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BPD plans Dec. 3 meeting on Port Norfolk proposal

The Boston Water and Sewer Commission will be holding a public meeting on Tues., Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Boston Winery, 26 Ericsson St. to discuss “next steps for the review of the Ericsson St. project” by proponents of 23-27 Ericsson St. in the Vicinity Neighborhood Council’s Stewardship Agenda.

The annual Hidden Heroes and Sheroes Celebration hosted by the Codman Square Neighborhood Council and the GBCC was held on Nov. 22 from 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester, located at the corner of Washington Street and Norfolk Street between Vic and Parnell.

Celebrate Native American heritage at JFK Library event

The JFK Library and the Native American History Fund will be holding a panel discussion on Wed., Nov. 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. in Nickerson Auditorium.

Official warn: Don’t pour greasy waste down the drain

The Boston Water and Food Commission is giving away bright blue grease lids at Dorchester’s South Bay Shop & Stop this weekend. The lid give-aways are part of the Zoning Commission’s ongoing campaign to keep waste in the garbage disposal and out of the sewer system.

The Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday approved an recreational dispensary at 1292 Blue Hill Ave., between Fens and Skyline trails at EBSB, Baker’s Artists’ Lofts, Milton T stop and City of Boston House.

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Walsh: Be ready to pitch in to help this winter

By Katie Trojano
Reporter Staff

Mayor Martin Walsh asked the city’s residents to be neighborly and help each other out this winter during a press conference with city officials and employees in the city’s Public Works lot on Frontage Road last Friday.

“We’re here to talk about the city’s preparations for the 2019-2020 winter, about how the city is doing its part. And we’re asking Bostonians to help us as well,” he said. “We know that the most important thing we can do in the winter is to make sure that we’re prepared before, during, and after the storms.”

He added: “The cold weather is particularly dangerous for our homeless individuals, especially those suffering from mental health problems, disabilities, or substance use disorders. We’re working with our shelters and street-outreach providers throughout the city and the commonwealth to make sure we have safe, warm emergency shelters for everyone in need.”

The Public Works Department (PWD) currently has 48,000 tons of salt on hand for treating city streets during weather events along with 110 pieces of snow clearing equipment. The department can also place more than 600 additional pieces on the roads during serious storms.

As part of their neighborhood plowing operations during winter storms, the PWD allocates pieces of equipment to clear snow from Boston’s dedicated bike lanes.

“Preparing for winter is a team effort, and our preparations for winter start long before the salt hits this lot,” said Chris Osgood, the city’s chief of Streets, Transportation, and Sanitation. “In a typical winter in Boston we’ll see between about 43-44 inches of snow,” he said. “But you can’t really measure the severity of a winter or the importance of snow operations in inches of snow. We prepare for every storm and the threat of every storm. Walsh and Osgood went over rules on clearing snow: Property owners must fully clear snow, sleet, and ice from sidewalks and curb ramps abutting the property within three hours after the snowfall ends or three hours after sunrise if the snow ends overnight. Do not throw snow onto the street. Fines associated with improper removal of snow can be found at copyofboston.gov. Remove space savers within 48 hours after a snow emergency has been lifted. Please note: Space savers are not allowed at all in the South End. The mayor also highlighted the Senior Save program that helps seniors replace their heating systems, the 311 hotline, and the BCYF heating center. “We want people to work together and show what it means to be neighbors. We’re asking people to respect each other as neighbors, and we must remind people that they’re not alone,” he said.

A winter weather guide will be sent out to residents by mail shortly. For more information and resources, visit boston.gov/snow.

Latest count: Mejia by five votes; city election panel tally pending

Julia Mejia remains in fourth place—and in position to take a city-wide seat on the Boston City Council—after unofficial city election returns completed last Friday evening showed her with a five-vote lead over fifth place finisher Alejandra St. Guillen.

However, both Mejia and St. Guillen have petitioned the city to compile a recount of all votes, a process that has not yet begun.

The Board of Election Commissioners held a public meeting on Friday, Nov. 15 to tally the overseas, absentee, military, and provisional ballots, and any other uncounted ballots still to be counted. The result showed a difference of five votes—Mejia at 22,477 and St. Guillen at 22,472.

“The city was not able to count any overseas ballots that came in after election day until after the deadline of 5 p.m. on Friday for those ballots to arrive. After counting any remaining ballots at that meeting, they now have a final initial tally,” said Debra O’Malley, communications officer for the Secretary of State.

“They will still need to certify recount petitions and schedule the actual recount. After that recount happens, the Boston Elections Commission will be able to certify official results.” Both Mejia and St. Guillen will receive notice with the details of the recount, as well as the number of observers they will be entitled to. – KATIE TROJANO

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Non-profits in dispute over use of building at Four Corners

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Around 200 people attended Monday night’s community meeting, most to voice opposition to TSNE’s control of the building. Below, the exterior of 250 Washington St., as seen on Google Maps.

Daniel Sheehan photo

There’s emotions and there’s facts.” TSNE board president Tammy Dowley-Blackman emphasized that “our intention is to create a long-term asset to be held for community use,” but she acknowledged TSNE’s mistake in not engaging in a community process from the start of the project in 2014, saying, “We should have done things differently. We should have done a community process. That’s what we’re here to do tonight.”

A host of elected officials were in attendance and some attempted to mediate the dispute, with limited results. State Rep. Russell Holmes used a divorce analogy to describe the fallout between the two organizations, while City Council president Andrea Campbell cautioned against excluding any voices. State Sen. Nick Collins was more forceful in his remarks, saying, “This place ain’t closing. It’s not falling on our watch.” Another resident, who teaches a reiki class at The Urban Guild, called the building “transformative,” noting that “school groups come in here, psychologists come in here, therapists come in here, everyone who comes here says, ‘Wow, I feel so comfortable. I feel so relaxed.’”

Several audience members described the facility as “a healing space.” And toward the end of the comment portion, the entire room broke out in song and joined in an impromptu rendition of “Lift Every Voice and Sing.” After the meeting, Senxian called the public show of support for her organization “the most beautiful thing I’ve ever seen. It’s been an amazing but strengthening process and, ultimately, really important process to go through because it’s made us stronger. I never would have imagined that room tonight...this is social justice, really. Because this is about power...we just want to get back to work.”

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Municipal leaders join push for a 15-cent gas tax hike

By Chris Lisinski
State House News Service

Dozens of Boston-area municipal leaders last week endorsed new or expanded transportation revenue options, including a 15-cent increase in the state’s 24-cent per gallon gas tax, as House lawmakers approach a vote on the topic.

The Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, the North Shore Coalition, and the Commuter Rail Communities Coalition penned a joint press release on Nov. 13 calling for the Legislature and Gov. Charlie Baker to approve “significant new revenue” to enable investments in state roadways and transit.

The North Shore Coalition consists of 18 cities and towns north of Boston. The Commuter Rail Communities Coalition, led by Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee and Bedford Town Manager Sarah Stanton, includes many cities and towns served by the MBTA commuter rail.

With their announcement, the mayors and town managers became the latest stakeholders to support targeted tax and fee hikes as a way to modernize aging public transit infrastructure, mitigate a collective traffic nightmare, and boost economic opportunity.

“The actions we take now will define Boston and our region for the next ten years and the next generation,” Boston Mayor Martin Walsh said in the release. “We need to take the essential next steps to improve mobility in our city and our state, and increasing revenue for critical infrastructure is needed to ensure our current and future residents are able to move around the region in an equitable, affordable and reliable manner.”

The groups, collectively representing more than three dozen communities, including Boston, estimated a 15-cent increase in the state gas tax would bring in about $450 million more per year for transportation needs.

“City leaders also backed expanding tolling to additional highways, higher fees on ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft, and implementation of the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) cap-and-invest program that several northeast and mid-Atlantic states are still developing,” Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera testified in support of “An Act to Modernize our Natural Gas Infrastructure” on Nov. 12.

Mayor Walsh and lawmaker Rep. Marylou Sirois have said a gas tax increase is almost certain to be a component.

A majority of the Massachusetts Business Coalition on Transportation’s members announced last month that they also support increases to the gas tax — which was last raised by 3 cents a gallon in 2013 — and higher fees on ride-hailing trips.

As the municipal leaders did Wednesday, the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce backed a 15-cent increase to the gas tax, though the Chamber specified the measure should be phased in over three years.

Other business groups, including the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, have slammed potential gas tax hikes as an excessive given that implementation of TCI is also likely to raise fuel prices on consumers.

Baker, whose administration has been working with other states to develop the TCI’s cap-and-invest program, does not support any increase in the Massachusetts gas tax.

“We’ve said all along that we don’t think the gas tax is the right way to go, primarily because it is just Massachusetts, it can only be used for roads and bridges, and people would be able to just go to other states to purchase gasoline, which puts a burden on retailers here in Massachusetts and really won’t raise the money that people that talk about,” Baker said at an Oct. 30 event.

The House has put off any debate on the issue until early January.
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  - 1.75ltr
- **Baileys Irish Cream**
  - 1.75ltr
- **Johnnie Walker Blue Label**
  - 750ml
- **Macallan 15 Year**
  - 750ml
- **Oban 14 Year**
  - 750ml
- **Caravella Limoncello**
  - 750ml

### EXCEPTIONAL WINES

- **Bouquet Claret**
- **Gewurztraminer**
- **Dr. Loosen Riesling**

### BOURBON REVIVAL

- **Buffalo Trace**
  - 750ml
  - 1.75ltr
  - $29.99

### Liqueurs

- **Liquors**
  - 12pk Cans
  - 12pk Bottles
  - 18pk Bottles
  - 18pk Cans
  - 5pk Bottles

- **Cheery Chardonnay**
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A game, after all, is an invitation to learn, to step outside of self-imposed limits and to do one’s best. In the end, what matters is not the outcome, but the journey, the growth, and the love and support we find along the way. As long as we keep playing, we are alive.
Metro Housing Boston, a non-profit organization that offers personalized services to prevent homelessness and to provide affordable housing for the residents of Greater Boston, held their annual “Champions of Housing” celebration on Nov. 7 at the Wang Theater downtown.

The event raised more than $409,000, which Metro Housing Boston said is a record for the annual celebration fundraiser. Champions of Housing was established in 2008 to honor the accomplishments of individuals and organizations best representing Metro Housing Boston.

The 2019 Champions of Housing award recipients include: John Keith and Shelley Hoen Keel of Keel Properties, Inc. and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley. The Lowell L. Richards III Award recognizes individuals for their outstanding leadership and contributions in the range of housing-related issues across the public, nonprofit, and for-profit sectors. The 2019 recipient is Pamela Feingold of Eastern Bank. The “Rising Star Award” recognizes the achievements of emerging leaders who are passionate and dedicated to ending homelessness. The 2019 recipients are: Jesse Kanson-Benav, B’nai B’rith Housing; Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley; and Robert Torres of Metro Housing Boston.

The following students have been named to the First Quarter Honor Roll at Boston College High School:

**Quarter 1 Honors:**
- Timothy O’Leary, 2022
- Ben French, 2022
- Berenger Dufresne, 2020
- Nealon Fernandes, 2019
- Le, 2020
- Donald Le, 2022
- Marvin Le, 2023
- Zachary Melo, 2022
- Roman Natale, 2020
- James O’Connell, 2022
- Kaden Filgrim, 2021
- Nelson Pires, 2020
- Pei Song Qin, 2022
- Syric Richter, 2021
- Matthew Studley, 2023
- Richard Tierney, 2021
- Timmy Tran, 2021
- Shihan Wan, 2023

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In 1948, Everett was selected president of the Worcester Chamber of Commerce, where he helped to develop the “Worcester Industrial Plan,” a strategy for handling the city’s job shortage after World War II. That year, Everett also testified before the Senate regarding a recent Supreme Court case, The Federal Trade Commission v. Cement Institute, et al., that impacted industrial transportation costs.
It's time to ban hand-held devices behind the wheel

New compromise legislation is moving ahead on Beacon Hill that would impose hefty fines on motorists caught using handheld devices while driving. It has been described as a major win for state lawmakers despite the proven dangers of distracted driving. That’s mainly because civil rights proponents are concerned that the law would be enforced improperly and fueled the detestable racial profiling that is already a problem.

There is no doubt that the carnage on our roads could be lowered if we put down our phones while driving. This law, if enacted, would seek to do that by providing what is called an “initial warning.” Under the legislation, violators—without a license or at the time they could have been so enforced—will be required to speak, would get a warning until April 1, 2020.

Another important element of the bill: The DMV will post a list of names, races, and genders of those who get a citation and be required to publish an annual report on the findings. The bill’s authors did this in response to concerns about the use of this kind of law enforcement, a proven experience across the US. The data will track specific police departments, and if any of them are found to have profiled based on race or gender, for example, they will be required to undergo a third-party audit to make certain that this is not happening.

The data, incidentally, will be used for every traffic stop, not just those that result in a ticket. Some express worry about profiling the US in 2017 involved distracted drivers (about 14 percent of that figure was determined to be by people occupied by their phones).

Massachusetts would join “at least” 20 other states that have already banned hand-held devices behind the wheel, according to the State House News Service.

It’s important to note that this proposed law would not prohibit our ability to communicate or navigate during travel. But it would need to be in “hands-free” mode, using a mounted device. Juggling your cell phone with your conversation is what makes the whole thing dangerous.

A 2019 study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration concluded that about 9 percent of drivers who were using some type of hand-held device were involved in a crash or near-crash in 2015. In 2014, 12 percent of the 34,247 fatal auto crashes in the US involved distracted driving. We have lost too many lives [and seen] too much pain and suffering. We need to move forward.

If enacted, as expected this week, “the law would take effect 90 days later,” according to State House News Service. No one that I know of that would speak, would get a warning until April 1, 2020. This is an important step forward.

The News & Values Around the Neighborhood

By Bill Forry

The sobering reality (which is no surprise to those living on the frontlines of the displacement crisis) is that eviction filing rates and eviction outcomes are disproportionately high in areas that have the highest rates of rent hikes and also to stop the disparate impact of evictions. It will take more than just rent control to achieve this. We also need stronger tenant counseling, just cause eviction, and tenants’ right to purchase, among others - but rent control is a vital tool for tenants to be able to keep the places they love.

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The disparate impact on evictions in Boston

By Helen Matthews

For most of the past year, City Life/Vida Urbana has been working with MIT researcher David Rob-inson to understand in detail patterns of eviction in Boston. We looked at data pulled from over 15,000 eviction records for the three most recent years for which data are available, 2014 through 2016.

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

UPHAMS CORNER LIBRARY
HOLIDAY BOOK RELEASE PARTY
Friends of the Uphams Corner Library and B.Fit! Program at The Boston Home invite the public to a Holiday Book Release Party on Thurs., Nov. 21 from 4-7:30 p.m. to celebrate The Friends’ first anthology to be published as a fundraising tool to support programs at the library. This project a partnership with Authors Without Borders and a grant from The City Wide-Friends of the Boston Public Library. The program will begin with readings from the Anthology which includes the Uphams Community writers and (MS)Multiple Sclerosis’ outreach program writers at the Boston Home. There will be craft for the children in Children’s Library downstairs and upstairs will be food and music by the steel pan band called Dis N Dat. Free to the public. The Uphams Corner Library Branch is located at 500 Columbia Rd., Dorchester.

ADSL OFFERS AFTER-SCHOOL TUTORING
The All Dorchester Sports and Leadership program (ADSL) will offer one-on-one tutoring for children ages 6-13 for only $25 per school year. Starts Oct. 1, Mon-Thurs, 3-5:30 p.m. Seats are limited. Register at alldorchestersports.org.

ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR MAKES STOPS DEC. 6-8
The Mayor of Boston’s Enchanted Trolley Tour will take place from Fri., December 6 to Sun., Dec. 8 this year in several Boston neighborhoods. The event will include tree lightings, holiday performances, and children can meet Santa. It’s the 24th edition of the citywide event, and the event will kick off at 5:30 p.m. in Mattapan Square Friday night (Dec. 6). Dorchester will be the first neighborhood the festivities hit Sat. (Dec. 7) at 1 p.m. in Codman Square, and the tour will end in Adams Village at 6:30 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 8. The event is sponsored by Bank of America. BOSTON STATE HOSPITAL CAC MEETING ON NOV. 21
The next monthly meeting of the Boston State Hospital CAC will be held on Thurs., Nov. 21 from 6-8 p.m. in the Foley Building, 249 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend. (Continued on page 16)

Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell visited the Animal Rescue League’s Wellness Waggin’ at the ABCD center in Dorchester on Thurs., Nov. 13. The mobile pet clinic offers high-quality, low-cost pet wellness care in a partnership with ABCD in Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan. The mobile veterinary unit is outfitted with an exam room and a surgical suite. For more info see arlboston.org. Pictured above, l-r: Sara Knight, Dr. Kyle Quigley, ARL President Mary Nee, Councillor Andrea Campbell. Photo courtesy ARL Boston

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Diabetes in pets is on the rise

By Mary Nee
November is National Pet Diabetes Month so this is the perfect opportunity to address this disease that not only affects humans but also our pets.

Over the past few years, as I have walked through the three Animal Care and Adoption centers of the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), I have noticed an uptick in the number of animals diagnosed with diabetes. But I am inspired by the following wonderful story.

Oliver, an 11-year-old cat, was surrendered to ARL back in March. During his initial medical examination, he was diagnosed with diabetes and placed in the loving home of one of our foster families. There he received plenty of exercise, followed a regimented diet, and received daily insulin as he successfully adjusted to a new routine. In September, Oliver’s blood work showed that he was actually in remission and no longer needed to take daily insulin. He was adopted shortly after that to his forever home!

According to a 2016 Banfield Pet Hospital study that included data from 43 states and 3 million cats and dogs, researchers saw an 80 percent increase in diabetes in dogs and an 18 percent increase in cats between 2006 and 2015. Despite these numbers, the risk for diabetes depends on a number of factors, including age, diet, lack of exercise, and obesity. Diabetes in dogs and cats can occur at any age; the majority of dogs are diagnosed between the ages of 7-10, and for cats, older than six.

As with any disease, early diagnosis and treatment is critical. If your pet exhibits any of the following symptoms, take your animal to your veterinarian for an exam:

- Excessive water drinking and increased urination; weight loss, despite an increased appetite;
- Decreased appetite;
- Chronic infection, particularly skin and urinary;
- Cloudy eyes, particularly in dogs; lethargy.

Remember, even if your beloved pet is diagnosed with diabetes, it can be treated and controlled. Treatment differs from animal to animal, but it typically involves a strict diet, increased exercise, and monitoring your pet’s appetite, weight, drinking, and urination. Depending on the severity of the disease, your pet may need daily insulin injections as well.

With proper management, your pet can live a long and healthy life, and we have even seen examples of animals who actually go into remission – like Oliver.

Mary Nee, a Dorchester resident, is the President of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. Pet questions? Email ARL at press@arlboston.org.
Cold weather puts Mosquito-borne illness threat on ice

Mosquito-borne illness season is upon us in Massachusetts, with both West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis still a concern for health officials. However, the significant cold weather experienced in Massachusetts during the last few weeks has put a damper on the spread of these diseases.

In August, state public health veterinarian Dr. Maryann Wallace said that the combination of cold temperatures has helped to reduce the spread of mosquito-borne illnesses. The cold weather has made it more difficult for mosquitoes to thrive, as they require warmer temperatures to reproduce.

However, the state health department has urged residents to remain vigilant, as West Nile virus can be transmitted to humans through the bites of infected mosquitoes. The disease can cause severe illness, including encephalitis, which can be fatal.

Despite the recent cold weather, health officials are still offering tips for preventing mosquito bites. These include using insect repellent, wearing long sleeves and pants, and staying indoors during the peak hours of mosquito activity.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has also urged residents to dispose of standing water in their homes and on their property, as this can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. By eliminating standing water, residents can help to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne illnesses.

In addition to these measures, the department has also encouraged people to seek medical attention if they experience symptoms of West Nile virus, such as fever, headache, and muscle pain.

The health department has also been working with local health officials to monitor the prevalence of West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses in the state. By identifying areas where the disease is spreading, health officials can take steps to prevent its spread and protect the public.

As the cold weather continues, health officials recommend that residents stay informed about the latest developments in mosquito-borne illness and take steps to protect themselves and their loved ones. By remaining vigilant and proactive, we can help to prevent the spread of these illnesses and protect the health of our communities.
The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher’s Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.org/homework.

**WELLINGTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

The Wellington Hill Neighborhood Council will meet on Tues., Nov. 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library. Next meeting is Dec. 16. Updates can be found on Facebook: @8 wellingtonhillneighbors. Or Google Group: welling tonhill@gogroups.com.

**RIVER STREET CIVIC ASSOC.**

The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thursday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

**ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of every month at the Presser’s Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattishammond@gmail.com.

**ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.**

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Messrs. 617-822-8178.

**ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP**

Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you’ve read the book or not. For further info, please contact Lil Konwitz at klil@hotmail.com.

**ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

**Cedar Grove Civic Assoc.**

Cedar Grove Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. at Room 230, 2nd Floor, Codman Hall, Codman Sq., Dorchester. The civic group meets on the Info: cedar grove civic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

**CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.**

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it’s a holiday) at Work, Inc. 25 Beantown Center, 15 Rita Rd. The civic group meets on the Info: Cedar grovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

**COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC**

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Codman Hall of the Codman Square Health Center, 6 Nor folk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

**DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchester north@gmail.com.

**FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.**

The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Kl Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info, contact V. Girard, chair, at: vivandir2012@gmail.com.

**WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.**

WANA meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. at 54 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Nina Johnson is the president. Email woodrowaveassoc@gmail.com or visit wanaboston on Facebook.
The existing Herb Chambers Honda dealership at 720 Morrissey Blvd. would be replaced with a new building under a plan now in a design phase.

Reporter file photo

Chambers Honda lays out plans for dealership site on Morrissey

(Continued from page 1) at the beginning of 2019.”

“The goal,” he added, “is to create a four-story, state-of-the-art building instead of having the old-style building where everything is moving around outside. We would like to bring the cars inside and have high-speed doors… So the point is, to spend money to internalize the operations.”

Losordo said that the plans had been presented to both the Pope’s Hill and Clam Point Civic associations last summer and they had been “favorably received.” He also noted that residents at the meetings said they would prefer the dealership to another development.

James Mullarkey, an architect with the Curtis Architectural Group, went over the specifics of the building proposal. “The building’s exterior, he said, adding that glass, obviously intended by using a lot of glass, “would look good and maintain well.”

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In noting that “Herb Chambers has made the decision to keep all of the vehicle storage inside the building,” Mullarkey said, “That’s key in a site like this because of its city location. Keeping the cars inside eliminates the satellite parking lot. We are trying to be sensitive to the location that it’s in,” he added.

Coppell then opened the Q&A session of the meeting, giving John Lyons, president of the Port Norfolk Civic Association, the opportunity to point out some concerns he had with the proposal. “I want to open by saying I’m not here tonight to oppose your proposal or to impede progress, but I do have some particular concerns here. The first one is height and building mass. I think it sets a bad precedent,” said Lyons.

“Although Morrissey has transformed recently into a regional transportation artery, it traditionally was a parkway,” he said, “and there is a major project being considered by DCR and MassDot to bring it back to the parkway. I don’t think a building with that mass and amount of glass, obviously intended to function more like a billboard than a window, is appropriate. It’s not what we want here,” added Lyons.

Maria Lyons, also with Port Norfolk Civic, then spoke up. “I just don’t think people understand and appreciate this area for exactly what it is,” she said. “We’re a waterfront area. The location just doesn’t get the respect it deserves. It’s part of an area that is under critical environmental concern and there are significant local and migrating bird populations nesting there.”

She added: “The people in Dorchester have been separated from their waterfront and by putting in these big buildings we’re just going backwards. I just plead with you. You are an absolute problem, you’re blocking sea breezes, cutting off views, and you’re changing the environment.”

In response, Losordo said, “There’s only so much we can do” to compromise. “Just going away and not building anything I think is not an option. More likely it would get sold to somebody who might build something else.”

Losordo noted that the development team is taking into consideration both environmental and climate change factors related to flooding, saying, “we will be going through a conservation process and a lot of those things will be discussed.”

A handful of union workers who came to the meeting asked the developer team to consider employing union workers for the project. “I feel like the community might be a little more comfortable if you could give some guarantees for union labor. We’ve been having a really tough time with non-union workers getting a good amount of work. I understand it’s cheaper, but you’re also not paying them benefits,” said Josra Reyes, a Local 7 union Iron Worker.

“We have so many skilled workers, and when it comes down to it, you guys are just going to take the bid that costs less,” he said. “You’re not doing the community any good by giving someone else the job when locals are here in Dorchester.”

One participant, Ben Johnson, offered what he saw to be a reason for the need to go forward with the discussion between opponents and the Chamber Companies.

“Obviously, you’ve got some major environment issues. You’ve got some major community issues, you’ve got some financial stuff that you need to address in order for the community to be even close to supporting anything like this. Before you go to another community meeting, you might take a look at all of this and have the developer team to consider answers for some folks so that we can try to come to some agreement around these things because these are going to be continued issues going forward.”

As the meeting closed, Campbell confirmed that he would schedule an Impact Advisory Group meeting and he urged attendees to join in that event. He also said that he would be extending the project’s public comment period.

“I think we can deal with a lot of these issues with the IAG meeting,” said Campbell, “And we are definitely going to have to come back out here for a public meeting to get some answers to a couple of dozen questions.”
What next at Bayside? Meeting airs vision, concerns

Gregory Minott of DREAM Collaborative LLC goes over slides.

A rendering shows compiled themes collected at the last visioning meeting.

(Continued from page 1) regulates any waterfront development with respect to public access. Height restrictions limit the building to roughly 350-375 feet, which Accordia “won't be hitting,” according to Galvin. Instead the developer envision a staggered building heights, with those closest to the waterfront much lower than what’s allowed, and varying heights coming back up for the water.

Chapter 91, said Galvin, “is probably the biggest ticket item that constrains what we can build.” Regulations under this law also speak to height restrictions and ample amounts of open space near the water.

“Half of all this shaded area [on the "concept map"] is required to be open space,” he said. “That includes green space, sidewalks, streets, and playgrounds.” Chapter 91 would like to see 75 percent of the ground area devoted to public, whether that’s restaurants, meeting space, or civic space. Part of these discussions is what people would like to see in that public space.”

Michael Joffre, senior principal of JVA LLC, a global planning and urban management consultancy hired by Accordia, went over the themes that have been identified as community priorities for the Bayside development. He then asked attendees to be more specific about the kind of uses they’d like to see. Replies included things like libraries, day care centers, playgrounds and ball fields, as well as community health centers and an outdoor amphitheater.

Some area residents brought up serious concerns over how the project would alleviate displacement in Dorchester, rather than add to it. Mary Jo Connelly, a researcher and organizer with the Professional Staff Union, said: “I think this is exciting and it’s going to be a wonderful community and a place to live. The question I have is who is going to get to enjoy this community? I really would like to see a little more consideration for how this could be a place where people that are being displaced from South Boston and Dorchester or other parts of the city could get to live. I live in a place that’s got great vision and it’s going to be a cool place to live, but all of the people who used to live there — all of the working people and various populations of ethnic groups — are out.

Kathy Rogers, a longtime Columbia Point resident, echoed Connelly’s sentiment while providing some historical context to the discussion.

“I grew up in the Columbia Point housing projects, and after the marshlands, this site was a place where they themselves used to live. I live in Dorchester, and I used to climb over [steel] rebar dumped building materials. I used to have to wear sneakers and athletic clothes. I can’t do that now.”

She added: “So, forgive me if I don’t trust everything that’s being said here, because what we’re promised and what we get are not necessarily the same.”

Some participants pushed the discussion toward community benefits that likely would come out of not only the Bayside property, but also from other nearby developments.

“I’ve never seen the amount of community benefits that are potentially before us, it’s unbelievably,” said longtime Savin Hill resident Don Walsh, who is spearheading a new committee called the Columbia Savin Hill Community Benefits group.

“Accordia has put $25 million on the table,” he said. “There’s a lot of other development going on; it could be another $25 million. What are we going to do with that? How are we going to address and respond to whatever amount we’ll have?” he asked. UMass Professor Kenneth M. Reardon said his peers have been “very impressed by the attention that’s being given to the fragile nature of shorefront property. The other thing that keeps coming up is the potential of the project, if it’s built at this scale, to transform rents and be an accelerator of gentrification and displacement.

He asked, “Will there be the same kind of due diligence to look at the socio-economic impact of building mostly market rate in this region on the current and most vulnerable people?”

In a response, Kirk Sykes, an Accordia Partners principal, said, “We want to create a place that isn’t overwhelmed by any one type of housing, or one type of person. That’s not the place that Dorchester is and that’s not what we want. We’re looking for that diversity. We will find a way to get the best and the brightest insights as we go into analysis of how we think about the housing makeup. It’s a great suggestion; let us take it into consideration.”

In terms of branding the development, Daren Bascome, of Proverb LLC, asked for community input. Many residents said its should be connected to Dorchester, like having the destination in the name. “Language is so important and it sounds like one of the tensions in the room is that there’s not a new community that’s being created but rather a new space for the community,” said former UMass Professor Aaron Devine. “I think the language should reflect that we’re creating a new space, and maybe even put neighbors first.”

Councillor Frank Baker said that he wants to see the project reflect its location. “I think after the long wait and listening to people tell us for the previous 40 years that we lived in a shithole, for lack of a better term, it’s our time to put Dorchester in the branding,” he said.

Accordia Partners plans to present formal plans to the community and then file a letter of intent with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) by January. The company hopes to have all necessary permits in hand to begin construction by the third or fourth quarter of 2021.

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Pioneering (1919) LGBTQ film will be screened at the Strand

By: DANIEL SHEEAN
Arts & Features Editor
The Provincetown Film Festival will present a special screening of “Different from the Others,” a 1919 silent film believed to be the first LGBT-focused film in history, at Borden’s historic Strand Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. The evening of the film will be accompanied by original live music by well-known Provincetown entertainer Billy Hough and the Grammy winning tenor Jason McStoots. The pair performed at a screening at the Providence Film Festival earlier this fall to a sold-out audience.

That event, and the upcoming screening in Dorchester, are meant to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the earliest surviving film about LGBT people. A press release about the event included this synopsis of the film: “Once feared, lost, it’s believed to be the only gay-themed movie from Germany’s progressive era that survived destruction after Hitler took power. The film tells a compelling story of secrecy and oppression that continues to play out in today’s world. The film stars Conrad Veidt (Major Strasser in Casablanca) as Paul Körner, a violinist whose romance with a talented male student is thwarted when a blackmail threat to expose the relationship and Körner’s homosexuality, then a crime under Germany’s notorious Paragraph 175, which was introduced when the German Empire was founded in 1871 and made “unnatural sexual offenses” between men punishable by up to six months in prison. It was formally abolished in 1994.

The December 5 event will include a Q&A panel featuring Michael Bronski, a Harvard professor and author of “A Queer History of the United States,” a raffle of Provincetown Film Festival passes and other prizes; and a bonus vocal set by Billy Hough.

Tickets are $25 and $20 for students. VIP tickets, which include a cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m., food tastings from participating local eateries, and reserved seating will also be available for $75. All tickets are available for purchase at provincetownfilm.org.
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