure we have taken every step to restore a positive learning environment,” read a statement to Henderson parents from Cassellius after a school community Zoom meeting Thursday night.

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins said the juvenile charged with the attack will be prosecuted. The incident at the Henderson comes at a time when educators in other districts, such as in Lawrence, have raised issues with safety. Rollins also said that there is a nationwide problem of attacking teachers in school and broadcasting it on the TikTok social media platform, though that isn’t suspected to be the case in this incident.

“This frightening attack comes amid a rise in violence and aggression against educators and school employees,” said the district attorney.

Councillor-elect Erin Murphy, a former BPS teacher who worked with Lampron, said that “school violence has spiked across the community. We need a zero-tolerance policy in

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BPS, that is true, but we have to have a balance also. Coming out of Covid-19, we're going to now start to see the toll that took on our students due to the isolation of on-line learning. We'll need more social emotional supports and we've kind of tied the hands of our school police."

She added, "To take the school police away, I think that's what we're seeing, and students know that and the word is going around there will be no consequences for the spike in school violence."

School safety officers, formerly known as Boston School Police, have been in a back-and-forth with the city, BPS and the Boston Police over their status over the last several weeks. While they have never been an armed police force, they have had powers to arrest and carry handcuffs. They could also write police reports.

All of that changed on July 1 with the state police reform act, which raised the standard of training for forces like the Boston School Police and required municipalities and school districts to further train the officers. Without that training for the Boston School Police available, they lost their ability last summer to be licensed and, thus, their arrest powers and ability to carry hand-

cuffs. They no longer wear uniforms and are part of the new Office of School Safety, not a department. That has been a point of contention for many since July, and Sen. Collins said there has been progress on an agreement recently, but the finishing touches haven't been ironed out. He called on Cassellius and the Boston Police to get that done as part of the response to the Henderson and other incidents.

The Henderson situation follows a highly publicized incident during the first week of school when a high school student at CASH Academy in Fields Corner brought a loaded handgun to school, and another incident about two weeks ago when a Madison Park student brought a weapon into school in a backpack, sending that school and others into lockdown. There also was an incident at Dorchester's McCormack School on Columbia Point last Thursday where a teacher received minor injuries when intervening in a student fist-fight that involved a knife. Sources who spoke to the *Reporter* this week indicated there are more incidents across the district that haven't made the news.

School safety officers, and former School Police officers, spoke to the *Reporter* last week on condition of anonymity.

They said that issues like the Henderson case are not unique to that school, but worry that they will be more common at every school. They described a situation where they feel like their hands are tied because they don't have authority to intervene in any kind of attack such as happened to Patricia Lampron.

"From what I understand it's issues like this that are going to continue because BPS just doesn't want police," said one former high-ranking School Police officer. "Safety officers are understaffed. These officers are only three months into the school year and have had multiple incidents of concern."

Acting Mayor Kim Janey said the incident was "concerning" and school staff need to be safe. Early this week she said she didn't think it would be the right response to add more policing in the schools.

"My thoughts are with the principal as she heals from this disturbing attack," she said last Thursday. "Every employee in the Boston Public Schools deserves to be safe at work. We are doing all we can to support the staff and students who were impacted by this unfortunate incident and address the trauma that is often at the root cause of violence. This event underscores

the importance of social workers in our schools and continued investments in social emotional learning as we recover from the pandemic."

Wu said that making everyone safe in school involves more than just following incidents as they happen.

"I'm going to do whatever it takes to make sure every single one of our young people, all of our school educators, staff members are fully, fully comfortable, safe, protected within our school buildings," she said on Monday. "There's a lot more to that than just following incidents that happen and preventing incidents. We need to be putting resources to supporting our families from start to finish. From food access to housing stability to mental health supports and trauma supports. We have gone through so much as a community during the pandemic, and our school system is bearing a huge part of that."

Several parents whose children attend the Henderson Upper School were hesitant to talk to the *Reporter* on the record. But few noted any outstanding problems in previous years at the school – no more so than at any other BPS school.

One parent said their kids have attended the school for many years without incident, but

the children had noted more fights this year – a pattern that seems to be emerging across the district and beyond.

Meanwhile, Collins wants an expedited agreement between the schools and Boston Police to restore the licensing process for school officers.

"The superintendent must immediately in-

crease health and safety resources at the Henderson School and across the district," he said. "This includes reaching an agreement with the Boston Police Department to license adequately trained school officers immediately. Further delay only contributes to the school safety crisis permeating across the city."

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‘The Commish’ bids farewell to ADSL’s Girls Softball family

Future of program is in good hands, says Kevin Monahan

(Continued from page 1) a profession, and was a pretty good hockey and baseball player growing up in South Boston, in Dorchester he has been known as the point person for softball. Whether it was the CYO league several years ago, or the transformed ADSL girls league now, it has always been Monahan who carefully guided the ship and picking up talented coaches and volunteers along the way.

“I believe strongly that the girls need a league of their own,” he said. “In fact, I feel very strongly about it. I’ve spoken up over the years about that and some people didn’t like it, but I’d do it again...I have felt strongly for many years that the girls have been slighted. For me, when CYO was crumbling and falling apart, ADSL rescued the program... When CYO fell apart, the boys had something else going, but the girls had nothing.”

Monahan began with softball some 27 years ago in the CYO league that encompassed so many Dorchester and city parish teams. He coached with St. Brendan’s, later taking on the remnants of a team at St. Ann’s, but he soon found the entire league faltering.

His late father-in-law, Jim Collyer, had been a big ADSL supporter since its beginnings in 1983; he was also a huge baseball ambassador – widely known as the guy who would hand out baseball cards to everyone around Dorchester. Monahan said that Collyer “dragged” him into ADSL for the transition from CYO to an ADSL softball program, and he couldn’t be more grateful in hindsight.

“CYO was pretty much



Kevin and Elaine Monahan (center) with some of Elaine’s siblings, representing 7 of the 11 children of the late Jim and Peggy Collyer.



Former ADSL Director Jared Blandino, Angela Cruse, Kevin Monahan, ADSL Director Candice Gartley, Kevin George, Xavier Andrews, and Mike Joyce.



Coach Kevin Monahan (center) with the new softball high school mentors, including Avery Dillon, Lauren Dillon, Caroline McCarthy, and Ava O’Brien. Seth Daniel photos

being run out of my garage,” he said. “ADSL agreed to take the crumbling CYO program and put it under the ADSL umbrella...Once I got into it, I could see what it could be. I watched CYO decline and once CYO

fell apart, we moved to ADSL. I think it’s grown very well since then and there is a lot of momentum now. The fact that politicians are now chasing us for sponsorships is a big deal.”

Monahan worked with three ADSL directors, including Joe Clougherty, Jared Blandino, and the current executive director, Candice Gartley. All three have helped provide background support and recruit parents and volunteers. There are now about 250 girls on 18 teams, including about 40 girls annually in what is believed to be the only all-girls T-ball program in Boston.

“Our T-ball being the only option for girls is another example of girls getting the short end of the stick,” he said. “I’m a big believer in girls playing against girls. When they play with boys in Little League, it starts out as a good mix, but eventually they get moved to the outfield and then off the field and they no longer want to play. Girls just don’t come back or don’t find the success they want... We’ve been growing and adding more every year and I think there’s a lot more to go.”

Success wasn’t always that easy, though.

Finding a place to play has been very challenging. The revived league started at Hemenway Park when there were only a handful of girls in an instructional program – with most not knowing the basics of catching and throwing. Victories have been many, but Monahan said getting Toohig Park on Gallivan Blvd. for the girls was a momentum shift. That change came after Elaine was conducting a practice on the field one evening, and a

boys’ team came down and told the girls they had to leave. That was where and when they made their stand.

“We said that couldn’t happen anymore,” he said. “Cedar Grove gave up Toohig and gave us that park. That was a major turning point for the league. It’s a girls’ park now. We were always told there weren’t enough girls, but the school data doesn’t show there are no girls. The girls are there, they just weren’t down at the park. You have to ask why on that one. ADSL has made that happen – getting the girls there at the park.”

The neighborhood-only league now also plays some games at Walsh Park off Washington Street to accommodate the growing numbers. The fight remains still to ensure that space for the girls isn’t overtaken by boys Little League, adult flag football, and high school soccer. However, Monahan said he is confident the coaches and volunteers that are now the backbone of the organization will pick up the fight for him.


He listed coaches like Ann Walsh, Matt and Noreen Kelley, Kevin George, Nicole Porter, Neil Janulewicz, and so many others – not to exclude the new high school girls mentoring program – that will carry the load.

Monahan also said it will be important to keep in mind the roots of the program in that ADSL is a league for both those who can hit a home run and those who struggle to catch a ball.

“It is important that we have sports for people who don’t know how to put on a glove,” he said. “That’s really how we transform lives and give girls confidence. I want a super team and to kick butt all over the city like everyone else, but you can’t take your eye off the kids whose lives are being changed just for being part of the team.”


So now with a home in rural Boxford, and a garage that’s free and clear of ball gloves and bats, Monahan said he confidently leaves ADSL Softball knowing it will only grow stronger.

“I’ve been working really hard the last six years to become obsolete,” he said. “It can’t sustain itself with one person. The ADSL transformation – what they’ve done with softball – is a key part...My grandson is 16 months old and... it’s so much fun being a grandparent. That was part of knowing it was time to pass the torch, and knowing the strong foundation we’ve built with this league.”



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BGCD Teens Take College Tour of Northeastern University: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Teens Take College Tour of Northeastern University: Last weekend, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester took a trip with our teens to Northeastern University right here in Boston. Members enjoyed a special tour of the campus and made sure to take advantage of their time there by asking their tour guide important questions. A huge thank you to Northeastern University for providing this amazing opportunity to our teens. And thank you to Mayor's Office of Workforce Development for supporting our College & Career Prep programming through the CDBG Grant. College Tours are a part of BGCD's College Fellows & Career Exploration programming. Our next college tour will be on November 13th to visit University of New Hampshire. To learn more about College Fellows, please contact Education Strategist Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Early Education Members Receive Book Donation from PNC Bank & Jumpstart: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Early Education members were thrilled to receive a donation of 150 books as a part of Jumpstart's Read for the Record day. Read for the Record day is a global campaign that calls attention to the importance of early literacy. The campaign brings millions of children (ages 3-7) and volunteer readers together to read the same book on the same day.

Our members were so excited to read Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon with their classmates, and take a copy of the book home to read with their families.

A huge thank you to PNC Bank and Jumpstart for including BGCD in their early literacy initiative.



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DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD After School Highlight - Athletics: At Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, the Marr Gym is a staple meeting spot for our members, located on the second floor of the Marr Clubhouse. This Winter, BGCD is providing multiple clinics to our members through our Athletics program.

Tuesdays: Instructional Floor Hockey from 11/30 - 12/14 at 6pm.
Wednesdays: Fencing (offsite) from 12/1 - 12/15 at 5 - 7:30pm.
Thursdays: Instructional Soccer Clinic from 12/2 - 12/16 at 5:30 - 6:30pm and Low Rim Basketball Clinic at 6:30 - 7:30pm. All clinics are co-ed. To view our full after school programming schedule, please visit bgcdorchester.org/programs. To register, please contact Director of Health and Wellness, Kevin Perdios at kperdios@bgcdorchester.org.


UPCOMING EVENTS

Challenger Soccer
Sundays at 10am & 11am

Veterans Day - Closed
November 11

University of New Hampshire
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November 13

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BERARD, Ann P. (Clark), 67, of South Boston, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Walter P. Berard. Mother of Keith P. Berard of North Palm Beach, Florida. Nana of 1. Ann is also survived by her beloved dog, "Mr. Pigglesworth."

BRADY, Patrick J. Jr. Ret. Captain B.F.D., of Raynham, formerly of Mattapan. Husband of Gale T. (Simeno) Brady; son of the late Grace and Patrick J. Brady, Sr.; brother of Marianne Lille, Susan O'Mara (Thomas), Rosemarie Brady (James Bates), Jonathan Brady (Karin Pearson), and the late Peter and Gerard Brady; brother-in-law of Christine McGill. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Patrick was a proud DAV of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Army. Please consider making a donation in memory of Patrick to Bedford VA Hospital,

Attn. Voluntary Service, 200 Springs Rd., Bedford, MA 01730 (checks need to be written to Bedford VA Hospital and the memo needs to indicate that it is for the CLC Units).



CODY, Gail Sylvia (née Smith), 71, of Mattapan, originally from Connecticut. Daughter of the late Henrietta Reed. Gail was predeceased by her mother, Henrietta, her grandmother Clara Smith, and her brothers: Timothy Reed, Kevin Reed and Robert Reed. She leaves her husband, James Cody; two children: Dr. Nakeisha Monique Cody of Milton, MA and Brandon James Thomas

Cody, Esq. of New York, NY; her brothers and sisters: Chester Reed and his wife Linda of Bristol, CT, Rebecca Reed of Burlington, CT, Todd Reed and his wife Stephanie of Salem, CT, Margaret Reed of Torrington CT, Jane Reed of Bethlehem, CT and Sandra Reed of Decatur, GA; and an uncle and many beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

CONNOLLY, Thomas J. of Roslindale and Vero Beach, FL, originally of Jamaica Plain. Husband of the late Margaret (Hurley) Connolly. Father of Margaret St. Cyr of Needham, Thomas Connolly and his wife Sharon of Dedham, and John Connolly and his partner Barbara McCarthy of Dorchester. Grandfather of 3. Brother of John "Jace" Connolly of West Roxbury and the late Jane Doyle and Anne Peters. Also survived by several nieces and nephews and many friends in Boston and Vero Beach. Tom served in the U.S. Army. He was a retired electrical engineer for Polaroid.



FARQUHARSON, Shirley A., 71, of Dorchester. Mourning his passing are his wife, children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

FELL, Therese R. (Baclawski), originally from Dorchester, of Hanover formally of Quincy. Wife of Frank Fell of Hanover. Mother of Bobby Fell and his wife Jamie of Hanover and Jenn Perry

and her husband Danny of NC. Nana of 4. Donations in memory of Terry may be made to American Diabetes Association, 260 Cochituate Road, #200, Framingham, MA 01701A.



FORMICHELLI, Jennifer, 47, of Mattapan. She was the daughter of the late Karen Taylor and Carl Formichelli. She is survived by her cherished dogs Murphy and Hooper as well as her cats Nuke, Paris, and Achilles; her father Carl; her fiancé Fillmore Parris; her brother Gregory; her nephews Nicholas and Lucas; and her sister-in-law Lina. Donations in Jennifer's memory may be made to the MSPCA, Charles River Alleycats, or to the financial aid program at Boston University Academy (by mail to BUA c/o Development Office, One University Road, Boston, MA 02215).



GROSS, Mary Claire "Claire" (Barrett), 91, of Hingham, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Robert E. Gross. Claire's siblings include Phyllis Boulton, William Barrett, and the late Catherine Sullivan, Paul Barrett, John Barrett, and Robert Barrett. She is survived by her children, Carol Wolff and her husband James of Edgartown, Robert E. Gross Jr., of Los Angeles, and Steven M. Gross and his wife Christine, of Rowley; "Nana" to 7. She also leaves behind numerous

nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.



JOYCE, Michael P., of Canton, originally from Dorchester. Son of the late Delia Joyce (McDonough) and father John Joyce. Predeceased by his wife Joanne L. Joyce (Derba). Father of Jeannemarie Joyce of Milton and Michael Joyce of Westwood. He is also survived by his son-in-law Keith Doucette and his daughter-in-law Kate Devlin Joyce. Grandfather of 4. Brother of John Joyce, Charles Joyce, Mary Clifford, Eileen Bayer, Annmarie Dickson, and Margaret Joyce. He is also survived by dozens of nieces and nephews, including the Joyce, Clifford, Bayer, Dickson, Pleasants, Larkkey, and Criess families. He served as the Chief of District Courts in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. He served as an Administrative Judge at the Department of Industrial Accidents; and as a partner in the successful law firm, Branca, Powell and Joyce. We ask that you make a donation to the Rian Immigration Center <https://www.rian-center.org/get-involved/support-us/> or Dana Farber at https://danafarber.jimmyfund.org/site/Donation2?df_id=2100&mfc_pref=T&2100.donation=form1&utm_source=dfh&utm_medium=button&utm_campaign=AGDFH031519&s_src=AGDFH031519

PAZ, Custodia (Segura) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Alberto Paz. Mother of Sonia Paz of East Bridgewater. Grandmother of 6. Stepmother of Wilfredo and Nelson Paz and Sonia Torrellas.

RITCHIE, Elizabeth, 92, of Dorchester, formerly of Milton. Sister of the late Frances Duca, Helen Lennox, George "Fraser" Ritchie, and Robert Ritchie. Elizabeth leaves behind her sister-in-law Jean Ritchie and friend Rebecca Heidgerd of Dorchester. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

SHIELDS, Stephen C., 53, of Quincy formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late William and Joanne (Graney) Shields. Brother of Kenneth Shields and his wife Kim, Maryanne Moses and her husband Joseph and Patricia Shields. Also survived by aunts, uncles and cousins.



SPEEN, Sonya T., 90, of Framingham, born in Boston, raised in Dorchester. Wife of the late Robert Speen. Mother of Jeff and his wife Trish. In addition to her son and daughter-in-law of Hopedale, she leaves many nieces, nephews and cousins. Donations in Sonya's memory may be made to Temple Beth Am, 300 Pleasant St., Framingham, MA 01701.

WARD, Charlie, 79, of Dorchester, the eldest son to the late Eugene and Lounice Ward in Mobile, Alabama. He was a professional tractor trailer driver for 32 years. Charlie is survived by his Sisters; Adell Ward (California), Mary Anderson (Alabama), Inez Rhone (Florida) and Angela Nadine Gardner (Joel) Georgia. Children; Alesia D. Ward-Harris (Bennie) Alabama, Charlie Ward Jr. (Omeka) Alabama, Jimmy Ward (Georgia), Linda Brown (Alabama), Dale Bellemay (deceased), Felicia D. Scott (Boston), Floyd Plump (Boston), Curtis Plump & Tanya (Boston), Derek McCall (Boston), Danielle D. Funderburg-Brown (Ohio), David Nelson (Boston), Wendell A. Ward (Ohio), Linda Terry (Alabama), Johnny Williams (Ohio) and Gerard Scott-Ward (Boston). Twenty-seven, Grandchildren and Twenty-three Great-grandchildren. Adopted children and god daughter. Alonzo Funderburg (Boston/Ohio), Nikita Funderburg (Ohio), Carol J. Creech (Boston) and Jasmine Scott (Boston). A host of nieces and nephews. His close friends; Moses Borders (Brenda), Carl Wilkerson, James Borders and Kenny McArdle.



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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304, & §5-405
Docket No. SU21P2226PM
IN THE MATTER OF
EDUARDO HENRY
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Eduardo Henry is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Public Guardian Services of Braintree, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/09/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Date: November 05, 2021
Published: November 11, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
NORFOLK DIVISION
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Docket No. NO21D0859DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
DARLENE M. MORSE
vs.
BRYANT A. MORSE
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Darlene M. Morse, 79 Heritage Lane, #3, Braintree, MA 02184 your answer, if any, on or before 12/15/2021. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. PATRICIA GORMAN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 4, 2021
Colleen M. Brierley
Register of Probate
Published: November 11, 2021



LE, Reverend Thanh Van, 68, of Dorchester originally from Vietnam. He is survived by his wife, Xuan Lan Nguyen; their three children and families: Thanh Xuan and Binh Bui with Hannah, Kaleb, and Levi; Thanh Duy; and Ruth Thanh Vi and Matthew Bui. Rev Thanh wished to donate the love gifts from his funeral to the CMA Theological School and other mission organizations.



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