**“Happy to be home,” Latin School’s new headmaster gets busy right away**

By Maggie Kilgannon

Reporter Correspondent

“I am so happy to be home,” Rachel Skerritt told a sold-out room of alumni, parents, and faculty last Saturday evening at the “Celebration of Latin School Annual Dinner” at the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel.

The 30-year-old native of Grover Hall, who graduated from the school in 1995, has hit the ground running in the three early weeks she has been the headmaster at the venerable institution. At the celebration, Skerritt jokingly referred to her early weeks as head of school as “sluggish” before listing off the dozens of rallies, meetings, school events, and games that she had somehow managed to pack into her schedule.

“All this while fumbling my way trying to direct traffic on the Avenue,” she added, a reference to Headmaster Emeritus Michael Contompasis’s decision during his tenure to direct traffic outside of the school on Avenue Louis Pasteur and greet students and families every morning.

Skerritt began her career in the Boston school system, where she taught for 11 years. Her last assignment before moving to Boston was as the deputy chief of leadership development for the public schools in the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Her appointment was announced last March following a widespread search to replace Dr. Lynne Money-Teta, who announced her resignation as headmaster in June 2016 after nine years of leading the exam school.

Briefly referencing Money-Teta, Skerritt said, “I have truly appreciated our collegial relationship over the past decade, and having the opportunity to...” (Continued on page 12)

**City moves ahead with $1.6b rebuild at Old Harbor site**

By Jennifer Smith

News Editor

The Boston Housing Authority’s oldest development, the Mary Ellen McCormack complex in South Boston, is slated to be converted to a 3,000-unit, modern, mixed-income, mixed-use community in a $1.6 billion renovation that could take up to a decade to complete.

“The planning process is beginning in earnest,” Kate Bennett of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) told attendees at the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association’s meeting this month. Community forums will start soon, she said, ideally with the input from residents of nearby South Boston and Dorchester neighborhoods.

Boston-based WinnDevelopment Company, LP, was selected in August to develop the 27-acre site, according to the BHA. All existing buildings, Dot talent drives Urban Nutcracker

This season’s production of the Urban Nutcracker, now in its 17th year, includes a great line-up of Dorchester talent, including (above 1-r), Ana Lucia Heebner, Hope Williams, Echo Kirke-Sofos, Benedictie Pierre Louis, Penelope Duff-Wender, Kyre Ambrose, Max Kirke-Sofers, Abraham Courbassa, and Greta Gorman, who will perform in many of the show’s signature dances as duchesses, mice, rats, party boys and girls, tappers, hip-hoppers and more. Ella Moye-Gibbons, who has performed in the Urban Nutcracker several times already, says that “the show is a great opportunity to be a part of a professional production and amazing show.” The dance company’s run includes an autism-friendly matinee, two school matinees, and afternoon and evening shows for the whole family, starting on Dec. 15 at the Back Bay Events Center (John Hancock Hall). See urbannutcracker.com for more info.

Neighbors seek to ID ‘significant’ Ashmont buildings

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The All Saints’ Boys Choir will join in the performance of a newly-formed ensemble of professional singers and instrumentalists this Sunday afternoon.
Paying for a T ride could look different in three years

BY COLIN A. YOUNG
State House News Service

The MBTA on Monday moved towards overhauling its fare collection system to eliminate cash from its trolley and bus operations and to give riders the ability to pay onboard with a credit card or smartphone, changes the T says will help keep the transit system running on time.

The T’s Fiscal and Management Control Board approved a 13-year, $723.3 million contract for the design, installation, finance, operation and maintenance of the “Automated Fare Collection 2.0” project Monday afternoon.

The winning bidder was a joint venture between California-based Cubic Corp. and the John Laing Group, a British company.

When implementation is completed, projected for May 2020, T riders will be able to pay for their trip by loading a balance onto a credit card on one of a number of “Charlie Card” terminals, tapping something similar to a smartphone or inserting a card into a Charlie Card system requires users to load money onto a hard plastic Charlie Card or a paper Charlie Ticket, then either tap the card against a fare box or insert the ticket into the fare gate to gain access to the transit system.

The “automated fare collection system” was installed in 2006 and system-wide implementation of Charlie Cards began Jan. 1, 2007, according to the T.

While the T is building the new system with the privacy of riders in mind, data from the system that is “aggregated and de-personalized” will be used for service planning, but no rider will be able to be identified by that data.

Within the design of the system, your mobility information is separated from your personally identifiable information so that it is only the customer who can give permission for those two pieces of information to be linked,” Block-Schachter said.

The T’s current Charlie Card system requires users to load money onto a hard plastic Charlie Card or a paper Charlie Ticket, then either tap the card against a fare box or insert the ticket into the fare gate to gain access to the transit system.

Comedian Brendan Grace, one of Ireland’s most well-known entertainers, will headline a comedy night and dinner at The Industry in Adams Corner next Wed., Nov. 29. The show includes a three-course meal at Dorchester’s hottest new eatery and live music by Jinty McGrath for one price: $60.

Frank Gillepie, who is promoting the event, says it will be Grace’s first Boston show in more than two years.

“This is what we intend to do more of in the future [at The Industry],” said Gillepie.

For reservations, call 617-297-9010 or go to theindustryadamsama.com.

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WinnDevelopment specializes in affordable housing and mixed income housing, and "managing complex projects," Winn said. Most of their properties have been with the company for the past 30 years, he said. "We’re sort of the opposite of the merchant builder who goes in and sells it to a cash builder. The developers will be hosting office hours for neighbors and community groups throughout the process, he said. "We want to engage in a listening tour and have a lot of public forums to sort of ask folks what they think the vision of the site should be," Bennett said. "At the BHA, our first constituency is obviously our residents, but pretty quickly we’ll need to bump out and talk to neighborhood associations like this one and ones that are surrounding the development." About half the buildings will have a first-floor retail element, Winn said, such as a neighborhood market and other local amenities like dry cleaning and repair shops. Event space would also be available to the McCormack and the surrounding community. There are no set-in-stone plans right now," he said. "We know this is a high profile project that’s going impact the lives of people in this room, but we also know that we really can’t wait. We believe strongly that (with) the social issues that are going on, the physical condition of the Mary Ellen McCormack, that’s something that we can’t wait to work on.”

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MacKinnon leaned on Dot history for inspiration in writing latest novel

By DANILO SHEEHAN

The Reporter Correspondent

One of Doug MacKinnon’s most treasured possessions is a small plastic nativity scene. He was five years old when he bought it in Catholic school after rummaging through his father’s coat pockets and finding a handful of dollars.

The simple figurine soon became a talisman of sorts and a constant source of comfort. At the time, comforts were scarce for MacKinnon, who grew up poor in an abusive household that crisscrossed the neighborhoods of Dorchester some 30 times a half-century ago. “I have a vivid memory of hiding a plastic nativity scene,” he said.

GROWING UP POOR

MacKinnon says the novel for the idea came to him a couple of years ago as he was driving through a snowstorm in the Northeast at a time when seemingly every headline told of tragic news. “In that moment, I thought of the North Pole, and I thought of writing something that would renew people’s faith in humanity,” he says. “Something that would remind people of their humanity.

Faith plays an understated yet important role in his latest book. Christian Nicholas explores his discovery in the opening chapters and sets out on a path to redemption for his years of greed and selfishness.

“By Daniel Sheehan

He says was made pos- sible by books in the first place. “The thing that kept me sane through poverty was reading,” he says. “The power of words really did save me, and I wanted to see if I could pass along that gift.”

Passing along gifts is, in fact, the central theme of the novel, which follows protagonist Christian Nicholas, a miserable multi-billionaire who experiences a spiritual epiphany and decides to dedicate his life to philanthropy. Nicholas’s character has a plastic nativity scene as his own, a not so subtle allusion to the author’s personal experience.

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Army journalist from Dot fights fire in Puerto Rico

By Spc. Alyvia C. Brewster
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Spc. Sam Keenan, a photo journalist with the 65th Press Camp Headquarters of the Massachusetts Army National Guard, aided employees from Homeca Recycling and a local firefighter to tame a fire until more help arrived on scene, on Nov. 15 in Loíza, Puerto Rico.

Keenan was on his way back from documenting an Air Force security forces team when he spotted a large cloud of black smoke and wanted to make sure everyone was okay. “As a public affairs specialist, my initial reaction was to see if there was a story to cover there,” he said. “Once I got there and realized there was no professional firefighter on sight, that got there and I realized there was no help arrived on scene, today in Loíza, Puerto Rico.

Once the fire fighters had things under control Keenan picked up his camera and proceeded to document the events that were unfolding. After taking photos Keenan and I coordinated distributing water to the firefighters and employees.

Keenan has been a photo journalist with the Massachusetts Army National Guard since November 2015 and exemplifies what it means to be a citizen soldier.

Collins-Gousby tapped as Brookview House manager

Deborah Collins-Gousby has joined the Brookview House in Dorchester as Chief Operating Officer. A Boston native, Collins-Gousby will manage all of Brookview’s existing programs and services including adult, youth, clinical and community.

A graduate of the Boston Public Schools and Emerson College, she spent nearly thirteen years at Casa Myrna, a comprehensive provider of domestic violence services, starting as Director of Emergency Programs and eventually assuming responsibility for all of the agency’s direct service programs. Earlier on, she worked for fourteen years at the Elizabeth Stone House, another Boston provider of shelter and community-based services to domestic violence survivors and their children.

Today, Collins-Gousby is President-Elect of the Amy Doo Inc. Board and a member of the Leadership Committee of the Massachusetts Women of Color Network (MAWOCN). “Deborah’s years of experience in direct services, program development, education and outreach position her perfectly to support Brookview as it evolves and expands,” commented Deborah Hughes, president and CEO of Brookview House. “She is an outstanding complement to our team and we are thrilled to have her.”

Recently, Collins-Gousby attended a training program graduate high school, compared to the national average of only 25 percent.

Jane Pisciotto-Papa is a faithful follower of our Dorchester Historical Society social media pages. When she heard about our World War I project, she contacted us to see if we might feature her great uncle in our exhibit. She sent us a wealth of information including documents and photographs from her own extensive genealogy of her family. We are happy to include Jane’s great uncle in our exhibit.

Salvatore Maradei was born in Boston on June 19, 1888, to Italian immigrants Louis and Filomena (Marzano). Louis was a barber who worked at South Station. Although the vital records record Salvatore’s name as “Mario Salvatore,” his parents intended for his first name to be Salvatore - named for his father’s father. He was baptized as such at St. Leonard of Port Maurice Church in France in a number of engagements including Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, Meuse-Argonne, and Vesle. He returned stateside from Brest, France, in New York City on Jan. 22, 1919, aboard the SS Cretic and was honorably discharged the next month.

He returned to work as a book binder. By 1934, Salvatore was living on Delmont Street in the Neponset neighborhood. Two years later, he was living in the Fenway and working as a “forfarmer” at the Boston Public Library. He died unexpectedly on April 14, 1944, at age 55. He is buried in Mt. Benedict Cemetery in West Roxbury with his parents.
The Urban Gardener's Thanksgiving Day Schedule

By Mary Casey Forry

6:15 a.m. - Rise and attempt to shine. Find way to kitchen without falling over sleeping animals on the narrow, back stairs. Remove cold, dead fowl from refrigerator and give it a sponge bath, remembering to remove inards in little plastic bag which butcher hides in any number of cavities throughout carcass. Preheat oven.

6:30 a.m. - Remove celery and onions from refrigerator; cut them into small pieces and sauté them in pan while attempting to keep stomach under control. Add bread and spices and prepare to insert them into fowl. Do not, under any circumstances, attempt to cut corers by stuffing the fowl the night before, or everyone at table will die of food poisoning before sundown.

6:35 a.m. - Rummage through dark house looking for needle and thread. Figure anywhere between five and ten years' work is needed to complete this procedure and prepare to insert them into fowl to fit into roasting pan by bending its little wings behind its back. If this does not work, cut them off (the finished using them)

6:45 a.m. - Massage fowl liberally with butter or some other lubricant (other than motor oil) to keep it moist while cooking. This procedure never works, but it makes us feel like Julia Child.

6:50 a.m. - Put fowl in oven and check cooking chart for time. Figure anywhere between five and six hours until fowl is done. If anyone asks later what time dinner is, be optimistic and say, "Sometime today."

7:00 a.m. - Remove bakery pies from trunk of car and line them up where everyone can see them. Throw boxes away and when family asks if you made them, look offended, lie and say, "Of course." 7:05 a.m. - Sit down and have morning beverage of your choice.

7:10 a.m. - Remove appropriate vegetables from refrigerator and peel or otherwise ready them for cooking. It is best to do this early because some juggling for burner space on stove is in order since there are only four burners and 17 side dishes. Neighbors are of no help at this time, since they are in same boat.

8:00 a.m. - First family member appears in kitchen demanding bacon and eggs for breakfast. Give them a dollar and point them in the general direction of the nearest McDonald's. Give them a dollar and point them in the general direction of the nearest McDonald's. 

8:15 a.m. - Husband suggests that you accompany him to a football stadium where you can sit in 20 degree weather watching high school students maul and maim one another. Tell him you are much too busy, but to go and have a wonderful time and don't forget to take the children with him. Use next several hours attempting to make up lost sleep.

10:30 a.m. - Catch glimpse of Thanksgiving Day parade on television. Notice how spectators are smiling and waving at the camera. That's because they're having dinner at someone else's house and don't have to cook.

11:00 a.m. - Set dinner table with best linen, china, crystal and silverware and candles. Stop and admire it, because now is the best it's going to look all day.

12:45 p.m. - Husband and children arrive home and want to know when dinner will be ready. Smile and try to contain yourself.

1:00 p.m. - Set cooked fowl on platter. Arrange various vegetables, sauces, gravies, condiments, etc.

1:30 p.m. - Announce that dinner is ready. Husband will want to know if you can hold everything for 10 more minutes until halftime in the Stufing Bowl. Tell him if he's not at the table in 20 seconds, he'll be the first casualty of the holiday weekend.

1:52 p.m. - Family assembles at table. Say wish one of your favorite family members, usually the youngest, announces how bad they feel for the turkey, spoiling everyone's appetites.

2:00 p.m. - Ponder and half time over. Remove dishes and food from table. Wash dishes, pots, pans, silver and crystal. Attempt to remove gravy and candle wax stains from linen.

2:30 p.m. - Set out desserts and beverages.

2:40 p.m. - Remove dessert plates and silverware, cups and saucers, and wash same.

3:30 p.m. - Finish removing debris from kitchen and dining areas. At this point, husband usually saunters into kitchen and asks what he can do to help. This way you know that the Stufing Bowl is over and the Squash Bowl has not yet begun. Tell him thanks a lot, but his concern and good wishes are more than enough.

6:00 p.m. - Finish last chore and sit down with youngest child to watch "Santa and the Million Dollar Parents" on television.

6:30 p.m. - Husband and children want to know what's for supper. Tell them the kitchen is closed for repairs.

7:00 p.m. - Tell children for the last time that under no circumstances are there any Christmas decorations going up in this house tonight.

8:00 p.m. - Sit down to relax with newspaper. Realize from the ads that there are only 26 shopping days left until Christmas. Take a Prozac, wish one and all a Happy Thanksgiving, go to bed and cry self to sleep.

Mary Casey Forry co-founded the Reporter in 1983. She passed away in December 2004.
by peter F. stevens

On thursday, November 22, 2012, the aroma of roast turkey and all the trimmings will drift from dorchester’s kitchens,ファンで、dorchesterの早期の植民者たちが熟した野菜は、粗末な木製のテーブルに敷き詰められ、すべてにわたるmodicum of food with which they could feed. For some, the situation reached its desperate worst. Food stores had dwindled to virtually nothing, and profiteering was rampant— the princely sum of 5 pounds for a single pig and 3 pounds for a nearly starved goat giving rise. On Christmas Eve, a relief ship the Lion’s arrival was “the most important items of the supplies. As John Winthrop noted, the Lion’s arrival was “the most important occasion for a February thanksgiving day.” That thanksgiving day for the settlers of dorchester and the region was not a “Pilgrimesque” feast, but a day of prayer and reflection.

Roger clapp also offered a unique perspective on the other source of aid to the dorchester Company: “yet this I can say to the Praise of God’s Glory, that He sent poor ravishous indians, who came with their Baskets of corn on their backs to trade with us, which was a good supply unto many.” This thanksgiving, as families gather in dorchester for turkey dinners, they might pause for a moment to ponder how blessed they are. The mary and john settlers, one of the very first groups to arrive in the new world, may have had to “turn loose their indentured servants” to fend for themselves. It is harder to get a shot at it than in old england . Therefore, loving father, I entreat you that you would send me a frink [measure] of butter & a hoghead of malt... for we drink nothing but water... We do not know how long we may subsist, for we cannot live here without provisions from old england .

renowned historian Samuel Eliot morison notes that the drastic changes in the customary diet of the band from the mary and john and the other puritans who had debarked from vessels along Massachusetts’ shore was pronounced, weakening them by november and leaving them in poor shape to endure the coming winter of 1630-31. “but the englishman of that period considered himself starving without beef, bread and beer,” clapp battled on.

and even today, if you will try a steady diet of shellfish and spring water for a week, you might feel some sympathy for these puritan colonists bereft of their stout british fare. For many of the mary and john settlers, one of the available foodstuffs— “indian corn” — wreaked havoc with their digestive tracts. “there is one and another allusion to the fact that these people, bred to the use of english wheat, rice and barley, records chronicles of the first planters, “disliked the bread made of indian corn. they probably had not yet learned the art, which is not an easy art to this day, of properly subduing that grain by the process of cookery.” Cramps and worse bedeviled many settlers forced to rely on the harsh local corn as a staple.

by late November 1630, many of the colonists for-aging from the Nipmuc to “the neck” for food were taking on a gaunt, weakened collective visage. thoughts of an early Thanksgiving were re- moted to men, women, and children alike. thoughts of scavenging enough food for the daily larner consumed the hours. and, as chronicles of the planters asserts, “as the winter came on, provisions began to be very scarce... and people were necessitated to live upon clams and mussels and ground-nuts and acorns, and these with much difficulty in the winter time. upon which people were very much tired and discouraged.” with hunger came two dreadful diseases— “a contagious fever, probably typhus.”

on Christmas Eve, temperatures plummeted below freezing, with icy winds roaring in from the ocean. Balancing on the verge of starvation, Dorchester and the nearby settlements. as john Winthrop and other locals described, “many of the people were yet inadequately housed, living and dying in bare wigwams or sail-cloth tents, ‘soe [sic.] that almost in every family, lamentation, mourning and woe was heard, and no fresh food to be had to cherish them.” Roger Clapp’s words captured the incessant misery and deprivation that the mary and john settlers battled day by day: “oh, the hunger that many suffered, hanging on for dear life by reason of butter to be supplied [sic.] only by Clams, and took notice of it.” bread was so very scarce that sometimes I thought the very crusts of my father’s table would have been very sweet unto me. And when I could drink, as I did on that day, it was so good who could wish better?...it was accounted a strange thing in those days to drink water, and to eat samp [mush] or hominy without butter or milk. indeed, it would have been a strange thing to see a piece of roast beef, mutton, or veal.”

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The traditional holiday tree lighting tour of Dorchester villages is set for Sat., Nov. 25 including stops at Neponset Circle at 4 p.m., Port Norfolk (4:20), Strawberry Park (5), Strand Theatre (5:20), St. Teresa of Calcutta (5:40), Ryan Playground (6), Fields Corner (6:20), Adams/King St playground (6:40), and Peabody Square (7).

HOLIDAY STROLL IN LOWER MILLS ON NOV. 25
The tenth annual Lower Mills Holiday Stroll will be on Sat., Nov. 25 from 2-6 p.m. with a tree lighting at Meetinghouse Bank set for 4 p.m. A holiday pop-up market will be staged at the St. John Paul II Catholic Academy at the corner of Richmond Street. Free trolley rides and live music at Baker Artists Lofts.

GLOVER’S CORNER PUBLIC MEETING ON NOV. 29
The BPDA will sponsor a public workshop as part of its ongoing Plan: Glover’s Corner initiative on Wed., Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m., Local 103 IBEW, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. The focus will be on transportation, mobility and connectivity. For more info go to bit.ly/PlanGlovers. Or call 617-918-4312.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY ON DEC. 10
There will be music and surprises at the Dorchester Historical Society’s holiday party on Sun., Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. at William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester.

COMMUNITY MEETING: IMPROVEMENTS TO FRANKLIN PARK PATHWAYS
Join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on Sat., Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at William Devine Golf Course Clubhouse, 1 Circuit Drive, Dorchester for a public community briefing for Phase Vb of the ongoing Improvements to Pathways at Franklin Park. The update meeting will focus on the tennis area of the project. For further info, please call 617-961-3019.

Celebrate! at JFK Library and Museum
Family-friendly, free programs in the Stephen Smith Center at JFK Library. Make reservations by visiting jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644.

Fri., Nov. 24 at 10:30 a.m.—Native American Heritage Month: Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers; Tues., Dec. 26: The Fairy Circus: Tanglewood Marionettes; Mon., Jan. 15: Clap Your Hands: Martin Luther King Jr. Day; George Russell Jr. and Company.

In honor of Veteran’s Day, Dorchester-based IBEW Local 103 collected 510 care packages to send to veterans posted outside of the United States. Over 200 union members gathered on November 11 at the IBEW Local 103 union hall to assemble and send the care packages. “This is just one way that Local 103 gives back and shows our support for active duty service men and women,” said IBEW Local 103 Business Manager Lou Antonellis. “We are thankful and pleased to see all the folks who came to the union hall contributing time and resources to making this happen. For those of us that didn’t serve it’s really a special way to say thank you to the troops.” The volunteers included a girl scout troop from Braintree and boy scouts from Quincy. Above, Girl Scouts from Braintree Highland School with Local 103 President Bob Sheehan, left, and Business Manager Lou Antonellis, right.

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The Holiday Season in children’s eyes is magical...what better way to let you know about the upcoming demolition of the buildings at DOT BLOCK and the installation of a perimeter fence than through the eyes of Dorchester’s Children at DOT ART...

We wish you wonderful Holidays - and a safe and healthy 2018!

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Crane & Wrecking Ball, mixed media drawing by Noah, age 7 - Dumptruck, colored pencil drawing by Kilen, age 7
Neighbors seek to ID ‘significant’ Ashmont buildings

In the Greater Ashmont Main Street District Property Index, sites are classified by colors and numbers, indicating the historic merit of a building and the city’s suggestion for amounts of preservation or development. If classified as "red" in the index, properties are considered "so architecturally or historically significant to the district and its character that they must be preserved and maintained." They might be noted as historic by the Boston Landmarks Commission, considered for status as a landmark, possess unique architecture or a relationship to an historic person, or whose loss would have a "significant negative impact" on the surrounding area.

Examples cited at the meeting included O’Brien’s Market at the Peabody Square Apartments, St. Mark’s Church, and the Carruth Building. Both "yellow" and "green" properties would be considered for redevelopment by the Main Street group if "excellent projects are proposed." The former denotes buildings of historic and architectural interest that are "preferably maintained and preserved," while the latter includes vacant lots or properties with no such interest.

"This isn’t saying every vacant lot should be developed," Gonyea said, "but that’s again a green light to encourage development on these sites.

Once the buildings’ values are assessed, the index also includes subcategories for levels of maintenance and preservation that the group would require or the level of redevelopment that they could support.

In broad strokes, "red" parcels include Level 1 recommendations for bringing the building into landmark status or making modifications to the site to better reflect the building’s significance.

Level 2 suggestions might require further research into the site’s history, suggest re habilitation, or save some kind of multi-story, mixed use development.

Level 3 encourages redevelopment, whether that be a new structure on an empty lot, a proposed new development already in progress.

Buildings can shift between categories as the committee digs into their history, Gonyea said. The former ODWIN Learning Center building at 1943 Dorchester Ave. was initially classified as "yellow (2)." It was built sometime around 1850 or 1860, but on looking into it, Gonyea said, "We could never figure out when it was built, or much about its original origin, but it had obviously been altered over the years as a funeral home and then as the ODWIN site that it didn’t really have any of its architectural character or value left.

So they designated it as a "green (1)" site instead, deciding to support the multi-story, mixed-use development already under way on the property.

"It was a good example of the flexibility that [the index] is able to provide," he said.

He told meeting attendees that the index is still a work in progress and the committee is reviewing categorizations. They have in place a "yellow (2)", a "green (1)" parcel in the Main Street district, he added, "so we’re all learning as we go.

We hope to note every parcel under consideration just as we did for the site, he added, "to have a response articulated."

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Happy to be home," Latin School’s new headmaster gets busy right away

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Dorchester Historical Society Holiday Party

Sunday, December 10
2 - 4 p.m.

William Clapp House
195 Boston Street
Dorchester, MA

Music and Surprises.
Baker signs free contraception bill into law

By Matt Murphy

Gov. Charlie Baker signed a law Monday that insulates Massachusetts from federal changes to birth control coverage under Obamacare, protecting a woman’s right to free contraception in a move that supporters, including the governor, cheered as a message to Republicans in Washington.

The new law requires health insurance plans to cover most types of oral contraception without co-pays. The coverage extends to over-the-counter emergency contraception, and would allow women to fill prescriptions for birth control for 12 months at a time.

“This is exactly the sort of opportunity where Massachusetts has a chance to send a message to the rest of the country about how we think and how we feel about this issue and I’m proud to be part of the team,” Baker said at a bill-signing ceremony in the State House library.

The event drew scores of advocates and supporters, and Baker was joined around the podium by a host of leading Democrats, including House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, Attorney General Maura Healey and Treasurer Deborah Goldberg.

“We’re not going away,” Healey said. “We’re going to continue to stand for the rights of women.”

The legislation gained steam on Beacon Hill following President Donald Trump’s executive order making it easier for companies to opt out of covering birth control on religious or moral grounds. A compromise struck between state insurers and women’s health advocates over the details of the bill help push it across the finish line.

“If Washington is going to be hostile to the programs and policies we know work, then we need to be prepared to act,” said Senate Majority Leader Harriette Chandler, a Worcester Democrat and co-sponsor of the legislation.

The bill passed the House and Senate overwhelmingly in recent weeks, clearing the House 140-16, with only three Democrats voting against it, and on a 27-0 standing vote in the Senate.

“All women of this commonwealth, all women of this country, all women of the world are entitled to affordable, reliable and safe contraceptive care and I think that’s what this was all about. Very, very simple,” DeLeo said.

Chandler filed the legislation along with Speaker Pro Tempore Patricia Haddad and Rep. John Schakat at the beginning of the session as uncertainty swirled over whether the new Republican Congress would repeal the Affordable Care Act, and with it the protection of birth control coverage.

After Trump’s executive order, the Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Sen. Jamie Eldridge requested that the Center for Health Information and Analysis expedite its review of the potential costs of the coverage mandates.

CHIA produced its analysis at the end of October, determining the bill would add between 7 cents and 20 cents to the average monthly premium.

Andrew Dreyfus, the CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, said the company was proud to be among the state health insurers supporting the new law after Planned Parenthood and others advocates cooperated to reach consensus.

One of the concessions allows insurers to charge co-pays for brand name contraceptives if a generic drug is available. Condoms are also not covered.

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts said one of the few groups that vocally opposed to the bill.

Baker proposed in his budget last year a five-year moratorium on new health insurance mandates as he explored strategies to control the cost of health care, particularly within the state’s Medicaid program. But he said this situation warranted an exception.

“In this particular case, there was a tremendous concern about a particular issue that involved the uncertainty associated with federal policy. I think it’s terrific that everyone got together and got this done to protect women’s reproductive rights here in Massachusetts,” he said after the event.

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Community Health News

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

543 COLUMBIA ROAD

Dorchester, MA 02125

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

What is the future of the Strand Theatre as an anchor of the Upham’s Corner Arts & Innovation District? Please join us for a community open house followed by a discussion. Light refreshments will be provided.

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5:30-8:30 p.m. at Landmark Public House, 772 Adams to life. Organized by the Martin Richard Foundation Museum for the winter months while the Park comes say “Thank you Boston.” Banners that we create from the Neighborhood House Charter School, Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy, the Holmes School 200 Park St., Dorchester join the kids and families invited to attend. For accommodations or language assistance, or to be added to the project e-mail list, interested commuters are invited to attend. For accommodations or language assistance, or to be added to the project e-mail list, please contact MassDOT municipal liaison, Jim Kersten by phone 857-368-9041, or by email at james.a.kersten@state.ma.us.

PAINTING FOR GRATITUDE IN FIELDS CORNER

On Fri., Nov. 24 from 11-3 p.m. at The Town Field, 200 Park St., Dorchester kids and families from the Neighborhood House Charter School, Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy, the Holmes School and the Hendricken Academy were encouraged to write banners to say “Thank you Boston.” Banners that we create with the expert guidance of Dot Art will adorn the children’s compositions of the Museum’s Lawn at the Franklin Park Zoo. Family Waterfront next to the Boston Children’s Museum for the winter months while the Park comes to life. Organizers ask for “Anniversary” signs to be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at 617-635-7275.

LEARY HOLLORAN COMMUNITY CENTER
HOLIDAY COCKTAIL RECEPTION & 10K WALK

Eat, drink and be charitable on Wed., Dec. 6 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Landmark Public House, 772 Adams St. Dorchester. $100 ticket purchase includes $10K raffle entry. Enjoy refreshments, raffles and great company! VISIT BOSTON’S EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS TREE

The annual gift of an evergreen Christmas tree from Nova Scotia arrived at Boston Common this week. The tree will be lit at approximately 7:55 p.m. on Thurs., Nov. 30 at the City of Boston’s Official Tree Lighting is celebrated on Boston Common from 6-8 p.m. For further information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4695.

MAYOR’S ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR AND TREE LIGHTINGS

The 2017 Mayor’s Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lightings Schedule is as follows: Fri., Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in Mattapan Square, Mattapan; Sat., Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. in Codman Square, Dorchester; Sun., Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in Adams Corner, Dorchester. For further information please call 617-635-3911, visit boston.gov/tourism. For further information please call 617-635-3911. For a full schedule, please visit boston.gov/mayors-2017-enchanted-trolley-tour.

BACH PROJECT DEBUT CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS PARISH

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- Thanksgiving. No refuse/recycling collections will be made on Thursday.
- The Franklin Park Coalition 5k run/walk in Franklin Park at 9 a.m. Online registration closes at 11 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 22. See fpk5k.com for complete information.

Friday, Nov. 24
- Celebrate at JFK Library and Museum features Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers for Native American Heritage Month. Performance culminates at the Boston Public Library and Museum at 11 a.m. For complete information.

Trot is open until Wed., November 23.

Coalition 5k run/walk Saturday, Nov. 25

- Christmas Vendor Fair at Neponset campus Sat., Nov. 25 from 10-3 p.m. at St. John Paul II Catholic Church – Neponset. Sponsored by Dorchester Knights of Columbus Council 107, featuring plenty of vendors to do your Christmas shopping including: Tastefully Simply, Beachbody, Mary Kay, Clothing, Crochet Items, Usborne Books, LuLaRoe, and Homemade Jewelry. Take pictures with Santa and look out for the Toshiba Tablet Tree Lighting! Raffle, Refreshments will be available.

- Holiday tree lighting tour of Dorchester villages including stops at Neponset Circle at 4 p.m., Fort Norfolk (4:20), Harbor Point (4:40), Allen Park (5), Strand Theatre (5:20), St. Teresa of Calcutta (6:40), Ryan Playfield (6:20), Adams/King Playground (6:40), and Peabody Square (7).

Sunday, Nov. 26
- Bach Project Debut Concert at All Saints Parish at 4 p.m., this newly-formed ensemble of professional singers and instrumentalists, drawn from the Handel and Haydn Society, Boston Baroque, Emmanuel Music, Trinity Church in Copley Square, and the French Church of the Advent, will perform organ, instrumental, and choral music of Johann Sebastian Bach, including Brandenburg Concerto No. 6, the motet “Lobet den Herrn” and Cantatas 47. They will be joined by the All Saints’ Boys Choir. For more information, and to buy tickets, visit ahcachambermusic.org.

Monday, Nov. 27
- Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and The Friends of Copley Square welcome you to the annual Copley Square Tree Lighting from 5 to 6 p.m. The free event will feature appearances by Santa Claus and Rudolph along with musical performances by the Boston Children’s Chorus, the Boston Pops Brass Quintet, and Berklee College of Music students Britani Washington and Sam Robbins.
This being the beginning of the special time in the year, and because it seems to me to have been insufficiently noted or appreciated, let’s begin with the inspirational tale of Charlie Morton, dauntless but improbable World Series hero.

If there were a Profiles in Courage Award in baseball, he would be a lock. Few have stood taller on the mound than the battered, weary, but implacable 34-year-old Morton did in Game Seven, when he slammed shut the door on the Dodgers’ ing unhitlable curve with four innings of iron will, just as impeccably relief, mix—had he done to finish off the Yankees in the A.L.C.S. It’s something no pitcher had ever done—win two sudden-death Game Seven in the same season.

“Big deal,” you say, “a mere footnote.” But when something happens in baseball that’s never happened before, we pay attention. Moreover, you should consider the ordeal Morton has experienced over an agonizing 10-year struggle to reach the best of the best. In 2016, he pitched four wireless games for the Phillies, tearing his hamstring so badly in April that he was rehabbed the rest of the season. In nine years, he won 46 games, never posting a winning record, and countless trips to the injured list.

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Whoever made that call, it testifies heavily to the brilliance of the Houston front office, which has turned a perennial doormat into a powerhouse in four years. After going 14-7 with a 3.62 ERA and roughly 10 whiffs per nine innings pitched, Morton, in the post-season and healthy at last, essentially saved Houston’s shaky pitching staff which had bricked collapse near the end. He was valiant, an old-fashioned baseball hero, like something from a Mark Harris novel. You don’t find jewels on scrap heaps anymore, except in fiction.

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Of injuries and the NFL

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Baseball awards: Right on

MLB’s award season proved predictable. No year surprises unless you fancy a Kershaw over a Scherzer, though there’s Always a difference. Hereabouts, partisans are ruffled not because they deny local pet Chris Sale the AL Cy Young but by doing so by a veritable landslide. Was the dogged Indians righty that much better than our prize lefty? Probably not. But just think how much we here overrate our lads. Sale was not as good as he looked while burning through mid-summer piling up all those strikeouts. This he swiftly verified when the going got tough at the end. All of which the rest of the league saw more clearly. It’s that simple. He swiftly verified when the going got tough at the end. All of which the rest of the league saw more clearly. It’s that simple. But just think how much we here overrate our lads. Sale was not as good as he looked while burning through mid-summer piling up all those strikeouts. This he swiftly verified when the going got tough at the end. All of which the rest of the league saw more clearly. It’s that simple. He swiftly verified when the going got tough at the end. All of which the rest of the league saw more clearly. It’s that simple.

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Thanksgiving Feast: Members and their families enjoyed a Thanksgiving meal together on November 16th at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. We had a delicious and fun time and got in the holiday spirit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER ORIENTATION
December 12 & 13
6PM

WINTER REGISTRATION
December 13
6-8PM

THE BARKING CRAB
FUNDRAISING PARTY
December 12
5-8PM

DID YOU KNOW
Gearing up for Winter: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester holds orientation for new members on the second Tuesday and Wednesday each month, and they will be on December 12th & 13th. Only one night is required for new members to attend, and both will take place at 6PM at the Marr Clubhouse.

Winter Registration for enrichment programs will be taking place as well, on December 13 starting at 6-8PM. This is the one chance to sign up for evening enrichment programs, and they are first come first served. Evening enrichment programs include athletics and healthy lifestyle classes, arts and music, and leadership programs. More details will be coming soon, and check out our Facebook page for more specifics as they become available, at facebook.com/bgcdorchester.

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