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David and Stephen St. Russell— known as the "Renovation Husbands"—on the set of the HGTV program "Battle on the Mountain." Photo courtesy Departure Films

Do-it-yourself Dot couple take up HGTV renovation show challenge

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Correspondent

The "Renovation Husbands" made their prime-time TV debut on Monday night as David and Stephen St. Russell, a Dorchester couple, appeared on HGTV's newest series, "Battle on the Mountain," that was taped over six weeks last summer in Breckenridge, Colorado.

The show follows three teams coached by HGTV stars as they work to upgrade similar moun-

tainside homes using a \$100,000 budget. The team that wins the \$3,000 cash prize is the one whose efforts realize the biggest boost to the property's value, according to HGTV judges who will examine the teams' work.

The winner of the entire competition will claim the \$50,000 grand prize.

David, 35, and Stephen, 33, have earned acclaim already for their design work in Dorchester and other greater Boston communities.

They hail from Western Massachusetts, where they graduated from Longmeadow High School, after which David stayed close to home and attended Springfield College, where he studied to become a physician's assistant. Stephen moved to Boston to study architecture at the Massachusetts College of Art and Design.

After college, they moved to Boston as a couple in 2017.

"We were renting in the South End, and we were

looking for something more affordable to rent," David said in an interview with the Reporter. "We drove by this house, which was boarded up at the time in total disarray, and somehow managed to scrape together every single thing we had to buy it."

That house was a completely gutted 1893 Victorian in Dorchester. The couple has been documenting their renovations for seven years on their blog and on their In-

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Steward crisis has city leaders worried; local hospitals seen in peril by money woes

By Bill Forry
Executive Editor

Dorchester's political leaders are turning their attention to the emerging crisis involving Steward Health Care, which owns Dorchester's Carney Hospital. District 3 City Councillor John FitzGerald has asked his colleagues to hold a public hearing to examine the "financial challenges" facing Steward amid public reports that the struggling health care system may need to close hospitals under its umbrella.

On Tuesday, US Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey—along with US Rep. Ayanna Pressley and Rep. Stephen Lynch—urged Steward to "brief them on Steward's financial position, the status of their Massachusetts facilities, and their plans to ensure the communities they serve are not abandoned."

The city council hearing order is the first sought by FitzGerald, who took office on Jan. 1. It's co-sponsored by Councillor Liz Breadon of Allston-Brighton, where another Steward-owned hospital—St. Elizabeth's Medical Center—is located. Both hospitals

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In Fine Form

Fred Woodard III, at right, son of Fred Woodard Jr., was the violinist at last Saturday night's launch of the 2024 Dot Jazz Series in Ashmont's Peabody Hall. Jazz fans can expect more live music in February at All Saints Church and at a Long Live Brewery on Hampden Street in Roxbury. Stories, Page 16.

Cory Utsey photo



Wu's zoning rehab targets Codman Sq., Fields Corner

By Seth Daniel
News Editor

The Mayor's Office and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) are in the early stages of making major changes to how development is planned and executed in and around business districts, with Dorchester's Codman Square and Fields Corner designated to test the concept.

From eliminating parking requirements altogether to streamlining permissible commercial uses to designing open space, residents essentially will be deciding how their future neighborhood will look like and function as a community.

Dubbed 'Squares + Streets,' the process looks to "create a new toolbox" for planning and zoning by using five or six distinct zones that planners believe can speed up and simplify residential and commercial development.

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T tunnel cap idea is gaining serious traction

By Seth Daniel
News Editor

A new multi-use path along the Red Line tunnel cap from Fields Corner to Ashmont has been a pie-in-the-sky dream for residents going back decades, but those dreams are inching closer to reality with funding in place to begin studying possibilities for use of the cap space—which is owned by the MBTA.

With \$300,000 in grant money from the state's Mass Trails program, and city matching funds of \$368,000, there are now ample resources to begin looking seriously at what is called the "Dorchester Greenway" as a new



The existing and vacant Red Line tunnel cap looking from Centre Street to Ashmont this week. Long just a dream, the pathway along the tunnel cap—officially known as the Dorchester Greenway—now has funding, political will, and structural studies in the works over the next few months.

neighborhood resource for, say, a pathway for walkers and bikers, for starters.

Already, one section of the cap is in use as a pathway from the Park Street area—where trains enter and exit the tunnel en route to Fields Corner and Ashmont—to Melville Avenue to Mather Street and past Shawmut Station down to Centre Street.

Other sections—from Park Street to Fields Corner and Centre Street to Peabody Square at Ashmont—are fenced off.

"I think everyone would love to see it happen, but we have to take all the initial steps," said Charlotte Fleetwood, Boston Transportation Department (BTD) se-

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Police, Courts & Fire

Dot woman, 19, charged in beating of older sister

A 19-year-old Dorchester woman, who on Dec. 8 got into an argument with her sister after a night on the town, punched her to the ground, jammed her footwear into her head, which she then slammed into the pavement several times, was charged last week in Roxbury Municipal Court with one count of assault and battery and two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon - her shod foot and the sidewalk - for the incident on Ipswich Street in the Fenway. Her bail was set at \$1000, the DA's office reported.

Police responded to a report of an unconscious person on the ground on Ipswich Street outside Boston Arts Academy and found the victim, 24, on the ground, the office said. The sister, "also on the scene, appeared intoxicated and was verbally abusive toward the officers," whom she told that she and her sister had been out drinking. One witness "saw the two arguing at a bus stop" and saw the younger sister "slugging" her sister in the back of the head, the DA said.

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A man was stabbed inside 442 River St. in Mattapan in Mattapan around 9:50 p.m. on Wed., Jan. 17. Due to the severity of his injuries, the homicide unit was called in, just in case. Boston Police arrested Joseph J. Marrow, 70, of Dorchester, at the scene not long after. He was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

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Boston Police officers investigating a report of gunfire at Warren Street and Blue Hill Avenue around 2:45 a.m. last Thursday (Jan. 18) quickly spotted and stopped a man leaving the scene while "visibly out of breath." They added in a report: "As the officers stopped to speak with the suspect, they observed that he kept reaching into his coat pocket and there appeared to be a heavy object in it. The officers conducted a frisk and located a loaded firearm in his right coat pocket. The firearm was later determined to be a Thames Arms Company .38 Caliber revolver, loaded with 4 rounds of live ammunition and 1 spent shell casing."

Lemarr Lovett, 42, of Mattapan, was arrested on charges of illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of a loaded firearm, and illegal possession of ammunition.

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A teen is being held without bail after a dangerousness hearing in Roxbury Municipal Court for his alleged role in an armed robbery of a juvenile last October. Hayden Vital-St. Louis, 18, was arraigned



Gathered for the ceremony were, from left, state Sen. Liz Miranda, Citizens Bank branch manager Dominique Pierre, Citizens Massachusetts President Lisa Murray, state Rep. Russell Holmes, Brookview House CEO Deb Collins, Citizens Regional Manager Scott Burns, and Citizens Retail Director Jim Uehlinger. State Rep. Russell Holmes (inset) addressed the crowd and praised the bank for agreeing to pursue the location after he contacted them a few years ago.

Seth Daniel photo

Citizens Bank filling a void at Blue Hill Ave. and Morton St.

A CitizensBank branch that opened last fall on a site at Blue Hill Avenue and Morton Street that once featured a Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise and then sat vacant for more than a decade was officially welcomed to the neighborhood in a cere-

mony inside the branch last Friday (Jan. 19). Now fully renovated, the branch, a replacement for the Citizen Bank location that closed in Codman Square, offers full banking services, an ATM, and ample parking. At the event, Citizens

Bank officials presented Dorchester's Brookview House CEO Deb Collins with a check for \$5,000, and then cut a ceremonial ribbon to mark the occasion.

– SETH DANIEL



State Rep. Russell Holmes

last Thursday (Jan. 18) and held pending a Monday arraignment for armed and masked robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon (firearm), and threat to commit a crime. Judge Maureen Flaherty found Vital-St. Louis dangerous and ordered him held without bail. The charges stem from an incident on Oct. 25 when Boston police responded to a robbery in the area of Robin Hood Street in Dorchester in which a 14-year-old boy was robbed of his scooter and phone at gunpoint by a group of teens. The investigation of the incident is ongoing, according to DA Kevin Hayden's office. Vital-St. Louis will return to court on Feb. 13 for a probable cause hearing.

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The Department of Conservation and Recreation will host a public meeting to discuss the Ryan Park and Playground 25% Design on Thurs., Feb. 1, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. After the meeting, the presentation will be available for viewing at mass.gov/dcr/past-public-meetings. DCR encourages the public to share additional feedback, with a deadline for receipt of comments by DCR of Feb. 22. See dotnews.com to register.

The newly revitalized Friends of the Codman Square Library will meet next Monday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. in the branch library's Community Room. Become a Friend today and help with children's and family programming, gardening, and much more. Annual memberships start at \$5 for adults and \$10 for families. All new members who join or renew by Monday will be entered into a raffle from local businesses including: Tavolo, The Local Hand, Kenneth Preaster Design Studio, American Provisions, Ashmont Cycles, and Lisa Graustein. Membership forms are available at the circulation desk.

The Greater Boston Interfaith Organiza-

tion (GBIO) hosts an "in-district meeting" of its Housing Justice Campaign this Thursday (Jan. 25) at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 401 Ashmont St., Dorchester. State Rep. Brandy Fluker-Oakley will attend and state Sen. Nick Collins has been invited. The group calls the event "an opportunity to engage with lawmakers directly" and to "secure public commitments from these lawmakers to address issues surrounding public housing, affordable rental/homeownership, and re-entry from incarceration.

Boston Little Saigon and the Boston Public Library will co-host a Vietnamese Lunar New Year Celebration this Saturday (Jan. 27) from noon to 2 p.m. at the Fields Corner Branch of the BPL, 1520 Dorchester Ave. Arts and crafts, food, and more. Call 617-436-2155 for info.

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute on Dorchester's Columbia Point will host a forum on Mon., Feb. 5, featuring Dr. Carey Wright in conversation with Rehema Ellis of NBC News focused on Mississippi's journey from last in the nation to a leader in education outcomes. Free. The

program starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by a 7 p.m. reception. See emkinstitute.com/special-events to register.

Storyteller Len Cabral will be the featured speaker in a free program at the JFK Library on Thurs., Feb. 22, at 10:30 a.m. as part of the Celebrate series. Cabral will share stories of power and joy in honor of Black History month. Call 617-514-1644 for more info or go to jfklibrary.org/celebrate to reserve space. Appropriate for family audiences and children ages 5 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

ADSL will be open for February break (Feb. 20-23) for kids ages 5-11. Tuition (\$25 per child) includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks; sports/fitness; competitive gaming, and more. Register today. See ad on page 11.

The city of Boston sponsors a free Winter Soccer Clinic to help aspiring athletes aged 10 to 18 maintain their skills during the offseason and gear up for spring play at Carter Playground Bubble, 709 Columbus Ave. Professional coaches and trainers will guide participants through

specialized drills and exercises tailored to their age groups. Program Dates: Sundays, Jan. 28 – Feb. 18. Early registration is recommended as spots are limited. To register, visit boston.gov/sports.

The Boston Parks & Recreation Department has launched the 2024 Youth Flag Football League, a co-ed program that runs from this Saturday, Jan. 27, to March 2 in the Carter Playground Bubble, located at 709 Columbus Ave. in the South End. The league offers an inclusive environment with divisions for 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U categories and is suitable for young athletes of all skill levels. Days and Times: Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon. Game Schedule: This Saturday (Jan. 27 – Feb. 24). Playoffs: Saturday, March 2. Early registration is recommended as spots are limited. To register for Flag Football, visit boston.gov/sports. For more information on the program, contact woodley.auguste@boston.gov or call (617) 961-3084.

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Healey holds off on liquor license reform

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Three days after announcing a push to give cities and towns more control over how many liquor licenses they issue, Gov. Healey opted against actually putting the idea before lawmakers despite it winning support from the top Senate Democrats.

The first-term executive team described alcohol licensing reform as one of several key features in a wide-ranging “Municipal Empowerment Act” they rolled out last Friday, pitching it as a way to remove the existing hurdle of securing state approval.

“Right now, we know if you’re at your quota, you’ve got to go to the State House. That can be difficult if you want to invest in a downtown,” Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll said at the Massachusetts Municipal Association’s annual meeting. “This has been filed in the past, and this is an area that we know is important to local leaders.”

The governor’s office highlighted the idea in a press release, saying the bill to be filed Monday would “unlock new opportunities for small and minority- and women-owned [businesses] by empowering local governments to set

their own liquor license quotas and bypass the existing home rule petition process.”

But the bill Healey filed Monday does not move to redirect power over liquor license caps from the state to municipalities.

Healey spokesperson Karissa Hand told reporters the administration “continues to support the concept and will continue to work with stakeholders.” Asked if there had been pushback against the idea, Hand replied, “That’s all I’ve got.” When then asked if the governor planned to pursue the liquor license reform in a future bill, she said, “We decided we want more time to work on the language.”

Healey met privately with House Speaker Ron Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka on Monday before she filed her bill, and it did not become clear until after the trio spoke with reporters that the governor would no longer include the liquor license reform in her legislation.

When one reporter asked Mariano if he would be open to ceding the Legislature’s control over liquor licenses, Healey interjected, saying, “I just want to be clear, in fairness to the speaker and to the Senate president, I

think we’re filing the bill right now. Certainly, I understand everyone needs to look at it as we evaluate things.”

Healey made no mention of what her press secretary would soon after inform reporters: That the bill would not propose liquor license reforms after all.

Less than a minute later, Spilka declared her support for the idea that did not ultimately feature in Healey’s bill. “I do have to say, with the liquor licenses, honestly, I never understood why the Legislature approves them to begin with,” Spilka said. “So I would certainly be willing to take a look at that and make some changes.”

Mariano did not weigh in on the topic Monday, but his top deputy signaled skepticism Friday when Healey first floated the idea. House Majority Leader Michael Moran told the *Globe* that he has concerns about giving Mayor Wu – whom he supports – too much power over liquor licenses.

“There’s a reason we have these checks and balances in the government,” Moran, a Brighton Democrat, told the newspaper.

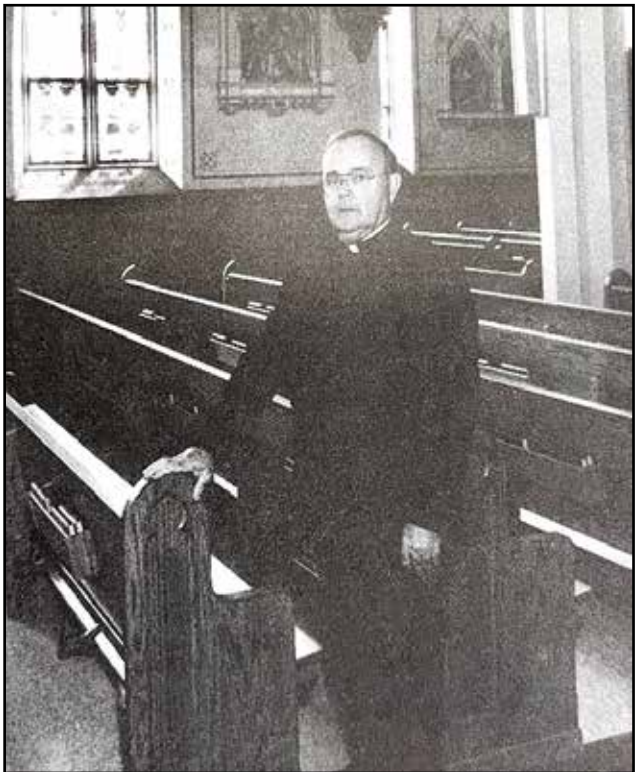
Under current law, cities and towns that want to issue more liquor licenses need

to secure the state’s blessing by filing a home rule petition, getting it passed through both branches and signed by the governor. Some municipal leaders have argued the existing system poses unnecessary obstacles and handcuffs local decision-making to the whims of legislative leaders.

In October, when Wu and city councilors asked the Legislature to gradually add 250 liquor licenses in certain Boston neighborhoods, they warned that an existing scarcity of licenses and the high price of acquiring one had widened the racial wealth gap and concentrated businesses in wealthier parts of the city.

“We are, I believe, in such dire need of licenses across the board that we very well may be coming back to you in the future as we see where things go,” Wu said at an Oct. 3 legislative hearing.

The bill Healey filed Monday still pursues the bevy of other reforms she outlined at the MMA meeting, including new local-option taxes that she said would help cities and towns generate the revenue they need plus permanent authorization for popular pandemic-era outdoor dining and cocktails to go.



Monsignor Ryan inside St. Gregory’s Church, circa 1990.
Reporter photo

Msgr. Ryan will be laid to rest from St. Gregory’s on Thursday of this week

A Thursday morning funeral is planned at St. Gregory church in Lower Mills for Msgr. Paul Ryan, who died last week at the age of 92. He served at parishes in Lowell, Mattapan, Brookline, and Hyde Park, and was the pastor of St. Gregory’s parish for 27 years before he retired in 2008. He will lie in state at St. Gregory church on Thurs., Jan. 25, from 9 to 11 a.m., with his funeral Mass to follow.

A native of Jamaica Plain and a graduate of BC High, Boston College, and St John’s Seminary, he was ordained in 1958 by Richard Cardinal Cushing, and served 66 years as a priest.

During his tenure, Msgr. Ryan was a pivotal figure in the preservation and restoration of St. Gregory’s church, which first opened in 1863.

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– ED FORRY



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Third lawsuit challenges Trinity plan at Shawmut

An attorney representing a group of abutters who oppose a city-approved plan for 72 units of affordable housing next to Shawmut station has filed a lawsuit for their cause in a special session of the Suffolk Superior Court.

Julie Barry, an attorney with the firm Prince Lobel, told the *Reporter* that the filing names the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), Trinity Financial, and the Fitzpatrick Brothers as defendants. Barry, noting that she represents

four abutters, Rachel Kemper, Eric Thorsen, Anthony Brown, and Ana Teixeira, said her clients don't object to the idea of affordable housing, but rather to the scale of this project in relation to their own properties.

The suit marks the

third legal action filed to challenge the BPDA decision in November to approve the project on the Fitzpatrick site at 150 Centre St. The other two suits have been brought by the Epiphany School and by another neighbor, Andrew Saxe.

Barry said the suit she filed challenges the BPDA's designation of the proposal as a 121A project – often given to projects considered “blighted” areas. Another distinction of the Barry-led suit: She wants their complaint be heard

in the Business Litigation Session of Suffolk Superior Court. She said her clients are “examining all their rights” while noting an issue of disputed property along the existing fence line that is not officially part of the suit.

– SETH DANIEL

Report: T budget gap north of \$560 Million

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Potentially teeing up a new round of debate about how the state funds public transit, MBTA officials last Friday rolled out a dire financial forecast that projects a sizable operating budget shortfall this year and a nearly \$1 billion chasm within five years.

T budget-writers said worse-than-expected ridership and a successful hiring blitz widened the gap between anticipated revenues and expenses in fiscal year 2025, which starts July 1.

Depending on factors such as fare revenue, the agency could face an operating budget gap between \$567 million and \$652 million in fiscal 2025, the latest projections show. MBTA officials still have a few hundred million dollars of pandemic-era federal relief stashed away, but even if they control expenses and deplete that account, they still forecast a \$182 million shortfall.

The MBTA's fiscal year 2024 operating budget totals about \$2.72 billion.

It's not clear how the agency's higher-ups will navigate what MBTA Chief Financial Officer Mary Ann O'Hara dubbed “the fiscal cliff,” or the subsequent years of projected budget gaps that could surpass \$900 million by fiscal 2029 in the worst-case outlook.

The figures also do not take into account any potential changes in state funding in fiscal 2025. As she deals with the state's own budget woes, Gov. Healey announced last week that she will push to “double our support for MBTA operations,” which could direct tens or hundreds of millions of dollars more to the T if she can win over lawmakers.

MBTA officials familiar with financial discussions said they do not plan to propose fare increases this year, and they voiced hesitation about the prospect of slashing service – which still has not been fully restored after cuts in recent years —

or laying off employees. While nothing is set in stone, T officials involved in discussions suggested those cost-trimming options would make transit service worse at a time when the agency is trying to win back riders and fix glaring safety problems.

“Difficult decisions must be made,” O'Hara told the board's audit and finance subcommittee.

Actual budget decisions are still weeks away. Healey will unveil her proposed state spending plan next week, and MBTA officials are expected to roll out their own draft budget in March.

A few factors contribute to the widening budget gap. While recovery rates have varied, most public transit agencies across the country are still grappling with depleted ridership nearly four years after the pandemic began, eating away at fare revenues that played key roles in budgets. Roadway traffic, meanwhile, quickly roared back.

MBTA officials do not

expect that to change any time soon. Even the most optimistic scenario they outlined Friday projects that fare revenue by fiscal year 2029 will be only about three-quarters as much as the T collected before the pandemic.

The T has also been on a hiring blitz, growing its work force by 730 positions over the past year. More workers mean more money spent on salaries, which officials have pitched as worthwhile to improve service and safety.

Thomas Glynn, the MBTA Board of Directors chair who served as the agency's general manager from 1989 to 1991, recalled that during his tenure the T typically served about 650,000 passengers per day with a workforce of 7,000 employees.

“Now you have 1.3 million passengers a day, and until recently, you had 6,000 employees,” he said at last Friday's meeting. “We doubled the number of passengers, in part because of the Big Dig, and we reduced the

headcount by 1,000. To me, that sums up a lot of these dynamics.”

The worsening outlook for T finances, plus Healey's apparent desire to boost MBTA funding, could ramp up pressure on the House and Senate to wade back into a topic they haven't been inclined to embrace in recent years.

Representatives approved a series of tax and fee hikes in 2020 designed to generate more funding for the state's transportation needs, including the T, but the measure never got a vote in the Senate once Covid-19 took over in the spotlight. Top Democrats since then have shown little desire to rethink long-term operational funding for the MBTA, though they did direct significant surtax revenue toward the agency in this year's state budget.

While throwing cold water on raising fares Friday, MBTA officials set their sights on another fare change that will instead cut into their available revenues: rolling out

a reduced-cost option for low-income Bay Staters.

T staff, who have studied the idea for years, signaled they are ready to pursue board approval for a new ticket type aimed at riders who earn 200 percent or less of the federal poverty level but don't qualify for one of the existing low-fare options.

Steven Povich, the agency's senior director of fare policy and analytics, said about 60,000 riders between the ages of 26 and 64 could qualify. The income threshold would be equivalent to about \$29,160 for a single individual or \$60,000 for a household of four.

If approved, MBTA officials expect the program would cost roughly \$25 million in its first year and \$50 million to \$60 million annually once it ramps up.

Healey said this week she plans to include funding in her upcoming state budget proposal to cover a permanent low-income fare option.

T tunnel cap idea is gaining serious traction

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nior transportation planner. “Depending on what we find out from the structural analysis, it might be possible to do something bare bones sooner than later. We have to work through those options. We might be able to get something to use in a shorter time period – a two-year rather than five-year time frame.”

All that will also depend on a land survey of the properties abutting the tunnel cap being done as soon as possible, Fleetwood said, noting that the MBTA has assigned a staff person to the project.

“We are very close to the deadline on the grant, and so we're planning on going out to bid as soon as possible” and getting the structural and right-of-way analyses done before June 30, she said.

Abby Jamiel, the director of Livable Streets Emerald Network, said they came on as a fiscal agent before the pandemic and were able to get political momentum in 2022, which resulted in the state grant and the city funding. She said that after so many stalls on the tunnel cap, “it finally felt like the time

find out and hopefully we'll take the next step,” said Fleetwood, adding that they would also be looking at the existing tunnel cap path to see how it might be improved as well.

Jamiel said the focus will first be on the section from Centre Street to Peabody Square, and then from Melville/Park Street to Fields Corner.

“The entire idea is that it goes all the way to Fields Corner from Ashmont,” she said. “We are really trying to focus this on everybody – any age – or any different activity that is not in a vehicle. We need to prioritize kids and the elderly, and yes, we know bikes, but we know there are also scooters and wheelchairs... The notion is to get people not in cars off of ... Dorchester Avenue as a transportation corridor.

“We also want to be dedicated to some open space and enlarging the tree canopy,” Fleetwood said in noting that they will be holding public meetings once they have more information on the structural and land surveys – reaching out to the general community, but especially to abutters along the capway.



The existing tunnel cap pathway around Shawmut Station would be a pattern for any new tunnel cap pathway, but city officials said they would be looking at how to potentially improve even the existing tunnel cap path.

own time.

“We want to let people know that things are happening, but it will start with the behind-the-scenes stuff,” she said. “We hope we can also move into community engagement this year to ask for specific ideas.”

Fleetwood said the state grant and the

city's matching money of \$68,000 would be used for these purposes before the June 30 deadline, but an additional \$300,000 from the city will be used after June 30 for other work.

More than a decade ago residents along the unused cap dreamed of an off-road walking and biking path with gardens

and sitting spaces like the Southwest Corridor along the Orange Line. But many felt it would never happen despite the community support, but things have changed radically. Now, Jamiel and Fleetwood say, it's time to start dreaming again.

“We don't know what we don't know, but we'll

Things are on the move at 500 Talbot housing complex

90 percent occupancy by ‘early ‘25’

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Correspondent

The former Our Saviour’s Lutheran church space at 500 Talbot Avenue near the intersection with Welles Avenue is making way for a four-story mixed-use development with 42 rental units, 23 underground parking slots, and retail space that will house a second location of the Daily Market grocery store that is expected to be ready for occupancy this fall.

The project is being led by JMB Property Development Company, which is owned by Dorchester’s James Baker. It is heavily financed, with \$19.7 million of the cost coming from MassHousing, a quasi-state agency that provides backing for affordable housing in the state.

Additional financing sources include \$16.5 million in construction from Enterprise Bank, \$5.6 million from the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation’s Health Neighborhoods Equity Fund, and \$1.4 million in developer financing.

“Dorchester is getting kind of a facelift,” said Douglas O’Brien, an underwriter at MassHous-

ing. “The developers [Baker and business partner John McDonough] came to us and said they want to bring in a deal that has some market rate units but also what we call workforce housing units.”

Of the 42 apartments, 17 are labeled workforce housing units affordable to moderate-income households. “Forty percent of the project is in the workforce category, so it’s a really nice balance and a good sort of commitment to the whole affordable aspect for the people that might qualify for that area,” said McDonough.

Five of the workforce housing units will be restricted to households earning up to 70 percent of the Area Median Income, four will be limited to households earning up to 80 percent of AMI, and eight be regulated to households earning up to 100 percent of AMI.

“The workforce housing units are really for the young adults right out of college who have their first job and can’t pay for a mortgage or high rent prices in Boston,” O’Brien said. “There’s a lot of market rate in this neighborhood. We want to bring in some affordability where we can give

those young adults or municipality workers a great place to live in the area where they work at affordable rent levels.”

The remaining 25 apartments will have rents that are not restricted. Overall, the building will offer 26 one-bedroom apartments, 12 two-bedroom apartments, and 4 three-bedroom apartments.

Thomas Farmer of MassHousing noted that demand is high for this mix of units.

“Usually when a new development like this is built there are hundreds of people who apply for the affordable units and there’s such a huge demand for it,” said Farmer. “To be able to put a brand-new apartment building that’s near public transportation that working folks will be able to afford is a big thing for the neighborhood.”

What makes the building transit-oriented is its proximity to the Ashmont/Peabody Square Red Line T Station (5-minute walk) and, a bit farther north, the Shawmut T Station (10 minutes). The building will also offer underground parking for bicycles and will have electric vehicle chargers.

The Daily Market cur-



A rendering shows the property at 500 Talbot Avenue as contemplated by the team at JMB Property Development Company. The four-story mixed-use building will house 42 rental units and a second location of the Daily Market grocery store.
Image courtesy RODE Architects

rently has a venue in another Baker-owned building on Savin Hill Avenue. “I like to refer to it as a small format urban grocery store,” Baker said. “You can do a full grocery shop in our store that’s a little over 35,000 square feet.”

Added McDonough: The store will offer not only groceries but also a space for the community to connect. “If you were to come visit the Daily in Savin Hill, it is a place that has really become a community center. People are in and out multiple times a day. ... When we look at the 500 Talbot project, in that community they don’t have anything like this. The community is extremely excited about the idea of having a real market in the area that people can go to by foot

and see their neighbors.”

McDonough and Baker are working to improve the landscape as well. “We’ve committed to improving the front of the building in the public domain, improving the traffic patterns, pedestrian safety, the walkability of it and creating a little parklet,” Baker said in an interview with the Reporter. “So not only are we kind of providing the affordable units and the market, we are also going to be making some improvements to the infrastructure.”

Preleasing for units is expected to start in early spring. “The whole building should be operational and at least 90 percent occupied at the earliest end of this year, most likely the first quarter of 2025,” O’Brien said.

The building as a work

in progress has already begun to positively impact the community of Dorchester, said MassHousing’s Farmer.

“It’s helping provide people with jobs, the construction workers and related services,” he said, “and then it will help provide people with permanent stable housing that they can afford, and they can use as a springboard for their careers and maybe down the road they will be in the position to buy a house.”

Added O’Brien the underwriter: “It’s a massive positive impact for the direct neighborhood and Dorchester as a whole. Any new kind of building with commercial space and full amenities for the residents is a massive draw for people looking for housing.”



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Do-it-yourself Dot couple take up HGTV renovation show challenge

(Continued from page 1) stagram account, which currently has 230,000 followers.

“We had someone reach out to us maybe over two years ago for participating in casting for “Battle on the Beach” which is the show prior to this one. We had a lot going on and didn’t think it was the right time for us,” said Stephen. “They reached out again the following year saying that there’s this new project, same format, and it’s called ‘Battle on the Mountain.’ Right away we clung to it because it felt like it was more of our aesthetic and what we were drawn to. Then we went into the interview and casting process.”

Their popularity on-line is what may have interested HGTV in their participation, but the design and DIY (Do-It-Yourself) team worried if they would be just as successful on TV.

“We’ve never done anything like this before and really had very little idea of what to expect walking into it,” said David. “Most of it was just acclimating to the idea of being on TV. We went in with excitement and ready to go, but really had no idea how challenging it might be. It ended up being the hardest thing we’ve ever done.”



David and Stephen St. Russell of Dorchester— known as the “Renovation Husbands”— are shown with their team leader Rico Leon, left. The trio are featured on HGTV’s “Battle on the Mountain,” which premiered on Monday, Jan. 22. *HGTV photo*

The first episode introduced the three teams: David and Stephen; Amber and Trey Masciarellis of Bellaire, Ohio; and Lymari and Tony Navarro of Bloomington, Indiana. During the two-hour premiere, the teams picked out which house they will renovate and immediately got to work on improving the kitchen and dining rooms, which will be judged by guest stars Chelsea and Cole DeBoer from “Down Home Fab.”

Future episodes will showcase improvements to the main bedroom and bath, living room, guest suite, bonus guest room, and the exterior.

“When you watch these shows you kind of expect that there’s some movie magic that goes into it,” said Stephen. “We heard that we were going to renovate the house over six weeks, and we did just that. We had to work our butts off for six weeks straight, designing, renovating the spaces our-

selves, and doing it in crazy timelines.”

Even though they are not used to working under such fast-paced conditions, they agreed that the most difficult part was just being on camera constantly. Having to film meant that the contestants could not just worry about revamping the home but were constantly pulled away to film interviews and challenges as well.

“We are used to seeing ourselves on our own

Instagram and things we produce. But to have someone else recording you and then also editing and portraying you in a certain way, it’s a little nerve-racking because you don’t know how you will come off and when you’re in this crazy, intense situation,” said Stephen.

Luckily, the Dot team was supported by HGTV star Rico León, of “Rico to the Rescue,” who’s used to being in front of a camera on his own show.

“We were paired with Rico, and we were actually kind of shocked by that. We didn’t know that there were any new mentors this season, so that was a little bit of a surprise. We had been going in thinking that it might have been one of the original mentors but then they paired us with Rico, and it ended up being really great,” David said.


When the couple returned to Dorchester in late August, they had to wait months to share the news. “We’ve just lied to everyone we know,” joked David. “Only our attorneys and HGTV know what happened. We’re deflecting and playing dumb. We want everyone to experience the roller coaster of the show firsthand. We don’t want to spoil it for them.”

The couple watched the premiere with family, friends, and neighbors at their home on Monday. Their work, however, is not complete; they have already taken on a new project fixing up a cabin in Maine.

Those interested in keeping up with David and Stephen’s work in Dorchester, Colorado, and Maine can check in on the “Renovation Husbands” online, on social media, and, of course, on HGTV on Monday nights.

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News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

MLK is remembered at BC High service

Boston College High School held its annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Prayer Service on their Dorchester campus on Jan. 12. Co-hosted by BC High's Black Latino Student Union, the school welcomed peers from Cristo Rey Boston High School, Fontbonne Academy, and Notre Dame Academy to hear

from keynote speaker Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu, a race and gender justice advocate and daughter of Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The Gospel singer Alexis Benoit and the Christian hip-hop artist Caleb McCoy also joined the students.



Kevin Powers '85, Board Chair; Dr. Dennis Hill II, Director of Imago Dei Center for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Adam Lewis, Principal; Rev. Nontombi Naomi Tutu; Val Harris, President of the BC High Parents' Association; and Grace Cotter Regan, BC High president

The BASE hosts annual MLK College, Career, and Health Fair



Participants from The BASE Yowelfri Guerrero, 15, Mission Hill; Carlos Francisco, 15, Dorchester; Sammy Lara, 13, East Boston; and Jose Carderon, 16, Dorchester gather information on colleges.

Photos courtesy The BASE

On Sat., Jan.13, The BASE hosted its 8th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. College, Career, and Health Fair at the Melnea Cass Recreation Complex in Roxbury. The

fair brought together more than 40 colleges and 20 businesses to share information, resources, and applications with young people and residents.

Approximately 250 BASE youth and family members attended the event, along with several special guests, including City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune and

At-large Councillor Julia Mejia. The Fair is an extension of the nonprofit's programs designed to create opportunity for youth and young adults.



BASE President & CEO Steph Lewis with Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.

Known for its successful sports programs and talented student-athletes, The BASE also provides college advising, internships, career workshops, health & wellness

education, and STEM programs. Held on the Saturday before Martin Luther King Day, the event is designed to honor the civil rights icon.

Make a date to hear from Dennis Lehane

BY LEW FINFER
Dorchester's Dennis Lehane will be back in Boston next month to talk about his new novel, "Small Mercies," which is set amid the tumult of desegregation and busing in 1974 Boston. He will speak on Sun., March 3, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. You must register and seats are limited. Go to bpl.org and click on events to find the link.

This year is the 50th anniversary of Judge W. Arthur Garrity's decision that ordered busing as a remedy to desegregate Boston schools. Lehane's book is set in August, the month before the first phase of busing began. The main character, Mary Pat Fennessy, lives in a Southie public housing community, where she grapples with her views on, and relationships with, Black people. How she was raised to

think about this begins to conflict with her values and her experience of working with Black people. At one point, she says her opposition to busing is not about prejudice and "that she'd be just as mad if her daughter was being bused to the North End or Revere (but maybe not as mad.)" The book includes an incident of white teens chasing a Black man whose car broke down

into a subway station where he is hit by a train and dies. As Chris Lovett pointed out in a *Dorchester Reporter* article last year, it's likely based in part on the killing of William Atkinson at Savin Hill MBTA Station in Dorchester by white teenagers. A large part of the novel revolves around Mary Pat trying to find out what happened to her daughter Jules and the role played by a Southie

mob boss modeled after Whitey Bulger in her murder. A white police officer from Dorchester has a major and poignant role, too. At one point, he wonders how it is that people from Dorchester and Southie were so different despite all the Irish Catholics living in the two abutting neighborhoods. I think that's an interesting question, but Dorchester and Southie have changed a lot since 1974. *Lew Finfer is a Dorchester resident and*



Dennis Lehane
co-chair of the Boston Desegregation and Busing Initiative.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
22 Morrill St.

This house at 22 Morrill St. was built in the 1890s. It was later bought by William H. Brown and Catherine Brown in 1926. They owned the house until 1938, when they failed to make the mortgage payments. Today's illustration is a picture of the house from November 1941, when the Mt. Washington Co-Operative Bank was selling the house at a



price of \$4,200. Herbert L. and Helen M. Dill purchased it in 1942. A few streetlights of



the type seen in the foreclosure photo can still be found in Dorchester along Wellesley Park. These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Editorial

Morrissey panel will hear you, ‘time permitting’

Are the state officials charged with running the Morrissey Commission serious about getting the public’s input as they study ways to improve the boulevard and Kosciuszko Circle? Judging from how it’s been run to date, the answer is: Not really.

The commission — which includes elected and appointed officials from both city and state government — met for the first time on Nov. 28, a few days after Thanksgiving, with very little advance notice given to the public. While those who attended— mainly government employees— cheered each other for showing up, it was a poor start to engaging with the public. And it showed. There was little in the way of comment from residents and advocates, in part because many of them weren’t there.

MassDOT, the agency that’s coordinating the commission, has a website up that includes a presentation shown during that Nov. 28 meeting. But there’s not much on their page otherwise— and there’s no effort given to solicit public input. There’s no survey to gauge opinion on what we—the constituents who are paying for the study and for the subsequent work— would like to see happen. There’s a “sign up for updates” link that has produced zero updates.

This week, MassDOT, broke its silence— after repeated inquiries from *The Reporter*— to reveal that a second commission meeting will be held next Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at UMass Boston’s Integrated Sciences Center. The meeting will also be accessible via Zoom, the notice said.

The description of what will actually happen at the meeting next Tuesday is vague and mirrors that of the first meeting. The “study team” we are told “will present a summary of background information being used to develop alternatives for future mobility and climate resiliency in the Morrissey Boulevard corridor.”

They add: “The meeting is the second of a series of opportunities for public engagement that will serve to both provide information and receive public input that will be critical to the successful development of alternatives and measures to address corridor challenges.” However, we are advised, that “public comment will be taken during the meeting, time permitting.”

The concept of “time permitting” is something that state officials from top to bottom need to grasp, appreciate, and incorporate in their work. It takes *time* and *planning* for residents and other stakeholders who live or work in and around the Morrissey corridor to get to a Tuesday evening meeting. That’s made harder when officials don’t give reasonable notice. Planning means childcare arrangements, taking time off from work, preparing statements for public comment, and getting to UMass Boston during rush hour. And after all of that, maybe we’ll get to have a say after all the commissioners and paid consultants get their time.

If you’re among the concerned parties who feel that MassDOT isn’t doing a good job engaging with you so far, don’t take it too personally: Two members of the commission told *The Reporter* this week that they had no idea a meeting had been set for Jan. 30 until *The Reporter* called them about it.

None of this instills confidence in the work of this commission, which should care about getting public buy-in for infrastructure improvements that will likely cost hundreds of millions of dollars and impact our neighborhood in profound ways.

This community deserves better.

— Bill Forry



Pictured at the Jan. 16 METCO event at The Boston Foundation: (l-r) Darnell Billings, METCO Board Chair and Roxbury resident; Milly Arbaje-Thomas, President & CEO, METCO, Inc.; Patrick Kimble, METCO Board Member & former Board Chair; and State Rep. Christopher Worrell. *METCO photo*

Tufts study: METCO’s a program that works!

BY MILLY ARBAJE-THOMAS

Based on my experience as a METCO parent, supporter, and administrator, I’ve always said: “METCO students don’t ask *if* college is in their future, they ask *where* they will go to college.” Now we have independent research confirming that METCO students have firm expectations of college attendance and that those expectations are fulfilled successfully.

On Jan. 16, parents, educators, and policymakers gathered at The Boston Foundation to hear Dr. Elizabeth Setren, assistant professor of economics at Tufts University, present her findings – based on an examination of 20 years of data – on the impact of the METCO program on students and their suburban peers.

The independent study found the program has a large, positive effect on METCO students’ educational achievements and careers, with no sign of negative academic or behavioral impacts on their suburban peers.

Key findings include: Substantial gains in Math and English Language Arts MCAS test scores; a high school dropout rate of 1 percent and a graduation rate of 94 percent; increased school attendance despite the long distances; increased SAT scores; increased college aspirations, enrollment, and graduation rates; increased income and employment, and more.

Following the presentation, a panel of six distinguished METCO alumni spoke of the difference the program has made in their lives. These graduates are now public officials, private sector managers, educators, authors, and entrepreneurs. Two hold doctoral degrees.

Dorchester resident and state Rep. Christopher Worrell, who graduated from Lincoln-Sudbury High School in 2004, was there. His brother, City Councilor Brian Worrell, is also a METCO grad, along with their big sister Monique. Rep. Worrell’s two children are METCO students in the Newton Public Schools. He told the audience how the research findings resonated with his METCO program experience, noting how that experience made him more comfortable in majority-white spaces, including Beacon Hill.

“Because of METCO, I know what the world looks like outside of Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan,” said Rep. Worrell. “My METCO experience opened my eyes... it shed light on different cultures.”

The research also provided important recommendations that will guide METCO policy and practice moving forward, including preparation and access to more advanced classes; additional SAT classes; targeted supports with the college application process, and more.

Several suburban school districts want to expand METCO enrollment at their schools, and we are working with state legislators to increase METCO funding to make that possible. The research findings shown earlier confirm that every additional METCO student is a win-win for the Commonwealth. We are heartened by Gov. Healey’s State of the Commonwealth message supporting educational initiatives like METCO and by our longtime supporters in the Legislature.

Increased funding will also allow METCO to continue and expand its critical antiracism work via its Antiracism Roadmap, supported in 2022 with pilot funding from the Commonwealth and providing for unprecedented racial equity and integration initiatives throughout the METCO community.

That program is identifying antiracism best practices, completing annual assessments to identify gaps, empowering districts to implement strategic antiracism initiatives, training educators on restorative justice practices, and much more.

We are grateful to Dr. Setren for her tireless commitment to bringing to life 20 years of data surrounding the historic METCO program. We also thank the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and other state agencies for making the research data available.

This ground-breaking study confirms for all of us that METCO is a program that works! Right now, METCO is accepting applications for enrollment in the 2024-25 school year. Please visit metcoinc.org/ apply or call 617-427-1545 to learn more.

Milly Arbaje-Thomas is the president and CEO of METCO, Inc.

Letters to the Editor

Rep. Lynch supports ceasefire in Gaza

To the Editor:

In my letter published in the January 11 issue of the Dot Reporter, I wrote that “Rep. Ayanna Pressley and many others have called for a ceasefire that would stop the killing; Dorchester’s other Congressman, Stephen Lynch, believes that Israel should continue its assault on Gaza.”

That is no longer true. Rep. Lynch has signed a Congressional letter calling for a ceasefire in Gaza and an end to the Israeli assault that has now killed more than 24,000 Palestinians. He also joined Rep. Jim McGovern in signing a letter initiated by Rep. Ayanna Pressley opposing Israeli efforts to forcibly expel the Palestinian population of Gaza – 2.3 mil-

lion people, most of whom are already refugees from previous Israeli ethnic cleansing.

Lynch is sometimes denigrated as a “conservative Democrat” because of his roots in the South Boston working class. But he has done the right and humane thing to oppose the ongoing slaughter in Gaza. Good for him. One has to wonder where are the other supposed “liberals” in our Massachusetts House delegation. So far only Reps. Pressley, McGovern and Lynch have called for a ceasefire in the Israeli war on Gaza.

Jeff Klein
Dorchester

White Stadium plan should center needs of city athletes

To the Editor:

I am a civic association president representing the Dorchester neighborhood extending from Uphams Corner west toward Franklin Park, as far as Bellevue Street.

Franklin Park is a critical green space for Dorchester and the crown jewel in Frederick Law Olmsted’s Emerald Necklace. I support the renovation of White Stadium to meet the needs of the school children of Boston for a first-class athletic stadium. However, this proposal did not begin with that overarching goal - it began with a desire by the city to find a private partner to assume the cost. No other alternatives to accomplish the goal stated above were considered.

As a result, we have a proposal that does not fully achieve the goal, and that threatens the quality of life

for residents of the neighborhoods that surround the park, negatively impacts the zoo through noise and light pollution, damages the ecology of the park and its wildlife, and interferes with other current and more passive uses of the park. There is no upside to this.

There is no viable plan for parking; shuttling 10,000 people through residential neighborhoods is a nightmare. Offering parking on Routes 93 in Braintree and 128 is not an option many people are likely to take, particularly if they are traveling with children. The “grove” is not contextual with Olmsted’s park; it’s more reminiscent of Gillette Stadium. The City of Boston needs to go back to the drawing board and consider other financing options that will result in a stadium that actually serves the athletic needs of the schoolchildren of the city, without damaging the park or creating chaos for its neighbors.

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Healey’s ‘leveling’ actions bust budgets of local organizations

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The “9C” mid-year state budget cuts made by Gov. Healey this month seemed like technical moves far away on Beacon Hill until the bill came due at a number of local organizations, where funding they have depended on – and spent in a number of cases – is being cut in half.

This week, non-profits in Dorchester and Mattapan non-profits – and even the Boston Fire Department – are bearing the brunt of the trims to earmarks that were approved in the July 2023 state budget bill. Tough decisions will have to be made, and in some cases, temporary closures will follow as the governor finds ways to make up a \$780 million deficit that many some feel came out of nowhere.

“I’ve already sent in receipts and the programming has been done,” said Paulo Debarros, director of the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, based on Bowdoin Street. “I never got a response about when I would be reimbursed, and now I won’t be. This is it for me. I’m looking at closing the doors for a while. We heard about this in the news. There was no letter telling us this two or three months ago so we could plan, and no analysis of how this would affect each organization. It was just boom, you’re cut.”

Debarros has seen a \$150,000 earmark engineered by state Sen. Nick Collins turn into \$75,000, and a \$25,000 earmark sponsored by state Rep. Chris Worrell turn into \$12,500.

“I was looking to see how to extend the staff and now I’m looking at who and what to cut immediately while helping the community deal with young people who are stressed out and suicidal and homicides that have hit the community hard,” he noted.

Like many non-profits in Dorchester and Mattapan, the last several years have been good with ample state earmarks that have helped fill budget gaps and fund expanded programming for the community. The last time there were mid-year budget cuts was in December 2012 under then-Gov. Deval Patrick, cuts that many folks now weren’t around for.

State Rep. Russell Holmes was around, though, and he has been warning of the impending problems at community meetings going back to last summer, telling people that revenues weren’t good, and tough decisions were coming.

“When 9C cuts happen, the governor is doing her job,” said Holmes. “I am

not happy about it, but I am happy it wasn’t 100 percent of the earmarks, which is what could have happened... It’s been a long time and there’s an entire generation that has not dealt with this... You get folks into state funding and then you cut it in half suddenly. Some folks, because of inexperience, spent the money without getting it first. If you have experienced 9C cuts before, maybe you don’t, and I always remind folks that get earmarks that this could happen.”

Still, delivering the news has not been an easy task.

“I just apologize and understand their despair, but there’s not much I can do, and I tell them that I will do my best to get them funding in next year’s budget,” he said.

For his part, Worrell, who was able to bring a lot of increased resources into the community in the budget, is now looking for ways the cuts can be mitigated.

“Despite this increased funding, these 9C cuts will still be devastating for many,” he said, “which is why I am working closely with House leadership and in collaboration with Gov. Healey to limit its impacts and ensure that programs and services in

Dorchester and Roxbury are receiving the funding that they deserve.”

Sens. Collins and Liz Miranda did not respond in time for comment on this story.

The list of those affected by the budget moves is long and includes community organizations like Project DEEP, Caribbean Integration Community Development (CICD), Mattapan Tech, Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, St. Mary’s Center, and the Boston Fire Department – which had two earmarks worth a \$1 million for training that are threatened.

“We are aware of the budget cuts announced by Gov. Healey, which includes cuts to local fire department projects and grants,” said District Fire Chief Kevin Meehan, executive assistant to Commissioner Paul Burke. “To our knowledge, the cuts have not been finalized and so we do not know how the Boston Fire Department will be affected, if at all.”

The Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts (PFFM) identified 34 cities and towns, including Boston, that will lose an estimated \$1.68 million in funding, mostly via the 50 percent earmark cut.

Locally, another

non-profit grappling with the future is the Sportsmen’s Tennis and Enrichment Center (STEC) on Blue Hill Avenue. While a larger organization than the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, the center is still working with its board to mitigate the loss, said Executive Director Toni Wiley.

She said the earmark they got earlier this year allowed them to add security personnel around the facility, and now that decision has stretched them thin.

“Having that line item gave us the assurances to do that,” she said. “We can’t eliminate the security guard but we’re going to have to figure out something... As a non-profit that also operates a facility, you have to figure out if you’re going to make facility changes like security around the building or snow removal, or if we have to make program changes that will affect the community... Not having that money makes a big difference in our ability to do both things.”

She said they have already started trimming their budgets because “times are different” now, and they don’t expect next year’s state budget to be a saving grace.



Giving Back in the New Year

St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children is a multi-service organization serving **over 500 women, children, and families experiencing homelessness** each year. Located on Jones Hill at the site of the former St. Margaret’s Hospital, St. Mary’s Center has a long history of supporting community needs in Dorchester. Is giving back to your community part of your New Year’s resolutions? Consider joining us in our mission to break down barriers for families experiencing homelessness and poverty.

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3. Volunteer Your Time

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Tewksbury firm pays \$6 million for prominent Blue Hill Ave. building at Talbot Ave. intersection

By SETH DANIEL
News Editor

A Tewksbury development company with a history of developing housing projects around Boston has purchased a prominent building at the intersection of Talbot and Blue Hill avenues and a lot behind the building on Angell Street for \$6 million.

PWN Development bought the property from long-time owner William Cranmore, who has been battling with the city over property tax payments for more than two decades, winning some and

losing some. The deal was made in late December by PWN's owners Nicholas Earls, Eric DiNicola, Kyle Staal, and Sunny Aroustamian.

Numerous requests from the *Reporter* to the new owners for information about any upcoming plans have not been returned. However, the company's profile shows they have developed mostly high-end residential projects in the Back Bay, Newton, East Boston, the South End, and Savin Hill. It doesn't appear that they

have built anything along the Blue Hill Avenue corridor.

Most recently, the space was outfitted for a restaurant called Royalty Iron Grill. A sign bearing that name still adorns the outside of 879 Blue Hill Ave. The restaurant was supposed to be a barbecue and steakhouse run by a Worcester man who had a chiropractic office in the same building. An earlier iteration would have had an indoor waterfall, a pool, and a map of the Amazon inside. It never opened.

Last February, the Li-



This building at the intersection of Talbot and Blue Hill avenues — along with an adjacent lot on Angell Street — sold recently for \$6 million. Seth Daniel photo

censing Board approved El Punto Restaurant & Lounge opening in the space with 240 seats in a lounge and function room and serving Dominican and Spanish food, with

the hope of procuring a liquor license to serve rum daiquiris and Spanish wines. That has yet to open.

The purchase last month was one of the

largest on the Blue Hill Avenue in some time, just as the corridor is moving to the center of big plans for the thoroughfare and nearby Franklin Park.

State's commission nixes challenge to Trump name on ballot

By CHRIS LISINSKI
State House
News Service

The Massachusetts Ballot Law Commission on Monday unanimously said no to an effort to remove former President Donald Trump's name from the Republican presidential primary ballot.

The panel dismissed a challenge alleging that Trump is ineligible for office due to his role in the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the US Capitol, ruling that it

does not have jurisdiction over the case.

Four days after an attorney for Trump contended that the former president has not yet been nominated under Massachusetts law and that the objectors failed to comply with notice requirements, the panel made similar points in a 10-page decision that turned away the challenge.

"The Commission, having reviewed the materials submitted, has de-

termined that the State Ballot Law Commission does not have jurisdiction over the matters presented," the panel wrote.

In a footnote, commissioners added that even if they had determined they had jurisdiction, the challenges filed by parties including Free Speech for People and civil rights firm Lichten & Liss-Riordan failed to notify other Republican presidential candidates on the ballot or the state Republican Party, "there-

by subjecting them to dismissal."

The groups, who were represented last week by former Democratic US Senate and attorney general candidate Shannon Liss-Riordan, had argued that Trump is ineligible to appear on the ballot because the Fourteenth Amendment to the US Constitution bans anyone who under an oath of office has "engaged in insurrection or rebellion."

Commissioners said their ability to address

challenges about presidential candidates is "limited in scope."

The three members of the panel — retired Judge Francis T. Crimmins Jr., Joseph Eisenstadt and former Sen. Joe Boncore — signed the decision.

Secretary of State William Galvin oversaw a drawing on Jan. 2 setting the order of names appearing on the March 5 presidential primary ballot, including Trump's. Galvin's office has said that ballots went to print immediately after the

drawing.

Elections officials in other states have also been pressed to consider Trump's eligibility in the light of the attack that sought to overturn Joe Biden's victory in the 2020 presidential election.

The Colorado Supreme Court ruled last month that the Fourteenth Amendment deems Trump ineligible, and the case will soon go before the US Supreme Court with oral arguments scheduled for Feb. 8.

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Healey pushes plan to both preserve, build housing units

Comfort Inn rehab for formerly homeless set for state funding

BY ALISON KUZNITZ
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

As she waits for the Legislature to dig into her detailed proposal to deal with the housing access and affordability crisis, Gov. Healey announced on Monday that 26 housing projects across Massachusetts, including two supportive affordable housing developments for vulnerable residents in Lynn and Boston, are slated to receive financial assistance from the state.

The Boston property is the Comfort Inn on Morrissey Blvd. in Neponset, which will be converted into 99 single-room apartments meant for formerly homeless individuals. Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus said its residents will receive services, care coordination, and life skills training to help them “get back on their feet.”

More than 1,900 housing units in 19 municipalities will be built or preserved through a jolt of funding from subsidies and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, which saw a \$20 million increase in the tax package Healey signed in October. More than 90 percent of the units will be “income-restricted, affordable units,” the governor said.

Healey announced the slate of projects Monday at the Hyde Square Task Force in Jamaica

Plain, where state and local officials gathered to highlight a “historic adaptive reuse project” for the adjacent Blessed Sacrament Church. The church, which has sat vacant for the last 20 years, will be redeveloped with 55 affordable housing units and a performance space.

“Each of these 26 developments is thoughtful, creative and rooted in community, and each will provide someone – a senior, a family, a working person – with a comfort of home and the peace of mind that comes with financial security,” Healey said. She added that the state was able to award funding to all applicants this year due to the expanded Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.

Two days away from unveiling her fiscal 2025 budget amid nearly flat revenue collections, Healey expressed appreciation for the Legislature, which largely supported the \$1 billion tax cut package. Beyond raising the Low-Income Tax Credit program cap from \$40 million to \$60 million, the package also increased the rental deduction cap and doubled the senior circuit breaker tax credit, among other policies to support families and children.

“These homes will also stand as a testament to the impact we can have when we take action as partners in government,”



The Comfort Inn in Neponset sits on the site of one of the earliest Howard Johnson restaurants.

Reporter file photo

Healey said. “This time last year, we would not have been able to fund this many affordable homes; we would not have been able to issue awards for every strong application that came in. But last year, we got together, we said we were going to do this, and together our administration and the Legislature made it happen.”

The projects are receiving nearly \$95 million from the Low-Income Tax Credit, including about \$50.4 million in federal tax credits and \$44.5 million in state tax credits, a spokesperson from the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities said. They’re also supported by about \$138 million in subsidies from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Housing and Stabilization Fund, and the Housing Innovation Fund, as well as other state and federal programs, the spokesperson said.

The projects are located in Boston, Lynn, Athol, Brockton, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Franklin, Holyoke, Northampton, Rockland, Oak Bluffs, Salem, Somerville, South Had-

ley, Springfield, Templeton, Wellfleet and Worcester, according to the governor’s office.

All of those communities have a “dire need” for more affordable housing, said Augustus. A quarter of the housing units will serve “extremely low-income” residents and people who are transitioning from homelessness, he noted.

In Lynn, Augustus said, the Solimine House project will create 150 affordable apartments for seniors, and residents will be able to access health care services at home thanks to a partnership with a nonprofit health care organization.

“Supportive housing does more than provide a roof over someone’s head, it provides them with essential wraparound services that help build a safe, stable future, and it is our best weapon in our battle against chronic homelessness,” Augustus

said. “These two projects and the 24 others we celebrate today are all fantastic. We need resources to do even more.”

The secretary, echoing Healey’s remarks, used the press conference to highlight the administration’s \$4.1 billion housing bond bill proposal, which went before the Housing Committee for a hearing last week. The bill would support the creation or preservation of 70,000 housing units, while implementing a string of housing policies, such as local-option real estate transfer fees, administration officials say.

“Last week in her State of the Commonwealth address, the governor said we need to go big on solving our housing challenges. The projects we celebrate today show Massachusetts is full of big ideas and bright solutions,” Augustus said. “And together, we can make Massachusetts a place where everyone can afford to live.”

Surveying the direct impact of the new housing grants, Augustus, Healey, and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll took a brief stroll outside of the Blessed Sacrament Church, built in 1913 and purchased a decade ago by the Hyde Square Task Force, a nonprofit that supports Afro-Latin culture. Driscoll said she couldn’t wait to return

for a future ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Project planners intend to repair and maintain the facade of the church, while revamping the back of the building.

“We set out with this grand idea of creating an arts and cultural center, but soon realized that the project would require more than what we could do on our own,” Celina Miranda, executive director of the Hyde Square Task Force, said. The funding support will enable residents to stay in the area and “enjoy all the cultural richness and vibrancy this neighborhood has to offer,” Miranda said.

Historic assets are important for affordable housing initiatives, said Charlie Adams, regional vice president of development company Pennrose, the task force’s partner in refurbishing the church.

“They are symbols of the community, and they create a real sense of community,” Adams said. “It’s always exciting and a great opportunity when they can no longer serve their original purpose that they can be converted to something else, and so we are particularly excited to be able to transform this beautiful asset, this historic asset for the community into a new generation of years to come.”

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Wu’s zoning overhaul targets Codman Square, Fields Corner

(Continued from page 1)

“We are creating the toolbox right now that can be used, and in each mapping process (like Codman Square and Fields Corner), the community will decide what tools it wants to use,” said Aimee Chambers, a BPDA planning director. “It’s a very different way to approach planning and zoning than we have had in the past. It’s not unique nationwide in how zoning might work in other municipalities, but certainly it’s new to Boston.”

The task is daunting, and the subject matter often a bit dry, even confusing, but the result could make a major difference in how neighborhoods change – the types of businesses, the heights of buildings, and the parking restrictions that will be put in place over the next five years.

Right now, public engagement on the broader “toolbox” plan is underway, with a comment period ending this coming Sunday.

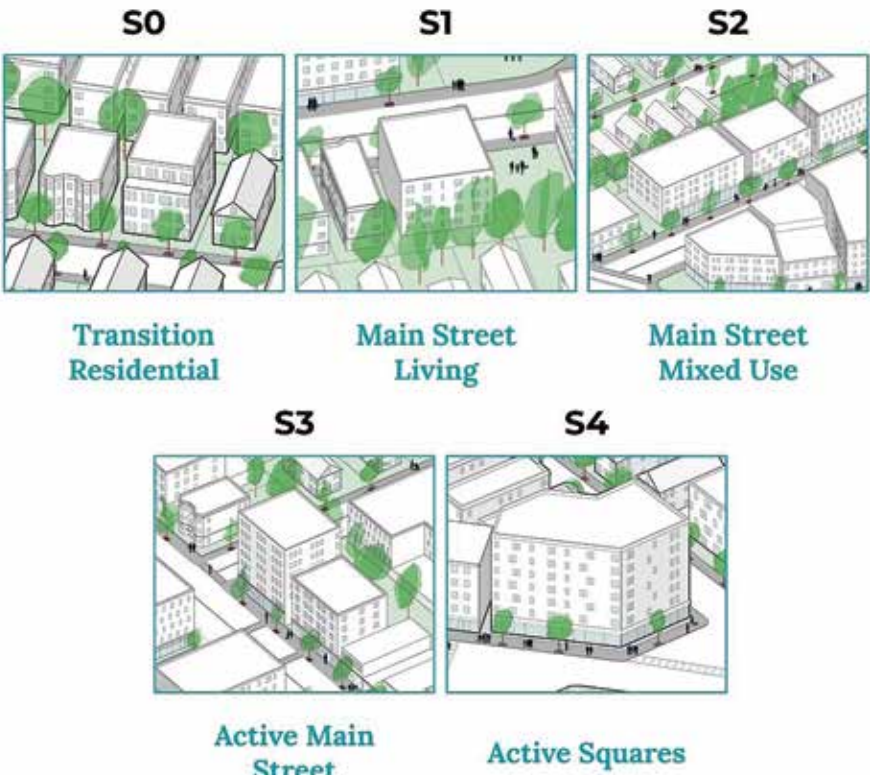
Chambers said they expect to bring the broader plan – known officially as a text amendment to the zoning code - before the BPDA board in February, with a review by the Zoning Commission expected in March.

Areas in Hyde Park and Roslindale will begin the more focused “map amendment” planning process in February – basically applying or not applying the tools in the toolbox to those specific areas. Codman Square and Fields Corner will go through that same process this spring, Chambers said.

Outside of this process, but very much connected to it, is Mattapan Squares + Streets that is being mapped now as part of the separate PLAN Mattapan effort.

Taking a wait-and-see approach, civic associa-

SQUARES + STREETS Zoning Districts



Graphic courtesy BPDA



A view of Norfolk Street and the Great Hall in Codman Square as seen from the steeple of the Second Church of Dorchester in April 2023. Seth Daniel photo

tions in Codman Square and Fields Corner deferred on commenting about the planning exercise at this point.

But at the Codman Square Neighborhood Council meeting this month, a presentation by the BPDA did raise the eyebrows of some commercial landlords who were wary about allowing the public to choose what

tenants were preferred. Some worried they would lose control of whom they were allowed to lease to, and what businesses uses would be allowed or prohibited.

Already controversial is the idea of not requir-

ing parking in any of the five zones – known as S0, S1, S2, S3, and S4 – for new developments. Currently, minimum parking requirements are in effect for all developments, and those requirements are often matters of contention during community reviews. This new process would eliminate those arguments by not having any requirements, but it has brought on concerns about how such a change could affect parking availability.

“In zones S0-S5 there is no minimum parking requirement,” said Chambers. “That doesn’t preclude a developer from offering that as an option in their project... Many are concerned about residential parking, and we’ve had a lot of concern about commercial parking. We’re really trying to be thoughtful in bringing on a transportation consultant to work with us through the parking process.”

Chambers said the reason for eliminating the parking requirement is that the new zoning initiative looks to accelerate housing development as a key priority. She said building out parking is “one of the biggest barriers to affordability in development” and “can make or break a project.”

Included in that discussion will be the topic of establishing loading zones in commercial districts to prevent double parking or inappropriate truck parking for deliveries, she noted.

Less controversial is the reconfiguration of the “table of uses,” or what is allowed in each district. Chambers said the city’s table was found to be convoluted and, in some cases, repetitive for businesses looking for licenses. By simplifying or combining uses, they have whittled the proposed table down from 250 to 90 categories.

“One thing that jumped out is that we get a lot of requests to review appli-

cations for take-out [at restaurants] because it’s a stand-alone use,” she said. “Even if you’re an existing restaurant, you have a separate approval process to get take-out allowed. Nine out of ten times there was no reason to object to that.”

She also said there was a special review process for ice cream stores, which probably isn’t necessary. “It’s something we don’t need to be as strict on as we are,” she said.

The breakdown of the five zones include the following:

- S0 – Transitional Residential areas that are often around the corner from business districts and would promote development of 6-to-14-unit buildings that are now considered non-conforming.

- S1 – Described as the Main Street Living district with larger buildings that don’t contain commercial uses but have open space.

- S2 – A Main Street mixed use district with larger buildings that can have commercial uses on the ground floor and some open space.

- S3 – Active Main Street area contemplates dense housing with smaller setbacks, less open space, and required ground floor commercial space.

- S4 – Active Squares district that contemplates up to 7 stories or 85-foot-tall buildings with required ground floor commercial, open space as amenities like roof decks, and most uses – except lab uses – are allowed.

- S5 – A high-density S5 district had been on the table originally but has been pulled back for re-thinking. That district was only to be used sparingly but would give the plan the ability to have buildings of around 13-to-16-stories tall. This district is currently not part of the plan, but could be re-inserted during the approval process, Chambers said.

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Docket No. SU24P0052EA
ESTATE OF:
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DATE OF DEATH: 10/09/2023
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CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU24C0024CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
LYLA MARIE LOVETT

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Lyla Marie Lovett of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
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Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **02/09/2024**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 12, 2024
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DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
JEAN TOTO JOASSAINT
vs.
MARYSE JOASSAINT PIERRE

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of Marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 5, 2024
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vs.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 18, 2024
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To the above named defendant:
The plaintiff has filed a complaint for Divorce Requesting that the court Grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

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Witness, Hon. Patricia Gorman, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 9, 2024
Colleen M. Brierley
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Steward crisis has city leaders worried; local hospitals seen imperiled by money woes

(Continued from page 1) could be in danger of closing or facing other negative impacts from Steward’s instability, which has been a source of anxiety in recent years, but has been heightened by recent media reports indicating that Steward’s financial problems are now at a crisis point.

The *Globe* reported last Friday that the for-profit health care system, which owns nine hospitals in Massachusetts, has stopped making payments to the property management company that owns its properties, including the campus on Dorchester Avenue. In a disclosure made by their landlord, Medical Properties Trust, they reached an agreement with Steward that includes “the potential sale or re-tenanting of certain hospital operations,” according to the *Globe* story.

There has been no specific reference to either Carney or St. Elizabeth’s, but close observers of the Carney in particular have raised concerns about the facility’s viability in recent years. Gov. Maura Healey’s office told WBUR and the *Globe* that it has been in regular talks with Steward about its financial situation.

In an interview on Tuesday, FitzGerald said he and Breadon are very worried about the near-term impacts of any Steward service cuts, job losses, or closures.

“We’re concerned about the public health and economic impacts to employees and patients at Carney and St. Elizabeth’s, but also about the impacts of the health care of the city in general given that we are already at capacity. If those hospitals were to fail, it really becomes a crisis,” said FitzGerald.

The hearing order, filed on Jan. 18, is expected to be discussed at the Jan. 24 meeting of the council. It will likely be assigned to the committee on Public Health that FitzGerald was assigned to chair this week by Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.

On Tuesday, Louijeune said that she fully supports a council hearing on the matter and was “really glad to see my colleagues collaborating on this issue. I also have been talking to state and federal leaders about this issue,” she added, saying that other hospital leaders in the city have indicated that their facilities are already at or nearing capacity.

“We’re already in dire straits in our health care industry nationally and here in Boston. It’s unfortunate that the for-profit model is such a big part of our system,” she said.

FitzGerald said that while Steward’s position in the Massachusetts market is an urgent matter for state officials tasked with oversight of the statewide health system, city officials need to be prepared for the possibility of closures.

“We were already thinking through the various next steps if there were to be a closure and we want to hear from other experts, ideally, about how do we make

sure it can stay open,” said FitzGerald.

According to WBUR, Steward notified state regulators last month that it plans to close New England Sinai Acute Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation Hospital in Stoughton.

Steward has owned the 159-bed Carney Hospital since 2010. It was previously owned and operated by Caritas Christi, a health care system then owned by the archdiocese of Boston. Prior to that, it was controlled by the Daughters of Charity, an order of Catholic nuns who specialize in running health centers and hospitals.

In a statement to the Reporter, State Sen. Nick Collins, said: “We need to do everything we can to support Carney. The Legislature put the funding forward. Now it’s time for Health and Human Services and the Department of Public Health officials to step up and provide the funding and support needed to help Carney Hospital stabilize and thrive. It is vital to the community, city, and Commonwealth that it succeeds.”

“It is no surprise to anyone that we need a quality hospital to serve our community, and it is imperative that we have a strong partner in the work,” said Representative Brandy Fluker Oakley (D-Mattapan). “We need access to high quality health care provided in collaboration with a partner that will show up for our commu-



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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P0085EA

ESTATE OF:
KATHLEEN PATRICIA SOTER
a/k/a: KATHLEEN P. SOTER
DATE OF DEATH: 09/18/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Joseph V. Soter, Jr. of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Patricia Craig of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
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DATE OF DEATH: 03/22/2017

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 16, 2024
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LEGAL NOTICE

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Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P0104EA

ESTATE OF:
HAROLD ERNEST JACOBS
a/k/a: HAROLD JACOBS,
HAROLD E. JACOBS
DATE OF DEATH: 11/30/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Maureen G. Jacobs of Weymouth, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Maureen G. Jacobs of Weymouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **02/27/2024**.
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Meeting set this week on ‘slow zones’ plans

The MBTA will host a public meeting at Cristo Rey Boston High School in Savin Hill at 6 p.m. on Thursday of this week (Jan. 25) to discuss its plans for Red Line track improvements aimed at eliminating so-called “slow zones.”

“At the open house meeting, a diverse group of attendees will be present, including key representatives and stakeholders from the [Track Improvement] program itself, MBTA leadership, and engagement staff,” said Lisa Battiston, a T spokesperson.

“We have also extended this invitation to community leaders, local officials, and subject matter experts directly involved in the decision-making process.”

The meeting is one in a series the MBTA has planned ahead of track work that is expected to begin soon along the Red Line. Sixteen percent of subway track is currently under some sort of speed restriction as of Tuesday, much of it on the Red Line. A two week shutdown along the Dorchester leg last October was successful in lifting some of the slow zones on that section of the right-of-way.

– TAYLOR BROKESH

Summer Sports Center sign-ups start Feb. 1

Registration for the 2024 Summer Sports Centers at White Stadium in Franklin Park, Ronan Park, Garvey Playground, and Hunt-Almont Park in Mattapan will open on Feb. 1, the Department of Parks and Recreation announced Tuesday.

The Summer Sports Center program offers free instruction for Boston children ages 7-14 in a variety of popular sports. Kids can be signed up for just one week of instruction or from July 8 to Aug. 16.

The aim of the program is to provide sports instruction to kids who otherwise may face cost barriersto participation, and can benefit parents searching for affordable childcare options during the summer

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ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on February 14, 2024, at 9:15 A.M., in connection with Text Amendment Application No. 520 and Map Amendment Application No. 772, filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Said text amendment would add one (1) new Open Space subdistrict to Article 33. The Stadium Open Space (OS-S) subdistrict would create a new stadium and public amphitheater zoning district, in order to enable greater investment and enable more amenities in appropriate areas of the city's current and future open spaces. It would also make minor changes that add reference to the Stadium Open Space subdistrict in Article 3, Establishment of Zoning Districts; Article 33-1: Preamble; Article 33-2, Statement of Purpose; Article 33-5, Establishment of Open Space Subdistrict Categories; Article 33-6 Land Eligible for Open Space Designation. Out-of-date language referring to organizations that have reformed or been renamed, such as the

Boston Natural Area Fund and Metropolitan District Commission, have also been updated. Said map amendment would map the newly created OS-S subdistrict in East Boston (East Boston Memorial Stadium) and Mattapan (White Stadium) neighborhoods.

This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to https://bit.ly/BZC_Feb142024. Copies of the petitions and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to zoningcommission@boston.gov.

Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: zoningcommission@boston.gov or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2024. Please request interpreting services **no later than February 9, 2024**.

For the Commission
Jeffrey M. Hampton
Executive Secretary

Mattapan Community Health Center

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Mattapan Community Health is seeking bids for a construction project at 1575 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan. The project involves the addition of exam rooms and the renovation of registration space. Interested parties may request a Proposal Package (RFP) by contacting Tom Lam, SLAM Collaborative, at tlam@slamcoll.com

Questions regarding this project must be sent by email at tlam@slamcoll.com

Final bids will be due by February 7, 2024 by 12:00 pm

GBIO Lead Organizer / Executive Director Job Description

Reporting to the GBIO Strategy Team (Board of Directors), through the Personnel Team, the Lead Organizer / Executive Director (LE/ED) is responsible for building a strong organization by developing leaders to work for the common good, providing day-to-day leadership and management in the implementation of its approved operations and actions.

In accordance with the bylaws, the Personnel Team supports the LE/ED in the conduct of its overall operations, which includes hiring and managing additional staff or contractors.

In accordance with the bylaws, under the direction of the GBIO Strategy Team (Board of Directors), the LE/ED will develop, manage, and implement all approved issue campaigns, oversee fundraising efforts and engage with volunteers on all actions. LE/ED also oversees communications, finance, and operations, with support from communications organizer, operations staff, bookkeeper, and Strategy Team finance committee.

Organizers bring a unique expertise of being a: talent scout, teacher and coach, strategist, researcher, policy-oriented, campaign builder, action driver, evaluator, administrator, listener, agitator, and team builder. For GBIO, the following core responsibilities are defined:

Qualifications

The successful LE/ED candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent work experience.
- Strong written and verbal communications.
- Ability to contribute to and create a strong team environment among staff as well as leaders throughout the organization.
- Self-management, including technology skills, to maintain a wide network of internal and external relationships and oversee the wide range of activity of a large, multi-issue organization.
- Three years or more work experience in a leadership role, including supervisory experience.
- Strong experience and/or demonstrated interest in interfaith relationships and the spiritual and religious values and practices which support and sustain work for justice.
- Deep capacity for cross-cultural relationships and for equitably leading a multi-racial organization.
- Experience in working with people of varied religious and cultural backgrounds.
- Experience or aptitude to fund and manage a million dollar annual budget.
- Ability to ask for assistance and mentoring, and acknowledge the areas of the work where it is needed.

LE/ED will be responsible for the following:

- Leadership identification, recruitment, development, support and training;
- Working closely and relationally with various leadership bodies of GBIO (e.g., Strategy Team, Executive Team, Finance Team, Fundraising Team, Personnel Team, and issue action teams);
- Directing campaigns and working with leaders on political strategy, relationship building and power analysis;
- Strategic planning;
- Fundraising and grant writing;
- Administration and business functions;
- Recruitment, development and training of organizers;
- Hiring, supervising, developing, evaluating and, if necessary, terminating, in consultation with GBIO leadership, all GBIO paid staff.

Terms

This position is full time as described in the GBIO Employee Manual. Any work performed outside of GBIO will be negotiated and approved by the Executive and/or Personnel Team.

Salary

Annual salary will be \$95,000 - \$105,000 depending on experience.

Benefits

GBIO will provide SEP (Pension) contributions in the amount of 15% of annual salary, Health Care, and generous vacation as stipulated in the GBIO Employee Manual.

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The Executive Assistant/Special Projects Manager reports to the Executive Director and works with all levels of the staff to achieve the agency's goals/mission.

Key Responsibilities:

- Provide administrative support to the Executive Director. Includes scheduling meetings, managing and producing executive-level written and verbal communications, PowerPoint presentations, etc.
- Manage website and information technology functions, including maintaining and troubleshooting website and computer issues, etc.
- Research legislative and programmatic issues relevant to the agency's work.
- Manage/coordinate production of agency-wide reports.
- Staff, manage and implement regular and special projects such as the NDC's 45th Anniversary Gala, annual Craft Fair, website upgrades, NeighborWorks Week, Board meetings, etc.
- Maintain donor and CITC database, manage and cultivate donors and outreach activities. Serve as primary support person to senior staff around fundraising.

Bachelors degree in related field with 1-3 years executive level support experience or 4-6 years such experience. Excellent written, verbal communication and computer skills (both with hard and software) required. Excellent knowledge of word processing, database development and spreadsheet programs a must.

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Fred Woodard Collective kicks off Dot Jazz Series

By CORY UTSEY
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

No matter how many times Fred Woodard Jr. takes his guitar out of the case, it is always a big deal. The musician, teacher, Berklee alumnus, and organizer of the Dudley Jazz Festival always sees the occasion as an opportunity to spread positivity— and a strong groove— to his audience.

His aspirations and dedication to musicianship were as clear as ever last Saturday evening, when he and his band, the Fred Woodard Collective, performed in softly lit Peabody Hall inside the Parish of All Saints church on Ashmont Street.

A quartet, the collective comprises Woodard Jr., guitarist and frontman, Melvin Graham, bassist, Matthew Williams, drummer, and Woodard Jr.'s son Fredrick (Fred) Woodard III, violinist.

The weekend event was the kickoff show for the Mandorla Music 2024 Dot Jazz Series. Rooted in the belief that experiencing music can facilitate community and healing, Mandorla Music aims to present jazz concerts through the Dot Jazz Series on a monthly basis— something that has been difficult since the onset of Covid-19.

"The biggest part of the vision is about regularity and trying to put this on the map again as a destination for live music fans in Dorchester," said Mark Redmond, the president and founder of the non-profit organization. "Programming wise, the vision remains kind of



The Fred Woodard Collective shown mid-tune in Peabody Hall last Saturday night: Fred Woodard Jr., guitarist and frontman, Melvin Graham, bassist, Matthew Williams, drummer, and Woodard Jr.'s son Fredrick (Fred) Woodard III, violinist. Cory Utsey photos

what it's been— jazz is a pretty big term that refers to a lot of different kinds of music, and we're really deliberate about trying to program things that fall at different places artistically within that spectrum."

Accessibility and affordability of the concerts are a key part of Mandorla Music's mission, hence the collaboration with the Parish of All Saints, which is fully ADA compliant. Additionally, the ticket prices remain fairly low and the church sits close to the MBTA's Ashmont station.

"We want to have audiences that are coming from a lot of different places," Redmond said. "It's always exciting to have die-hard jazz-heads

in the room and also to have people that are there because this is live music close to where they live or work. We really try to pull folks from different sub-scenes into what we're doing."

In addition to being the kickoff show for the series, the concert served as the official release of the Fred Woodard Collective's first album as a quartet. Prior to the addition of Fred III, the band operated as a trio with Graham and Woodard Jr., who have played together for years, and Williams, a former student of Woodard Jr.

The album, entitled "Indigo," is the first recorded project featuring the father and son, and Woodard Jr. makes clear his opinion that

his son's talent cannot be overstated.

"He's not somebody that's just added because he's my kid," Woodard Jr. said. "He brings a certain flavor to the sound of the band. I can't really point to anybody that sounds like him."

The audience didn't take that as an exaggeration. It sat mesmerized when Fred III handled his violin with the fervor of Jimi Hendrix during the live rendition of "Chile," a track off their album.

Described as "blues from a jazz perspective," "Indigo" is a melting pot of Black diasporic music, a collection of original compositions and interpretations of soul-jazz favorites, with the quartet incorporating elements such as B.B.

King-esque shuffle blues, Latin rhythms, hip-hop, and jazz.

"One thing that is common in all African-American music is the blues," Woodard Jr. said. "All great jazz players and innovators are great blues players. As a serious musician, I've always studied the blues and tried to study the connection [with] everything else."

The Collective commanded the full attention of the audience throughout the duration of the show— there were few phones out and chatter was minimal during their performance. The group coalesced their sounds effortlessly while still giving the crowd a sense of improvisational cohesion through their solo moments.

"I want people to feel good after they've heard the music," Woodard Jr. said. "It has to be something people can move to ... and then once I've got that groove and a nice melody established, then, as an improviser, I can go anywhere."

Beilah Ross, a longtime resident of Dorchester and supporter of Mandorla Music, raved about the show. "I just thought it was a beautiful composition of musicians and instruments, and they all just had a really good groove together," Ross said. "It's really lovely to be able to roll down the street and see a great band."

Dave Mattes, another longtime Dorchester resident, agreed that it was a fantastic show. He was particularly impressed by Woodard Jr.'s ear for music.

"He's so economical with his notes," Mattes said. "He doesn't go on major runs or anything like that. It's just really tuneful."

On the morning of the show, Woodard Jr. expressed hope that people would show up in spite of the cold weather, joking that "the music will keep you warm." The people did come, filling nearly every seat as tunes from the stage kept them warm and fully present in the moment.

Those seeking that same feeling should mark their calendars for the next show in the Dot Jazz Series, which will take place on Thurs., Feb. 15, at the Parish of All Saints with a performance by the Witness Maltou Trio.

Jazz nights drum up new energy for Roxbury's Long Live brewery

By CASSIDY MCNEELEY
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

A Roxbury-based brewery and taproom is serving up live jazz alongside its fresh draughts each Thursday night. The proprietors of Long Live Brewery, which is located in the renovated Boston Piano Company building on Hampden Street, are hoping that the music will draw more people to the Newmarket area.

This is the second location for the beer company, which has been based in Providence, Rhode Island, since 2016. Both sites are owned and operated by co-founders Jessica deBry and Armando DeDonna. The Hampden Street building is owned by Michael Feldman, who operates his primary business, the engineering firm Feldman Geospatial, from the building as well.

"My grandfather started this business in 1946. Then it went to my dad and uncle and in 1998, I came in. So, it's a third generation serving in engineering," Feldman said in an interview with

the Reporter. "We used to be in the South End and in 2015 our landlord sold the building and we found this place and I just looked at it and said this is definitely a taproom space."

The location was previously occupied by Backlash Beer Co. and then a California-based brewery that specialized in hard kombucha. Long Live took it over in 2022 and opened for business last June.

"A big part of what interested us in this space is how well cared for the building is," said DeBry. "You can feel the energy. Michael put so much into this building and really cares about it. That's rare for a landlord. It makes a huge difference in the neighborhood, too. When you are operating a taproom, you have to lean into the fact that you have to build relationships and the way people feel in the space is important to us," he added. "In Providence, we have established relationships. Starting here,

it's great to be learning about new people and see other people doing amazing things."

Long Live hosts weekly events for its customers, among them yoga on Saturdays and food trucks and trivia on Wednesdays. Their newest event is the recurring Thursday jazz night performances from 6 to 9 p.m.

"A lot of this is Michael's grand vision and his robust relationship with musicians from his past experiences," DeBry said. "Our Providence location is almost the same size but a very different layout, so we don't have the same ability to host live entertainment. Here there is such an opportunity with this space, you can move furniture around and there's parking."

Feldman is a music enthusiast and percussionist who studied Latin percussion with teachers at Berklee and in Cuba. He has always dreamed of reimagining the property into a place for community, arts, music, and retail.



A jazz trio at play during one of Long Live Beerworks' Thursday night performances. Shown here: John Lockwood, Mark Walker, and Tim Ray. Photo courtesy Michael Feldman

"I thought it would be great to combine our community commitment with Long Live by opening up the place to free jazz music that is high quality by professionals," he said.

With Berklee College of Music not too far away, Feldman originally imagined inviting students to participate in jazz showcases. "Then it dawned on me: Why don't we kick it off with more professional musicians? I thought it would be a better start. It would be sound great, and it would be great for the com-

munity," he said. "We wanted to add another enhancement so that people can come in here and drink high-quality beer and there's usually food around, too."

The weekly jazz nights launched on Jan. 4 with performances from three Berklee faculty members: John Lockwood, Mark Walker, and Tim Ray.

"It's exciting the people who were in here that night, I thought they had a great time," Feldman said. "A lot of them were loyal Long Live people who haven't been here

in a little bit and the music brought them in and then a lot of people were new."

Feldman and DeBry have booked 12 weeks of music and expect more musicians to reach out after each performance. Future shows include two female lead groups. Teresa Ines & Trio will perform on Feb. 8 followed by the Rebecca Cline Trio on the 15th. Feldman also expressed excitement for performances from Gonzalo Grau "Plural" and Mango Blue.



BGCD Keystone Club Volunteers at Food Pantry with Greater Boston Food Bank: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Keystone Club Volunteers at Food Pantry with Greater Boston Food Bank: This past weekend, members of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Keystone Club traveled to Lawrence High School to volunteer at a Food Pantry event with the Greater Boston Food Bank.

BGCD's Keystone Club is a Teen Leadership group where teens build skills while serving the community via a variety of Club and community based service projects. Keystone is open to high school members and is a great way to complete required high school service commitments and presents well on college and scholarship applications.

For more information on our Keystone Club, please contact Teen Director Declan Hall at dhall@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Video Game Club Holds First Mario Kart Tournament: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Video Game Club recently hosted their first ever Mario Kart Tournament which was attended by 27 of our members. It was a night full of laughs and healthy competition. All participants played a great game, but ultimately our big winners were Juan, Ethan, and Finn who received gift cards. Congratulations on their great achievements!

Keep an eye out for our February Video Game Tournament to be announced soon. Video Game Club is held on Thursdays from 6:00-7:00pm for ages 9+ at our Marr Clubhouse.

For more information on Video Game Club, please contact Social Recreation Director Shannon Zarnoch at szarnoch@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Video Game Club Holds First Mario Kart Tournament: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD Power Forward Holds Alumni & Member Gathering: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Power Forward (College & Career Prep) members welcomed recent BGCD alumni back to the Club to share a meal and have important conversations about their post secondary experiences.

BGCD Alumni shared honest and candid post secondary experiences with our current high school members along with great words of advice to help guide them through the rest of their high school years.

A special thank you to alumni Michaliz, Jamil, Caitlin, Waverly, Hadi and Aissatou for their participation!

For more information on Power Forward, please contact Education Strategist Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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January 27

Marr-lin Swim Team Sectionals
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RECENT OBITUARIES



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BRODERICK, John Edward, 90, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Patrick Broderick and Helen A. (Joyce) Broderick, both of Co. Galway, Ireland. Brother of Margaret “Peggy” (Broderick) MacKay of Dorchester, and the late James Broderick, Thomas Broderick, and Marie “Pat” Healy. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. John is also survived by many grandnieces, grandnephews, and 2 great-great-nieces.

Donations in John’s memory may be made to St. Martin de Porres Parish, 15 Rita Rd., Dorchester, MA 02124.



CONDRY, Dennis Edward, 71, of Bridgewater, formerly of Savin Hill. Son of the late Edward and Ruth (McDonald) Condry. Brother of Jean Condry-Whooley and her husband Liam, Jimmy Condry and his wife Pat, Nancy Condry and her fiancé Gerard Glynn, Eddie Condry, and Maureen Bazzinotti and her husband Paul. Uncle of 6. Dennis was a 47-year employee of Brighton Best International. Donations in Dennis’ memory may be made to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, 1135 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02125, or at bgcdorchester.org.



FARRELL, Ryan, 46, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. He was the father of Mikayla, and is survived by Mikayla’s mother Melissa Ross of Braintree, Son of Stephen Farrell of Milton, and Mary Jane and her

husband Peter Winn of Plymouth. Ryan was also the brother of Jennifer and her husband Daniel Perry of Hanson, and Ashley Farrell of Boston. His extended family of cousins, aunts, uncles, and a multitude of friends will fondly remember his kind and generous spirit. He was a 25 year member of the Labor Union, Local 223. Donations may be made in Ryan’s memory to the Epilepsy Research Foundation at epilepsy.com



HOCKER, Thomas Francis of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester and Brighton. Longtime Boston Public School teacher at the Trotter Elementary School and Boston Latin Academy. He is survived by Karen and their sons Ryan and Declan. Brother of Joseph Kenneth Coleman. Son of the late Frederick Hocker and the late Shirley Coleman (Baggett).



HOLMES, Lucille, 88, of Dorchester, originally from Alabama. Daughter of the late Finley, Sr. and Idaphene (Rowell). Sister to the late Annie Mae Felton, Geneva Hentley, Ernestine Reed, Samuel, John, Ernest, Oliver and Finley Holmes Jr. Mother of Michael, Timothy, Kenneth, Debbie and Celeste Holmes. Lucille

was preceded in death by her oldest and youngest daughters, Shirley Holmes-Sweeting and Alfreda Holmes-Prince. She leaves 8 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. Lucille retired from the now defunct Jordan Marsh Company after many years working as an accountant.



JOHNSON, Hona L. Thornton, 95, of Dorchester, originally of North Carolina. She was the daughter of the late James and Lena Thornton. Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death, by her husband, James E. Johnson, step-daughter Johnetta Allison, several of her siblings and relatives. She leaves her son, and daughter-in-law, Arnold C. Johnson, and Carolyn A. Johnson, of Randolph; sister’s Flora Thornton Williams and Carrie Thornton Williams of, Durham, North Carolina; Deloris Thornton Rowland and Fadeine Thornton Price of Silver Spring, Maryland; Oglatha Thornton Smith, of Hyattsville, Maryland; and brothers Leamon Thornton of Hyattsville, Maryland; and Herbert Thornton of Manhattan, New York. Mrs. Johnson is also survived by a host of nieces and great nieces.

KENNY, Maureen T. (Faherty) of Dorchester, formerly of County Galway, Ireland. Wife to the late Peter B. Kenny. Mother of Margie and the late Paul Ryan of Dorchester, Bernadette Kenny and Lori Casinghino of Milton, Robyn Kenny-Londergan of Kingston, Catherine Kenny and the late Brendan McGrath of Braintree, Mary Kenny



and Antonio Maycott of Dorchester, Julie Foley of Quincy, and the late Michael Kenny. Sister of Tommy Faherty of the United Kingdom and Annie O’Brien of Ireland and the late Bridie, Julie, John, Paddy, Micheal, Bartley, and Peggy. Gammie of 13, and the late Richard B. Londergan. Great Gammie to 6.



MCMORROW, Helén M. (McCarthy), of Milton, originally from Dorchester. Wife of the late Daniel J. McMorrow Sr. Mother of Daniel J. McMorrow Jr. and his wife Marianne of Braintree, Christopher G. McMorrow and his wife Colleen of Weymouth, and Anne E. Crisman and her husband Tim of Braintree. Grandmother of 8. Sister of the late Doris Irr, Lester McCarthy Jr., William McCarthy, and Patricia Welch. She was employed as an Admitting Clerk at Milton Hospital.

MCPHERSON, Lily Pearl, 85, of Hyde Park. Mother of Regina McPherson, Patrice McPherson, and Wanda McPherson all of Boston. Grandmother of 5, and great-mother of 3. Sister of Melvin McPherson (Mittie) of Hyde Park, Kenneth McPherson (Gerry) of August GA, and Donna Grant (James) of Marietta GA; special

sister of Mamie Hanberry of Dorchester; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Lily was preceded in death by her parents the late Deacon Randolph McPherson and Delia Peavy McPherson as well as her four siblings Van L. McPherson Sr., Berniece McCaskill, Jimmy McPherson, and Charles McPherson Sr.



SULLIVAN, John Lawrence “Sully”, 83. He was born and raised in Dorchester, MA and was the son of the late Paul Sullivan and Mary Sherimonti. Sully was a retired business owner. Husband to Barbara Connolly and father to John Sullivan of Roslindale, Karen Kelly and her husband John of West Roxbury, Laura Vito and her husband Jeff of Foxboro, and Barbie Sullivan of Roslindale. Grandfather to 8, as well as great-grandfather to 4.



SWAN, Mary C. (Kelly) of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Mary was the wife of the late Charles F. Swan. She was the mother of Cheryl Bennett and her husband John of Milton, Michael Swan of Milton, Marybeth Mayo and her husband Terence of Milton, and her late sons Charles “Chucky” Swan and Robert Swan, survived by his wife Cheryl Swan of Braintree. Sister of the late John “Jack” Kelly, James Kelly, and Sr. Winifred Kelly. Grandmother of 12, and greatgrandmother of 6. Retired supervisor with the United States Postal Service. Donations may be made in her memory to the Pancreatic Cancer Foundation at pancan.org.

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Rev. Msgr. Paul Ryan, at 92; longtime St. Gregory’s pastor

Rev. Msgr. Paul T. Ryan 92, passed away peacefully on January 18, at the Regina Cleri



Residence in Boston. He was born July 19, 1931, in Jamaica Plain. Son of the late John F. and Josephine M. (Dolan) Ryan. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by siblings Mary Reilly and her husband James, Catherine McGuire and her husband John, John Ryan and his wife Elaine, Margaret Gallagher and her husband John, James Ryan, and Peter Ryan and his wife Marianne. He leaves many loving nieces and nephews, and many great-nieces and nephews.

Monsignor Ryan grew up in Jamaica Plain and attended Boston College High School and Boston College. After graduating from Boston College, he entered St. John’s Seminary. He was ordained at

the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Feb. 3, 1958, by Richard Cardinal Cushing. He then served at the following parishes: St. Peter’s in Lowell, St. Angela’s in Mattapan, St. Mary’s in Brookline, Most Precious Blood in Hyde Park, and St. Gregory’s in Dorchester with the honor of being the Pastor for 27 years.

Fr. Ryan was named a Prelate of Honor to His Holiness by Pope John Paul II and given the title “Reverend Monsignor” in 1998. In 2008, he was granted Senior Priest/Retirement Status. He subsequently served at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood, before joining his brethren at the Regina Cleri Residence in 2016.

Visiting Hours were held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 549 Washington St. Norwood on Wed., Jan. 24. Msgr. Ryan will lie in state in St. Gregory Church on Thurs., Jan. 25 from 9-11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, West Roxbury.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Monsignor Ryan Scholarship Fund at St. Catherine of Siena Parish School, 249 Nahatan St. Norwood, MA 02062 or Regina Cleri, 60 William Cardinal O’Connell Way, Boston, MA 02114.



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