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One of the new Red Line cars at an MBTA facility in South Boston. *Daniel Sheehan photo*

T to begin rebuild of Red Line with rollout of new train cars next spring

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

MassDOT Secretary Stephanie Pollock and MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak unveiled the first two (of six) pilot Red Line cars at a press conference at Cabot Yard in South Boston last Thursday, noting that they are expected to enter service beginning next spring.

The arrival of the pilots marks one of the first steps toward the T's complete rebuilding of the Red Line, a multiyear process that will involve infrastructure improvements, signal upgrades, and the full replacement of

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MBTA GM Steve Poftak

the Red Line car fleet.

“We’re fixing the system but we’re also modernizing it at the same time,” said Poftak. “2020 is going to be a big year for the T.”

The new cars boast wider doors for easier exit and entry, LED screens that will display maps and service updates, accessibility improvements, gap mitigation devices, emergency

intercom units, and automatic passenger counters. In general, they are slightly larger, with an increased capacity of about 18 to 20 additional passengers compared to the older models. The trains are also faster and have a more advanced acceleration and braking system, said Poftak, who explained that the process of growing the fleet will lead to a more efficient transit timetable.

“Right now we have 218 cars in the Red Line fleet. When this procurement is done, we’ll have 252 cars in the Red Line fleet. That’s going to allow us

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DAP exhibition turns a lens on the city’s dynamic music scene

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

“Staged: New Visions of Boston Music Photography,” a newly installed exhibition currently on display at Dorchester Art Project (DAP) in Fields Corner, offers a glimpse at some of the best photography work going on in Boston’s music scene.

At the exhibition’s opening reception last Thursday evening, “Staged” curators Jaypix

Belmer and Jenny Bergman told the *Reporter* that the object of the show was to train a lens on the newest generation of photographers popping up on the scene.

“I think photographers don’t always notice each other as much as they should,” said Belmer. “Boston needs a network. We’re hoping this show will help people connect and help get the word out.”

Belmer, who grew up in

Uphams Corner, has spent close to 20 years shooting the Boston music scene, mainly in the hip-hop and rap circles of Dorchester and Roxbury. A self-described “portrait photographer,” Belmer aims to be creative when she’s at work.

“When I shoot, I always try to create something iconic,” she said. “I think about it as getting someone to express their visual soul, and that’s

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Fourth at-large seat waits on recount as Mejia and St. Guillen camps reap signatures

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Last Tuesday’s election for Boston City Council-at-large ended with just ten votes separating the fourth and fifth place finishers, Julia Mejia and Alejandra St. Guillen.

St. Guillen initially conceded defeat on election night, but when unofficial city figures showed just a ten-vote win for Mejia, her campaign switched up and said they would seek a recount.

In a press conference last Wednesday, St. Guillen told reporters: “With the vote margin, so, so low, you have the possibility of suppressing the vote by not having every single person counted.”

Mejia said last week that she welcomes the recount, but that she has already won by getting this far. “I’ve never worked in a city government and have

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Julia Mejia: “Every voice and every vote matters.”



Alejandra St. Guillen: Making sure “every vote is counted.”

Jury says that tenants in Uphams Corner case can stay in their homes

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Two tenants facing eviction from an Uphams Corner apartment building won an 18-month legal battle last week that will allow them to stay in their homes.

According to renters and supporters from City Life/Vida Urbana, Greg McCarthy, the developer and owner of a

six-unit apartment building at 6 Humphreys Place, tried last year to “clear out” the building by issuing no-fault eviction notices to everyone living there, a process that had been initiated last year by the building’s previous owner.

“The Boston Housing Court jury awarded Jean Paul Doh and Tunde Kunnu possession of their property, meaning that they are allowed to stay in their apartment,” said Jason Colin, student attorney at HLAB and lead advocate in the case. “They were also awarded damages, which have not yet been calculated,” he added.

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Jenny Bergman, left, and Jaypix Belmer are co-curators of “Staged,” a DAP exhibition on photography.

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DOT BY THE DAY

Nov. 15 - 30, 2019

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

Friday (15th) – Sportsmen’s 2019 Tennis Ball will be held on Fri., Nov. 15 from 6-11 p.m. at Lombardo’s in Randolph. Featuring music from Wolrd Premier Band. Awards go to distinguished member Tracy Heather Strain, community builder American Heart Association and tennis trailblazer Leslie Allen. For more info on tickets (\$100) or sponsorships, contact Mary Long and 617-288-9092 or MLong@sportsmenstennis.org. See sportsmenstennis.org.

• Irish Pastoral Centre, 512 Gallivan Blvd. will host a performance by Annawon Weeden of Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to commemorate Native American Heritage Month, 6:30 p.m.. Suggested donation: \$10. Space is limited for both events. Call 617-265-5300 or email info@ipcbboston.org to reserve a seat.

Saturday (16th) – The Boston chapter of Brotherhood For the Fallen (BFTF) will host its 3rd annual fall fundraiser event from 7-11:30 p.m. at the IBEW Local 103 Hall on Freeport Street in Dorchester. To purchase tickets for the fundraiser event—\$40 apiece--visit brotherhoodboston.org.

• Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester Grand Drawing Gala at Fairmount Copley Plaza, 6 p.m. Contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org for tickets.

Monday (18th) – Ash Carter, former Secretary of Defense and director of Harvard’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, discusses his distinguished career and his new book, Inside the Five-Sided Box: Lessons from a Lifetime of Leadership in the Pentagon on Mon., Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. at the JFK Library. All Forums are free and open to the public. Reservations: call 617-514-1643 or register online at jfklibrary.org/forums.

Thursday (21st) – The next monthly meeting of the Boston State Hospital CAC will be held today from 6-8p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Thursday (28th) – Thanksgiving Day.

Saturday (30th) – City of Boston’s annual light and unite trolley tour of Dorchester village tree lightings, 4-8 p.m. In Peabody Square, the stop at 7 p.m. will include a ceremony to officially re-name the plaza outside of Ashmont station for the late Vincent A. Droser.



Vincent A. Droser

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Friends and family of Barbara Colby joined State rep. Dan Hunt and DCR officials at the ribbon cutting.
Katie Trojano photo

Rehabbed Colby playground is re-opened at Tenean Beach

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Community members, elected officials, and representatives from the Department of Conservation and Recreation gathered at the the Barbara Colby Playground at Tenean Beach last Friday afternoon to officially re-open the facility, which was built in 1985, renovated in 2005, and rehabilitated once again over the last year at a cost of \$350,000.

“This particular DCR playground has a unique Dorchester connection as it was named after a resident who devoted her adult life to local causes,” said DCR interim Commissioner Jim Montgomery. “Barbara Colby was born in 1941, attended St. Ann’s School, Fontbonne Academy, and was a dedicated girl scout while contributing to the Catholic Youth Organization.”

While thanking state Sen. Nick Collins and state Rep. Dan Hunt for their work and support of the project, he added, “As

an adult, she devoted her time to many community organizations and she was a positive figure in this community known for her enthusiasm, loyalty, and generosity. Today, DCR maintains Barbara Colby’s legacy with the completion of a new playground in her name.”

For his part, Hunt said: “This is an investment that represents a lot of what the Baker Administration has done across Dorchester. Sen. Linda Forry and I worked on an environmental bond bill when I first came in, and this is an example of it coming to fruition. I just wanted to thank the secretary and the commissioner for this investment; this is a great day for Dorchester and for the Port.”

Kathleen A. Theoharides, Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, said that she “couldn’t be more thrilled to honor Barbara’s legacy and her engagement in the

community in terms of revitalizing the space and making it a true community asset.”

She added, “I was told that this was moved out of a site where it was getting continuously flooded and it’s something we’re trying to do as an agency and a larger organization – to make sure that when we are making these investments we are making them in smarter places where they’re not going to get flooded out over time.”

In closing the ceremony, Barbara Colby’s brother, Jack Colby thanked “everybody who has put this together. It’s really been a delight to see it. The [old] playground had been really devastated by the water and it was all made out of wood and this new steel material is going to last for a long time. “I’d also like to thank my family and friends that have shown up here,” he said. “Thank you all for coming and enjoy the park.”

ZBA rejects proposal for Plain Street condos

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday rejected a developer’s proposal to replace a derelict single-family home with five condos on a nearly 19,000-square foot lot on Plain Street in Dorchester’s Neponset neighborhood. Most of the parcels on the street are closer to 5,000 square feet.

Residents said David Higgins’s proposed building, in an area where zoning calls for single-family homes, would be too large and out of character with the neighborhood. They also criticized Higgins for letting the existing property deteriorate, in part by using it to store construction debris and plow trucks.

Higgins’s attorney, George Morancy, had argued that unlike most multi-family proposals on side streets these days, the proposed building would not violate zoning requirements for density or distance from property lines. He asserted that without zoning relief for a multi-family building, Higgins could legally build two single-family homes of 4,700 square feet each.

Nearby residents were joined by the mayor’s office and City Councilors Frank Baker and Annissa Essaibi-George in opposing the proposal because of the number of units and its design. The board rejection vote was unanimous.

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Cameras could aid BPD in ‘blocking the box’ cases

Drivers who go too far into an intersection and block traffic from advancing in other directions would face penalties even if a police officer is not present under legislation Boston city officials touted last week.

The bills (H 2971 / S 2045) would allow municipalities to install cameras that would record photos and video of cars that begin moving

through a traffic light but do not clear the intersection before the signal changes.

The practice, often referred to as “blocking the box,” creates congestion headaches, and while police could pull drivers over to write citations, that often adds to traffic, according to Boston Police Department Deputy Superintendent Kevin McGoldrick.

“Enforcement by traditional measures is very challenging and arguably exacerbates the problem,” McGoldrick told the Joint Committee on Transportation at a Nov. 6 hearing.

Under the bills, violations could be issued based on recorded camera images. Supporters said the language includes privacy provisions that prevent that

information from being used for non-enforcement purposes.

The legislation would also allow municipalities to use cameras to impose violations on drivers who fail to stop for school buses, a proposal included in other bills the Transportation Committee is vetting.

- CHRIS LISINSKI
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UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Citizens Connect to Bayside public meeting on Nov. 16 – A public meeting to discuss the redevelopment of Bayside site will be held on Sat., Nov. 16 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Carson Place (BTU), 180 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester. Light breakfast and refreshments provided. For more info, see CitizensConnectBayside@gmail.com.

Public meeting on Pope Park playground set for Nov. 14 – The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on Thurs., Nov. 14 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Leahy Holloran Community Center to seek community input and present the conceptual design plans for reconstruction of Pope John Paul II Park playground.

Historical Society program on Nov. 17: “Every House Has a History” – The Dorchester Historical Society will host a special program, “Every House Has a History:

Where to Begin?” on Sunday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m. at the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester.

Codman Square, Four Corners honor ‘Hidden Heroes’ – The annual Hidden Heroes and Sheroes Celebration hosted by the Codman Square Neighborhood Council and the Greater Four Corners Action Coalition will be held on Fri., Nov. 22 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester, located at the corner of Washington Street and Talbot Avenue. To purchase tickets, visit codmansquarecouncil.org/csrc-events/hidden-heroes/.

Public meeting on Codman Square housing proposals – Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation’s proposal to build 23 affordable rental units with 12 parking spaces at 5-29 New England Ave. will be the subject of a public meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. at Codman Square Health Center’s

Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St. Dorchester. The meeting is sponsored by BPDA. Also planned for discussion: Codman Sq. NDC’s proposal to build 19 affordable rental units with 8 parking spaces on a portion of city-owned land at 270 Talbot Ave. and Spencer Street. Contact: Stephen Harvey, 617-918-4418 or stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

Community meeting on future of 260 Washington St. – TSNE MissionWorks will host a community meeting on the future direction and use of 260 Washington St. on Mon., Nov. 18, 6-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Register at rsvp260@tsne.org or go online to 260washington.eventbrite.com.

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Zoning questions dominate Mattapan Neighborhood Council session

By KEVIN PERRINGTON-TURNER

REPORTER CORRESPONDENT
At its monthly meeting at the Mildred Community Center a week ago Monday, the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) took up zoning issues, among other things, with city councillor at-large Michelle Wu and Larry DiCara, a former city councillor who now works as an attorney specializing in city zoning matters.

More than 50 people enjoyed food and drinks as they gave their opinions on how things are going in the neighborhood.

Wu, on the eve of her re-election, focused on her main cause: a revamp of the Boston Planning Development Agency (BPDA).

“The way that we do development in Boston right now is through a system of special approvals and exceptions,” she said. “Our base zoning code is so out of date that it is functionally obsolete. Every new development is a new negotiation rewriting zoning code for that spot without doing the planning to ensure the city can grow sustainably, equitably, and in a way

to remain affordable for our families.”

Wu added that the city’s growth needs to be better balanced with the needs of existing residents. “As long as we have a system where the majority of construction and development projects are having to go before the zoning board of appeals for a special approval and exception, we will always have a system that is driven by influence and relationships,” she said.

DiCara, who served several terms on the city council and grew up on the Mattapan-Dorchester line, spoke to the number of younger residents in the city and the importance of creating new housing for them.

“There’s a whole bunch of 20-somethings. A lot of folks don’t get married or don’t get married till they are older,” he noted. “So, all these 20-something people are looking for a place to live and often it’s not with mom and dad.”

“We have to take a look at the changing lives at all of us have lived,” he continued. “I have three daughters, all of them are 22. They lead a very different life than I do. They take Uber and Lyft

all the time, which brings extra cars on the streets. They also buy everything electronically, so more packages come which means we have delivery trucks and fewer trees,” he added.

Jessie Dambreville of Mattapan said more needs to be done to give residents a voice in development in the neighborhood.

“Mattapan is starting to go through massive growth with gentrification,” she said. “I’m not anti-growth, but I’m anti-gentrification and how it’s done. And that’s where zoning comes in. With population growth you’ve got to have space for people, but you have to do it smartly.”

Fatima Ali-Salaam, chair of the council, said zoning is “the issue” in the neighborhood right now. “You need growth and population always in order for any neighborhood to stay alive. There’s thousands of dust ball cities across the country with no population,” she said. “We need planned population growth, we need to be able to provide housing, we need to be able to provide jobs, schools, places of worship, all those things have to be met.”

She also offered her

vision of what’s in the future for Mattapan and the issue of zoning.

“I see more engagement by residents and actually going through the process and saying ‘we are the city’ and we don’t want to see anyone displaced. People not being able to afford to live. We don’t want to turn it into a Los Angeles where you have 10,000 people who are living on the streets who make \$150,000 a year that can’t afford a home.”



City Councillor Michelle Wu spoke to the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council on Nov. 4.
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For more information on future GMNC events, visit g-mnc.org or email info.gmncouncil@gmail.com.

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Miranda talks of family, Cape Verdean issues in first House speech

BY JACK GOLDMAN
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

In her first speech to the House chamber on Beacon Hill last month, state Rep. Liz Miranda, representing Roxbury and Dorchester in the Fifth Suffolk district, focused on urging her fellow representatives to fund a Cabo Verdean Cultural Center.

Miranda, the co-chair of the Cabo Verdean Cul-



Rep. Liz Miranda

tural Center Feasibility Commission, used the occasion to tell stories about her family: How her great-grandfather's

made his way from Cape Verde to Massachusetts, and how her grandfather kept his family afloat on his \$70 per week. She also let the rapper Ice Cube speak for her at one point.

"It is great, great honor and pride that I stand before you," Miranda said. "I never would have thought that a little girl born from a teenage mom like me would find her way into this significant chamber."

Miranda spoke about the Cape Verdean-American population that she represents. More than 50,000 people with roots in Cape Verde live in Boston, she said, noting the 45 percent of that number who live in her district. Another 30,000 live in Brockton, she added.

Miranda thanked voters who last year elected her to replace former representative Evandro Carvalho, quoting one of America's most famous hip-hop artists to emphasize what a historic choice her district made.

"To the people of the fifth Suffolk district representing parts of Rox-



State Rep. Liz Miranda, representing the Fifth Suffolk district, delivered her "maiden" speech in the House chamber last month. Photos courtesy Rep. Miranda's office

bury and Dorchester ... thank you for believing in me, voting for me to be your representative, and for advocating with me for increased resources for our state's most minority district—with 94 percent people of color," Miranda said.

"In the words of Ice Cube, 'Today is a good day!' It is a profound and meaningful day for

me and my district and Cape Verdeans all over the world."

Miranda asked her colleagues to support granting \$200,000 in state funds for the survey by the Feasibility Commission that Rep. Carvalho put together in 2017.

The study "is an important initial first step that will determine how and where we can have

the most impact for Cape Verdeans in Boston and throughout the Commonwealth," she said. "Cultural and community centers are critical to our communities. They unite us, they are safe spaces for all ages to learn and grow, they provide valuable social services, and they are places to affirm and hold our stories, our histories,

and the promises for tomorrow."

Miranda's speech was received with a standing ovation — a customary gesture for all inaugural speeches in the House. The House ultimately authorized \$75,000 for the study in an amendment to the upcoming budget, according to the current version of the bill.

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Community Meeting

260 Washington Street, Dorchester

Monday, November 18, 2019

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Refreshments served

Please join TSNE MissionWorks for a discussion on the future direction and use of 260 Washington Street.

TSNE MissionWorks is engaging stakeholders in a community meeting with Massachusetts State Representative Russell Holmes and Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell to discuss the history of the project, hear the needs of the surrounding community, and ensure that the property is held as a long-term community asset.

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In 2014, TSNE MissionWorks purchased the property as a long-term asset for community use, with a vision for robust, vibrant services and programming for the residents of the Four Corners and Bowdoin-Geneva neighborhoods.

Learn more about TSNE online: www.tsne.org

Map tells the story of Wu’s dominance in citywide voting

Boston City Councillor Michelle Wu was the top vote-getter in the Nov. 5 election, coasting to re-election and garnering some 7,500 votes more than Annissa Essaibi-George, who finished second in the at-large contest.

Wu, whose name has been floated as a possible challenger to Mayor Marty Walsh, topped the at-large ticket in most of the city’s 255 precincts — repeating a feat she accomplished in September’s preliminary election.

As you can see in the attached map, Wu — represented by the color blue — finished first in precincts across the

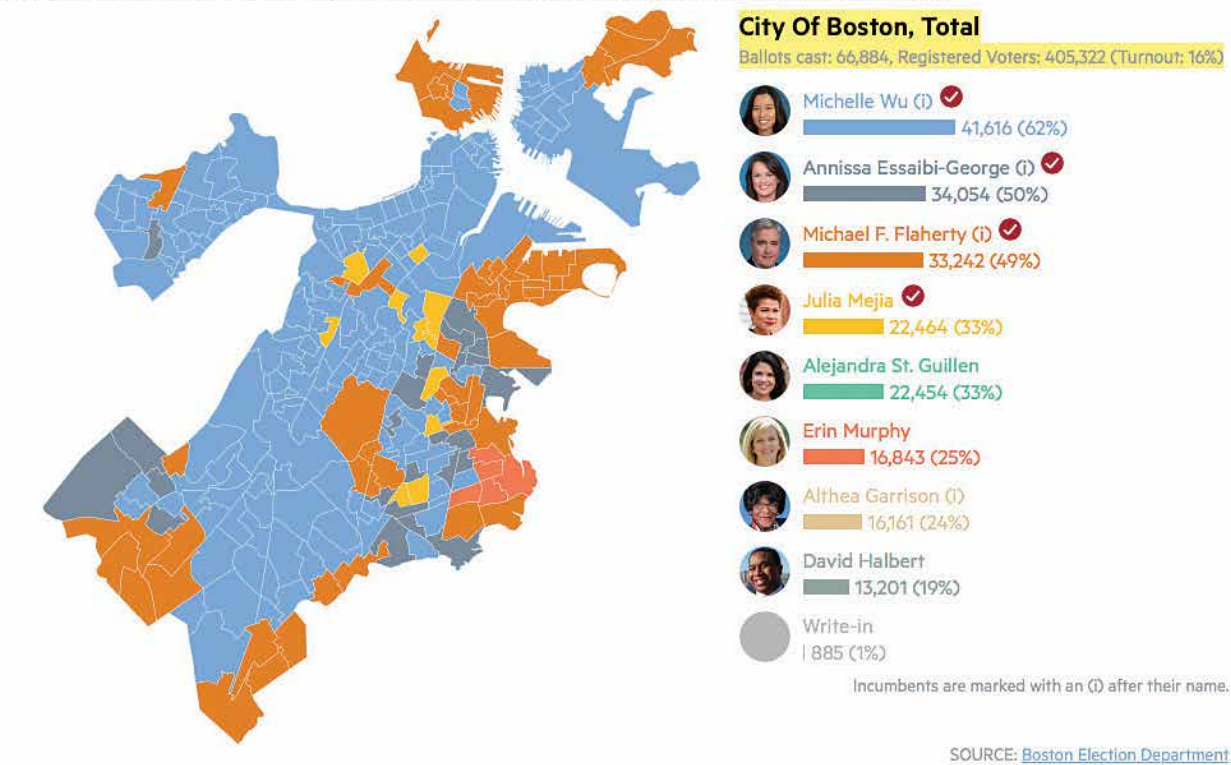
city, from East Boston to Allston to Hyde Park. Councillor Michael Flaherty, who finished third Tuesday and is represented below by orange, also followed a trend from the preliminary, topping the ticket in certain corners of the city, including South Boston and Charlestown.

Julia Mejia won the fourth at-large seat and gets the fourth check mark — at least for now. According to the unofficial results, she beat fellow first-time candidate Alejandra St. Guillen by just 10 votes, leading St. Guillen to call for a recount.

— WBUR

Results: 2019 At-Large Boston City Council

Results by precinct. Colors correspond to the top vote-getter in that precinct. Voters can select up to four candidates. A candidate's percentage is the share of ballots on which the candidate was picked. Click/tap to see data for each precinct.



Fourth at-large seat waits on recount as camps reap signatures

(Continued from page 1) no real political backing to that extent,” she told WBUR. “I think that we have won because we have shown other people what is possible when we step into our power.”

In a tweet on Tuesday, Mejia wrote, “our messaging throughout the campaign has been to amplify voices that aren’t heard and feel left out of government processes.

This recount is crucial in making sure that every voice and every vote matters. Now is the time to make that happen.”

She’s also asked that volunteers looking to help her campaign come into the campaign office and sign a petition, help gather petition signatures in neighborhoods, sign up to be a recount observer, or donate to help cover costs the campaign

will incur, including for legal counsel.

Also on Tuesday, St. Guillen’s campaign manager, Jessica Bahena, told the *Reporter* that “we are deeply thankful for over 80 volunteers who have mobilized across the city to support us in making sure we reach the Nov. 15 deadline and that every vote is counted.”

Here is a look at the

recount process:

- St. Guillen’s campaign will need to collect 50 signatures of registered voters for each ward where a recount is sought within 10 days of the election, which is Nov. 15. For her part, Mejia, the unofficial winner, has decided to also canvass for the necessary signatures of registered voters.

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Mejia wrote, “Our messaging throughout this campaign has been to amplify voices that aren’t heard and feel left out of government processes.”

- The Boston Election Department will coordinate with the Secretary of State’s office to set up the recount, if St. Guillen’s team submits the paperwork on time.
- Absentee ballots from overseas must be



received by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, to be counted.

Secretary of State Bill Galvin hopes the recount is complete by the end of the month. “They have the option and most probably will ask for a hand count of the 66,000 ballots, which means...each card will be individually examined to make sure that choices are counted,” he told WBUR.

A Cherished Boston Tradition

The National Center of Afro-American Artists proudly presents the 49th season of Langston Hughes’ Black Nativity. Based on text from the Gospel of St. Luke and interwoven with black vernacular narration, the song-play is dedicated to women and men of “good will”. Its lively music is enthusiastically performed by children and adults and its dramatic dance uplifts the spirit of all.

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The Me2 Orchestra a welcoming place for musicians on a ‘stigma-free’ mission



After being diagnosed with bipolar disorder, conductor Ronald Braunstein founded the Me2/ Orchestra to “erase stereotypes” of people with mental illness. The documentary “Orchestrating Change” follows members of the orchestra as they live with their diagnoses. (Screengrab from “Orchestrating Change”)

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Ronald Braunstein, an internationally acclaimed music conductor, saw his career derailed after he revealed that he had bipolar disorder. In 2011, with the goal of removing stigmas attached to mental illness, he founded Me2/ Orchestra, the world’s first music organization for people suffering from mental illness.

Now, a documentary film about the Me2/ Orchestra’s members and their experiences is spreading the word about Braunstein’s life-changing organization. The Grove Hall branch of the Boston Public Library will host a screening of “Orchestrating Change” this Thursday (Nov. 14) at 5:30 p.m. Margie Friedman, co-director of “Orchestrating Change,” told the Reporter that it was “an honor” to share the orchestra’s story. “They’ve created a really stigma-free zone,” she said. “Half are living with mental illness, and half not, so it’s a model for how society could work with compassion, understanding, and acceptance.” After founding the orchestra in Burlington, Vermont, with his wife, Caroline Whiddon, Braunstein started a second branch of the organization in Boston, which rehearses weekly at VietAID in Fields Corner. The orchestra accepts members who live

with mental illness or are allies to those living with mental illness. No audition is required, and that sense of openness allows members to pursue their musical interests in a judgement-free zone, said Friedman.

“Ronald has become a mentor to them, because he’s been through what they’re going through,” she added, “and he continues to go through that.”

Beth Langan, a retired Dorchester resident with little musical experience, said she was looking for a creative way to occupy her free time when she heard about the Me2/ Orchestra and decided to pursue her dream of learning to play the fiddle. “I heard there were no auditions and said, ‘This is the orchestra for me!’” she said with a laugh.

Despite being a novice, Langan said she was welcomed with open arms by Braunstein and the rest of the orchestra. “I’m absolutely committed to his leadership,” she said. “It’s very specific and totally supportive, and I’m also learning things about music that I didn’t know...usually people at his level of competence are really not interested in people who aren’t very good but enjoy playing. It’s a very open yet rigorous approach to music.”

Langan added that the experience has made her more aware of the ways mental illness can impact people’s everyday lives. “In spite of the fact that

I qualify as someone living with mental illness, I have learned so much about it,” she said. “Just to give an example, something like OCD is a serious life-altering struggle; it’s not just wanting to keep things tidy. I’ve begun to see it in myself, and the older I get, the more pronounced it is.” Betty Hillmon, another Dorchester resident and accomplished cellist who was recruited to the orchestra by a mutual friend, said attending rehearsals opened her eyes to the prevalence of mental illness, a reality that affects one out of five Americans, including herself.

“A strange thing happened,” she said. “Being in the orchestra, I began to realize I’ve been having dips of depression for years and didn’t know it. The more I thought about it, I realized this is what people are talking about: you don’t go down to the bottom of the hole, you go halfway. I’ve learned a lot about myself by being in this orchestra. What I’m learning about is the reality. ... I now look at people and no longer assume anything.” That process of eliminating stigma is at the heart of the organization, as well as the film, said Friedman. At screenings and Q&A panels about the documentary, she explained, audience members have shared their experiences with mental illness, which Friedman called “one

of the last taboo subjects.” She hopes the film gives people an accurate portrait of that reality, with all the good and bad that comes with it. “It would have been easy to make a fluff piece about the orchestra, but the members wanted to show it like it is, and show all aspects of it. With mental illness there are ups and downs,” she said. “People have setbacks and they pick themselves up and keep going. We filmed for two years, and we followed them through accomplishments and setbacks. Two were hospitalized, one was incarcerated, but what was fantastic is they always returned to the orchestra. They were welcomed back, no questions asked. It’s an incredible support community for them, and it has changed their lives in ways they never imagined.” Thursday’s screening at the Grove Hall BPL will be followed by a panel discussion featuring the film’s co-directors, Margie Friedman and Barbara Multer-Wellin, as well as Ronald Braunstein, the orchestra’s music director, Caroline Whiddon, its executive director, a musician from the orchestra, and David Jones, M.D., Ph.D., a medical historian and medical ethicist at Harvard University who also directs the Arts and Humanities Initiative at Harvard Medical School. The screening is free and open to the public.

Podcast puts its focus on tenant grit in ’60s,’70s at Columbia Point project

A new podcast from Jacobin magazine and the Economic Hardship Reporting Project focuses on the Columbia Point public housing project and how its tenants struggled with, and organized against, horrific living conditions and the busing crisis in the 1960s and 1970s.

The podcast, “A People’s History,” is adapted from the book written

by the historian and political scientist Howard Zinn and sets its sights on “important events in working class history” told from the perspective of organizers and working-class people.

The first chapter, “The Point: Rebellion and Resistance in Boston Public Housing,” which will debut with Episode 1 on Nov. 14, tells “the untold story of the tenant

struggles in and around Boston public housing.”

The podcast, which producer Rosie Gillies calls “a great oral history project of Dorchester,” features interviews from dozens of Boston residents and activists, including longtime community organizer Mel King and former city councillor Chuck Turner.

“It’s a story about regular people—mainly black

mothers—standing up to the mayor’s office, organizing sit-ins to get the services they were owed, fighting evictions, and creating their own power,” said Gillies.

The podcast will be available to stream with a Patreon account at peopleshistorypod.net beginning Thurs., Nov. 14.

—DANIEL SHEEHAN

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Thurs., Nov. 14, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Help; 3 p.m. – Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; Ornament Making Workshops. **Fri., Nov. 15**, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. **Mon., Nov. 18**, 3:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Fields Corner Community Meeting. **Tues., Nov. 19**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Ukulele Classes for Kids. **Wed., Nov. 20**, 10 a.m. – Adult Stress Relief Coloring; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; Ornament Making Workshops. **Thurs., Nov. 21**, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; Ornament Making Workshops.

GROVE HALL BRANCH
Thurs., Nov. 14, – 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Club; 5:30 p.m. – Orchestrating Change Film Screening and Panel Discussion. **Fri., Nov. 15**, 10:30 a.m. – Short Preschool Movies; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. **Sat., Nov. 16**, 11 a.m. – ESL Conversation Group. **Mon., Nov. 18**, – 11 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Tues., Nov. 19**, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Wed., Nov. 20**, 10 a.m. – Creative Writing Workshops; 1:30 p.m. – Knit/Crochet Circle; 3 p.m. – Anime Club; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; Kids Cooking with Miss Debbie. **Thurs., Nov. 21**, – 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 4 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Club. .

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MATTAPAN BRANCH
Thurs., Nov. 14, 12 p.m. – Senior Jewelry Making Class; 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – GrubStreet Presents: Poetry/Hip Hop Storytelling; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Club; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Sleepy Story Time; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. **Fri. Nov. 15**, 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 10 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Lapsit; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; Smart From the Start Story Hour. **Sat., Nov. 16**, 9 a.m. – Vertieres Book Fair; 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class; 12:30 p.m. – Zumba with Carlina; 1:30 p.m. – Haitian-Creole; 2 p.m. – Vertieres Book Fair. **Mon., Nov. 18**, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Tues., Nov. 19**, 10 a.m. – Toddler Time; 2:30 p.m. – Beginning Meditation; 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Tinker Time. **Wed., Nov. 20**, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 1:30 p.m. – Knit/Crochet Circle; 3 p.m. – Full STEAM Ahead; 3:30 p.m. – n Homework Help.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., Nov. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Make and Take: Photo Holder. **Mon., Nov. 18**, 10:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 2:45 p.m. – Kids Cooking with Miss Debbie; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Make It Mondays: Science: Cloud Dough. **Tues., Nov. 19**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Wed., Nov. 20**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help.

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People

News about people
in and around our Neighborhoods

Dot unions donations help veterans connect with jobs

By JACK GOLDMAN
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Building trades unions based in Dorchester donated \$13,000 to Helmets to Hardhats at a State House fundraising event last Friday. Helmets to Hardhats aims to connect National Guard, Reserve, and transitioning active-duty military members with trades unions jobs, according to a release from the Massachusetts Building Trades Council.

The overall union fundraising effort ultimately delivered more than \$65,000 to the charity.

Said Peter Carpenter, a National Guard veteran who teaches apprentices with Operating Engineers Local 4 in Medway: “The Helmets to Hardhats program is a great resource for the young men and women coming out of the military today, and a great resource for the building trades to gain qualified, disciplined people with a proven work ethic.”

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Pictured (l-r): NECA Greater Boston Executive Manager Glenn Kingsbury, Helmets to Hardhats Executive Director Darrell Roberts, Massachusetts Building Trades Council President Frank Callahan, and IBEW Local 103 Business Agent Jay Frasier.

ing Trades Council President Frank Callahan emphasized that supporting charities such as Helmets to Hardhats is doing right by veterans who have put so much on the line for their country.

“We are honored to work with Helmets to Hardhats and to provide career opportunities for our returning veterans,” he said. “There will always be a place in the building trades for these

brave men and women who epitomize sacrifice, selflessness, discipline, honor, and commitment. They embody the values of our unions.”

Darrell Roberts, executive director of Helmets

to Hardhats, expressed optimism about the charity’s ability to connect with supporters and the futures of returning veterans.

“Every time I come to this event, I see more

and more people willing to help. I see more and more people wanting to make sure that our veterans are taken care of.

“It’s a win for everyone,” he added. “You serve your country, you should have the ability to find a good career. You should have the ability to feed your family with honor and dignity. You should be able to retire with your head held high and be able to do whatever you want to do with your life.”

Donations by the unions based in Dorchester included \$5,000 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103, \$2,500 each from the Plumbers & Gasfitters Local 12, the New England Regional Council of Carpenters, and Pipefitters Local 537. Heat & Frost Insulators Local 6 and the Iron Workers District Council of New England each donated \$1,000.

Fundraiser at IBEW Hall on Saturday aims to raise funds for families of fallen police officers

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

The Boston chapter of Brotherhood for the Fallen (BFTF), a national organization that provides support for families of police officers murdered in the line of duty, will host its 3rd annual fall fundraiser this Saturday (Nov. 16) from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at the IBEW Local 103 Hall on Freeport Street.

In addition to Boston, BFTF has chapters in New York, Fort Worth, Aurora, Dallas, and Chicago.

Boston police officer Patrick Munroe, who founded the Boston chapter two years ago, described how the organization has built a support network for fallen officers and their families that crosses state lines.

“When an officer is killed in the line of duty, we’ll send officers to the wake and funeral services,” said Munroe. “Each chapter sends an officer, and we assist with logistics for flights, funeral services, and also make a donation to the family.”

Munroe said the Boston

chapter sent officers to nearly 70 funerals in the past year. After beginning with just four members, the organization has grown to include 540 officers today.

Munroe’s sense of duty comes from a personal vision for change: A close friend who was a NYPD officer was killed in the line of duty in 2007. Given that, he said, the recent murders of Sgt. Sean Gannon of the Yarmouth Police and Sgt. Michael Chesna of the Weymouth Police hit close to home. They also lent a sense

of urgency and gravity to his work with BFTF, he added.

“It’s an important thing, especially now, that people need to realize that police officers are people too. They have families...a lot of times people see us as the first line of government, but they don’t see the story behind the person. It’s about not leaving families behind because it could be any one of us. We all know that.”

The yearly fundraiser at IBEW has done a lot to boost BFTF’s profile, said Munroe. Last year, Gov. Charlie Baker

was in attendance, and this year, Boston Police Commissioner William Gross will serve as keynote speaker. At-large city councillor Annissa Essaibi-George, a supporter of the organization, will also be in attendance.

Price of admission to the event, which will also include a silent auction, raffles, food, a cash bar, and live music from Boston-based cover band Bearfight, is \$40.

To purchase tickets, visit brotherhoodboston.org.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

*At the Dorchester Historical Society, we have been featuring mini-biographies of Dorchester residents who served in World War I. This week’s profile, excerpted from the text written for the Society by Julie Wolf, features **Louis Ferdinand Korb**.*

He was born at 118 Longwood Avenue in Boston on May 17, 1887, the sixth child of Joseph Korb, a hairdresser from Bavaria, Germany, and Alice Towle of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, the daughter of Irish émigrés. There were 10 other children in the family, the eldest of whom, Ellen, succumbed to diphtheria at age 2 in 1881. In the 1900 census, the Korb’s Dorchester household at 1 Baker’s Court contained 14 members: Louis and his siblings, their parents, their mother’s sister, and two male boarders. Sisters Alice and Frances and their aunt were laborers at the Baker Choco-



Louis Ferdinand Korb

late Factory, as were many neighbors. The two boarders and Louis’s brother, William, were hairdressers like Louis’s father.

In June 1902, Louis graduated from the Gilbert Stuart School in Dorchester Lower Mills. Earlier that month, the Boston Globe had described a civic affair in Milton with

“350 in attendance” at which Louis provided music. Snippets mentioning Louis’s presence as a pianist and song conductor at similar events were published throughout the decade. Later in life, through the 1920s and 1930s, such performances, particularly at events hosted by the Knights of Columbus (he was a member of Milton’s Bishop Cheverus Council), continued to garner press.

Louis remained in the family home through both of his parents’ deaths, his father’s in 1911 and his mother’s in 1915. (His sister Florence, 26, died two weeks after their mother, of lobar pneumonia.) When he registered for the draft in 1917, his registration card listed 2145 Dorchester Avenue as his address, but his service card showing 1066. Thirty years old when drafted, described as single and afflicted with “heart trouble,” Louis worked as an

organist at St. Mary’s Church in Quincy. His service during the war was relatively short. He was a sergeant detective, general staff, in the Army’s Military Intelligence Division. He enlisted on Aug. 29, 1918, and was discharged on April 24, 1919.

In 1920, Louis resumed his long career as a piano teacher at 1177 Washington Street in Dorchester (possibly a music school) and became a piano salesman at Hallet & Davis at 179 Tremont Street in Boston, a job he held through at least 1937.

By the time Louis registered for World War II’s “Old Man’s Draft” in 1942, he was living at 28 Sanford Street. Still a salesman and teacher, he had a new employer: M. Steinert & Sons, Boston’s preeminent piano showroom at 162 Boylston Street. The store is still there today. Following the end of WWII, Louis, still employed, cruised extensively to Latin

America, and to Europe.

In 1957, Louis ventured closer to home: to Manhattan. It was there he died, on Aug. 31, 1957 – “suddenly,” according to his obituary. He was 70 years old. Following a funeral Mass at St. Gregory’s Church in Dorchester, he was buried at Roslindale’s Mount Cavalry Cemetery, as his parents and three of his sisters had been decades before.

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

Editorial

Election delivers historic City Council

Last week’s election for Boston City Council drew about 16.5 percent of the city’s electorate to the polls. The underwhelming turnout notwithstanding, the results of the election were notable for many reasons. Firstly, when seated in January 2020, the new council will be the most diverse in terms of ethnicity and gender in city history. Eight of the 13 councillors will be women. A majority of the council— 7 of the 13— will be people of color. There is an open question at the moment as to who will be seated in the fourth at-large council slot. But whether it’s Julia Mejia or Alejandra St. Guillen who prevails following a recount, the council will add a Latina voice to its chamber.

Mejia surged between the preliminary— in which she placed fifth— and the Nov. 5 final. In Mattapan and parts of Dorchester, where she has long been a resident, Mejia posted strong showings. Often, she was in the top four. In some places, like Mildred Ave’s 17-7 precinct, Mejia actually topped the ticket over the incumbents. She finished third at Codman Square Library. She grabbed the fourth spot at one of the two Lower Mills precincts (17-14).

St. Guillen was stronger in her own base— Mission Hill, JP, Roslindale. But she showed weakness in predominantly African-American precincts across wards 13, 14, 15 and 17.

Most impressive, of course, was Councillor Michelle Wu, who topped the ticket with 20.7 percent of the citywide vote. She captured 41,616 votes— about 7,000 more than her two colleagues who came in second and third— Annissa Essaibi-George and Michael Flaherty.

Essaibi-George, it should be noted, was impressive in her own right. Tuesday marked her debut in second place. Her vote total continued to grow across the city and she topped the ticket in 23 of the city’s precincts, including in places like West Roxbury and Allston. She was consistently second behind Wu across Boston. It’s notable, too, since Essaibi-George was not “ticketed up” with other candidates. Wu joined forces with St. Guillen and District 7 Councillor Kim Janey, for example. Essaibi-George carved her own path to victory and has assembled a base of support that is now truly citywide.

In District 5, Ricardo Arroyo prevailed over Maria Esdale Farrell. Both candidates have deep roots in Hyde Park, but it was Arroyo who made the more effective appeal to voters in Roslindale and Mattapan. He won 22 of the 30 precincts in the district. The 54-45 margin of victory for Arroyo was a matter of 927 votes in his favor. (The total tally was 5,325-4,398.)

Of the three new faces who will join the council in January (Liz Breadon will represent Allston-Brighton, filling a vacancy left by Mark Ciommo), Arroyo may be the most intriguing. The 32-year-old son of Boston’s first-ever Latino councillor— Felix A. Arroyo— he was reared in a family devoted to public service and politics. He went to law school, became a public defender and has been an advisor to Suffolk County DA Rachael Rollins.

Arroyo speaks bluntly— yet eloquently— about the racial divide in Boston and how his own experience in a trailblazing Boston family has taught him how to navigate and improve the city.

In District 4, Andrea Campbell won her third term as councillor for Mattapan and Dorchester by defeating Jeff Durham by a staggering margin of nearly 88 percent. The raw vote count was 5,732-492. There was never really any question as to the outcome of this little-watched race. This election offers ample evidence that Campbell has mastered the job of solidifying her base.

The Boston City Council’s Class of 2020 will be more diverse and more progressive than the one now seated. That’s a good thing for the city. **Bill Forry**

What election results from last week might mean for the Latino community

By Lauren Sampson
And Iván Espinoza-Madrigal

Given the authority vested in our local elected officials, Tuesday’s election represents a critical turning point for Boston. For the first time in the city’s history, women and people of color will represent a majority on the City Council — 7 of its 13 members will be people of color; eight will be women. In one of the least affordable cities in the country, many of the winning candidates touted their records as housing activists, running grassroots campaigns focused on housing affordability, racial justice, and economic inequality.

Boston has been a majority-minority city in the last two censuses and children of color make up more than 85 percent of the students attending Boston Public Schools (BPS). We shouldn’t be surprised that diverse candidates won on platforms that prioritized issues pertinent to communities of color and communities of immigrants.

We should be shocked that it took so long for Boston to get here.

The absence of Latinx representation in City Hall has been striking, and last Tuesday’s election results are an important corrective. Regardless of whether Julia Mejia or Alejandra St. Guillen prevails in a recount, it will mark the first-ever election of a Latina councillor, as well as the first election of a Latino, Ricardo Arroyo, in several years.

Even though the push to reduce racial disparities has long been portrayed in Boston as a struggle between black and white residents (the busing battles of the 1970s are emblematic of that), Latinx residents now constitute about one-fifth of Boston’s population.

Just over 42 percent of BPS students are Latinx. Indeed, Latinx population growth is responsible for 92 percent of Boston’s population growth since 1980. Over the next two decades, this growth will be fueled more by domestic migration and natural population growth than international immigration, in part because the median age of these residents is more than 10 years younger than the population at large. Latinx residents make up just shy of 15 percent of all workers in Suffolk County and 10 percent of all Boston business owners. And this population is incredibly diverse, encompassing Puerto Ricans, Salvadorans, Colombians, Mexicans, Brazilians, and Guatemalans in neighborhoods throughout the city.

Despite these contributions to Boston’s population and economy, Latinx residents in Boston and the state fare worse than their white counterparts on almost every metric, from household income and homeownership, to education and access to leader-

Neighbors want the city to take charge of Richardson Park, home of the Blake House

By Cara Gillis
Special to The Reporter

Residents who live in the neighborhood surrounding Richardson Park would like the care and maintenance of the park now provided by state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to be taken over by the city of Boston.

The park, located between East Cottage Street and Columbia Road, is best known as the home of the historic Blake House, Boston’s oldest residence.

For the past five years, residents have found that dealing with the DCR on a variety of issues has not been productive. We believe the city of Boston would be a more responsive partner when it comes to these issues, the first of which is the scarcity of trash cans.

Currently, the park has one poorly located, often overflowing trash can for the entire area. As a result, it is frequently blanketed in litter.

The 7-Eleven and the KFC located in a nearby square serve as sources for much of the trash. Kids use the path on the hill as a shortcut to school and it is frequently littered with trash and dog waste. There are plenty of neighbors who try to help out by picking up trash when they can, but the lack of barrels makes this inconvenient to do on a regular basis.

Nearby Meaney Playground, at the intersection of East Cottage, Pleasant, and Pond streets, has a fenced-in play area with a climbing structure, swings, and benches, but no trash can. Years ago, there were two well-used trash cans in the park. If there was litter, concerned neighbors picked it up and put it in the cans.

Both cans disappeared and were not returned, despite repeated requests from neighbors. DCR seemed attentive and would respond to our concerns with various, sometimes confusing excuses.

Finally, this year, we were told that the barrels were intentionally removed to “encourage park users to embrace a carry in-carry out trash policy.”

We were finally given a clear answer - that it was against their policy to provide our neighborhood park with trash barrels – so we enlisted the help

ship roles. Indeed, in early 2018, Massachusetts was ranked the worst state in the country by the Economic Policy Institute, a nonpartisan think tank, for economic and social disparities between white and Latinx residents.

If Latinx communities are shut out of political decision-making and civic leadership roles — and if they are unable to afford college tuition or a mortgage — these disparities, along intertwined racial and economic lines, will only worsen. Representation matters. When debating solutions to the crisis facing minority- and women-owned businesses (who receive less than one percent of city contracts), who has a seat at the table matters. When developments such as Suffolk Downs impinge on the Latinx community in East Boston, who is deciding makes a difference.

Given the primacy of housing to candidates’ campaigns, we would not be surprised if this council prioritizes affordability, pushing for increased community engagement and transparency in development projects under Boston Planning and Development Agency review, which disproportionately displace immigrants and people of color.

Since 2013 alone, 19 large residential projects have been approved in East Boston, of which Suffolk Downs is the latest and largest. These projects cannot be considered in isolation, but must be analyzed in the context of community needs in order to avoid yet another Seaport.

That two Latinx representatives will sit on the City Council means the growing Latinx community will have more allies, and more authority figures dedicated to correcting our lack of representation. The urgency cannot be overstated. Boston’s Latinx community is suffering. Consider the “severe” representation gap between Latinx students and teachers at BPS, or the Boston Police Department’s entanglement with federal immigration officials to apprehend and deport Boston residents.

We can no longer treat diversity and inclusion in terms of the black-white binary that has plagued Boston’s racial politics for decades. Instead, we must ensure that our political institutions fully reflect the communities they serve, so that Latinx students, workers, and business owners can have a meaningful voice and full participation in Boston’s political and economic life.

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Campbell proposal for city IG gets mixed reviews at hearing

**By KATIE TROJANO
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City Council President Andrea Campbell's proposal to create a city office of Inspector General (IG) received a full hearing last Thursday at City Hall.

Campbell's proposed ordinance would give the IG a broad purview to investigate complaints of waste, mismanagement, and corruption across city government while promoting efficiency and holding city departments accountable to taxpayers.

"I wanted to be very

clear that the ordinance is not meant to be reactionary," Campbell said during the hearing. "I don't want folks to get the sense that the city of Boston has some corrupt government where employees are going rogue. That is far from the case. We have a workforce that is dedicated."

"The vision for this," she added, "is how can we set up an office that works in partnership with the state Inspector General, who is here with us today, and does so at the local level, not from a reactive stance

but from a proactive stance."

Per Campbell's proposal, the city IG would be appointed by an advisory board consisting of community members and city employees and would serve a five-year term. To protect the office from political reprisal, the IG could not be removed from office except for cause. Additionally, he or she would have a floor set for an annual budget, and would have the power to issue and enforce subpoenas.

"This came about through looking at various appointment structures for other municipalities across the country," said Campbell. "The Community Preservation Act (CPA) is also a great example of where we used a public process and a community process to appoint a committee that oversees those dollars. The independence really has to come from the appointment itself."

State Inspector General Glenn Cuhna took the occasion to talk about his responsibilities and his thoughts on creating a companion IG in the state's capital city.

"With regard to the city, we've been here serving the city of Boston," he said, "and we are going to continue serving the city of Boston. The issues that are important here are having an office that's independent, that provides confidentiality, and that is willing to collaborate and have relationships with taxpayers and agencies."

Councillor Michael Flaherty, the chair of the Committee on Government Operations, asked Cuhna, "Would it be fair to say that you're saying we already have that?" Cuhna replied, "Yes."

Boston Finance Commission (FinCom) chief Sheriece Perry encouraged the committee to consider the roles the state Inspector General and the FinCom already play in holding state and city agencies accountable.

"I believe that the role of the Commission serves the purpose that is intended by the ordinance that you are proposing at this time. I think that with the appropriate support of the Commission, there's a lot more that we can achieve," said Perry,

who added, "Although we are appointed by the Governor's office, the city of Boston pays the budget for the Boston Finance Commission, so it's well within your budgetary powers to be able to increase that."

Richard Ianella, who volunteers on the Boston FinCom, spoke about the work that the commission does: "In closing, let me say this: Very quietly, very effectively the Boston Finance Commission is doing its job. We are looking to change the lives of those in the city, and to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in Boston."

Campbell answered that having an independent IG's office at the city level would yield many benefits. "My concern is around you all having to be invited in by departments to do trainings, to be as proactive as you would like," she said. "This new position "would separate the invitation, responsibility or privilege from the administration to an independent office that is mandated and equipped with the power to act without invitation."

"No one is really going into these departments and ensuring that the policies on paper are being implemented in the spirit in which they were written," Campbell said. "None of these offices cover that specifically, which is why the scope which is defined in the ordinance is broader than the Finance Commission and the [state's] IG's office, but with the expectation that this office would work with all of you."

Councillor Matt O'Malley offered his backing to Campbell, saying, "I support the efforts of what the council president is trying to do here, and I understand some concerns over the duplication of efforts, but I think that this in an opportunity to provide more avenues for the population of the city and beyond."

This week, Campbell told the *Reporter*, "After our hearing, I am more convinced than before that we need this office in the city of Boston, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to get something done by the end of the year."

Plamen Karadonev Trio marks return of the Dot Jazz Series

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR**
The Dot Jazz Series will be back in All Saints' Peabody Hall this Thurs. (Nov. 14) with music from the Plamen Karadonev Trio. A native of Bulgaria who plays the piano and accordion, Karadonev moved to Boston in the early 2000s and has been immersed in the city's jazz scene ever since.

Stylistically, he draws from a base of classical and traditional folk music, incorporating certain elements into more contemporary jazz tunes. Karadonev explained how that mix of influences comes out in his compositions:

"Folk music is in the foundation of much of the classical and contemporary styles that we know today," he said. "We often see examples of folk music from different parts of the world using the same modes and rhythms as contemporary music... for the past several years I have continued exploring and drawing material from my native folk music again, which I have always loved and continue to be fascinated by its rhythms and melodies."

Karadonev's trio will be rounded out by the harpist Charles Overton and the drummer Austin McMahon. The bandleader expressed excitement about playing with each of them:

"Charles is an extremely versatile and rare kind of musician not only because of the instrument he plays but also because he

has taken the challenge to play bass on the harp in my trio as well, as he is capable of doubling all other parts in the music. He has great credentials for his young age such as performances with the Boston and New York symphony orchestras.

"Austin is one of the most sought-after drummers in Boston and New England. He is an excellent musician, also a jazz composer, very open minded, and eager to explore new music that we create together. I am truly grateful for the chance to have them both in my band!"

Karadonev said the audience can expect to hear a blend of different genres Thursday night. "We have prepared some of my latest compositions that meld jazz, folk, EDM, bass and drum and other contemporary styles. Besides having a harp in the band, I also play accordion in addition to piano and keys.

"We will be joined by vocalist Elena Koleva, a faculty member at Berklee College. Elena has a truly unique sound and adds another dimension to my music and to the already broad diversity in the group."

The Dot Jazz Series is presented by Mandorla Music and Greater Ashmont Main Streets. All concerts take place in Peabody Hall at All Saints Church in Ashmont. Doors open at 7 p.m. \$15 admission, children under 18 are free.

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PUBLIC MEETING ON POPE PARK
PLAYGROUND SET FOR NOV. 14

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on Thurs., Nov. 14 from 6-7 p.m. at the Leahy Holloran Community Center to seek community input and present the conceptual design plans for reconstruction of Pope John Paul II Park playground. The playground has been fenced off since early September. They will also go over the anticipated schedule for demolition and construction work. The meeting will include information that was shared at a previous public meeting on this project in late September, which allowed attendees to vote on the playground's color scheme, bench and landscape options. The presentation made will be viewable after the public meeting on DCR's website at www.mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings. The public will be invited to submit comments after the meeting, with a deadline for receipt by DCR of Friday, Nov. 22. Comments may be submitted online at mass.gov/dcr/public-comment or by writing to the DCR office.

SPORTSMEN'S TENNIS BALL ON NOV. 15

Sportsmen's 2019 Tennis Ball will be held on Fri., Nov. 15 from 6-11 p.m. at Lombardo's in Randolph. Featuring music from Wolrd Premier Band. Awards go to distinguished member Tracy Heather Strain, community builder American Heart Association and tennis trailblazer Leslie Allen. For more info on tickets (\$100) or sponsorships, contact Mary Long and 617-288-9092 or MLong@sportsmentennis.org. See sportsmentennis.org.

PUBLIC MEETING ON CODMAN SQUARE
HOUSING PROPOSALS

Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation's proposal to build 23 affordable rental units with 12 parking spaces at 5-29 New England Ave. will be the subject of a public meeting on Tues., Nov. 19 at 6 p.m. at Codman Square Health Center's Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St. Dorchester. The meeting is sponsored by BPDA. Also planned for discussion: Codman Sq. NDC's proposal to build 19 affordable rental units with 8 parking spaces on a portion of city-owned land at 270 Talbot Ave. and Spencer Street. Contact: Stephen Harvey, 617-918-4418 or stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.



The Boston Police Department Area B-3 station welcomed kids and teens to its annual Halloween party on Oct. 29. Mayor Walsh and Commissioner Gross were in attendance at the event, in which the police station was converted into a haunted house for the afternoon and evening.

City of Boston/Mayor's Office photo by Isabel Leon

CITIZENS CONNECT TO BAYSIDE PUBLIC
MEETING ON NOV. 16

A public meeting to discuss the redevelopment of Bayside site will be held on Sat., Nov. 16 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Carson Place (BTU), 180 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester. Light breakfast and refreshments provided. For more info, see CitizensConnectBayside@gmail.com.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAM ON
NOV. 17: "EVERY HOUSE HAS A HISTORY"

The Dorchester Historical Society will host a spe-

cial program, "Every House Has a History: Where to Begin?" on Sun., Nov. 17, 2 p.m. at the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester. Learn how to find the date of construction, the original owners, subsequent owners, and changes made to a property over the years. Also gain insights into the history and evolution of your neighborhood. Bring your laptop or tablet, log onto the DHS network, and explore for yourself during the presentation. Speakers include: Earl Taylor, Kayla Skillin, Marti Glynn.

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T to begin rebuild of Red Line with rollout of new cars in spring

(Continued from page 1) to provide additional capacity on the line.”

Pollock added that the additional cars “will allow us to run the trains more frequently. When this project is done, trains will come along every three minutes during morning and evening rush hours, which will allow us to have about 65,000 more seats every day on the Red Line.”

Poftak later clarified that the three-minute rush hour wait time is expected for what he called the “trunk” of the system – the stretch between JFK/UMass station and Alewife station. For the Ashmont and Braintree branches south of JFK/UMass, wait times will be approximately six minutes during rush hour.

The shells of the cars, which are manufactured by China Railway Rolling Stock Corp. (CRRC), a Chinese company that in recent years has become the world’s largest producer of train cars, are shipped to a plant in Springfield, where final assembly takes place. Once the cars are put into service next spring, the fleet replacement will continue on a rolling basis, said Poftak, noting that the cars will be shipped from China to the CRRC factory in Springfield in sets of six.

“Each time one of those six-car sets is completed, they will be put in service,” he said.



Two brand new pilot red line cars have arrived at an MBTA warehouse in South Boston. They are expected to enter service in Spring 2020. Bottom left: MBTA GM Steve Poftak described new features, including wider doors and LED screens, from inside one of the cars.

The MBTA estimates that all old Red Line cars will be replaced by the end of 2023. The agency’s

project team expects to begin dynamic testing of the new cars next month on the newly built Red

Line test track in South Boston.

In total, the Red/Orange Line Improvement

Program, which includes vehicle procurement, infrastructure improvements, signal upgrades,

and reliability and modernization projects, is budgeted to cost just over \$2 billion.



Five resolutions lay out T’s commuter rail vision

**BY CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE**
The five resolutions the MBTA Board adopted on Nov. 4 not only call for a commuter rail system with more frequent, electric-powered service, but they also focus on additional parking, station connections, and high-level platform boarding.

Although members of the Fiscal and Management Control Board made edits, the resolutions approved unanimously closely reflect the versions drafted by Chairman Joseph Aiello calling for MBTA staff to work toward transforming the current commuter rail system “into a significantly more productive, equitable,

and decarbonized enterprise.”
The only major changes to the original proposals were the addition of a fifth resolution calling for a new bus transformation office and clarification that work to develop high-level accessible boarding is consistent with the ongoing Program for Accessible Transportation

Investment aiming at a similar goal.
Planned service intervals will not be universal across the system, but the board instructed the MBTA to work toward rapid transit-like conditions with 15- or 20-minute gaps between trains and maximizing return on investment in the next decade with focus on lines that will

see the greatest increase in ridership.
The board also “expects that the system of the future will be largely electrified” and urged the Legislature to adopt language in Gov. Charlie Baker’s bond bill reforming the T’s procurement practices, which influence the pace of work.
Based on the approved resolutions, the MBTA

over the next three months will develop a rail transformation office and the bus transformation office and, in the short term, work toward electrifying the Providence/Stoughton Line, the Fairmount Line and parts of the Newburyport/Rockport Line from Boston to Lynn.

Safety fixes under way at Gallivan-Adams intersection

**By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF**

The state’s Dept. of Transportation (MassDOT) will be enhancing pedestrian crosswalks and signals at the intersection of Gallivan Boulevard and Adams Street in Adams Village this month. The “fast-track fix” comes after lobbying initiated by state Rep. Dan Cullinane led to funding for the work.

“There are not enough safe crossings along the boulevard,” Cullinane told the Reporter last week.

In a letter to a MassDOT highway administrator last year, Cullinane noted that while there is a pedestrian

push button for people seeking to cross Gallivan from Granite Avenue to Adams Street, there is no button for a pedestrian to use when trying to cross Adams Street on the other side.

He also went into detail about traffic issues in the middle of the heavily traveled intersection where drivers anxious to get on their way are regularly frustrated while navigating their way through a maze of lights and green-arrow turn signals, often going through red lights and speeding up at turns, putting pedestrians at great risk.

He added that MassDOT has been “incredibly responsive to this,” and he

was grateful that they were able to fast-track the project.

“This is definitely a fix that was needed,” he said, “I’d been advocating for this even before I authored the letter [in 2018]. I’ve seen accidents and near misses and heard from constituents who avoid crossing the intersection altogether. It has been a source of frustration for me over the years.”

He said that he had “filed an amendment in the budget for \$100,000 for these improvements. We are going to make sure that every penny of those funds goes toward making sure that the intersection becomes safer and more aesthetically pleasing. We want the community to know that there’s an investment.”

Andrew Paul, a MassDOT engineer, visited the intersection with Cullinane. “We did a site visit with the represen-

tative to get a better understanding of what the issues were,” Paul said, “and we had electricians and other engineers do some investigation of what we could do in the short term.”

He added that “we developed a design for the three pedestrian crosswalks at the intersection. One of them had the pushbuttons and the pedestrian signal heads integrated into the system. We followed the representative’s suggestion of implementing the pedestrian signal into the traffic controller at the other crosswalks.”

Paul said that the project should be wrapped up in the next few weeks. As for MassDOT’s larger scale implementation plan, he said, “It’s currently programmed a few years out in our five-year plan. We are just going through a process now of collecting data and scoping the work, but haven’t yet identified any specific interventions through this corridor.”



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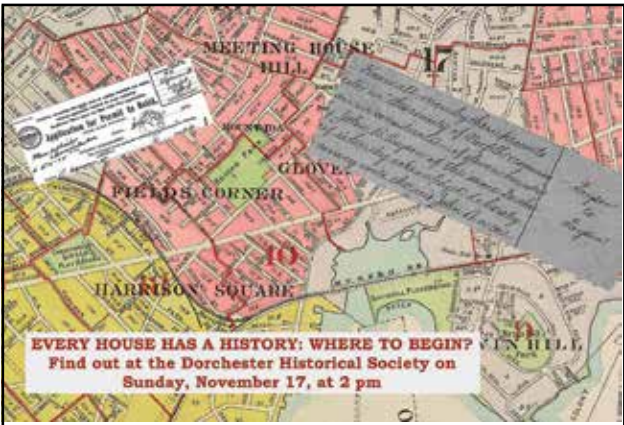


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Community Health News

Globe: Grand jury probing municipal pot agreements

By COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

A federal grand jury is looking into the mandatory agreements and payments between host communities and marijuana businesses, according to a report in the *Boston Globe*, delving into an issue that state regulators and legisla-

tors have also been wrestling with. The *Globe* reported that at least six communities – Great Barrington, Eastham, Leicester, Newton, Northampton, and Uxbridge – have received subpoenas from US Attorney Andrew Lelling’s office seeking details on the communities’ host

community agreements with marijuana businesses. State law requires applicants for marijuana business licenses to enter into a host community agreement before the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) will consider an application. The law stipulates that those agreements can-

not run for more than five years and that the community impact fee paid to the municipality by the licensee cannot exceed three percent of the establishment’s gross sales. But the CCC has wrestled with the policy for more than a year now as entrepreneurs, lawyers, and lobbyists have shared stories about cities or towns demanding a greater percentage of gross sales or other asks that would not appear to comply with the language of the law. Lawmakers have faced pressure all year to pass news laws addressing problems with host community agreements but so far no proposal has gathered steam on Beacon Hill. “Your statute is very specific... it says that the community impact fee shall be reasonably related to the cost imposed upon a municipality. That is not happening,” Jim Smith, an attorney at Smith, Costello and Crawford who represents dozens of marijuana businesses, told lawmakers in July. “It also says that it should be no more than three

percent of gross sales. That is not happening. In fact, nothing in this section of the law is being respected.” A spokesperson for the CCC said Tuesday that the agency “would not comment on a pending federal investigation.” Lelling has already filed charges against a public official in connection with a host community agreement. Federal prosecutors allege that Fall River Mayor Jasiel Correia solicited bribes from at least four marijuana companies that applied to open in Fall River by telling them he would only issue local approvals needed – a responsibility that only rests with the city’s mayor – if he personally collected hundreds of thousands of dollars. The CCC has determined that it does not have the authority to regulate HCAs or to deny a business license because of an agreement that both the business and municipality entered into. The CCC voted in January to formally request that the Legislature grant it “statutory authority to review and regulate” host commu-

nity agreements. Nine months later, the governor and legislative leaders seemed wholly unaware of the CCC’s ask and bills that would address HCAs (S 1126/H 3536, among others) remain pending before the Joint Committee on Cannabis Policy. After a hearing of the Cannabis Policy Committee last week, co-chairs Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz and Rep. Dave Rogers largely declined to comment on the report of a grand jury investigation, but both chairs said they expect their committee will advance HCA-related legislation this session. “You’ve seen and heard from this committee that we have tried to prioritize the issue of host community agreements for an early hearing. It is something that we are actively looking at and both of us would like to move legislation on the issue,” Chang-Diaz said. Rogers added that “the committee is looking really carefully at these issues and I would anticipate the committee moving a bill on host community agreements.”

Tool is being developed to plug rental information gap

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

State officials and nonprofit housing organizations plan to develop a second-in-the-nation online tool over the coming year to make every affordable rental unit listing available on a single platform.

Plans call for the Housing Navigator Massachusetts tool to list the state’s entire inventory of affordable rentals, current openings and lotteries under one umbrella. It would give property managers a simple way to manage their listings online.

Officials and advocates hope that consolidating the information in one location will increase access to affordable housing, which has become increasingly difficult to find in a strained market. “We are proud to support this initiative, which will help simplify an often complicated and opaque process for families looking for a home they can afford,” said Department of Housing and Community Development Undersecretary Janelle Chan.

Work is underway on the Navigator – boosted by “initial-stage

financial support” from MassHousing, Kuehn Charitable Foundation, Massachusetts Housing Partnership, The Boston Foundation, and individual donors, according to a press release – and backers expect it to be ready to launch some time in 2020.

Minnesota is the only other state in the nation that offers a one-stop online tool collecting all available affordable housing listings, officials said.

“The Navigator aligns with MassHousing’s mission to confront the housing challenges facing the Commonwealth to improve the lives of its people,” MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay said. “We use technology for so much today, many may be surprised this doesn’t already exist.”

Massachusetts has fewer than half as many affordable units of housing available as it needs for the population of extremely low-income residents, a definition that includes households earning 30 percent or less of their area’s median income, according to an April report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

State legislators for

years have been unable to agree on a major housing production bill despite a general consensus that the existing housing situation is untenable for many people and a drag on economic growth.

Despite the conditions, officials supporting the Housing Navigator initiative say that some property managers have open wait lists but struggle to transmit information to potential residents.

The roughly 200 housing-search employees across the state spend more than half of their time looking for property listings, too, work that would become easier with a centralized tool, officials said.

“At a time when affordable housing is already in short supply, the idea that thousands of families suffer with unaffordable rents or risk homelessness simply because they can’t access information on where units are available is not acceptable,” Boston Foundation CEO Paul Grogan said in the release. “Housing Navigator Massachusetts is a smart solution that we are pleased to be able to support.”

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A copy of this notice is on file with the City Clerk’s office, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, the Mayor’s office, the Office of Emerging Industries, City Council, and the City Law Department of the City of Boston, at Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02201. A copy of this notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation and mailed at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the community outreach meeting to abutters of the Property, owners of land directly opposite the Property on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within three hundred (300) feet of the property line of the Property as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, notwithstanding that the land of any such owner is located in another city or town.

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KENNEDY LIBRARY FORUMS IN NOVEMBER

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CODMAN SQUARE, FOUR CORNERS HONOR ‘HIDDEN HEROES’

The annual Hidden Heroes and Sheroes Celebration hosted by the Codman Square Neighborhood Council and the Greater Four Corners Action Coalition will be held on Fri., Nov. 22 from 6-8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester, located at the corner of Washington Street and Talbot Avenue. At this celebration, we individuals in the community who have demonstrated leadership, initiative and commitment to improving the quality of life in our neighborhood are honored. The 2019 awardees are: Cathy Baker-Eclipse, Millennium Award; Burgess Realty and Peter Robinson, Civic Leadership Award; Cynthia Beckford Brewington and Ann Thorne - Neighborhood Leadership Award; and Shakeriah Baxter and Saffiyah Coker - Youth Award. Tickets are \$30 each. Ninety percent of ticket sales go toward two \$1,500 educational scholarships for the two youth awardees. These scholarships are now known as the Rev. Dr. Bill Loesch Scholarships. To purchase tickets, visit codmansquarecouncil.org/csnc-events/hidden-heroes/.

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The All Dorchester Sports and Leadership program

(ADSL) will offer one-on-one tutoring for children ages 6-13 for only \$25 per school year. Starts Oct. 1, Mon-Thurs, 3-5:30 p.m. Seats are limited. Register at alldorchestersports.org.

ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR MAKES STOPS DEC. 6-8

The Mayor of Boston’s Enchanted Trolley Tour will take place from Fri., Dec. 6 to Sun., Dec. 8 this year in several Boston neighborhoods. The event will include tree lightings, holiday performances, and children can meet Santa. It’s the 24th edition of the citywide event, and the event will kick off at 5:30 p.m. in Mattapan Square Fri. night (Dec. 6). Dorchester will be the first neighborhood the festivities hit Sat. (Dec. 7) at 1 p.m. in Codman Square, and the tour will end in Adams Village at 6:30 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 8. The event is sponsored by Bank of America.

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IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

The Irish Pastoral Centre at 512 Gallivan Blvd. will host author Maureen Kavanagh on Thurs., Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss and read from her memoir recalling her daughter’s opioid addiction. On Fri., Nov. 15 the IPC will host a performance by Annawon Weeden of Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to commemorate Native American Heritage Month. Suggested donation: \$10. Space is limited for both events. Call 617-265-5300 or email info@ipcoston.org to reserve a seat.

BLACK AND LATINO CAUCUS LISTENING SESSION

The Massachusetts Black and Latino Legislative Caucus will host a community listening session on Thurs., Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. at Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Ave., Roxbury. Residents are invited to share their thoughts and concerns regarding issues such as civil rights, housing, jobs, public

health and more. Insight gained from the session will inform future Caucus initiatives to address concerns impacting Black and Latinx populations. The goal is to build a coalition of residents, advocates, and all interested stakeholders to facilitate positive change for people throughout Massachusetts. For more information, visit mablacklatinocaucus.com.

BPDA PUBLIC MEETING ON HONDA DEALERSHIP PROPOSAL FOR MORRISSEY BLVD.

A public meeting hosted by the BPDA will be held on Wed., Nov. 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. to discuss a proposal to develop a new Honda Brand auto dealership at the location previously occupied by the J.D. Byrider and Westminster Dodge auto dealerships at 710-720 Morrissey Blvd. in Dorchester. The meeting will be held at Work Inc., 25 Beach St., Dorchester. For more info: Contact Lance Campbell at 617-918-4311 or lance.campbell@boston.gov.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP

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

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Jury says that tenants in Uphams Corner case can stay in their homes

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Lawyers from the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau (HLAB) and community organizers from the non-profit City Life/Vida Urbana supported Doh and Kunnu's cause. By using a combination of legal defense and community activism, the two organizations have worked in partnership for over a decade to support Boston-area residents facing evictions.

"This case demonstrates the value and impact of collaboration between community organizers, lawyers, and community members," said Colin. "It is an honor to share our resources and support the brave people fighting to stay in their homes."

At a community meeting hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) in late September, McCarthy's proposal to build a mixed-use condominium project on a vacant lot on Dudley Street faced strong local opposition – in large part because of the dispute over 6 Humphreys Place. The meeting was dominated by neighborhood residents, including organizers from City Life/Vida Urbana, many of them upset by what they claimed was an effort by



From left, Dennis Ojogho, Jason Colin, Jean Paul Doh, Tunde Kunnu, and Renee Perez are shown outside of Boston Housing Court.
Image courtesy City Life/Vida Urbana

McCarthy to clear out tenants.

"How can you build luxury condos we can't afford right around the corner while you're trying to evict poor people?" Kunnu asked McCarthy at the hearing.

The owner countered that none of the residents at 6 Humphrey's Place had paid him rent for a year and a half. "Over 18 months I've collected zero dollars in rent from a single tenant. How am I supposed to carry a six-unit building that cost me \$850,000 to buy when no one is paying rent."

A back and forth between Kunnu and McCarthy ensued. Kunnu, referring to McCarthy as a "slum-lord," alleged that the tenants have been trying to negotiate with McCarthy to end the evictions and address unsafe conditions for some time.

McCarthy then said he would talk with the tenants regarding their grievances. According to Kunnu, who spoke with the *Reporter* at a City Life event last week, McCarthy did not honor

that agreement. An attorney representing McCarthy did not respond to the *Reporter's* request for comment.

The residents who remain at 6 Humphreys Place say they hope that an affordable housing developer will acquire the building and convert it into deed-restricted affordable housing units. Such acquisitions are now a goal of Mayor Martin Walsh whose updated housing plan calls for 1,000 apartments to be stabilized in this way.

Steve Meacham, a longtime housing justice organizer with City Life/Vida Urbana, has supported the Humphreys Place residents since they initially received notices to quit. "This building is not unusual. This is happening all over Boston: Thousands and thousands of people are faced with displacement through no-fault evictions. The collective struggle is what made it possible for the residents to remain in their homes this time," he said.

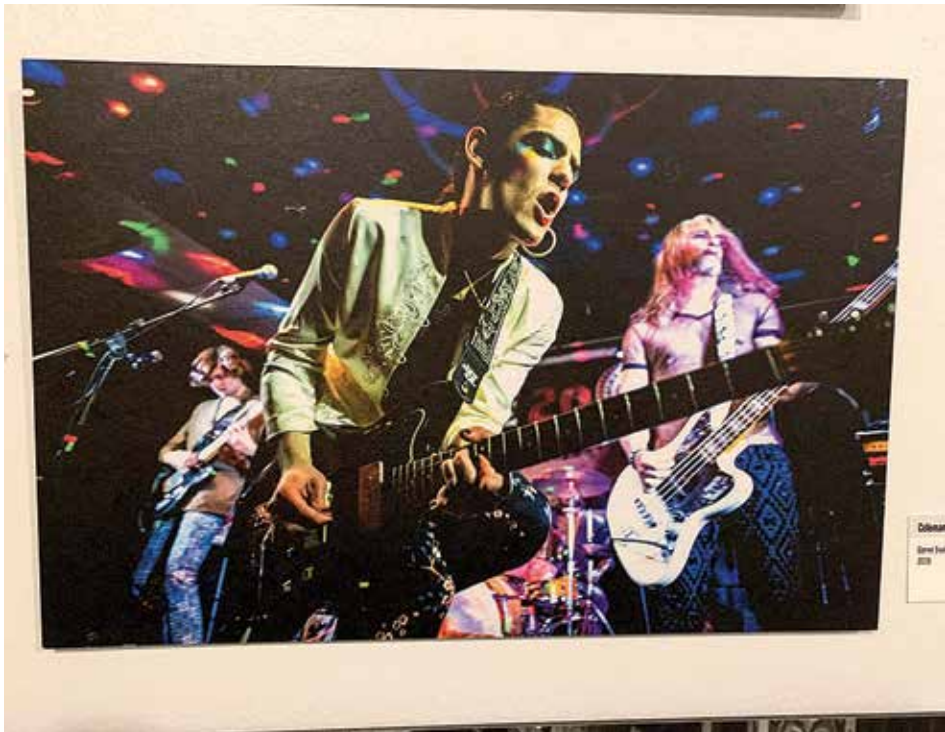
Said Kunnu: "We are powerful. We needed to know our rights, and we needed to exercise our rights. With support from City Life/Vida Urbana and the amazing lawyers at Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, we realized we are a lion."

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Above: Coleman Rogers captured this image of a lead guitarist mid-solo. Right: a photo of singer-songwriter Ashe taken by Lauren Scornavacca at Brighton Music Hall.

DAP exhibition turns a lens on the city’s dynamic music scene

(Continued from page 1) self, to feel good about themselves.” Capturing that perfect shot that says something about the essence of the person often requires



getting them loose and doing something they're not used to, said Belmer. "It's like, 'Who are you right now?' You know? A lot of my portraits come from that question: Who are you? There's a truth in confrontation."

Bergman, a Dorchester resident and veteran in the Boston indie music scene, said the show illuminated photography talent in all sections of the city, from house shows in Dorchester and Cambridge to sets at venues like House of Blues and Paradise Rock Club. "I wanted to celebrate the diversity of the scene, and provide visibility for emerging artists," she said. "I'm hoping this show brings people together and celebrates all sides of the artform."

Bergman started The Secret Bureau of Art & Design, a boutique photography agency dedicated to indie bands and musicians, in 2015. Last year, she was nominated for two Boston Music Awards for her work, which she says looks to tell a story that takes place beyond the stage. "We want to show the full dimension of a show's experience," she said, pointing to a portrait of a bandleader in a park with his spouse and young daughter. "Most of the time we see musicians as performers, but they also have families. This is a way to show that more natural, organic side."

Last Thursday night, Bergman and Belmer were among the more experienced photographers in the gallery crowd, which included several young artists just beginning to dip their toes into the field. "For a lot of the photographers here it's their first time getting to see their work displayed. So it's a kind of an unexpected delight," said Bergman.

Echo Davis, a student who occasionally shoots at concerts as a hobby, said it was "surreal" to see his work framed and hung on a gallery wall. "You have to be patient at times, but once you get the shot, it's a great feeling," he said.

Brandon Johnson, a sound engineer who moved to Boston from Miami, said he's been learning photography for the last three years. "It's really just been a hobby, but it's been more rewarding than I ever could have expected," he said. "I've walked around [the gallery] like three times already. It's inspiring; I'm just taking notes."

"Staged: New Visions of Boston Music Photography" will be on display at Dorchester Art Project through Dec. 14. Gallery hours are noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.



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The show included artists such as Tommy Cherry, Dennis Doyle, Manothini Dupree, Maureen Joyce, Chris Plunkett, Brian Queally, and Jess Waszkiewicz.

A portion of the art sales were donated back to Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

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BGCD MIDDLES Program Partners with American Student Assistance: Last week, members of BGCD's MIDDLES program participated in a workshop run by American Student Assistance.

This workshop's goal was to help our members get organized, manage their time, and explore some problem scenarios. They worked on creating specific goals through brainstorming and discussions related to activities that the members partake in during their day-to-day lives.

A special thanks to American Student Assistance for running this workshop!

For more information on our MIDDLES program for grades 6 - 8 or about ASA, contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org.

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CHAPSKI, Shirley A. of Roslindale. Wife of the late Henry Chapski. Mother of Irene Chapski of Roslindale, Joyce Murray and her husband Bob of Scituate, Alan Chapski of Norfolk, and Robert Chapski and his husband Doug Murphy of Dorchester. Grandmother of Roxine Chapski, Brenton Chapski, Katie Murray, Jeff Murray, and Greg Murray. Great-grandmother of Carter Elise Chapski. Donations may be made in her memory to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 3 International Drive, Suite 200, Rye Brook, NY 10573.

CONNOLLY, Lorraine M. (Andrews) of Dorchester and South Boston. Mother of Robert Connolly and his wife Marianne of Millis, Edward Connolly and his wife Paula of Walpole and Ann Brosnihan of Whitman. Sister of the late Robert Andrews. Cherished grandmother of Leigh Ann Martin, Erin Brosnihan, Peter Connolly, Rachael Connolly and Michael Connolly. Lorraine was born in Boston and raised in South Boston. Donations can be made to the Brookhaven Hospice, 114 Turnpike Rd., Suite 206 Westborough, MA 01581.

CORCORAN, James R. "Bob" formerly of Dorchester. He was the husband of fifty-three years to Margaret A. (Carroll) Corcoran. He was the father of James R. Corcoran, Jr. and his wife Susan of Kingston, and Paul C. Corcoran and his significant other Donna Aubertine of Braintree. Brother of William J. Corcoran of Florida, and the late Maureen E. Powers. Also survived by his four grandchildren, Andrew, Neil, Lauren and Paul, Jr. Bob was born in Boston in 1942 to

the late Robert and Beatrice (Woods) Corcoran. Donations may be made to Cranberry Hospice, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth, MA 02360.

DONOVAN, Alice L. (Smith) of Randolph, formerly of Dorchester, 92. Wife of the late John R. Donovan. Mother of Paul F. Donovan and his wife Virginia L. of Milton, Karen M. Tewhey and her husband James of Oak Bluff, Martha's Vineyard, John M. Donovan and his late wife Theresa of E. Bridgewater, Thomas E. Donovan and his wife Nancy E. of Randolph, David J. Donovan and Anna of Randolph, Kevin W. Donovan and his wife Laura A. of Randolph, Joseph M. Donovan and his wife Kathleen F. of Canton and the late Susan E. Paulsen. Sister of Edward Smith of Randolph and the late Arthur and Donald Smith. Also survived by 17 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and her cousin Myles Coates. Alice grew up in Dorchester, St. Ann's Parish, where she graduated from Dorchester High School for Girls, Class of 1943. She attended Fisher Junior College and worked in the Radio Research Lab at Harvard College. Alice worked for Catholic Charities as a Home Health Aide and was a volunteer for more than 20 years at the Turner Free Library and St. Mary Parish in Randolph. Donations may be made in her name to the "Friends of the Turner Library", c/o Turner Free Library, 2 North Main St., Randolph, MA 02368.

GENOVA, William J. of Boston/Lower Mills, 83. Born in Natick to Sebastian and Gladys Genova. Bill leaves his wife of 60 years, Jeannette Conway Genova, and his son, Bill, of Somerville. Daugh-

ter, Michelle Genova, of Provincetown, died in 2017. Bill was a USMC Korean Conflict veteran, educator, MEd and DEd, taught at Natick HS and Brookline HS, and was Director of Research and Development, Brookline Public Schools.

HARDIMAN, Kathleen "Sis" (Fulford) in Dorchester. Wife of the late John T. E. Hardiman. Mother of John T. Hardiman, Jr. and his wife Mimi Robicheau-Hardiman of Dorchester, Patricia A. Hardiman of Dorchester, Kathleen M. and her husband Christopher Straka of Maine, and Maureen F. Hardiman of Dorchester. Sister of Helen Czupailo of Quincy, Mary Jutkiewicz of Braintree, and the late Robert Fulford and Margaret Lefort. Grandmother of Christian J. Gabrielle R., and Martina M. Straka. Survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations in Kathleen's memory may be made to the Carmelite Sisters at Marian Manor, 130 Dorchester St., South Boston, MA 02127.

HORGAN, Ruth A. a longtime resident of Norwell, 94. The mother of Cheryl Horgan Beacock of Southport, CT, she was predeceased by her husband, Francis L. Horgan, as well as her son David L. Horgan. She was the daughter of the late Michael J. and Caroline J. Rados and the sister of the late Marie Rados Ostler, Robert Rados and Dorothy Rados Camden. Donations to the Masonic Charity Foundation would be appreciated; 74 Cheshire Road, Wallingford, CT 06492.

LAFFERTY, Mary "Betty" (Callahan) of South Boston. Wife of the late Eugene J. Lafferty. Mother of Stephen of Holbrook, James and his wife Pam of OH, Paul of Dorchester, Robert of South Boston, Joseph and his wife Tina, Michael and his wife Mary, Mary Connolly and her husband Thomas, Florence Connolly and her husband James all of Dorchester, Eugene and his wife Kathy of South Boston, Richard of Dorchester and the late Jean Cairns and her late husband John of Gloucester. Daughter of the late Eugene and Mary (McDonald) Callahan. Also survived by many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Donations in memory of Betty may be made to the South Boston Special Kids and Adults c/o East Boston Savings Bank, 708 East Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127.

McCONVILLE, John F. M.D. retired orthopedic surgeon, 92. Dr. McConville practiced at the Carney and South Shore Hospitals. He served as Chief of Orthopedic Surgery and President of the Medical Staff

during his career at the South Shore Hospital. He was a member of the Norfolk South Medical Society, the New England Orthopedic Society and the Massachusetts Medical Society. Raised in North Dighton, he was the son of the late Harry and Ellen McConville. Brother of the late Robert S. McConville. He was a graduate of Coyle High School, Boston College and Tufts University School of Medicine. He was a member of the Milton Historical Society. John was the husband of Hertha for 63 years. He was the father of John, Mary, Owen and his wife Katherine, Alicia and her husband Richard, Christine, Luke and his wife Katelyn, Kathryn and her husband John, Julie, Elizabeth and her husband Seth, and the late Ellen. Grandfather of Helen Corcoran, Michael, Julie, Meghan and Max McConville, Richard, Louise and William Gedney, Luke, Eleanor, Henry and Charles McConville, John, Charlotte, Christine, Thomas and George Flatley, Robert and Peter Dixon and John Chandler.

McLAUGHLIN, Lauren A. of Plymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Lauren was the sister of Linda Walsh of Weymouth, Julie Lavanchy of Scituate, Janis McLaughlin-Kelley of Newport, Rhode Island and Kevin McLaughlin of Florida. She is survived by her good friends Arlene McGovern and Conrad Hoban, many cousins, including Beverly McEvoy, Kim Nawoichik, Kathleen Ross, Eileen Walls and Joanne Wing, as well as several nieces and nephews. Lauren was the daughter of Lawrence and Alice (Creighton) McLaughlin. She held a special place in her Uncle Bobby's heart as well. Lauren worked with her father as his administrative assistant at the Mulry Funeral Homes for many years. Donations made be made in Lauren's memory to Angell Memorial Animal Center at 350 Shuntington Ave, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

O'BRIEN, Gertrude "Joan," 94. Joan is survived by her brothers, Brendan O' Brien of Sturbridge and John Thyne of L.A. Aunt of 17 nieces and nephews and numerous great-grand nieces and nephews. She was the daughter of the late Hazel (Pritchard) and Thomas J. O'Brien. Sister of the late Richard, Patricia, Winifred, Paul, Thomas, Francis, Lawrence, Gail, and Theresa. At Joan's request, please make a donation to Harrington Hospital: Attn: Development Department, 100 South Street, Southbridge, MA 01550. harringtonhospital.org/support-harrington/

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Gilpin takes leave of top State Police post

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After exactly two years leading the 2,100-member Massachusetts State Police force during a time of scandal and turmoil, Col. Kerry Gilpin will retire as superintendent at the end of this week.

The 49-year-old Gilpin was tapped by Gov. Charlie Baker in 2017 to lead the State Police amid a controversy over the department's handling of an arrest report for the daughter of a central Massachusetts judge and the abrupt retirements of Col. Richard McKeon and his top deputy.

She later oversaw the implementation of significant reforms after an overtime fraud scandal roiled the ranks. In a letter released on Nov. 6 announcing her retirement effective Nov. 15 – the two-year anniversary of her swearing-in – Gilpin said leading the department “has been the greatest honor of my professional life.”

“The last two years have presented tremendous challenges for the department. However, I believe that with great adversity comes great opportunity. We have accomplished so much during this difficult time, and I am confident that you will continue to



Col. Kerry Gilpin will retire as superintendent of the State Police at the end of this week.
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build upon this foundation,” Gilpin wrote to State Police employees, adding, “I urge you to remain focused on your continued efforts to earn and maintain the public’s trust. There is work left to be done, but I am confident it will be accomplished by the many outstanding men and women who demonstrate a relentless commitment to our organization’s mission.”

Gilpin, of Hampden, joined the State Police in 1994, and served as deputy division commander of the Division of Standards and Training before taking the top job. She earned

a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Western New England College in Springfield and served in the crime scene services section of the State Police as a trooper and sergeant.

Along with Baker, Gilpin oversaw the implementation of automatic vehicle locator devices in all marked State Police vehicles to, as the governor said, “ensure that supervisory personnel will have real-time information concerning the location and movement of every trooper on the job,” and the elimination of Troop E, the Turnpike-focused unit that was the subject of a probe into

overtime fraud amid revelations that more than 20 troopers apparently put in for overtime shifts they did not work.

“A number of troopers violated the public’s trust in the Department by failing to live up to the high standard of conduct that Colonel Gilpin set to fulfill the Department’s mission -- protecting and serving all the people of Massachusetts,” Baker said in a statement. “I am thankful that Colonel Gilpin has advanced several important reforms such as eliminating Troop E and referring 46 troopers for criminal prosecution and our administration

will continue to advance these and other essential initiatives to ensure the Massachusetts State Police reflect the values of the communities they serve: honor and integrity.”

During a press conference on Nov. 6, Baker said the work at the State Police is not done. He said he “would expect that at some point in the not-too-distant future we’ll probably file a package of reforms” with the Legislature.

The governor wished Gilpin well and said he understood that it would be difficult for “anybody pursuing an agenda like that inside an organization like that.” But when asked if he had lost confidence in Gilpin, Baker did not give a direct answer.

“I got the fact that when she took the job she was walking into a

very difficult situation and I think the decisions she made and followed through on with respect to both eliminating Troop E – which was her idea, OK? -- and the pursuit of the information that was required to actually follow up on potential prosecution was a really important step forward for the State Police and one that I believe took a lot of courage,” he said.

Baker said that he would have more to say about a replacement “in a few days” and gave a bit of a job description for the next State Police colonel.

“I think it’s got to be somebody who gets that there’s a lot of work that still remains to deal with a number of issues, administrative and otherwise that are associated with the State Police,” he said.

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