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# The times are changing in Adams Corner

# Blasi's is back, and 'the spirit is alive'

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Correspondent

One of the anchor restaurants in the Adams Corner business district — Blasi's Kitchen and Bar & the Fat Belly Deli — has reopened after a six-year pause that was prompted by a 2017 fire and extended by the pandemic.

The popular restaurant—beloved for its signature dishes like honey hots, chicken parmesan and eggplant rollatini—has doubled in size and can now seat up to 110 people. The proprietors – Kenny Blasi and his wife Maria – are carrying on a family tradition of doing business in Dorchester that

dates back nearly a century.

In the six months since the couple re-launched with a soft opening in the revamped space at the corner of Minot and Adams streets, Blasi's has quickly re-claimed its spot as a cherished destination for neighborhood diners, much to the delight of regulars like Michael Owens.

"We as a neighborhood are so excited to have Blasi's back in business because it truly is a neighborhood gathering spot and always has been," said Owens, who lives in Popes Hill. "[Now] it's back and better than ever. Bigger, brighter, the

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Kenny and Maria Blasi are shown inside their Adams Corner restaurant Blasi's Café and the Fat Belly Deli this week. The popular eatery re-opened earlier this year and has steadily won back customers with its outstanding Italian cuisine and sandwiches. Seth Daniel photo

# After 44 years, last call at Cedar Grove

To close after holidays

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Cedar Grove Gardens, the iconic floral and gift shop on Adams Street that has helped customers keep their dining room tables, porches, and yards blooming with festive colors since 1979, will close its doors as a brick-and-mortar store at the end of the year. Longtime owner Richard O'Mara said he plans to transition the business to a phone and internet model only with no walk-in retail location after the first of the new year.

In 2018, O'Mara sold the property at 911 Adams St. — directly across from the entrance to Cedar Grove Cemetery—and has been leasing the site since under an agreement with the new owner, Adams Street LLC. With the lease ending soon, O'Mara says it's time to pivot to a smaller, less demanding mode of operations.

"My lease is up at end of January," O'Mara told the *Reporter* last week. "I figured that I would be moving and breaking down and selling off some of the furnishings while I get a new studio space open."



Richard O'Mara is shown outside of Cedar Grove Gardens, the business he has run on Adams Street since 1979. Bill Forry photo

O'Mara and his team will continue to welcome retail customers this holiday season but will not stock Christmas trees. The store will, however, continue

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# Next up for the Village: A cozy new Irish pub

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

John and Anne Lydon intend to bring a touch of Ireland's West Coast to Dorchester's most identifiably Irish business district by early next year. The couple, who own and manage the gateway commercial building at 512 Gallivan Blvd., are busy supervising the construction of a restaurant and pub inside a first-floor space.

The eatery, which they plan to call Scobie's, a reference to an Irish slang word, will come complete with 2 fire-places, a 17-seat bar, and room for 120 people in spaces that will include a cozy lounge, a take-away counter, and their version of a "snug," a semi-private space that is a common feature in rural pubs in Ireland.

"Since I was a child, my heart has been split between my mother's Dorchester roots and my father's Irish roots," said



Anne and John Lydon inside what will soon be Scobie's, an Irish-themed pub in Adams Corner.

Bill Forry photo

John Lydon, who lives in Savin Hill. "Scobie's is a place where Anne and I would like to try to bring the two together."

What's on the menu? An array of Irish and Irish American comfort food, including roasts, soups, and what the Lydons hope will be the best pint of Guinness in the city of Boston. They are installing a dedicated keg room equipped with special features needed to replicate the perfect pour for Ireland's

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# Greenhills Bakery owners bring plan for new building to civic association — Page 5

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# Election results reveal shifts in turnout, power blocs

BY CHRIS LOVETT REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

In some ways, this year's election for Boston City Council was like its predecessor in 2007. There was no race for mayor, no preliminary round for candidates at-large, and a citywide incumbent named Murphy finished second, with a strong showing in Dorchester, South Boston and West Roxbury.

But in 2023, the top vote-getter running at-large in 2007—and even in 2021, Mi-

chael Flaherty, was no longer on the ballot. The new top vote-getter was a first-term incumbent from Hyde Park, and the first Haitian American to serve on the council, Ruthzee Louijeune. Instead of an open seat being filled by another candidate from South Boston, the new at-large member is Henry Santana, a 27-year-old Dorchester resident, native of the Dominican Republic, and previously an aide to Mayor Wu and former City Councillor Kenzie Bok. But,

of the four newly elected councilors, three have worked in City Hall.

Though the election results have been interpreted as a gain or loss for the candidates and their supporters, the numbers also show a changed political landscape, with a shift in electoral clout from some parts of Boston to others, and between generations. Ward 20 (West Roxbury and part of Roslindale) remains an electoral powerhouse, with

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#### Police, Courts & Fire

# Overall, crime is down both citywide and in Dot

A significant decline in shooting incidents and homicides is driving an overall drop in serious crimes across the city, according to an analysis of statistics disclosed by the Boston Police Department this week. Overall, there have been 36 fewer victims of shootings reported year-to-date (through Nov. 12) compared to the same time period in 2022. In total, there have been 129 victims of gunshots in 2023 as compared to 165 in the same period last year.

There have also been six fewer gun deaths reported, according to the BPD. There have been 33 homicides in Boston in 2023 through Sunday, four fewer than last year.

Gun-related arrests are also down. There were 546 last year, as opposed to 472 so far in 2023, according to the same database. The cumulative citywide crime rate is down one percent over last year, according to the Boston Regional Intelligence Center, which published reports of crime stats. Overall crime is down in all four of the distinct police districts that include parts of Dorchester — C-11 (-1 percent), B-3 (15 percent), B-2 (-12 percent), and C-6 (-1 percent).

There was a significant increase in overall crime in one BPD district, D-4, which includes the South End and the hard-hit Mass. & Cass section of the city. There has been an 18 percent increase in reported incidents in that part of the city this year, according to the same report.

A 26-year-old suspect was arrested after the car he was riding in was pulled over on Talbot Avenue on Sunday evening. Police say they seized a loaded gun from the car, along with "multiple bags of marijuana." The car's driver was "cited for motor vehicle law violations and promptly released from the scene," police reported.

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### VP Harris talks jobs with unions

Vice-president Kamala Harris visited Pipefitters Local 537 headquarters in Dorchester last Thursday (Nov. 9) for a speaking event moderated by Brian Doherty, general agent of the **Boston Building Trade** Unions and a member of Laborers 223. The vice-president was there to highlight the Biden administration's efforts to support union apprenticeship programs. Harris was introduced by Ayesca Machade, a member of Local 537 and a third-year apprentice and graduate of the Building Pathways program.

Photo courtesy White House



### Stockbridge elected head of AFSCME Council 93

Dorchester native Chris "Tiger" Stockbridge, right, was elected president of the AFSCME Council 93 last week by a unanimous membership vote. The union represents more than 45,000 state, county, and municipal employees in Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. The 50-year-old Stockbridge is a longtime Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Boston who has been active as a union organizer throughout his career. He is shown here with Council 93 executive director Mark Bernard and Charlie Owen, Council 93's outgoing president, who retired.



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Peabody Square - 7:00 PM

Nine holiday trees in Dorchester will be lit on Sat., Nov. 25 starting in Neponset Circle at 4:20 p.m. See graphic here for full schedule.

First Parish Dorchester is holding a homemade pie sale on Sat., Nov. 18, in time for your Thanksgiving holiday dinner. Fruit and savory pies will be available for \$10-\$25 at the Meetinghouse, 10 Parish St. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. — or until supplies run out. For more information call 617-436-0527. BPDA plans a virtual public meeting on Monday, Nov. 20 to discuss a proposal by Wharf Partners to demolish and reconstruct portions of the existing Ellsworth Supply HVAC retail supply business at 1334 Dorchester Ave. See bostonplans.org for

more info.

The annual Hidden Heroes and Sheroes dinner and awards ceremony hosted by the Codman Square Neighborhood Council and the Greater Four Corners Action Coalition will take place on Fri., Nov. 17, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Tickets are \$45. Go to codman-squarecouncil.org to purchase or sponsor. The 4thannual 3 Point Foundation gala and awards ceremony will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, 6-9 p.m. at the Fairmount Copley Hotel. Awardees include Alfreda Harris,

Joe Cooper, Susan Levine and Bain Capital. Tickets at 3pointfoundationgala.org.

Franklin Park Coalition Thanksgiving Turkey Trot is Thurs., Nov. 23 at 9 a.m. Chiptimed 5k fun run. Walkers welcome. This annual fundraiser supports the coalition's programs. Adults \$35, kids/teens \$18, children under 5 are free. Go to runsignup. com/Race/MA/Dorchester/FranklinPark-TurkeyTrot.

All Dorchester Sports and Leadership's 40th anniversary gala is set for Wed., Dec. 6, 6-9 p.m. at Venezia Restaurant, 20 Ericsson St., Dorchester. Email ADSL@ AllDorchesterSports.org.

The BPDA will host a virtual IAG meeting on Wed., Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 135 Morrissey Blvd. project, including the construction of an additional six-story wing connected to the former Boston Globe building by an elevated pedestrian walkway, with associated below-grade parking. Go to bit.ly/135Morrissey-Boulevard for more info.

The annual gift of an evergreen Christmas tree from Nova Scotia is scheduled to arrive by police escort at Boston Common at approximately 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21. The tree will be lit at approximately 7:55 p.m. on Nov. 30, as the City of Boston's Official Tree Lighting is celebrated on Boston Common from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ceremony will be broadcast live on WCVB Channel 5 starting at 7 p.m. Join the third annual children's celebration holiday celebration on Sat., Nov. 25, from 4-6 p.m. in Martin's Park hosted by the Friends of Martin's Park and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Santa Claus and The Grinch will arrive by boat with the Boston Police Harbor Unit at the Harborwalk and enter the park to switch on the lights.

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# Wu pulls Boston from fossil 'fuel-free' pilot

Northampton or Somerville will take the final spot in a pilot program allowing a limited number of cities and towns to restrict fossil fuels in construction after a pair of other cities — including the state's capital — opted to drop out of the running.

As many as four communities had once been in the mix to fill a single open slot in the program, but only Northampton and Somerville submitted official applications by last Friday deadline, according to the state Department of Energy Resources.

That means that neither Salem nor Boston will join the 10-municipality pilot program, de-

spite each city previously approving a home rule petition seeking state permission to curb the use of fossil fuels locally.

It's an about-face for Mayor Wu, who as recently as July 31 said her city was still hoping to join the program and needed state support to achieve Boston's full climate goals.

Wu told the Boston

Globe that she decided not to submit a formal application because she received "clear indications that Boston would not be chosen for the one available spot."

The shift also reduces pressure on Gov. Healey's administration, which gets to decide which "substitute community" will fill the final slot in the pilot program following West Tisbury's withdrawal. Had officials selected Boston as the 10th community, they would have more than doubled the number of Massachusetts residents who live in participating cities and towns.

Lawmakers approved the pilot program in a 2022 clean energy law,

aiming to get a better sense of the impacts of restricting fossil fuels in construction and major renovation. Buildings contributed about 35 percent of Massachusetts greenhouse gas emissions in 2020, the second-largest share of any individual

- CHRIS LISINSKI,

### Families surprised as BPS reshuffles its grades setup

#### By EMILY PIPER-VALLILLO **WBUR**

More than 200 Boston students will have to find a new school next year. Families at three schools learned in a letter sent last Wednesday (Nov. 8) that their seventh and eighth grade classrooms will close starting in September.

For Gardner Pilot Academy in Allston and Edison K-8 School in Brighton, their seventh and eighth grades will close next fall. Haley Pilot School in Roslindale will lose its seventh grade in September as well but retain eighth grade until the following year.

One school — Mather Elementary in Dorchester — will gain a sixth grade.

The move aligns with a long-term district plan to limit the number of times students change schools,



The Richard Mather Elementary School on Meetinghouse Hill will gain a sixth grade next year under a new BPS plan unveiled last week. Reporter file photo

Superintendent Mary Skipper said in the letter.

Research shows that school transitions can negatively impact students academically.

Boston Public School's current model is complicated and requires an unusually high number of transitions, according to a 2017 district report.

Max Baker, a spokesperson for Boston Public Schools, said the district has made "similar grade adjustments" in more than 40 schools since 2019 as part of its work to make most schools either Pre-K to sixth grade, or seventh to 12th grade.

In the past, the district has given school communities up to 24 months of notice prior to grade reconfigurations, Baker said. But in these instances, schools saw declines in enrollment and, in some cases, high teacher turnover.

But parents like Jean

Powers, a mother of a fifth grader at Gardner Pilot Academy, said the district's plans were too abrupt and added unnecessary disruption to their children's learning right now.

"Now parents and caregivers are going to be scrambling to find a school for their students for next year," she said.

Parents of current sixth graders will need to rank their schools of choice by early February, according to the letter. Parents of seventh grade students have until early April. But district officials said they will receive priority for school assignments.

Liliana Ramirez, a mother of a sixth grader at Gardner Pilot Academy, said the news came abruptly. She added that she's worried about uprooting her daughter

and placing her in a new school because she has an Individualized Education Plan, which provides support services at her current school.

Baker said: "There will be many touchpoints to support families and staff, including community meetings and office hours, as well as virtual and in-person assistance from BPS Welcome Services."

Skipper acknowledged in her letter the change could be tough. "We know that changes to school communities can be stressful for students, families, staff, and community partners," she

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# Blasi's is back, and 'the spirit is alive'

(Continued from page 1) food is excellent, and the spirit is alive."

Before Blasi's was reinvented as a restaurant and deli, it was Adams Hardware, owned and operated by Michael A. Blasi, who lived in Dorchester with his wife and six children and was a prominent figure in the neighborhood. After Michael's death in 1990, Kenny and his brother Joe took over the hardware business and ran it for about 10 years. Although the brothers did not want to remain in the hardware business for the long term, they loathed the idea of selling the building their dad had worked so hard

to purchase back in 1959.

"We'd have a big group of guys come to the hardware store and put a big lunch order together and we would go somewhere we knew was good," Kenny recalled in an interview with the *Reporter* this month. "And then we were like, 'Oh, we should open a deli' and then 'Oh, we should open a deli in the hardware store.' It just morphed into this. We closed the hardware store and ended up opening Blasi's."

After the tools, machines, and shelving came out— the 1912 building was overhauled into a restaurant and deli. Even though the new storefront came with challenges, the family business quickly became a cornerstone of the neighborhood— a popular gathering spot for locals, as well as people from outside of the city. Tom Brady— when he was a young player for the Patriots—was counted among the deli's regulars.

Then came Sept. 23, 2017—and an electrical fire that started in the shared basement of the building.

"It was Kenny's birthday the day of the fire, recalls Maria. "We got a phone call around 2:30 in the morning and we just thought it was the fire alarm company saying the alarm went off." But it was no false alarm. The fire caused significant damage, forcing the restaurant and other tenants to close.

It was the start of six strenuous years for the Blasi family. "Kenny's family has been here for 100 years. Their hardware store was here previously so he really is tied to the building emotionally," Maria said about her husband.

To some, a building is just that, but to Kenny, 762 Adams



A sign facing Adams Street for Blasi's Café is one of the few elements that survived a major renovation following a 2017 fire that closed the establishment. The popular bar and restaurant re-opened earlier this year.

Seth Daniel photos

St. is his father's legacy. In the immediate aftermath, he and his brother Joe discussed selling the building. But he could not let go. Eventually, he bought his brother's share and moved forward with renovations.

A fire could not stop Kenny from getting his restaurant and deli back in business but, unfortunately, a pandemic did - for a time. After he sorted out insurance policies for over a year and bought 100 percent of the building, the onset of the 2020 pandemic stalled his reopening of Blasi's for two more years. When the team finally got back to work, the final construction took over a-year-and-a-half to complete. Finally, in May of 2023 a new and improved restaurant, renamed Blasi's Kitchen & Bar and nicknamed "Blasi's 2.0," opened for business.

This time around Kenny's main business partner is Maria. The couple, who live in South Boston, share a true Bostonian love story. They met at the Southie St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1999, around the same time that the original Blasi's was opening. They married in 2003 and now have four kids.

"When they say opposites attract, I think it's true," said Maria. "Kenny's glass is always half-empty and mine is always half-full."

But those different styles make for a productie pairing. Kenny runs the back of the house and Maria takes charge



Kenny Blasi and his wife Maria are back in business and carrying on a family tradition in space that used to be a hardware store run by Kenny's dad. Above, the deli counter inside the Fat Belly Deli, which is a key part of the business.

up front, engaging with customers and staff.

"I'm kind of baffled how we've persevered because it really has a been a turbulent time to do this," Kenny said during a rare break in the action last week. "A lot of people didn't think I could do it. I don't know if I thought I could do it, I'm just a regular dude. Opened one restaurant and somehow got another open."

The Blasis credit much of their success to their staff associates. "Seventy-five percent of our old staff came back," said Maria. "We have been closed for six years and I think that says a lot."

The returnees include Blasi's chef, Jorge, who has worked with the family for more than 20 years. Kenny is also thankful to former executive chef Tony Debello, who, along with Kenny's late mother, Dorothy (Salierno) Blasi, helped create a lot of the popular items that remain on the menu today.

"The initial desire to get open and be in the restaurant business is because of how my mom cooked," said Kenny. "My father would close the hardware, walk home, and we'd eat dinner at six every night. She was a phenomenal cook, Italian and mainstream American food. I feel like she inspired where we went with the menu, and with Tony's help."

While Kenny's love for food stems from his mother, the way he goes about his business comes from his father.

"He was a real cool guy, would find anything for you," said the son. "I feel like I'm just a mini version of him."

version of him."
Even though Maria did not get to meet Michael, she has grown to know him through the loyal customers who still share stories about him and the hardware store days. Keeping Michael's legacy alive emphasizes the importance of family and community found in Blasi's.

"We want the Blasi experience to be a personal one," said Maria. "We do not deliver or accept online or third-party ordering. Place your order over the phone, come in and say hi, check out the new place! It's super family-oriented, everyone brings their kids in.

"There are customers that have come in that brought their kids and now they bring their grandkids, and their kids are adults."

The new-look, new-service restaurant has evolved over the months since it reopened as Kenny and Maria decided to roll things out incrementally.

"We were so slammed with sandwiches it was insane. I was making Italians and then we rolled out the honey hots and that went berserk. We couldn't keep up with it," said Kenny. "So, we were only doing those couple of things, then we gradually rolled out more and opened the bar."

The restaurant is now fully functioning and offers a diverse menu. Even though the kitchen closes at 9 p.m., the bar stays open until midnight.

Kenny, for one, is not ready to celebrate just yet. "I'm glad to be open but there is so much more to it. We have been struggling through keeping it all together and I've regained no tenants yet," he said, adding that he hopes to fill the empty units soon.

Maria, on the other hand, is characteristically optimistic. "Everyone comes in with awesome memories," said Maria. "It is time to move forward and make new memories!"

### Greenhills proposal gets civic hearing on Thursday

A proposal by the owners of Greenhills Irish Bakery to replace their current building with a four-story structure with nine residential units and first-floor retail space will be considered by the membership of the Cedar Grove Civic Association this Thursday evening (Nov 16). The group meets at 7 p.m. at the McKeon Post, 4 Hill Top St.

Dermot and Cindy Quinn, who own the popular store at 780 Adams St., introduced the idea to abutters in August. The plan requires the demolition of their existing building. The civic group's agenda calls for a vote to be taken on the proposal at this week's meeting.

At an abutters meeting cov-



ered by the *Reporter* in August, Cindy Quinn said: "We've

worked hard on this plan to make something that will add

Arendering shown to abutters at an August meeting shows the building that would replace the current Greenhills Bakery in Adams Corner.

Rendering courtesy of Choo & Company Architects

to the neighborhood and that people will accept. We'll see what the city says and abide by the rules, but the units are small and efficient...We put a lot of thought into it."

The condo units would include three two-bedrooms and six one-bedrooms, with no parking provided. The units would be sized at between 600

and 800 square feet.

Dermot Quinn said the construction period would last around two years and added

that they have a plan to temporarily relocate Greenhills Bakery within the Adams Village area.

The project will require Zoning Board variances for maximum floor area ratio (FAR), maximum height, rear setback, and off-street parking (16 spaces required, none provided).

Also on Thursday's agenda: John and Anne Lydon's proposal for their Scobie's pub in the former Butcher Shop space; a thank you presentation to outgoing District 3 councillor Frank Baker; and a public safety update from Boston Police C-11 community service Officer Mike Keaney.

- REPORTER STAFF

### Butcher Shop and Deli moves to new space in Adams Corner

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Correspondent

In early September, Adams Village Butcher Shop and Deli—a staple of the neighborhood for 10 years—closed its doors for about a month before re-opening in a smaller, newly outfitted, space two doors down from its original location at 786 Adams St. The store does not have a dine-in option like its 49-seat predecessor space; it's now set up as a grab-and-go deli.

Gordon and Jeannie Saverse, the shop's owners and operators, said that's all part of their plan.

"I'm getting close to retiring and a lot of people were mad we were even discussing leaving," said Gordon. "Instead of just leaving, because we were there for ten years, we decided to downsize."

While it's cozier than their previous unit, the business has only grown for the couple, who both grew up in Dorchester. "Since we were building this location, somehow it doesn't



Gordon and Jeannie Saverse inside the new Adams Village Butcher Shop and Deli at 786 Adams St., two doors down from their previous location. *Cassidy McNeeley photo* 

usually look like it's as busy, but the money is more," said the owner. "Less rent, more money, I don't know it's working."

I don't know, it's working."

He added, "It's a lot harder than it was before cause the space is smaller. My processing room is probably an eighth of the size of the other one. We make all our own Irish sausage in-house, and the meat room shrunk down to pretty much

nothing," Gordon explained.

The shop is open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, and from 7 to 3 on Sundays.

When asked about how busy the new location has been. Gordon said: "Weekends are out of control. Monday is usually the quietest day and then Tuesday it starts picking up and it gets busier and busier."

Almost all their staff members stayed with them through the move, which the husbandand-wife team agreed was not as easy as it seemed.

"It was a very hard transition. We worked day and night pretty much getting home at 11 at night and getting back here at 4 o'clock in the morning," said Gordon.

The couple's hard work paid off when there was a line out the door on Oct. 20 for their soft reopening, which Jeannie joked "wasn't soft at all."

Their most popular products are Irish sausage, bacon ,and pudding. The shop is now taking orders for Thanksgiving including fresh turkey, roast beef, pork sirloin, and prime rib. Gordon and Jeannie say many of their recipes are inspired by the feedback of the large Irish American community in Dorchester.

Gordon confidently claims that his Irish sausage is the best on "this side of the pond," with people traveling from various states to purchase their meat. But with the new location also come new products. In the next few weeks, the butcher shop will welcome a new grass-fed line. "All natural, no hormones. No antibiotics," said Jeannie.

The Butcher Shop's previous space will soon be filled by a new Irish-themed pub and restaurant owned by the Lydon family, which owns and manages the building.

The Lydons say they plan to purchase many of their meats from their neighbors at the Butcher Shop and source their fish from the longtime Adams Fish store across the street.

"It's actually nice because there are a lot of new people in this area that are coming from outside of Dorchester," said Gordon. "All these new businesses are just attracting more and more people to this area. I see it getting better and better. It's one of these areas attracting more and more business by the day."

# Next up for the Village: A cozy new Irish pub

(Continued from page 1) and 3, travelled to Ireland signature stout. this past summer and

The Lydons are already well-versed in the rigors involved in running licensed establishments. They are the owners and operators of Shamrock Pub in South Boston. Scobies, they say, will have a distinctly Dorchester vibe, infused with quaint touches lifted from rural Ireland. John and Anne, who have children ages 5

and 3, travelled to Ireland this past summer and brought home a hearty list of ideas that will inform the look and feel of Dorchester's newest Irish pub. They also intend to put a Dublin-born chef in charge of the kitchen, namely Robert Kearney, who will be supervising the culinary side of Sco-

bie's offerings, they said.
The vision, John and
Anne say, is "a place
where you can get a pot

of tea and have a long chat with an old friend; catch a broadcast game from Ireland over an Irish breakfast or get together for a community fundraiser."

The space in question originally housed a bank called Minot Cooperative and was most recently occupied by the Butcher Shop and Deli, which just relocated to a smaller space two doors down. Work is now well under-

way to convert the newly vacant space into Scobie's, with a target date of February 2024. The layout includes an entryway that will allow for grab-and-go service for things like Irish themed snacks and breakfast sandwiches.

The restaurant conversion is the latest in several improvements made to 512 Gallivan Blvd. by the Lydons in recent months. The biggest addition is

an elevator, which will allow for full-accessibility to the second floor, which now includes office space for Lydon's law practice, along with the campaign office of Councillor-at-Large Erin Murphy. Work is nearly complete on renovations to other second-floor office space that amounts to roughly 2,000 square feet, which the Lydons say should be ready for lease in the new year. Other tenants in the building include China Sky, PS Gourmet Coffee, Top Shelf Cookies, a dental office, and Attorney Michael P. Doolin.

The Lydons will present their latest plans at Thursday evening's 7 p.m. meeting of the Cedar Grove Civic Association at the McKeon Post.

"Adams Village is the home of the Irish community in Boston and, if we earn it, we'd like Scobie's to be the home of the Irish community in Adams Village," said John Lydon.



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### Super PACs spent big in Boston's city council election

BY WALTER WUTHMANN WBUR

Well-funded Super PACs spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in this fall's Boston City Council elections, a reality that experts say is emblematic of a "new normal" — big money in local politics.

These "independent expenditure" political action committees, often known for supporting conservative causes, also have formed to shell out money in support of progressive candidates.

For example, a Super PAC called "Bold Boston" spent more than \$93,000 during the month of October on progressive city council candidates endorsed by Mayor Wu.

State campaign finance data show the PAC paid for campaign mailers advertising at-large candidate Henry Santana, District 5 candidate Enrique Pepén, and District 6 candidate Ben Weber.

All three won their elections. The PAC's chairman, Ben Martello of the Lowell-based campaign consulting firm North Side Ventures, did not respond to a request for comment.

Super PACs can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money, as long as they don't directly coordinate with campaigns, following the US Supreme Court's landmark Citizens United decision.

The Super PAC spending continued from September's preliminary election but paled in comparison to the millions spent in the 2021 mayor's race.

"Bold Boston" was funded with \$100,000 in contributions from four major unions: the Boston Teachers Union, SEIU Local 32BJ, SEIU 1199 and UNITE HERE.

While progressive political operatives often criticize the Citizens United decision, it's not uncommon for them to also tap Super PACs' unlimited spending capabilities, according to Jerold Duquette, a political science professor at Central Connecticut State University.

"Organizations across the ideological spectrum are going to take advantage of the opportunity," he said. «Not doing it is strategically problematic, even if your against it.»

The Boston Teachers Union also spent nearly \$5,000 through its own Super PAC supporting teacher Joel Richards in Dorchester-based District 3. Richards lost to Boston planning official John FitzGerald in the Another PAC aligned with SEIU Local 32BJ, which represents property service workers like janitors and security guards, spent \$2,000 on various progressive candidates' committees. At-large candidates Henry Santana, Julia Mejia, Ruthzee Louijeune, and District 3 candidate Joel Richards all received \$500 contributions from the union's PAC.

On the other side, a Super PAC called "Forward Boston" spent nearly \$183,000 supporting more conservative city council candidates in the weeks leading up to the general election. Forward Boston is primarily funded by Jim Davis, the chairman of New Balance and a major Donald Trump donor.

Much of that activity occurred Oct. 31, when records show Forward

Boston spent \$70,000 on digital ads and get-out-the-vote texts.

A text sent out to District 5 voters at the time highlighted former Mayor Marty Walsh's endorsement of José Ruiz, a retired police officer. "Jose Ruiz has been an amazing mentor to so many youngers in the city," the message reads.

Ruiz lost his election bid, alongside other Forward Boston-supported candidates William King in District 6 and Bridget Nee-Walsh in the at-large

The other candidates supported by the PAC — At-large Councilor Erin Murphy, Council President Ed Flynn, and District 3 candidate John FitzGerald — came out on top.

Neither a representative of Forward Boston nor a spokesperson for Jim Davis returned requests for comment.

Some of the more moderate candidates also drew support from Democrats for Education Reform, a dark money group with a national presence. The pro-charter school Super PAC has been linked to major conservative donors like the Walton family, who founded Walmart.

"The goal of their organization is to privatize education," said Maurice Cunningham, a retired UMass Boston political science professor who tracks the group's spending. "They've been very clear about trying to undermine teachers' unions and promote charter schools."

Democrats for Education Reform's PAC spent nearly \$31,000 in the days before the Boston election on texts, post cards, and digital ads for Ruiz, the former police officer.

In a statement, a spokesperson for the group said both Murphy and Ruiz "have proven and longstanding track records of being focused on Boston's children."

Duquette, the political science professor, said the mixed success of candidates supported by Forward Boston and Democrats for Education Reform shows the limits of big money.

"In person, face-to-face, retail politics, the kind of political organizing that we talk about sort of being old-fashioned," he said, "well, that's still crucial."

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# Louijeune claims dibs on council presidency

At-large City Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune says she has enough support among her colleagues on next year's council to take over as the body's president. Seven votes are required to win a majority on the thirteen-member body. Louijeune topped the ticket in Boston's election last week, winning 44,479

votes in her second time on the citywide ballot.

"I am humbled that my colleagues believe in me to lead the Boston City Council in the next term," Louijeune said in a statement on Nov. 9. "We have a lot of work to do when it comes to meeting the basic needs of residents and it's clear that is what our communities

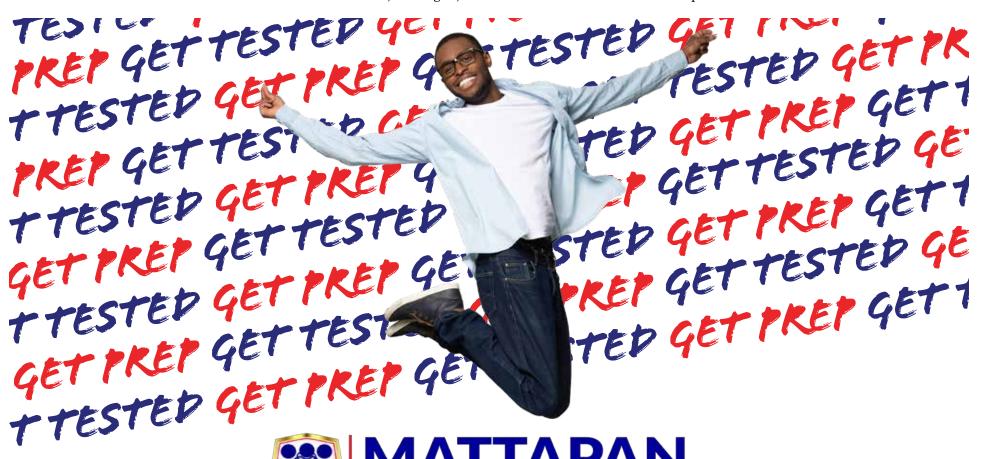
want us to focus on. I look forward to strengthening relationships with my colleagues and building relationships with my colleagues joining in January."

Two current council colleagues—Gigi Coletta and Brian Worrell—were named and quoted in her announcement. It is expected that other

support will be derived from at least two new councillors who will be seated in January.

The daughter of Haitian-immigrant parents who grew up in Mattapan, Louijeune will be the second Black woman to lead the body. Andrea Campbell, who represented District 4, was the first.

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# Election results reveal shifts in turnout, power blocs

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voter turnout this year at 33.7 percent, the highest among Boston's 22 wards and well above the citywide average of slightly less than 19 percent.

But growth in the number of voters registered and votes cast in Ward 20 were no match for the steeper climbs in Ward 19 (most of Jamaica Plain and part of Roslindale) and Ward 3, which goes from the SoWa/Ink Block section to the South End to Chinatown, the Leather District, the Financial District, and the North and West Ends. Since 2007, the ward has been transformed by new housing development, with enrollment up by 31.9 percent and votes cast by 148.5 percent. If the trend in these wards was like a hill, Ward 20 was more like a speed hump.

Ward 19 had the second highest ward turnout figure, at 31.5 percent. Since 2007, its total of registered voters has increased by more than 14 percent and the number of votes cast by 125 percent. In six adjacent precincts of Ward 11, between Forest Hills Station and Egleston Square, an area with recent development of high-density, transit-oriented housing, the number of registered voters has increased by 48.8 percent. The number of votes cast was up over the 2007 total by 151.2 percent.

In this year's election, Louijeune repeated her first-place finish in Ward 18, which includes her own neighborhood in Hyde Park, along with parts of Mattapan and Roslindale. But she also ran first in some of the city's hotbeds for growth in voters, such as Ward 3, Ward 19, and the six adjacent precincts in Ward 11—including the former location of the bar and repository for Boston political memorabilia, Doyle's Café. The second-place finisher in Ward 19 was Santana.

Among the other places where Louijeune came in first were Ward 22 (Brighton/North Allston) and Ward 5, which includes the Back Bay, along with parts of Beacon Hill and the South End. Ward 5 was unusual for having fewer registered voters than in 2007, but its turnout was above the citywide average and the number of votes cast was up by 140.5 percent.

A Dorchester resident also in her first term on the council, Erin Murphy captured first place in Wards 13 (Uphams Corner/Columbia-Savin Hill) and 16 (Neponset). Her strongest support in Dorchester was from two areas with perennially high turnouts: Ward 13, Precinct 10 (Savin Hill) and Ward 16, Precinct 12, which includes the Keystone Apartments and posted the highest turnout figure for all Boston precincts, at 52.6 percent.

Murphy also ran first in Ward 20, Ward 2 (Charlestown) and Ward 1 (East Boston). She also prevailed in Ward 1 precincts around Orient Heights, while Louijeune, with the second highest total, carried areas that included recently developed housing on the waterfront.

Murphy was also the top vote-getter at-large in South Boston. Despite running below the citywide average for voter turnout this year, South Boston has seen—along with new transit-oriented housing and development of the Seaport District, an increase of registered voters since 2007 by 58.1 percent, but the number of votes cast was up by 27.3 percent. In Ward 16, the number of registered voters increased less dramatically over the 2007 figure, but votes cast were up by 44.9 percent, thanks to above-average turnout at 26 percent.

Elsewhere in Dorchester, second-term councilor at-large Julia Mejia finished first in Wards 14 (Grove



Mayor Wu and Councillor-elect Henry Santana greeted each other at Santana's victory celebration at Yellow Door Taqueria in Mission Hill on Nov. 7.

Chris Lovett photo

Hall-Franklin Field and part of Mattapan) and 15 (Bowdoin-Geneva, Meeting House Hill). Louijeune came in second in those areas, and in Ward 20. But Mejia was a front-runner in Roxbury's Wards 8, 9 and 12, and in the precincts north of Egleston Square in Ward 11.

Another factor in turnout was the competition for district seats on the council, especially in Districts 3, 5, and 6, where no incumbents were on the final ballot.

In District 3, which includes more eastern precincts of Dorchester, from South Bay and the Polish Triangle to Cedar Grove, two finalists were competing to succeed Frank Baker, who decided earlier this year not to seek re-election. The winner was John FitzGerald, with 58.2 percent of the vote.

The other District 3 finalist, Joel Richards, carried 17 precincts, but most of the precincts won by FitzGerald were in areas with higher turnouts, including Ward 13, Precinct 10 (Savin Hill) and Ward 16, Precinct 12 (Keystone Apartments). The son of Kevin Fitzgerald, a former state representative from Mission Hill, District 3's winner has worked in City Hall for 17 years. His campaign had a sizeable advantage in fundraising and a cross-section of support, from labor unions to elected officials, including former Boston mayor Marty Walsh.

Walsh also backed Murphy, but he was less successful in his backing of José Ruiz, the losing finalist for City Council in District 5 (Hyde Park, Roslindale and part of Mattapan). Ruiz had endorsements from police and firefighters, along with independent support from the Forward Boston political action committee—grouped in a slate with Murphy, Fitzgerald, District 6 runner-up William King, and the fifth place at-large candidate Bridget Nee-Walsh. Funded mainly by the chair of New Balance, Jim Davis, the PAC raised \$320,000 and spent more than one-third of that amount on behalf of Ruiz.

The winner in District 5, supported by Wu, was Enrique Pepén. A former aide to the mayor and other elected officials, along with being the son of Nilson

Pepén, the Spanish-language play-by-play announcer for the Boston Red Sox, he captured 52.75 percent of the vote. The Bold Bost PAC—funded by four labor unions—spent on behalf of Pepén, but its largest amount was devoted to Santana.

Ruiz, a retired police officer who lives in Readville, won a single precinct in Mattapan and was a clear winner in Hyde Park. Pepén won most of the precincts in Mattapan and Roslindale. The District 5 incumbent, Ricardo N. Arroyo, was eliminated in the preliminary election. He won his first term in 2019, as a progressive and political ally of Wu. Four years later with Pepén, Wu was backing a fellow resident of Roslindale who had been the director of her Office of Neighborhood Services.

Wu also backed winners in District 8 (Back Bay, Fenway, Mission Hill), Councilor Sharon Durkan, and West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain's District 6 (Ben Weber), along with at-large candidate Santana, who finished in fourth place.

Sixteen years ago, officials and community leaders were quick to acknowledge the 2007 "off-year" election as an embarrassment, with its voter turnout a mere 13.6 percent—worse than the figure of almost 19 percent last Tuesday.

One factor in the turnout difference is the increase in Boston's population. Between 2000 and 2020, the count increased by 14.2 percent, an amount likely somewhat diminished since the onset of Covid. Though the comparison is not exact, between 2007 and this year, the number of registered voters increased by 21.7 percent, while the number of votes cast was 69 percent higher than 16 years ago—not exactly a slump in political engagement.

By 2020, 56.7 percent of Boston's voting-age population was under forty years of age – people who had never voted before 1999. If candidates endorsed by Walsh had mixed results in this year's election, he could still claim the surge in housing production under his administration helped generate electoral dividends for other candidates, especially Louijeune.

The youngest at-large candidate, Henry Santana, held his victory celebration in his old neighborhood, a few blocks from the Mission Hill Main housing development that used to be home for him and—in its earlier form—of former state representative Jeffrey Sánchez, and a few more blocks from the childhood home of Kevin Fitzgerald. The event was at the Yellow Door Taqueria, previously the site of a pub named for an Irish writer of quirky genius, Flann O'Brien.

When the pub was still in business, a larger-than-life semblance of O'Brien, hoisting his "pint of plain," towered above the entrance with its red door. On election night, the door had a different color, and pints were outnumbered by baskets of house-made tortilla chips with salsa. When Santana made his entrance, he was hailed by a packed, jubilant crowd, with many—including Wu—who had never cast a vote in the 20th century.

That did not prevent a longtime neighborhood resident in the crowd from remembering Santana as a local teen volunteer who would later head Wu's Office of Civic Organizing. When Santana addressed the crowd, standing on a bench next to the mayor and wearing a black jacket and bow tie, his words might have been spoken by another candidate from another time.

"I'm a city kid," he declared. "I grew up in public housing. I am a product of the Boston Public Schools, I'm a product of after-school programs and summer programs here in this city, and I'm proud to be your next Boston city councillor."



Neil Doherty, James O'Neill, and Chris Sheehan campaigned for their favored candidates outside of Dorchester's Florian Hall last Tuesday, Nov. 7. Florian's 16-12 posted the highest single turnout for a precinct in the city by percentage — 52.62 percent.

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# Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

# Mattapan Patriots 14U team earns place in national tournament play; has to raise \$50k by Dec. 2 to go

regular season, the Mattapan Patriots 14-Under football team has been invited to compete in a national tournament in Naples, Florida next month. The team punched their ticket with a come-from-behind win over North Attleboro, 38-32 last week. Now they need to raise \$50,000 by Dec. 2 to make sure the players can get to the American Youth Football championships.

"This is the first in Mattapan history," said Mick Brunache, the coach and president of the youth league. "The Mattapan Patriots have been around 40 years and never have accomplished this. It is the first time in our history."

Brunache said the team was expected to be good, but ended up playing much better than anticipated. That caught organizers offguard, leaving little time to fundraise. They have set up a GoFundMe campaign and hope it can get them over the threshold.

This team has been through a lot this year,"



Mattapan Patriots President and Coach Mick Brunache is surrounded by the 14U team shortly after the players won a game against North Attleboro that assured them a spot in the National Championship tournament in Florida. Photo courtesy Mattapan Patriots

he said. "The fact they made it happen is beyond amazing and says a lot about these kids."

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on GoFundMe, or go to this address: gofundme.

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Lisa Kate Joyce

LisaKateJoyceofDorchester performs in Moonbox Productions upcoming production of *Legally Blonde*: The Musical, with music and lyrics by Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin and a book by Heather Hach, based on the novel *Legally* Blonde by Amanda Brown. The Dorchester actor portrays Pilar and is also an understudy for the lead role of Elle Woods. Directed by Katie Anne Clark with musical direction by Mindy Cimini and choreography by Taavon Gamble, *Legally Blonde: The Musical* opens on Dec. 8 and runs until December 31 at the BCA Calderwood Pavilion - Robert Theatre located at 527 Tremont St. Tickets are \$65 for Friday and Saturday evening performances and Sunday matinee, and \$45 for Thursday evening performances and Saturday matinee. Tickets are available at bit.ly/legallyblonetix or call 617-933-8600. Pay what you wish options are available at the box office.



Plumbers Local 12 and the Greater Boston Plumbing Contractors Association (PCA) held their Industry Appreciation Night last month at the Omni Seaport. Harry Brett, International Representative of New England for the United Association, (left) and Hugh Kelleher, former Executive Director of the Greater Boston PCA were honored at the event, which included more than 450 contractors, union plumbers and guests to raise money for college scholarships for the sons and daughters of union plumbers and Photo courtesy Plumbers Local 12 contractors.



Standish Village at Lower Mills held a "flag-raising" last month to celebrate earning its accreditation as a Purple Flag for Dementia Care facility. Standish had to demonstrate adherence to 60 best practice standards and training outlined by Purple Flag for services provided to individuals with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. The purple flag will now fly in front of the Adams Street facility as a symbol of excellence in dementia care. Pictured (l-r): City Councilor-elect John FitzGerald; Patricia McCormack, Senior Citizen liaison for Councillor Frank Baker; Julie Williamson, Standish Village executive director; Tadd Clelland, Senior Living Residences president & CEO; and Christopher Carter, Purple Flag for Dementia Care president & CEO. Image courtesy Standish Village

### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Thomas Trowbridge, Early Dorchester Settler

Sometimes our knowledge of former Dorchester residents comes from unexpected sources. We learned of supermodel Cindy Crawford's efforts to trace her ancestry, through a You-Tube video. One of her ancestors was Thomas Trowbridge.

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He left Taunton, En-



Cindy Crawford, descendant of Thomas Trowbridge

gland where he was born, to live in Exeter in Devon, where he established himself as a mercer (a dealer in textiles such as silks and velvets).

He married an Exeter girl in 1627, Elizabeth, the daughter of Mrs. Alice Marshall.

Trowbridge was one of the early settlers of Dorchester, Massachusetts, probably about 1636, and of New Haven, Connecticut. In the late 1630s, he was a merchant engaged in the Barbados trade. He was likely a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company under the name listed as Thomas Strawbridge (the spelling was proba-

bly a scrivener's error).

Trowbridge moved his family to New Haven about 1639-41. In the and census of 1641 his estate is given at 500 pounds, a large sum for the time.

He returned to England about 1641-44 and left his three sons under the charge of Sgt. Thomas Jeffries who was in Dorchester in 1634 and New Haven in 1637

or 1638. It appears that Trowbridge never returned to New England.

He served as a captain in Cromwell's army in the English Civil War. He died in 1672 in Taunton, England.

The Dorchester Historical Society's William Clapp House and James Blake House are open to the public on the third Sunday of th month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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### Editorial

### ZBA hits pause on plans for St. Matthew's convent



A rendering of proposed new condos, with existing convent building and new rear addition, next to old St. Matthew. Image courtesy Context

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday deferred a vote on a developer's proposal to turn the former St. Matthew convent, 43-45 Stanton St. in Dorchester, into 14 condos — two of them affordable— to give the developer and neighbors a couple more months to try to reach agreement on the size of the project, in particular, its roof.

The board initially voted to approve the Volnay Capital's project 4-1, but that meant the project would be defeated because state law requires at least 5 votes for zoning variances. Chairwoman Sherry Dong cast the lone no vote, saying she felt Volnay and neighbors should keep trying to come to terms on the project.

The board then voted 4-1 to deny the project without prejudice, which would have let the developer submit new plans within a year, so that motion failed as well, again for lack of five votes.

Board members then agreed unanimously to give Volnay owner Ricky Belliveau and Stanton Street residents until Jan. 23 to reach some sort of agreement. Six board members were present, but member David Aiken recused himself.

Volnay, better known for its projects in East Boston, proposed preserving the current convent building built in 1889 and vacant since 2020 - and adding a four-story addition to its rear.

Volnay originally proposed a flat roof on the addition, but the BPDA urged it to put in a "hip" or peaked roof to better fit in with the design of the equally vacant St. Matthew Church, which is not part of its project. The proposal also calls for moving parking spaces in the front of the convent behind the building, which would allow for green space along Stanton Street.

Ironically, it was elevating the roof of the addition that was one of the concerns raised by neighbors, who said it would simply make the building too large for a street that consists mainly of one- and two-family homes. But even with a flat roof, some residents said the proposal was just too large - especially since a local non-profit group is looking at using the remaining church property for a development with more than 70 housing units.

With the peaked roof, the building would tower over both Stanton and Ufford streets, said Alice Nelson, a Stanton Street neighbor.

Nadie Brathwaite, also of Stanton Street, said Stanton is a relatively narrow street and that the new building would cause additional parking and traffic issues. Volnay's proposal calls for 16 parking spaces.

Christina Baron, whose parents and grandparents own houses on Stanton, said that even with a flat roof, the building would overwhelm the street. She called for a three-story building with eleven condos - and two of those affordable.

Volnay's attorney, Marc LaCasse, however, said that while Belliveau is intent on preserving as much as he can of the historic building, he determined that 14 units was as small as he could get and still make any money from the project.

The project needed variances including for not having enough parking, for being a multifamily project on a site not zoned for that, for being closer than allowed to its rear lot line and for being denser and taller than allowed.

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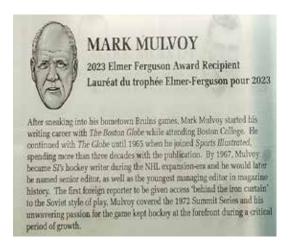
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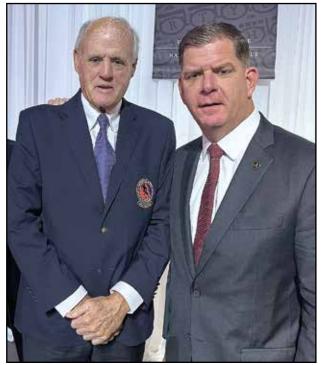
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### **Dot native Mark Mulvoy** enters Hockey Hall; cited for his editorial support of the sport at SI, Globe

Two Dorchester natives who grew up on side streets off Dot Ave., Mark Mulvoy, left, and Marty Walsh, shared a moment on Monday after Mulvoy was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame's media division at a luncheon ceremony in Toronto.



Walsh, the former mayor of Boston and US secretary of labor who is now the executive director of the National Hockey League's Players' Association, listened along with a gathering of hockey notables,



including Scottie Bowman, winning coach of nine Stanley Cups with three teams and a longtime (57 years) acquaintance of Mulvoy's on the hockey beat, as the honoree talked about his experiences covering hockey first as a writer at the Boston Globe and Sports Illustrated and later as a senior editor and editor-in-chief at SI over the final third of the last century when the magazine brought editorial clout and opinion to its coverage of blooming issues - gambling, drugs, domestic abuse - in the world of sports.

Photo by Kelly Mangan

# State officials must confront scourge of graffiti vandals

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

Entering and leaving our capital city can be impressive, with our burgeoning skyline of high rises, views of the river and harbor, and nice neighborhoods. But over the past few years, our views coming into and leaving Boston have been marred by rusted bridges, trash in the high weeds along the shoulders, and ubiquitous graffiti.

It is so bad that parts of our major thoroughfares look like they could fit into the set for a dystopian movie. It's embarrassing, and it's not getting dealt with by our state Department of Transportation (DOT), the agency responsible for most of the vandalized properties.

I have been highlighting these conditions along our highways and transit routes in this column for a few years. With the new administration, I decided to give some time to see if there would be action by the DOT to improve the maintenance of the major highways that serve Boston. But the paltry efforts at maintenance have been incredibly ineffective and done with seemingly no thought about how to prevent continuing problems. They must do better, and our legislators need to make sure they do. While there must be a lot of attention to our rusted-out bridges and highway trash, I'll focus this column on graffiti.

I hate graffiti. The kind that has infected our capital city is mostly tagging, which is essentially a signature or logo for the person doing the graffiti, and sometimes is done by gangs marking their territory. I don't care that some people see it as youthful (or adult) expression, or that its history goes back thousands of years. It's vandalism and needs to be seen as a crime. It will cost tens of thousands of dollars to remove the paint or cover it over

During my fifty years in Boston, I've seen several periods in which graffiti was out of control, and now we're in another of those periods. It's so bad that somehow graffiti vandals have been able to climb on top of signs that go over the turnpike and expressway to tag the signs above your head as you drive through. These highways do not shut down except for daily gridlock, so how someone can climb above the traffic and paint a tag without getting arrested is mystifying. In fact, one of these above the turnpike tags is just a few hundred yards from a State Police barracks!

The graffiti is typically about four feet tall by six feet wide, and usually with four letters that take up nearly all the four x six surfaces. There are many hundreds of such tags on the turnpike between Newton and the expressway interchange, and along the expressway into Milton.

When you drive along these highways, you'll notice that there are many repeat tags every few hundred vards. The tags you see over and over are LIMO (also above the turnpike), PIZA (over the turnpike and on a building facing Mass Avenue in the South End), HYPH, MODE, LOUD, XIHO, SCUE, CHAPE, and many, many more.

Several months ago, the state's Highway Department covered a couple of miles of graffiti in Newton along the turnpike with white paint. Why they decided on white paint over the granite stone bridges and other walls should be questioned, but at least they tried. The problem is that the spaces were immediately re-covered with tags. The same happened at the top of the wall along the expressway sound barriers in Savin Hill after the MBTA painted over the tags on the wall.

To be fair, in 2021, Joe Pesaturo, director of communications for the MBTA, acknowledged that the sound barriers are owned by the T, but that "unfortunately, it doesn't take long for vandals to strike again after the barriers receive a fresh coat of paint." I made the point that they should determine how to prevent re-covering by eliminating access to the wall.

In fact, there has been a fence that has been pulled down for many years, allowing graffiti vandals to easily get on the wall. If the T had dealt with the fence problem, that may have prevented re-tagging, but the fence is broken, and the wall quickly got re-tagged.

I also told him that there are ways to prevent graffiti, either by making it impossible to get access to the surfaces, placing lights and cameras along the walls, changing the material to something that graffiti can't adhere to, or having artists paint scenery as is the case along the Neponset River rail trail, rather than put up with continuous graffiti. His response was that the cost of graffiti prevention is burdensome.

It's time for the state and city to clean up the main roadways and transit routes that serve the city. To deal with graffiti, here are some recommendations. Call your elected officials and tell them it's time to:

Charge the DOT with maintaining their highways and MBTA properties with trash and graffiti removal and prevention. Our legislators should make sure they actually do it.

Offer incentives to private property owners who tolerate graffiti to have it removed.

Hire experts to determine how to prevent re-covering of graffiti in each affected area. Fix fences and other access points. Use cameras and other technology to prevent additional tagging.

Increase fines for graffiti on public property up to an amount that is the cost of removal of graffiti.

Get the State Police to investigate who is tagging DOT sites in Boston and indict them for malicious destruction of property (over \$250 in damage is a felony). Force them to pay for graffiti removal. The police can start with HYPH, PIZA, LIMO, MODE and XIHO. Get the word out that the Commonwealth is no longer tolerating graffiti vandalism.

Remove the graffiti with a prevention plan in place. The so called "Broken Windows" theory to prevent crime has taken some hits in the past few years, but it is true that trashy areas and graffiti beget more of the same. Keep things clean and they tend to stay that way. Prosecuting those who vandalize will send a message that will stop this relentless vandalism. It's time for the DOT to show some pride for our capital city

Bill Walczak lives in Dorchester. His column appears regularly in the Reporter.

# Subway shutdowns planned to eliminate slow zones on MBTA by end of next year

#### By Chris Lisinski State House News Service

In another new development with big implications for riders, the MBTA's push to trade near-term headaches for long-term improvements will soon be put to the test on an unprecedented scale.

Reduced train speeds associated with safety concerns have plagued riders with sluggish travel for months, and MBTA officials on Nov. 9 announced they now plan to shut down segments of all four subway lines in phases over the next 13 months, allowing for repairs they say will eliminate all "slow zones" by the end of 2024.

Repair work will replace rails, fix or replace deteriorated ties, install new ballast, improve signals and switches, and more, MBTA General Manager Phil Eng said. Free shuttle buses will replace subway service during closures.

The proposal will inflict widespread disruption on riders, with a portion of the core subway system scheduled to be closed on almost exactly half of the days between now and the end of next year.

With their new plan, MBTA officials are providing more advance notice than they have ahead of recent shutdowns, and for the first time are putting an estimated endpoint on the slow train service that has become the new norm and turned some riders away from the T.

Paraphrasing Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, Engsaid the plan exchanges "short-term pain for long-term wins." He told the MBTA Board's safety subcommittee while unveiling the schedule that "not getting this work done has far longer-ranging impacts to the public that we serve. This is truly a pivotal time for the T as we're looking to restore and repair years and years of disinvestment."

The first closures will hit the Green Line. Subways will not run between North Station and Kenmore, Heath Street, and Babcock Street from Nov. 27 to Dec. 5, nor will they operate along the entire D Branch from Riverside to Kenmore between Dec. 11 and Dec. 20.

For 2024, the plan lays out nearly 20 planned closures of individual pieces of the Green, Orange, Red, and Blue Lines, ranging in duration between four days and 21 days. Eng said the sweeping proposal would eliminate all slow zones, which currently blanket about 23 percent of the system, plus tackle any new issues that emerge.

Altogether, MBTA modeling projects the work will slash a total of 86

minutes in delays that exist today because of infrastructure problems that prevent trains from safely operating at full speed.

"The intent is to, again, address those things that have been impacting the public today and address those things that, if we don't get to, will impact them in future years," Eng told reporters after the subcommittee meeting. "That will allow us now to come in and do that proper cyclical, preventive corrective maintenance on a regular basis, being able to respond more timely, and not allow us to get to the point where we're trying to tackle hundreds of speed restrictions.'

The cost of the repair campaign was not available. Eng said the work will all be funded through existing budget sources, including money set aside for the MBTA to address problems identified in a Federal Transit Administration investigation and the agency's five-year capital investment plan.

A "significant amount" of the work will be put out to bid, which Eng said might alter some of the specific closure dates.

Eng said last Thursday that the T has reached a new agreement with private developer HYM Construction, whose demolition of the Government Center Garage has required multiple subway disruptions in recent months.

The company will finish work that normally impedes T service during a total of 20 days when the nearby portion of the Green Line is closed for infrastructure repairs. Once those diversions are complete, the remaining demolition work will continue without requiring any kind of MBTA coordination, Eng said.

Widespread slow zones have become a debilitating way of life for most riders this year. An MBTA-hired consultant attributed the sudden escalation of the problem to poorly trained staff who were not "completely fulfilling the responsibilities" of track maintenance and safety standards, communications breakdowns, and a lack of inspection documentation.

The MBTA has made a habit in recent years of shutting down large stretches of subway lines to accelerate repairs, most recently on the Red Line between JFK/ UMass and Ashmont stations. That 16-day closure allowed officials to lift all slow zones in the area.

The new plan takes the effort to another level, charting a course months ahead of time. Rep. William Straus, who co-chairs the Legislature's Transportation Committee, praised Eng's approach with an apparent dig at former General Manager Steve Poftak and the Baker administration.

"The public should see that, with regard to the maintenance and taking-care-of-the-stuff obligation of the T, we now have the management capability that wasn't there before," said Straus.

Transit advocates and business groups praised the proposal as a step in the right direction, particularly because it gives the public more time to prepare for shutdowns and plan accordingly.

"The communication of a comprehensive, systemwide, year-long plan to address track issues is crucial and appreciated," said Reggie Ramos, executive director of Transportation for Massachusetts. "We hope this signals a new level of transparency with the public for the MBTA especially as the work progresses."





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### After 44 years, Cedar Grove Gardens plans to close after holidays

(Continued from page 1) to make and sell custom-decorated wreaths and other items like roping and mixed-greens for window-box displays.

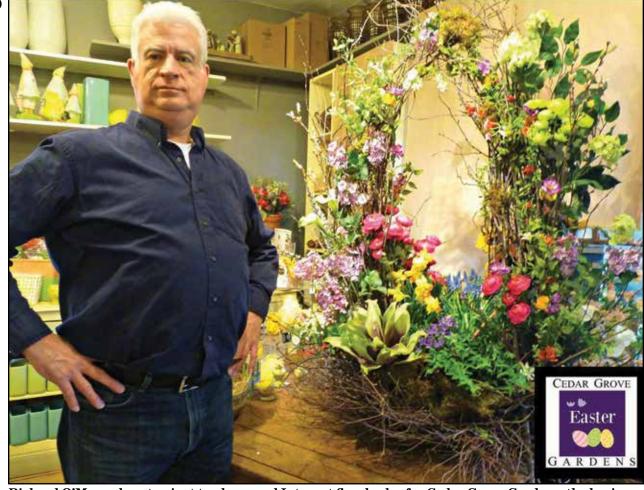
As to the trees, O'Mara said it has become too hard to find reliable seasonal labor to serve tree-buyers. "We used to spend \$15,000-\$17,000 on trees and the resulting sales would be \$30,000. But with all the time and effort, we just don't have that labor to fall back on."

The turnover in senior management at the store and the increased difficulty of securing new talent has fueled his decision to transition.

"I've lost a very seasoned crew that had been with me anywhere from 20-30 years," O'Mara said. "The idea now is to stay in business and continue to service my clientele. We will keep the phone numbers, keep the name, and maybe we will be operating under a new name at some point, but as a fresh flower studio.'

O'Mara does not yet have a new location solidified but he is able to continue operating in nearby space that he leases for cold storage. It's not yet clear what might happen next at the 11,413-square-foot site

by:



Richard O'Mara plans to pivot to phone and Internet floral sales for Cedar Grove Gardens, the business he has owned and operated in Dorchester since 1979. The store will remain open through the holiday Image courtesy Cedar Grove Gardens

at the corner of Milton flower-related business. Street.

Peter Lee, who controls the LLC that owns the property, also owns a hardwood floor business on Neponset Avenue. Lee told the Reporter in 2018 that he regards the site as a perfect location for a he would consider oth-

"I want to keep renting to people to do a flower business there. I think it's a great area for a flower store. I love the location," he said. "If no one wants to do that," Lee noted at the time,

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er uses, including new housing.

O'Mara, 69, has been a prominent member of the Dorchester community since opening the store in 1979 when he was 24. Born and raised in Mattapan, he initially was drawn to a

career in law or politics after attending Boston Latin School and UMass Amherst. He took a job right out of college and learned to grow plants and flowers in the greenhouse inside Cedar Grove Cemetery. He bought the building at 911 Adams

and renovated it himself, with help from his father and friends. For a time, he also lived in the house above the retail floral shop.

Over the years, O'Marahas taken on leadership roles in city zoning reviews and as a key figure in the Lower Mills Merchants Association, Lower Mills Civic Association, and the Dorchester Park Association, which he led as president.

"I think you have to participate," he told the *Reporter* in 2018. "I think there's a level of giving back and it's important to prepare for what we can and accept what we can't. I'm pretty proud of our record in Lower Mills."

O'Mara continues to own the property that abuts the store property. As to what might happen with any potential redevelopment of the site, he said: "I still have a voice as a direct abutter as to how this property will be used."

Cedar Grove Gardens will remain open through the holiday season with slightly different hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m; Thursdays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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# Meet Burke High's Debbie Doherty, BPS Nurse of the Year

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

On the wall opposite the medical supplies in Debbie Doherty's office at Jeremiah Burke High School there is an array of photos. One shows a former student - now a colleague – playing college soccer. Another shows a student whom Doherty took into her home when she had no other place to live. There are pictures of happy babies, the children of former students. And one of a teen girl who had died of an asthma attack. The smiling boy in another photo was shot to death in front of the school a few years ago.

The collection captures the range of experiences that Doherty, who has been named BPS Nurse of the Year, has dealt with over her career.

"I want to retire because I have six grand-kids that I adore, but it's hard," said the 65-year-old Doherty. "This isn't a job. I get up every morning and can't wait to get here – seriously. I even worked here all summer. I don't even think of it as work."

School nurses were thrust to the forefront during the pandemic and charged with managing everything from treatments to social-emotional well-being. Doherty did all that and more with her constant focus on helping people any way she

can – including the hot meals like stuffed shells or butternut squash tortellini soup that she often brings in from home for students and staff.

Hospital while raising three daughters in St.

Brendan's parish. All three – Hayley, Brittany, and Mollie – graduated from BPS schools. Two

"I think of the people I work with as family," she said. "The medical part is the easy part. It's all the other stuff – the behavior stuff, especially after Covid-19. It was troubling because so many kids went through psychosis, and it was hard on them... It was tough coming back afterwards but it's finally coming back to normal and that's great."

Doherty grew up the youngest of six children in the former Columbia Point project, attending the Dever and Mc-Cormack Schools. After moving to Fields Corner, she studied at the Grover Cleveland Middle School, and graduated from Dorchester High. Helping others was a way of life in their home, and even with six kids, her mother, the late Mary Doherty - who worked more than 40 years for the Post Office—focused on the less fortunate.

"We grew up in the projects, but my mom was always helping someone," she said. "I'd come home and there was always some new kid living with us."

After getting her degrees from Boston City Hospital and Labouré, Doherty began her nursing career at Boston City Hospital while raising three daughters in St. Brendan's parish. All three – Hayley, Brittany, and Mollie – graduated from BPS schools. Two became nurses, and one is now a dentist. But as time went on, she said, "I discovered that I didn't want to do adult nursing anymore.

"You could make such a difference with the kids. I realized I wanted to be a school nurse, so I gave up my job at City Hospital... In the hospital, they come in and go out, but at the school you have them day-to-day and see the change."

In 2008, after subbing for several years, she landed at the Burke, where she blends a Dorchester-style no-nonsense approach with a wealth of empathy and understanding. She can tell it like it is, and at the same time offer a shoulder to cry on.

"I try to keep open dialogue with parents," she said. "I talk to them like they're my sisters. If their kid's being a pain, I tell them, and they laugh and appreciate it... They see I love these kids like they are mine."

Over the years, she noted in an interview, teen pregnancies have all but disappeared after being problematic, and STDs are lower as well. On the phone last week, she advised a parent about Covid protocols for a new case – the fifth of the week. At the same time, she encouraged the parent on the phone to stop by the school food pantry.

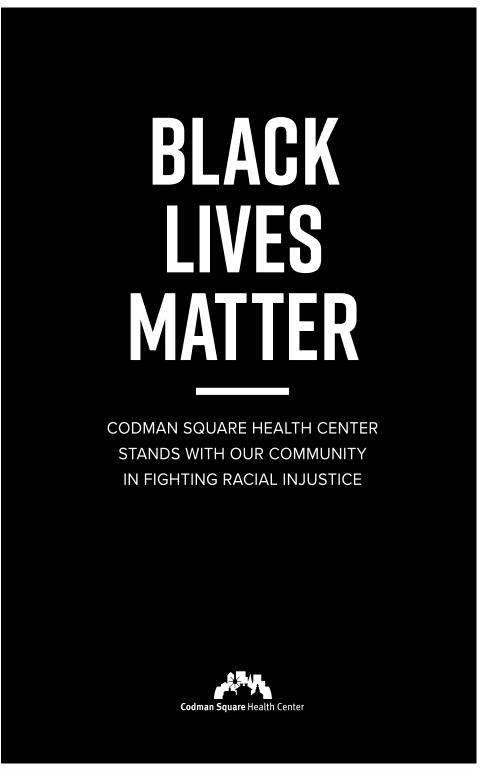
"I'll take you by when you come; we'll go together," she said insistently.

Such things might seem going above and beyond to others, but not Doherty.

"Ithink all of this is just what you're supposed to do," she said. "Isn't this the way you're just supposed to be? My mother taught me that, yes, but I think everyone should do that. That would make this a better place to live and to be."



Debbie Doherty, the long-time nurse at Jeremiah Burke High School, was recently named the BPS Nurse of the Year. Seth Daniel photo





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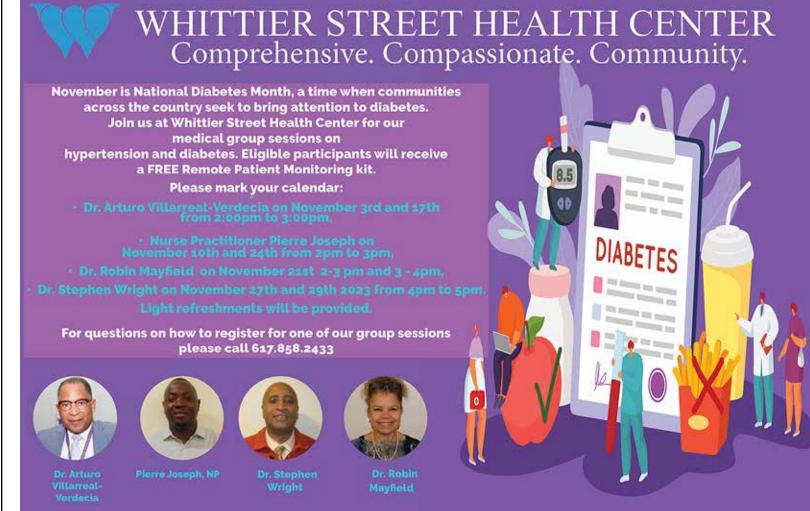
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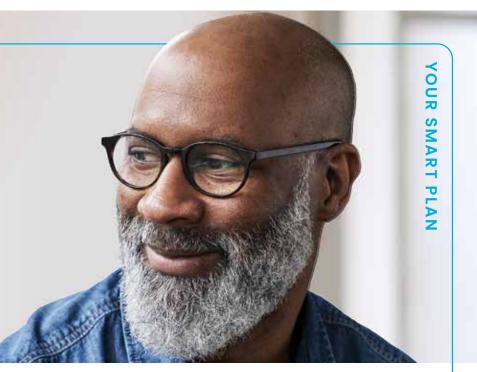
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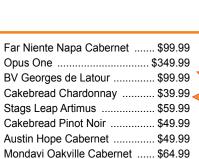
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Casamigos Blanco 750ml	\$39.99
Kahlua 1.75ltr	\$39.99
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**BGCD Thanks AGC MA Contractors & Subcontractors for Annual Day of Service:** See details below.

### CONNECT THE DOT:

**BGCD Thanks AGC MA for Annual** Day of Service: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was thrilled to collaborate with the Construction Leadership **Council of the Associated General** Contractors of Massachusetts (AGC MA) for their Annual Day of Service. This marks the second consecutive year they have chosen BGCD as their charity of choice. Contractors and subcontractors from across the Commonwealth dedicated their time and expertise to carry out a diverse range of building enhancements within our facilities. These included tasks such as painting, landscaping, installing new flooring, renovating office spaces, and other facility upgrades. We extend our gratitude to all the contractors and skilled labor force that undertook these improvements, contributing to the warm and inviting environment of our buildings for our members.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Welcomes New England Free
Jacks for Rugby Clinic: Boys & Girls
Clubs of Dorchester was pleased to
welcome members of the New England
Free Jacks, a professional rugby union
team in Major League Rugby who
stopped by to host a clinic for 25 lucky
members.

The clinic included background on rugby and how the game is played before moving into drills to showcase some of the skills needed. Our members enjoyed the opportunity to try the game of rugby and we look forward to future collaborations with the Free Jacks.

Many thanks to the members of the New England Free Jacks for spending their afternoon with us! For more information on partnering with BGCD, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@ bgcdorchester.org.



**BGCD Welcomes New England Free Jacks for Rugby Clinic:** See details below.

### **DID YOU KNOW:**

BGCD To Host Jingle & Mingle at The Barking Crab December 7<sup>th</sup>:
Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, in partnership with our friends at The Barking Crab, presents Jingle & Mingle on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>! Join us at the Barking Crab in the Seaport for a night of holiday fun!

This festive event is from 6 - 10pm and will include food and drink, raffles, music, a meet and greet with Santa, and more!

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased online at bit.ly/bgcdjingle23. Please note, this is a 21+ event.

All proceeds will benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. For more information on this event, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Family Thanksgiving Dinner
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Jingle & Mingle Holiday Party
December 7

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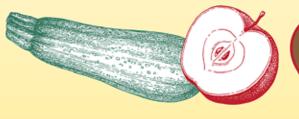
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### MassHealth review sparks interest in Connector plans

#### By Alison Kuznitz State House News Service

With open enrollment underway for the state's health insurance market-place, significantly more people are now seeking coverage through the Massachusetts Health Connector clearinghouse compared to this point last year.

More than 50,000 people have enrolled in plans available through the Connector after losing coverage amid the state's massive year-long effort to redetermine eligibility for 2.4 million MassHealth members. The evolving insurance landscape has translated into a 25 percent jump in Health Connector enrollment this year, Audrey Morse Gasteier, executive director of the Health Connector, said last week.

'This is easily the most important open enrollment for the Health Connector in a decade," Gasteier said at a Connector board meeting. "We will continue to make sure that the Health Connector remains highly visible throughout the open enrollment period, particularly in mid-December as we get up to the big Dec. 23 enrollment and payment deadline for people to sign up for coverage to start the new year."

The Connector helps individuals, families and



Audrey Morse Gasteier, executive director of the Massachusetts Health Connector, speaks during a MassHealth redetermination press conference on Nov. 6. SHNS photo

small businesses compare and enroll in affordable coverage through major health and dental insurance providers. The marketplace boasts about 300,000 members, including individuals and small businesses, officials said earlier this month.

Officials are focused on about 60,000 people who are eligible for Health Connector plans and need to enroll to avoid a gap in coverage once they no longer qualify for MassHealth, said Marissa Woltmann, chief of policy at the insurance exchange.

There's been higher than average enrollment among Connector members who have relied on assistance, such as application counselors and navigators who provide one-on-one guidance for people as they explore their eligibility and enrollment options, Woltmann said.

"We're seeing strong enrollment among populations who prefer a language other than English, and this is especially true when they have an assister," Woltmann said. "We're talking to some of the assisters in both high- and lower-performing communities to gather qualitative data about what's working, and what barriers remain, and then how we can share those lessons learned."

Woltmann said the Health Connector's outreach efforts are also effective, with officials seeing a correlation between more paid media advertising and higher enrollment numbers.

About 2,500 people who are between 300 to 500 percent of the federal poverty line have selected a plan or enrolled in an expanded Connector-Care plan, Gasteier said.

The board has approved permanent updated regulations to launch the two-year pilot program that the Legislature approved in the fiscal 2024 budget to expand the income limits for heavily subsidized ConnectorCare coverage and help more low-income Bay Staters access coverage if they are no longer eligible

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for MassHealth. ConnectorCare coverage offers members "\$0 or low monthly premiums, low out-of-pocket costs, and no deductibles," according to state advertising.

Insurers who provide plans through the Health Connector will also offer ConnectorCare plans. The list of carriers includes Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, UnitedHealthcare, Fallon Health, Health New England, Mass General Brigham Health Plan, Tufts Health Plan, and WellSense Health Plan.

MassHealth has so far worked through nearly 1 million renewals and eligibility determinations since April, said Elizabeth Denniston, MassHealth's chief of staff. About 76,000 members have been removed from MassHealth rolls as of Oct. 20, though officials say larger disenrollments are expected this fall and winter.

The MassHealth rolls are expected to drop by a net 300,000 to 400,000 members, the Healey administration has said. The redetermination process is expected to save the state \$1.9 billion in fiscal year 2024.

About 14 percent of people eligible for a Health Connector plan so far have said they have access to another type of insurance coverage, such as through their employers, Woltmann said.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kate Walsh said she's concerned about Mass-Health members who have transitioned to commercial insurance coverage. She suggested the "next frontier" for health officials is to examine the plans offered by employers and gauge whether the Health Connector needs to fill a gap with a lower-cost product.

"If you go from Mass-Health to a high-deductible product and you're low- or middle-income, you're functionally uninsured," Walsh said. "I'm a little worried that people might feel they have similar coverage and they don't for higher price medicines, or co-pays and deductibles that they've never had to experience."

While former Mass-Health members are expected to shop for various insurance plans, Woltmann said the Health Connector intends to continue its outreach efforts to ensure residents can access coverage.

"We do know, though, that it's been challenging for people to go from no-premium MassHealth to a Connector plan premium," she said. "So, we're working to make sure that everyone's aware of what the premiums are in ConnectorCare, rather than assuming they're unaffordable, and that there are premium waivers available for Connector-Care members who are experiencing extreme financial hardships."

# Report: Mass. top state in lung cancer screenings

By Michael P. Norton State House News Service

Massachusetts leads the nation in screening, early diagnosis, and surgical treatment of lung cancer, according to a new report, which also found survival rates are improving nationally for everyone, including people of color.

The newly released American Lung Association annual report found that on a national scale, the five-year lung cancer survival rate for people of color has increased by 17 percent in the last two years.

The national rate of people alive five years after a lung cancer diagnosis is 26.6 percent, and has improved by 22 percent over the last five years, the association reported. Data for the five-year survival rate in Massachusetts was unavailable.

Still, lung cancer kills more than 356 people every day, and there's a new lung cancer diagnosis in the US about every two minutes.

Lung cancer has one of the lowest five-year survival rates because cases are often diagnosed at later stages, when it is less likely to be curable, the report said. Nationally, only 26.6 percent of cases are diagnosed at an early stage when the survival rate is much higher (63 percent).

Massachusetts ranked as the best state in the nation for early diagnosis, with 33.3 percent of cases diagnosed at an early stage. Massachusetts also had the highest rate among states for lung cancer surgery, at 31.3 percent. If lung cancer is diagnosed at an early stage and has not spread, it can often be treated with surgery. Nationally, 20.8 percent of cases underwent surgery.

Nationally, only 4.5 percent of those at high risk for lung cancer were screened. At 11.5 percent, Massachusetts had the highest screening rate, the report said.

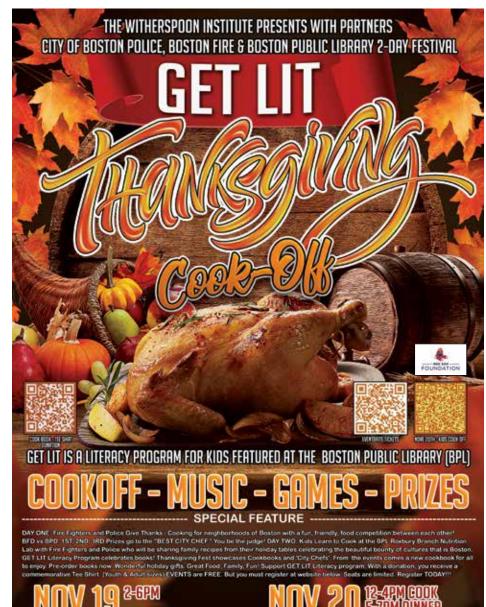
"Thankfully, in Massachusetts, the lung cancer survival rate has improved because of increased awareness, improved access to healthcare and cutting-edge research into new treatments for the disease," American Lung Association Advocacy Director Daniel Fitzgerald said. "However, lung cancer is still the leading cause of cancer deaths here in the Bay State and across the nation, and our recent report makes it clear that we have more work to do to reduce the burden of lung cancer and increase screening rates for those at risk."

At 59.5 cases per 100,000 residents, Massachusetts exceeded the national rate of 54.6 cases per 100,000.

Eliminating tobacco use and curbing exposures to radon, air pollution, and secondhand smoke were all identified as "keys to prevention" of lung cancer in the report. Tobacco use is the leading risk factor for lung cancer, accounting for 80 to 90 percent of cases, the report said.

"It is not always possible to identify the cause of an individual patient's lung cancer," the report said, recommending that people discuss with their doctor any concerns about risk due to exposure or family history.

Along with the new data, the association is recommending that states pass laws expanding access to biomarker cancer testing and ensure that United States Preventive Services Task Force's recommended screenings and treatments are "protected and codified into state law."



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**COYNE, John A.**, 99, of Quincy formerly of Mil-

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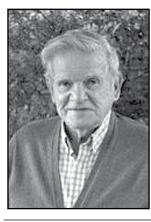
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PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU23P2388EA
ESTATE OF:
JOHN BERNARD SHIELDS
DATE OF DEATH: June 16, 2023
SUFFOLK DIVISION
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Frances M. Hamel of Lakeville, MA; Anne Marie Grimes of Topsfield, MA; Frances M. Hamel of Lakeville, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered

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

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(Deveau) Coyne. Father of Jeanne A. Hall and her husband Greg of Quincy. Grandfather of 2. Brother of the late Joseph, Paul, Leo Coyne and Margaret O'Brien. Brother-in-law of Barbara Coyne of Bonita Springs, FL. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.Army Air Corp veteran. A recipient of the Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.



FIELDS, Teollie "Baye", 81, of Matta-pan. Son of Teollie Fields, Sr. and Bessie Fields. Teollie was preceded in death by his parents Teollie, Sr. and Bessie Fields, 3 brothers: Jesse, L. T. and Sam Fields. He leaves his wife Genevie Fields, his 2 sons Daryl (Pam) and Murray (Sin-

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
Docket No. SU23D1707WD
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
XUAN T. DAI, Plaintiff(s)

vs. SI N. NGUYEN, Defendant(s)

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Xuan T. Dai, seeking a Complaint for Custody Support and Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon Xuan T. Dai - whose address is 4R Cassnet St., Boston, MA 02122 your answer on

If you fail to do so, the court will oceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at 24 New

Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Suffolk, this 6th day of November 2023. Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P2461EA ESTATE OF:
PEARLE M. McBRAYER
DATE OF DEATH: 10/04/2015

Andrea L. Grey of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested n the Petition. The Petitioner re that: Andrea L. Grey of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s of said estate to serve Without Surety or the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a vritten appearance and objection at th Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return da of 12/21/2023.

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Representative and may petition the Cour in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, Firs

Justice of this Court.
Date: November 09, 2023

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chona) Fields; 3 granddaughters: 1 grandson; great-grandsons, and great-grand daughter. 3 sisters Della Williams and Leona Sanford of Boston, and Mary Simpson of Tuscaloosa, AL; 3 brothers: John Chavers of Chicago, IL, LC (Wilma) Fields of Mattapan, MA, and Albert (Phyllis) Fields of Randolph; and several special nieces and nephews, other relatives, and friends.



O'BRIEN, Patricia **A.** (**Ross**), 88, of West Roxbury, originally from Dorchester. Wife of the late Richard J. O'Brien, Sr. Daughter to Francis "Chet" and Edna (McIntyre) Ross. Mother of Richard O'Brien (Mary) of Dorchester, Jil Nolan (Kevin) of Duxbury, Gregory O'Brien (Jacqueline) of Milton, Kristyn O'Brien Shields of West Roxbury and Robyn Gallagher (John) of West Roxbury.



O'MALLEY, Suzanne **B.**, 68, of Dorchester. Longtime companion of Joseph R. Bankowski. Daughter of the late Walter F. and Helen G. "Babs" (Cassidy) O'Malley. Sister of Anne and

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT GUARDIAN OF A MINOR NEW CHARDON STRI BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU23P2079GD IN THE INTERESTS OF KIYAN ISAIAH WILLIAMS

KİYAN ISAİAH WILLIAMS
OF Dorchester, MA
MINOR
Notice to all Interested Parties
1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition
for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed
on 09/21/2023 by Maureen B. Greenaway of
Dorchester, MA will be held 12/04/2023 10:00 AM
Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located 24 New
Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02/114 - Third Floor
Probation Department.
2. Response to Petition: You may respond
by filing a written response to the Petition or by
appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose
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Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five

File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney, will be assigned to you. Your request for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at hearing: A minor

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over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the ninor's best interests.

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or legal advice. Date: November 6, 2023 lovember 6, 2023 Stephanie L. Everet Register of Probate Published: November 16, 2023

her husband Walter Reed of Dorchester, Maryanne and her husband James Rooney of Dorchester, Dianne Bellew and her partner Richard Gale of Virginia, Joanne and her husband Mark Czyrklis of Braintree, and Carolanne and her husband Patrick McDonnell of Dorchester. Lifetime BFF of Ann Marie Greene of Quincy. Suzanne is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and cousins. Donations in Suzanne's memory may be made to the Brain Aneurysm Foundation at bafound.org



RILEY, Jason Timothy, 43, of Woburn, formerly of Dorchester. Son of Edward J. and Kathleen E. (Sullivan) Riley of Woburn. Brother of the late Matthew E. Rilev. Survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Please consider making a donation in his memory to ALD Connect at www. aldconnect.org.



WHELAN, Gertrude M. "Gertie" (Binda), of Braintree and OFD. Wife of the late Thomas J Whelan, Mother of Lois Whelan of Plymouth, Trudy Whelan of East Dennis, Ann Marie Nathan and her husband John of Pembroke, Patricia Spaulding and her husband Billy of Lake Worth, FL, Mary Pistorino and her husband Jack of Taunton, Paul Whelan and his wife Joanne of Hanover, Lynne Whelan of Braintree, Judy Scales "adopted" daughter of Galway, Ireland and the late Thomas J Whelan Jr. Nana of 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Donations in Gertie's memory may be sent to CatholicTV, PO Box 9196, Watertown, MA 02471 or the NVNA and Hospice Charitable Fund, 120 Longwater Drive. Norwell, MA 02061.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU19C0604CA IN THE MATTER OF:

JOSE PEDRO VIERRA A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jose Pedro Vierra of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:

Jose Pedro Vieira IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for ourposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/07/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 03, 2023 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT NORFOLK DIVISION 35 SHAWMUT ROAD CANTON, MA 02021 (781) 830-1200 Docket No. NO23D1338DR DIVORCE SUMMONS

BY PUBLICATION and MAILING NIURKA C. JOHNSON, Plaintiff LUIS A. GIRON, Defendant

To the above named Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Sharyn T Sopho

quired to serve upon: Sharyn T. Sooho, Esq., 75 Second Avenue, Suite 415, Needham, MA 02494 your answer, if any, on or before 12/14/2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. PATRICIAGORMAN,

First Justice of this Court. Date: October 27, 2023

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS** THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT FOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY CO 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 **CITATION ON PETITION** TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0548CA

IN THE MATTER OF: KAREN ANN DIBENEDETTO A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Kare Ann DiBenedetto of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a

Decree changing their name to **Kára Di Benedetto** IMPORTANT NOTICE

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DUNN, First Justice of this Court Date: November 10, 2023 Stephanie L. Everett

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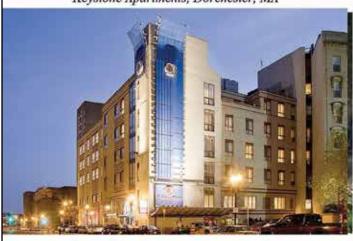
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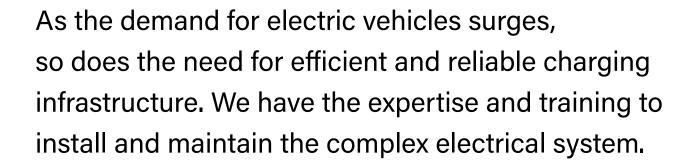
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