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Pictured from left to right: Dr. Bob Hoch, pediatrician and former Chief Medical Officer of Harbor Health, Dr. Monera Wong, Chief Medical Officer of Harbor Health, Dan Driscoll past CEO and Chuck Jones, current CEO of Harbor Health. Photo courtesy Harbor Health

How the health center movement took root in Neponset

BY CHRIS LOVETT
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Fifty years ago, the newest face of health care in Dorchester was a line of mothers with baby carriages outside a storefront on Neponset Avenue.

If the patients at the newly opened Neponset Health Center looked like a throwback to a time when a medical visit was within walking distance, or even at home, they were also a sign that times had changed. Just one block away, Neponset Circle had become less a rotary than a shadow beneath highway traffic that was mostly going somewhere else. And, as area residents noted with dismay, the same thing was happening with local medical practices. Just beyond the opposite

end of Morrissey Boulevard, problems with access to care were already being addressed by a pioneering model at the Columbia Point Health Center. It was the first community health center in the nation, opened in late 1965 at the Columbia Point public housing development. Founded by visionaries in a struggle against racism and poverty, the center's primary support was from federal programs advancing health care to address underlying social problems.

In the Neponset area, the concern was more straightforward: a lack of access to doctors, especially for residents of Port Norfolk, a waterfront neighborhood increasingly cut off from the rest of Dorchester. (Continued on page 10)



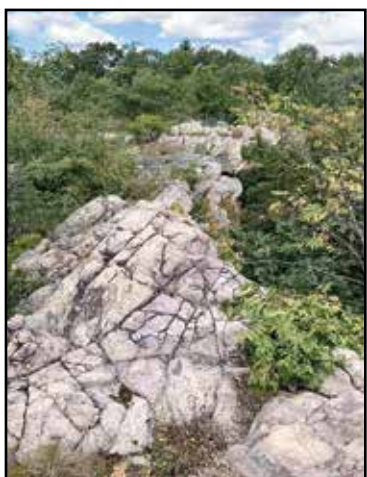
Neponset Health Center administrator Jack Cross is shown with Dr Paul Ryack M.D., one of the center's first full-time physicians, outside the center's original storefront on Neponset Avenue, circa 1973. File photo

City moves to protect ancient Native American quarry in Mattapan

BY SETH DANIEL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Boston and its neighborhoods are historic for certain, but rarely does the city have an opportunity to place landmark status on a site dating back before the Egyptian pyramids or England's Stonehenge.

That is exactly what is being considered right now at the Boston Landmarks Commission for the Massachusetts Tribe's Mattapan Rhyolite Quarry – a curious site in a busy urban area behind St. Angela's Church along Babson and Cookson Streets that dates back 7,500 years. The quarry is the source of an ancient volcanic stone prized for its banded maroon color and ideal qualities for making stone tools.



A view of the Rhyolite Quarry near Mattapan Square, which Boston's chief archeologist says was used as a quarry by ancient people living in what is now Mattapan, perhaps as early as 7,500 years ago. Image courtesy City of Boston

At the Nov. 9 Landmarks meeting, Commissioners voted unanimously to make the quarry a pending landmark in the city of Boston and designated it enthusiastically for further study.

City archeologist Joe Bagley appeared at the meeting as the designated spokesperson for the Massachusetts Tribe in a joint petition for the tribe and the city to protect the unique and ancient cultural asset.

"What we have discovered is a vast majority of the quarry has survived intact for thousands of years and represents a remarkable asset of Massachusetts native landscape preserved in Mattapan," Bagley told Landmarks. "The Mattapan Rhyolite Quarry (Continued on page 14)

Wu pitches three fare-free bus routes during Ashmont visit

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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Mayor Michelle Wu appeared outside Ashmont's MBTA station last Thursday (Nov. 18) to promote her proposal for spending \$8 million in federal funds on making three bus lines fare-free for the next two years.

Standing behind Wu on her second full day as mayor were several city councillors, including Dorchester and Mattapan Councillor Andrea Campbell, who had objected to the council taking up the proposal at its meeting the day before. She said she supports the proposal, but more discussion was needed before the money could be appropriated.

Wu's proposal would extend a four-month pilot for the Route 28 bus, and add the 23 and 29 buses. The 28 bus pilot, which cost \$500,000 in city funds, is slated to run through the end of the year. The bus runs from Roxbury's Nubian Square down to Mattapan Square.



Mayor Wu spoke about her free bus fare proposal outside of Ashmont Station on Thurs., Nov. 18. Mayor's Office photo

Route 23, whose buses provided an occasional backdrop for Wu's remarks as they rumbled behind her, runs from Ashmont Station to Ruggles MBTA Station in Roxbury.

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Push for new housing next to Shawmut T station gets public airing

BY SETH DANIEL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The latest plan to re-develop the site of a longtime automotive business next to Shawmut MBTA station was the subject of a public meeting last Thursday (Nov. 18) as the Melville-Park Association convened in-person inside the nearby Epiphany School to hear from representatives of the Dorchester-rooted firm Trinity Financial.

At issue is the re-use of Fitzpatrick Brothers Corporation, an auto body business on Centre Street, which has been operating on the site since 1894, when earlier generations of the family repaired horse-drawn buggies. Trinity, a development company owned by Dorchester resident Jim Keefe, hopes to replace the business with housing. Trinity's still-emerging plan this fall would mark the third attempt to secure community support for a project after two previous plans – one advanced by Trinity and another by a different developer, Travis Lee – were met with stiff opposition from neighbors.

Last Thursday, Jim Keefe appeared with two members of his team – Chris Stanley, AVP of Design and Construction, and Mike Lozano, VP of Development. They told the audience they were there to listen and hear before making concrete plans for a third attempt.

The recent history of discussions around the 28,000 sq. ft. property has been contentious at times. In 2016, Trinity's first proposal to build a 91-unit building was rejected by civic leaders. In the fall of 2018, they came back with an 88-unit plan, which was also shot down. In between then and

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Police, Courts & Fire

Woman charged in alleged kidnapping, assault

A Hyde Park woman will face kidnapping and armed robbery charges for her role in an incident that unfolded on Saturday evening in District B-3. A male victim told police that he was assaulted by three people, including 20-year-old Jada Scott, while he was sitting in his car. The victim says he was forced to drive to his home on Kingsdale Street, where they allegedly burglarized his home. The victim was able to flee and called police from a nearby home. Boston Police took Scott, whom the victim described as an acquaintance, into custody early on Sunday morning.

...
A man who managed to escape from police in Yarmouth a year ago proved unable to outrun Boston Police gang officers chasing him as he held a loaded gun in his right hand in Dorchester last Saturday morning, police say.

Boston Police say that gang officers were looking for Winston Cottrell, 31, of Nantucket, after they learned he might have a gun, in the area of Quincy and Ceylon streets. Shortly after 1:30 a.m., police say, they found him walking down the street - although he began to run when he spotted the officers. He was caught after a brief

chase. According to a police account, Cottrell was wearing body armor and carrying a fully loaded .40 caliber handgun with a spare magazine of ammo. He was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, carrying a loaded firearm, two counts of possession of a large-capacity feeding device and using body armor in the commission of a felony, police say. Shortly before 2 a.m. on Nov. 7 of last year, a police officer in Yarmouth pulled Cottrell over for motor-vehicle infractions, which included driving with a suspended license and a revoked registration. But then, police say, Cottrell took off and escaped before abandoning the car about a mile away. Police say they found "a large amount" of marijuana and drug paraphernalia in the abandoned car.

...
Boston Police will host a gun "buy-back" event on Sat., Dec. 11 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at several locations, including St. Peter's Church on Bowdoin Street and the McCormack Housing development in South Boston. Call 617-343-4827 to get more info. The BPD says there are "no questions asked" and drop-offs are anonymous. Get a \$100 gift card in return.



Mayor Michelle Wu accompanied her 6-year-old son, Blaise, as he received his first dose of the COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccine during a vaccination clinic held at Prince Hall Grand Lodge on Sat., Nov. 20. The clinic was held in partnership between the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) and Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) authorized the use of the Pfizer childhood vaccine for children ages 5-11 on Nov. 2. Mayor's Office photo by Isabel Leon

Epiphany School teachers lauded for halting attempted sex assault

Two unnamed teachers from the Epiphany School were given a loud round of applause at last Thursday's meeting of the Melville Park Association for their role in thwarting an attempted sexual assault of a 17-year-old girl in broad daylight on Nov. 8.

Boston Police Officer

Mike Keaney told the Association that around 1:30 p.m., a 17-year-old girl was walking on Sharp Street near the school when a man hit her in the back of the head with a metal pipe. He dragged her into a wooded area by the school and ordered her to remove her clothes

and told her to shut up. The yelling attracted the attention of two teachers from the Epiphany School who intervened and ran to help the girl. The man saw the teachers and dropped the pipe, running towards Centre Street. One of the teachers gave chase to him while the other consoled

the girl. Police set up unmarked vehicles around the neighborhood with video descriptions of the suspect. Later on, he was found on Centre Street and arrested. The suspect— Naeem Patrick, 29— was held without bail at his arraignment last week.

— SETH DANIEL

Councillor Baker: BPS needs to improve communication, safety protocols

By SETH DANIEL
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Parents from the Henderson Upper School have met twice with District 3 Councillor Frank Baker over the past week in Port Norfolk to discuss ongoing concerns about school safety, which prompted Baker to file an information request at the council meeting on Wed., Nov. 17.

Baker said he does not believe Boston Public Schools (BPS) is handling school safety correctly, as well as mental health accommodations, and wants official baseline data on incidents. He said parents—especially those with special needs children at the full-inclusion school—are not satisfied.

The Henderson Upper School community was rocked by an alleged attack on the school's principal, Patricia Lam-

pron, by a ninth grader on Nov. 3. Lampron was rushed to the hospital and continues to recover at home.

"We're looking for some kind of plan so we know that people will be safe there," Baker said. "I'm not for uniformed police being in the schools, but we need some kind of force in there that can break up fights and keep people safe. What I heard from parents is a need for mental health professionals and a need for trained professionals to break up fights. The reality is we're seeing violence in our schools and we're not addressing it... And I don't think they've handled the Patricia Lampron situation well at all."

At the Nov. 17 meeting of the City Council, Baker made the official request for information, known as a 17F, from

Boston Public Schools. He is asking for all police responses and internally handled school safety responses. He said many times he hears quietly about fights at Madison Park or at other schools, but there aren't any publicly available facts.

"I'm sitting with parents of non-verbal students who can't tell their parents what happened to them at school," he said. "My heart goes out to parents whose kids got hurt and can't verbalize what happened to them at school."

He said he would like to see the numbers, and then see about getting a licensed school police presence back in the schools to keep order.

"It's like I asked Superintendent (Brenda Cassellius), if we're looking for mental health professionals who are cross-trained in karate

and dress like Jake from State Farm, then let's get going on that," he said. "Let's do something to make people safe."

Baker noted the alleged attack comes as that BPS has lost more than 2,000 students in its enrollment this year, dipping below 50,000 for the first time in decades.

A BPS spokesperson told the Reporter they are working on an agreement with the Boston Police to get a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed that would allow a pathway for school safety officers to get licensed once again—after losing that option last summer.

"BPS and BPD are working collaboratively on an MOU as a result of the new police reform law," read a statement from BPS to the Reporter.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Halfway to Dot Day 5k takes places in person on Sat., Dec. 11 at 9 a.m. at Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset. The race starts on the Neponset Trail at Hallet Street and winds through PJP Park where participants will enjoy festive scenes, carolers, and more. This is an event all ages and abilities - walkers, runners, strollers. All are welcome for this fun, neighborhood event. Registration is \$25 and \$20 for first responders. Kids 12 and under are free by donating an unwrapped toy for the toy drive. Sign up as a team with your family - the biggest team wins a prize. All proceeds will be used to support local families who need a little help this holiday season. Registration is here: <http://bit.ly/halfway2dotday>

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

The Mayor's Enchanted Trolley tour, which includes holiday tree lightings and a visit from Santa, will make stops locally on Fri., Dec. 3 at Mattapan Square (5:30p.m.) and on Sat., Dec. 4 at Codman Square (1 p.m.) and on Sun., Dec. 5 in Adams Corner (7 p.m.).

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

A virtual public meeting is set for Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal for a six-story residential at 800 Morrissey Boulevard. (See story on page 6 for more info.) The meeting will be conducted via Zoom by the BPDA.

The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports will host the fourth annual

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

Franklin Park Turkey Trot will be held Thurs., Nov. 25 Thanksgiving morning at 9 a.m. We're back running (or walking) in person with safety measures in place to protect your health. Participate in this timed 5k and support programs in Franklin Park. All ages, strollers, and race-friendly dogs on leash are welcome. Prizes for best costumes and by age-group. Sign up your running group, a family team, or just yourself: fpc5k.com.

The City of Boston, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and the Friends of Copley Square welcome the holidays with

the annual Copley Square Tree Lighting on Mon., Nov. 29, starting at 5 p.m. This free event will feature appearances by Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman, and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer along with musical performances by vocalist Ackeem Hill, the Boston Children's Chorus, the Boston Pops Esplanade Brass Ensemble, and Berklee College of Music's own Esperanza Delgado. Other 2021 holiday celebrations hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department include the lighting of the ship in Martin's Park at the Children's Wharf Harborwalk on Nov. 27, and the Boston Common Tree Lighting followed by the lighting of the trees on the Commonwealth Avenue Mall on December 2. Visit bit.ly/LightsOnBos or call 617-635-4505 for more information.

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Reps. Pressley, Lynch land \$15M for Blue Hill Avenue project

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Federal transportation officials are set to send \$15 million to Massachusetts for an overhaul of Blue Hill Avenue, a project aimed at improving access to public transportation and refashioning a key economic corridor of the city, US Reps. Ayanna Pressley and Stephen Lynch said.

Blue Hill Avenue runs from Mattapan Square up through to the intersection of the avenue and Warren Street in Grove Hall, with minority-owned small businesses, schools and places of worship such as Morning Star Baptist Church along the route.

The expected funding comes through the US Department of Transportation's Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE) grant program. The funding would include support for a dedicated bus lane in the corridor, which has high bus ridership levels and would see faster travel times with the new lane.

Other changes to the Blue Hill Avenue corridor, as part of the proposed overhaul, call for more pedestrian-friendly crossings and side-



One of the concepts for overhauling Blue Hill Avenue includes a central bus lane, meant to speed up travel times. Rep. Ayanna Pressley says the project has been more than a decade in the making. Rendering courtesy City of Boston

walks, bike share stations, an improved tree canopy and public art from local artists.

"I'm proud to have helped secure this critical funding for the Blue Hill Ave project, which

will make our public transit more reliable, safe, and climate resilient while connecting folks in Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan to jobs, food, and essential services like edu-

cation and healthcare," Rep. Pressley said in a statement.

Lynch, who along with Rep. Pressley represents Boston in Washington, D.C., called the funding "critical." "Blue

Hill Avenue serves as a primary channel for public transportation and this reconstruction will improve safety and accessibility for passengers and residents of all surrounding communities," he said in his own statement.

Pressley earlier this year wrote a letter to President Biden's transportation chief, Pete Buttigieg, noting that the project has been in the works for "more than a decade." The total cost of the project is an estimated \$39.5 million, with the city of Boston and the MBTA kicking in some money in addition to the RAISE grant's \$15 million.

The funding comes as Mayor Michelle Wu pushes to use \$8 million in federal recovery funds to pay for two years of three fare-free bus routes, including Route

28, which runs along Blue Hill Avenue. The proposal, which is before the City Council, expands on a four-month fare-free Route 28 pilot that is scheduled to end in December.

"Commute times for residents here are among the longest anywhere in Boston, deepening inequities," Wu said in response to the news of the RAISE funding for Blue Hill Avenue. "I'm grateful to Representatives Pressley and Lynch for their leadership to secure these critical funds, which will accelerate the City's work to bring transformative change to Blue Hill Avenue. We will continue to move urgently on the Blue Hill Avenue Corridor Multimodal project to supercharge our economic recovery and connect our communities."

Blasi's Cafe cleared to re-open by city board

The Boston Licensing Board Nov. 18 gave Kenneth Blasi permission to buy out his brother Joseph and re-open Blasi Cafe, 762 Adams St. in Dorchester. The restaurant and bar, which the Blasi brothers each held a 50 percent share in, has been closed since a two-alarm fire in 2017.

Separately, the board voted to grant a "neighborhood" beer and wine license to Fresh Food

Generation, 191 Talbot Ave. in Dorchester, should one be available.

The restaurant, which has 12 employees and 8 indoor seats and 30 seasonal patio seats, started as a concept in the Commonwealth Kitchen incubator.

At a hearing on Nov. 17, owner Carla Cassandra Campbell told the board the restaurant is "a farm to plate scratch kitchen."

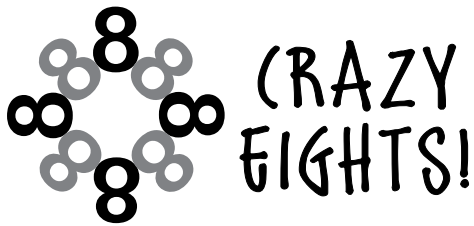
She added, "our goal is community health."

Board Chairwoman Kathleen Joyce today praised the restaurant as "exactly the type of applicant the board is excited to see come before us."

Neighborhood licenses are meant for small, entrepreneurial restaurants in neighborhoods where alcohol licenses had become scarce as the limited

number of licenses were bought out - for prices approaching \$400,000 - by larger, often national-chain, restaurants downtown and along the waterfront. Unlike regular licenses, neighborhood licenses cannot be resold or used as collateral on loans - they have to be given back to the board should the holders close their restaurants.

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After St. Guillen reverses course, Murphy to take City Council at-large seat a month early

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

Alejandra St. Guillen has decided against stepping in to fill the City Council at-large seat left vacant by Mayor Michelle Wu.

St. Guillen, who serves on the city’s cannabis oversight board and had said she was interested in filling the vacancy for the remainder of the year, said on Twitter the reversal came after reflections and “discussions with my family.”

St. Guillen, a West Roxbury resident, was in line for filling the vacant seat because she came in behind Julia Mejia by one vote in 2019. Under the city charter, when there is a vacant at-large seat on the council, the runner-up in the last election gets first crack at filling the seat. The vacancy was created on Nov. 16, after Wu took the mayoral oath of office.

In this case, the person would be seated for the remaining City Council meetings, before a new Council is seated in January.

St. Guillen said she had planned on starting in the new role mid-November, with three meetings left in the year. But at the City Council meeting last week, a unanimous vote could not be obtained to take up the matter of her swearing-in.

Since unanimous consent didn’t occur, “I believe it is just too brief a tenure, and with my other professional and personal obligations, the timing is not right,” St. Guillen said in her statement.

That means Dorchester’s Erin Murphy, who came in behind St. Guillen in 2019, is now able to take the job. Murphy ran at-large for a second time this year, and won one of the four at-large slots, so she takes office in January anyway. St. Guillen’s decision frees Murphy up to start the job early.

Murphy’s first meeting could be Dec. 1. (The City Council does not meet during the Thanksgiving holiday.)

“I’m excited to get to work sooner and start making those relationships and connections, and settling in,” Murphy told the Reporter. “I’m definitely looking forward to that.”

Getting an early start to the job allows for her to “take it all in, listen and really get a feel about how it’s going to move forward,” she said.

Murphy has been in meetings with councillors and embarked on a “thank you” tour immediately after



Councillor-elect Erin Murphy, right, photographed herself with fellow future city councillors Ruthzee Louijeune and Brian Worrell on Nov. 16 during Mayor Michelle Wu’s swearing-in ceremony.

Photo courtesy Erin Murphy

her victory on Nov. 2. She attended Wu’s swearing-in ceremony inside the City Council chambers.

Murphy will be one of five new councillors in January: Ruthzee Louijeune, an attorney, takes the other at-large seat, joining incumbents Mejia and Michael Flaherty. Tania Anderson won the District 7 race to replace Kim Janey, who served as acting mayor and opted to run for a full mayoral term instead of another term on the City Council, and while Brian Worrell won the race to replace District 4’s Andrea Campbell, who ran for mayor earlier this year, and Kendra Hicks takes the District 6 seat held by Matt O’Malley, who did not run for reelection.

Halbert: Council president contest should be in the open

The race for the City Council’s presidency has typically played out behind closed doors and on councillors’ cell phones. Councillors vote on who gets the job in January, when the 13-member body will have five new members.

But one former at-large candidate, David Halbert, says it should be a more public process, citing the importance of the position. District 7 Councillor Kim Janey became acting mayor earlier this year because she held the presidency when Marty Walsh left for the Biden administration in late March. Janey, who ran for mayor instead of reelection to her district seat, returns to the City Council presidency until the end of the year, now that Michelle Wu has assumed the executive office.

The presidency comes with a gavel, a metaphorical megaphone, funds for a larger staff and a larger office.

Three people are said to be vying for the job: Councillors Kenzie Bok, Ricardo Arroyo and Ed Flynn.

Halbert, a Dorchester resident who served as an aide inside City Hall and up at the State House, ran for one of the four at-large slots this year and fell short, landing in fifth place, behind Murphy. He took to Twitter on Monday to push for a more public race for the job.

“I would love if those seeking the post put out their vision for the office, council, (and) Boston now, so residents can learn and contact their District & At-Large Councilors about their votes next year,” he wrote.

The next City Council president will be working closely with Wu, who has experience in that job. She was elected by her colleagues to the post in January 2016, becoming the first woman of color to serve as president. She announced she had the votes in days after she was reelected to a second term in 2015.

This time, the jockeying is likely taking a little longer, in part due to five new members (Ruthzee Louijeune, Erin Murphy, Kendra Hicks, Brian Worrell and Tania Anderson).

Whoever wins the presidency needs seven votes, and it could take more than one round to determine who is the first to get to 7 votes.

Wu, Walsh prep Thanksgiving baskets at Shirley’s Pantry

The current mayor and a former mayor were together under one Mattapan roof last weekend. Mayor Michelle Wu and former Mayor Marty Walsh, who is now serving as President Biden’s labor secretary, were both at “Shirley’s Pantry” to help collect food for families in need.

Wu later posted to Twitter a picture of the two of them, with Walsh wearing a New England Patriots hat and a grey pullover.

Earlier in the week, while speaking with reporters the day after her swearing-in ceremony at City Hall, Wu said, “I’ll be certainly seeking his advice, along with Mayor Flynn, and others who have been part of previous administrations. But I hope and anticipate that he and (former Mayor Ray Flynn) and everyone will be part of our larger, official inauguration in January.”



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Activists say T’s electric bus plan bypasses Dot, Mattapan

By GRACE MAYER
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER
The MBTA’s environmental push to switch out its diesel buses for vehicles powered by electrification is under way

While the project’s goal is greener and more efficient transportation, TransitMatters, a group that advocates for equitable public transit in Boston, is arguing that the agency’s plan in North Cambridge to replace the area’s trolley buses is a waste of resources that further delays renovations that could be made to reduce transit emissions in other communities, including Dorchester and Mattapan.

In North Cambridge, electric trolleybuses and their overhead power lines would be replaced with battery-driven electric buses. The T wants to replace the old system because roadwork, wire problems, and other incidents often keep the trolleybuses off the road, which means diesel buses operating in their place, according to a spokesman for the public transit agency. But Jarred Johnson, the executive director of TransitMatters, said that the new electric buses would require die-



A 28 bus to Mattapan picks up passengers at the Nubian Square bus station. Robin Lubbock/WBUR photo

sel heaters in the winter that in turn create carbon emissions. “Replacing already electric buses with electric buses that also probably have to use diesel—that’s just not what you do when you’re serious about climate change,” Johnson said. For the MBTA, a transition to a greener bus system as quickly as possible will be done by replacing the North Cambridge trolley system with a hybrid electric and diesel heating system, agency

spokesperson Joe Pesaturo said, adding: “These buses will primarily use electric heating, supplemented with diesel heating on the coldest days to limit emissions to the maximum extent possible.” Diesel heaters are necessary, the T says, because the electric buses would struggle to keep riders and drivers warm during the winter. “However, diesel interior heating is envisioned to be phased out as we learn from these large-scale deployments, make

operational changes, and develop charging networks throughout the cities and towns,” the agency noted. As to the MBTA’s plans to eventually eliminate its diesel heating systems, Johnson said he believes this interim step is a waste of time and resources and the reason for “time, money, and energy not being spent on Dorchester and Mattapan.” The MBTA has cited plans to build an electric bus garage in Quincy by 2024. An electric

bus garage is also set to be built in way, and a garage along the Arborway is expected to be constructed between 2024 and 2026. Johnson said he believes the money the MBTA is allocating to the trolleybus project in North Cambridge should instead be used to accelerate progress on Jamaica Plain’s Arborway garage—where funding still hasn’t been secured, according to a report released by the MBTA in April. He also said the MBTA could

purchase electric buses for the Quincy garage that would be planned for routes in Ashmont and Mattapan. Johnson believes the MBTA’s plans are prioritizing communities that aren’t as heavily impacted by air pollution, including Dorchester and Mattapan, where rates of asthma and other respiratory illnesses are higher than neighborhoods like Cambridge. “There are a number of reasons why the life expectancy is so much lower for neighborhoods in Dorchester, as compared to Back Bay and other neighborhoods, but certainly air quality and transportation [are among] those reasons,” he said. The MBTA has said its plans will cost less and reduce emissions, but Johnson disagrees, saying that the agency’s plans in Cambridge with electric buses will actually backtrack on its promise to convert its bus system into clean transportation sources. “I think equity is all or nothing,” he said, “infusing it into everything you do. I don’t think it’s something you get to pick and choose on. This is one case where the T is not leading with equity.”

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Massive 800 Morrissey development seeks public input

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

Dorchester residents will get a chance next month to weigh in on a massive development set for Morrissey Boulevard. The proposal for 800 Morrissey Boulevard, currently home to an “underperforming” Ramada hotel, calls for a six-story residential building, according to documents filed with city officials. The building would have 240 units, with about 104 studio units, 103 one-bedroom units, 25 two-bedroom units and 7 three-bedroom units. Thirty-five units will be designated for affordable housing.

The proposal includes a parking garage with 162 vehicular spaces and storage for bicycles.

A virtual public meeting, put together by the Boston Planning and Development Agency, is set for Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m.

The site is located between Morrissey Boulevard and I-93, with Boston Bowl next door, and the 780 Morrissey Blvd. development on its other side. The 780 Morrissey Blvd. site is the former home of the Phillips Old Colony House and Freeport Tavern.

The project comes as Morrissey Boulevard, a major corridor in and



A rendering of the proposed six-story residential building at 800 Morrissey Boulevard. A Ramada hotel is currently sited on the location. Courtesy Boston Planning and Development Agency

out of the city, undergoes a development boom. The BEAT, the former home of the Boston Globe at 135 Morrissey Boulevard, is readying to lease its space to life science companies, while the Santander Bank site at 2 Morrissey Boulevard is also slated for development. Planning is underway to transform the former Bayside Expo Center site into “Dorchester Bay City,” a mix of housing, retail and public space spread over more than two dozen acres. The

projects join “Hub 25,” the apartment complex that opened next to JFK/UMass MBTA station five years ago.

City planning officials in January signed off on the 780 Morrissey project, which calls for a 219-unit apartment complex with 136 parking spaces.

The Phillips family, which controls Boston Bowl, Phillips Candy House and the Ramada, owns both the 780 Morrissey and 800 Morrissey parcels, and is working with the New Jersey-based Michaels

Organization on developing the sites. Lawrence-based Cube3 is the architect on both projects.

The Ramada hotel at 800 Morrissey is at the “end of its useful economic life and requiring significant investment to remain competitive,” the developer’s filing said. “The new building will slightly mirror 780 Morrissey, in order to create the feeling of cousins with some slight similarities, but a distinctly different look and feel,” the Michaels

Organization said in its filing.

Michaels Organization first filed their letter of intent with city planners in July; additional filings came in September. The public comment period is slated to end Dec. 20.

The project is expected to provide 290 construction jobs.

With an eye on sea-level rise, the finished first floor will be elevated “multiple feet” above Morrissey Boulevard, with the expectation that the thoroughfare,

which frequently floods, will eventually be raised as well. The project also plans to install all-electric heating, cooling and hot water systems.

A shuttle bus is planned for residents of both 780 and 800 Morrissey, making runs to the JFK/UMass Red Line and commuter rail station down the road. The site is also expected to have a car-sharing service and the lobby will have screens showing bus and rail transportation information for residents. (The site is close to MBTA Routes 201 and 202, which run along Morrissey Boulevard, and the 210 route runs by Neponset Avenue.)

A new bike lounge at 800 Morrissey is meant to complement a bike-centric plaza planned for 780 Morrissey. The amenities include “wall graphics, bottle filling stations and an area dedicated to working on bicycles, in addition to exclusive bike storage opportunities,” the developer said in its September filing.

The amenity will be next to a multi-use path planned by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation and connect to the Neponset Trail.



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Little Saigon district pivots to turkeys and cranberries for this Thanksgiving

By SETH DANIEL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Boston Little Saigon Cultural District was born with the idea to highlight Vietnamese art and culture. But this Thanksgiving, those involved in the district will be focused on the Puritanical tradition of feeding turkey to the community.

Already, there has been great momentum with Little Saigon partners, including newly reopened Home.stead Bakery and Cafe and Pho Hoa Restaurant, among others. The point of the district was to promote arts and culture in a variety of ways, but with the collaborative network that evolved from the years-long effort, taking care of the community was something naturally developed for this Thanksgiving during the ongoing pandemic.

“We made a request to the Board and they said to do it without question,” said Annie Le, manager of Little Saigon. “People on the Board wanted to give back to the community. We’ve asked the community for a lot of support. We felt this was the time to be able to give back.”

Added Nhat Le (no re-

lation to Annie Le), who is also a board member of Little Saigon, “It’s a great opportunity to get people together during these times. There’s no better time than now. The cost of everything is so expensive for people. The cost of turkey and ingredients are so expensive and the cost of travel is so expensive. This was the time we could help serve people in the community.”

Annie Le, who also just recently became a managing partner of the reopened Home.stead, quickly joined forces with Nhat Le and her husband, Jack Wu—who originally opened Home.stead and is still involved. They all agreed to use Home.stead as the launching point for cooking and preparing the meals. Getting 10 turkeys donated from the city, they were instructed to cook them and will do so at Home.stead on Thanksgiving morning. They also plan to have potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, vegetables and pies for dessert.

In working out the logistics, they were able to lean on Little Saigon board member Tam Le (no relation to Annie Le or Nhat Le), who

operates the Pho Hoa Restaurant. Wanting to “pay it forward” as part of the effort, he agreed to donate his outside patio at his Dorchester Avenue restaurant for the dinner.

The effort could draw additional partners.

“We’ll see how things go,” said Jack Wu. “We think people will want to participate when everyone is in the giving spirit and then we can do more with the same amount of money.”

Annie Le said they believe they have found their niche in cooking a meal for the community, as there are already many who are handing out frozen turkeys and ingredients for side dishes—known affectionately in New England as the “fixin’s.” Getting all of the ingredients for the meal, however, doesn’t work for everyone, she said, which is where the Little Saigon network finds a place this Thanksgiving.

“Part of the pandemic situation is people can’t go home for the holidays and some people are by themselves and can’t cook a whole Thanksgiving meal,” she said. “Some people are staying in shelters or a hotel and can’t cook a

turkey... There are a lot of people handing out turkeys, but if you can’t cook it, what’s the point? I learned that lesson when I worked in the schools. Some of our families don’t have kitchens to cook the meals and the ingredients we gave them. For those people that don’t have anyone to eat with, they can come have a meal with the community and eat together. If they want to, they can also take it to go.”

The Little Saigon district came together after years of organizing in the Fields Corner business community. In December 2019, the city approved the Fields Corner area as an official cultural district. In February, an official nonprofit formed. Then in May, the Massachusetts Cultural Council gave the final approval to make the Fields Corner area the Little Saigon Arts and Cultural District—complete with an autonomous board of seven people and a manager.

Annie Le, the manager of the district, said COVID-19 had allowed them to organize things and focus on immediate needs like cooking the Thanksgiving meal.



Annie Le and Nhat Le (not related) in front of the newly reopened Homestead Bakery and Café in Fields Corner. Both are involved in the Little Saigon Cultural District and Homestead as well. Using their network from organizing the Little Saigon District over the past few years, they’ve helped unite the community to provide an in-person Thanksgiving meal for those in need or by themselves.

Seth Daniel photo

However, she also said they will soon be re-introducing the arts and cultural mission as they transition.

“The pandemic allowed us to do a lot of internal organizing on this effort,” she said. “Originally, the district was more about arts and culture, but then the pandemic happened and we’ve focused more on the community and the businesses. The cultural part is coming back, and

we plan to start that in February with Lanterns and other things for the Vietnamese New Year.”

While participants in the dinner are coming via referral from neighborhood providers, volunteers are in great demand. To find out more about being a volunteer in the effort, check the Little Saigon Facebook page where there is a volunteer form.

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Temple Beth El

Also known as the Fowler Street Street Shul, the temple on Fowler Street was the vision of a congregation named Avath Achim, which held a Chanukah festival in Norfolk Hall at Four Corners on January 1, 1911. The Boston Globe about the event reported that the congregation had purchased land at Fowler and Greenwood Street to erect a synagogue. In 1911, the congregation changed its name to Beth El. On September 2, 1912, the Congregation Beth El dedicated its new temple on Fowler Street. The newspaper article published in The Boston Globe that day described the building as one of the handsomest structures in Dorchester and mentioned that the congregation had held services at Mt. Bowdoin Hall for many years. This hall was located at 215 Washington Street, within the Collins building. In 1965, the congregation moved to Newton. In 1997, the building at 100 Fowler Street was sold, and it was demol-



Temple Beth El, 100 Fowler Street

ished the following year. The following is from the National Register of Historic Places description of the Esmond Street Historic District, 2018.

Changing Demographics in Franklin Field North and Esmond Street Historic District 1910-1967

The second and third decades of the twentieth century brought substantial change in the demographics of the Franklin Field North neighborhood, as it did to much of Dorchester. The Franklin Field North neighborhood gradually

transitioned from one that was a combination of multi-generational American families and first and second generation Irish families, to one that was home to a thriving Jewish immigrant community. The vast majority of Jewish immigrants to Boston came from Russia, fleeing state-sanctioned repression of their faith and culture under the Russian Tsar in the late 1880s and early 1900s, though many also came from Poland, Germany, and Austria. These immigrants initially settled in the North End, then

moved into the West End between 1895 and 1905 which remained the largest Jewish district in Boston until about 1910. Typically, these immigrants arrived as skilled tradesmen. Many found employment in Boston’s textile and shoe industries, often beginning as peddlers and accumulating enough capital to open their own small businesses. Beginning the 1890s and continuing through 1917, many of the Jewish immigrants who had become successful in their trades began moving to less dense areas of the city like Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan, which were just beginning to blossom into attractive streetcar suburbs.

While the Esmond Street Historic District and adjacent side streets did not absorb these upwardly-mobile Jewish immigrants in the first decade of the twentieth century, there were signs of change in the vicinity beginning in 1912 with the construction of the first synagogue in

Dorchester just a few blocks north on Fowler Street. The Temple Beth El (no longer extant) was constructed at a not insignificant cost of \$45,000, raised by Dorchester’s Jewish residents who had clearly achieved financial security. As increasing numbers of Jewish immigrants moved into Dorchester and Roxbury, apartment buildings and multi-family houses were constructed on vacant lots in established neighborhoods to accommodate the demand for housing.

What originated as a small movement of the more elite Jewish population out of the North and West Ends became a mass exodus by 1918; in 1920 approximately 44,000 Jews were living in Dorchester and Upper Roxbury. However, this second wave of Jewish immigrants moving into Dorchester differed from their predecessors as the population was typically working class. At this time, many of the more affluent Jewish settlers of Dorchester

began to move to Boston’s outlying suburbs of Brookline and Newton. However, the working class Jewish population of Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan continued to thrive in the second quarter of the twentieth century, increasing their numbers to 77,000 by the early 1930s.

The Dorchester Historical Society’s historic houses are closed at this time due to the COVID-19 corona virus. We will announce when the houses will be once again open to the public. For now, our programs have been suspended.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchestehistorical-society.org.

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

Editorial

Booster party was lit at the Gallivan CVS

It was Friday evening just before 7 p.m. and the party was just getting started at Dorchester’s hottest spot to grab a shot, shoot the breeze with the neighbors and catch up on the latest gossip around the ‘hood.

I’m not talking about the Eire Pub or the Blarney Stone, although those are fine establishments. But, the pharmacy section inside the CVS on Gallivan Boulevard was positively popping on Nov. 19, the first day that fully-vaxxed adults could get their booster under revised federal guidelines.

My wife and I had last rolled up our sleeves to get our second Moderna jabs in April, so we were well within the recommended six-month window to get boosted. Earlier in the week, I’d read that other state health officials were straight-up ignoring the official CDC guidelines and urging all double-vaxxed adults to go ahead and get the booster. It wouldn’t be long, I reckoned, until all 50 states and the territories would get the green-light to drop the ropes.

Last Monday, then, I logged onto the CVS portal and followed the prompts to get us in the queue. As it turned out, there were several convenient options in the neighborhood or close-by, but we chose the Gallivan location because they had Moderna on tap, our preferred pandemic protection since March 2021. If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.

There were tons of slots open throughout the week, but I opted to snag the 6:45 Friday evening “happy hour” on Gallivan. I figured that if either of us was gonna get savaged by a vaccine-induced hangover, it would be better to gobble up a sleepy Saturday than a school and work day.

Back in the spring, dose two had me flat on my back for a half-day, sore and aching like I’d been tossed off a bucking steed onto my hindquarters. My muscle memory from that lost Wednesday kicked in something fierce. (As it turned out, we both tolerated the booster without any trouble.)

The nurse who jabbed us shared that she’d already dosed upwards of 70 people that day, a steady stream of thirsty Boomers and giddy Gen Xers slipping into her “work-station,” nothing more than a card-table and two plastic folding chairs curtained off between the soda fridge and the “family planning” aisle. After she Hancocked our CDC-issued vax card, we were advised to wait 15 minutes before leaving the store.

Honestly, still not sure if that was a legit safety precaution or a clever marketing ploy to soak up a few greenbacks from us Club-CVS captives, but it worked. We stocked up on Essentia water and commenced hydrating right there at the register, fully intent on occupying a proper stool in an actual neighborhood watering hole by Saturday night.

It was real, CVS on Gallivan. See you in six months.

-Bill Forry

The Urban Gardener

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 dark, narrow, back stairs. Remove cold, dead fowl from refrigerator and give it a sponge bath, remembering to remove innards in little plastic bags 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 saute 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 corners 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 with which to sew fowl back together again. Contort the fowl to fit into roasting pan by bending its little wings behind its back. If this does not work, cut them off (he’s 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 36 hours until fowl is done. If anyone asks later what time dinner is, be optimistic and say, “Some-time 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.

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



Mary Casey Forry

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. Assemble 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 Stuffing Bowl. Tell him if he’s not at the table in 20 seconds, he’ll be the first casualty of the holiday weekend.

1:32 p.m. - Family assembles at table. Say Grace. At this point some family member, usually the youngest, announces how bad they feel for the turkey, spoiling everyone’s appetite.

1:50 p.m. - Dinner and halftime 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 Stuffing 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.

Connecting the dots between redlining and gun violence

By MICHAEL PAULSON

Firearm violence devastates entire communities, tearing families apart and leaving survivors with lifelong disability. As a surgeon I see the physical, mental, and psychologic toll that this violence inflicts on victims and those close to them. Young teens struggle to take their last petrified breaths as we attempt to control the damage. When given the news, their parents’ loss and anguish is indescribable. Even if survivable, lives are changed forever through the physical and psychological morbidity.

In our busy trauma center, we see many victims of firearm violence. Most of these victims are Black

and come from specific Boston communities: Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan. Where one lives is no coincidence, nor is the violence that plagues these communities.

Like the incidence of many chronic diseases, Black Americans in general and young Black men in particular, are vastly overrepresented among victims of firearm injuries. In fact, homicide is the leading cause of death for Black men under the age of 44, much of which is firearm-related. The American social narrative around firearm homicides revolves around blame and individual responsibility of the victims.

These narratives presuppose that those shot are somehow engaging in criminal activity or otherwise at fault for the circumstances leading to their victimization. These narratives inherently blame the victims, while ignoring a larger part of American history that crafted the geographic and social landscape that leads to the plague of firearm violence.

There is a long history of structural racism in the United States with redlining among the most visual and enduring examples from the 20th century. As part of the New Deal, the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) was charged with backing home loans in an effort to propel the economy and build the middle class. The FHA created maps of urban areas to describe the risk of investment. Areas that were deemed hazardous and unworthy of government backed home loans were those neighborhoods with largely Black or minority populations, effectively precluding Black families from gaining equity through homeownership and devaluing entire communities as a result. These “redlined” areas today remain among the most impoverished with the lowest rates

of homeownership, highest rates of unemployment, and the worst educational attainment

In our recent study, we look at the incidence of firearm violence in Boston. We show that historically redlined areas like Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan have among the highest levels of gun violence in the city. These areas are among the most segregated, with high shares of minority populations and among the highest rates of poverty in the city. We go on to show that this increased firearm violence is a result of the concentrated disadvantage that redlining created in these areas. Our study demonstrates that the enduring impact of racism on the neighborhoods in which people live has led to the higher rates of firearm violence, particularly in urban communities that have been precluded resources for decades.

Much like many designations, race is a social construct. Social designations drive the way we think about groups of people and the narratives that we build for these groups, including the false beliefs of individual responsibility around firearm violence. This criminality narrative is reinforced by the continued preclusion from resources in these devalued communities.

Boston is only one among many cities in the United States that segregated its citizens, stripping Black communities of wealth and health. The conditions that drive firearm violence have been fostered by government-complicit practices. To solve this pandemic of violence, we must demand government responses to this continued devaluation through reparative actions.

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West Side Stories

Looking forward and backward to the fall holidays

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As Thanksgiving arrives and we all think about turkeys, it's hard to ignore the ongoing shock value of seeing wild bands of gobblers traipsing through the west side of Dorchester causing havoc, threatening people and just being downright odd on a daily basis.

Even though turkeys became more common here a while ago, one can just never get used to seeing them in the same way as a squirrel or a Blue Jay. On this side of the neighborhood, there are two prominent herds of troublemakers. One group seems to be based around Melville Avenue and Codman Square, while another finds a base out of Mother's Rest Park and the WOW neighborhood – with Dorchester Court House apparently neutral ground. Mostly they wander around the sidewalks, and I've actually seen them walking shoulder-to-shoulder, or, um...wing-to-wing, up Washington Street in Codman Square - forcing people into the street to circumvent their potential rage.

But imagine my utter shock one morning earlier this month when I saw a roving band of these beasts waiting intently outside the Kentucky Fried Chicken near Four Corners staring at the picture of a bucket of spicy extra crispy. They seemed to be waiting for the place to open up.

What was their plan? You really can't ask them, and if you could, the temperament of this motley crew would be such that I don't think they'd tell you. They might even bite you.

Just to be funny and to respect the irony of turkeys in November staring at a bucket of fast-food chicken, I yelled at them, "I cry fowl!" They turned and gobbled in my direction – seemingly in protest of my comment!

There's just no adequate description of the layers of irony that unfold when one sees turkeys so intently interested in Colonel Sanders. But quite frankly, I would think the neighborhood marauders need as many feathered allies as they can get in November. In just a few short days, we'll all be sitting down around the dining room table, and we won't be eating chicken.

Even more ironic, I think about our neighborhood ancestors, who would have looked at us in disbelief as we paid for and brought home 16-pound frozen



One would think turkeys in November would take a low profile, but earlier this month these neighborhood gobblers were ironically spotted in front of the Kentucky Fried Chicken near Four Corners. *Seth Daniel photo*

balls of so-called turkey when just outside the door were a half-dozen gobbling menaces ripe for the taking. My how Dorchester now, is different from Dorchester then.

REFLECTING ON HALLOWEEN

Sadly, this past Halloween was probably my last trip on the trick-or-treat circuit in Dorchester, with my last child probably aging out.

The Halloween game on the west side of Washington is a strange one. No one over here really visits to trick-or-treat, even with the light on. We're always armed with candy, but few ever come by to claim it – but that's okay with me! Some have told me it's because of the large West Indian presence in the neighborhood and the nearly-unanimous dislike of Halloween and magic in that culture. It's not such a joke to them, I'm told.

That doesn't mean no one here celebrates; it only means those that celebrate cross Washington Street to Melville Park. As long as I've been around, hordes of candy-seeking kids and young adults head from the west side of the neighborhood to Melville Park. It's a tradition that came long before me and one I was initiated into many years ago. They tend to give the best candy over there, provided you get there early enough, and we always tend to see our neighbors there. So why not just stay closer to home?

It's a Dot thing, I guess.

VETERANS DAY

This past Veterans Day and the marking

of the end of fighting in World War I – paired with my daughter studying a unit on World War I – brought a renewed interest to solving neighborhood mystery – that being the story of Scott C. Campbell.

For years upon years I've walked by his Hero Square sign daily, and wondered what his story was all about. On Veterans Day I took some time to do a little research, and after some roadblocks, I found out more than I previously knew. I find it amazing the heroes that rose up to fight for our freedom in such a brutal land war as was World War I.

Campbell was actually from my own street and lived a block down on the odd side. I don't know how old he was, but it seems he was sent over to Europe with the famed Yankee Division (the namesake of the Rt. 128 highway) in the spring of 1918. He served under the belligerent, but popular, General Clarence Edwards – who was the founder of the National Guard and until recently had a middle school named after him in Charlestown. Campbell was part of a world-changing stretch of battles in the summer of 1918. In fact, from my research, it was his group of soldiers on July 17, 18, and 19 that surprisingly drove the Germans backward at Chateau Thierry in France – thus changing the landscape of the war and the future of the world. It was largely considered to be an apex moment toward victory on the Western Front. Campbell was killed on July 18, 1918 by a piece of shrapnel that hit him while he was on that

battlefield. It is amazing to know that someone from my street stood up so long ago and showed life-sacrificing personal bravery in a seminal moment worldwide. I'm sure he walked past my house on occasion when he was younger and

probably went to the school across the street in his formative years. The dedication of his Hero Square 100 years ago in 1921 brought out "thousands," according to the Boston Post.

Now, his house down the street is long gone, probably one of the many that burnt down and never got replaced in the 1970s and 1980s. It was replaced about 10 years ago by a new affordable housing duplex. In today's neighborhood, no one remembers Scott C. Campbell and I don't know any living relative who would know him.

Time marches on, and it seems so hard to believe that we forget bravery, loyalty and sacrificed youth in the passage of years, but we do. However, but for a short time this past Veterans Day, Scott C. Campbell once again became known on this street to at least a few of his neighbors.

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The shooting of three Boston Police officers just down the street this month, and the police shooting of the man that shot them after hours of harrowing negotia-

tions and neighborhood disruption, was a traumatic event for young, middle-aged and elderly. Nothing positive comes out of such things when the neighborhood blows up like a war zone and you feel like you need to hole up in the cellar for a day. It cannot be avoided on this side of the neighborhood at times, but one thing that can be avoided are the relentless news 'copters. While the event unfolded all day, the 'copters converged early in the afternoon – at least five of them directly over the house. By 7 p.m. they were still there, flying low, just a few hundred feet above children trying to do homework and feel normal in a neighborhood that doesn't always feel that way. It's time for a pool 'copter system – like is done in courtrooms - especially in neighborhoods like Dorchester where they sometimes send them out two or three times a week. Maybe only one can go over and they can share the images. There also needs to be a time limit for them to hover. It has become excessive, frequent and only intensifies the existing trauma for everyone.

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How the health center movement took root in Neponset

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ter by the Southeast Expressway's opening in 1959. When a group of residents formed the Port Norfolk Health Committee, they sought help from Jean Hunt, a Neponset resident who was also a nurse at the Carney Hospital, the first Catholic hospital in New England, which moved to Dorchester from South Boston in 1953.

"Before people started moving out of the city, doctors lived and worked in the community. And, as they died off, younger physicians did move out, to the suburbs," Hunt recalled, "so it was hard because we didn't have access to care."

For residents of Neponset and other parts of Dorchester, the alternatives were longer trips to medical practices or seeking outpatient care at hospitals—trips easier to make by car.

"That was a big problem," said Hunt, "because in the late sixties and early seventies, people had only one car, and the breadwinner took the car."

That was also a problem for the Carney Hospital. According to Ed Forry, one of the health center's early board members, the hospital's emergency room was "being swamped" with patients who, just a few years earlier, would have been at a doctor's office. Along with supporting the Neponset Health Center, the Carney would play a role in the startup of other health centers in Dorchester and Mattapan, even holding their clinical licenses. And, when Forry came to the Neponset Health Center for his father's first appointment, the nurse working the evening shift was one of the Carney's future top-level administrators, Sister Kathleen Natwin, of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

"It cannot be underestimated," said Forry, "how valuable the Carney's



Pictured during a fifth anniversary event for the Neponset Health Center were, l-r, Jack Cross, administrator; Ed Forry, president of the health center committee; Edward Moore, administrative assistant to Congressman James Burke; Jean Hunt, vice president of the health center committee; and Jim Hunt, Jr., building committee chairman. Rep. Burke had secured a large federal line-item — \$700,000— to help building the facility that now houses the health center on Neponset Ave. File photo by Steve Allen Sr.

role was in those years in getting things started." Forry and his wife, the late Mary Casey Forry, had one other claim to being health care pioneers, as parents of the first child served by the health center's OB/GYN program—Bill Forry (the publisher and executive editor of the Dorchester Reporter).

The Neponset Health Center opened on a part-time basis in late December of 1970, thanks to help from the City of Boston, Permanent Charities, and funds raised from neighborhood Tupperware parties. The staff included two pediatricians from Carney Hospital and a nurse. There were four rooms, renovated with help from neighborhood residents, among them Hunt—who would become a chair of the health center's board—and her husband, James W. Hunt, Jr.

"The health center

provided not only a local option," James Hunt said, "but also a private model that had a sliding fee scale, that 'All are welcome here,' that could provide comprehensive services. And, of course, some of the hospitals benefited from strong referral patterns between the health centers and those hospitals."

Recruited from high school by Boston Mayor John Collins to work for the city, Hunt went from community volunteer to full-time advocacy with the Mass. League of Community Health Centers. He would work there more than 42 years, almost all of that as its president and CEO. Less than six months after the health center's opening, a conference took place at Northeastern University that would lead to the league's formation. The meeting brought together representatives from 22 community health

centers, as well as insurers and other providers. The object was to solidify a base for addressing common concerns: from reimbursement flow to a stronger role for consumers and a definition of care that went beyond medical treatment.

In 1977, the Neponset Health Center moved to its current location, in a new building at the former site of the Minot School. That required help from the city, but the largest amount of funding for the new facility—\$840,000 — was from the federal government.

In the same year, Dan Driscoll became the health center's administrator, after being recruited by James Hunt. Driscoll had spent a year at the Mass. League, after working as a city planner. He also had a master's degree in planning from Cornell University, with a thesis on community participation

at neighborhood health centers, including the one at Columbia Point. When he started at the health center, Driscoll said, the staff had increased to 23 people, with an annual budget of about \$400,000. What remained the same was a community board that helped make decisions about services and the overall mission of community health.

"One of the things we used to say at Neponset," Driscoll explained, "is that the difference between a private doctor's office and a neighborhood health center or community health center was that, for the health center, the community was the patient, not just the people in the waiting room."

As examples of looking beyond the waiting room, Driscoll cited outreach efforts and services aimed at Dorchester's growing immigrant populations from countries

such as Vietnam and the Republic of Ireland. There would also be more attention to problems with mental health and substance abuse.

"We developed substance abuse programs because that's what was going on, and it wasn't in the waiting room," said Driscoll. "And, in fact, there were people coming in for medical appointments and your ability to treat them was so compromised by the fact that they had all this other stuff going on."

Driscoll described the approach as treating the patient holistically. And, during the 1980s, community health centers in other parts of Dorchester were also looking beyond the waiting room, especially to address the growing racial disparity in infant mortality. According to a national leader on health care policy at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Dr. John E. McDonough, the difference in focus still applies to health centers around the country. Together with a dwindling number of safety-net hospitals, he said, they are "what remains of a mission-driven health care system focused on human and patient needs, not money."

But financial need was a factor in the 1985 merger of Neponset Health Center with the Columbia Point Health Center, which was on the brink of receivership. The merger prompted formation of a new provider network, Harbor Health Services, where Driscoll would become president and CEO in 1994. Eventually expanding to five health centers and two inclusive care programs for the elderly, the network currently has a budget of \$78 million.

The merger was the first in Boston between health centers. They served different communities but, as with the health center at Dorchester House—which also

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opened in 1970, they all were initially concerned with barriers to primary care, even if not always primarily caused by racial discrimination or poverty.

According to Driscoll, the merger changed the composition of the board, while the greater mix of patients allowed more programming and funding opportunities. And he said the continued growth of the Harbor Health network, with the Neponset Health Center being open 363 days a year, would add up to greater bargaining power, whether with insurers or other kinds of providers, including the Carney Hospital’s current operator, the Steward Health Care network.

“You can deal with Carney Hospital Daughters of Charity by just being a local health center,” Driscoll said. “You couldn’t deal with Steward, you couldn’t deal with Partners (Health-Care), you couldn’t deal with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, by being this little thing. You needed to meet their needs.”

As health care reform expanded access overall, the growth in risk created more opportunity for health centers. “And one of the beautiful things that happened,” Driscoll added, “is that the healthcare insurance companies finally accepted that certain amounts



Dan Driscoll, former CEO of Harbor Health, Jean Hunt, founder and former president of Neponset Health Committee, Mary Lou O'Connor current board chair of Harbor Health, Chuck Jones current President and CEO. Photo courtesy Harbor Health

of preventive care would save money.”

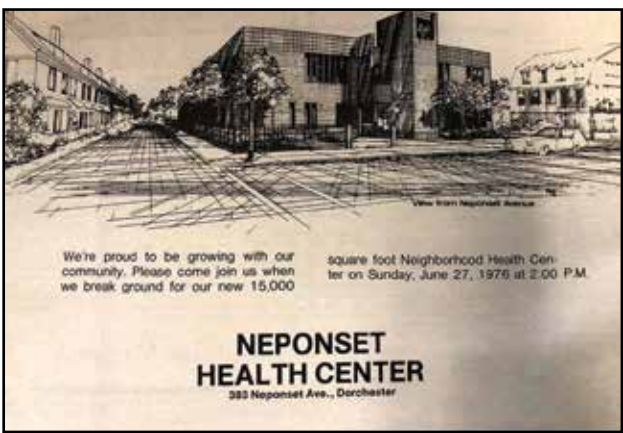
As Driscoll and James W. Hunt, Jr. note, the size and mix of populations served by community health centers also mattered politically. The health center model hailed by a leading liberal in the US Senate, Ted Kennedy, at Columbia Point, could also be modified and embraced by what Driscoll described as the “bread-and-butter Democrats” of Neponset. As Forry put it, “People were starting a health center, not for the neighborhood, not for the

person next door, but for themselves.”

But, by Driscoll’s reckoning, a multiple of that could easily have broad political appeal.

“A vote for a health center, cutting a ribbon at a community health center, voting for a health center appropriation,” he said, “became a smart thing for people politically, regardless of their political affiliation.”

Like other providers of its kind, the Neponset Health Center is described as an anchor for the community—as



a place that creates traffic for neighborhood businesses, as a visible destination for patients, and because of how

their mix over time reflects neighborhood change and continuity. The center currently reports serving more

than 10,000 patients per year, almost two-thirds of them people of color, who also account for the majority of the staff.

In 2017, Driscoll’s contribution would be acknowledged on the exterior of the building, officially renamed as the Daniel Driscoll – Neponset Health Center. By that time, many health centers started by grassroots pioneers had become larger and more professionalized. But, as McDonough emphasized, they remain committed to serving anyone, regardless of income, health status, or citizenship.

“In a society still defined by racial and ethnic disparities and inequities,” he said, “they stand apart, in a good way.”

And Forry sees the notion of care as a right, which inspired the creation of health centers half a century earlier, as being affirmed on a larger scale in government response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In Boston, health centers played a role in that response, with testing, food relief, and an expansion of telehealth services supported by the state.

“Whether we have a right to be healthy has been debated back and forth by conservatives and liberals,” said Forry. “And yet, when the pandemic came along a year and a half ago, there’s been no question.”

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Push for new housing next to Shawmut T gets public airing

(Continued from page 1) now, Travis Lee of TLee Development jumped in and tried to make his own project work there, ending up with an agreement for 26 units in multiple buildings. However, neighbors said the purchase price was too high and the deal was scuttled.

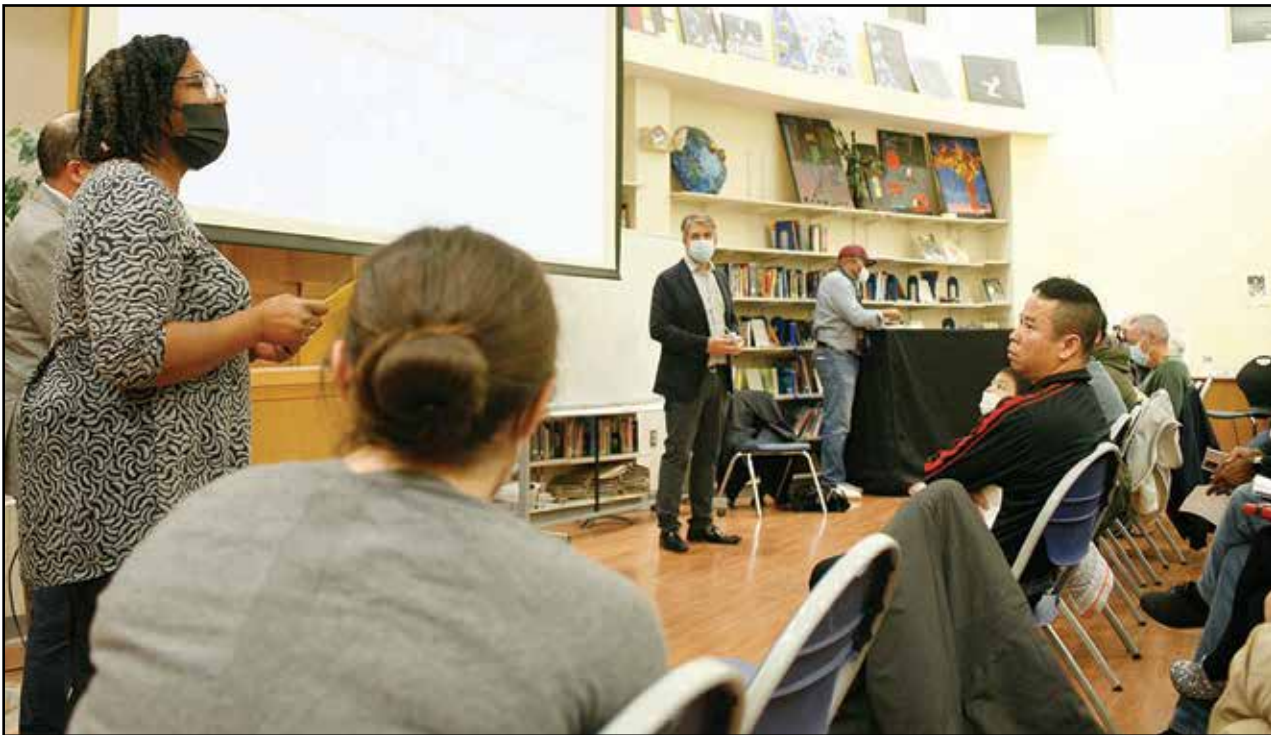
Since the spring, Trinity has been shopping the idea of an 81-unit building that is four stories tall. But, last Thursday night, Trinity reps said they were open to the community's ideas.

"It won't be 81 units this time," said Stanley. "What is it? We don't know. We want to hear from you what this neighborhood can take."

Stanley and the Trinity team told a packed house in the Epiphany School library that they are not planning a retail element in any new building. There would be parking, but they would right-size it to the site. The units would be 50 percent affordable to a variety of income levels, with another 50 percent market rate. They would be apartments, not condos, and would feature smaller units and family units. They would be demolishing the existing buildings and would not seek to include the adjacent Epiphany School lot as of yet.

"This will feature something for everyone," said Lozano.

Right off the bat, Stanley and Lozano pitched the idea that car ownership would be low at the development based on their experiences with the Carruth and Treadmark developments at Ashmont Station, which Trinity built and own.



Allston Street resident Eva Clarke voiced her opposition to any large building on the Fitzpatrick Brothers lot next to Shawmut Station, saying it will change the character of her street.

"Our experience at Treadmark and Carruth is there is a fraction of residents that park their cars in the building and an even smaller number that park on the surrounding streets," said Stanley, who added that a new transit-oriented apartment building would actually mean fewer car trips than the existing auto shop.

Neighbors weren't too interested in Dorchester Avenue experiences though, and the contentious nature of the project's history soon took over any brainstorming session that was planned.

"Your buildings are pretty and they're nice, but I don't know if they would fit into this neighborhood," said neighbor Sherry Predone. "Our houses are older and I don't think you can make this look like that."

Adam Gibbons said his concern remains

the numbers of units planned, which is still unknown right now, and how it would fit with the neighborhood. Many others in the room were not happy with the idea of parking and more cars, which would equate to more traffic on Allston and Centre Streets.

"I think more people are good, but I also feel like cars are bad," said Bill Card.

When abutters like Andrew Saxe, Tony Brown and Eva Clarke began to express their displeasure, that's when things began to get more intense – as those abutters indicated they tired of the years-long process with Trinity.

"With this, the new standard is 10 times zoning," said Saxe. "Why not? All developers will say this is the precedent and it's 10 times zoning. That's what Trinity got, they'll say. You either have zoning rules and



Trinity Financial's Chris Stanley goes over some of the development history of the company's years-long pursuit of the Fitzpatrick Brothers lot in Melville Park – as Melville Park Association Chair Leonard Lee looks on. The discussion came at a packed meeting on Thursday night, Nov. 18, in the Epiphany School.

Seth Daniel photos

abide by them and keep the character of the neighborhood or you open the flood gates."

Saxe went on to say he believes that zoning

laws only apply to residents and not big developers like Trinity. That prompted Keefe, from the audience, to respond in kind to the comment.

"Hey, that's not true. Come on. That's not fair," added Keefe from his seat.

Tony Brown, also an abutter, said this project helps no one but the developer.

"What transformation is going to help us in this neighborhood?" he asked. "You're going to change it completely. We love the history. Four stories is going to be higher than my house and my neighbor's house. You're not helping us."

Another resident, Nick Buehrens, appealed to his neighbors to open their minds.

"I think we need to break out of the mold of what the neighborhood was 100 years ago or even 20 years ago," he said. "I'm ready for a vision for the 21st Century..."

But Brown and others said some neighbors a few streets over might feel that way, but those living right next to any new building there have a greater stake in the matter. He affirmed his opposition to the project.

Saxe, in turn, asked the Trinity team to commit to the 26-unit agreement that TLee Development had a few years ago, but Trinity would not, saying it was too early.

"You have to give us a chance to sharpen our pencils and see what we're doing," said Lozano.

Added Stanley, "We are not trying to push through something to this group. It might take 18 months, but we'll be here with you. The Carruth was an eight-year process... These are long processes. We're not going to try to pull the wool over your eyes and we're not going to try to pull a fast one. We won't go to City Hall and get a permit without you knowing."

Leonard Lee, who chairs the neighborhood association, said he wasn't taking sides, but said neighbors need to be ready to fight development pressures on Melville Park.

"If you're not down to fight, then move because people are coming after this community," he said. "It's every developer because we have an apple here and everyone wants a bite of it."

But it was the group's treasurer Domenic Accenta who had the last word on Thursday night.

"I'll say this: No more than 30 units, no more than three stories, and built in a vernacular style," he said. "If you try to plop a building here that belongs on Dorchester Avenue, then you're going to get a fight."

Trinity has asked to appear on the agenda of the December meeting for the Melville Park Association to continue the conversation.

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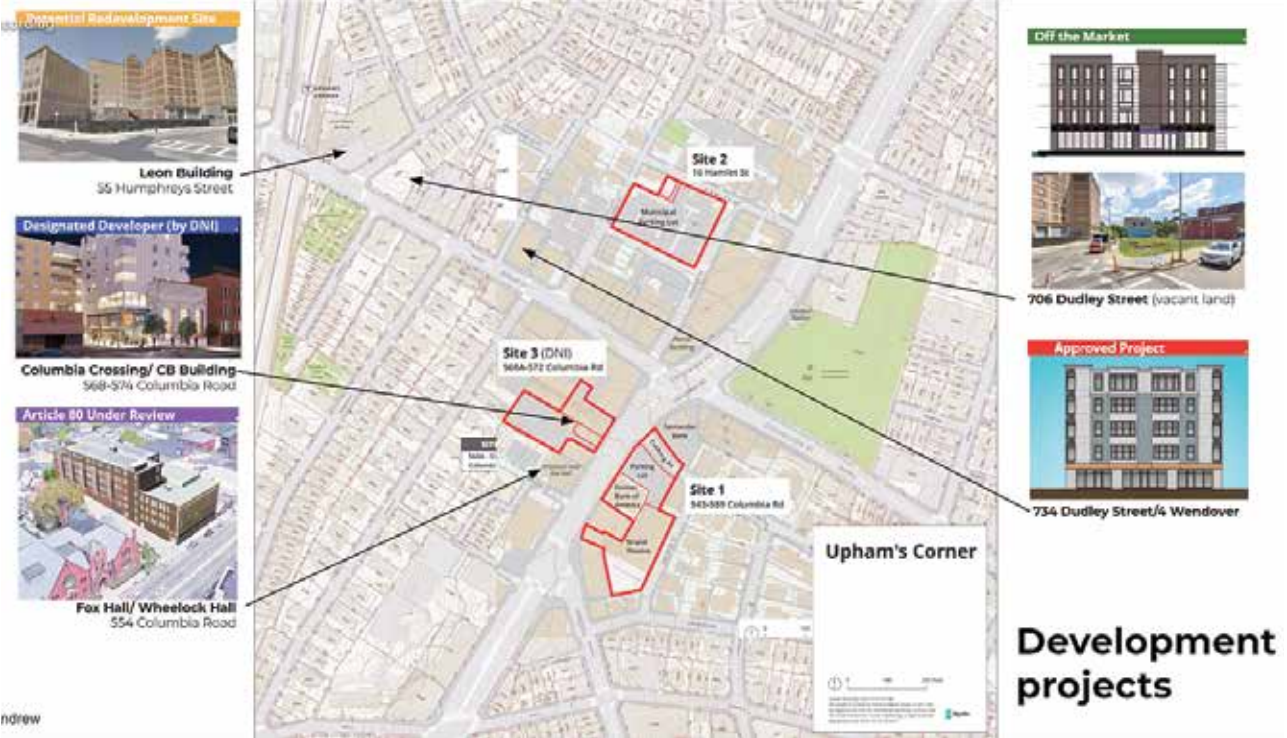
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City: Uphams Corner has reached a pivotal moment for Arts & Cultural District



A map of some key properties now in process or in an RFP process within the Uphams Corner Arts & Innovation District. Renderings and maps courtesy Boston Planning and Development Agency

BY SETH DANIEL
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT
With two major Requests for Proposals (RFP) out on the street this fall for Uphams Corner, City officials told those involved in the planning for the Uphams Corner Arts & Innovation District that the effort was at an exciting and pivotal moment.

For the first time since last spring, the Working Advisory Group (WAG) and the members of the community gathered online on Nov. 17 for an update in a process that has plugged on since 2017.

The major update was news of the RFPs going out to developers and interested parties for two key sites, as first reported by the Reporter in September. The RFPs include one for the former Bank of America Building, its parking lot, and operations of the Strand Theatre. That multi-faceted RFP also requires any developer to deliver a two-story ground floor shell that would house a new Uphams Corner Library – with \$18 million already available to help pay for the library. The second RFP involves developing the Hamlet Street parking lot for affordable commercial and residential uses (as well as keeping all 88 existing spaces free and available within any development).

“We’re at an exciting point now, a very exciting point, to get these RFPs out, but it will still take time,” said Andrew Grace, of the Office of Economic Development.

“We did have a bidder’s conference in October – both virtual and in-person for interested parties – and what we found at both events was we had between 30 and 50 virtual and in-person participants that were interested in these,”

added Kirsten Studien, a project manager.

City Arts Chief Kara Elliott Ortega said the Uphams Corner initiative is fully supported by the new administration and meetings on the effort will continue.

The RFP deadline is Dec. 23, and City officials will review all submissions through the winter, with public meetings to unveil proposals expected in late winter. A developer designation could happen as early as Spring 2022.

Grace said that with all the legwork having been done with the community, they hope that the honed-in RFPs would come back with exciting projects that are amenable to the community and that can be acted on quickly.

“It does take time, but we would hope this is done in shorter time,” he said. “We could realistically be out another 1.5 or two years before you see construction start-

ing... You can expect that same amount of time to build it. It could be another three to five years I believe (in total).”

A key accompanying update was on the Citizen’s Bank Building at 572 Columbia Rd., known as Columbia Crossing, that has a private RFP out from Dudley Square Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI). Officials said a development team with Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp. (EDC) has won the RFP and is working hard to advance their project to the City’s Article 80 process. Their project includes 62 income-restricted apartments and arts/innovation space. The building now houses the Fairmount Innovation Lab. Permitting and financing is expected through 2022 and construction could come in 2023.

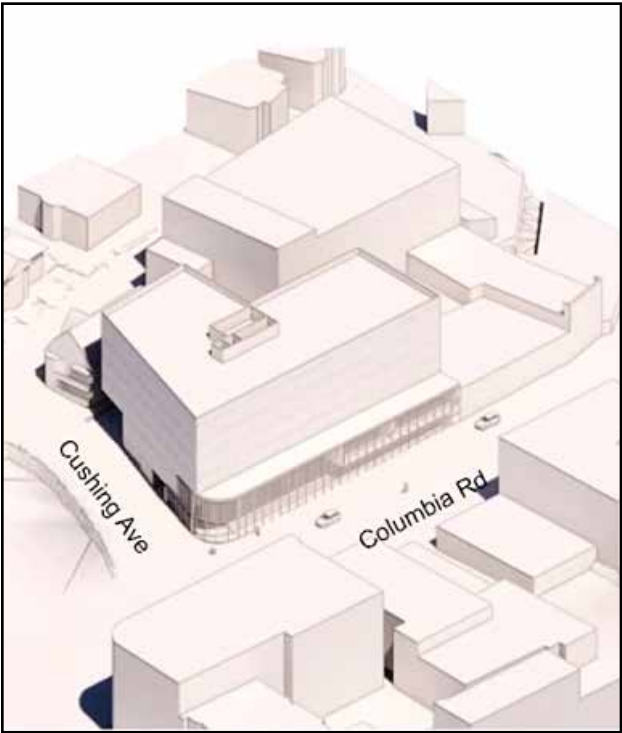
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Uphams Corner District included:

- Boston Transportation Department (BTD) is in the process of hiring a dedicated planner to lead a visioning and community process for re-building and re-configuring the entire roadway of Columbia Road. That effort is expected to kick-off in 2022 and the end result will be a conceptual design plan for the roadway. The re-construction would probably be about three to five years away, Grace said.

- Arts Chief Elliott Ortega announced the Humphrey’s Street Studios is about to be sold and preserved in a partnership between the artists, New Atlantic Development and Placetailor.

“A purchase and sale agreement is pending right now,” said Ortega. “The plan is to build apartments, but retain the studios and create a shared space for artists



A very conceptual drawing of what any Uphams Corner Branch Library could look like within the context of a residential housing development on the former Bank of America site.

in the building.”

The quest to keep the artist workspaces intact has been ongoing since late artist-owners Joe Wheelwright and Neal Widett passed away and the remaining owners put the building up for sale. The effort to keep the studios was cemented in the phrase, “Art Works Here. Art Stays Here.”

The studios are located at 11 Humphreys St.

- The Fairmount Innovation Lab will host its first gallery opening before the end of the

year with local photographer Jordan Christopher showing work.

- The Fox Hall (554 Columbia Rd.) development is in the midst of the Article 80 process, and after a short pause, will re-start the community process in December.

- The restoration and reconstruction of the iconic Pierce Building at the apex of Uphams Corner by Dorchester Bay EDC is scheduled to be fully completed in Oct. 2022.

City planning board signs off on 1813 Dot Ave. project


The board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency last Thursday okayed a five-story mixed-use project at 1813 Dorchester Ave.

The low-rise project, which is a six-minute walk from the Ashmont MBTA station, includes 28 rental units and 2,304 square feet of commercial retail space. The owner of the building is Mark E. Kennedy.

The project was filed with the city planning agency in August 2020. Construction is expected to be complete in late 2022.


The plans do not call for a garage due to the proximity to public transit. Alongside the Red Line, residents will have access to 11 bus routes, as well as a bike-sharing station and three ZipCar locations.

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City moves to protect ancient Native American quarry in Mattapan

Human activity at site dates back 7,500 years

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has been a significant cultural asset for more than 7,500 years. Here and nowhere else can one quarry this beautiful material. The place has an above-local significance because it was a unique stone material source traded over thousands of years as far away as Rhode Island. The Massachusetts Mattapan Quarry deserves a place on the list of Boston's most significant cultural and historical places as a Boston Landmark."

Bagley explained the material is one-of-a-kind stone formed more than 600 million years ago. He said Boston and Mattapan were once part of an ancient volcanic chain of islands known as Avalonia, forming below the equator. About 400 million years ago those islands collided with North America and formed eastern New England and Northern Europe. This once-active volcanic chain of islands is readily evident today, he said, in the Blue Hills, the Lynn Hills and the Mattapan Hills. The Rhyolite stone is a type of lava that cooled quickly on the surface during eruptions of these now-extinct volcanoes. Like similar black glass-like obsidian, Rhyolite is hard and became prized



Above, an overhead view of the "Babson- Cookson" tract that includes the Rhyolite Quarry is shown in a slide from a presentation given to the city's Landmarks Commission. The quarry was the source of an ancient volcanic stone (shown below) prized for its banded maroon color and ideal qualities for making stone tools.

Image courtesy City of Boston

by Native Americans for toolmaking.

Mattapan Rhyolite



– also the name of the neighboring river. In doing so, they purposefully sought out the Mattapan Rhyolite Quarry for tool-making materials and there still remains great evidence of their ancient work on the site even today – as it unbelievably has remained relatively undisturbed since at least the 1930s, if not longer. Another quarry in Hyde Park called Crane's Ledge shares a similar history for the tribe, Bagley said. The Mattapan area of Boston was carefully guarded by the tribe in ancient times, as it was one of the few places to find these kinds of quarries and was repeatedly defended from enemies that attacked in order to gain control of this asset, read a quote from the Massachusetts Tribe website.

The descendants of the Sachem Chickataubut band of the Massachusetts at Neponset have partnered with Bagley and the city's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), who wish to make the site an urban wild with landmarks protections. If approved as a landmark and designated as an urban wild, the city and the tribe will execute a memorandum of understanding whereby the tribe will help maintain the site and will seek to educate the public about it, and also hold private tribal activities there at times.

The quarry has received pending landmarks status and the landmarks study has been initiated.



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was especially sought after as it was very distinctive, coming out of the quarry as a maroon color, but weathering as a banded maroon and cream-colored material perfect for making tools like spearpoints, arrowheads and knives.

Members of the Massachusetts Tribe set up a village along Mattapan/Dorchester and Milton and called it Neponset



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DR. EDWARD SCHETTINO
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Moment of Paws

being a loving companion. But a few treats here and there can turn into over-feeding, and is just one factor that can lead to significant weight gain for our pets.

November is National Pet Obesity Awareness Month and, at the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), we have seen a marked increase in the number of animals in our care battling obesity. In fact, it’s a growing problem nationally. Survey data released in 2018 revealed that 55 percent of dogs and 60 percent of cats in the US are classified as overweight or obese.

Consider that for a moment. According to pet population estimates from 2018, 50 million dogs and 56 million cats are considered overweight or obese!

Obesity can cause a myriad of issues for our pets. Diabetes in cats, insulin resistance in dogs, hypertension, arthritis, skin issues, certain cancers, and other problems are increased when our pets are overweight.

But, with a combi-



KC, a 10-year-old cat who came to the Animal Rescue League weighing over 30 pounds, was able drop pounds, get healthy, and was recently adopted into a new home.
ARL Boston photo

nation of exercise and proper diet, your pet can get back to a healthy, normal weight. Recently I witnessed the transformation of a 10-year-old cat named KC, who came to ARL weighing over 30 pounds! It took several months, but with persistence and encouragement, KC was able to lose weight, get healthy, and was recently adopted into a loving home.

Here are 5 tips to help keep your pet trim and fit.

- Designated Meal-times vs. Free Feeding. Free feeding lends itself to continuous grazing throughout the day, which can lead to weight gain. Instead, have set meal times for your pet. This gives our pets structure and routine that are essential both for them and for us!

- Keep Treats in Check. Treats are exactly that – treats! Treats are rewards, so be sure to use them sparingly and only when they’re

deserved.

- Maintain a Balanced Diet. Try not to give your pet food from your

plate, as many foods we consume are processed, fried, or contain additives. This can not only lead to weight gain, but also upset your pet’s stomach. It can also encourage begging behavior. Tailor your pet’s diet based on their age, breed, and activity level to ensure they’re getting the proper nutrition.

- Make Regular Vet Visits. Just like regular doctor visits for us, your pet also needs regular

visits to the veterinarian to make sure they’re happy, healthy, and maintaining a proper weight. If your pet is overweight, your veterinarian can advise you on a feeding plan and recommend pet food formulas to aid in weight loss.

- Get Moving! Play-time and exercise are not only key to maintain a healthy weight, but also keep our pets mentally sharp as well.

Bottom line, if your

pet could stand to lose a few pounds, it’s best to act now. It’s a slow and steady process that takes time, but if you take steps now to help your pet trim down, they will thank you later!

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, and has a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Pet questions? Email ARL at press@arlboston.org.

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5	1-Bedroom	634 SF	\$1,510	60% AMI	-	-
3	1-Bedroom	634 SF	\$1,895	80% AMI	-	-
3	1-Bedroom	634 SF	\$2,517	100% AMI	-	-
3*	2-Bedroom	879 SF	30% of HH Income	30 % AMI	-	1
2	2-Bedroom	879 SF	30% of HH Income	50% AMI	-	2
14	2-Bedroom	879 SF	\$1,812	60% AMI	-	-
8	2-Bedroom	879 SF	\$2,274	80% AMI	-	-
4	2-Bedroom	879 SF	\$3,020	100% AMI	-	-
2	3-Bedroom	1060 SF	\$2,094	60% AMI	-	-
1	3-Bedroom	1060 SF	\$2,628	80% AMI	1	-
1	3-Bedroom	1060 SF	\$3,322	100% AMI	-	-

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# of BR's	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI	100% AMI
1-Bed	\$0	N/A	\$45,300	\$56,850	\$75,510
2-Bed	\$0	\$0	\$54,360	\$68,220	\$90,600
3-Bed	N/A	N/A	\$62,820	\$78,840	\$99,660

HH Size	30% AMI	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI	100% AMI
1	\$ 28,200	\$ 47,000	\$ 56,400	\$ 70,750	\$ 94,000
2	\$ 32,200	\$ 53,700	\$ 64,440	\$ 80,850	\$ 107,400
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4	\$ 40,250	\$ 67,100	\$ 80,520	\$ 101,050	\$ 120,800
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Wu pitches three fare-free bus routes during Ashmont visit

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The 29 bus heads up Blue Hill Avenue, from Mattapan Square, to Jackson Square in Jamaica Plain.

More than 59 percent of riders on the three bus lines are low income, and more than 96 percent are commuters of color, according to Wu. “By taking this action, we truly will connect our communities and supercharge our recovery, putting these federal recovery funds to good use by supporting and investing in communities hardest hit by this pandemic,” Wu said.

A fare-free MBTA was part of Wu’s mayoral campaign platform and a plank that was often greeted with skepticism from opponents. In response, Wu often pointed to city officials in Lawrence making three bus routes fare-free in 2019.

Since the start of the fare-free pilot for the 28



The Route 23 bus, bound for Ruggles, waits for passengers at Ashmont Station. Mayor Michelle Wu is proposing to make that and two other routes fare-free for two years, with the help of federal funds. Photo courtesy Mayor’s Office

bus in Boston, the route has seen the highest

ridership levels in the system.

“Bostonians have already voted with their feet to show what works,” Wu said. “Expanding this program to include the 23 and the 29, and extending it from four months to 24 months, is an important first step in Boston’s journey towards a brighter, more reliable transit future.”

Asked what happens to the pilot once the federal

funding ends, Wu said Boston will look to the State House for partnerships to keep it going.

“The goal is to very carefully invest in outreach, ensure that we are measuring and connecting with residents on the ground, and be able to present the results of that, show the numbers, show the proof that this works to be able to then say we need the investment and the return on

investment at a much broader scale,” she said.

Wu said city officials picked the three routes because they are entirely in Boston, allowing them to more quickly coordinate the pilot.

Her fare-free initiative came up in Wu’s meeting with Gov. Charlie Baker at the State House on Wednesday. “We also talked not just about fare accessibility but reliability as well, and the need for Boston to move quickly on dedicated bus lanes throughout the city,” she told reporters. “So he pledged continued support to ensure the city has what we need to move more quickly on that front. There will be much more work ahead with the state but it was a good foundation, a good starting point with the governor.”

Wu publicly announced the proposal on Wednesday after her hour-long meeting with Baker.

City Councillor At-Large Michael Flaherty, who chairs the council committee focused on Covid recovery, said Wu approached him about the proposal earlier this week.

When asked about a free MBTA two months ago, Flaherty had answered with a question: “Is it realistic for us

to think the T can be free?” After Wu’s press conference at Ashmont on Thursday, Flaherty said he was “on board right away” after Wu approached him. Citing the impact the three fare-free bus lines would have on families in Dorchester, Mattapan and Roxbury, Flaherty said, “Those neighborhoods were some of the hardest hit by the pandemic” and would benefit from the proposal.

Campbell, who objected to the proposal at Wednesday’s council meeting, said she was pushing for a hearing to allow residents an opportunity to weigh in. “We know it works to help people who desperately need it,” she said after Wu’s press conference.

Joining Wu, Flaherty and Campbell at Ashmont MBTA station were several local lawmakers, including state Reps. Liz Miranda, Brandy Fluker Oakley and Nika Eluardo. Matt O’Malley, who represents Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury on the City Council, as well as At-Large Councillor-elect Erin Murphy also stood behind Wu.

The proposal is expected to again come before councillors on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

“This will pass the council,” O’Malley said.

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Happy Thanksgiving from our BGCD Family: See details below.

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COX, Ronald Lee, 68, of Dorchester. Ronny preceded his mother, Barbara L. Cox-Beach and his brother, Keith A. Cox. He leaves behind a host of nieces, Richard Bullock, wife Jacqueline Chapman-Cox, two brothers: John and Joe; two sisters, Cheryl and Sandy. He also leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

DESMOND, Catherine T. "Bubba," 94, of Dorchester. She was the daughter of John and Sheila Haverty; sister of



the late Mary Cormican. Bubba was the wife of the late Arthur F. (Red) Desmond; sister-in-law of the late Josephine Desmond; mother of Kathleen Desmond (David Van Orden) of Weymouth, Sheila Manning (Jack) of Scituate, Paul Desmond of Braintree and Maura Corso (Bob) of Braintree; loving Nanny to nine grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. She also leaves two nieces and a nephew.

DUNN, Rev. Charles J., SJ. BC High Hall of Fame, Holy Cross Col-



lege, Honorary Colonel ROTC Program and Chaplain Holy Cross Club of Worcester. Son of the late Charles K. and Helen G. Dunn. Brother of the late Alice K. Monahan. Father is survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and a great-grandnephew as well as his many Jesuit brothers. Donations may be made to Jesuit Community, Campion Center, 319 Concord Rd., Weston, MA 02493 to support its ministry of care for elderly and infirm Jesuits.

host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her mother Mattie Roberson and grandmother Lomie Newsome.



FIDLER, Ann M. (Hines) of Stoughton, formerly of Mattapan, 94. Wife of the late Paul J. Fidler. Mother of John A. Fidler and his wife Maria and Jane P. Fidler-Watkins and her husband James Watkins all of Taunton. Daughter of the late Patrick J. and Mary (Quealy) Hines. Sister of the late Francis J. Hines. Also survived by her close companion and granddog, Maxwell. Donations in Ann's memory may be made to Immaculate Conception Church, 122 Canton St., Stoughton, MA 02072.



Muñoz-Bennett was preceded in death by her husband, Armand, her mother, Agatha (Mama), and her grandmother, Rebecca (Aunt Beck). She is survived by her four children, Howard, Adrian, True, Peter, and by several cousins, nieces and nephews. She was an opera singer, an athlete, an educator, and the founder-director of the Jamaicaribe Choral and Dramatic Society (JCDS) for 40 years. Dr. Muñoz-Bennett was a community leader in the Church at All Saint's Church, Ashmont (she directed bible study groups, lead women's prayer groups, managed the coffee hour volunteers, and at one time in the distant past ran Bible Summer Day Camps, Youth Groups, and Sunday school).

dance of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.



RADKO, Denise A. (Harrington), of Dorchester. Wife of Edward Radko. Mother of Sarah M. Yellamaty and her fiancé David Laferriere of Dorchester. Step-mother of Derek Radko of Dorchester. Denise was the core scheduler for U Mass Boston College of Management for over 30 years.



WOODS, Michael R., 62 of Randolph, formerly of Hingham and Dorchester. Father of Michael and his wife Caitlin Woods of Plymouth, Jeffrey and his wife Tiffany Woods of Natick, and Jillian Woods of Taunton, and their mother Julie Nielsen of Quincy. "Nonno" of 6. Great-grandfather of 1. Son of the late William J. Woods Jr. and Frances M. (Ciccio) Woods. Brother of William Woods of California, Mary Louise Lynch of Weymouth, Francis Woods of Marshfield, Patrick Woods of Weymouth, Lillian Coughlin of Florida, Rosemarie Brown of Plymouth, and the late Catherine Woods and Joseph Woods. Michael is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Donations in Michael's memory may be made to MOAR at moar-recovery.org.



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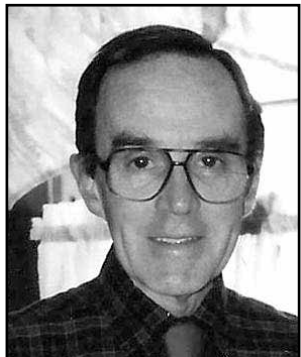
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GATELY, George G. of Dorchester. Husband of the late Kathleen (Gerry). Father of Kathleen K. Gately, the late George Gately Jr., Mark Gately and his wife Lisa, Patricia Gately and Susan and her husband Hal Peters. Also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MUÑOZ-BENNETT, Lurline, 90 Dr. Muñoz-Bennett was born in Kingston, Jamaica, to Cyril and Agatha Thomas. Dr.



PINNICK, Evelyn, 96 of Dorchester. Evelyn was preceded in death by her mother (Mattie Johnson Evans), husband (Milton Pinnick Sr.), children Milton Jr., Reginald, Eric, David and Marie Pinnick. She is survived by her children Mattie Clark, Lynda Boreskin, Zachary Pinnick and his wife Maureen Pinnick, Robin Pinnick, Maria Pinnick and Sean Pinnick. As well has her abun-

LEGAL NOTICE

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. SU21P2255EA
ESTATE OF:
CLARA M. SCOTT
DATE OF DEATH: 01/20/2021
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by Kenneth B. Grooms, Esq. of Newton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
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 written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/20/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 08, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: November 24, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU21D0681DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
CARLO MILFORT
vs.
MARIE ANNE LOUIS
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Marie Anne Louis, 190 Ruthven St., Apt. 6, Dorchester, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before 12/23/2021. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 21, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: November 24, 2021

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE and FAMILY COURT
Docket No. SU18P2396EA
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston 02114 (617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
ESTATE OF: KAMACHI JODHAN
DATE OF DEATH: 09/24/2017
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Michael P. Kerrins, Esq. of Lynn, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law, a determination of heirs at law, the allowance of a proposed distribution and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
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 written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/05/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 19, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Published: November 24, 2021

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Multiracial population growing in Greater Boston, report says

By GRACE MAYER
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A new report from the Boston Foundation highlights the growing multiracial population in Greater Boston, where the multiracial population has more than doubled in the last decade. Across Massachusetts, one in five babies born in 2019 were of mixed race or ethnicity, according to the report.

The report, called “Multiracial in Greater Boston: The Leading Edge of Demographic Change,” focuses on how Boston’s demographics are growing increasingly diverse. In the city, this is evident in the elections of some of Boston’s leaders, including Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins who is half white and Black.

“I hope that people will just begin to think about race as much more nuanced than they realize, and I hope people will think of our increasingly multi-racial society as something to be proud of—it’s uniquely American,” said Trevor Mattos, senior research manager at Boston Indicators and one of the authors on the report.

Although the report didn’t focus on Dorchester and Mattapan as a whole, Mattos said that he expects the neighbor-

hoods to have a growing population of people who are of mixed race or ethnicity.

Throughout history, the United States has gone through periods of being more welcoming to or against immigration—a trend that has a direct impact on the way mixed-race people are treated.

The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965, which knocked down some immigration barriers, led to an uptick in US immigration, according to the report. In 1967, when the Supreme Court case *Loving v. Virginia* overturned any existing bans on interracial marriages, including a 1913 law in Massachusetts that prevented interracial marriages in the state.

Since then, there’s been a large increase in the number of families migrating to the US from Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The percentage of interracial marriages has risen to 18 percent in 2019 from 3.4 percent in 1967. For same-sex couples, interracial marriage is more than double the rate of heterosexual couples.

But within the last couple years, new conversations about immigration and Black Lives Matter protests reflect another trend underly-

ing racial tensions in the country.

“We walked away from this work feeling that multiracial and multi-ethnic families are really posing a challenge to the notions we have about race, and I think at a certain point, thinking about race as a binary, white and non-white, no longer makes sense,” Mattos said.

The Boston Indicators report stated that 55 percent of multiracial individuals said they had experienced some form of racial discrimination, according to data from a Pew Research Center survey. For people with some Black ethnicity,

they were more likely to report that their race was tied to negative experiences they faced, including poor service at restaurants, hotels, or other businesses.

Zebulon Miletsky, an associate professor of African studies at Stony Brook University and who is from Boston, was set to speak on a Tuesday panel put together by the Boston Foundation. A 2016 article he wrote on interracial marriage in Massachusetts, previously published in the *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, was referenced in the Boston Indicators report.

“I think it’s true to its

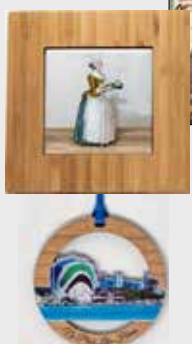
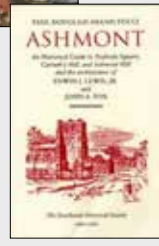


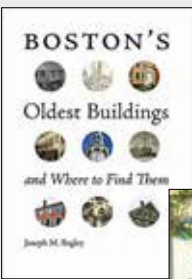
name,” Miletsky said about the Indicators report. “It’s an indicator of what’s happening now and what’s been happening that might have been hidden in plain sight, and [it] gives an indicator of where Boston’s going.”

Miletsky said he believes the report helps to tell a more complete story of Boston’s history and current state. Although Miletsky has been studying the multiracial population for years, he said he hopes the new report will help to acknowledge the struggles faced by people who are mixed race, like Miletsky,

“It’s not an experience without pain and without some struggle,” Miletsky said.

Although the report reflects the growing trend in multiracial backgrounds, Mattos said these findings can bring up a sense of fear or xenophobia for some, but for others it should be a reminder to continue to work toward equity for all races within their communities.


“It’s up to us to work toward greater equity and racial inclusion,” Mattos said. “The mere fact that we’re seeing this trend does not imply we are an equitably racial society.”



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