Evergreen Business in Four Corners

By Yukun Zhang

Applicants are lining up to bid for pot permits in Dot, Mattapan

By Jennifer Smith

News Editor

As city councilors are taking a hard look at the equity issues in the cannabis business, would-be marijuana merchants in and out of Boston are already jumping into the lucrative new market.

Limited to doing business only by proximity to schools and each other — and available properties in land-crunched neighborhoods — they have popped up across Dorchester and Mattapan in the past year, with seven currently pursuing licenses.

Generally speaking, feedback has followed familiar lines at public meetings: worries about vehicular and pedestrian traffic; exposure to children or to those already struggling with drugs; the likelihood of crime associated with the business; and a desire to see them located elsewhere. At the same time, proponents keep pointing out that the selling of marijuana is a legal business that was voted in by a strong majority of the city and the precincts in question to offer a regulated, lawful, and taxable alternative to the product available on the street. Strict security protocols have been proposed for all of the sites.

The first cannabis outfit to work its way through the local process, Natural Selections at 50 Franklin Street, is asking residents to show up at a meeting three years ago, LivableStreets Alliance was met with a number of design firms to begin the conversation about a comprehensive redesign of Columbia Road, the busy thoroughfare that connects several Dorchester neighborhoods, including Uphams Corner, Grove Hall, and Franklin Park. The process stalled shortly thereafter, largely due to a lack of funding. Now, thanks to a recent injection of $10 million from the city, using funds allocated as part of a $102 million sale of a WastePro Square garage to private developers, the process is back on the table.

Back in harness:
Planning to upgrade Columbia Road

By Daniel Sheehan

Reporter Staff

A greener, safer, and more accessible Columbia Road may be on the horizon. The LivableStreets Alliance is asking residents along the route to help shape what that future might look like. Talk of a redesign has persisted for years, but with a new survey, the Cambridge-based nonprofit is hoping to use community feedback to turn that speculation into a broader, more concrete vision.

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Residents press for update on Morton-Gallivan project; MassDOT rebuts complaints

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN

A group of neighbors called on state officials to meet with them about an upcoming roadway project along Morton Street last week. Dan Sheehan photo process that needs to be followed in order for a public improvement project of this scale to move forward,” he said in a statement to the Reporter.

“Not only was that process followed for this project,” he added, “there were numerous additional local community meetings hosted by the West Selden Street and Victory Neighborhood Association, the community group which encompasses the streets where the project is taking place.

“This has been a transparent, community entered process from start to present, and will remain so through completion,” Cullinane said. MassDOT is accepting bids on the project until next month, at which point a general contractor will be selected. After that there will be an important opportunity for community participation, according to Cullinane.

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The design has not changed since this time. This project is currently being advertised for construction bids and bids are scheduled to be opened in January.

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MassDOT officials dispute what Crichlow and Ellis have called "disingenuous" on a handcrafted stage alongside the original score of the famed composer, Prokofiev, these carefully crafted puppets will introduce the audience to the Russian tale of young boy. Free, but reserve seats at jkBharony.

The American Red Cross will host two blood drives in Dorchester on Friday, Jan 11. The drives will be held 12pm-5pm at Carney Hospital, 380 Dorchester Ave. and at BedHead Healt, 1353 Dorchester Ave. Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to reserve a time.

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Councillors hear pushback on School Committee by appointment

By Carrie Jung

Emotions ran high at a City Council hearing last Tuesday night focused on whether or not Boston should go back to electing the School Committee. The three-hour Education Committee session covered a lot of ground, but in the end, most of the comments shared one common theme: The voices of the local community are not being heard.

"The real issue is whether or not the Boston School Committee is truly accountable to the needs of Boston families, students, and educators," said Brandy Oakley, the executive director of Educators for Excellence Boston, a teacher-led policy advocacy group. "Every voice has to matter," she added, "and there must be multiple avenues for engagement."

The vast majority of her group's members oppose the current structure, Oakley said, which has the mayor appointing school committee members from a list of candidates developed by a citizen nominating commission. Oakley contends that that arrangement gives too much power to one person.

"When it was elected, it was a disaster," he said. "The city switched to the current appointment structure in 1992, after mounting criticism over student performance, budget deficits, and corruption. Boston is the only municipal school district in Massachusetts with an appointed committee. Nationally, the vast majority of school are elected, with the exception of major cities like Chicago and New York, which also have appointed school board members.

Walsh argues that since doing away with school committee elections, the governing body has been running with better representation and more stability. Former City Councilor Lawrence DiCara, a panelist at the Tuesday hearing, also opposes the idea of moving away from an appointed body. "He said the 1970s were not the best of times for the elected board. "There were some decent people who served on those committees," he said, "but there were many who ran only because of their office. He argued that mayoral appointment committees actually increase accountability because the mayor is fully accountable for the public education system.

But most who attended at the meeting insisted times have changed. They said they believed the school committee in place is run at the behest of the mayor, and that the only way to truly meet the needs of the local community is to restore the democratic process.

"Democracy is messy," said Mary Battenfeld, a member of the grassroots parent advocacy group Quality Education for Every Student (QUEST). "A lot can go wrong, but that doesn't mean we should do wrong in return."

While there will likely be continued discussion on the issue in the coming months, Essahbi-George said that formal recommendations and final decisions are probably years away.

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Uphams planners seek ‘development without displacement’

Residents gathered for a planning session in the Strand Theatre last year.

By Jennifer Smith

City planners are distilling feedback from the most recent public meeting on the Uphams Corner implementation process, which seeks to transform a number of city - and land trust-owned parcels in the village's core into an arts innovation district.

Some 90 people showed up at a Nov. 27 Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) meeting to look at draft language for three Requests for Proposals (RFPs) that the city will send out as the initiative finishes up.

They cover parcels that contain two early 20th century bank buildings and neighboring parking lots, the century-old Strand Theatre, and a city municipal lot.

“There is still work to be done,” said Andrew Dowlin, a civic leader and member of the Working Advisory Group, concurred with city officials that the November attendance was representative and encouraging. “The meeting had one of the largest and most diverse turnouts of any convened by the BPDA recently,” he wrote in an email.

Attendees broke into small groups focused on arts innovation, the Strand Theatre, economic and commercial development, housing, and other topics like parking and transportation, Haas said. They reviewed development guidelines that may make it into the final RFPs, spanning from neighborhood context to the characteristics of commercial units that might occupy them.

“Development without displacement is really the theme of the whole effort,” Haas explained, “with larger ratios of affordable housing than in other projects, plus commercial units targeted to rent levels accessible to entrepreneurs from the local community, some of whom would graduate from programs of the local Fairmount Innovation Lab. The challenge is to develop arts programs available as career avenues for local youth from lower income / imigrant families, and have these activities sustain over time, while their families can remain nearby.”

Other guidelines set out expectations for the best structure and operation of the forthcoming $18 million Uphams Corner Library, which attendees agreed should be in conversation with the arts district and Strand. Hybrid space and arts space should run through most of the project, according to the presentation materials.

Although affordability components are not as firm around commercial lots, the draft language included the needs for small footprints that fit many of the organic commercial needs of the village.

Attendees pressed the city’s economic development chief, John Barros, on how to ensure commitments to diversity and affordability would be met.

“There’s a lot of language in the RFPs around making sure this is not just affordable and accessible, but that the folks who are participating in the finance and the actual businesses created, that there’s a lot of local community investment in those things,” said Kristina Ricco, senior planner with the BPDA, after the meeting.

“As to how the city’s going to make sure that happens,” she said, “as John Barros alluded to, our primary tool is that these are expected to be ground leases, so the city continues to own the property, which gives us more control than areas where the city is just selling a parcel for development.”

A question that still remains is how best to ensure community oversight in the new district. There may be an organization formed specifically to steward the arts and innovation district long-term, Ricco said.

“There’s a real possibility when something takes a full year that people fatigue and lose interest… but it doesn’t seem that that’s happened. People have been along with us for a long time and are looking forward to us releasing the RFP and getting on with the next step, and we’re making sure we’re very careful about crossing every “T” and dotted every “I,” because it’s a big project.”

By Tara O’Reardon

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Vasquez-Watt, Lilyrose Studio, including Leah the JMBT’s Dorchester Strand stage for ‘The Nutcracker’

Dot dancers-in-training take to Strand for ‘The Nutcracker’ performance of José Mateo Ballet Theater’s "The Nutcracker," which opened last weekend at the Strand Theatre in Dorchester and will run through Sun. Dec. 23. All students who participate in the production perform at least 7 of the 21 performances.

Ava Denis, a 12-year-old member of the Dorchester Studio, is participating for the third year, this season as a cherub. Her mother Vivian Denis, reported that her daughter fell in love with the JMBT community some four years ago when she was told about it by one of her friends.

"The community at Jose Mateo, the parents, the atmosphere, just are so welcoming and warm," Vivian Denis said. "It just seemed like a family.

Parent and daughter stayed with the studio because of that atmosphere, and over time it became a bigger and bigger part of Ava’s daily life. She takes particular pride in her yearly Nutcracker dances, speculating during the year with her mother over which part she might be given.

"It’s just something that she looks forward to," her mother said. "The anticipation of what role she is going to get in the Nutcracker is just so exciting for her, for both of us.

"I think it’s nice to have something that is different come into the community and give girls of color the idea that they can do anything," Dennis said.

Dates and times for the shows are: Fri., Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 22, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 23, 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. Call 617-354-7467 with questions.

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Thurs., Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Sing; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club. Fri., Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Playgroup. Thurs., Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m. – Baby & Toddler Sing; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Builders Club. Fri., Dec. 28, 9:30 a.m. – LEGO Builders Club.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 20, 2 p.m. – Dorchester Career Access Points; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. Thurs., Dec. 27, 2 p.m. – Dorchester Career Access Points. Wed., Jan. 2, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 4, 10 a.m. – Tech Help Time; 10:30 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. Sat., Jan. 5, 11 a.m. – SAT Prep Workshop. Mon., Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

FIELDS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 20, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help, Gingerbread House Workshop. Fri., Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. Wed., Dec. 26, 10:30 a.m. – Pre-school Films and Fun. Fri., Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. Wed., Jan. 2, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Jan. 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

GROVE HALL BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 20, 12:30 p.m. – Drop-In Tech Thursdays; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. 5 p.m. – Holiday Spacer. Fri., Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. – Short Preschool Movie; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. Sat., Dec. 22, 12 p.m. – Community Gathering: Making with Spacers! the ArtMobile and Project R.I.G.H.T, Inc.; 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building. Wed., Dec. 26, 10 a.m. – Drop-In Career Assistance with Project Place; 11 a.m. – Toddler Time; 2 p.m. – Winter Break Crafts: Sugar Cube Igloo. Fri., Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m. – Short Preschool Movie; 2 p.m. – Winter Break Crafts: Painting; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming; Mon., Dec. 31, 2 p.m. – Winter Break Crafts; Fuse Bead Fun. Wed., Jan. 10, 10 a.m. – Drop-In Career Assistance with Project Place; 2 p.m. – Winter Break Crafts: Pop Culture Coasters. Thurs., Jan. 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 20, 1 p.m. – Holiday Mosaic Workshop; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; LEGO Club; 6:30 p.m. – Little Firez Everywhere by Celeste Ng: Book Discussion. Fri., Dec. 21, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wiggles; 1 p.m. – Joan Fontaine Film Series; 3:30 p.m. – OZOBOTS. Wed., Dec. 26, 10:30 a.m. – Pop-Up Crafts; 10:30 a.m. – Short Preschool Movie. Thurs., Dec. 27, 5 p.m. – LEGO Club. Fri., Dec. 28, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wiggles Lapsit Program; 1 p.m. Joan Fontaine Film Series. Mon., Dec. 31, 4 p.m. – LEGO Club.

MATTAPAN BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 20, 12:30 p.m. – Pop-Up Crafts, Yoga; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6:30 p.m. – Young Adult Film Club; Mon., Dec. 31, 5 p.m. – SNOW from the Start Story Hour. Mon., Dec. 24, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play. Wed., Dec. 26, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time. Thurs., Dec. 27, 12:30 p.m. – Pop-Up Crafts, Yoga.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 20, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Revealing the Magic of Kriolu: the Cape Verdean Creole - English Dictionary. Sat., Dec. 22, 10:30 a.m. – Last Minute Gifts. Wed., Dec. 26, All Day – Kwanzaa Crafts. Thurs., Dec. 27, 2:30 p.m. – All Ages Holiday Movie. Fri., Dec. 28, 12 p.m. – Reading Readiness. Sat., Dec. 29, 12 p.m. – Lego Builders. Mon., Dec. 31, All Day – New Year’s Eve Crafts. Wed. Jan. 2, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Jan. 3, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Mon., Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Jan. 8, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Jan. 9, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.
Woods-McNish to be honored at January’s Maven Awards

Dorchester’s Janelle Woods-McNish, director of facilities management for the full-service real estate and property management firm Peabody Properties, has been named to a leadership team, Jen - property management service real estate and projects.

Janelle Woods-McNish

children and youth from prostitution worldwide. Woods-McNish is a graduate of Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. She holds a master’s in education from Boston College, and an MBA from Simmons College.”

Kevin Jenkins of Dorchester has been promoted to facilities manager for the full-service real estate and property management firm Peabody Properties. As a member of the leadership team, Jenkins reports to Scott Ployer, vice president of Facilities and Capital Planning.

Kevin Jenkins joins Peabody Properties, Inc. more than 25 years ago, working in numerous capacities. He has assisted with new property takeovers and has oversaw $5 million million dollar capital projects.

Kevin Jenkins is responsible for effective overall physical facilities and service management. In his new role he provides overall policy and oversight on-site maintenance technicians and service managers, serves in an advisory and support capacity to vendors, and works with senior service managers to review and maintain comprehensive understanding of each property’s operating and capital budgets.

Kevin has been a valued member of the Peabody Properties family for over 25 years and throughout his career has consistently delivered the highest degree of resident satisfaction,” said Ployer. “It is with great pride that we welcome Kevin to the Peabody Properties Facilities Management leadership team.”

Dot’s Jenkins joins leadership team at Peabody Properties

Jurilla joins East West as Senior Vice President

Mark Jurilla, a securities banker in the Boston market, has been hired as senior vice president of East West Mortgage, based in Dorchester.

“Mark brings a wealth of experience to East West,” said Anthony Paciulli, president of East West Mortgage. “He’s held senior management roles and significant regional and community bank responsibility.”

Jurilla began his banking career at Citizen’s, rapidly rising from a branch sales manager to vice president, regional branch sales manager. He utilized his training at Citizen’s to play a key role at First Commonwealth Bank as chief retail officer. During his tenure there, he was responsible for many of the bank’s branches, including residential and consumer lending.

Most recently, he was senior vice president at The Village Bank and was responsible for generating loan production at Washington Trust Mortgage.

“I’m excited about the opportunity to be with East West from the very beginning,” said Jurilla. “I’m looking forward to putting my knowledge to work here for assisting current and future homeowners by helping them find the solutions that work for them.”

He can be reached at 617-247-4747 or at mjurilla@ewmortgage.com.

East West Mortgage president Anthony Paciulli and Senior Vice President Mark Jurilla.

Patriots Alumni Association and New England Patriots Charitable Foundation. He was also recently appointed by Governor Baker to the Black Advisory Board Commission. A graduate of Boston University, he resides in Dorchester with his wife and two daughters.

Francisco is one of our new trustees, including retired Walmart executive Paul Busby, Theresa Brockelman of Deloitte & Touche LLP, and Rod Welke of Migration Capital.


YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

Dorchester Historical Society

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In 1870, he went to Europe a second time, the sketch reported, traveling throughout Europe, dating his career from 1889.

“William T. Adams, son of Laban and Catharine (Johnson) Adams, was born in Medway, Massachusetts, on July 30, 1822. He was educated in the public and private schools of Boston and vicinity, and when a mere lad displayed a talent for writing, his first article being published in the “School Monitor.”

For “three years Mr. Adams was the master of the “Lower Road” school in Dorchester. In 1846, he resigned his position to assist his father and brother in the management of the Adams House, Boston, Mr. Adams resumed teaching in 1846, in the Boylston School, Boston, becoming the master in 1860, and on the establishment of the Bowditch School, he was transferred and held the post of master of that school till he resigned in 1865.

William T. Adams, aka “Oliver Optic”

“He then went abroad and traveled throughout Europe, dating his career as an author from this period. Mr. Adams’s nom de plume, “Oliver Optic,” originated from his having written a poem in 1851 which was published under the heading of “A Poem Delivered Before the Mutual Benefit Association, by Oliver Optic, M.D.”

The name “Optic” was suggested by a character in a drama at the Boston Museum named “Dr. Optic.” To this Mr. Adams prefixed “Oliver,” with no thought of ever using it again. But soon after two essays appeared in the “Waverly Magazine,” “by Oliver Optic,” which were so well received that he continued to write under this pseudonym until it became impracticable to abandon it. His books, numbering over a hundred volumes, are widely and deservedly known.”

According to the sketch, William Adams married Sarah Jenkins in October 1846, and they had two daughters, Alice Marie and Emma Louise. In 1867, he was unanimously elected a member of the school committee of Dorchester. He served until the town was annexed to Boston in 1870, then was elected a member of the state Board of Schools, which he served on for ten years. In 1869 he was elected a member of the state House of Representatives and served one year, declining re-nomination. In 1870, he went to Europe a second time, the sketch reported, traveling in countries not previously visited, and writing additional books giving his observations.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.
The long-lasting impacts of corruption

Sean Ellis, a Dorchester native who was impris-oned for 22 years after his conviction for the 1990 murder of Boston Police Detective John Mulligan, will not walk free this week after a judge today said Suffolk County District Attorney John Pappas at a news conference on Monday that also included remarks from Boston Police Commissioner William Gross.

Both men insist that Ellis—in their view—is the person responsible for the early-morning murder of Mulligan, who was gunned down in his vehicle in a Roslindale parking lot. But, they say, the passage of time, inadequate police investigation, and Boston Police detectives— all associates of Mulligan— who were later found guilty in a rush of corruption charges made a wrongful conviction likely.

While relieved by the DA’s decision, Ellis, who has consistently denied that he was involved in the murder, said that even with law enforcement’s public insistence that he was guilty, he was not exonerated.

“The unwillingness to fully and publicly exonerate me... I didn’t commit the crime. I really believe that they know that I didn’t commit the crime. So why not have the guts to say what it was?” Ellis told WCVB-TV this week.

Ellis was found guilty— as Pappas noted on Monday— for “passing” the murder weapon and Det. Mulligan’s service weapon, which was stored to the defense.

But Pappas also had to ac-knowledge that “the involvement of three corrupt police detectives in carrying out the investiga-tion compromised our ability to put the best possible case before a jury.” Detectives Kenneth Acerra, Walter DiFulvio, and Peter D’Amico “disgraced themselves and tarnished their badges in a wide variety of criminal conduct unrelated to this case,” Pappas said. Each was convicted of unknown police prosecutors or defense counsel in 1995.

Pappas and prosecutors insist that there’s no evidence to support the determination that the three detectives— one once told me that he considered himself “a late bloomer.” I will always appreciate his work ethic and his smile. From the moment I met him, he was nothing but kind, respectful, and genuine. I have never imagined being a police commissioner or running for office, but I was grateful to serve with Mickey. Being a commissioner is a difficult job. Only those who have actually sat in that chair can truly understand the toll it takes on them and their families.

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Dot’s Cousin Stizz takes top honors at Boston Music Awards

BY KAREN MULLER
WBUR REPORTER

Last Wednesday night was a very, very good night for hip-hop in Boston. Dorchester rapper Cousin Stizz became the first-ever hip-hop artist to earn Artist of the Year honors at the Boston Music Awards ceremony. He also took Hip-Hop Artist of the Year for the second straight year.

The genre’s renaissance in the city was echoed by a near-sweep of the cross-genre categories, with both big wins on the GILF (Great Independent Local Finals) for Local Artist of the Year and Last Call James “Okay” for Song of the Year. Their wins, along with those of hip-hop artists at every career stage, mark a promising shift for an awards competition that has previously heavily reflected rock and pop-leaning trends.

The 31st installment – the third time at the House of Blues – of the Boston Music Awards was the biggest yet with a newly expanded pool of 10 nominees in each of 36 categories. With such a large group of competitors, getting a grasp on the depth of talent every category features feels near-impossible. But if the goal is to stir up conversation about the best of Boston’s musical talents, more names are helpful. This year offered a more thorough representation, more powerful recognition, and a wider understanding of what it means to make a name art here.

This year’s nomination roster featured as wide a spread of talent as the city’s most commercially successful and well-known breakouts (Joyner Lucas, CLF) and locals who are taking names regionally. The BMAs often face criticism for this uneven setup that prioritizes acts against local acts with vastly fewer resources, but this year’s outcomes were more refreshing, suggesting that raw talent, when paired with a fervent and hard-earned following, can compete with the name recognition that comes with big-money industry support, at least on the BMA scale.

Months ago, the 2018 nominee list hinted that hip-hop was having a measurable appetite for more hip-hop. Attention was given to the fact that Boston has a rare feat to get around genres, neighborhoods, and social circles. It’s a rare feat to get everyone in a room together to blur the edges between communities, and rarer still to take away a message with the potential to also support the community forward. By underscoring hip-hop’s importance and the talent of up-and-coming artists, the BMAs pulled it off last Wednesday night.

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Big winners aside, the night had no shortage of memorable moments. Last year’s Country Artist of the Year winner, Ashley Jordan, took the title again, although her win was perhaps overshadowed by her show-opening performance, which included a cover of Dropkick Murphys’ “Shippin’ Up to Boston” converted into a decided country stomp.

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JFK CELEBRATE SERIES CONTINUES

The John F. Kennedy’s Celebrate! series offers attendees months of activities and performances run through the fall of 2018 and the spring of 2019. Designed to expose young audiences to the strong diversity of cultures embedded in American communities, the arts-focused programming revolves around everything from difference forms of dance and music to marionette puppetry. All of the performances will take place from 10:30-11:30 a.m. On Thurs., Dec. 27, the JFK Library will turn to the National Marionette Theater performance of “Peter and the Wolf.” Played out on a handcrafted stage alongside the original score of the famed composer, Prokofiev, these carefully manipulated puppets will introduce the audience to the Russian tale of young boy. See jfklibrary.org for more info.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC TO MEET ON JAN. 8

The Hancock Street Civic Association will hold its next meeting on Tues., Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. The location of this meeting will be the Upham’s Crossing Apartments Community Room at 530 Columbia Road. FORUM ON PUBLIC MONUMENTS ON JAN. 9

The Committee to Renew the Shaw 54th Regiment Memorial will host a community conversation on “The Power of Public Monuments and Why They Matter” on Wed., Jan. 9 at Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont St., Boston. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served after the program. For more information, call 617-427-0046 or email shaw54thmemorial@gmail.com.

HAITIAN ARTISTS ASSEMBLY LAUNCH CITY HALL EXHIBIT

The Haitian Artists Assembly of Massachusetts’ launch a new art exhibition “Who We Are, What we Bring” at Boston City Hall at a reception on Friday, Jan. 11, 4 p.m., third floor hosted by the Office of Art and Culture of the City of Boston. HAAM is a volunteer group of Haitian artists, created in 1995 to foster fellowship among the artists, promote Haitian culture in New England and build cultural bridges across different communities. This exhibition will feature paintings of Boston’s cultural landmarks, historical figures with ties to New England (Toussaint Louverture, Frederick Douglass), social themes relevant to Boston; the reception will include the signing of an art book “Migrating Colors: Haitian Art in New England.” The exhibition will be in City Hall through Jan. 30.

HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE OBSERVED AT RANDOLPH GALA

Haitian-Americans United, Inc. hosts the 20th annual Haitian Independence Gala at Lantana’s, 43 Scanlon Dr. Randolph, MA on Sat., Jan. 5, starting at 7 p.m. The event serves as a unique opportunity for dignitaries, local community leaders to get together to honor Haiti’s ancestors, celebrate the victory of the 1791 Haitian Slave Revolution, and commemorate the 215th anniversary of the Proclamation of Haiti’s Independence. The Keynote Speaker for the Gala is Brockton City At-Large Councilor Jean Bradley Dereneenourct and Reginald Fils CEO of Urban Inspired as Guest Speaker with the welcoming remarks by Randolph City Councilor Natasha Clerger. The evening’s Entertainment will be provided by Maestro Fritz Orvil with young artist Ashley Rose Villard and Williams Joseph, Aashka Dance Troup. See hauinc.org for more details.

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Christine Pajarillo, LICSW Director of Behavioral Health Services

Funding for Moms Do Care is provided by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services.

City panel hears tell of alleged assault of woman at dbar

By Adam Gaffen
Universal Hub

Last summer, on the night of July 21, a man who’d been creeping up on a group of women at dbar followed one of them into the restroom, and, she said, sexually assaulted her after she came out of a stall, a Boston Police officer told the Boston Licensing Board during a hearing last Tuesday.

Officer Paul Delaney gave the following account of that evening, according to the woman and others: “A group of women arrived at the bar between 10:45 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. They stayed to themselves, but one of them saw that a man in the bar kept looking their way while keeping to the dark parts of the room. At one point, he came over, sat next to the woman who had noticed him, and tried to get her interested in him. She told him she wasn’t interested.

Then, she got up to use the bar’s unisex restroom. She entered a stall and had to keep the door closed with one hand because the latch wouldn’t work. At that point, the man walked in, and she had to decide whether to stay in the stall or try to leave.

She chose to leave, but he grabbed her by the wrist, pulled her to him, kissed her on the mouth, and began groping her – while suggesting they exchange Snapchats on their phones.

“She kept struggling with him the whole time, and just as she’d managed to at least get him at arm’s length, a friend offscreen, concerned by how long she’d been away, came into the restroom and got her completely away from the attacker.”

Delaney told the board members that the woman and most of her friends then went out to the patio, where she “broke down crying.” One friend told a bouncer the man had just accosted her friend and pointed out the suspect. The bouncer, Delaney said, escorted the man outside and watched until he got into a ten-year-old Acura RL and drove away.

At issue for the licensing board is why nobody responded to the incident. Police learned of the incident when the woman came into District C-11 at Dorchester the next day to report it, Delaney said.

Mitchell Hayes, a member of the management team at the company that owns dbar, said at the time nobody at dbar realized just how bad the situation was. Instead, they thought the guy was a creeper, not an attacker, and noted that the victim and the other women remained at the bar until about 1 a.m., dancing.

He added that the bar manager did talk to her to see if she was OK and needed anything, and she said no, Hayes said. The dbar’s attorney, Dennis Quilty, said that one of the women friends returned to the bar the next day—she had left her credit card behind—and thanked the manager she talked to for the way the bar handled the incident.

“Feel terrible that happened in our restaurant,” Hayes said after hearing Delaney read his report. He noted that when police came to investigate, dbar gave them some video that showed the man in the bar and that dbar itself now has a photo of him from that video so that if he ever returns, somebody immediately call police.

The licensing board will meet next Thursday (Dec. 20) to decide whether dbar deserves any punishment for its handling of the incident.

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Peer counseling bill on the move after Worcester firefighter’s death

BY KATIE LANNAN
STATE HOUSE NEWS

A bill that aims to ensure confidentiality protections for first responders who seek mental health services from a peer counselor is on the move again on Beacon Hill, days after a Worcester firefighter died in the line of duty.

Speaking in support of the bill on the Senate floor Thursday, Sen. Michael Moore brought up the five-alarm blaze that resulted in the death of firefighter Christopher Roy.

"Six firefighters were trapped on the second floor of the building. Five of them survived," said Moore, a Millbury Democrat and former environmental police officer. "Firefighter Roy’s spirit and memory will remain with us, but we cannot forget those who served beside him. Under current law, none of the surviving firefighters have access to a confidential peer counselor.

Moore said those firefighters, “like all first responders, have earned the right to access the best mental health care possible.

“That includes confidentiality for peer counseling services, he said.

According to Moore’s office, many police and fire departments and other first responder agencies rely on trained peer support counselors to promptly provide mental health services to their personnel after potentially traumatic incidents, but there is not a confidentiality guarantee for such peer counselors.

When the House in July passed a similar bill, Rep. Harold Naughton described the lack of a confidentiality as a "hole" in health privacy laws.

The House and Senate in late July each unanimously approved different versions of the legislation. The Senate on Thursday signed off on a new version (S 2684), sending it back over to the House and raising the possibility that the branches will agree on a bill before the new session begins Jan. 2.

The latest Senate bill, according to Moore’s office, specifies that a peer counselor on a “critical incident stress management” team could not be required to testify or divulge any information obtained during the crisis intervention services. It also allows for what Moore describes as “commonsense confidentiality exceptions,” such as cases in which evidence of a crime or likelihood of serious bodily harm is revealed.

Moore said confidentiality protections would help ensure first responders do not face stigma in seeking mental health services and that they feel comfortable discussing trauma they experienced.

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In an interview with the Reporter, Tony Lechuga, the Emerald Network program manager at LivableStreets, said he hopes the organization’s new online survey will jump start the planning process. “Our thinking with the survey,” he said, “was that we want it to be a community-driven process. So, start where the public is coming from, what are the concerns and the values that people all along the corridor share? Where is that common ground?”

The survey, which came about through a collaboration with a group of graduate students studying design at Northeastern, represents the first step in a process that Lechuga hopes will add a final jigsaw piece to a corridor connecting Franklin Park to Moakley Park in South Boston - to legendary landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted’s “Emerald Necklace” of parkland that now rings the city from the Boston Common and the Public Garden through the Fens and the Arnold Arboretum in Jamaica Plain down to Franklin Park.

The very nature of Columbia Road as it is, and as it could one day be, its run through several business districts presents challenges when it comes to gathering input, he says. “It’s a long corridor with a lot of different communities, so there’s obviously some inherent difficulty in coming up with a consensus about what it should look like,” Lechuga noted. As a result, many of the survey questions were designed to be flexible and nonspecific, allowing residents from various sections of the route to provide unfiltered input. “It is very free-form,” he said. “It’s open-ended to let people write instead of prompting them with leading questions.”

The survey includes queries like, “What destinations do you go to and near Columbia Road?” and “What prevents people from biking or walking more on Columbia Road?” Just by asking these questions, the survey acknowledges that the street’s low walkability reality is compounded by a dearth of walk-to destinations along stretches of the corridor.

Lechuga said he thinks that more pedestrian and cyclist friendly locations— such as the old comfort station currently undergoing renovations in Uphams Corner— could encourage the natural development of such an environment.

“One goal is to use the wonderful model of the forthcoming Slip & Spoke bike kitchen - in other words, taking an underutilized commodity and turning it into a community asset,” he said. “And try to figure out, you know, what are some other areas that we could use as placemaking sparks to get interest...if more places like that can emerge interminently, it creates a sort of sense of linear clarity along stretches of the corridor.”

In the survey’s development stages this summer, Lechuga and LivableStreets staff spent a lot of time at community meetings with neighborhood associations up and down Columbia Road— like Four Corners Main Streets, Grove Hall Main Streets, Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation, the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, the Hancock Street Civic Association, the Uphams West Side Association, and more. Lechuga said he started off the conversation at many of the meetings with a simple question: “What do you like or dislike about Columbia Road as it is?” Often, the simplicity of the question revealed nuance beyond logistical concerns.

“A lot of times people’s biggest priorities didn’t have to do with the look of Columbia Road; they had to do with the feeling of it,” Lechuga said. “A lot of people talked about just feeling unsafe.”

Columbia Road is home to several schools, including the Russell School and the Lilla G. Frederick Pilot in Grove Hall, and yet the route at times feels troublingly like a highway. Re-tooling the road to better meet the needs of pedestrians and using road design to “create a sense of place” could transform the corridor and residents’ relationship to it, Lechuga said. He added that everyone at these community meetings agreed about the need for a Columbia Road Working Group—a “unique task force” made up of representatives from the various neighborhood associations focused singularly on the redesign process.

“The logical next step is the formation of this working group, which would be about trying to formulate a single narrative to drive the strategy, he said, but would also include voices from all these different places.”

Such a group will likely materialize in the coming months as survey results are compiled and a collective vision for the plan starts to take shape. Other next steps will include a formal memo put together by LivableStreets detailing the results of the survey. After that, Lechuga expects a request for proposals from area institutions to be released sometime in 2019.

With many Bostonians expressing concerns about how the ongoing construction around the city is making familiar destinations unrecognizable, and very often making them unwelcoming for the residents, Lechuga says LivableStreets is wary of altering the character or the makeup of the communities on either side of Columbia Road.

“There are always a lot of fears about gentrification anytime you try to beautify a particular area,” he said. “The community wants to make sure there are some established policies to allow improvements, but also ensure that we’re not taking steps to displace people along the corridor. That’s one of the biggest fears, and also one of the biggest challenges. With a project like this, there are lots of opportunities to meet the needs of people where they are.”

Pressley to use Chisholm’s old DC office

U.S. Rep.-elect Ayanna Pressley will use the Capitol Hill office once used by the trailblazing Shirley Chisholm. In 1968, Chisholm became the first black woman ever elected to Congress and represented her New York congressional district for seven terms.

In November of this year, the Democratic Pressley became Massachusetts’ first black woman elected to Congress and represented the 7th district. In a tweet Monday, Pressley said the office was originally given to U.S. Rep.-elect Katie Hill, from California, who wanted Pressley to have it.

– WBUR Newsroom
CONNECT THE DOT: Keystone Club Volunteers at Christmas in the City: Members of the Keystone Club arrived at the Massachusetts Convention Center to help with pre-party wrapping and decorating for the Annual Christmas in the City event. Keystone Club members recently volunteered at the Polar Express event and will be returning to the City of Boston’s Annual Senior First Night celebration at the Seaport World Trade Center later this month.

We are excited to see our Keystone members getting involved and volunteering in the community so often this holiday season.

For any questions regarding how your child can get involved with volunteering through the Club, please contact Brendan McDonald at bmacdonald@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE: BGCD Partners with Boch Center for the Performing Arts: An Annual tradition returned to Dorchester this December as we partnered with the Boch Center for the Performing Arts to host three interactive readings of “The Grinch.” Sessions were held for our after-school programs at the Marr and Walter Denney Clubhouses as well as a session for our Early Education & Care programs.

Members of all ages enjoyed listening and following along with this classic holiday story. Many thanks to our friends at the Boch Center for making this opportunity available to our members.

Please visit our website at bgcdorchester.org to learn more about the ways you can help support the Club and our members this holiday season.

DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Takes Part in Play Your Part Toy Party: This past week BGCD partnered with the Toy Foundation to host the Play Your Part Event with over 250 Club members attending. With donations of thousands of toys from many of the major toy companies and an army of volunteers from those respective companies on hand our members enjoyed a day of music, games, dinner and each left with a bag full of toys.

Many thanks to the Toy Foundation for their support of the event as well as event sponsors: Astra, Educational Insights, Empire Group, LEGO, Schylling, Thames & Kosmos, TOMY and Unruly Studios. We would also like to thank our friends at the I.B.E.W. Local 103, Paul Revere Transportation, Blackrock Investment Management, Flavio D. Photography and Karen Diep for their support of the event.

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Happy holidays!

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David M. Gibbons
Executive Director
## Mass Schedules for Parishes of Dorchester & Mattapan

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

The Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Masses

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Applicants are lining up to bid for pot permits in Dot, Mattapan

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City Life/Vida Urbana and One City Sale spoke, too. And City Life/Vida Urbana made signs that read “Stop Corporate Greed.”

“I want to make the case that Chartwells, who is the landlord here, owns some 6,000 units up and down the East Coast. Here’s this really wealthy company that is evicting Rosa — no fault, but because they want even more profits. We are going to stand here and stop that,” said Steve Meacham, organizing coordinator of City Life/Vida Urbana.

He said that Poincy’s apartment is an income-restricted unit, which has a rent control at an affordable price, but Chartwells Holding LLC claims the rent restrictions are expiring.

Gabrielle Rene of City Life/Vida Urbana said, “Our displacement is happening all over Boston and she has some mostly people of color fighting in courts to stay in their homes. ’I’m fighting with [Poiney] and I’m fighting with everybody who wants to stay in their homes, because when you come home and not know whether you’ll stay or go, it’s like hell on earth...Boston is for everybody, not for some,” Rene said.

Poincy said that she had contacted Metro Housing Boston, the provider of her tenant assistance, but the program representative told her to look at the apartment list, and the building’s owner, Baker Chocolate Factory, refused to help her. The management of Baker Chocolate Factory Apartments declined to comment for this story.

Since receiving the letter, Poincy said, she has been upset and going regularly to her doctor for treatment of high blood pressure. As the vigil ended on the night of Dec. 19, the date she was told would be the last day of her lease, Poincy said she was going back to her apartment to decorate it for Christmas with her two grandchildren.

“The vigil made a big statement to neighbors and Boston residents citizens,” Meacham said. “After the vigil, the petition to support Ms. Rosa in keeping her home has topped 1,200 signatures.”

The meeting was held at the All Dorchester Field. But the 500-foot distance from gathering places for children was clarified recently applying only to brick-and-mortar school buildings serving children between kindergarten and 12th grade.

The Fields Corner Civic Association voted to oppose the project. The site, about 1,000 feet of ground floor space, used to be a tattoo parlor and is next door to a physical therapy office. One of the owners, Colonel Bootho, told the Reporter, “We completed our community outreach requirement,” noting that they are “essentially waiting for next steps from the mayor’s office,” which has recommended that they reach out to local city councilors. Bootho added that they are waiting on further direction first.

Sun Mass Inc. is hoping to build a manufacturing facility at 41 Freeport St. in Clam Point. At a presentation in September, the company said it wants to bring in plants from its grower outside of Worcester, then process and manufacture the product and distribute it to shops from Freeport Street. No retail space would be included in the plan, Keyboard Romano told the local civic members. Clam Point Civic Association head Margaret LeBlanc told the Reporter that the presentation was given a positive reception.

One of two Mattapan bidders located within a half-mile throw of each other, a recreational dispensary to be named “Mojos” that was pitched by Jody Mendoza, Richy Peña, and Carlos Casiano was running in Mattapan early this month, would occupy roughly 1,000 square feet inside an existing building. The 1292 Blue Hill Ave. site would essentially be a “mom and pop” shop, Mendoza said. The team from FortPool would be an economic empowerer applicants in one of the first wave of state approvals. Boston native Mendoza and Peña currently run Mojos country Club in Randolph.

Former city councillor Tito Jackson is proposing a medical and recreational dispensary about 0.7 miles down Blue Hill Avenue from the proposed “Mojos” spot. Jackson of Massachusetts-based, investor-backed marijuana company Veritas Medical Inc. As of Dec. 5, the company had just received their antioxidant from the Zoning Board of Appeals and hoped to begin the city meeting process soon.

The company’s growing facility and a co-located store will be in Rowley, Mass, Jackson said, and they are “very close” to signing a host community agreement for the facility.

In Mattapan, the site in question is currently a check cashing location and laundromat at 1589 Blue Hill Ave., Jackson said.

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As the year 2018 approaches its end, there are presently seven active proposals to open marijuana-related businesses in Dorchester and Mattapan, ranging from a medical-only dispensary on Clapp St., which is furthest along in the regulatory process, to a new proposal for a recreational shop at 1589 Blue Hill Ave. in Mattapan.

Tenant fighting against her eviction in Lower Mills

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The team behind a proposed recreational shop at a long-disused commercial property on Grove Hall came before the community in late November. State Rep. Jason Lewis and Kevin Hart, both men of color, are economic empowerer applicants by the state in April along with their company, Pure Oasis, LLC. Evans is a Grove Hall native and Hart works in hospital compliance. They are pitching a shop at 430 Grove Hall Avenue.

According to a city employee who attended the meeting, Grove Hall Community Center on Nov. 27, at least 50 residents showed up. To address traffic concerns, the official said, Hart and Evans proposed incentives like discounts for those who use non-car modes of transportation and offered a “happy hour” of sorts during non-peak traffic hours.

The proposal is outside the required 500 feet of buffer from the Jeremiah E. Burke High School, but meeting attendees still worry about the proximity to young people, who may already be struggling with drug use. This was an initial community feedback forum, before the proponents start a city process.

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BOWERS, Kevin B. Of Dorchester. Son of the late Gordon and Helen (Garvey) Bowers. Also survived by several living cousins. Predeceased by several cherished aunts and uncles.

GUERRIER, Christa L. (Lombardo) of Natick. She was the wife of 48 years to Edner Lombardo, mother of 3 children and mother-in-law of Natick. She was the grandmother of 3 grandchildren. She was the great-grandmother of 1 grandchild. She was the pride of her family.

Witness, Hon. Judith Fabricant, Esquire, you will thereafter be barred from making any claim which you may have or completely take away the above-named person's estate. The above-named person has the right to object to this written affidavit stating the specific facts and matters on which you rely.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance before service upon the above-named person. The petition is on file with this court and may be read at the Register of Probate or at the Register's office. The petition asks the Court to determine the Alleged Incapacitated Person in the above captioned matter alleging that Phyllis A. Tench is in need of a Guardian in the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, and the above-named person has the right to ask for legal assistance if the above-named person has not already done so. If you do so, the Court will appoint a Guardian for the above-named person to act in your behalf.

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For Dannie Kelly, selling Christmas trees is a lifelong pursuit

BY SIMÓN RÍOS
WBUR REPORTER

Dannie Kelly is a real life Santa Claus of the city, a Christmas tree seller in the heart of Dorchester’s Four Corners neighborhood. His tree lot is a shining offering in a community without a lot of other holiday decorations - with big trees leaned against a brick wall - a seven-foot candy cane in lights - and a large jovial man at the center of it all - hawking his trees with gusto and spreading good cheer.

Buy a tree from Dannie Kelly and you’re in for more than an evergreen. It’s an experience that makes some customers giddy.

Kelly, who lives in Mattapan, says he’s an ordained Christian minister — and he’s been selling Christmas trees in Boston for the last three decades. He says the vocation has roots in his experience growing up in the south.

“When I was a child... my mom would say, ‘Go get a tree.’ We’d go to the open air market. There was no person of color,” he recalled.

“So I said... ‘If they can put that in their community? It stuck in my mind.’”

Years later in Boston, Kelly got his start selling trees on a vacant lot on Columbus Avenue that was later acquired by Roxbury Community College.

For 28 years he says he peddled his wares there. But four years ago, officials at the school told Kelly he could no longer sell there, drawing criticism from some members of the community. A spokesperson for RCC declined to comment.

Now he operates from a small lot in the Four Corners neighborhood. The business is a fraction of what it was in Roxbury. Kelly estimates that he went from selling more than 1,000 trees each year to around 300. And health complications have left him unable to do some of the heavy lifting.

“I’m an old man,” said Kelly, who is 62, as he worked a saw across the trunk of a tree.

“Th’at’s one reason he gives work to high school kids — part of what he describes as a mentoring program that dates back to his early days selling trees — as well as people who need a fresh start.

“We try to hire at least one or two people that... have come out of incarceration... and we follow them until they get a job.”

Kelly’s Community Christmas Trees, as it’s called, has become a holiday mainstay in Dorchester.

And for Noah De Amor, who owns a small bike shop nearby, it’s important that people can buy things in their own neighborhood — from someone who looks like them.

“It’s funny because our largest competitor is actually Target which is located in the same shopping complex as Home Depot, which is Dannie’s largest competitor,” De Amor said.

“And I love the fact that there’s a black man doing it in our community. I love the fact that there’s a black man selling Christmas trees right in the community.”

Doug Hundley, spokesman for the National Christmas Tree Association, says buying real Christmas trees anywhere is a way to support local agriculture. But he says it’s hard for big box stores to match the level of service provided by sellers like Kelly.

“There’s putting tree stands and loading them on people’s vehicles and putting them in their trunks and telling them how to take care of them,” he said. “Now I know that the box stores want their employees to do more of that - but I’m not sure that they can compete with the personal touch of someone like Dannie there.”

Business seems to be buzzing, but it isn’t what it used to be for Dannie Kelly. He cites competition and a location that gets less-traffic than where he used to sell.

But even if he’s operating at a loss, Kelly says he’ll stay in business as long as he can — for the sake of the community, and for Christmas.

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