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Several Dorchester dancers are featured in the upcoming production of Urban Nutcracker, staged at the Boch Center Shubert Theatre next month. Pictured (l-r): Ella Moye-Gibbons, Echo Kirke-Sofer, Amelia Brown, Anna Lucia Heebner, Greta Gorman, Benedicte Pierre Louis.

Rafi Sofer photo

'Urban Nutcracker' cast boasts strong Dorchester connections

By Grace Mayer Reporter Correspondent

The unique blend of aspects featured in City Ballet of Boston's "Urban Nutcracker" – a backdrop of the downtown Boston skyline, diverse dance styles, musical compositions, and dancers of all ages performing—has lured audiences back to the performances year after year.

"This is a special 'Nutcracker.' It's very homegrown. There are a lot of dancers who are from Dorchester, Boston,

20th presentation on tap for Dec. 18

and the New England area," said Dorchester's Ruth Whitney, who will be this year's Sugar Plum Fairy, the Snow Queen, and an Arabian dancer while her husband Bill will be leading the live orchestra as the show's music director.

Staged by Anthony Williams, "Urban Nutcracker," which kicks off on Dec. 18 at the Boch Center Shubert

Theatre, is a spin-off of the traditional ballet that spotlights the diversity of Boston's arts community. This year marks the show's 20th anniversary and a return to the stage after a year off due to the pandemic.

For Ruth and Bill, both 42, performing with the "Urban Nutcracker" this year is especially important. Before the pandemic started, Ruth, who has been performing since she was 3, was considering retiring from dance. But when

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Cedar Grove Cemetery gets okay for expansion near Butler Street entrance

By Seth Daniel Reporter Correspondent

Hot real estate and land markets aren't just squeezing the living these days, but also those who have been laid to eternal rest. More and more older cemeteries in city neighborhoods like Dorchester. and in the inner suburbs like Cambridge and Milton, have come to a crisis point in finding new land for burials. When it comes to the business of a cemetery, as burials slow, so, too, does important revenue that keeps the venture afloat and the grounds well-maintained.



Tony Paciulli: Land is key to our future. Seth Daniel photo

While other cemeteries struggle to find new space, Cedar Grove Cemetery has just finalized the purchase and zoning change for a 40,000-

plus square-foot tract near its Butler Street entrance that will keep it viable for decades to come.

"When a cemetery runs out of space and there are fewer burials, it becomes harder to bring in revenues and keep them operating," said Tony Paciulli, superintendent of the Cedar Grove graveyard. "Alot of cemeteries have been taken on by municipalities because of that...We have picked up several thousand new gravesites. What this acquisition mean to us is that it's another 15 to 20

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Condo sale over the bridge in Savin Hill sets record – \$1.42m

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

A condo sale has set a record for Dorchester's hot housing market, with a three-bedroom unit in Savin Hill selling for \$1.42 million. It is the highest price paid for a condo in the neighborhood, according to Coldwell Banker Realty.

The property, one of three condos at 186 Grampian Way, is located in a section of Savin Hill east of I-93.

The previous record was set by the sale of a penthouse at 7 Baker Court, near the South Bay shopping plaza. That 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath condo sold for \$1.35 million in August 2020.

The Grampian Way unit, listed as No. 1, was posted at \$1.45 million in late August and stayed on the market for 26 days. The 2,432-square-foot property previously sold for \$1.25 million in 2019.

The second unit within the



The house at 186 Grampian Way is part of a hot housing market, with one of the three condos listed lasting just 26 days before it was snapped up by a buyer from the suburbs.

Image via Google Maps

home sold for \$1.08 million in February, while the third one brought \$975,000 in 2018. The house was built in 1900 and later converted into condos. The most recent overhaul of the property came in 2018.

Nearby, 160 Grampian Way,

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JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon speaking with reporters inside the bank's new Mattapan Square branch.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

JPMorgan Chase seeks to make its mark in Mattapan

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

In between feuding with a fellow billionaire and walking back a joke about China, JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon recently dropped by Mattapan to celebrate a new bank branch that is doubling as a "community center."

A squat brick building with two columns on either side of the main entrance, 1617 Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan Square has served as a branch for Santander and Shawmut, which was absorbed by Fleet-Boston before the latter became part of Bank of America.

Home to Chase since July, the building has a new interior, and its vault has been refashioned into a meeting space. Outside, a new mural that depicts Toussaint L'Ouverture, a general who led the Haitian revolution, graces the back wall of the office.

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A fire at a multi-family home on Hannon Street in Mattapan displaced two residents last Saturday night (Nov. 27). There were no injuries reported in the blaze, which Boston firefighters knocked down quickly. There has been no report yet on the cause of the incident. BFD photo



Two members of the Boston School Committee who were appointed under acting Mayor Kim Janey will serve through the remainder of their terms in 2024. Mayor Wure-appointed Lorena Lopera and Rafaela Polanco García on Tuesday. Janey named the pair to fill vacancies last July. Lopera is a first-generation immigrant from Colombia and serves as Executive Director at Latinos for Education, New England. Polanco García is an immigrant who lives in public housing in South Boston and has a background in law and bilingual advocacy. Both women are BPS Mayor's office photo by Isabel Leon parents.

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City Council expected to back Wu's fare-free bus proposal as some ask about overall funding

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Mayor Michelle Wu's \$8 million fare-free bus proposal, which targets three bus lines as part of a two-year pilot, is expected to clear the City Council this week and land on her desk. But some councillors are wondering what happens when the federal money being deployed for the plan runs out.

The proposal would expand on the fare-free pilot taking place along the MBTA's Route 28, which runs from Roxbury's Nubian Square down to Mattapan Square. Acting Mayor Kim Janey launched the pilot over the summer, and it is scheduled to run through the end of this year at a cost of \$500,000.

During her first day as mayor, Wu proposed extending the pilot by two years and adding two additional routes, the 23 and the 29. Route 23 runs from Ruggles Station in Roxbury to Ashmont Station in Dorchester, while the 29 runs from Mattapan Square to Jackson Square in Jamaica Plain. The routes, which run entirely within Boston's borders, serve high numbers of low-income riders and people of color.

The \$8 million price tag, paid for through one-time federal money, came about through



The 23 bus pulls out of Ashmont MBTA Station. Mayor Wu has proposed making the 23, alongside the 28 and the 29, fare-free as part of a two-year, \$8 million pilot funded through federal recovery Photo via Mayor's Office

ridership estimates. City officials say that Route 28 ridership hit 2.9 million in 2019, while Route 29 reported about 500,000 riders and Route 23 had 2.8 million. The \$8 million would also fund marketing and translation services to ensure that residents are aware of the pilot. Boston transportation officials say they will work with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to determine the economic impact of freeing up money in riders' wallets.

At an event outside Ashmont Station on Nov. 18, Wu, who campaigned on a fare-free MBTA system, pitched the bus route proposal as a way to "connect our commuour recovery." She was joined by Councillors Michael Flaherty, Matt O'Malley, and Andrea Campbell, who voiced support for the proposal but pressed for a hearing.

At the hearing, Flaherty, the at-large councillor who chairs the Covid relief committee and is shepherding the proposal through the council, said that the city of Boston annually contributes about \$85 million to the MBTA's budget.

But District 3 Councillor Frank Baker, who represents Dorchester, noted that in two years the federal money behind the pilot will be

"It's not free," he said. "This is a bill that's gonities and supercharge ing to chase us forever." Baker added: "Anybody else other than me have a problem with this?"

Casey Brock-Wilson, the city's director of strategic sponsorships, says they want a sustainable funding source beyond federal money, and partners will be needed in the pilot. A two-year pilot offers an opportunity to have those conversations, she said, and it will take a "team effort to get it done.

Baker wondered if fare-free buses will be paid for through cuts to budget line items for police, parks, and public works. "Where is it going to be cut out of?" he asked. "Because there's only so much pie here."

Brock-Wilson said there is a public process around any conversation about the city budget, and city officials are also keeping a close eye on federal legislation that could pay for more bus lines down the road.

Campbell, who represents Dorchester and Mattapan, thanked Baker for asking the question about money and said she was surprised the council had considered passing the fare-free proposal without a hearing.

"I think everyone should have an opportunity to weigh in...even if we all agree the idea is a good one," she said.

Wu hopes for 'thorough, comprehensive, but quick' search for new police chief

Mayor Michelle Wu hopes to name a new commissioner of the Boston Police Department in early 2022, but not before soliciting feedback from neighborhoods throughout the city, she said last week.

The mayor also said she hopes that her administration will be able to publicly share more of the internal affairs file retired patrolman who has been accused of molesting several children. The records released during interim Mayor Kim Janey's tenure were heavily redacted.

"I would like us to see more of it," Wu said during an appearance on GBH's Boston Public Radio. Wu said she and the City Council must make additional appointments to the new city Office of Police Acof Patrick Rose, Sr., a countability and Trans- listening sessions in the parency, which will take community about what

those documents.

Asked about the search for a new head of the city's police department, Wu said, "I very much want to have public engagement lead this process."

She noted that she planned to identify a couple of people to serve on a search committee, and will ask them to charge of reviewing qualities her administration should be looking for in a commissioner. Wu said that public engagement process would be difficult to begin around the holidays.

"I imagine that will kick off in the new year, and I hope for a very thorough and comprehensive, but quick search after that in the next couple months," Wu said.

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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 agse and abilities - walkers, runners, strollers. Registration is \$25 and \$20 for first responders. Kids 12 and under are free by donating an unwrapped toy for the toy drive. SRegistration is here: http://bit.

ly/halfway2dotday 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.).

Fields Corner Civic Association meets via Zoom on Tues., Dec. 7at 6:30 p.m. The agenda includes a safety report from Boston Police and a discussion of a proposed re-development at 15 Parkman St. For more info, contact Hiep Chu at hiepchu@hotmail.com. Next meeting:

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.

The BPDA will host a virtual meeting

on the Dorchester Bay City project on Wed., Dec. 15 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. See advertisement on page 6 for more details. 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. The meeting will be conducted via Zoom by the BPDA. See page 15 for more detail.

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. Registration is \$45. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small

Boston Little Saigon will host its inaugural gala on Sat., Dec. 11, 6 p.m. at IBEW Local 103 Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Purchase tickets bostonlittlesaigon.eventbrite.com contact info@bostonlittlesaigon.org.

Correction: An article in last week's Reporter regarding a redevelopment proposal for 800 Morrissey Blvd. included the incorrect nsame of the owners of the property. The Sammartino and Strazulla families own the property, not the Phillips

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With vax passports near, Baker rejects screening of customers

Eyes better access to boosters as Omicron looms

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

Aday after Gov. Baker said Massachusetts may "soon" deploy a digital Covid-19 vaccine passport similar to those in use in other states, his office stressed that he remains opposed to requiring that businesses screen customers for proof of vaccination.

Baker's communications director said in a statement late Tuesday morning that the governor "is not and has never been in favor of a statewide so-called vaccine passport mandate and does not support requiring that businesses or other organizations restrict access based on vaccination status."

"Right now, Massachusetts residents can voluntarily obtain proof of their vaccination either in paper form, or electronic form from most but not all vaccine providers such as CVS or Walgreens. The administration is developing a system for residents, if they choose to, to obtain their digital proof of vaccination if they are unable to obtain it through their vaccine provider," Sarah Finlaw said.

"Currently, some businesses are choosing to screen customers for vaccination status. There is no Massachusetts requirement that these businesses do so.'

In an interview on Monday, Baker said his administration is working with more than a dozen states "to try to create a single QR code that can be used for all sorts of things where people may choose to require a vaccine." Asked how close the tool was to launching here, Baker replied, "soon.'

Turning to the wider world, as scientists and policymakers around the world work to figure out exactly what kind of a threat the latest coronavirus mutant poses, Baker said Monday that his administration is trying to make it easier for residents to bolster their protection against the coronavirus by getting a booster shot.

The Omicron variant has not yet been detected in the United States, but it barged into the picture last Friday when the World Health Organization declared it a "variant of concern," setting off questions about this strain's transmissibility

and potential to evade the protections afforded by vaccines.

President Joe Biden then imposed travel restrictions from African countries and said Monday that he expects confirmation of the variant in the US "sooner or later."

The WHO said "it is not yet clear" whether Omicron is more easily spread between people or whether infection with the variant causes more or less severe disease. The organization said it is "working with technical partners to understand the potential impact of this variant on our existing countermeasures, including vaccines."

"I continue to believe the best thing people can do to protect themselves from any of these variants is to get vaccinated if you're not and get a booster if you're eligible," Baker said early Monday afternoon on GBH Radio's "Boston Public Radio" program.

He added, "I understand the concern, but I think people need to recognize and understand that people are chasing this pretty hard. You've got folks all over the



Dr. Anthony Fauci speaks about the Omicron coronavirus variant in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, DC, on Monday. Oliver Contreras/UPI photo

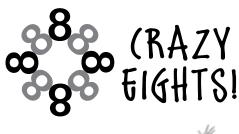
globe who are chasing data and information and it'll probably take a few days to figure out what we don't know. But again, the best thing you can do is the stuff we've been preaching and practicing here in Massachusetts for a while."

Baker, who is scheduled to get his own booster shot this week, said about 1 million people in Massachusetts have already gotten a booster shot and that the state is currently administering about 55,000 vaccine doses-first shots, second shots, and boosters – on average each day, compared to about 80,000 shots per day in the spring. With "far more demand" for boosters than a few weeks ago, the governor said his team is working on ways to get more shots into arms.

Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris got an Oval Office briefing Monday morning from the White House Covid-19 Response Team with the latest developments related to the Omicron variant and Dr. Anthony Fauci joined Biden as he gave a public update from the Roosevelt Room.

"Dr. Fauci believes that the current vaccines provide at least some protection against the new variant and the boosters strengthen that protection significantly. We do not yet believe that additional measures will be needed. But so that we are prepared if needed, my team is already working with officials at Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson to develop contingency plans for vaccines or boosters if needed," Biden said.

The testing front is one on which Baker would like to see the federal government become more active, especially around the affordability and accessibility of rapid or in-home tests, something he said that he has raised "on a number of calls with the White House for months."





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After Walsh 'bromance,' Baker thinking 'partner' with Wu

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

MartyWalshandCharlie Baker had what wags called a "bromance," a close relationship that started when the Boston mayor and the $Mass a chusetts\,governor$ stayed in constant contact during the battery of winter storms in 2015.



With Walsh's elected successor, Mayor Michelle Wu, Baker appears to be hoping for more of a non-aggression pact. That's apparent from Baker's comments to reporters when he isn't pushing off questions about whether or not he's running for a third four-year term next year.

Appearing this week on GBH's "Boston Public Radio," Baker relayed to the hosts tidbits from his conversation with Wu the day after she was sworn in. She had brought up the fare-free bus pilot that's underway through the end of Patriots owner Robert the year on Route 28, and her desire to add two additional routes (the 23 and 29) as part of a longer, two-year pilot funded through federal

"I said, 'Sure. We'll work with you to figure that out," Baker said.

Fare-free public transit was one key plank of Wu's campaign platform. The other was rent control, which Baker opposes, citing an experience from when he was younger, and he was paying market rate while a rent-controlled apartment nearby housed an older couple who earned more money than he did.

"She said that wasn't the way she was thinking about it," Baker told his interviewers, "so we'll see where that goes."

Baker has good reason to crack open doors in efforts to forge a working relationship with Boston's mayor: The city's chief executives can make life difficult for Massachusetts governors, if history is a guide.

In the book he released before he died in 2014, Mayor Thomas Menino wrote about how he clashed with Gov. William Weld in the 1990s. Weld and New England

Kraft wanted a stadium in South Boston, while Menino wanted a convention center. Weld ended up poking Menino one too many times about the Patriots pulling up stakes and leaving the Bay State; in a phone call that Menino characterized as "not fit for the ears of the nuns at St. Thomas Aquinas," he let the patrician have it.

The stadium idea later died only to be resurrected well down the road in Foxborough, while Menino got his South Boston convention center after a bond bill, larded with line items that drew support from lawmakers across Massachusetts, passed by a veto-proof margin.

Wu already has a good relationship with a number of state legislators. Lawmakers inside and outside Boston made up a good chunk of her endorsements as she barreled towards Election Day on Nov. 2. They included House Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz of the North End and Assistant Majority Leader Michael Moran of Brighton.

Days after Wu's meeting with Baker in his State House office, mem-

bers of Boston's State House delegation walked to the Parkman House, the city-owned mansion next door, for a morning huddle with the new mayor. Coffee, crab Rangoon, and scallion pancakes were part of the spread.

"I think she sent the right message, the right tone," Rep. Russell Holmes, a Mattapan Democrat, said afterwards. "She wants to be a true partner. Not a person who wants to just kind of come in and say, 'Here are the things I want, the things I want to do at the state level."

For lawmakers, collaboration and dialogues were the key words. "So often what we've seen, there's no input and there's something that's announced. And when that happens at the State House, it's just announced, it lands pretty flatly," Holmes said. "So I think after seeing that for years and years and years, it would be good for her to do it a different way."

After receiving 91,000 votes on Election Day, more than Menino and Walsh picked up, in 2009 and 2013, respectively, Wu is already starting, as Baker put it after



Gov. Charlie Baker and Mayor Michelle Wu spoke to reporters after a meeting in his office on Nov. 17. Sam Doran/State House News Service photo

their hour-long meeting on her first full day as mayor, with "the wind at her back."

When they walked out to greet reporters waiting in the governor's lobby. Wu was wearing a mask and Baker did most of the talking.

At one point, Baker volunteered that he'd garnered 108,000 votes in Boston when he ran for reelection in 2018, falling just several thousand short of winning the Democratic city. "I'm willing to bet that a bunch of the folks who voted for me also voted for her," he added. "And I think it's important for us to recognize and understand, as I said, that we do have a lot of shared interests in the success of the city and the success of the state. And I'm going to work really hard to make our focus on that.'

A reporter jumped in, asking Wu what that may say about her win, that they may have shared some supporters. "I mean, you'd have to ask - we'd have to identify the supporters and ask them," she said.

Another reporter asked Baker about his "bromance" with Walsh and how his relationship with Wu might be different, Baker said, "Look, times change and context changes." City Hall and the State House are "locked in a partnership," one way or another, he added.

"Whether or not we'll get to the point where my wife will be taking my phone away from me on a Saturday night at 10 o'clock and telling Marty Walsh that it's time for the boys to stop talking, who knows," Baker said.





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New city ordinance requires fossil fuel divestment policy

By Matt Murphy State House News Service

Mayor Michelle Wu signed an ordinance on Mon., Nov. 22, to divest \$65 million in city investments from companies that profit off fossil fuels, sending a message as state officials get ready to debate how it invests its pension fund and hopefully, she said, setting an example for cities around the country.

The ordinance was the first signed by the new mayor, and she was joined at City Hall to celebrate the new investment policy by members of the city council, US Sen. Ed Markey, environmentalist Bill McKibben, and others.

The city council passed the measure that had been sponsored by Wu, as well as Councillors Lydia Edwards and Matt O'Malley, the previous Wednesday, a day after Wu took the oath of the office to become Boston's new mayor. The ordinance prohibits city funds from being invested in the stocks, securities, or other obligations of any company that derives more than 15 percent of its revenue from fossil fuels, tobacco products, or prison facilities.



Mayor Wu signed an ordinance on Nov. 22 requiring the City of Boston to divest from fossil fuel, tobacco, and private prison industries by the end of 2025.

Mayor's Office photo by Jeremiah Robinson

it took to reach the point of divestment, starting with a resolution that the pair filed during Wu's first year on the council in 2014. Wu said that was also the year her oldest son Blaise was born, and scientists reported it being the hottest year on record. New records have been set every year since, she said.

"We're moving quickly to make sure that Boston will set the tone for what's possible for that greatest future for all of our kids," Wu said.

Boston joins a growing list of municipalities around the country choosing to divest from fossil fuels, as well as states like Maine and New York.

O'Malley, who is retiring from the council after this term, said not only is divestment an appropriate value statement, but it's also one that makes financial sense for the city given that the Dow Jones Sustainability Index routinely outperforms the Dow Jones

"This is a really big day for this city, and mark my words, other cities will follow suit," he said.

Industrial Average.

`The new ordinance requires full divestment from targeted industries by 2025, though the policy does not apply to the city's pension fund, which is governed by state laws. The treasurer of Boston also manages a number of trusts outside

the pension fund, including one that finances other post-employment benefits like health care and life insurance.

The mayor's office could not be reached for further explanation, but The Boston Globe reported that the city controls about \$1.3 billion of its roughly \$2 billion in total investments, including pension funds.

Markey called the public officials and activists who fought for divestment "climate Paul Reveres," and described Boston Harbor as part of the second fastest warming body of water - the Gulf of Maine - on the planet.

"Boston is at the center of this dangerous sci-

ence experiment, which is taking place on this planet with the fossil fuel companies using us as the experiment," Markey said. "What the mayor is signing today is a declaration of independence from the oil, gas, and coal industry."

Boston's push to divest from fossil fuel companies comes as Treasurer Deborah Goldberg is getting ready to encourage state pension fund managers to take a different approach to using taxpayer dollars as leverage to force companies to be environmentally responsible.

Goldberg will ask the Pension Reserve Investment Management Board in February to approve new rules directing the fund to vote against directors at companies whose policies are not aligned with achieving the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, which would be to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2050.

The state pension fund controls \$95.7 billion in investments spread across more than 11,000 public companies. Instead of divesting from companies built on fossil fuels, Goldberg believes it's better to try to influence corporate policy from the inside.

"It is critical that we

are forward thinking in building and implementing a comprehensive (environmental, social and corporate governance) framework that will have a positive long-term impact on our changing climate," Goldberg continued.

Wu in the past has supported legislation on Beacon Hill that would have required the divestment of pension funds from fossil fuel companies, but she made no such demands on the Legislature on Monday, when she was focused on the city's new policy.

Edwards, an East Boston Democrat who is running for a state Senate seat, said the ordinance signed by Wu finally aligns the messaging from public officials with the city's finances.

"We have talked about being greener. We've talked about being cleaner. But where our money was being invested didn't line up with that," Edwards said. "Today, the two are walking together -our money, our values."

Others who spoke in support of the new ordinance included McKibben, Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, the city's chief of environment, energy, and open space; and Rev. Vernon Walker, of the Sierra Club





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Waterfront

Red Cross offers cornucopia at the Frederick Pilot school Agency's food pantry handles 3 million pounds of food a year

By CALEB NELSON SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

About 150 families were assisted by the Red Cross through a food fair staged last week at Dorchester's Frederick Pilot Middle School. Sixteen volunteers arranged fresh produce – including half gallons of apple cider, canned vegetables, and bags of leafy greens, in addition to allotments of pork, chicken, fresh produce, cheese, and eggs - totaling about 50 pounds of food per household.

The Red Cross, which regularly partners with public schools, has been hosting holiday food fairs with the Frederick Pilot School for the past three

"The school is family, and family takes care of each other in terms of basic needs: food, shelter, and clothing," said Andrew J. Brown Jr., who coordinates community outreach for the school.

Standing with his clipboard by a brand-new van, David Andre, director of the Red Cross-run Boston Food Pantry, oversaw the queue.

"I've been here 18 years, and I don't think one week has been the same in all those years," he said. "The food is the



Volunteers are shown outside of Dorchester's Frederick Pilot Middle School during a holiday food fair that assisted mainly Dorchester families last week. Caleb Nelson photo

star. They're coming for the food, but when they're coming to pick up and receive the food, it is an opportunity to provide more. When people come out to get food, likely they're eligible to receive SNAP, so we help them receive that benefit, and also by the way, here's some information about the points of nutrition, eating in a balanced way, and different guidelines."

The Red Cross food

pantry, located on Proctor Street off Massachusetts Avenue since 2006. sees about 3 million pounds of food a year come through its doors. It is open to the public twice a week, Wednesday and Saturday.

For its part, the monthly food fair with the Frederick Pilot School will continue with more fresh fruits, proteins, and veggies on Saturday. Dec. 11.

Sam Thorpe became a volunteer after he went through a period of unemployment. Often, what people see as the stigma of joblessness will keep those who really need help hungry and in their homes, he said.

"You want to put your head down because people are going to know that I have nothing," he added.

Years later, Thorpe is still at it, and he has advice for people who need help.

"Use your resources. Go to multiple pantries before you run out of food," he said. "People would rather struggle, not go to the pantry, wait till the food stamps come in when they're out of food stamps. No! Go to the pantry! I tell people. Go to the food pantry! Go get your needs! Then go use your food stamps. The pantry could get you a lot more, and you won't have to struggle so hard."

The issue of food insecurity has lost a lot of its stigma, said Jill Tobacco, who recently joined the Red Cross team as its in-house dietitian.

"You walk down the street, and you see 20 people, chances are there are three or four of them that are hungry, and depending on the neighborhood, it's more than that."

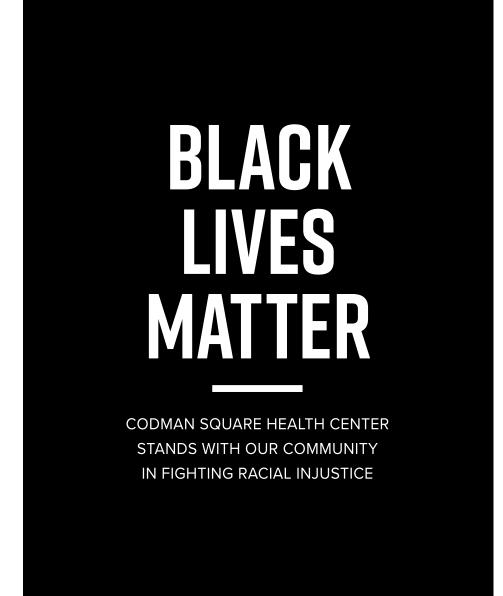
Tobacco works in all aspects of the pantry, including decisions about what items go into the bags that the Red Cross hands out.

"Nutrition plays an important role at our pantry, and we're looking at ways to ramp-it up even more," she said. "We use MyPlate (based on the Dietary Guidelines

for Americans) to provide our clients with a healthy balance of food from the five food groups: fruits, vegetables, grains, protein, and dairy. Everybody gets cereal, rice, or pasta. They get a tomato-based canned item, peas, lentils or black beans, canned tuna or chicken. We try to include fruit as much as possible, bags of nuts, cans of soup or chili as

Early in the pandemic, city officials pulled together a group that included people from Boston Public Schools, the Office of Food Insecurity, and others to immediately set up places for folks to pick up meals. And city employees signed up to deliver meals to people who couldn't pick

District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell, who represents Dorchester and Mattapan, was in the midst of the fray. Food access and distribution is only a symptom, she said. In Mattapan two days before Thanksgiving, she joined Brian Worrell, who won the race to succeed her in November and takes office in January, for a turkey giveaway.





Virtual Public Meeting

Dorchester Bay City

Wednesday, December 15 6:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/DBCDec15 Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 288 3276

Project Description:

Kick-Off Public Meeting in connection with the Draft Project Impact Report ("DPIR") for the proposed Dorchester Bay City project. Please note this kick-off meeting will serve as a reintroduction to the project, and will provide an opportunity for initial community review and discussion on how the proposal has evolved through the DPIR. Additional, topic-specific Public Meetings will be hosted beginning after the New Year.

Interpretation for this meeting will be provided in Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Spanish and Vietnamese. Please contact Aisling Kerr at the email address available below should you require interpretation in a language other than those offered. Please register in advance for this meeting through the link provided above. After registering, a confirmation email from Zoom will contain a personalized link to join the meeting directly.

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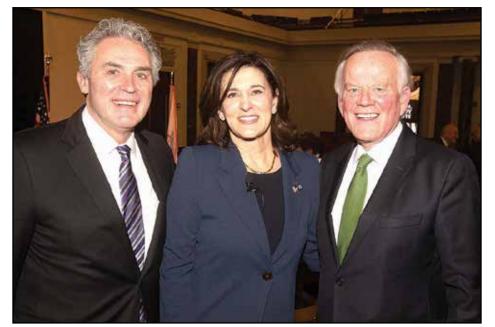
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The Boston Latin Academy football team ended the season with a 32-0 win over the John D. O'Bryant team on Thanksgiving eve at White Stadium. With a record of 8-2, the Dragons finished their season as Boston City League Champions.



From left, James Rooney, president and CEO, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce; Ambassador Victoria Reggie Kennedy; and James T. Brett, president and CEO, The New England Council.

Victoria Kennedy sworn in as ambassador to Austria

Victoria Reggie Kennedy was sworn in as the US Ambassador to Austria at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate at Dorchester's Columbia Point on Tues., Nov. 16. US Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer administered the oath of office during an intimate ceremony inside the facility's replica US Senate chamber.

Mrs. Kennedy, who is the widow of the late US Senator Ted Kennedy, was confirmed to the post by a voice vote of the US Senate in October after President Biden nominated her for the post in July.

Ambassador Kennedy is an attorney who is a close friend to the current president. The co-founder of the EMK Institute, she serves as

president of its board of directors.

The EMK Institute recently welcomed back its first in-person tour groups after 18 months of virtual programming. Its new exhibit, Standing Up for Democracy, highlights the historic struggle for voting rights and the ongoing challenges to voter access. For more information, see emkinstitute.org.

Wong Camhi to lead public art project for NEFA

Dorchester's Jessica Wong Camhi has joined the New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) as program coordinator for Public Art. She previously served as the Art Collections Data Coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture for the City of Boston, where, among other activities, she compiled a digital database of public art in the city.

Before that, Jess held multiple roles at the Chinese Historical Society of New England, col-

Jerome Smith, a resident of Dorchester's Savin Hill neighborhood, has joined the board of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation. Smith, who headed up former Mayor Walsh's office of civic engagement, now works as senior manager of external affairs for Amazon.

'Working for the city of Boston afforded me the opportunity to get to know our neighborhoods on a deeper level," said Smith. "I saw firsthand that talented young people live in every corner of our city. They deserve laborating with artists, residents, and local organizations, researching and writing grants, and producing exhibitions and public programs. Earlier roles in library and museum settings at Harvard and Tufts Universities honed her research, data collection, and service skills. Originally from Norwalk, CT, she is a graduate of Reed College in Portland, OR, and Tufts University.

"Jess brings both her knowledge of the public art field and complemen-



Jerome Smith

the opportunity to learn from top teachers and harness their creativity regardless of the neighborhood they grew up in. I am proud to support the Boston Arts Academy Foundation as it brings

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tary skills to the role; she will be an important part of NEFA's work to inspire more vibrant public life and spaces," said program director Kim Szeto. "We are excited to have her as part of the team."

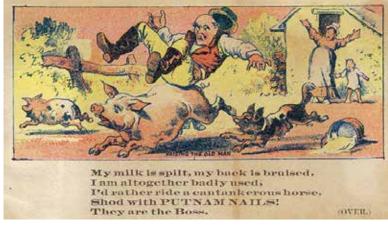
a world-class arts education to public school students, and I look forward to helping them continue to grow their outreach and fundraising efforts."

In addition to Smith, BAAF's Board recently elected Ruth E. Carter, Academy Award-winning costume designer, and **Maggie Baxter**, VP of Programming at NBC Boston, to the board. The new members will serve alongside other civic leaders, including Board Chairman and Avid Technology CEO **Jeff Rosica**.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Putnam Nail Company

The Putnam Nail Company was located in the Port Norfolk section of Dorchester. In addition to weekly advertisements in magazines, the company put out a series of advertising cards. Many of them featured horses, both pacers and trotters, that had won races. There were other trade cards where the connection to horseshoe nails was a little forced. Today's example has an illustration with the caption "Raising the old man." The verse has an interesting use of the phrase: "They are the boss."



The verse reads:

My milk is spilt, my back is bruised, I am altogether badly used.

I'd rather ride a cantankerous horse, Shod with Putnam Nails! They are the Boss.

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

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Mattapan. Take a look at some of the completed histories on the Dorchester Historical Society website

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Editorial



Jim and Jean Hunt with Gov. Baker at the Nov. 18 event saluting Hunt at the Seaport Boston Hotel. Harry Brett photo

Saluting a hero, Dot's Jim Hunt, Jr.

Several hundred people turned out on Nov. 18 to salute one of Dorchester's most celebrated leaders of the last half-century: Jim Hunt, Jr., who officially retired this year as executive director of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers.

Hunt, 72, achieved hero status not just here in our neighborhood or in the Commonwealth, but also across the country for his stewardship of the community health center movement. In partnership with the late Senator Ted Kennedy, Hunt can rightly be counted as one of the nation's central figures in the expansion and long-term viability of health centers.

Gov. Baker was among the dignitaries who saluted Hunt at the Seaport Hotel dinner, which was emceed by Karen Ward Holmes of WCVB-TV and Michael Curry, Hunt's longtime lieutenant at the Mass League who now serves as his successor. A flurry of videos offering praise of the Dorchester native flashed across the video screens from both Massachusetts senators, Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, along with a bevy of state and federal

The most poignant remarks of the evening came from Jim Hunt's three sons— Jim Hunt, III, state Rep. Daniel Hunt, and Peter Hunt—who each recounted how their dad's devotion to public service and caring for society's less fortunate remains a constant source of inspiration to them.

There were scores of VIP guests on hand to salute Jim Sr., but none more important than his wife, Jean Costigan Hunt. It was she who truly sent Jim forth on what would become his life's work. A registered nurse who until recently worked regular shifts at Boston Medical Center, Jean was an early advocate of the need for community health centers in Dorchester. As a couple, they were key leaders in the creation of the Neponset Health Center, now named in part for their close friend, Daniel Driscoll.

And when Jim and Jean were faced with taking a major cut in pay for Jim to leave his "safe" job as a staffer in the late Mayor Kevin White's City Hall, it was Jean who urged her spouse to leap headlong into the health center movement. "I'll just work an extra day at the hospital," she said, as recounted by Jim.

That decision proved to be a momentous one for far beyond Dorchester's wards and precincts. Jim, who was once a candidate for state rep himself, had a deft political touch. He was adept at luring state and federal aid into the cause of building out health infrastructure across the state. And his expert advice on how to balance the demands of limited finances with the urgent needs of the low-income communities chiefly served by CHCs has been vital to keeping these facilities open and responsive to emerging needs, including the current pandemic.

We're thankful that Jim and Jean Hunt chose to devote their lives to the greater good. -Bill Forry

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So Biden has not accomplished much? Let's take a look at what he has done

By Heather Cox Richardson

On Nov. 27, Nate Cohn noted in the New York Times that the policies President Joe Biden and the Democrats are putting in place are hugely popular, and yet Biden's own popularity numbers have dropped into the low 40s. It's a weird disconnect that Cohn explains by suggesting that, above all, voters want "normalcy."

Heaven knows that Biden, who took office in the midst of a pandemic that had crashed the economy and has had to deal with an unprecedented insurgency led by his predecessor, has not been able to provide normalcy.

In her own piece, the journalist Magdi Semrau suggests that the media bear at least some of the responsibility for this disconnect, since they have given people a sense of the cost of Biden's signature measures without specifying what's in them, focused on negative information (negotiations are portrayed as "disarray," for example), and ignored that Republicans have refused to participate in any lawmaking, choosing instead simply to be obstructionist. As Semrau puts it: "Democrats want to fix bridges, provide childcare and lower drug costs. Republicans don't. These are political facts and voters should be aware of them.

To this I would add that Republican attacks on Democrats, which are simple and emotional, get far more traction and thus far more coverage in the mainstream press than the slow and successful navigation of our complicated world.

In illustration of the unequal weight between emotion and policymaking, Biden's poll numbers took a major hit between mid-August and mid-September, dropping six points. That month saw the US withdrawal from Afghanistan, which was widely portrayed as a disaster at Biden's hands that had badly hurt US credibility. In fact, Biden inherited Trump's deal with the Taliban under which the US promised to withdraw from Afghanistan by May 1, 2021, so long as the Taliban met several requirements, including that it stop killing US soldiers.

When Biden took office, there were only 3,500 US troops in Afghanistan, down from a high of 100,000 during the Obama administration. Biden had made no secret of his dislike of the US involvement in Afghanistan and, faced with the problem of whether to honor Trump's agreement or send troops back into the country, committed to complete the withdrawal, although he pushed back the date to September.

What he did not know, in part because Trump's drawdown had taken so many intelligence officers out of the country, was that as soon as Trump's administration cut the deal with the Taliban, Afghan troops began to make their own agreements to lay down their arms. The Biden administration appears to have been surprised by the sudden collapse of the Afghan government on Aug. 15. As the Taliban took the capital city of Kabul, Afghans terrified by the Taliban takeover rushed to the Kabul airport, where an attack killed 13 US military personnel who were trying to manage the crowd.

Republicans reacted to the mid-August chaos by calling for Biden's impeachment, and the press compared the moment to the 1975 fall of Saigon. That coverage overshadowed the extraordinary fact that the US had airlifted more than 124,000 people, including about 6,000 US citizens, out of Afghanistan in the six weeks before the US officially left. This is the largest airlift in US history – 7,000 were evacuated out of Saigon-and evacuations have continued since, largely on chartered flights.

By comparison, in October 2019 under Trump, the US simply left Northern Syria without helping former allies; the senior American diplomat in Syria, William V. Roebuck, later said the US had "stood by and watched" an "intention-laced effort at ethnic cleansing." And yet, that lack of evacuation received almost no coverage.

Complicating matters further, rather than agreeing that the withdrawal was a foreign policy disaster, many experts say that it helped US credibility rather than hurt it. According to Graham Allison, the former dean of Harvard Kennedy School, "The anomaly was that we were there, not that we left."

And yet, in mid-September, while 66 percent of the

It's Musing Period for Gov. Baker

Will you seek a third term? An answer is "coming soon. ... I don't sit around and say to myself, can I win or not? To me, the question always comes back to... do I have the will, the desire, and the agenda that I believe would be in the state's best interest and the energy and the commitment to follow through and deliver on it. ... I've been a Republican for most of my — well, almost all of my adult life, and I believe in my brand of Republicanism."

On turning 65 (Nov. 13): "I've always said that in this article.

people in the US supported leaving Afghanistan, 48 percent thought Biden "seriously mishandled" the situation.

Aside from getting the US out of Afghanistan, is it true that Biden has not accomplished much?

Biden set out to prove that democracies could deliver for their people, and that the US could, once again, lead the world. He promptly re-



Heather Cox Richardson

entered the international agreements Trump had left, including the Paris Climate Accords and the World Health Organization, and renewed those Trump had weakened, such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Biden set out to lead the world in coronavirus vaccinations, making the US the world's largest donor of vaccines globally, although US vaccinations, which started out fast, slowed significantly after Republicans began to turn supporters against them.

Under Biden, the US has recovered economically from the pandemic faster than other nations that did not invest as heavily in stimulus. In March 2021, the Democrats passed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan stimulus package to rebuild the economy, and it has worked spectacularly. Real gross domestic product growth this quarter is expected to be 5 percdent, and the stock market has hit new highs. Two thirds of Americans are content with their household's financial situation.

The pandemic tangled supply chains both because of shortages and because Americans have shifted spending away from restaurants and services and toward consumer goods. The Biden administration mobilized workers, industry leaders, and port managers to clear the freight piled on wharves. In the past three weeks, the number of containers sitting on docks is down 33 percent —and shipping prices are down 25 percent. Major retailers Walmart, Target, and Home Depot all say they have plenty of inventory on hand for the holiday season.

With more than 5.5 million new jobs created in ten months, unemployment claims are the lowest they have been since 1969, prompting House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's office to tweet, "Armstrong Walks the Moon!... Wait, sorry! That's a headline from the last year unemployment claims were this low." Workers' pay has jumped as much as 13 percent in certain industries, and there are openings across the labor market.

The American Rescue Plan started the reorientation of our government to address the needs of ordinary Americans rather than the wealthy who have dominated our policymaking since 1981. It provided more than \$5 billion in rental assistance, for example, and expanded the Child Tax Credit, so that by the end of October, \$66 billion had gone to more than 36 million households, cutting the child poverty rate in half.

Over the course of the summer, Biden negotiated an extraordinarily complicated infrastructure package, winning a \$1.2 trillion bipartisan bill that will repair roads and bridges and provide broadband across the country, and getting the larger, \$2.2 trillion Build Back Better bill through the House. Now before the Senate, the bill calls for universal pre-kindergarten, funding for child care and elder care, a shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy, and protection against climate change.

Has the Biden administration accomplished anything? It has created a sea change in our country, rebuilding its strength by orienting the government away from the supply-side economics that led lawmakers to protect the interests of the wealthy, and toward the far more traditional focus on building the economy by supporting regular Americans.

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I'm one of these people who's going to want to be purposeful and productive as long as I can be purposeful and productive. I don't have any hobbies. I read books, that's probably the only hobby I have. I don't golf, I don't boat, I don't fish, I don't do any of that stuff, and my wife would lose her mind if I didn't have something useful to do. So, I have a feeling I'm going to be hopefully working for a long time.

Material from a GBH Radio interview was used

Commentary

This parent gives Boston schools an 'F' on Covid protocols

To the Editor:

The Boston Public Schools' lackluster Covid-19 protocols are failing families and putting the greater community at risk. My children attend three different schools in Dorchester: a large BPS school, a charter, and a private early ed program. My BPS sixth grader informed me in passing that six children in her class were out after someone tested positive. She was not a close contact, and I was not informed by the school.

A few days later I was contacted by a parent who told me that her daughter, who attends the same school in a different class, had tested positive that morning. I then tested my daughter and isolated her. She was positive, but asymptomatic.

If this other parent had not alerted me, my daughter would have continued to expose the at-risk members of our household. I would have sent her to school on Monday. We would have exposed dozens of other households at my other children's schools and burdened several working parents with 10-day quarantine and testing protocols at best, or infected other vulnerable people at worst.

My child's BPS school opted to suspend pool testing for the Thanksgiving week. My daughter's case, and any other cases, were not identified before the break. The decision defies logic.

It is as though they have lost track of what proactive testing and transparency is for. In a time when Covid cases across the Commonwealth are increasing at an alarming rate and hospital bed occupancy hovers at 90 percent, our mitigation efforts must be most vigilant, not suspended.

Cases at BPS schools have been steadily on the rise since the last week in October, when they more than tripled coming off the Halloween weekend. Even when you control for the outlier of the 42 cases at the Conley School in Jamaica Plain, which were reported the week of November 4-11, the case numbers that week are alarming. There have been 827 cases reported by BPS since the start of the school year, according to the dashboard posted on the BPS website. More than half have been recorded over the course of the last three weeks.

Pool testing should be opt-out, if not mandatory. Early identification and isolation are the best tools we have available to mitigate the spread of cases and maximize the amount of in-classroom instruction and socialization our children desperately need.

Participation in pool testing is extremely low. Only half of my six grader's class is routinely tested, and my second grader's charter school class participation is in single digits. Schools are under tremendous pressure to make up for learning loss caused by the pandemic, but this cannot be done at the expense of our most vulnerable. BPS needs to adopt a proactive early identification approach, and then take it seriously if we are to keep our communities safe and our children in school.

I am grateful for the positive outcome for our household. As far as I can tell, we did not spread it to anyone else. But this was in no way attributable to the public health system. Rather this is due only to the efforts of another proactive mother, to whom I am forever grateful. The system has failed us, and I fear we are in for a very dark winter if BPS does not change its ways.

Deirdre Habershaw Ashmont/Adams

Court settlement requires Boston to upgade its curb ramps



Michael Muehe looks to cross Washington Street in Jamaica Plain.

Jesse Costa/ WBUR photos

BY RUPA SHENOY WBUR REPORTER

A federal judge approved a consent decree last month that requires Boston to install or upgrade an average of 1,630 curb ramps per year until all of them meet Americans with DisabilitiesAct (ADA) standards. They'll be prioritized based on how heavily they're trafficked, and if they're near public transportation or other key areas. The city has allocated an extra \$25 million to do the work in fiscal 2022, with officials hoping to complete the project by the end of 2030, when Boston celebrates its 400th birthday.

All of which is a huge but quiet victory in Boston for a long-running civil rights movement. The decree will mean millions in spending, and construction projects across the city — including in Jamaica Plain, where Michael Muehe has lived for 20 years.

"Many of the curb ramps along here are insufficient or are nonexistent," said Muehe, while guiding his wheelchair down the Jamaicaway.

If a "curb ramp" doesn't slope gradually, with a specific height, and overall shape, a tiny curb can become a formidable wall. There's one such curb at the intersection with Moraine Street.

"I'm going to show you what happens if I try to go up here," said Muehe. "It's not going to let me tip over backward, but it's not going to let me go forward either because it's just too steep. That 2-inch curb is enough to stop me from going forward."

When he can't get his wheelchair up on the sidewalk, Muehe has to stay on the road. "So, when I'm going up the street, people have to slow down and they pull a little bit closer to the opposite curb," he said. "It's Boston drivers, too. So, people honk and people look angry — 'What are you doing holding up traffic?' and stuff."

Muehe's wheelchair is motorized, but fellow JP resident Colleen Flanagan uses a manual wheelchair. She can start up the ramp, but she doesn't get far. "That's why I'm holding my wheels like I'm about to fall — because the slope is not even," she said. "So, if you're in a manual wheelchair, you can slide down and fall."

Years ago, Flanagan tipped over at a curb and broke her arm. It happened again earlier this month. Luckily, she wasn't hurt. "You somehow get a stranger to help you get your butt back in the wheelchair and you keep on going," she said. "But the fear of what could have happened and the anger of like — it's 31 years after the American with Disabilities Act, and the public sidewalk really almost

just ruined my life ... It makes it seem like you're not wanted in that neighborhood."

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 lays out how curb ramps should be built. Yet, a 2018 survey by the Disability Law Center in Northampton showed that less than half of the city's 23,000 curb ramps met ADA specifications.

"There's no ADA police," said Tom Murphy, a supervising attorney at the law center, an independent nonprofit. He said the Justice Department has the authority to enforce the ADA, but for the most part, improvements have been driven by residents. In recent years, many across the country have successfully won suits over curb ramps.

Murphy represented a group including Flanagan and Muehe when they approached the city of Boston

in 2018. "We give the other side an opportunity to really work with us in a collaborative way," he said. "And to Boston's credit, they agreed to do that."

Murphy's clients and the city worked out the settlement that the federal judge approved last month. "It will make the entire city fully accessible for the first time ever," Murphy said.

But of course, there will be challenges.

"I always say, we're a very old city, we're a winter city, we're a vertical city, and we're a very densely packed city," said Kristen McCosh, disability commissioner and ADA coordinator for the City of Boston. "So right off the bat, we have a lot of challenges."

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'Urban Nutcracker' cast boasts strong Dorchester connections

(Continued from page 1) her last performance was canceled last year due to the pandemic, she used her time in isolation to train with other dancers who had taken part in past "Urban Nutcracker" performances.

The Whitneys, who have lived in Dorchester for the last 12 years, transformed their dining room into a ballet studio where Ruth, their 3-year-old son, and 7-year-old daughter could practice. Now, Ruth will be returning to the stage as a more refined artist due to that training, she said.

"Ruth and I don't get to perform together a lot," Bill said, "and when [we do], it's something really special to me."

The Whitneys aren't the only Boston residents returning to the show. Tap dancer Khalid Hill, who appeared in the first staging in 2001, is joining the cast to lead the tap scenes in the ballet. Hip-hop dancer Ricardo Foster Jr., who also performed in the show's debut, will play the hip-hop Soldier Doll.

At its core, Williams's "Urban Nutcracker" stays true to the original "Nutcracker" plot, but he takes a few liberties. The show, set in present-day Boston, features a diverse cast of dancers from across Massachusetts and dance styles ranging from ballet, tap, and hip-hop to flamenco. Intertwined with Tchaikovsky's classical music score are jazzier numbers from the legendary Duke Ellington.

"Part of its success



A scene from the Urban Nutcracker, which will be staged at the Shubert Theatre in December.

Peter Paradise photo Ruth and Bill Whitney live in Dorchester. Ruth performs as the Sugar Plum Fair while Bill is the musical director of Urban Nutcracker.

Photo courtesy Whitney family

is having that sense of family, that sense of community, that sense of inclusion," Williams said. "Everyone these days is talking about diversity, but we've been addressing diversity for 20 years now."

When he was first making plans for the show back in 2001, Williams pulled inspiration from Boston's Downtown Crossing, where he saw people dancing on the street and playing drums. He decided to recreate this scene on stage, along with design

replicas of recognizable Boston landmarks, including the Public Garden, the Citgo sign, and Fenway Park's "Green Monster."

For Williams, his interest in the arts began at the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner, which sat only a few blocks away from where he grew up. He got his start in classical ballet when he performed in the Boston Ballet's first "Nutcracker" in 1965. He returned to the Strand in 2001, where "Urban Nutcracker" was performed for the



first time and thereafter for the following five years.

Since that first performance, the show has grown to include a larger orchestra and more dance numbers featuring live music. This year, members of the Brooklyn Ballet Co. in New York are joining a cast and crew composed of 145 people. Each year, dancers who have performed in the production in the past return to their roles.

"When you're in the 'Urban Nutcracker' you're kind of part of the family," Ruth Whitney said. Whenever she gets to perform in "Urban Nutcracker," she is living out her childhood dreams. When her parents first took her to see the original ballet by The Boston Ballet company, she was transfixed by the whole performance. Now she performs in nearly 30 "Nutcracker" shows each holiday season and captures the admiration of younger audiences, as well as young dancers performing alongside

Dorchester's Ella Moye-Gibbons, 16 and a student at Boston Latin Academy, is in her ninth season with the "Urban Nutcracker"—the only version of "The Nutcracker" that she is familiar with. This year, she'll be juggling five roles as a soldier, a rat, a sugar plum attendant, a puppet, and an Arabian maiden.

Amelia Brown, also from Dorchester and at 12 a Boston Latin School student, will be rejoining the production for her third year. "I love the show because it's so diverse and it has a lot more styles of dance than your average 'Nutcracker," she said.

As the show has grown over the years, it has established itself as a fixture of the Boston arts scene. "Everything about the cast and the way the material is presented, I feel like, is a part of the community of Boston," said Bill Whitney. "Even though 20 years have passed, it still retains that sense of commu-

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First
Justice of this Court.

Register of Probate Date: November 15, 2021 Published: December 2, 2021

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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
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Docket No. SU21P1955PM
IN THE MATTER OF
ADAM GAINES
of BOSTON, MA
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
and §5-405
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other

named Respondent a interested persons, a petition has been filed by Stacy Gaines of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Adam Gaines is in need of a Cons or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Withou rety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to deter

ne petition asks the Court to deter-mine that the Respondent is disabled that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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Witness, Hon. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

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Latest senior housing plan for Hamilton St. gets airing

REPORTER CORRESPONDENT VietAID has reduced the number of units and increased parking at what it hopes will be its first-ever senior housing development. The property, at 25-33 Hamilton St., now features a vacant lot and a

vacant home.

The affordable housing developer joined members of an online meeting on Nov. 22 to discuss some changes to the project it first presented in September, including reducing the number of units from 42 to 36 units. They also reduced bike parking to 18 spots while adding more vehicle parking for a total of 13 spaces.

The design of the building, consequently, has gone from a U-shape to an L-shape, but has retained amenities like a community room.

Eric Fellinger of VietAID said the group hopes to target those in existing housing or apartments in the area who would like to downsize or find more appropriate older adult housing. He noted that the city is behind in its 2014 goal for senior housing.

"When I first saw the site, I said it felt like a senior housing site," he said. "It's a residential area and seniors will



A rendering shows a proposed new senior housing development for 25-33 Hamilton St. Image courtesy Davis Sq. Architects

have less impact on a neighborhood. It seemed to me the right thing to do...This housing is desperately needed. A lot of folks are living in third-floor apartments and they've lived there a long time, but it's harder now because they can't get up the stairs.

"There's not that many places for them to move to and we're trying to provide that option to people in Dorchester that have been here a long time and are looking to downsize," he said.

The plan, which is age-restricted for those 62 years and older, will include 20 units for 60 percent of the AMI, 7 units for 50 percent AMI, and 9 units for 30 percent AMI – including 5 units reserved for elders who were formerly homeless. An income of 60 percent AMI is about \$50,000 per year.

Some neighbors on the call had concerns about affordability. VietAID Executive Director Lisette Le said the organization intends to reach out to those in Bowdoin Geneva and surrounding areas.

"We want to make sure the folks that live in the neighborhood or the abutting neighborhoods have the ability to apply," she said. "This will be a tax credit project and go through fair housing... It's going out to organizations and reaching ethnic radio stations and newspapers, community organizations, and flyering. It's our goal in our past projects so those that live in a particular zip code, in this case 02122, 02125 and 02124, are the ones filling out the applications for this."

Haris Hardaway, interim executive director of Bowdoin Geneva Main Streets, said he hoped that there could be even more parking added. Fellinger said they gained the new parking by eliminating some of the required bike parking spaces, as the city agreed bike parking isn't as critical for an older adult building. Hardaway hoped to get even fewer bike spaces and more vehicle spaces for residents, caregivers, and family members.

"It's really a small and younger group of elders that would use a bike," he said. "It becomes a possibility for injury for those over 65. I hope that can be further revised ly need parking...The elderly are more likely than not to have a car and will drive into their 80s."

Another concern was traffic on Hamilton Street, which often acts as a speedway for those going between Columbia Road and Bowdoin Street. Fellinger said they have addressed this with the Boston Transportation Department (BTD), which has has indicated it will now include Hamilton Street in a larger traffic study of Bowdoin Street that is ongoing.

Fellinger also said they hope to potentially be able to work with because we desperate- the Neighborhood Slow

Streets program for Hamilton Street.

Hebrew Senior Life has been identified as offering senior services to the building and there is a "firm commitment" from them to have a management contract for the senior building, he added.

This is at least the fourth proposal before the community for this particular site. In 2020, a developer proposed market-rate housing in two iterations, with as many as 51 units at first. VietAID last summer first proposed 42 units of housing and seven parking spots before its current revisions.

Family shelters make deal on Humphreys St. building

The Hildebrand Family Self-Help Center has bought an 11-unit apartment building at 12 Humphreys St. from Sojourner House, a family shelter.

"I'm so excited that Hildebrand's partnership with Sojourner House has helped our purchase of 12 Humphreys Street and that these 11 apartments will remain affordable for Boston's children and families," Shiela Moore, Hildebrand CEO, said in a statement. "This doubles

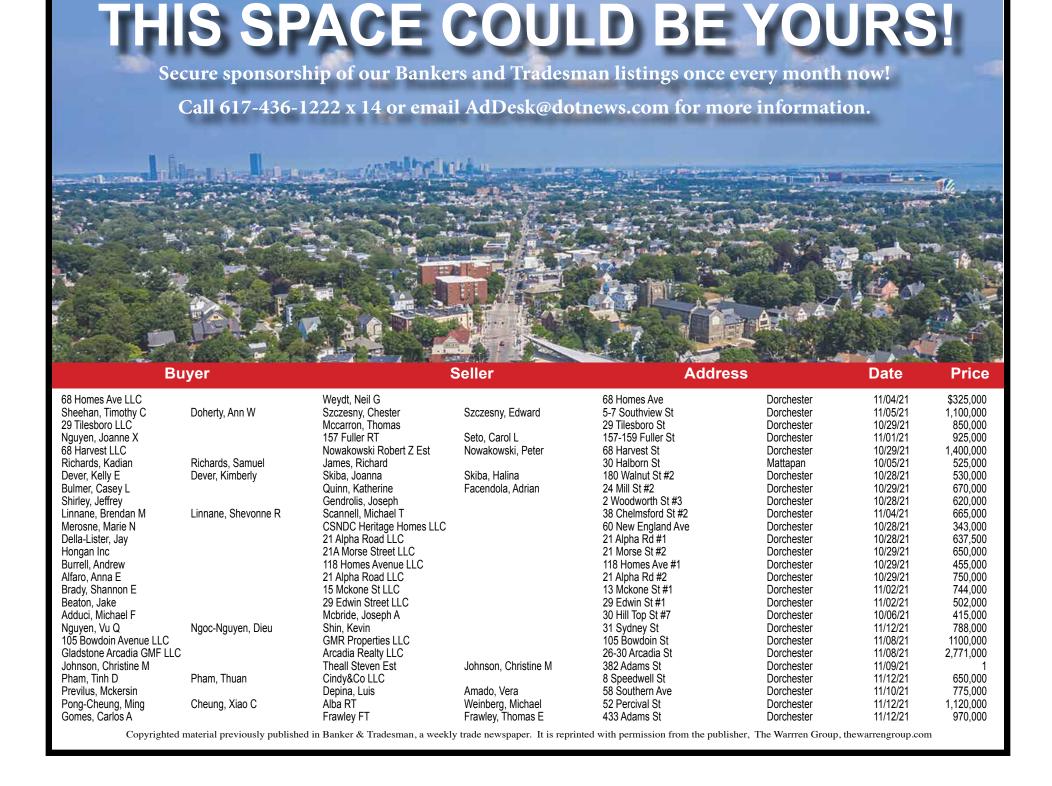
Hildebrand's permanent housing ownership and continues to strengthen our supportive network in Boston for families experiencing homelessness. Hildebrand's vision is every family has a home, and adding 12 Humphreys Street to our real estate portfolio will help us continue to make that vision a reality."

The purchase, which adds the units to Hildebrand's 135 family shelter units total, comes as homelessness "continues to increase" in Massachusetts, according to Moore.

Per to Suffolk County records, the building was sold for \$3.4 million.

Hildebrand was founded in 1988 and is based in Cambridge. Sojourner House was founded in 1981, and considers itself the "first family shelter in Boston to house both male and female parents as well as children of all ages." The organization owns property in Roxbury and Milton.

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(Continued from page 1) a three-bedroom and 2.5-bath single-family home, sold earlier in November for \$1.15 million. Around the corner at 90 Grampian Way, a four-bedroom, 2.5-bath single-family built in 1920 is listed at \$1.2

million.

Coldwell Banker Realty's Joe Castro, who lives nearby on Jones Hill, brokered the sale of the 186 Grampian Way No. 1 condo, with the total coming to \$586 per square foot. The unit, which also comes with two and a half baths, has a homeowners association fee of \$368.

The buyer is a widow who sold her single-family home in Winchester, a town eight miles north of Boston, after her two children graduated from college, according to Castro. The seller is listed as a family trust, according to public re-

Castro said he received several offers for the condo unit at the same price that it sold for. "Clearly, there was demand," he said.

Buyers coming from the suburb is a trend he has seen as the pandemic is appearing to ease. Empty nesters are coming to the city, looking for urban centers, a reversal from urban dwellers who looked to the suburbs during Covid-19. "I've had multiple people reach out" about similar properties, Castro said.

The home is roughly a six-minute walk to the Savin Hill station on the MBTA's Red Line, as well as restaurants and the Daily, a local market across the street from the public transit stop.

The property underwent a gut renovation and the developer worked with Louis Ashman, a Roslindale-based design consultant. The unit has coffered ceilings, 8-foot high doorways and highend finishes, as well as a spa-like bathroom.

The listing notes that the "streets are lined with mature trees, parks, architecturally significant homes, tennis courts, a marina, beach, and a whole lot more." The home also comes with radiant heated tile, a gas fireplace, and a wet bar. The kitchen has quartz countertops and Thermador appliances. A finished basement space, a private fenced patio, and parking are also part of the package. One of the three condos at 186 Grampian Way set a record for sales price in Dorchester.

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24 New Chardon Street
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P2178EA
ESTATE OF:
ROY LEE CANNIE
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A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy
and Appointment of Personal Representative
has been filed by Sharon L. Reed-Cannie of

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Sharon L. Reed-Cannie of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Sharon L. Reed-Cannie of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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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 12/27/2021.

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TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU21C0351CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
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AZUL JUlian of Dorchester. MA

Decree changing their name to:
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Cedar Grove Cemetery gets okay for an expansion

(Continued from page 1) ment Agency (BPDA) years of sustainability for the cemetery. That means a lot. "With other things we're looking at also, we think we can pick up additional space, but this land acquisition is a key part to the future of the cemetery."

The land in question is a strip behind Adams Street and next to Butler Street of what was, and is, a patch of overgrown gullies that Cedar Grove plans to level out over time to make additional space for plots. Last summer, crews began leveling out a large piece of the new property. What was once overgrown, wild and crawling with critters is now leveled, seeded, and lying-in-wait with several healthy trees saved nearby.

At the Nov. 18 Boston Planning and Developmeeting, the board voted by 5-0 to approve a zoning amendment that changed the 40,000 square-foot property from a single family, 5,000 square-foot zone to an open space-cemetery use zone. The plan was also supported by the Lower Mills Civic Association and the Cedar Grove Civic. The okay cleared the way for Cedar Grove to officially start planning for the new section.

Paciulli said he hopes they can make use of at least half or two-thirds of the new property for burials. He also said that Cedar Grove – a non-profit organization that dates back to the 1860s - isfortunate because other graveyards, like the Milton Cemetery, cannot find more space. Faced



Another part of the new tract closer to Butler Street is still overgrown and not level. Paciulli said Cedar Grove believes they can use most of the land over time by also levellin g it with fill. Seth Daniel photo

with spiking land and real estate prices, it no longer makes financial sense for a cemetery to buy adjacent homes to tear down or lay out funds for buildable land in order to expand. That is when many older, ornate cemeteries start to

decline as they cannot generate revenues to keep up expensive maintenance and tree care.

"Everything is built up now around these cemeteries," said Paciulli, "and you cannot afford to buy adjacent property at today's prices. About 10 to 12 years ago, we

bought an adjacent home and took some of the land and re-sold the home. The prices out there today, we couldn't afford to do that and come out ahead. To pay \$1 million for a home along Adams Street – and some might go for that – it wouldn't make sense for us now."

Paciulli said it would take about 18 months to two years for the new land to settle, and then they would begin selling plots. After that, they will slowly fill in the remaining parts toward Butler Street – filling in and using what they can while cleaning up and beautifying what they cannot use.

In the meantime, he said, they will focus their efforts on being good neighbors and creating a buffer between the cemetery and the backyards of homes that abut the new areas. He added they have applied for Community Preservation Act funding to help with that beautification effort.

"The community supported us, and we want to be good neighbors," he said. "The cemetery runs right up to some peoples' backyards now. We don't want to do that...A lot of people don't mind living next to a cemetery. We don't want it to be something where there's a cemetery headstone eight feet from someone's yard and people show up for a cookout and you can see it there. That's not right. That's why creating the buffer is so important."



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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Sandra J. Connaughton of Mansfield, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate Sandra J. Connaughton of Mansfield, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

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ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on December 15, 2021, at 9:15 A.M., in connection with Map Amendment Application No. 741, filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Said map amendment would 1) amend "Map 5C, Dorchester Neighborhood District," and "Map 5D, Dorchester Neighborhood District," by changing the zoning designation of a parcel of land located at 30 Westville Street, Dorchester, from "OS-G," indicating an Open Space-Community Garden Subdistrict to "2F-5000," indicating a Two-Family Residential Subdistrict, and; 2) amend "Map 5E, Dorchester Neighborhood District," by changing the zoning designation of an approximately 43,555 square foot parcel of land located in the Lower Mills section of Dorchester from "1F-5000," indicating a One-Family Residential Subdistrict to "OS-CM," indicating an Open Space-Cemetery Subdistrict.

This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to https://bit.ly/3CzGv7V. A copy of the amendment and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to zoningcommission@boston.gov.

Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: zoningcommission@boston.gov or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2021. Please request interpreting services no later than December 10, 2021

For the Commission Jeffrey M. Hampton **Executive Secretary**

JPMorgan Chase seeks to make its mark in Mattapan

(Continued from page 1) before a celebration of its opening got underway the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, Dimon said the branch will host seminars on mortgages, saving money, opening businesses, and financial education.

On the day of his visit, he was featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal in a story detailing his fight with Elon Musk, CEO of the electric car company Tesla, over a series of financial transactions. Later in the day, at a Boston College CEO Club luncheon, he quipped that while both the Communist Party in China and JPMorgan are celebrating their respective 100th years in operation, "I'll make a bet we last longer." He later said he regretted the remark.

In Mattapan, Dimon, who has long been called "America's most powerful banker," stuck to local matters.

"Almost all the folks who work here are from the community," he said, referring to the branch's dozen or so employees. He added: "Think of Black loan officers in these neighborhoods helping make mortgages here.

Similar Chase community centers have



Chase has revamped the building at 1617 Blue Hill Avenue, which used to be a Santander and a Shawmut bank. Bank officials envision the bank functioning as a community center, with seminars on how to get a mortgage and saving Gintautas Dumcius photo

opened in Washington, D.C., New York, Chicago, Detroit, and Los Angeles.

Dimon said Chase may open 100 more, and some of those could be in Boston. "We have to figure out the neighborhoods,' he said.

In Greater Boston overall, Chase has a few dozen branches so far, on its way to 50 and a bigger toehold in the market. Dimon said he's happy with the pace of the expansion. "Once we accomplish that, we'll look at it again,' he said. "When I come to town, I expect if you are running the area, I want you to tell me what you want to do. Where's the competition? Where do you go? What's growing? What's not growing?"

Locally, Chase is partnering with Year Up, a nonprofit focused on workforce development. Dimon said they're helping create a pipeline of employees who make between \$45,000 and \$75,000 a year.

Dimon sounded a dismissive note on making community college free, a proposal supported by President Joe Biden. "College is becoming less relevant" while skills are becoming more relevant,

according to Dimon, who acknowledged that people who attend college tend to be more successful. "I don't think it's because they're going to college. I think it's because of all the other benefits they have in

Dimon also spoke to a small audience that was in the building for the celebration of the branch opening. They included Chase employees, New England Council CEO Jim Brett, Mayor Michelle Wu's incoming economic chief, Segun Idowu, and local lawmakers, including state Reps.

Brandy Fluker Oakley and Russell Holmes.

Dimon told them that the Covid-19 pandemic and the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolish "taught us something that we actually already knew" - recessions hit the poorest hard, and the United States is nowhere close to racial parity.

"Now, I think this is the greatest country the world has ever seen," Dimon said. "I hate it when people denigrate it. I'm not 'woke,' and I'm not of the left. Okay? I think that this system is the best in the world... That doesn't mean we can't acknowledge its flaws. So I think we can ... and start fixing them. And we should be proud of that."

US business leaders have a \$30 billion effort underway, including \$8 billion in mortgages for Black and Latinx populations, in addition to small business loans.

Zeroing in on Mattapan, Dimon said a national company like his typically has national vendors. But for the Mattapan branch, they are using local art and local vendors. "This gives them a chance to earn your business," he said.

He also said he hopes that people will bring their children to the bank to open a savings ac-

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count, similar to how his father, the son of Greek immigrants who never finished high school, brought him to a bank to open his first.

Holmes, the state representative whose district includes Mattapan, recalled when the Chase branch used to be a Shawmut Bank branch, and he worked across the street at what was then a Brigham's ice cream shop. When he got his first paycheck, he cashed it there.

"To have it now be a center that is focused not just on banking but also about making sure it's more connected to the community...it sends a whole different message," Holmes said.

Those who don't have bank accounts, or go to check-cashing shops, should be the focus of the new branch and community center, he added. That corner of Blue Hill Avenue is an anchor, too, and for Holmes, it was his "gateway to the world" when he was growing up.

"This location physically is important because this is where also all the buses get dropped off," he said, noting that the bus stop is right outside the bank. "When you're coming back to Mattapan, you get dropped off right in front of Chase."

ppda **Virtual Public Meeting**

800 Morrissey Boulevard

Tuesday, December 14 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3Ckzwzg Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 800 Morrissey Boulevard project located in Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Project Notification Form. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the general public. The proponent is proposing to construct a six (6)-story residential building, totaling approximately 246,750 SF in gross floor area of residential/amenity space, together with a parking garage containing approximately 162 off-street parking spaces, plus structured bicycle storage. The residential building is proposed to contain a total of approximately 240 units, with a mix of studio units (approximately 104), 1-bedroom units (approximately 104), 2-bedroom units (approximately 25), and 3-bedroom units (approximately 7).

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At rally, elected leaders, union officials call for better safety plan at Henderson School

By SETH DANIEL REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Three weeks after Henderson Upper School principal Patricia Lampron was beaten unconscious on the sidewalk in front of the school allegedly by a 9th grade student — parents, union leaders and city councillors sought to pressure BPS officials to do more to ensure safety of staff and students at the Croftland Avenue schoolhouse.

A Nov. 23 rally organized by the local SEIU 888 union included remarks by Councillors Frank Baker, Annissa Essaibi George, Michael Flaherty, Ed Flynn and Councillor-elect Erin Murphy.

SEIU 888 leaders said they represent staff members, such as secretaries, at the Henderson and other schools. They said a secretary at the Henderson was assaulted by a family member of a student one month before the attack on Lampron. The secretary is still out on disability from the incident, according to Tom McKeever, the union president, who urged Boston Public Schools (BPS) officials to step up their urgency on the matter.

"Our ask is we want the superintendent to establish a comprehensive action plan on the position of BPS and how they're going to address worker safety for students and the workers within the schools," McKeever said. "We have many outstanding issues with BPS and nothing has been settled."

BPS spokesman Jonathan Palumbo — also on hand at the event—said the district has been "working around the clock" since the incident happened. He said the union is welcomed to speak with them about any outstanding issues at the Henderson or any

"Our door is open," he said. "We are always willing to meet with individuals who have ideas.



Union members and parents rallied outside of the Henderson Inclusion School on Nov. 24 to call for tighter security measures at the campus on Croftland Avenue. Seth Daniel photo

we should already have ideas. I've just outlined a list of priorities we've been implementing. We would love to hear if they have additional thoughts."

But other speakers at the rally raised concerns about specific safety concerns that they claim are unresolved, including allegations that some security cameras do not work properly and that metal detectors were unplugged and pushed to a corner of the cafeteria.

"We're hearing [staff] are told not to call 911,' said Councillor Flaherty. "I believe in this particular incident here the 911 call came from a student's cell phone. It's completely unacceptable. We need to put a focus on safety in our schools and all of our children should be able to come to and from school and be completely safe."

Added Councillor Frank Baker: "I'm here today to give voice to the voiceless. There are literally children in this school that cannot speak for themselves. If something happens to them, they cannot come home and say to mom and dad 'I was bullied today.'

Maggie Mancuso, a Dorchester resident who spoke at the rally, pulled her three kids out of the school earlier in the year.

"I felt the safety of the children wasn't there and the teachers weren't being supported," she said. "I feel the BTU and Boston Public Schools tectors. Though Baker in the Central Office to I know their flier said (BPS) don't care about said he doesn't agree help enhance safety, in-

families and teachers. I wasn't going to risk the safety of my kids and we left."

She continued: "What happened to Patricia Lampron was avoidable. BPS and BTU doesn't support families or teachers on the ground. Patricia Lampron asked for help and support multiple, multiple times and she was ignored. Shame on the city. It's their fault...If principals and teachers and secretaries are getting restraining orders on a family, they are screaming for help.'

Councillor-elect Erin Murphy said the schools and the BTU need to share information that isn't being shared about incidents in the schools. "We need the information to help make the solutions and come together so kids are safe in all schools across the city," said Murphy, herself a former BPS teacher.

The Reporter has an open request into school officials for incident information that has been outstanding since Nov. 5 – though it has been communicated that the information is in hand, but not ready for release.

At one point during the rally, when the potential need for metal detectors at the school was being discussed, a testy exchange arose when a member of the media challenged the idea of creating a "prison environment" with cameras and metal dewith metal detectors, he pushed back on the idea that such measures would create a "prison environment."

"No way, that's a heavy thing to say," said Baker. "A prison? Really? Are they being locked up in

Responded the reporter, "I'm just saying you don't want a school environment that is similar to a prison."

Responded Baker: "Nobody's talking about a prison environment here. We're talking about safety. However, you want to say it, school safety officers, put them in khakis and a sensible shirt, let's do that. But they need to be able to do their job. If they can't, this is what we're having here. We have no expectations for the kids coming into here.

'When the top person can get her head bashed in, where's the respect coming up?" Baker continued. "And you're going to talk about prison? There's nobody in cuffs in here. There's no cells in here. This is a school, and you should be able to bring your kids here safely.'

Palumbo, the BPS official, countered that since the Nov. 3 incident, they have changed the arrival and dismissal policies at the Henderson, adding visible "caring adults" from the staff to make students feel safe. He also said BPS brought in an experienced high school leader who works

cluding having all staff wear name tags and instituting a solid check in and check out every day.

Palumbo also said that in light of the discussion on security cameras and metal detectors, they have directed the BPS deputy superintendent for operations to do an inventory of all cameras in the district for operation and maintenance issues. Likewise, they are doing an inventory of where metal detectors are and if they're being used.

He added that they have also been clear on what would happen if there are incidents, including one at the Henderson last week where a young student found a folding knife on the ground walking to school, brought it into the school, and was showing it off. He said they acted quickly, resolved the situation, deployed resources to the student,

and communicated the matter to parents.

"There are some incidents that happen once in a while," he said. "The most important thing when those incidents happen is to make sure we work with students and families and get a notification out so we're clear and transparent and providing relevant information."

On the matter of metal detectors, Palumbo said they are provided to all high schools with a directive to use them. However, some school leaders feel it is inappropriate and that is considered. "We work on a daily basis with leaders of schools to make sure what we're doing at schools every day is seen as a safety measure and not a putative measure," he said. "It's about school safety and not about punishing students or criminalizing students along the way.'

He reiterated that no directive has come from the superintendent's office discouraging teachers or staff not to call 911 if an incident occurs.

Mancuso, the Dorchester parent, said that while her children left the Henderson for a smaller BPS school, she still felt it important to come back to the Henderson to support Lampron and the teachers there.

"This amount of disrespect starts at home," she said. "Kindness goes a long way...The people that sit behind desks don't know what's going on. They are out of touch with those working on the ground."

BPS 'still working' to resolve 'School Safety' officer licensing

BPS spokesman Jonathan Palumbo told reporters after the Nov. 24 rally that they are actively hiring school safety officers in an attempt to have one or two in each high school and middle school in the city. Palumbo also said the district is working toward resolving the school officer licensing troubles that materialized last summer with the Police Reform Bill implementation.

"What we're working to do is to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Boston Police Department and list out exactly who is responsible for what parts," Palumbo said. "We're working on that in real time and hope to have an update soon.

"I think school districts and municipal agencies are trying to find the best way to implement it so we can continue to promote safety but also recognize the law did call for explicit changes in the way school safety officers work in buildings," he continued.

Palumbo said there are a number of open positions for Safety Officers and they are hiring right now. That has led to issues with deployment and making sure there is

coverage in all schools.

'We have a coverage plan. but all schools might not have a dedicated one fulltime," he said. "If they are a high-priority school, we are able to re-deploy and move them around."

Councillor Frank Baker said whatever the plan is for Safety Officers, alluding to the MOU, he said it's time for both parties to get moving on it and stop dragging their feet.

"When Patricia was getting beat up over here, the safety officer could not put his hands on the assailant," he said. "There's a problem there...Whatever we're going to call them, we need some plan of whose protecting our children and the administrators. Whatever it's going to be, let's start moving on it."

The Boston School Police department was dissolved last July when a state police reform bill required them to get a higher-level of licensure, and their pathway to licensure was not provided by BPS and the BPD. Instead, the Office of School Safety was formed, giving way to safety officers who no longer had the ability to arrest or dispel physical conflicts.

- SETH DANIEL



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Thanksgiving Meals for BGCD Families: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester would like to thank Steel & Rye in Milton who prepared 100 Thanksgiving dinners for our families. Owner, Dan Kerrigan and his entire team spent days preparing the dinners. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped distribute meals on Thanksgiving morning. This is the second year that Dan and his staff and volunteers at Steel & Rye have stepped

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up for our families at Thanksgiving and we could not be more grateful. It is because friends and partners like those at Steel & Rye who play a major role in what we do to help our children and families! We would like to give special thanks to photographer John Gillooly who photographed this major undertaking and helped bring awareness to such an amazing community of people helping others.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Hosts "Friendsgiving"

Meal for Members: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester staff hosted a special "Friendsgiving" dinner for our members through our Healthy Meals Program. Members were able to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner to celebrate the holiday together. Staff members helped to decorate the room and served over 200 delicious meals. BGCD's Healthy Meals Program provides a snack after school each day as well as dinner prior to departure.

BGCD would like to give many thanks to our Healthy Meals sponsors including the Orville Forte Charitable Trust, Cambridge Savings Charitable Trust, Joy in Childhood Foundation, Needham Bank, East Boston Savings Bank and P&G Foundation. For more information on our Healthy Meals Program, please contact Ellen Lucas at elucas@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Keystone Club To Host Winter Donation Drive: Teen members of our Keystone Club at BGCD are running a Donation Drive during the month of December to support the Boston Rescue Mission. The group will be collecting new scarves, hats, gloves and socks that can be dropped off at either our Marr or Denney Center locations from 12 - 6pm. The Drive will be open from 11/29 to 12/22.

Marr Clubhouse: 35 Deer Street, Dorchester, MA 02125 Denney Center: 270 Mt. Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA 02125

The Keystone Club has a focus on service and will also be volunteering at the upcoming MR8K Road Race and at a BGCD special event. For more information on the Keystone Club please contact Evelyn Nunez at enunez@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS MR8K **December 4**

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Mal's pals foundation has recently donated over \$15,000.00 to Best Buddies International by riding from Boston to Hyannis (100 miles!) Mal's pals foundation has donated to Special Needs Programming at the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester, most recently covering the cost for 1:1 swim sessions so families would not have to pay out of pocket.

In the past we have donated Augmentative Communication Devices to families who are denied coverage by their school or insurance. This holiday season we will be focusing our efforts on raising money to purchase another device equipped with a communication application so that a little boy in WI can start communicating with his family and friends. We will be doing a holiday raffle to support this cause specifically, look for our announcements on FB/IG in November!

RECENT OBITUARIES



BRADY, Robert W., 60, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester and Quincy. Father of Robert R. Brady and Kathryn M. Brady both of Rockland; brother of Stephen Brady of Pembroke, Daniel Brady of Whitman, William Brady of Braintree, Christine Brady of Braintree, and the late Ann Marie "Nancy" Ogle. Also survived by his former wife Leslie A. Brady (MacDonald) of

Rockland and many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in his memory to the American Stroke Assn atstroke.org.

BROWN, Joseph, 85 of Dorchester. Husband of the late Bernice E. Brown. Father of Donald Martin of South Carolina, Marcus Brown, daughter in-law Beatrice of Randolph, and Denise Brown of Boston; 3 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by a host of other relatives and friends.

DALEY, Nancy L. (Laing) of Mattapan. She was the mother of Carl St. John Daley of New Hampshire and Valeska Daley of Roslindale. She was grandmother of 2; and sis-



ter to Janet Ondina Beckford of California, Sandra Cecilia Manzanares of Milton, Marco Esteban Laing of Honduras, and the late Alberto Laing and Marcia Kay Valerio. She is remembered and loved dearly by her many cousins, nieces, nephews, godchildren, extended family, and friends. Donations may be made in her memory to the Church of the Holy Spirit Church, 525 River Street, Mattapan, MA 02126.



DeALLIE, Jason Henry, 41. Son of Helen and Henry DeAllie. He attended Burke High School in Dorchester and graduated in 1998. Father to Derrick DeAllie and daughter Jayla DeAllie. Jason was preceded by his siblings, the late Stephen DeAllie and Heather DeAllie. He is survived by his mother Helen, father Henry, brother Paul, son Derrick, daughter Jayla, many aunts, uncles, numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces who loved him dearly in Boston, Maryland, New York, Connecticut, London, Bermuda, and Grenada.



DONOVAN, Bridget A. "Bridie" (Nolan),

Kingston and Braintree. She was born in Galway City, Ireland, and was the daughter of the late Michael J. and Winifred Una Nolan. Bridie was the wife of the late James H. Donovan. She was the mother of James H. Donovan and his wife Alysha of NH, Brenda Mullins and her husband Michael of Dorchester, John Donovan and his wife Heather of Plymouth, and Brendan Donovan and his former wife Karen of Quincy. She was the grandmother of 7. Bridie was the sister of Phyllis Nolan of NJ, Catherine Silke and her late husband Gregory of London, Ann Nolan of NJ, and William Nolan and his former wife Gail of London. She was preceded in death by her siblings: Patrick Nolan, Bernadette McDonagh, and Michael Nolan. Bridie is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Bridget may be sent to Home Health Foundation, Attn: Community Engagement, 360 Merrimack St., Building 9, Lawrence, MA 01843.

83, of Quincy, formerly of



MAYE, William F., 81, of Marshfield, originally from Dorchester. Son of the late Patrick and Katherine Maye. He was the husband of Bridget (McDonough). Bill was also the father to three daughters Cathleen Maye of Marshfield, Karen Maye of Marshfield, and Patrice Maye and her husband Jay Fitz Gibbons of Scituate; and he was the "poppa" to 2. Bill also leaves his sister Mary Cushing of Hanover; and a large extended family of in-laws, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was predeceased by his sister

Ann Maye. He was a double eagle from BC High and Boston College, from which he graduated with high honors with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting. Donations may be made to St. Ann by the Sea Church in Marshfield in memory of William F. Maye.



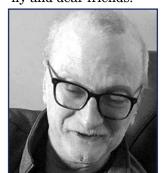
MENDES, Walter, 74, of Allston originally of Dorchester. Son of the late Henry and Lena Mendes. Father of the late Lisa Marie Mendes. Brother of Ronald Mendes, Richard Mendes, Raymond Mendes, Lawrence Mendes, Paul Mendes, James Mendes, Vance Mendes, Nancy Jenkins, Lorraine Mendes-Pires, Henry Mendes, Roy Mendes, Anthony Mendes, Harold Mendes and Evon Mendes. Walter is also survived by many nieces and nephews.



NELLIGAN, John W. of Dedham, formerly of Dorchester and P.E.I., Canada. Husband of Noreen (Ryan) Nelligan; father of Mary Blundell of Walpole, John W. Nelligan Jr. of Dedham, Joseph P. Nelligan of Boston, Mark Nelligan of Marshfield, William F. Nelligan of Dedham, and Ann Marie Ralli of Norwood; grandfather of 4; brother of the late Barbara Kelley; son of the late Frederick and Thecla (Dorgan) Nelligan. Retired employee of Boston Edison. Donations may be made in John's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.



TEIXEIRA, Josefina "Fina" Brito Pontes of Dorchester. Predeceased by her husband Domingos Santos Teixeira of 66 years. Mother of Boston Police Department Sergeant (Retired) John Teixeira and Andrea Teixeira, both of Boston. Grandmother of 2. Great grandmother of 4. The last of twelve siblings and the Pontes legacy of Curral Grande, Fogo, Fina was pre-deceased by the late Casimiro (Tola) Timas, Olivia Brito Pontes DePina, John Brito Pontes, Rosa (Mama) Brito Pontes, Ana Brito Pontes, Hipólito Brito Pontes, Pedro Brito Pontes, Domenica Brito Pontes DePina, Ricardina Ledo Pontes, Maria Emilia Pontes Fernandes and most recently, baby brother, Jose Heleno Pontes who passed away just 3 months ago. Survived by numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and dear friends.



WALKER, Robert "Bob" of Dorchester, 59. Husband of Maurice "Henri" Langlais of Dorchester. Son of William and Barbara Walker, Bob is also survived by their 2 dogs, Wyatt and Tucker, and by many extended family and close friends. He generously dedicated his time, expertise and money to many nonprofit organizations in support of the LGBTQ community, most notably the Harbor to the Bay Bike Ride, which he helped create and support for almost 20 years, raising more than 6 million dollars for AIDS service organizations in Massachusetts.

WELZ, Elzbieta K. (Kazmierczak) of Milton, formerly Dorchester. Wife of Valdemar Welz. Mother of Veronika, Maximilian and Antonina. Sister of Walter (Wladziu) Kazmierczak, and his wife Stephanie.

ZWEIG, Kenneth, 78, of Dorchester. Born in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Edward and Dorothy Zweig. Husband of Elaine Zweig. Father of Jonathan, Susanna, and Rebekah Zweig. Grandfather of 1. Twin brother of Richard Zweig. Kenneth is preceded in death by his sister Judy Zweig.

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Douglas A. McDonald of Mattapan, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate Douglas A. McDonald of Mattapan, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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BU TEM UN KAZA NA BOSTON Y BU STÁ TA PRESIZA DI APOIU KU DESPEZAS DI KAZA (IPOTEKA ATRAZADU, PAGAMENTUS, TAXA DI KONDOMINIU Ô SERVISUS PÚBLIKU)? FUNDU DI IMERJÉNSIA PA PREVENSON DI IZEKUSON IPOTEKARIU DI BOSTON TA PODI DJUDA.

QUÝ VỊ CÓ SỞ HỮU NHÀ TẠI BOSTON VÀ CẦN GIÚP ĐỐ CÁC CHI PHÍ NHÀ Ở (TRẢ TIỀN THẾ CHẤP CHẬM, LỆ PHÍ CONDO HOẶC CÁC HÓA ĐƠN TIỆN ÍCH) KHÔNG? QUỸ KHẨN CẤP NGĂN CHẶN TỊCH THU NHÀ BOSTON CÓ THỂ GIÚP ĐỔ QUÝ VỊ

VOCÊ É PROPRIETÁRIO DE UMA CASA EM BOSTON E PRECISA DE AJUDA COM AS DESPESAS DE MORADIA (ATRASOS NO PAGAMENTO DE HIPOTECAS, TAXAS DE CONDOMÍNIO OU CONTAS DE SERVIÇOS. O FUNDO DE EMERGÊNCIA PARA PREVENÇÃO DE EXECUÇÕES HIPOTECÁRIAS DE BOSTON PODE AJUDAR.

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