A Dot-themed calendar courtesy of Project DEEP.

Boston Music Awards sees much to hail in Fields Corner arts scene

By Daniel Sheehan
Arts & Features Editor

Fields Corner has much to celebrate following last week’s Boston Music Awards: Dorchester Art Project, the community-driven art space on Dorchester Avenue, took home a prize for Best Intimate Live Music Venue, while the Fields Corner-bred rapper Cousin Stizz claimed Artist of the Year, Hip Hop Artist of the Year, and Video of the Year for “Trying to Find My Next Thrill,” the short film accompanying his most recent album.

Cousin Stizz in his hometown neighborhood of Fields Corner, which plays a role in his award-winning short film “Trying to Find My Next Thrill.”

Since its founding in 2015, Dorchester Art Project has grown in leaps and bounds in recent years, and become a hub of arts activity in the area. The facility includes a gallery space, a black box live music venue, and 14 rentable artist studios with preference given to local emerging artists.

As a music incubator, DAP presents multiple shows each week from emerging artists.

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A City Council initiative

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Reporter Staff

Last week, the City Council approved by a 10-3 vote a home rule petition filed by Councillors Lydia Edwards and Kim Janey that would authorize a real estate transfer fee of 2 percent on sales over $2 million and dedicate all fee revenues to affordable housing measures.

Under the measure, one percent of the fee would be paid by the seller and one percent by the purchaser.

This week, on Monday, Mayor Walsh signed the petition, sending it along first to the Legislature for its okay and then on to the governor whose signature would be needed to put the fee structure in place.

Home rule petitions, particularly those from urban communities involving considerable financial consequences, rarely sail through the Legislature; they often make for field days for lobbyists. But Walsh indicated on Monday that he’s ready to do his part in persuading state legislators to support the effort.

“Housing is the biggest economic challenge facing our residents in Boston, and across the region,” the mayor said. “We need to continue to push and move forward.” He added: “To have to battle for every little thing we need at the State House is unfortunate,” the mayor said. “We need to continue to push and move forward.”

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District 7 City Councillor Kim Janey says she has secured enough votes from her fellow councillors to become the next City Council president in the new year.

Janey would be the third consecutive woman of color to hold the position, following Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell. If elected, Janey would succeed Campbell, who was the first African-American woman elected president of the panel.

In a statement, Mayor Martin Walsh said Janey, who represents Roxbury, and parts of the South End, Dorchester, and Fenway, “has been a steadfast leader on the council who brings a renewed sense of urgency and passion to the issues we’re facing as a city. I look forward to

Says Kim Janey: “We’ve got work to do” working with her and the entire council in the years ahead.”

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**Schools** begins today (no school). Classes resume at 1:00 p.m. at Standish Village Assisted Living and Memory Center, located at 616 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA. The lottery for the first time. The deadline to enter the assignment system, which will select students by race, is now accepting 2020-2021 applications for its revised proposal to open a Floor & Décor store at 729 Morrissey Blvd. in Dorchester. – The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had indicated support for the call for decriminalizing sex workers nationally. “Our resolution calls for a bold transformation of the status quo - devoted to dismantling injustices so that the system is smaller, safer, less punitive, and more humane,” said Pressley.  

**Warren’s New Year’s Eve speech** set for Old South Meeting House 

A year after launching her campaign for president, US Sen. Elizabeth Warren said Monday she would give a speech on New Year’s Eve in the Old South Meeting House near Downtown Crossing in Boston. Warren was one of the first Democrats to get 2020-2021 applications for its revised proposal to open a Floor & Décor store at 729 Morrissey Blvd. in Dorchester. – The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had indicated support for the call for decriminalizing sex workers nationally. “Our resolution calls for a bold transformation of the status quo - devoted to dismantling injustices so that the system is smaller, safer, less punitive, and more humane,” said Pressley. **Image courtesy Rep. Pressley’s office**

**Talbot Ave. apartments get financing from MassHousing** 

A proposed 14-unit apartment complex that will be built on Talbot Avenue will be deed-restricted workforce housing units affordable to moderate-income households.

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Several members of the Boston City Council have rejected a proposal to establish an inspector general position within the city of Boston by a 9-4 vote during last Wednesday’s council meeting.

Councilors Frank Baker, Mark Cramo, Anissa Essaibi-George, Michael Flaherty, Althea Garrison, Michelle Wu, Josh Zakim, Tim McCarthy, and Ed Flynn voted against the ordinance, while Councilors Campbell, Lydia Edwards, Kim Janey, and Matt O’Malley supported it.

The Licensing Board last Thursday voted unanimously to deny a Popeyes’ restaurant in Codman Square — effectively rejecting the fried-chicken chain’s latest bid over to come pockets of neighborhood resistance that has blocked its opening since 2016.

The application for the new Popeyes location, which Campbell referred to the Committee on Government Operations, was first referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

The Licensing Board unanimously to deny the chain a permit due to similar resistance from neighbors.

Another ‘no’ for a Popeyes in Codman Square

The board is responsible for ensuring the public health of our license premises and we found that there was significant and pervasive opposition to it,” Joyce said. “While there was support, I didn’t find it very pervasive.”

Opponents have noted that there is both a KFC and McDonald’s in close proximity to the proposed Popeyes’ location.

“We felt like that corridor was adequately served with this type of license,” Joyce said. “Those are the three things that we look at when we decide to grant a license. It wasn’t any one reason more than the other, any one would be enough for us. We have the discretion to do so.”

The eatery has been attempting to open for business at the corner of Kenwood Street for four years. In 2016, the Zoning Board of Appeal denied the chain a permit due to similar resistance from neighbors.

Rather than re-apply for a new permit, the company successfully appealed the board’s decision in Suffolk Superior Court, arguing that it was merely modifying an existing restaurant space, which would not require zoning approval.

Brian Haney, an attorney for Popeyes, said last month that the chain has spent more than $1 million to cover construction costs and nearly $150,000 in rent, taxes, and maintenance since 2017. On Tuesday, Haney said: “We are extremely disappointed in the Licensing Board’s denial of our Application. We do not believe that the Licensing Board properly took into account the hundreds of residents of Codman Square and the surrounding neighborhoods who voiced their strong support for Popeyes to open, employ residents from the community, engage with the community, and serve the community for years to come.

Haney added: “We are considering all legal options at this point but we continue to believe that Codman Square is a tremendous neighborhood...and that the people that live and work there deserve a better outcome than has occurred.”

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(Continued from page 1) mayor said that "The Boston delegation is on board... we need to convince the rest of the Legislature to vote for this."

As they moved the legislation along, coun-
cillors said the fees could generate as much as $169 million in afford-
able housing funds in Boston with revenues deposited in the Neigh-
borhood Housing Trust (NHT), which funds the creation and pres-
ervation of affordable housing.

Since it was created by statute in 1987, the NHT has expended ap-
proximately $197 mil-
lion to finance housing and supported approxi-
mately 12,887 units. The
proposed transfer fee
proponents say, would

within two or three years
enable the NHT to dedi-
cate more resources to
housing than it has done
since its creation. Walsh has signaled
his support in a state-
ment at the council's
vote, saying, "There is no question that in Boston we need to do everything we can to support the creation of homes that are affordable, while also preserving our ex-
isting housing stock. I am proud to support this proposal that gives
Boston the ability to im-
pose a modest fee on the
sale of private property,
which will collectively do
a world of good towards
our efforts to make Bos-
town a more affordable
place to live."

Added Edwards, who
was listed as Chair of
the Council's Committee on
Housing and Communi-
ty Development: "Hous-
ing is a public good and
common responsibility, and those who generate
wealth in our commu-
nities must be part of
ensuring residents can
remain in the neighbor-
hoods they love."

Not everyone on the
council agreed with the
petition sponsors. Frank
Baker, Althea Garrison,
and Mark Ciemmo cast-
ing the dissenting votes.

Baker, who represents
Dorchester's District 3,
was outspoken in his
disapproval of the peti-
tion before the vote.

"If this starts at two
percent, where is it going
to be in ten years? Is it
ten percent then?" asked
Baker, who continued, "when do we find other
solutions? If this money
were going to actually
build buildings, I would
be in. But it's not. It's go-
ing to go into the housing
trust, and funds are go-
ing to get swallowed up
not be voting for this here to-
day. I don't think this is
the way to do it, by taxing people that are putting
money into our economy
and doing the hard work
in these neighborhoods,
and some of the neigh-
borhoods need some
work."

Edwards offered a
clarification — "What
we pass today is the
maximum, it won't ever
be up to ten percent —
the two percent is the
maximum, period." — to
which Baker responded,
"Once the camel is under
the tent it's under the
tent. It's never going to
be enough. We need to
figure out a different way
to build with the private
market with the millions
and millions of dollars
that we have."

After the role call was
recorded, Ciemmo —
who is leaving the coun-
cil at the end of the year,
added, "I really think
the worst way to make
housing more affordable
is to tax it more, and I'm
going to leave it at that."

During the fall, the
Boston Planning and
Development Agency
released a report that
showed the number of
people in Boston that
are unaffordable, while
we need to do everything
we can to support the
creation and preservation
of affordable housing.

The report quantifies
boom in city property
values, up 78.4 percent
since '13

BY COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Fueled by new development and low unem-
ployment, Boston has seen its population
boom and its total taxable property
value hit a record high.

In a report released by the Boston Municipal
Research Bureau said its new series is
meant to provide "insights
and observations to keep in
mind as the city prepares to
release 2020 property value
data.

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MBTA board makes push for ‘income-based’ fares

By Chris Lisinski
State House News Service

The MBTA board members want to move forward with a program to pilot an income-based fare option for riders, but Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack raised concerns on Monday that key questions about funding and logistics remain unanswered.

The T has been studying the viability of means-tested tick- ets, where riders who qualify as low-income would only be asked to pay half or close to half price for single rides and for monthly subway and bus passes.

During a Monday presentation on the proposal’s feasibility, a ma- jority of the five-person Fiscal and Management Control Board spoke in favor of pushing forward with the idea.

“This is a political question more than a math problem,” said MBTA Chair Brian Lang during the vote. “We should expect our political leaders to support us in this effort.”

The board did not take a vote on the topic, and MBTA staff have several more steps to take before any program could be launched, such as finding a partner to manage rider verification and eligibility.

Pollack, however, said several barriers remain to testing low-income fares for all riders rather than targeted youth or senior passes. She pointed to the T’s own feasibility study and its warning that the staff concluded that almost every aspect requires further investigation to resolve outstanding questions.

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Climate Ready session unveils design options for Dot

By Katie Trojano

The city’s initiative to prepare for the long-term impacts of climate change returned to Dorchester with a second meeting at VietAid in Fields Corner last Thursday, drawing about 50 participants to the interactive event.

Feedback gathered at a September open house in Neponset informed more comprehensive design options for each coastal neighborhood that take aim at near-term and long-term strategies to reduce Dorchester’s coastal flooding threat.

“We’ve seen all along how important it is to get input from the community,” said Carl Spector, commissioner of the City’s Environment Commission. “It helps our understanding of the risks, the sites that are important to you, the uses of the environment. We’ve taken your feedback on the solutions and options that we’re starting to develop to protect the community.”

Spector advised attendees to “visit all of the tables, give a lot of feedback, and ask a lot of questions,” of the various agencies that have been involved in designing climate resiliency options, namely contractors from SCAPE, TetraTech, and others.

Pippa Brashear, planning principal at SCAPE, answered questions from open house attendees, explaining the community has shown concerns over a disconnected waterfront—oftentimes including large chunks of open space—that aren’t easily accessible and often experience flooding. Homes, businesses, community assets, and critical lines of transportation infrastructure that serve both Dorchester and parts of the greater region are also at risk of serious damage due to climate change.

“Flooding happens in two types of ways in Dorchester,” Brashear pointed out. “One is in the low-lying areas along the waterfront, areas like Harbor Point or Port Norfolk that experience intense storms. There are other areas, in places that are more inland, where there are flood pathways. We see that in stretches of Morrissey Boulevard and in Clam Point. So we’ll be looking at all of that.”

She explained that the coastal risk facing Dorchester comes in three parts: sea level-rise, which is slow and permanent; storm surge, which is event based; and wave action, which accommodates sea level-rise and storm surges, and is both slow and permanent and event based.

“We really want to develop neighborhood-specific strategies that reflect the diversity and vibrancy of the physical parts of Dorchester, but also the people that live here,” said Brashear. “Some of the goals that we’ve heard are to enhance access and mobility, promote the health and values of the ecosystem particularly along the Neponset River, and invigorate the waterfront.”

She added that the city is taking into account how planning for climate resiliency will affect the future, specifically how new development in the area could do so.

Community-specific planning design alternatives were split between Dorchester neighborhoods: Lower Mills, Neponset Circle, Port Norfolk, Victory Park to Tenean Beach, and Morrissey Boulevard to Columbia Point. Residents were invited to look over the two or three designs for each neighborhood and then vote on which design seemed most appealing.

Options for Morrissey Boulevard included raising the boulevard itself, a plan already in design phase through the state’s Department of Conservation and Recreation. Port Norfolk could see the implementation of a layered approach that would elevate roads, open spaces, and adapt buildings; or a perimeter approach that would include a raised Harborwalk and a berm to protect against high tide events.

Proposed designs for Lower Mills included raising railway beds and using berms. Options in the Neponset Circle area showed a completely revised Harborwalk, widening and elevating the pathway.

From Victory Park to Tenean Beach, options included a deployable flood barrier at Conley Street and a flood wall along a rail, or a berm along Tenean Beach.

Depso Thoma, a senior designer at SCAPE, answered questions from open house attendees, explaining the city’s design of how various designs would work. “Based on the conversations today, with some additional stakeholder feedback, and working with the city, we’re trying to finalize the preliminary designs for the new year,” Thoma told the Reporter.
to Stizz’s hometown and a chilling illustration of pain, loss, and the shortcomings of fame.

The video, directed by Gilad Haas, begins with a carefree Stizz riding around Fields Corner with a pair of friends. The MC’s track “The Message” provides the soundtrack for a series of slow, panning shots of three-deckers, Town Field, and the Fields Corner busway.

Soon, the video transitions to a future timeline in which Stizz is living in large Los Angeles, thousands of miles from home. A montage of Stizz partying in the club alternates with a sobering depiction of a drug deal gone bad back in Boston, through which Stizz’s friend ends up losing his life to gun violence. Sitting surrounded by extravagance and excess in the club, Stizz’s smile slowly fades as the memory of his lost friend returns to haunt him.

Cut back to Fields Corner, where a somber Stizz is reunited with one friend, not the other. A cool-toned camera filter shows how the world seems duller through eyes now that his friend is gone. The video ends on that note, concluding with a visual depiction of the trauma and nostalgia that informs much of Stizz’s storytelling.

Other Dorchester artists drew critical acclaim at the 2019 Boston Music Awards reflecting the surging hip-hop scene in the neighborhood. One that has been historically prolific but long understated, as the lengthy list of winners and nominees indicates, that reality is beginning to change.

The wealth of Dorchester talent on display at the 2019 Boston Music Awards marks a turning point as Dorchester artists are starting to claim their place on the national stage. The award-winning Dot rapper Brandie Shaydez, who nabbed nominations for Unsigned Artist of the Year, Hip Hop Artist of the Year, Live Artist of the Year, and Song of the Year for her track “Happy.” Another Dorchester MC, Red Shaydez, was nominated for Unsigned Artist of the Year, while fellow Dot rapper Brandy Blaze earned nods for 617 Sessions Artist of the Year and Song of the Year for her guest verse on Oompa’s “Cleop N’Ems.”

ADAMS STREET BRANCH
The Adams Street branch will be closed for the construction of a new building. We will reopen early 2021. Museum passes and other items will be transferred to the Lower Mills Branch.

CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 19, 12:30 p.m. – Adult Book Discussion; 4:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTO Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Hug’s and Play; 3 p.m. – Movie Monday; 6:30 p.m. – LEGO Club; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Club: Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga.

GROVE HALL BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 19, 12:30 p.m. – Adult Book Discussion; 4 p.m. – BTO Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Club; 4:30 p.m. – Preschool Movies; 11 a.m. – Podcast+Popcorn; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. Sat., Dec. 21, 1 p.m. – Girls Club; 3 p.m. – Tech Help; Fri., Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m. – Lapst Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; Fri., Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m. – Short Preschool Movement; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. Sat., Dec. 21, 12:30 p.m. – Adult Book Discussion; 4:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTO Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Hug’s and Play; 3 p.m. – Movie Monday; 6:30 p.m. – LEGO Club; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Club: Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga.

LOWER MILLS BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 19, 3:30 p.m. – BTO Homework Help; 5 p.m. – LEGO Club. Fri., Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wiggles Lapset. Mon., Dec. 23, 4 p.m. – BTO Homework Help. Tues., Dec. 24, 4 p.m. – BTO Homework Help. Thurs., Dec. 26, 4 p.m. – BTO Homework Help. Mon., Dec. 30, 4 p.m. – BTO Homework Help. Tues., Dec. 31, 4 p.m. – BTO Homework Help. Fri., Jan. 3, 1 p.m. – Judy Garland Film Series.

MATTAPAN BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 19, 11:30 a.m. – Adult Book Discussion; 3 p.m. – BTO Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Grub Street Presents: Poetry/Hip Hop Storytelling; 4:30 p.m. – LEGO Club; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. Fri., Dec. 20, 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner Class; 11 a.m. – Kids & Toddler Lapset; 10:30 a.m. – Hug’s and Play; 3 p.m. – Craftersons. Sat., Dec. 21, 10 a.m. – Computer Basics Class.

Mon., Dec. 23, All Day – Holiday Crafts Week; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs and Play. Thurs., Dec. 26, 30 p.m. – Yoga. Fri., Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play. Sat., Dec. 28, 12 a.m. – Summer Reading: 6:30 p.m. – Hug’s and Play. Sun., Dec. 29, 12 a.m. – Summer Reading: 6:30 p.m. – Hug’s and Play.

UFPAM CORNER BRANCH
Thurs., Dec. 19, All Day – Holiday Drop-in Crafts; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTO Homework Help. Fri., Dec. 20, All Day – Hidday Drop-in in Crafts; All Day – Baby and Toddler Lapsit. Tues., Dec. 24, All Day – Holiday Drop-in Crafts. Thurs., Dec. 26, 12 p.m. – Kwanza Drop-In Crafts. Fri., Dec. 27, 12 p.m. – Baby and Toddler Lapsit; 2 p.m. – Teen Video Gaming Program.
Myles Staunton

Two men with Dorchester roots have been honored by their alma mater. Boston College High School, in recent weeks. Dorchester’s Myles Staunton was inducted into the school’s Athletic Hall of Fame. A 2000 graduate, Staunton was a three-year starter for the football team and a member of the varsity baseball team beginning as a freshman. He helped lead the 1999 baseball team to an undefeated, championship 10-0 record in the Catholic Conference.

But his greatest success came on the football field that fall. The season included many highlights: a 41-0 win over Catholic Memorial on Thanksgiving, a perfect 11-0 record, the Catholic Conference championship, and BC High’s first Super Bowl appearance in 22 years. Myles went on to play for the University of New Hampshire, where injuries led to an early retirement from the sport.

In October, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for a $5.1 million renovation to Garvey Playground. If you drive by the playground now, you will see lots of big trucks and shovels and other heavy equipment along with piles and piles of fill. Mayor Walsh told the Dorchester Reporter that the drainage plans for a new system to prevent flooding in the surrounding neighborhood will help the city with the effects of climate change. This statement made me wonder why the playground would present a problem with flooding.

In the late 1890s, the city acquired the property for Neposnet Playground and began to make improvements with new drainage and fill. The property was described in the 1898 Annual Report of the city’s Park Department as “containing eighteen acres of salt marsh, lying between Neposnet Avenue and the Old Colony Railroad. A dam with a tidal gate has been built to keep out the tide-water, and, by the construction of an open ditch on the northerly border of the field, the laying of tile drains, and the filling of the creeks and ditches, will make the ground available for temporary use as a playground, until it can be filled and properly surfaced.”

Neposnet Playground/Garvey Playground

The map shows the playground as represented in the 1898 atlas of Dorchester. There are two branches of streams that join to form one stream leading out to Pine Brook Creek past Tenean Beach to the mouth of the Neponset River. The tidal flow into the Neponset River combined with the runoff of the streams made the ground marshy until the property was drained by the Park Department. With rising sea level and higher tides, the flow could have consequences unforeseen a century ago.

Last week’s rain and tide brought water over Morrissey Boulevard, and some water probably found its way toward Garvey Park.

The 18 acres that made up the playground space in 1898 were reduced to about 14 acres when the Old Colony Parkway was constructed in the early decades of the last century. The construction of the Southeast Expressway took away another 8 acres, leaving Garvey Park with under 6 acres today.

In older maps the northern branch of the stream angles off under Neponset Avenue toward the fire station and disappears at about Newhall Street. The southern branch had its origin about where the middle of Neponset Circle is located today.

The Reporter noted that the park for which was named for William H. Garvey, a Purple Heart and World War I Victory Medal recipient, who lost his life on the last day of the Great War.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society’s historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1768) is open at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clay House, 195 Boston Street (1808) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Decorating contest in Codman Sq.

The Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp. is sponsoring a holiday decoration contest for merchants in Codman Square with a grand prize of $250. Voting began on Dec. 13 and will continue through Jan. 2. The winner will be announced on Jan. 3. Any Codman Square business can participate. There are three ways to vote: Text the name of your choice to 617-446-3517; email the name to codmansquarebiz@gmail.com; or stop by Codman Square NCD at 587 Washington St. There is a limit to one vote per phone number, email and in-person ballot. More info: 617-825-4224 x124 or email charles@csndc.com.
Impeachment? Yes. Let’s get on with it

It’s a surreal moment for the nation. Within days, perhaps hours, the US House of Representatives will begin impeachment proceedings against President Trump for “abuse of power and obstruction of Congress.” He’ll be the third president impeached in the history of our republic.

It has been a slow and painful process, and that is for the best. A deliberative and thoughtful set of hearings before the House Judiciary Committee uncovered a deep and alarming degree of this president’s misdeeds. It has long been suspected that Trump directly sought to use his office to interfere in our judicial affairs. To the extent he was successful, this is for the best. A deliberative and thoughtful set of proceedings, each in the history of our republic.

The two charges expected to be formally made by the House on Dec. 18 include “abuse of power and obstruction of Congress,” both related to his well-documented attempt to use his office to “solicit and pressure” the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelensky, into investigating the president’s political rival and to try to prevent key witnesses from offering testimony about that abuse before Congress.

One of our two delegates in the House — Ayanna Pressley — was depicting the drumbeat for impeachment as early as last April. At that time, she cited the indictments and pleas of misdeeds related to the president during the Mueller cycle. Dorchester’s other House delegate Stephen F. Lynch took heat from some of his Democratic constituents who wanted him to join the impeachment bandwagon.

The Brockton Enterprise, Lynch faced over the summer from more left-leaning constituents who wanted him to join the impeachment bandwagon. According to the Brockton Enterprise, Lynch faced some blow-drying the party hall forum held in Braintree in August when he publicly lamented the risks of impeaching Trump, only to hand the president a political victory in the form of an acquittal.

This week, however, Lynch issued a full-throated statement backing a House resolution to impeach the president. His statement reads, in full: “After carefully considering the weight of the evidence and listening to witness depictions, I firmly believe there is clear and convincing evidence, beyond any reasonable doubt, that President Trump, aided by others acting at his direction, conspired to obstruct a duly authorized Congressional inquiry into his conduct and repeatedly caused others to refuse to cooperate or comply with properly authorized subpoenas, all in violation of the law and Constitution.

For these reasons and holding myself bound by my oath of office to ‘support and defend the Constitution,’ I intend to support the Articles of Impeachment soon to be offered before the House of Representatives.’

In voting to put the president on trial this week, Lynch and Pressley will be on the right side of history, notwithstanding the final vote in the Republican-controlled Senate. Inaction in the face of such overwhelming evidence showing this president’s reckless attempt to use the Oval Office for petty, personal gain would set a perilous precedent for our nation. Trump’s dangerous bombast — his frequent misognistic, xenophobic, and downright racist remarks — and his ill-advised policies might have been fodder for a year-off election. But this, is another matter altogether. This is about preserving the sanctity of our democracy and the highest office in the land.

Let’s get on with it. — Bill Forry

Democrats submit 15 names for primary ballot in March

The Massachusetts Democratic Party has put forth the names of 15 candidates for inclusion on the March presidential primary ballot, including two who call Massachusetts home.

US Sen. Elizabeth Warren and former Gov. Deval Patrick will both be on the Super Tuesday primary ballot on March 3, based on their inclusion on the list submitted last Thursday by the party to Secretary of State William Galvin.

The Massachusetts Republican Party earlier submitted just one name: President Donald J. Trump. The MassGOP did not include former Gov. Bill Weld, who is running as a challenger to the president, but Galvin is expected to put Weld on the ballot anyway.

The lists are one of three ways a candidate can qualify for the presidential ballot in Massachusetts, along with collecting 2,500 signatures or having Galvin place the candidate on the ballot because they have been “generally advocated or recognized in national news media throughout the United States.”


Galvin plans to hold a drawing to determine the order of placement on the ballots on Dec. 20, and candidates have until Jan. 10 to withdraw and have their names removed.
On community tour, Cassellius hears parents call for quality schools for every city student

*By Carrie Jung*  
*WBUR Reporter*

Empty seats were hard to come by as Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius geared up for one of the last stops on her her community engagement tour. More than 100 students and parents squeezed into the second floor of the Chamberlain auditorium at the William Monroe School of Business in Jamaica Plain to speak with the new superintendent.

After a quick presentation and video, it was time for the crowd to take the mic. Parents were eager to voice their concerns. It didn’t take long for the common themes to emerge.

“What concrete steps are you taking to recruit diverse talent?” asked one parent. Which was quickly followed by several questions about school closings like the planned closure of the Mattahunt or West Roxbury Education Complex last year and the closure and merger of schools. The lack of access to quality schools was strongly as I know is felt here.”

Cassellius reflected on her community engagement tour this time, “I know the lived experience.”

Field members echoed the sentiments that new superintendents must be part of the district and make sure they have a good understanding of what schools have and what they don’t have,” said Cassellius. “It really gives me a good sense of what the priorities should be.”

She said that part of the tour gave her a better idea of where the haves and have nots are in the district, a factor that she said will be important as she continues making headway on the highly anticipated district strategic plan next month.

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PETER AND THE WOLF AT JFK LIBRARY’S CELEBRATE! EVENT

Enjoy marvelous scenery, handcrafted marionettes, and enchanting music from Prokofiev’s orchestral score as Peter and his animal friends work together to capture the wolf in turn of the twentieth-century Russia during the National Marionette Theatre’s performance of Peter and the Wolf on Thurs., Dec. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the Kennedy Library. The Celebrate! series, appropriate for family audiences and children ages 5 and up, highlights America’s rich cultural diversity through the arts. Register at jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1644.

FREE CONCERT AT STRAND THEATRE ON DEC. 29

Boston Baroque performs its seventh annual free Community Concert at the Strand Theatre, 543 Columbia Rd. on Sun., Dec. 29 at 2 p.m. Ring in the New Year with family and friends and enjoy a program of Baroque favorites from Germany, Italy and France, including Bach’s Concerto in D for three violins, and Corelli’s sparkling Concerto Grosso No. 6. Families are welcome! The event is free, but tickets are required.
Order online: bostonbaroque.org or call 617-587-8600 x1. Tickets are also available at Dorchester branches of the Boston Public Library, including the Uphams Corner branch (500 Columbia Rd) down the street from the venue. Tickets are also available from the Strand Theatre box office on the day of the concert.

DOHERTY-GIBSON PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY MEETING ON JAN. 7

The Parks Department will host a community meeting on Tues., Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fields Corner BPL, 1520 Dorchester Ave. for the first in series of meetings on improvements to the Doherty-Gibson Playground. For more information call Annie Blair at 617-961-3028 or ann.frickblair@boston.gov.

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Mayor Martin Walsh addressed the crowd assembled for the Mattapan Square holiday tree lighting festivities on Fri., Dec. 6 on Blue Hill Avenue. Mattapan was one of several stops in the neighborhoods of Boston that weekend, including Codman Square and Adams Village.  Jeremiah Robinson photo

BPD MEETING ON MORRISSEY BOULEVARD RETAIL PROPOSAL

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPD) will host a public meeting on Tues., Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a proposal to open a Floor & Decor store at 729 Morrissey Blvd., formerly National Wholesale Liquidators. The proponent proposes substantial renovations to the interior and façade of the existing building and reconfiguration of on-site parking. The meeting will be held at Work INC., 25 Beach St., Dorchester.
For more info, contact Stephen Harvey with the BPD at 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

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College Hype offers a wide range of Dorchester-themed apparel and has plenty to offer in terms of holiday gift ideas. A Dorchester winter hat for digging out your car on a snowy morning? They have it. Have the urge to curl up and watch Wahlberg flics in a Dorsey Rat hoodie? No problem. If somehow you read those two suggestions and thought, ‘Those aren’t Dorchester enough,’ how about an OFD-branded flaxk? All these and more are available at collegehype.com and at the company’s headquarters on Gallivan Boulevard.

Chocolates from Phillips Candy House: Any Dot apparel from the Martin Richard Foundation are all organizations for Homeless Children, Lovely Sisters of Boston, & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Found in Translation:如果您在捐款方面有困难，那么一个节日礼物就是最好的方式，无论是为有需要的人提供食物，还是支持本地的艺术。

Boston Harbor Distillery: Port Norfolk is home to Boston Harbor Distillery, a hidden gem that allows visitors to sample spirits in a historic building that was previously home to inventor Silas Putnam, shipbuilder George Lawley, and Seymour’s Ice Cream. A tour of the facility includes a tasting, a history lesson, and an up-close look at the onsite distilling process itself. Plus, Boston Harbor Distillery’s products are nods to Dorchester’s past: Small Batch Rum for an evening at the American Tavern, and is an easy way to support local artists.

Cedar Grove Gardens has everything from holiday wreaths and arrangements to Christmas ornaments to wintry figurines. The products, created by designer Jesse Haley, are available for purchase at jessehaley.bigcartel.com.

Cedar Grove Gardens currently has a holiday gift card special offer: Buy a $50 gift card and get $10 free. If you stop in to shop and are still in need of a Christmas tree or wreath, Dorchester Brewing will be hosting a Tree Lot on Friday from 4-9 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 1-6 p.m. Talk about one stop shopping!

An ornament from Dorchester Gardens: Cedar Grove Gardens transforms into a holiday wonderland every winter, becoming a go-to spot for Christmas trees, wreaths, poinsettias, and seasonal flower arrangements. But the store’s gift shop also offers an abundance of ornaments, figures, and other holiday-themed trinkets. For the chronic procrastinators out there, Cedar Grove Gardens offers same-day flower delivery in Dorchester for last minute gift ideas.

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A framed print from Dorchester Art Project: For the aesthetically-minded family member, why not give the gift of art? As part of a fundraiser, the Fields Corner-based Dorchester Art Project is selling limited edition 5x7 prints created by local artists for $20 through its online store at DAP2020.square. The purchase of a print will both brighten up your home and contribute to the operation of DAP’s volunteer-run gallery space. Support local art and give your loved one a personal, unique gift they can cherish forever.

At Harvard Street Neighborhood Health, we provide a full range of services. For those who are pregnant or planning on becoming pregnant, our OB/GYN team can serve your needs.

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A gift card to a Dorchester restaurant: Dorchester is home to dozens of fine eaters spanning the culinary spectrum. The gift of a meal, a week’s worth of coffee, or a local business’s treats is sure to be appreciated by foodies, and will give a small business a boost, to boot. Here are just a few of the Dot restaurants that have gift cards for sale: Lower Mills Tavern, Ashmont Grill, Tavolo, The Industry, 224 Boston, Savin Bar & Kitchen, Yellow Door Taqueria, Honeycomb Cafe, Molinari’s, Mercia’s Cafe, Shanzi, dbar, Lucy’s American Tavern, and Venezia.

A charitable donation: If you’re in the giving mood, now is a great time to donate to one of the many non-profit and charitable organizations based in Dorchester. The Food Project, Dorchester Historical Society, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Found in Translation, The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Catholic Charities, Rosie’s Place, CommonWealth Kitchen, VietAID, The Boston Project Ministries, Horizons for Homeless Children, Lovely Sisters of Boston, Mujeres Unidas Avanzadas, Pine Street Inn, and the Martin Richard Foundation are all organizations with worthy causes that would greatly appreciate donations of any size.
Gov. Baker talks up health care bill at Harvard Street center

“As a result of keeping patients engaged in primary care and less reliant on expensive emergency hospital and specialty care visits, Massachusetts health centers have generated annual savings of $2 billion for the Commonwealth—that’s huge. Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center alone generates $9 million in savings to the health care system, while providing a $13 million economic boost to the surrounding community. So we not only increase access to care for a vulnerable population, we decrease the cost of care and increase the economic wellbeing of the community we serve.” The health center is in the process of developing plans to expand their Blue Hill Avenue facility into a renovated mixed-use building with health care services and affordable housing.

Gov. Charlie Baker received a tour of Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center from CEO Stan McLaren on Tuesday.

Daniel Sheehan photo

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN  Reporter Staff

Gov. Charlie Baker and Secretary of Health and Human Services Mary Lou Sudders visited Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center on Tuesday morning to outline the vision for the administration’s new comprehensive health care legislation. The bill, which Baker introduced in October and will be voted upon at a hearing at the state house on January 28, represents a “departure from the status quo,” said Baker, addressing a room filled with doctors, nurses, elected officials, and health care professionals.

“We have a system that has for decades been built on transactional medicine and technology,” said Baker, who explained that the bill will instead put “significant new resources” toward primary care and behavioral health care services, which focus on a preventative, more holistic approach compared to a current system that “undervalues time-based therapy.” Prioritizing primary care and behavioral health services is one of the key elements of the bill, which stipulates that payers and providers must increase their expenditures on primary care and behavioral health by 30 percent over three years. The legislation also calls for managing health care cost drivers in the interest of consumers, improving the scope of practice standards for nurse practitioners, and stabilizing distressed community hospitals and health centers. Secretary Sudders explained that the bill’s redesign of the Community Hospital and Health Center Investment Trust Fund (CHH- CIFT) will create a “dedicated funding stream” for struggling centers. “The reason the governor and I wanted to be here at Harvard Street as we start the campaign to discuss the 179 page health care bill the governor has filed is because health centers, to us, actually embody what we are attempting to do through legislation—at the heart of a community health center is primary care,” she said. Stan McLaren, CEO of Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, thanked Baker and Sudders for their proposed investments, which he said will help ease the heavy financial strain under which the center operates “on very low margins.” He also emphasized the vital role health centers play in improving community health.
The Hancock Street Civic Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Uplands Crossing, 630 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Meeting time is 7–8:30 p.m. Annual dues are $5; please contact hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com with any questions you may have. The next meeting is on Jan. 7.

**WELLINGTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

The Wellington Hill Neighborhood Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30–7:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library. Next meeting is Dec. 10. Updates can be found on Facebook page: @wellingtonhillneighbors. Or Google Group: wellingtonhill@googlegroups.com.

**APPLE GROVE CCIVIC**

The Apple Grove CCIVIC meets on the second Thursday of every month from 6:30 p.m. at 1115 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

**RIVER STREET CCIVIC ASSOCIATION**

The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. at the Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan.

**ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Frederick St. at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattathomas@gmail.com.

**ASHMONT HILL ASSOCIATION**

Meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

**ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP**

Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you’ve read the book or not. For further info, please contact Lil Konowitz at KL189@hotmail.com.

**ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

**CEDAR GROVE CCIVIC ASSOCIATION**

Cedar Grove CCIVIC Commission meets at 7 p.m. at Fr. Lane Hall, St. Brendan Church, 15 Rita Rd. The civic group meets on the info: cedarbergroveccivc@gmail.com or 617-225-1492.

**CLAM POINT CCIVIC ASSOCIATION**

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it’s a holiday) at WURK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

**CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the second Wed. of each month, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Nor- folk St. Info: codman squareholl@gmail.com.

**COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CCIVIC ASSOCIATION**

Columbia-Savin Hill CCIVIC meets the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiaasavinhillcivic.org.

**DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis St. Please see our Facebook page (search “Dorchester North Neighborhood Association”).

**FIELDS CORNER CCIVIC ASSOCIATION**

The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info contact V. Girard, chair, at: viv-girard@comcast.net.

**WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Meetings are on the third Thursday of every month from 6:30 p.m. at VFW Post 8772, 54 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Nina Johnson is the president. Email woodrowavenueassoc@gmail.com or visit wanaboston on Facebook.

**JONES HILL ASSOCIATION**

The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact officers@joneshill.org. Information, events, and voting membership can be found on joneshill.org.

**EASTMAN-ELDER A ASSOCIATION**

The association meets the third Thurs. of each month at 7 p.m. at St. John’s Parish Hall, 636 Columbia Rd., across from the fire station.

**DORCHESTER UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Please join the D.U.N. Association contact list to stay up to date. Provide your name, address, email and phone to DUNAssociation@gmail.com or 617-901-4919.

**FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOCIATION**

The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station).

**GROOM/HUMPHREY’S NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

The GINA meets on the third Wed. of the month, 7 p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community Center, 655 Dudley St., Dorchester, MA 02125. For info, call 857-891-1072 or on Facebook. Search: @GPHNA.

**HECLA/LYON/EAST STREETS WATCH**

A new neighborhood watch, on Hecla, Lyon, and East Streets will meet at Saiti Auto Body Shop, 79 Freeport St., corner of Linden St., on a date TBA. Stay up to date. Provide your name, address, e-mail and phone to DUNAssociation@gmail.com or 617-288-0818.

**LINDEN/EWLLSTORTH/LEEDSVILLE WATCH**

For info, call 617-288-0818.

**LOWELL MILL’S ASSOCIATION**

Lower Mill’s Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month (Sept. 17) at St. Gregory Auditorium. Dues ($7) are now due. See the web page: dorchesterlowmillcouncil.org.

**MCCORMICK CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

Meetings are held at Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall in basement of Saint Margaret Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. More online at McCormickCivic.org. Please be ID for proof of residency within association boundaries. Dues are $5 or $10. If you have any questions, please e-mail McCormickCivic@gmail.com.

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In a tweet, Janey said, “I’m so incredibly grateful to my Boston City Council colleagues. I look forward to working with them. Mayor Marty Walsh, advocates, community groups, and the many residents of our great city! We’ve got work to do! Let’s get busy.”

In a statement, President Campbell said, “I’m proud to support Kim because of her proven record of advocacy and unapologetic commitment to serving Bostonians — especially those who are traditionally left out of the political process.” She added that it would be “powerful to be able to pass the gavel to Kim Janey.”

The Council elects its president on Jan. 1, at the beginning of a new term. Since councillors are not permitted to serve more than one two-year term as president, the seat was open after the November election.

With the re-election of District 1’s Lydia Edwards, District 4’s Campbell, at-large Councillors Wu and Annissa Essaibi-George, and the addition of newcomers Julia Mejia, Ricardo Arroyo, and Liz Braset, the council will strongly represent the experiences and views of women and people of color. “We’re at a crossroads. That’s why I ran for office because we're in conflict and we're still there,” said Janey in an interview with The Boston Globe. “I believe there’s a clear mandate from the residents of this city to see more women in leadership, more people of color, and we look to the last election cycle to see that Janey was elected to the Council in 2017, becoming the first woman ever elected to the District 7 seat.

Council presidents hold a largely symbolic role as the heads of the 13-member body, although duties include presiding over council meetings, overseeing administrative duties, and coordinating facilities projects. But there are perks, like a bigger office budget with more staff and final say over council committee and office assignments. And, in the event that a mayor cannot serve or leaves office before the term is up, the council president becomes acting mayor.

New limits set on BPD immigration actions

By Philip Marcelo

Lawmakers imposed new limits on police in immigration matters last Wednesday in response to revelations the department has been closely coordinating with federal authorities for years despite a sanctuary city policy.

The City Council approved changes to the city’s five-year-old Trust Act, which limits the role city officials play in enforcing the nation’s immigration laws. Mayor Marty Walsh said last week, in his office developed along with City Councilor Josh Zakim, that the measure renews a focus of residents that Boston police remain focused on public safety, not civil immigration enforcement.

Marcos Charles, who heads US Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Boston office, said laws like Boston’s Trust Act, which are meant to prevent local police from working with ICE, make communities less safe. “This is a public safety issue, not a political issue,” he said in a written statement. “It's only common sense that ICE be able to take custody of criminal aliens in a secure environment such as a jail, instead of sending officers out to attempt the often-dangerous task of arresting criminal aliens in residential communities.”

The amendments approved Wednesday specify that officers from sharing information with the division of ICE focused on civil enforcement matters. But it makes clear the department is continuing to work with the agency’s Homeland Security Investigations division on significant public safety issues, such as combating human trafficking, child exploitation, drug and weapons trafficking, and cybercrime.

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**The Cedar Grove Cemetery**

Christmas Mass will be held Sunday, December 22, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gilman Chapel. Light refreshments will be available in the Gilman Chapel after the Mass. All are welcome.
CONNECT THE DOT: 
BGCD Hosts Jingle & Mingle with The Barking Crab: On December 12th, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was hosted by The Barking Crab at our annual Jingle & Mingle holiday event.

The night was full of holiday fun including delicious food, specialty cocktails, raffles, photos with Santa, and much more.

All proceeds benefitted Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. Thank you to The Barking Crab for your continuous support of BGCD. Also thank you to everyone who joined us at this very special holiday event.

For more information on events, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE: 
BGCD Hosts Fall Arts Bash: BGCD’s Arts programs came together last week to host their quarterly Arts Bash.

The event was to recognize all the great work of our members from the Fall program. Displays of art from the fine arts classes, music performances from the Music Clubhouse and a special recital by the Club’s hip-hop and musical theater dance teams.

Our members were so excited for the chance to show off some of their hard work to parents, siblings, teachers and other community members.

For more information on our upcoming Winter enrichment programs for Music, Fine Arts and Media Arts please contact Katy Farrar at kfarrar@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW: 
BGCD Winter Program Openings: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester held Winter Program Registration this past Saturday for members to sign up for activities in athletics, arts, music, and more.

There are still spots open in some of the Winter Programs! The following activities are open: Social Reg: Game Night, Boys Group, Torch Club, Double Dutch; Athletics: Girls Low Rim, Boys Low Rim, 15 & up Co-ed; Teens: Making HERStory, Cooking Class, Passports to Manhood; Music: DJ’ing Class, Piano Lessons; Education: Snapology, Girls STEM, Global Explorers; Arts: Mixed Media Class, DIY Classes, Teen Art.

To sign your child up for a program or for more information, please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org.

BGCD Hosts Fall Arts Bash: See details below.

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Marr-lin Swim Team vs. Worcester & Watertown 
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January 10
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January 11
College Fellows Scholarship Night 
January 14

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### The Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Masses

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019**

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