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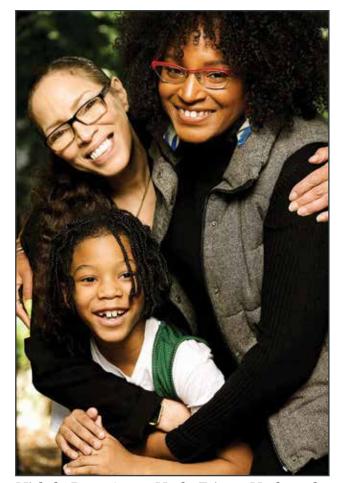
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## 'BEAUTIFUL DOT'

Photography by Mike Ritter



George Deveney Sr. and his wife Ryann Deveney are shown with their children Julie and George Jr. outside the Lower Mills Library.



Codman Sq. Library.



Michele Dent, Ayana Mack, Tristan Mack at the The Hashimoto-Martell Family - Erin, Christopher, Ayumo (10), Emiko (8) - at the Codman Sq. Library.

### By BILL FORRY **EXECUTIVE EDITOR**

"I want to say something beautiful about Dorchester with your portraits."

That's the simple, but lovely sentiment behind Mike Ritter's 'Beautiful Dot' photo project, which he staged at six Boston Public Library branches in the

neighborhood throughout the fall. Ritter, 42, lives in the St. Mark's Area of Dorchester with his wife and children and has been a freelance photographer for 18 years. His trade was hit hard by the pandemic- he booked just one job in 2020 after Covid restrictions kicked in ion March '20. When life started to return to normal

in 2021, Ritter — like most people - was anxious to get back into full gear. In fall 2021, he staged a one-day 'Get Close' portrait shoot in Dorchester Park. It proved to be a big success, with a couple of dozen families and individuals posing for his lens.

"After all those months of being (Continued on page 7)

# Residents weigh in on proposals for labs, towers next to JFK/UMass stop

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

The development team behind residential towers and lab space planned for Morrissey Blvd. south of the JFK/UMass MBTA station fielded questions virtual style last Wednesday from a community advisory group about their plans to remake the stretch of properties that currently includes a two-story office building, a former TV station, and a Star Market with an adjacent liquor store.

The project, known as 35-75 Morrissey, calls for seven buildings, which will be taller the closer they get to the T station, with four life sciences buildings and three residential buildings.

The session was the first in a series, with a second public meeting, also online, set for Thurs., Dec. 1.

The development team includes the owner of the property, Center Court Mass, which purchased the 75 Morrissey property (the former WB56 TV station) in June 2017, the architectural and engineering company Stantec, the engineering firm Howard Stein Hudson, and the Sullivan and Worcester law firm for permitting and legal matters. Catherine O'Neill, a real estate development consultant and local playwright, has been hired for community engagement.

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# They're baaaack, they're everywhere

Wild turkeys, with advocates' help, have returned to their colonial haunts

### By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Many years ago, the only experience most people in Dorchester and Mattapan had with turkeys was on the last Thursday of November, and those specimens usually came frozen and ready for the oven.

While the gobblers had disappeared as everyday wanderers across Massachusetts for more than 100 years until about 1970, a long repatriation effort by state wildlife experts over the past 50 years has resulted in our having almost as manv wild turkeys roaming the streets as there will be on dinner tables this week.

"My wife has a garden and night and day they go in there," said Earl Faulk, who lives near the Mattahunt Woods in Mattapan and is bordered by wildlife on three sides. "We put a small fence around the garden. What I didn't know was that these turkeys fly. They come out of



Turkeys took to the road on Lyndhurst Street in **Dorchester on Monday** morning.

Seth Daniel photo

the graveyard and strut up and down the street and my into my whe s garden...They just have a field day here...We've

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### Police, Courts & Fire

### One injured in spray of bullets on Dunbar Ave.

Gunfire erupted last Thursday night (Nov. 17) near Roberts Field just as a football practice for the Dorchester Pop Warner program was ending. According to a report in the Boston Globe, police say one person was injured when 14 bullets were fired near the Lee Academy Pilot School on Dunbar Avenue, close to the field where many players, coaches and parents were forced to duck for cover. The Globe said one man - the apparent target of what police characterized as a gang shooting - suffered a "minor" wound in the incident.

A 56-year-old Dorchester man was arrested by Boston Police last week on a warrant stemming from an attempted armed robbery at Savin Hill Wine and Spirits on Dorchester Avenue last spring. Police say the suspect, John Hughes, was wielding a sawedoff shotgun when he attempted the robbery and demanded money around 9:30 p.m. on May 8. Store employees stripped him of the weapon and beat him with it before he fled, according to a police account, which said Hughes "left behind evidence" that led investigators to finger him and apply for an arrest warrant at Dorchester Court. He was arrested near Ashmont station around 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 18 and has been charged with attempted armed robbery and unlawful possession of a firearm. During booking, police say, officers found several suboxone strips, so they added a charge of possession of Class B drugs.

A federal judge last week sentenced Omari Peterson, 39, to 66 months in prison following his guilty plea to one count of possession of cocaine and crack with intent to distribute and two counts of being a felon in possession of firearms and ammunition. US District Court Judge Douglas Woodlock's sentence came on the recommendation of Peterson's attorney, who pointed to his "demonstrated remorse and his extraordinary rehabilitation." Prosecutors had urged a sentence of 7 years, arguing that Peterson had lost any chance at a break when he was arrested on the drug and gun charges while on probation for a drug conviction. Boston and Randolph police and FBI agents arrested Peterson in March 2021 in Randolph after he sold cocaine and crack on four separate occasions to a "cooperating witness" working with the FBI. Police found two loaded guns in Peterson's apartment on Brunswick Street in Dorchester and then six more guns in a storage unit in Quincy.

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## George Huynh named to head up VietAid as successor to Lisette Le

George Huynh will leave the mayor's office next month to take over as the new executive director of VietAID, according to the Charles Street-based organization's board of directors. He starts the new position on Dec. 1 and succeeds Lisette Le, who has served in the role since Jan. 2018.

Born and raised in Fields Corner to two Vietnamese refugees, George "has witnessed the vast changes in demographics and investment in Boston over the last two-plus decades," the group said in a statement. "His family was fortunate to benefit from agencies like VietAID, the Dorchester Youth Collaborative (DYC), and the Housing Authority.

Huynh worked in City Hall for both Mayor Walsh and Mayor Wu, most recently as Wu's liaison to Dorchester in the Office of Neighborhood Services. Before his roles in government, he worked as a senior advisor and youth mentor at Dorchester Youth Collaborative.

He was formerly a



George Huynh: Inspired by community's resilience.

BPS teacher and a legal advocate for low-income clients. Huynh is fluent in Vietnamese and Spanish and earned a BA in Political Science from Yale University.

"George Huynh brings leadership, passion, and community experience to VietAID at a pivotal time," said Kim Thai, board chair of VietAID. "His extensive work within the Vietnamese community and Dorchester, and dedication to making a difference for the underserved are a great match for our programming, services, and mission.

Noted Huynh on his appointment: "Through robust programming and affordable housing development, VietAID has built a home for generations of families such as mine.

"As we continue to emerge from Covid, I am repeatedly inspired by the resilience of our immigrant communities. I look forward to

leading this historic organization and working collectively with local leaders to meet resident needs, solve civic issues, and ultimately improve the well-being of our Vietnamese American and Fields Corner communities.

"It humbles me to have the opportunity now to expand upon the exceptional efforts that Lisette, and many others before us, have made."

-REPORTER STAFF

# Widow's suit charges wrongful death in fall on stairwell next to JFK-UMass

The wife of David Jones, the Boston University professor who died after falling through the space left by missing steps on a rickety stairway next to the JFK/ UMass T stop, is formally blaming the MBTA and MassDOT for his death in a lawsuit filed in Suffolk Superior Court.

In her suit on behalf of herself and their three children, Sarah Sacuto of Milton says the T and the state let the public keep using the stairway from the sidewalk on Old Colony Avenue up to Columbia Road even though they knew it was

Sacuto's complaint charges wrongful death, conscious pain and suf-

on the verge of collapse.

fering, and loss of consortium for herself and loss of consortium for her children. Jones, a public-health

professor, was headed up from the station level as part of a daily jog when he fell through a gap in the steps and then 20 feet to the ground on Sept. 13, 2021.

Sacuto charges that the two government bodies failed to either keep the stairway safe or to have blocked it and nearby sidewalk sections

off or warned the public to stay away. Instead "the plaintiff's decedent was unwittingly both encouraged and permitted to access the dangers associated with the "subject staircase" and, as a direct and proximate results, caused to fall, sustain injury, suffering, and death.

In the days following Jones's death, officials said the staircase had been blocked and posted with warnings 20 months earlier - with signs stating the steps would be repaired and re-opened in "Fall, 2020." Also in the days following his

death, the MBTA, Mass-DOT, and DCR could not agree on whose responsibility the stairway was. Finally, after several days, MassDOT workers removed the entire structure.

In January, acting Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden said Jones's death was tragic but that, ultimately, there was nobody to blame criminally for trhe fatality. Hayden's statement did not address how the bottom of the stairs were or were not blocked off.

-REPORTER STAFF

### UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Kick off the holiday season at the Lower Mills/Milton Village Small Business Saturday Holiday Stroll! Shop on Sat., Nov. 26 from 3-6 p.m., rain or shine. Stroll and dine at local shops, restaurants, and small businesses in the historic Lower Mills and Milton Village area. There'll be music, artwork, Santa and The Grinch! The historic Baker Chocolate artists' lofts will be open with original artwork on display, music by the Boston School of Music Arts, and an old-time trolley will be available throughout the route. The festivities will end at 6p.m. with a tree lighting at Rockland Trust at 2250 Dorchester Ave. with carolers from St. John Paul II Academy.

Join Greater Ashmont Main Street for its 7th annual holiday pop-up market and tree lighting ceremony on Sat., Nov. 26 from 3-7:30 p.m. on the Ashmont MBTA Plaza. The city of Boston's annual Enchanted trolley tour of holiday tree lightings across the neighborhoods will take place on Dec. 3-4 at 16 locations, including Mattapan Square (1p.m. on Dec. 3), Codman Square (noon on Dec. 4) and Adams Corner (1 p.m. on Dec. 4). The event includes an appearance by Santa. SeeBoston.gov for a full schedule. On Thurs., Dec. 1, 6-8 p.m., the Home. stead Cafe in Fields Corner (1448 Dorchester Ave.) is hosting an artist reception for Dominique Chouteau and her exhibit, "Dorchester Stories: Surreal stories from real places." Currently on view at the cafe through the end of December, the show includes reproductions of her 14 original drawings, hung with a map showing the inspiration locations from around Dorchester. The BPDA will host a virtual meeting on Tues., Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed project at 26 Coffey St. in Dorchester neighborhood of Boston. The meeting will include a presentation by the developer Mildot, LLC, which plans to build a new, four-story residential building with 25 units. See ad on page 15 for more info on joining the meeting.

BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on

Tues., Dec. 13 to discuss a proposal by 334 Dot, LLC (the "Proponent") for the proposed redevelopment of four (4) parcels of land at 1320 Dorchester Ave. which together totals approximately 19,021 square feet (the "Project Site"). A portion of the Project Site is presently occupied by a two (2)-story residential/commercial building, while the remainder of the site is utilized as surface parking. The proposal calls for the construction of a six (6)-story, approximately 46,411 gross square foot residential building consisting of approximately seventy (70) residential rental units, which have been designed in accordance with the City of Boston's Compact Living Policy. The meeting will be held from 6-7:30p.m. via Zoom. See page 15 for details.

The Martin Richard Foundation's 5th annual MR8K presented by New Balance will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4. The 5-mile race and 2.5-mile-walk begins and ends at Boston Landing, home of the Track at New Balance in Brighton. As the signature



event for the Martin Richard Foundation. the MR8K builds community spirit while raising crucial funds to support the work of the foundation as well as community organizations. The event is open to runners, walkers, para-athletes, and families of all ages and abilities. Go to teammr8.org for more info.

METCO hosts a free event for Boston families on Sat., Dec. 10, 12-4 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 15 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Learn about opportunities to apply for public education in suburban communities and meet current METCO families and learn about after-school activities and support services in the community.

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## State of athletics at BPS draws City Council scrutiny

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Under questioning from city councillors, Boston Public Schools officials who oversee athletics programs say they've seen improvement in areas they superintend but acknowledge there is more to do.

Councillors Erin Murphy, Ruthzee Louijeune, and Liz Breadon, noting that Massachusetts overall spends an average of \$161 per pupil on athletic programs while Boston spends \$76 per pupil, co-sponsored a hearing order to consider effects stemming from the fact that out of the school system's \$1.3 billion budget, BPS spent \$3.9 million, or less than a third of one percent of the overall number, on athletics in 2020.

Murphy, a former teacher, said her former colleagues, as well as coaches and volunteer parents, often feel abandoned and ignored, and too many middle school and high school children don't have access to athletic programs. "Our young kids are at risk," she said. "Especially coming out of Covid, we need to have these types of opportunities for our

Noting that her daughter plays softball



Avery Esdaile, senior director of athletics of Boston Public Schools, testifies in front of the City Council's education committee.

Screenshot via City Council TV

and plans to try out for basketball, Julia Mejia, chair of the council's education committee, said that "it's important that we get this right, not just for her but for her classmates and children across Boston."

The school's athletics office serves 2.472 students and has offers 17 sports across the fall, winter and spring seasons, officials noted.

"We are, I would say, in a good space but as you have all pointed out there is opportunity to do more," Avery Esdaile, the school district's senior director of athletics, told councillors at a Nov. 17 City Hall hearing on the topic. A "consistent definition" is needed for what that looks like, he added.

Esdaile has a staff of seven, including an equipment manager, an administrative secretary, a scheduler, an assistant athletic director who deals with operations and facilities, and a program manager.

Jillian Kelton, the district's chief of student support, testified alongside Esdaile. She acknowledged that the staffing is not adequate, and they are increasing the budget by \$500,000 to hire additional staff, including some focused on ensuring the district is in compliance with ride or walk to the facilvarious rules and regulations. Compliance duties now are spread among several people. She also noted that federal funding has also been used to purchase new equipment.

When councillors asked about the state of school gym facilities, Samuel DePina, BPS deputy superintendent of operations, said the district has a maintenance program for all gyms, and before the start of every season they assess their condition, from fixing shot clocks to repairing and resurfacing floors.

"Are they the best gyms ever in the world compared to other cities? Probably not," he said.

Councillor Brian Worrell, who represents Dorchester and Mattapan, asked DePina about the gym at the Mildred Avenue K-8 School, noting that he and others had been pushing for its floors to be fixed. Some floors take more time based on damage, DePina said in response.

Murphy also raised the issue of transportation, saying students have written her letters saying that sometimes they haven't had a bus to get to a sports game, and they needed to get a ity, or they were left to head home in the dark. "This is heartbreaking," Murphy said. "This is fixable.

Esdaile said the district is doing a better job this year and called 2021 an "anomaly. The number of trips we've had, the number of games, the things we struggled with last year, we didn't feel this year," he said. "Things were covered. Kids were able to get buses to their games and home from their games."

Murphy said the letters she referenced were recently written. She also gets calls, she said, about transportation issues, which came up during an earlier meeting between school officials and leaders of faith-based communities, according to Kelton.

One of the biggest issues for Boston Public Schools is that they deal with 68 different school start times even as they provide busing for parochial and charter school students. "That's incredibly difficult to navigate," she said.

Murphy noted that parochial and charter school students have a legal right to busing. "We're not giving them something extra." Replied Kelton: "I'm just pointing it out as an obstacle for us."

She added that she coached girls soccer at Tech Boston Academy in Dorchester, so she is aware of transportation problems. School officials are "working hard" to correct them, she said. "This fall has been much better than the past."

DePina, who was in the audience during the hearing and then joined the panel, said last year's transportation problems were due to driver shortages and the pandemic. "We're working to have more drivers and more routes covered."

Mejia suggested hiring someone to handle bus coordination for all athletics, and raised the possibility of the city purchasing a separate bus fleet that isn't tied into 68 bell times. "Something for you to consider," she said.

As the BPS panel's testimony drew to a close, Esdaile reiterated that the athletics program is in a "better spot" than when he started nine years ago. He previously worked for Wellesley College's athletics department.

"We want to be better; we want to be the best that we can be," he said.

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Young skaters from the DYH program shouted out 'Get Well' messages to Thomas Lucas during the free skate fundraiser.

Photos by Seth Daniel

# A night to boost 12-year-old Thomas Lucas and his family

Hundreds of families, friends, and teammates of Thomas Lucas, 12, came out last Wednesday night at the Devine Rink for a fundraiser to support him and the Lucas family as the young man battles through treatments for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Thomas's parents, Tommy and Lori Lucas, indicated that his prognosis was very positive and said Thomas is doing well with his treatments. They were excited to see so many people from inside and outside the community join them on the ice for the

event, which was put on in conjunction with Dorchester Youth Hockey (DYH). All proceeds went to the Lucas family. A larger fundraiser is being planned for January in the IBEW Hall on Freeport Street to continue supporting the family.



William Driscoll raced around the rink with the help of milk crates – though they appeared to be unnecessary for the experienced DYH player.



 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Rob}}$  and  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Kate}}$  Picariello enjoying the ice time.



Thomas's brother, Jake Lucas, with their mother Lori.



Ryan and Lauren Woods with Gavin and Sloane at the Devine Rink. Interestingly, Gavin was the 'Kid Captain' of the Bruins at the TD Garden on Nov. 17.



 $\label{lem:sellon} \mbox{Jacqui Sellon tied the skates for Ryan and Matthew Sellon so they could get out on the ice for the fundraiser skate.}$ 

## Wu launches redevelopment push on 150 city-owned lots

### By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

The rehabilitation of 150 abandoned and unkempt lots that have sustained blight throughout sections of the city over the last 40 years - Dorchester and Mattapan are home to about 70 of them – will soon provide profitable opportunities for develop-ers like Abraham Gonzalez's Newmarket-based company, One Way Development, and, if plans are successful, also provide a way to reduce the displacement of low-income and working-class families in affected neighborhoods.

Gonzalez and his team were featured at a press conference called by Mayor Wu and other elected officials on Violet Street in Mattapan last Friday to announce the plans to develop the lots.

"This neighborhood has two of the ten lots we're developing," said Gonzalez last Friday, with a new two-family home near occupancy rising in the background. "I think this is a great idea and it's a steppingstone for a company like mine to get a bigger hold into building and developing in the community. The program has put me in front of a lot of other companies. I also have brought in sub-contrac-



One Way Development is one of several minority-owned companies in the city using the city-owned lot process to get a bigger foot into the industry and grow their companies. Pictured, from left: Michael Boyce, Sean Miller, Sumul Shah, President Abraham Gonzalez, Vice President Alexandro Gonzalez, and Alicia Bustamante.

tors to help that usually don't get so much of this kind of business. So, it helped their companies, toe"

Standing in the shadows of a new home at 63 Violet St., Wu told the large crowd gathered that that home is just one example of what's on the way, and that the city plans to use \$60 million of its federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to stimulate many more developments on cityowned property by allowing developers to build income-restricted homeownership opportunities and providing grants to income-eligible first-time homebuyers that will deliver lower mortgage interest rates and up to \$50,000 in direct assistance, including down payment and closing cost assistance.

"Many cities are still

trying to figure out what to do with their federal dollars," said Wu. "There's so much it could go toward and it's a once in a generation opportunity. Most are using it just to keep the lights on or to pay the bills. We have been fortunate here in Boston. Our ARPA dollars are already deployed and allocated and we're putting them to work here. A large majority of our federal dollars have gone to housing to get market rate units off the market and to preserve and build affordable housing.'

Added state Rep. Russell Holmes: "The question is what are we going to do with all that money...All these lots are long-time eyesores in our neighborhoods... We have the money; let's build it now."

City Planning Chief Arthur Jemison said the



In Mattapan on Friday, Mayor Wu announced that the city will use \$60 million in federal ARPA funding to move approximately 150 vacant, city-owned lots into homeownership opportunities.

Seth Daniel photos

challenge will be getting the lots through red tape processes and into the hands of the right developers.

"The homework we have now is to be able to do this faster – to do it in 120 days," he said. "If we're going to meet these goals and develop with ARPA dollars...our homework is shortening the time...A site like

this not developed with affordable homeownership is an opportunity squandered."

Funding will also be used to launch a homeownership program for qualified Boston Housing Authority (BHA) residents, with BHA Director Kate Bennett, who noted that the agency has residents who are ready homebuyers. "For

every family in BHA that moves into homeownership," she said, "that frees up a unit that can be delivered to another family on our waiting list."

Distributing the lots to what Jemison calls "the right developers" favors companies like One Way Development, who go through a process to become certified by the city as minority-owned contractors. Using requests for proposals (RFP), lots are awarded after community involvement, which is what played out on Violet Street before construction began this year.

The program builds on initial efforts by former City Councillor Andrea Campbell, now the state's attorney general-elect, who worked with Tufts University to identify many of the vacant lots in District 4 several years ago. Her goal was to get the underutilized city lots into the hands of developers in the community who could provide affordable and workforce housing.

Other speakers at the event included Mayor's Office of Housing Director Sheila Dillon, Councillor Brian Worrell, Councillor Ricardo Arroyo, and MAHA Director Symone Crawford.



# Homeownership more affordable.

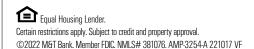
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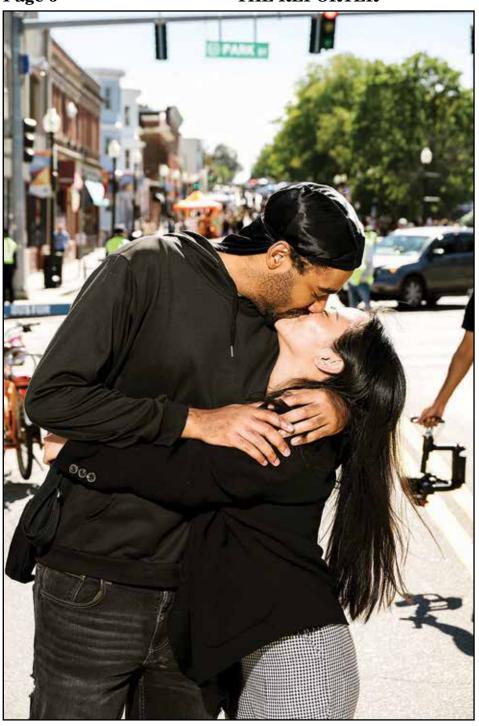
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Hans Bastien of Dorchester and his daughter Ilani, 4, in Fields Corner.  $All\ photos\ by\ Mike\ Ritter$ 



Linda Phan and Dave Tran with their identical twin daughters Jasmine and Josie in Fields Corner.



A couple embraced and kissed during the Open Streets Dorchester event outside the Fields Corner branch library on Sept. 24.



Lynn Sanders and Jim Morey with dog Ripley at the Codman Square branch library.



 $Rachel, Solomon\, and\, Andrew\, McDonnell\, in\, Fields\, Corner\, during\, Open\, Streets\, Dorchester\, on\, Sept.\,\, 24.$ 



 ${\bf Josh\,and\,Alysson\,Wilson\,with\,their\,daughter\,Ava\,Jubilee\,Wilson\,photographed\,at\,the\,Adams\,Street\,\,branch\,\,library.}$ 



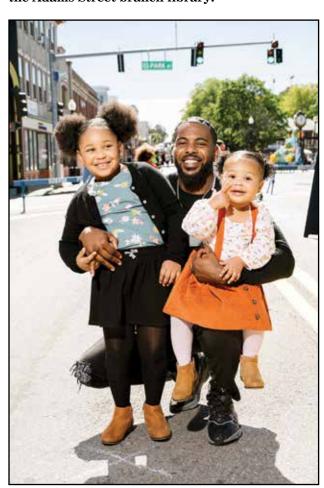
 ${\bf Zelda, Amelie, and\ Lincoln\ Pang\ at\ the\ Adams\ Street\ Library.}$ 



Jen McAuliffe in Fields Corner.



Jaclyn Setina and her fiancée Daniel Verlaque at the Adams Street branch library.



Darris Garraway with his daughters Isabella and Dalilah at the Open Streets event in Fields Corner.



Pierre and Lilliam Doriscat and their daughter Mia in Fields Corner.

All photos by Mike Ritter

## 'Beautiful' Dot proves ready for its close-up

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told to stay apart, I wanted them to get close," he said.

But, Ritter says, he found the one day-one location concept lacking in some ways. So, this year, he sought and secured a \$10,000 city of Boston arts and culture grant to subsidize what has become 'Beautiful Dot.'

The project, supported in part by the BPL and the Dorchester Reporter, included people from all corners of the city's biggest neighborhood who arrived for their spotlight moment at branches in Lower Mills, Fields Corner, Codman Square, Adams Street, Grove Hall, and Uphams Corner.

The city grant "let me go hog wild," he says.

"I feel like there's a different energy of celebrating community and how we all weathered the storm one way or another With the six dates and six different locations spread out over the whole season, I really feel like we got so many people out from all different parts of Dorchester that we covered the entire neighborhood much better."

The proof of Ritter's success is



Mike Ritter shares more reflections on the project on Page 10.

in the proofs of the photographs themselves— and in quotes he recorded from willing participants talking about why they love Dorchester.

And, he says, the feedback from the subjects have included "some of the best compliments I've ever gotten personally or professionally. People really went out of their way to tell me what the photos meant to them."

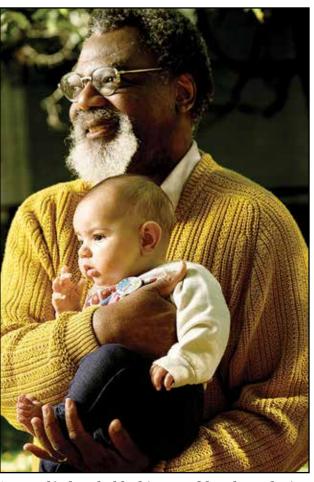
For some of the folks captured

by Ritter's trained lens, it was their first opportunity ever to get a professional photograph of their family or themselves. It was all done at no cost to the participants, who can use the photos for personal or professional use, with a credit to Ritter and his company, Ritterbin.com.

All of the library events had good turnouts, but the biggest draw was when Ritter set up his equipment on Dot Ave in front of the Fields Corner branch for the Open Streets Dorchester event in September. "It was great to piggy-back off of open streets and you had the sense that all of Dorchester was out there that day," he said.

What's next? All of the people he photographed have received their complimentary images. Ritter is planning an exhibition for next spring to show off the collection of portraits, ideally in a location in Boston.

"I'd like to get this in front of people who could use the exposure to this side of Dorchester. I'm still trying to sort out where it would be."



A grandfather holds his granddaughter during a 'Beautiful Dorchester' photo shoot at Codman Square library.



Jennifer Chams, photographed at Uphams Corner library. She loves the diversity in Dorchester. "Reminds me of New York, but slightly less chaotic."

# With help from developer and City Hall, artists purchase Humphreys Street Studios

### By Amelia Mason WBUR Reporter

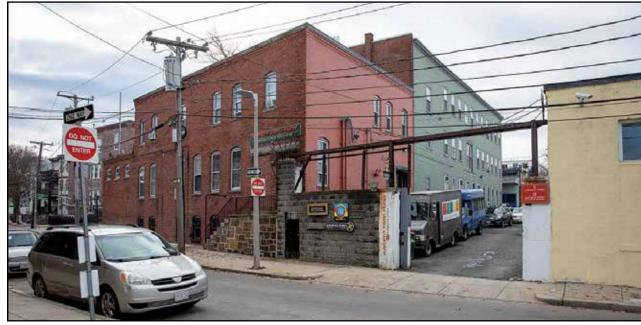
Cristina Todesco, a theatrical set designer, wasn't too concerned when she first found out her Dorchester studio was going up for sale. But with a big developer sniffing around, she began to feel uneasy. It was 2019, the Boston real estate market was hot, and it seemed a foregone conclusion that anyone who purchased the property at 11-13 Humphreys St. would either raise rents or raze the building.

"That got us really worried," Todesco says. "And we also realized that the artists here, we could not buy the property ourselves."

But that feeling changed as time passed and the property, which was valued at \$3.1 million, remained on the market. The 40 or so artists who rented studios at Humphreys Street wondered: Could they find a way to purchase the building themselves?

More than two years and countless close calls later, that dream is a reality.

The artists, in partnership with the mission-driven developer New Atlantic Development, closed on the



The main entrance to the Humphreys Street Studios.

Robin Lubbock/WBUR photo

property in early November to the tune of \$2.8 million. The acquisition was made possible with financing from nonprofit lenders BlueHub Capital and LISC, as well as \$1.7 million from the city of Boston. The studios will be operated by a nonprofit, HSS Artist Collective Inc., with a majority of artist tenants on the board of directors. New Atlantic plans to build income-restricted housing on the property's empty back lot.

The road to get there wasn't easy. The Humphreys Street Studios were founded in 2001

by two local artists, Joe Wheelwright and Neal Widett, who cultivated a vibrant artist community by keeping rents low. Both men died in recent years, passing their ownership shares to their widows; they, and the two remaining partners, decided to put the building, a former dry-cleaning facility, up for sale.

The artists despaired in 2021 when the owners entered into a deal with another developer. That agreement ultimately fell through, but it would be another year before the artists and New

Atlantic finally signed a purchase and sale agreement with the seller.

It helped that the property's empty back lot could be developed into housing. "We had a very special set of circumstances, which makes it a hard model to repeat," Todesco says. But she is hopeful that the relationships forged within City Hall, and  $with\, developers\, like\, New$ Atlantic, will help other artist communities that are at risk of displacement. "I think we're sort of educating people to see that there are creative solutions around this."

Boston's chief of arts and culture, Kara Elliott-Ortega, sees it as a first for her office as well. "As long as I've been with the city, which is seven years, in a situation of crisis like that, we haven't gotten to the solution of actually having the artists own the building," she says.

The Office of Arts and Culture helped connect the artists with New Atlantic, and paid for a feasibility study on the property. It was ultimately able to help contribute \$250,000 in ARPA funds toward the acquisition of the

building — a drop in the bucket, but a significant one, according to Elliott-Ortega.

"It was enough to help bring on other investors [and] grow confidence that this is something that can happen," she says. "It was enough to close the gap on that part of the acquisition. And, so I think it's a great example, in the sense that the city's money was really leveraged super efficiently to do this bigger project."

Now, the hard work begins for the artists who rent space at Humphreys Street Studios. Todesco says tenants will be grandfathered in at the current rates, and the nonprofit will be tasked with figuring out a sliding-scale rental model for new tenants.

But the real lesson for Todesco lies in the success of the artists' organizing effort. "It's about advocating for artists in Boston," she says. "And making sure that other folks, that the public, can see the value of artists in the environment, in the community."

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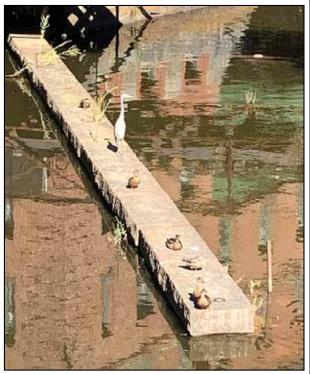
Treasures Along the Neponset River Trail

### By Carole Mooney

Birds and animals including eagles, hawks, heron, ducks, geese, crows, turkeys, deer, and rabbits attract the attention of visitors to  $the\,Neponset\,River\,Trail$ as do sunsets over the waving marsh grass and colorful murals under bridges. Reminders of the area's rich heritage serve as a backdrop for many scenes.: • The falling waters of the Neponset River from its headwaters in Foxbor $ough\,provided\,the\,energy$ for the country's first water-powered grist mill and paper mills in the Lower Mills area where buildings constructed by the Walter Baker Company from 1868 to 1947 line up on both sides of the river. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980, the bed. Because the small a dry-house, a molding brick buildings reflect andesite pebbles in the room, a block of five tenstyles from the Second Empire, Queen Anne, Romanesque Revivaland fruit-filled pudding, Joseph Finnegan Park Utilitarian Modern.

• In 1846, the 3.25mile Dorchester and Milton Branch Railroad was built between Port Norfolk and present basin, Roxbury Pudding- here are still part of the day Mattapan Square. In 1899, the recently established Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) acquired 232 acres for the Neponset River Marshes Reservation. In 1990, the rails of the Dorchester and the Roxbury Hills, along the Neponset Trail Milton Branch Railway They were removed and two over the plain, and Central Avenue. years later, the agency And all over Milton The archive of the acquired the right-of- and Dorchester too historical posts can be way to link a the former Great lumps of pudding viewed on the blog at way to link a the former drive-in and dump site the giants threw." in Dorchester Bay with the Neponset marshes. the trail, lines of pilings In 2003, 2.4 miles of the that once supported the Lower Neponset River wharf and dock for the toric houses are closed Trail opened.

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Ducks and a heron relax on a strip of granite in the river that reflects the Baker Chocolate Company buildings.

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Gavin Woods from Dorchester Youth Hockey was the Arbella Insurance Kid Captain at the Boston Bruins game on Thursday night, Nov. 17, against the Philadelphia Flyers. Woods got to go out on the ice to support the team during the National Anthem. Here, he has a quick chat with another Boston city kid, Defenseman Matt Grzelcyk of Charlestown. Gavin is the son of Ryan Photo courtesy of Boston Bruins and Lauren Woods of Dorchester.

The Dorchester Youth Hockey (DYH) girls' program, levels U10, U12 and U14, participated in the Future Bruins program on Nov. 17 at the TD Garden before  $the\,Bruins\,game\,against$ the Philadelphia Flyers. The girls scrimmaged each other after drawing teams with girls of various ages and were able to play on the Bruins ice in a game that lasted more than an hour. The action was intense, but in the end the White jerseys beat the Blue jerseys, 4-0. After the game, Bruins left winger Nick Foligno visited the girls and encouraged them to continue playing hockey. The teams were able to stay on after their game to watch the Bruins beat the Flyers, 4-1. A special thanks from the players goes out to girls' program



Photo courtesy Dorchester Youth Hockey

coaches Maisie Whalen, and Patrice Guerard for Katie Nolan, Lily Galvin, Paige McEachern

organizing the trip.

## Franklin Park Zoo's tiger Anala is dead; she was 17

Zoo New England has lost a treasure at its Franklin Park site with the death last week (Nov. 14) of Anala, a 17-yearold tiger from kidney failure.

"We all adored Anala, and are going to greatly miss her," said Chris Bartos, an Assistant Curator at the zoo. "While this is sad news to share, we take comfort in knowing that Anala inspired and brought so much joy to so many of our visitors through the years."

The illegal wildlife trafficking trade has had a devastating effect on



Photo courtesy Zoo New England

wild tiger populations. It is estimated that there are between 3,726 and 5,578 tigers in the wild not be occupied.

worldwide. For the time-being, the Tiger Tales habitat will

# MR8 'Tribute Team' is set for 2023 Boston Marathon

The Martin Richard MR8 Tribute Team that will run in next year's Boston Marathon in honor of Martin Richard and in remembrance of the 10-year anniversary of the bombing at the 2013 marathon that killed him.

Fifty runners will take on the course to Run For Martin in solidarity to commemorate his life and his love for community, friends, and family. Although Team MR8 celebrated its Final Finish in 2020, long-time Team MR8 veterans will join Martin's brother, Team Captain Henry Richard, Martin's teachers, coaches, and friends in promoting his lasting legacy of fairness and his message, 'No More Hurting People, Peace.'

classmates who are now eighteen and taking on the world as young adults," said Bill Richard, co-founder of the Martin Richard Foundation. "We are so proud of how actively engaged they were over the last ten years in improving themselves and their community and the example they have set for the next generation of young people.

"This is an important year for so many reasons but mostly because these young people give us hope.

The 2023 Team MR8 Tribute Team will have their first team run at this year's MR8K on Sun., Dec. 4. Runners from Dorchester include: Henry Rich-

"When we think about ard, Lisa Jackson, Jack Foundation (MRF) re-cently announced the all of his friends and Michael Gosselin, Nolan Cleary, Vicky Shen, Liley Damatin, Anthony Datish, Peter Datish, Diane Lescinskas, Ron Lescinskas, Rachel Moo. Deborah Collins, Michael McCarthy, Mike McCarthy, Ava O'Brien, Patrick Doherty, Theo Stanley, Jose Calderon, Joe Young, Bob Cleary, David Gilmartin and Stephen Wilkins.

Since 2014, more than 1,000 runners have raced over 23,000 miles and raised more than \$6 million to further the Foundation's Grant Making to fund direct service, community-based organizations that address social equity in the areas of youth development, adaptive and inclusive efforts, and community building.

### **Editorial**

# Reflections on 'Beautiful Dot'

## By MIKE RITTER THE PHOTOGRAPHER

"In the majority of these portraits, I just see myself reacting to what was in front of me. They're candid, more genuine than just a pose. Something happened in the confines of the pose where, to my eyes, something real was happening between the people in the portrait or a single person letting go of the efforts to present some version of themself and simply be themself. It's stuff I can't ask for, or if I do, they can't just do it on command. They do it naturally, and if I'm quick I can capture it.

"In looking back over the images, they cover a good slice of Dorchester, from people who just recently moved from Southie to lifelong residents going back to at least the '60s. Race, sexual orientation, income, immigration. They're all in there. I feel they capture the diversity that is Dorchester. At least half the time in the interviews, diversity was mentioned as why people found Dorchester beautiful. They mentioned the food, the architecture, and offered some really kind comments about the community.

"Here are some responses I felt most poignant from the in-person interviews.

- Leonardo Paul, Lower Mills: "I love Dorchester. I've lived here all my life, and I want to buy my house in Dorchester."
- George Deveney Sr., Lower Mills: "It's cliché, but it is a beautiful tapestry of people. Dorchester represents the real Boston not just a neighborhood Dorchester is a way of life!"
- Harir Oriakhail, Adams Village: "My mom means the world for me. When I was 4 years old, my family and I emigrated from Afghanistan to the US. It has been 6 years we have been living in Dorchester. My school, the libraries, the playgrounds where I play with my friends, and the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester where I can learn new things they make Dorchester beautiful to me."
- ullet Jennifer Chams, Uphams Corner: "The diversity! Reminds me of New York but slightly less chaotic." (Kind of cracks me up with Juanita Cox calling the driving "nuts" in the online response. MR)
- Richard Rivera, Uphams Corner: He and his wife after buying their house in Dorchester were "overjoyed to know that our kids could grow up in a city like we did. The best part of Dorchester is its diversity. It was one of the deciding factors for us in choosing where we would raise our family."
- D. Vanessa Wilson, fitness instructor, Uphams Corner: "Residents taking better care of themselves."

## Kennedy Library seeks images of local WWII vets

Here's a topic to bounce around at the Thanksgiving dinner table this week: The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is planning an exhibition for next year that will focus on American servicemen and women in the Second World War.

The exhibition — "Service and Sacrifice"— hopes to "tell some of the personal stories of those who joined in the effort to preserve freedom during World War II," according to Jim Wagner, an exhibit specialist at the Dorchester library.

"We would like to reach out to all those in our community for potential assistance and participation," Wagner said.

Local residents who had relatives who served in the war are invited to share portraits (formal or candid) of their loved ones in uniform to "somehow incorporate them into the exhibit," said Wagner, who said photos should be scanned and shared with him. Those interested in participating should email him at james.wagner@nara.gov. — Bill Forry

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### The Urban Gardener

# The Urban Gardener's Thanksgiving Day Schedule

### By Mary Casey Forry

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

6:30 a.m. - Remove celery



**Mary Casey Forry** 

and onions from refrigerator; cut them into small pieces and saute them in pan while attempting to keep stomach under control. Add bread and spices and prepare to insert them into fowl. Do not, under any circumstances, attempt to cut corners by stuffing the fowl the night before, or everyone at table will die of food poisoning before sundown.

6:35 a.m. - Rummage through dark house looking

for needle and thread with which to sew fowl back together again. Contort the fowl to fit into roasting pan by bending its little wings behind its back. If this does not work, cut them off (he's finished using them).

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

6:50 a.m. - Put fowl in oven and check cooking chart for time. Figure anywhere between five and 36 hours until fowl is done. If anyone asks later what time dinner is, be optimistic and say, "Sometime today."

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

7:05 a.m. - Sit down and have morning beverage of your choice.

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

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

8:15 a.m. - Husband suggests that you accompany him to a football stadium where you can sit in 20 degree weather watching high school students maul and maim one another. Tell him you are much

too busy, but to go and have a wonderful time and don't forget to take the children with him. Use next several hours attempting to make up lost sleep.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1:50 p.m. - Dinner and halftime over. Remove dishes and food from table. Wash dishes, pots, pans, silver and crystal. Attempt to remove gravy and candle wax stains from linen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### To the Editor

## 'This We'll Defend'

### To the Editor:

As a lifelong resident of Dorchester, I have always taken great pride in telling people where I was from and still call home. I grew up with so many great people of strong moral and patriotic character and I was raised with pride in our heritage and in our community — possibly the most diverse couple of miles in the region. It was a desire to preserve and protect that community and the high esteem shown to our veterans that sent me into military service, first with the Marine Corps and then with Army Special Forces. The Army motto is "This We'll Defend." I believe that for each recruit who swears an oath to protect the nation, it is their own community that comes to mind when they say "This We'll Defend."

From Meetinghouse Hill and Ronan Park to Adams Village and the Neponset River, City Council District 3 was always a great community anchored by Adams Street, which connects Dorchester in a special way. It is shameful to watch politicians at City Hall, who have little understanding or appreciation of our neighborhood, pass legislation that dismantles that.

While St. Ann's and St. Brendan's churches are united under St. Martin De Porres Parish, this latest redistricting seeks to divide us and dilute our voice and vote at the polls. Oddly enough, they've divided us with a "Unity Map" that serves to bifurcate our parish and community. Outsider special interest groups reportedly created this map, with little interest in what is best for our neighborhood. This is blatant gerrymandering to suppress the commu-

nity's voice in city affairs. The city government is supposed to work for us.

Yet despite our community leaders and elected officials voicing our total opposition, the council imposed this map on us. Our community was ignored, dismissed. People who have never lived here have decided where the neighborhood begins and ends, and to which community we belong.

We are a diverse community not only of Irish Americans and Catholics but also of every ethnicity and creed imaginable. We are also home to some of the highest concentrations of veterans. So why would politicians want the voices and votes of our community to be divided and diluted? It is not for the community; it is in pursuit of certain councillors gaining power within the council while working to eliminate the voices of those we have elected to represent us.

This practice is illegal and we are protected at federal, state, and local levels against this. Boston isn't the only city having these problems. Los Angeles recently had their Council president resign for doing the same thing. It is time for the attorney general and the court system to weigh in and fix this divisive and unlawful plan to suppress our voice and dilute our vote. It is also time for our neighborhood to come together and let the City Council know that this fight is not over because this is our neighborhood; this is our community, and "This We'll Defend!"

Greg Kelly Dorchester

### **Looking Up Longfellow Street**

## Lest we become Georgia

### BY EDWARD M. COOK SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

I have just returned from eight days campaigning in Southwest Georgia for a candidate for state rep and friend, Joyce Barlow. I have been working with her on a team in that part of Georgia's Black Belt since the 2020 runoffs that put Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff into the US Senate.

Georgia is as red a state as Massachusetts is a blue state. Georgia is as one-party as Massachusetts is. Speaking as the co-chair of the Ward 15 Democratic Party Committee – although I am not speaking for the Committee here – I believe that my history as an active Democrat gives me insights into warning signs about one-party government that our holier than thou Democratic majority should take to heart.

Georgia is a canker on the US body politic and so I do not propose to hold them up as a model for the Bay State. I have never heard of Massachusetts voters turning out dogs to attack canvassers, as happened to a pair of our black canvassers in Marion County, GA. I have never heard of Democratic candidates checking the mail-in ballots of their employees to see that they voted "correctly." Or threatening tenants with eviction if they did not show their mail-in ballots. Or offering poor families turkey dinners after they proved that they voted. All practices common in Southwest, GA. In Schlev County, vote tampering is suspected every year.

Nor has anyone in Massachusetts sold out democracy the way the Coffee County Republican chair did. Over dinner with Marilyn Marks, executive director of the Coalition for Good Governance, I was told that she had a recording that captured part of a March 2021 telephone conversation she had with a businessman and

Trump operative, Scott Hall. In the recording, Hall told Marks that he had arranged for a plane to ferry people to Coffee County where "they went in there and imaged every hard drive of every piece of equipment" and scanned ballots. "We basically had the entire elections committee there," he added. "And they said: 'We give you permission. Go for it." Marks's organization argues in a suit against the Georgia secretary of state that the state's election system is so insecure that it violates the rights of voters, using Coffee County as a case in point.

As much as Georgia is the poster child for political cesspools, let us not forget that gerrymandering is the invention of Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry, who created a US House district whose map lines resembled a salamander. We sneered at southern racism and then there was public school busing in Boston. Nubian Square is no longer named for slavery-permitting Gov. Dudley, but Faneuil Hall continues to carry the name of a slave trader.

According to a report card released by Open States, a project of the Sunlight Foundation, Massachusetts ranks 47th out of 50 for transparency and openness. For instance, our House of Representatives continues to be opaque by not allowing time, as little as one hour, for its members or the public to read a bill before it is voted on. Representatives in committees can vote to kill a bill without their constituents knowing because committee meetings are not recorded. Party bosses and establishment officials often use committees to kill bills. Of the 275 bills sent to the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security in 2017-2018, just one was sent to the floor for a vote. In this same period, the Joint Committee on Housing sent 0 of its 165 bills to the floor.

In 2016, ABCD named

a building it owns and

manages on Warren Street in Grove Hall in

her name.

The Dems' darling and our governor-elect was asked what would change from a Baker to a Healy administration, and she replied, "the podiums will need to be shorter." I voted and worked for her, and our ward committee endorsed and supported her, but she has really promised little more than shorter podiums. In 2018, Democratic State Party Chair Gus Bickford and National Committee member James Roosevelt conspired with the state's college Dems (a part of the state party's structure) on several campuses in the Mass. O-1 district and facilitated the publishing of homophobic lies suggesting sexual transgressions by Holyoke Mayor Morse, who was opposing incumbent Congressman Richie Neal. Party counselor Roosevelt himself drafted the fallacious letter. The state committee held no one to account.

The Massachusetts Democratic Party and the national party have developed standards that are often functionally elitist rather than working class. Harvard, Yale, and Stanford degrees are worshiped rather than understanding truths from the perspective of the working class and poor or the truth that only people of color can define what social justice

looks like.

People in the Black Belt of Georgia, like people of color across the US, have been institutionally trained to be passive and have never developed an understanding of power. Power is nothing more than the ability of people to act in their own behalf. Democrats need to work from the understanding that the anger of the working poor arises most often from being ignored, invisible, left out, overlooked, dismissed, and burdened by the small frustrations and daily humiliations of a constant struggle to just get by.

Donald Trump tapped that anger. It is not based on sour resentments or a false sense of entitlement. Rather, it is an anger that seethes at the iniustices of life and transforms itself into a compassion for those hurt by life. It is rooted in direct experience and held in collective memory. If these facts of life are not being spoken to daily, one-party government will not serve the body politic in Massachusetts. Worse, the corruption of elitism and self-righteousness could lead Massachusetts to our own corruption; indeed, there are already cracks showing. One party government corruption can be as blue as it is red in Georgia.

# Thelma Burns, nurse, advocate, and volunteer, dies at age 85



Thelma D. Burns

Thelma D. Burns, a longtime community activist, nurse, advocate and volunteer, has died. She was 85. Her family announced her passing in a Facebook post the next day.

"It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of our mother's passing. She went gently into the arms of our God on November 18th, with family by her side. Arrangement details will be forthcoming."

Mrs. Burns was a well-loved mentor and leader in Boston's Black community. A two-time cancer survivor, she was a fierce advocate for health equity and devoted to the work of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Faithbased Cancer Disparities Network.

She served on the Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) Board of Directors for more than 35 years, including stints as Board Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Chair. A longtime Dorchester resident, she headed the ABCD Dorchester Neighborhood Service Center board for more than 15 years. She also chaired or served on countless other community boards including Central Boston Elder Services, the Mayor's Senior Advisory Council, and the Roxbury YMCA.

For 28 years, she served as METCO director for the Belmont Public Schools, retiring in 2008.

Mrs. Burns received her bachelor's in Education from Boston University and her master's in Education Administration from Harvard University. Always at the forefront of social justice initiatives, in 1968 she was a Robert F. Kennedy Fellow in Washington, DC.







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## Residents weigh in on proposed labs, towers next to JFK/UMass

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Center Court, which has worked on projects creating luxury residents out of a Suffolk University property across from the Massachusetts State House, an industrial building on Rutherford Avenue in Charlestown, and an office building at 95 Berkeley St. in the South End, bought 35 Morrissey and 55 Morrissey (the Star Market and Beasley Media Group building, respectively) in August 2018.

Earlier this year the team filed a master plan laying out their proposal, which also includes underground parking and 4.7 acres of public open space across four community parks. The project totals 1.56 million gross square feet of mixed-use development, which will be delivered in three phases. The Star Market store will remain open until a new supermarket is built.

In addition, the plans call for a new main street, running parallel to Morrissey, through the existing Hub25 apartment complex to JFK/UMass station. Bike lanes will connect to JFK/UMass station and Morrissey.

The team is also proposing a structure for outdoor meetings and outdoor events at one of



Center Court has proposed a series of steadily rising towers between the old Globe headquarters and JFK/UMass MBTA station.

\*\*Center Court Screenshot\*\*

the community parks, as well as one park geared toward family recreation.

The various proposed streets and paths prompted one community member, Taufiq Dhanani, to note that he didn't see any connections to the neighborhood on the west side of I-93, where he lives. Currently, anybody making the trek to the Star Market from that side has to cut under the expressway and through JFK/UMass station.

Eric Potkin, director of development and construction at Center Court, pointed out that the MBTA and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass-DOT) own the Red Line tracks and the space underneath I-93, so they're beyond Center Court's direct control, but,. He said, by enabling the development, the community could force those agencies to do something about a new connection.

Desmond Rohan, a Columbia-Savin Hill resident, raised City Hall's push for blocking usage of fossil fuels in new developments and asked if the development will feature a completely green build-out. He also asked about the type of life science labs in the planned buildings, and whether they'll be safe for nearby residents.

Potkin said they are closely following new directives from the Wu administration, which is seeking to participate in a state pilot project allowing 10 cities and towns to require new projects to be all-electric, with life science buildings and health care facilities being exempt. He added that it's too early to say whether the project will be completely green or what types of labs will be built.

Don Walsh, who headed up a master planning effort for Columbia Point more than a decade ago, said the proposal was "very consistent" with that effort. "In general, I like the project," he said.

But he also noted that residents are concerned about all the projects along the Morrissey Boulevard corridor, which together could lead to some 28,000 new workers coming and going, in addition to all the new residents. "No one is doing the comprehensive planning for 10,000 new residents," he said.

The projects could be terrific for the neighborhood, he said, but "they could be a disaster if they're not done right."

Nick Carter, senior project manager for the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the main facilitator of the meeting between residents and project proponents, said he will take back what he has heard to the planning agency's overseers.

The 37-75 Morrissey project is one of several underway with plans for lab space along the corridor. The \$5 billion "Dorchester Bay City" project, which is planning over the next 15 years to add residential and lab buildings several hundred yards across Morrissey from the 37-75 proposal at the former site of the Bayside Exposition Center, is another, with both joined by a lab building being planned up against the Expressway behind the former Boston Globe headquarters, known as The Beat, which has a fitness apparel company and biotech companies coming to its floors.

There'll be additional player on the scene soon: State and city officials are planning to appoint a Morrissey Boulevard commission, with a report due by next June.

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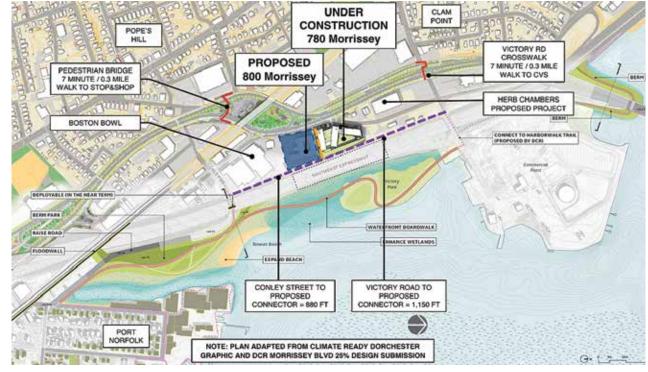
## 800 Morrissey developer, state in accord on key multi-use path

### By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

New Jersey-based Michaels Organization, the developer behind 800 Morrissey, a project comprising a six-story building with 229 residences rising up next to Boston Bowl, says it has reached an agreement in principle with state officials to maintain a multi-use path behind the project as part of the Department of Conservation and Recreation's push to add a new section to the Neponset Greenway Trail. Running along the eastern embankment of I-93, the trail, which currently terminates at the beach's northern end, would connect Tenean Beach and Morrissey Boulevard.

Construction on the new path, originally scheduled to start this fall, has been pushed back to the spring, with the agency aiming to complete it by the summer of 2025.

Jay Russo, vice president of the Michaels Organization, announced the agreement at a Nov. 10 public meeting on the 800 Morrissey development. The Michaels team is working with the property owners, the Phillips Group, which also operates Boston Bowl and the Phillips Candy House, on developing both 800 Morrissey and 780 Morrissey and 780 Morrissey and 780 Morrissey.



Developers of 800 Morrissey Blvd. included this map of the project and its environs.

rissey next door. The 780 project, which has 219 apartments planned, is already under construction, having received approval from city officials in January 2021.

Russo outlined the agreement as part of several mitigation measures coming out of the 800 Morrissey project, which calls for tearing down the Ramada Inn that currently occupies the site.

For users of the multiuse path, amenities will include a water fountain, bicycle stands, and repair stations, as well as signs pointing to restrooms inside Boston Bowl, located at 850 Morrissey, that will be available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. A Bluebikes station will be installed by the project site.

Russo also said that Michaels plans to contribute up to \$60,000 to fund the planning, design, and construction of pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Morrissey Boulevard and Tenean and Freeport streets. They also plan to design and build new sidewalks and add landscaping along

Freeport, in front of 800 Morrissey.

Separately, he said, Michaels plans to designate 15 percent, or 34, of the residences as affordable, including six 2-bedroom units.

As additional mitigation, he added, Michaels will contribute \$70,000 to a city fund at the Mayor's Office of Housing to create affordable or income-restricted housing. The organization is also planning to contribute \$150,000 to a Dorchester-based jobs training program, or, if needed, a similar program as de-

termined by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

The team that owns The Beat, the former Boston Globe headquarters that is set to house biotech and fitness apparel companies up the road, is working to create a job training program specifically focused on the life sciences industry.

"We're hopeful that will get worked out in the short term," Russo said.

Like its 780 Morrissey sibling, 800 Morrissey, where plans call for all-electric heating, cooling and hot water systems, will provide a shuttle to the JFK/UMass MBTA station and a "work-from-home plaza" will connect 780 and 800 Morrissey, a nod to the Covid-19 pandemic pushing more people to work from home rather than head to downtown offices.

For residencies at 800 Morrissey, the developers are targeting a demographic that is typically less car-dependent and focused on biking.

The 780 Morrissey project had its own mitigation measures, including a \$100,000 contribution to design efforts for improvements to Tenean Beach.

The two projects are part of a development boom occurring along the Morrissey Boulevard corridor, which has sparked the creation of a state commission to ponder the future of the area as rising sea levels threaten the thoroughfare and local properties.

Local civic activists have also raised concerns about the thousands of new residents and workers who will come to the corridor, as projects like the \$5 billion Dorchester Bay City proposal at Columbia Point make their way through the city's development approvals process.



## Mattapan's Main Streets moving to a re-branding

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

The Mattapan Square Main Streets has been revived with new leadership that is going to canvass the community to re-imagine and re-brand the area for businesses and residents.

With Black Fridays and Small Business Saturdays in mind, many have dreams that one day the business corridor in Mattapan Square will be teeming with shoppers and holiday cheer, and officials at Main Streets hope they can bring back the destination aspect of the Square with the new energy at their organization.

Ben Echevarria, the new executive director, and Nicole Echemendia. the Main Streets board chair, kicked off the effort at the Nov. 7 Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) meeting with a 30-minute discussion about what people would like to see in Mattapan Square. The effort coincides with a great deal of investment proposed from the City of Boston on infrastructure, from private developers on construction projects, and with the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) "PLAN: Mattapan" draft in circulation. All of



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Mattapan Square: A key focus of the re-branding

them, they said, should coalesce into one.

"We're in a process of re-branding and redeveloping ourselves," said Echemendia. "We want to hear from you and find out what is our vision for Mattapan Square. At many meetings I hear what folks don't want or like about proposals, but we want to develop our vision of what we'd like in Mattapan Square. We have a lot of development and proposals coming in, but we want to stay unique to our identity. We need to define what that identity is first."

Echevarria has most recently worked for The Welcome Project in Somerville. He also played an instrumental role in getting the driver's license law for undocumented residents passed and defending it against a repeal effort known as this fall's Question 4.

"The city is paying more attention now, he said. "There is some change and also, you're seeing city councillors at your meetings and the state delegation, too."

He said they are looking to retain a consultant that would convene meetings of businesses and residents to talk about the current state and future hopes for the Square.

Nicole Daley said she likes Mattapan Square but sees it more of a "pass-through" location, rather than a destination. "It doesn't feel like

it's designed for people to be there and stay there," she said. "I'd like it to have the feeling of a place to go on Friday night to eat or grab something and stay for a while. Right now, I don't think I go there for anything besides something utilitarian, but it's a pop-in, and pop-out."

Echevarria and Echemendia said they would like to create a business district that appeals to the residents but they also would like to give existing businesses a chance to meet those needs first.

Local resident Barbara Crichlow said that idea is difficult, that the whole square is hamstrung because none of the merchants own the buildings. She said that "back in the day," the merchants catered to residents, but that changed.

"When things started to change, the owners of the buildings rented out the spaces, but they didn't beautify or upgrade them," she said. Whoever rented the spaces had to do that and start their own business. "

At the city level, Segun Idowu, Mayor Wu's chief of economic development, opportunity, and inclusion, has started a pilot program to try

to help businesses in the neighborhoods purchase their buildings from landlords. That is a program Echevarria said they would certainly try to leverage during their re-brand.

Others noted that there needs to be neighborhood liquor licenses available to promote sit-down dining establishments in the Square. "Liquor licenses go everywhere else but in our community," said Gina Pitts. Added Yionel Jean: "I'd like to build a more affluent looking neighborhood with minority representation."

Others mentioned things like improved sidewalk safety, better lighting near ATMs and business entrances, and perhaps a new zoning district for the square that isn't included in current proposals like "PLAN: Mattapan."

The BPDA's Mattapan proposal, which has seen its comment period extended to Dec. 4, focuses on boosting density in the neighborhood by allowing the construction of units in the backyards of lots, adding up to 2,400 new homes. But it also puts a special focus on adding height and density to Mattapan Square, calling it a "vibrant" transit hub that is the "cultural and commercial heart" of the neighbor-



Ben Echevarria

hood due to its proximity to the commuter rail and the trolley line.

Citing Blue Hill Avenue's wide right of way, the proposal suggests increasing building heights to 70 feet from 55 feet and increasing the number of street trees.

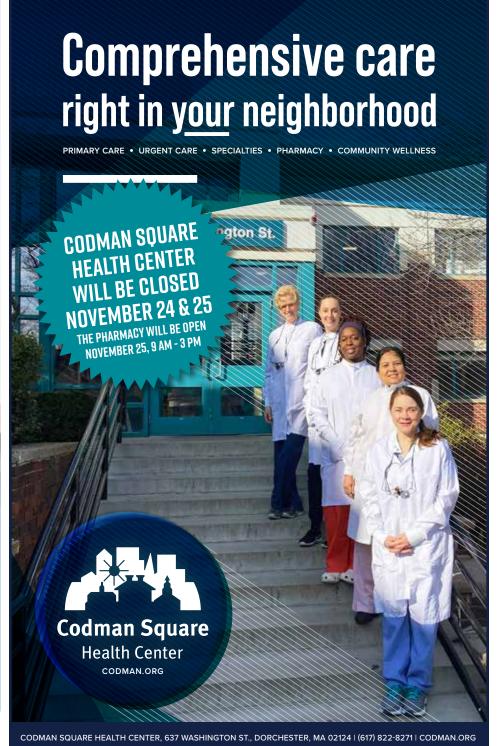
### **NOTEBOOK**

•State Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley is assembling nominees for a Community Advisory Board to oversee the Ryan Playground renovations on River Street. Anyone interested should contact her office at Chris.Westfall@ mahouse.gov.

•The Mattapan Square tree lighting will take place on Dec. 3 as part of the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour.

•The second Community Violence Impact Meeting will take place in the Mattapan Branch Library, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., at 6 p.m. on Nov. 22. For more information contact Eric James (eric. james@boston.gov) or Azan Reid (Panlyfeproject333@gmail.com).





# 'Sobering' review of BPS special ed highlights disparities

By Suevon Lee WBUR REPORTER

**Boston Public Schools** refers a disproportionate number of Black and Latino boys and English language learners to special education, increasing the likelihood they will be placed in separate environments that restrict their access to educational opportunities, a new report has concluded.

The state's largest school district must revamp how it determines special education eligibility to reduce disparities by race, gender, and English learner status, and ensure such classifications are appropriate and consistent, the report added.

The findings come from a new 129-page review of BPS's special education program from the Council of the Great City Schools, a coalition of urban public school systems that conducts reviews of school system operations around the country.

An overview of the report was presented at the Boston School Committee meeting last Wednesday night. BPS is undergoing a systemic improvement plan, in which it must hit certain targets and show progress in key areas flagged by state education officials, such  $as \, transportation, special \,$ 



Mary Skipper, the Superintendent of Boston Public Schools, calls the findings of a new review of the district's special education program "sobering." Reporter photo by Seth Daniel

education and student safety.

Superintendent Mary Skipper, who began in the role in late September, called the report "sobering."

"Many of the findings, they confirm what we thought," she said at the meeting. "We see this as a way for us to look holistically at the district and more importantly, at a set of solutions — short term and long term — to show what we need to do

The Council's report noted key areas of concern with BPS's special education system namely, its high rate

of identifying students with disabilities and over-identification of certain students.

While Black and Latino males combined represent 35 percent of all BPS students, they make up 53 percent of students with disabilities, according to the report. And while English learners represent 30 percent of the BPS student body, they constitute 47 percent of students identified as having a hearing impairment, 46 percent of those with a communication impairment, and 55 percent of those with multiple impairments.

"It's critical you look

at the rates. How are those rates different from the nation, how are you looking at disabilities for students across grades, and by race, ethnicity and gender?" Ray Hart, executive director of the council, said.

What is "particularly alarming," Hart said in his presentation, is BPS's slow pace of providing supports to students in least restrictive environments where they can learn alongside their peers: "It hasn't changed over the course of a number of years while your peers across the country have transitioned," he

Boston places special education students in a "substantially separate" setting at a 29 percent rate, compared to a 14 percent statewide rate and 13 percent rate nationwide. That means many students are being sent to schools outside their home district based on a disability, limiting their opportunity to receive general education instruction and appropriate supports in an inclusion setting that fosters learning.

That also means a small number of schools are shouldering instruction for students with individualized education programs, or IEPs. Michael O'Neill, a school

committee member, said this was "a wake-up call to us on a critical issue," adding, these are "issues we've talked about for years in Boston but failed to correct."

"We need to increase our students in inclusion settings and we've had challenges making that happen," he said, noting a high turnover among senior leadership, superintendents, and city staff. Of BPS's roughly 46,500 students, 22 percent are in special education, compared with 19 percent statewide, and 14.5 percent nationwide.

To compile its report, the Council of the Great City Schools visited Boston schools from Aug. 23 to 26 and conducted interviews in late September and October with members from the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, Boston School Committee, Boston Teachers Union, and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

It also reviewed documents and analyzed data. It last performed a review of BPS's special education system in 2009.

The report offered a set of recommendations for BPS: improve the consistency and appropriateness of special education referrals, offer

students support before they are identified as requiring special education, analyze data, establish key performance indicators for students with IEPs, create better cross-functional teams across special education and English learner departments, create a broad vision of inclusion across the district, hold people accountable, and seek out experts in the

School committee members acknowledged the scope of the task ahead. Linda Chen, senior deputy superintendent for academics, said the district has begun work by hiring new assistant directors with disability expertise, creating an inclusion working group, and committing around \$17 million in federal funds to support school inclusion efforts.

"It's going to take time, but we have to act with urgency wherever we can in the suggestions and recommendations in the report," Skipper said. "It has to be done because our students cannot wait any longer for it not to be done."

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**Virtual Public Meeting** 

# 26-28 Coffey Street

Tuesday, December 6 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3Uxk3G9 Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 361 2308

### **Project Proponent:**

Mildot, LLC

### **Project Description:**

The BPDA is hosting a virtual Public Meeting meeting for the proposed project at 26 Coffey Street, a project located in the Dorchester neighborhood of Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the project, and discuss the potential impacts and mitigation for the project. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public.

### For more information visit:

www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/26-28coffey-street

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# **1320 Dorchester Avenue**

**Public Meeting** 

**Tuesday, December 13** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Zoom Link:** bit.ly/3TNpbVx Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 148 6264

### **Project Description:**

334 Dot, LLC (the "Proponent") filed a Small Project Review Application ("SPRA") with the BPDA on May 3rd, 2021 for the proposed redevelopment of four (4) parcels of land along Dorchester Avenue which together totals approximately 19,021 square feet (the "Project Site"). A portion of the Project Site is presently occupied by a two (2)-story residential/commercial building, while the remainder of the site is utilized as surface parking. As described in the SPRA, the Proposed Project calls for the construction of a six (6)-story, approximately 46,411 gross square foot residential building consisting of approximately seventy (70) residential rental units, which have been designed in accordance with the City of Boston's Compact Living Policy.

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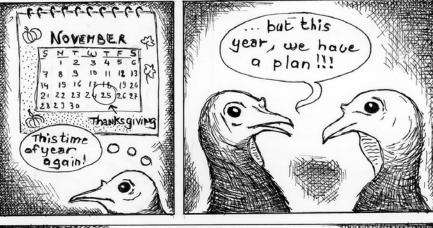
# They're baaaack, they're everywhere

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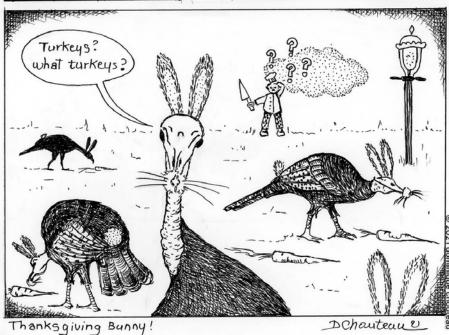
Faulk's experiences are by no means rare as legions of turkeys have marked their territory throughout Dorchester and Mattapan, and while they generally wander aimlessly about without problems, they can be found tying up traffic or occupying a backyard, or, in rare cases, sending unprepared humans running for their lives.

"The population is expanding," said Daniel Gillis, a supervisor at Boston Animal Control. "I would say they have doubled here since 2017. We have a lot more and we got a lot more calls – especially in particular areas. The Gallivan Boulevard area will call from over by Pope John Paul Park a lot, as well as the Dorchester Park area. The banks over there will call and report they are pecking at car doors. People get aggravated with them... There are hundreds around the Arboretum in JP, but there are more in Dorchester than anywhere, I think."

Gillis said that most are trying to get from one place to another – but there are occasions when



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Dorchester resident Dominique Chouteau frequently includes the neighborhood turkeys in her part-time comic strip. Here in one strip, the Melville Avenue turkeys disguise themselves as rabbits to avoid being targeted for Drawing by Dominique Chouteau Thanksgiving.

they become aggressive. Still, he warned, Animal Control cannot relocate them due to federal laws, and state law levies a felony offense against anyone purposely hurting wildlife – so don't go clobbering them with a broom, he noted.

'Also, never feed a tur-

key," he added. It encourages them to stick around and they will get bolder and will begin to think they are the dominant one," he said, adding that "they can fly up to 55 mph and they can run about 25 mph. I had to chase

and catch one and he ran a good 200 yards before I could get at him."

For all that, the turkey story in Massachusetts overall is one to celebrate in terms of environmental victories. Like the successful resurgence of the Bald Eagle, the turkey is a victor over extinction. Wayne Petersen, the director of the Important Bird Areas program at Mass Audubon, said having turkeys back is an impressive feat. He said there were many efforts begun as far back as the 1950s, but the birds brought in from other states couldn't withstand the cold winters and didn't survive.

"It wasn't until the 1970s, when they found stock from the Adirondacks and upstate New York that were winter hardy, that the effort became successful," he said. "Once they got a toehold, they just took off and spread. Now they are everywhere, from Massachusetts Bay to Mt. Greylock."

Petersen said wild turkeys were very common in Massachusetts in Colonial times and up to the Civil War, with the last of them being hunted down in 1851. He said a changing landscape and pressures from hunting phased them out.

As to 2022, he said, "The fact they are living in Dorchester and Mattapan and doing very well shows how adaptable they have become in what is not the typical wild turkey habitat. They were gone a long time...They have now become a big part of the environment. They have a real presence and in most cases, they aren't a problem...They have really taken to the city

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and the suburbs for a variety of reasons.'

Two reasons in particular, he said, are that people often feed them, though they should never do that, and that they aren't hunted in the cities and suburbs. Easy food and no hunters have created a "turkey-friendly situation," he noted.

"In the cities they have figured out that it's a gravy train."

Yet the fact remains that wild turkeys are surprisingly interesting animals, both Petersen and neighbors in Dorchester and Mattapan said.

Paul Losordo of Melville Park in Dorchester said he and his wife, Dominique Chouteau, liked the turkeys at first, but in recent years the numbers have grown to the point of overload. "My wife loves the turkeys, well, she did when they first appeared six or so years ago, 3 birds at first," he said. "Then there were 6 or 7, suddenly 11, then 14, in multiple flocks. They roosted in the tree branches above our deck one winter, and 14 turkeys make a lot of mess."

The gobblers become such a part of the neighborhood that Chouteau, an artist, features them in an Instagram comic strip she draws called, 'The Melville Park Chronicles.' In the strip, Gertrude the turkey has numerous cameos, including a witty piece where the neighborhood turkeys masquerade as 'Thanksgiving Bunnies' in late November.

The Chronicles starts out with turkeys, continues with turkeys, and has a lot of turkeys drawn in them," Losordo said.

John Amodeo, also of Melville Park, said he has watched the birds with great interest over the years, but he was the victim of a wild turkey chase. He said he had his lawn overseeded one fall, only to find 10 to 12 turkeys outside the next day feasting on their windfall. "They were completely wiping out the new seed crop my lawn service put down the day before," he said. "I tried to chase them off my lawn, but the roles were quickly reversed as they chased me off my own lawn. I never imagined the perils of city living would include wild turkeys."

Earl Faulk said that just like everything else, they're just trying to find their place in the world.

Domenic Accetta, of  $Mel ville \, Park, noted \, that$ turkeys in the street aren't much different than human pedestrians. "In many ways they remind me of Dorchester pedestrians," he said. "They don't pay any attention to lights and walk into the street like they own it. So, I guess it's the perfect bird for the city."

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## MBTA agrees to new fare evasion enforcement rules

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE **News Service** 

Transit police will soon be able to resume issuing fines to riders who fail to pay fares before boarding MBTA buses and trains under regulations the transit agency's board  $approved \, on \, Nov. \, 17 \, that \,$ no longer allow arrests or driver's license impacts as punishments.

The unanimous vote clears the way to revive fare evasion enforcement after more than a year during which MBTA staff said they were not issuing fines or citations. A January 2021 law empowered the T to take greater control over citations and fines, but the agency until last Thursday had not yet put the necessary regulations in place. Staff presented regulations in

Fiscal and Management Control Board never voted on the before it  $dissolved\ in\ June\ of\ that$ year and was replaced by a new board.

Under the new regulations, all offenses would draw a formal written warning before a citation under the new regulations, which will likely take effect in the coming weeks. First, second, and third offenses will carry fines of \$50 each, and fourth and subsequent incidents will draw \$100

Board members approved a second, higher set of fines for fraudulent misuse of a reduced fare pass like those available to some eligible seniors and students. After an initial warning, those offenses will carry \$75 fines for the first, second,

spring 2021, which the and third instances and \$150 fines for fourth and subsequent occasions.

In both cases, the count of citations will be subject to a three-year "reset period.

MBTA Assistant General Manager of Policy and Transit Planning Lynsey Heffernan said the agency wants to normalize a system of "routine checks" that will keep riders regularly paying their fares.

"I shop in a Stop and Shop. Stop and Shop has the little pay gun. I go around and I put all my things into the cart, and I check out. Most of the time, I check out and no one checks me, but once in a while, someone does and they audit me, and they're kind of trying to keep me honest and make sure I don't get sloppy," Heffernan told the agency's board. "That's really more analogous to the system we're trying to build and, hopefully, a system where people want to support their transit system. Their dollars are really important here."

The new penalties are significantly lower than in the past. Before lawmakers and Gov. Baker approved fare evasion reforms as part of a wide-ranging transportation bond bill in January 2021, state law called for fines of \$100 for a first offense, \$200 for a second offense, and \$600 for subsequent offenses.

Previous law also allowed transit police to arrest someone who failed to pay a fare and refused to identify themselves, and it authorized the Registry of Motor Vehicles to mark someone's driver's license for non-renewal if they had at least one unpaid fare evasion citation.

Neither of those punishments is permitted under the reforms enacted last year.

"Whether it's \$1.70 on a bus or a commuter rail (pass), we're not in the business and don't want to be in the business of arresting people for not paying their fare," Heffernan said. "We'd like to increase our compliance, without a doubt, but that is not the method by which we want to go about that."

Transit advocates who pushed for reforms had argued that the arrest and license non-renewal measures were unnecessarily punitive, particularly because a mark on a driver's license can spill over into additional financial burden.

Transportation Secretary Jamey Tesler, who oversees both the MBTA and the RMV, said that whatever benefits might be gained by holding up someone's license

for a fare evasion fine "are considerably outweighed by the cost.'

"I can say certainly from the Registry side of my experience, that is not a targeted tool that I think helps in this circumstance from an enforcement perspective," Tesler said. "The consequences are real and not necessarily commensurate with the issues here, and it is also a significant administrative burden on the Registry as well as the T.

Fare evasion fines used to be set by state law itself, but the transportation bond law gave authority to the MBTA to decide those levies via regulation, so long as they fall between \$10 and \$250.

Heffernan said that change also allows the T to be "a little more nimble" and alter its approach as needed.

# A Susi affiliate purchases key parcels along Dot Ave.

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

An LLC controlled by Robert Susi of the Susi Auto Body company long-time business owners on Freeport Street has completed a major purchase of parcels next to the auto repair site, giving them full control of an entire block in Glover's Corner.

Dorchester Realty Group LLC purchased 1274-1278 Dorchester Ave. from a realty trust under Achillo Cerullo late last month for \$1.52 million. The property

abuts the existing Susi Auto Body shop and currently houses Martinez Tire Shop, and a defunct aluminum can redemption center. It is also located diagonally from the massive Dot Block development now taking shape and transforming Glover's Corner.

Said Susi: "We're not really planning on any kind of a development or anything right now. We have a long-term plan for the neighborhood, but we're just going to clean these lots up. They are a bit of an eyesore now. We plan to give them a good shave and a haircut. It's a part of Dorchester Avenue that just doesn't look right."

Susi said his family is looking to maintain their business and presence in the area for the longterm. He said his father located his business on Freeport Street in 1957, and they have their third generation now involved there, with five grandchildren also potentially interested in getting involved.

"We're here for the long haul," he said.





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BGCD & TD Bank Volunteers Celebrate Thanksgiving Holiday with Annual Dinner: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
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Celebrate Thanksgiving Holiday
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Boys & Girls Clubs Dorchester hosted
our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for our
members. This event is a highlight for
members and staff each year, where
members are served a delicious turkey
dinner with all the fixings and finish it
off with apple pie for dessert.

We were also excited to welcome 20 volunteers from TD Bank who assisted at the event. Our thanks to all of the volunteers who spent the day with us and to TD Bank for their generous donation in support of the event, and for your continued support of BGCD and our families.

To learn more about volunteering with BGCD, please contact Sarah Senter at ssenter@bgcdorchester.org.

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SAVE THE DATE - Jingle & Mingle at The Barking Crab December 8<sup>th</sup>:
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This festive event starts at 6pm and will include food and drink, raffles, live music, a meet and greet with Santa, and more!

holiday fun!

Tickets are \$30 per person when purchased online at bit.ly/bgcdjingle22 or can be purchased at the door for \$40. Please note, this is a 21+ event.

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

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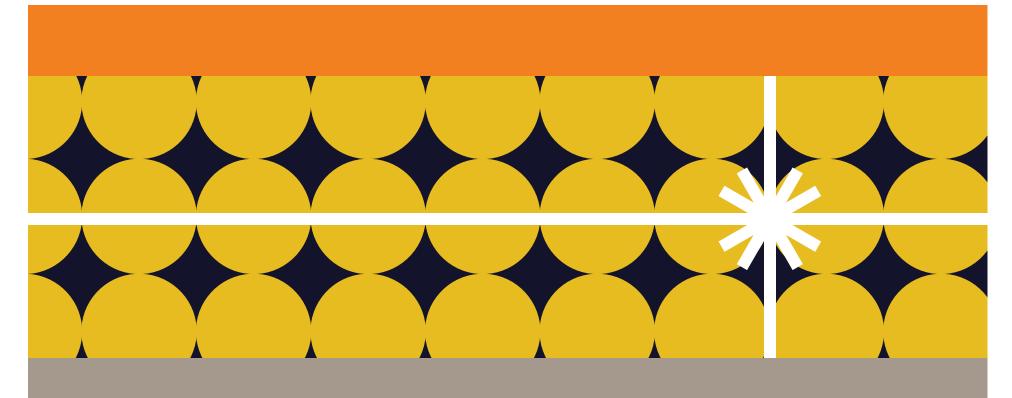




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# Baker seeks commutation stemming from Dorchester murders in 1972

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE News Service

Gov. Baker last on Friday continued his lame-duck streak of recommending pardons and commutations, proposing that a convicted murderer once sentenced to death after killing two people in Dorchester be made eligible for parole.

Baker commuted the first-degree murder sentence of Ramadan Shabazz to second-degree murder, which, his office said, would make the 72-year-old once sentenced to death immediately eligible for parole, if the commutation is approved by the Governor's Council.

Shabazz was found guilty in 1972 of the murders of Harry Jeffreys and Calvin Thorn in Dorchester. He was sentenced to be executed, but that sentence was changed to life in prison when the Supreme Judicial Court ruled the death penalty unconstitutional in 1976.

"Mr. Shabazz's crime was horrific, but he has not only taken full responsibility for his actions but has also dedicated his life in prison to bettering himself and serving as a mentor to others in prison," Baker said in a statement. "Commutation serves as a strong motivation for an incarcerated individual to improve themselves, and Mr. Shabazz serves as a remarkable example of self-development for other incarcerated individuals."

During his 50 years in prison, the governor's office said, Shabazz participated in more than 50 rehabilitative programs like addiction treatment and anger management and has worked as a GED tutor and drug counselor to mentor young incarcerated men.

"He obtained both his bachelor's and master's degree through Boston University's prison education program. He successfully completed 48 furloughs before the program was terminated. He has been employed consistently during his time incarcerated, working jobs from kitchen services to law library clerk," the administration said.

In its capacity as the

Advisory Board of Pardons, the Parole Board recently recommended Shabazz's commutation, the governor's office said.

Before he leaves office, Baker also wants the Governor's Council to revisit one of the nation's most highly charged and disputed abuse cases of the 1980s with recommended pardons for Gerald "Tooky" Amirault and Cheryl Amirault Le-Fave, who were convicted of sexually abusing young children at their family's Fells Acres day care center in Malden.

Baker said that the proceedings "took place without the benefit of scientific studies that have in the intervening years led to widespread adoption of investigative protocols designed to protect objectivity and reliability in the investigation of child sex abuse cases."

The Amiraults have always maintained their innocence as their cases led to bitter debate over the methods used at the time to interview suspected child victims.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Sale of Motor Vehicle, under MGL c.265, s.39A. Intent to sell at Public Auction at 8am on 12/08/22 at Peters Towing, 150 Freeport St, Boston, MA 02122. 2015 Hyundai Tucson, Maroon, KM8JUCAG1FU983001 1VXW77. Owner Name: TERELL DAVIS Owner Address: 43 CLAFIN ST, FRAMINGHAM, MA 01702

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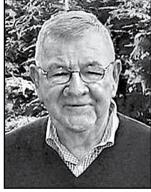
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FLAHERTY, Matthew S., 56, of Rockland, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Susan C. (Derrane) Flaherty of Braintree. Father of Jenna Flaherty, Cailey Flaherty, Kerin Flaherty, and Christin Flaherty, all of Braintree. Son of Barbara Flaherty of Dorchester, formerly of Drim, Lettormore, Ireland, and the late Matthew P. Flaherty of Dorchester, formerly of Carraroe, Co. Gal-way, Ireland. Brother of Michael Flaherty of Dorchester, Ann Marie Flaherty of Dorchester, Edward Flaherty and his wife Sandy of Fall River, Stephen Flaherty and his wife Colleen of Canton, and Patrick Flaherty and his wife Jillian of Weymouth. Matthew

will be dearly missed by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Please consider making a donation to a charity of your choice.



GRIFFIN, James L., 89, of Scituate, originally from Dorchester. Husband to the late Mary Ellen (King). Father to James and his wife Kathleen, Thomas and his wife Dawn, and Stephen and his wife Doreen. Pa to his 7 grandchildren. Jim is also survived by his sister, Joan Griffin, and was predeceased by his sister, Catherine Maloney. The son of the late Catherine (O'Rourke) and James Griffin. Donations in Jim's name may be made to Cathedral High School

(cathedralhighschool. net) or St. Francis House (stfrancishouse.org).



LACEY, Anne Claire (Costello), 86, of Quincy, originally from Dorchester. Wife to the late Thomas Lacey of Quincy. Mother of TJ Lacey and wife Michele of Weymouth, Julie O'Sullivan and her husband Jim of Norwell, John Michael Lacey and Joanne of Quincy. "Nana" to 6. Sister to the late Margaret Doyle, John Costello and Maureen Corey. Sisterin-law to Ellen Costello, Edward and Daryl Lacey, Kevin and Janet Lacey and the late Earl Corey. Donations in memory of Anne may be made to Beat Childhood Cancer P.O Box 850804 Brain-



SMITH, Evelyn Denise "Niecey", 60, of Dorchester, originally of Greenwood, Mississippi. Daughter to the late Clodie and Daniel Smith. Evelvn leaves seven children and fourteen

grandchildren: Taneeka Hollins (Corrin, Khylee and Khyrin), Ronniece Campbell (Aubree), Laniece Campbell (Shakai and Antonio), Paulette Sparks (Malikai, Mahkai, and Makiyah), Robert "Bobbylon" Sparks, Shanae Sparks (Jayden, Jaleel, and Xaaliyah), and Daquan Sparks (Denise and Malik). Siblings: Dorothy James (Walter), Janice Smith-Gray (Ernest), Delores Smith, Larry "LC" McAfee, William "Crip" Smith (deceased), John "Boot" Smith (deceased), and Joseph "Jojo" Smith (deceased). Daniel Smith Jr., Katie, Sally, and Maxine of Illinois. She also leaves a host of relatives including aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



SULLIVAN, Marion E. (Evans), of Quincy (Merrymount), originally from Dorchester. Wife of James J. "Jim" Sullivan of Quincy. Mother of Neal Sullivan and his wife Constance of MD, and Lisa Geaney of Quincy. Sister of Jean Callahan of Hingham, and the late Arthur, Margaret Dillon, Patricia Mead, and Charles. Grandmother to 4. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Marion may be made to Tommy's Place Foundation, Inc., 90 Shore Ave.,

Quincy, MA 02169.

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all othe

by Paula J. Avina of Phoenix, AZ in the above captioned matter alleging that Robert Fuller is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Paula J. Avina of Phoenix, AZ (or some other

suitable person) be appointed as Guardia

that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the

at this court on or before 10.00 A.M. on the return date of 01/05/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file

the written appearance by the return date

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Docket No. SU22D0219DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
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vs. ANIEBUKMFON ANAKA To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint fo

Divorce requesting that the Court gran a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court. Ar Automatic Restraining Order has beer entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status o either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and

required to serve upon: Patrick Anthony Lee, Esq., Law Office of Patrick A. Lee, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 322H, Beverly MA01915 your answer, if any, on or before 12/21/2022. If you fail to do so, the cour will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office

of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, Firs lustice of this Court.

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# **LEGAL NOTICES** COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 DOCKET NO. SU22P2570GD IN THE MATTER OF: ROBERT FULLER of BOSTON, MA RESPONDENT

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SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
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OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,
\$5-304 & \$5-405
Docket No. SU22P2571PM
IN THE MATTER OF:
ROBERT FULLER
of BOSTON, MA of BOSTON, MA RESPONDENT

(Person to be Protected/Minor) nterested persons, a petition has been file captioned matter alleging that Robert Fuller is need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other protective order and requesting that (or some other protective order and requesting that (or some other protective order). suitable person) be appointed as Conservato to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond

The petition asks the Court to determin that the Respondent is disabled, that protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the propose

servator is necessary, and mattrie proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/16/20/32. This day is NOT at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **01/05/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file th written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without furthe notice to you. In addition to filing the writte appearance, you or your attorney must file notice to you. In addition to filling the writter appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days afte the return date.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: November 17, 2022

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