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Wu moves on vaccine front: Passports for indoor venues beginning Jan. 15

By Amy Gorel WBUR Reporter

Patrons and staff at indoor spaces in Boston – including restaurants, bars, nightclubs, fitness facilities and entertainment venues – will need to show proof they are vaccinated against Covid-19 starting next month, under a policy Mayor Wu announced City workers get same timeline for their shots Monday that marks a major shift from current practice in the city.

Wu, who also tightened the vaccine policy for city employees, was joined for her announcement by municipal officials

from Salem, Somerville, and Brookline. Her office said those communities, along with Arlington and Cambridge, are also working to advance their own vaccine requirements. "This region requires Boston to take major steps and for us all to work together as a community amongst communities," Brookline Select Board member Raul Fernandez said.

Wu's announcement comes five days after the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) (Continued on page 9)



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Elfreda Buffong of Dorchester, received her third dose of the BioNTech Pfizer vaccine on Tuesday from Chantall Garrick, a medical assistant at the Codman Square Health Center. See Page 7. *Chris Lovett photo*

OLD NICK DROPS BY ADAMS VILLAGE



Mayor Wu and her entourage – including Santa and Mrs. Claus – visited Adams Village on the evening of Sun., Dec. 5 as part of the annual Enchanted trolley tour to light a Christmas tree in the small park across from the Eire Pub and Old Dorchester Post. A large crowd gathered to welcome the trolley and its occupants. John Wilcox photo

Boys & Girls Clubs honor 'father figure' Bruce Seals with memorial ceremony

By KATIE PEDERSEN **Reporter Correspondent** The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) hosted a ceremony last week that honored the life and legacy of former professional basketball player and longtime BGCD athletic director Bruce Seals, who died last December at age 67. Mayor Wu joined a speakers' program during which Seals was recalled lovingly by family and colleagues before a banner featuring him in action as an NBA player, at right, was hung on the wall next to his former office in the club's gymnasium. A pair of sneakers that he wore in his playing days was also mounted to the gym wall. A native of New Orleans, Seals played basketball for Xavier University, the Utah Stars, and



the NBA's Seattle SuperSonics. After winding up a successful career with a stint in a Italian basketball league, he moved to Boston with his family in 1990, then worked for the next 30 years at the BGCD's Marr Clubhouse building on Deer Street where he touched thousands of young lives on court and off. Bob Scannell, president and CEO of BGCD, called the event, which included a basketball clinic for club members run by the Boston Celtics, "bittersweet." "Bruce's impact on kids of all ages is unmatched," said the man who hired Seals. "He made time for everyone. No matter how busy he was, he was going to take the time and listen to and help each child who was in his presence. (Continued on page 13)

Reclaiming empty lots fueling a revival west of Washington

By SETH DANIEL **Reporter Correspondent** Long-time Dorchester resident Milton Bramble stood on a vacant lot at the corner of Harvard and Standish Streets last week and recalled playing on the grassy patch years ago as a kid. It is just one of many empty, city-owned lots – many of them vacant for several decades- that still dot the landscape of the Talbot Harvard Triangle. Now, Bramble is part of a team selected by the city to build housing on the lot and others like it in the west of Washington Street neighborhood.

"It's a very, very interesting neighborhood and I've lived in it all of my life," Bramble said. "That is why I'm excited about what is going on with this development."

The city's Department of Neighborhood Development last week



Milton Bramble, of TLee Development, is leading the charge to develop a long-vacant city-owned lot in the Talbot Harvard Triangle.

Seth Daniel photo

designated TLee Development, where Bramble is an employee, to take control of three lots on Standish and Harvard streets that sit adjacent (Continued on page 16)

8 Blue Hill Ave. city lots assigned to developers

By Seth Daniel

30 city-owned vacant

REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

There has been a lot of missing teeth in the development of buildings along Blue Hill Avenue for nearly two generations, but there is hope that those gaps will be filled in as the first 8 of lots along the Ave. were designated for development this week – with five of them allotted to a young, local developer who has spent most of her life driving past the empty lots.

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Police, Courts & Fire



A fire at a single-family home at 36 Hill Top St. drew a strong response from Boston firefighters last Saturday afternoon. The smoky blaze next to Dorchester Park was quickly knocked down, but a dog perished in the incident, which took place around 3:30 p.m. No one else was injured. The cause remains under investigation. **Bill Forry photo**

BGCD closed until Jan. 4; Covid spike prompts call

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester closed down its afterschool programming for the year on Tuesday due to "an increased number" of Covid-19 cases, according to a letter sent to parents and guardians of club members.

In the Dec. 21 letter, BGCD president Bob Scannell said that the club's buildings- including the McLaughlin Center on Dorchester Avenue and the Marr Clubhouse on Deer Street, would "reopen safely" on Jan. 4 after contact tracing and a deep cleaning. Scannell wrote that he was "frustrated," and added that "this closure may have been avoided.

"As parents/caregivers, it is your responsibility to keep your child

home if they are not feeling well and, most importantly," he wrote, "to share any information, such as a positive case of Covid or other illness that may be pertinent to the wellbeing of our members and staff. If you are not certain of how or what to share with us, please call. We serve hundreds of children in meaningful ways each and every day. Our members come from schools all across the city. Without the cooperation of our families, we cannot do this effectively or safely.'

A plan to distribute toys ahead of the Christmas holiday during a Thursday event at the club was cancelled, Scannell said, but a drive-by event will go ahead.

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Toy drive gets a big boost from staff at East West Mortgage

Employees of East West Mortgage on Hallet Street participated in donating and assembling \$5,000 in holiday gifts for children in the annual ABCD Christmas Toy Drive.

"We went out and bought 26 bikes and 26 helmets, and over a few days we assembled them," said company president Steve Borgerson. He said they purchased \$700 worth of additional toys, and the staff joined in to wrap the gifts. The toys were delivered to the ABCD Dorchester site on Claybourne Street on Dec. 17.

The ABCD Toy Drive aims to bring some extra joy to our neighbors in



East West Mortgage employees pictured with the donated toys, from left: Donna Dooley, Cheryl Karoutsas, Steve Borgerson, Nicole Grover and Yolanda Ed Forry photo Ortega.

need during the holiday season," the anti-poverty agency said in an online posting. "Every

year, with the support For more information, of donors like East West Mortgage, we distribute upwards of 6,000 toys to

call 617-348-6559 or email give@bostonabcd. - ED FORRY org.

Wu is pitching lower electricity costs through supplier program

Electricity customers in Boston who choose the city's Community Choice program as their supplier will see lower rates, according to Mayor Wu.

The rates went into effect last month and run through December 2023. The program's rates will be lower than those of Eversource, the local utility provider, for "at least six months," according to the Wu administration.

"Signing up for this program will help speed the process of Boston becoming a 100 percent renewable energy city and provide a more affordable option this winter," said Wu, who was at

the offices of VietAID in Fields Corner last week to promote the program.

When she was a member of the City Council, Wu and her colleagues co-wrote legislation in 2017 for the Community Choice Electricity (CCE) program, which started this past February. The program offers customers three options that range between 18 percent to 100 percent renewable energy.

Overall, electricity prices across the state are expected to be high in the winter months. But city officials "cannot guarantee that the CCE rates will remain lower than Eversource's Basic Service rates after June 30, 2022," the Wu administration said in a statement.

Separately, Wu's office, in concert with Attorney General Maura Healey, warned about contracts with third-party suppliers, which have higher rates than the CCE program. A report from Healey's office indicates that third-party suppliers charged state residents \$426 million more than the average utility company, and specifically target low-income residents and communities of color in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury, among other neighborhoods.

In Dorchester's Fields Corner and similar areas, 42 percent of low-income residents are receiving electricity from third-party suppliers, according to Lisette Le, executive director of VietAID.

"With this winter's risingutility costs, we want residents to be wary of scams from third-party electric suppliers and to check their bills to see if they are paying more than they would with the city of Boston or with Eversource,"Healey said in a statement.

- GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS

Eligible tenants can get funds to pay rent, head-off evictions

With the Omicron variant of Covid-19 sparking fears of a pandemic resurgence, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is stepping up its efforts to help more families stay in their homes.

The agency's Eviction Diversion Initiative (EDI) provides mediafunds to eligible families struggling to avoid evictions.

Eligible tenants can apply for assistance through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), which distributes federal funding to help low-income people pay overdue rent and utility bills.

For extra guidance, DHCD operates a tollfree, multilingual phone line Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1-800-474-1822.

"The pandemic has had disproportionate impacts on our most vulnerable communities and neighborhoods across parties can visit mass. Massachusetts, and we want to remind housesion-initiative-get-help. holds in need that help is

available," said Jennifer Maddox, the state's Undersecretary for Housing and Community Development. "Over the past 12 months, we've scaled up our rental assistance program to match the urgency required by this situation. ... So, we strongly encourage all tenants that have fallen behind to seek help - KATIE PEDERSEN

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tion and case management services, legal aid, and rental assistance

To apply, interested gov/eviction-diver-

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Free, at-home rapid antigen test kits for all city residents are now available for pick-up at select Boston Public Library branches and Boston Centers for Youth & Families community centers. The free test kits are currently available at BCYF community centers at Paris Street in East Boston, Hyde Park on River St., Mildred Ave. in Mattapan, and the Tobin in Mission Hill and Shelburne in Roxbury, as well as Boston Public Librarv Branches in Brighton, Copley Square, Codman Square, East Boston, Grove Hall, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury, and South Boston with plans in place for additional distribution sites to follow, including all BPL and BCYF sites. Boston residents seeking a test kit will also be able to

obtain kits for their immediate family, subject to availability. The City of Boston will be providing more than 260,000 kits for distribution throughout Boston. Each kit contains two tests, meaning there are over half a million free rapid tests available to residents. For information about clinics and vaccine availability visit https://www.boston.gov/departments/ public-health-commission/covid-19vaccine-boston. For more information on where to find a free rapid test kit near you, visit https://www.boston.gov/ departments/public-health-commission/ free-covid-19-home-test-kits. There will be several vaccine clinics taking place for Boston residents including Morning Star Baptist Church, 1257 Blue Hill Ave.,

Mattapan, Fridays 9 a.m. -4 p.m. Codman Square Health Center, 637 Washington Street, Dorchester, on Fridays 12-6p.m. and Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Gallivan Community Center, 61 Woodruff Way, Mattapan, Mondays 2-6 p.m. Prince Hall Grand Lodge 24 Washington St., Dorchester, Tuesdays 12-7p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The BPDA will host a series of virtual public meetings beginning on Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. to review specific topics of the Dorchester Bay City project. The Jan. 10 meeting will focus on transportation, infrastructure, sustainability and resiliency. Please register in advance by going to the link: bit.ly/3ysaUEy. Additional, topic-specific public meetings include Jan. 20 (housing and economic development), Jan. 31 (inclusive public realm improvements and placemaking) and Feb. 17 (urban design and open space.) View more documents related to this project at bostonplans.org. Boston Police will host two hockey skills clinics for youth on Sat., Jan 8 and Sat., Jan. 15 at Murphy rink in South Boston. Each clinic starts at 8 a.m. Space is limited. Call 617-343-4752 for more info.

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MBTA outreach on shortage of drivers features bonus tie-in

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE **News Service** New MBTA employees

could receive hiring bonuses under a collective bargaining agreement that officials ratified last Thursday, one of several steps the transit agency's leaders are taking to attract workers amid a staffing shortage set to impact bus service.

The contract with Boston Carmen's Union Local 589, the largest union representing MBTA workers, allows officials for the first time to offer bonuses of a still-unspecified amount to help entice new operators.

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said the bonuses, which the T's board of directors approved as part of the bargaining pact, will serve as "an important tool in our toolkit going forward as we seek to address shortages in our workforce."

Officials will also pay a higher training wage to MBTA recruits receiving their commercial driver's licenses, promote dozens of drivers from part-time to full-time, and pivot away from an application lottery system to screen everyone interested in a position at the T.

In previous years, the MBTA has used a lottery



MBTA bus driver Joao Goncalves transports passengers from Chelsea over the Tobin Bridge en route Jesse Costa/WBUR photo to Haymarket.

to pare down a pool of jobseekers far greater than the number of available positions. A spokesperson said one human resources employee recalled that a 2009 lottery list drew more than 33,000 candidates for jobs and remained in use until at least 2016.

But as is the case at transit agencies and transportation companies around the country, the pandemic has created major staffing challenges at the T. Officials estimate the agency is about 80 to 100 bus drivers short of being able to run its fall schedule without dropping trips.

"As a board and as an organization, we all need to be aware of the demand problem that's larger than just the MBTA. It will require all of us to be open to identifying what works and make us as attractive as an employer

can be," Transportation Secretary Jamey Tesler said. "The demand for that lottery system no longer exists.

A winter service schedule that takes effect Sunday will pare back frequency on bus routes by about 3 percent in response to the workforce shortage. Subway schedules will not be affected.

Officials are hopeful that scheduling fewer trips will help address reliability issues exacerbated by the lack of drivers. As an example, Poftak said, a route could run with consistent 12-minute headways between buses, rather than 10-minute headways that sometimes become 20 minutes when the agency drops a trip because of its staffing levels.

He stressed that the imminent changes are "not a budgetary exercise. We are fully bud-

service. We would dearly like to be providing that service and spending that money. Unfortunately, right now, we are having staffing challenges as is – frankly, every major transportation entity in the country is dealing with this."

The agency more than doubled the size of its recruiting team, Poftak said, and promoted 75 part-time bus operators to full-time to help retain them.

Applicants must test negative for marijuana, which, Poftak said, reflects the tricky position the T occupies as an agency overseen by the Federal Transit Authority in a state where the substance is legal for recreational use.

He was unsure when asked how many applicants typically get ruled out by drug tests, but cautioned that "even losing a handful of people is an issue for us.'

The agency's vaccine mandate is also impacting staffing, albeit at a low rate so far, as 23 of the 5,945 active MBTA employees remain out of compliance with the requirement that they get vaccinated against the virus or seek a religious or medical exemption, according to updated figures Poftak present-

geted for a full level of ed Thursday. Four of those workers have beensuspended for five days, the second step in a progressive discipline process that could lead to termination.

"We are working with them in an attempt to make sure that they get vaccinated," Poftak said. "We do want everyone to remain part of the workforce here at the MBTA, but vaccination is an important public health step, so this process will continue to play out."

A dozen other workers had received notice that they were out of compliance and have since begun or completed their vaccination process, Poftak said.

A total of 456 employees, representing nearly 7.7 percent of the workforce, have requested exemptions. About 90 percent of the MBTA's staff is partly or fully vaccinated.

The two-year contract with Boston Carmen's Union is retroactive to July 1, 2021 and will provide covered workers annual raises of 2.5 percent. MBTA Director of Labor Relations Ahmad Barnes said a majority of union members will see an increase of \$4,148 to their base salary by the contract's end.

All bargaining unit members will also receive one-time bonuses of \$2,000 in pandemic pay. Carmen's Union workers on the payroll on March 1, 2022 will receive an additional \$2,500 in onetime pay related to the outsourcing of shuttle bus diversions.

The union, which represents more than 6,000 MBTA employees, said members ratified the agreement "overwhelmingly" on Sunday ahead of the board meeting.

"Our first priority remains to provide riders with the vital public transit services they need each day to get to work, to get to schools, for medical appointments, and for other crucial $daily \, activities. \, We \, think$ this deal helps support that priority in many ways," said Carmen's Union President Jim Evers, who added:

"The working condition improvements reflected in this agreement represent essential steps toward addressing the current recruitment and retention issues at the MBTA for the benefit of the rising public and for the public good."

If the T opts to award hiring bonuses to brandnew employees, it must also offer the same to any bus operator hired within the past six months offset by any pandemic pay they received.

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By KATIE LANNAN **STATE HOUSE News Service**

If elected governor, state Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz would include money in her first annual budget proposal to eliminate bus fares at the MBTA and regional transit agencies as a major step toward a farefree transit system.

Incentivizing public transit by removing fares for riders is one component of the climate and energy plan the Jamaica Plain Democrat released this week, along with transitioning the state to 100 percent renewable electricity by 2030, and building a "green workforce" pipeline that prioritizes communities of color and environmental justice communities.

Under her plans, the senator would also use "the full powers of the executive branch to block future fossil fuel infrastructure projects in Massachusetts" and "immediately" appoint a new slate of Department of Public Utilities commissioners "who are committed to a progressive energy agenda and who have demonstrated experience relevant to implementing the kind of bold transformative changes that our energy system needs."

Chang-Díaz said her plan's transportation elements offer "the fastest and perhaps the most widespread difference that people will feel most directly." She said funding them would involve federal dollars and revenues from a proposed surtax on incomes over \$1 million, and that some



Sonia Chang-Díaz

sort of carbon-pricing program would be necessary to support the state's transition to clean energy.

"So many Massachusetts residents are sitting in these soul-crushing commutes today," Chang-Díaz told the News Service. "We have some of the worst congestion in the nation around greater Boston, and making a public transit system, a mass transit system that is cost-accessible, fare-free in many cases, fast, reliable – that is a quality of life change for commuters in addition to contributing to our advancing our climate goals."

RTAs serving Worcester and the Merrimack Valley have each approved fare-free service programs on at least a temporary basis, and the Boston City Council this month signed off on Mayor Wu's plan to use \$8 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to cover the cost of running three MBTA bus routes without collecting fares for two years. In January 2020, the transit

 $advocacy\,group\,LivableStreets\\Alliance\ tallied\ the\ cost\ of$ running fare-free local buses statewide at \$60 million.

There is consensus among Democrats running for governor on making the MBTA free for at least some riders. Harvard professor Danielle Allen's jobs agenda calls for "fare-free MBTA access for low-income workers," while former state Sen. Ben Downing has said he would make MBTA and RTA buses farefree his first year in the corner office, with all MBTA fares, including the commuter rail and ferry services, free by the end of his first term.

Downing, who co-chaired the Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy Committee while in the Legislature and worked for the solar company Nexamp after leaving Beacon Hill, put out a climate plan in April that calls for 100 percent clean electricity by 2030 and for the state to be fully powered by clean energy by 10 years after that.

While eliminating fares for riders, Chang-Díaz also wants to electrify and expand public transit, a goal that involves increasing RTA and MBTA operating budgets. Her plan does not put a dollar figure on the budget increases. She said thay those goals would take multiple years to accomplish, "but we do have to walk and chew gum here. This is what it looks like to move with urgency.'

She envisions full MBTA bus fleet electrification by

2030 and electrification of the RTA system and commuter rail by 2040. Her plan also calls for an east-west rail link and the transformation of the commuter rail into "a frequent, electrified regional rail, providing all-day 15-minute to 30-minute train service."

Chang-Díaz said her proposals would require a variety of funding sources, starting with the constitutional amendment on next year's ballot that would impose a 4 percent surtax on incomes over \$1 million.

She also pointed to federal infrastructure money that is "already in the pipe to Massachusetts," and said she hopes Congress can direct more money here by passing President Biden's spending package known as the Build Back Better Act.

In her plan, Chang-Díaz said, she would "lead the charge to identify additional sources of funding - such as repealing tax breaks for corporations that shift their income to off-shore accounts - to transition to a completely fare-free MBTA."

"We also need to put a price on carbon and use that money to fund the transition to clean energy," she said in an interview.

Carbon-pricing bills have been filed for years on Beacon Hill but have not gathered the necessary momentum to become law. Gov. Baker last month was forced to scrap Massachusetts's participation multi-state cap-and-trade program known as the Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI) as political support in other states eroded.

Republican gubernatorial candidate Geoff Diehl has been a vocal critic of TCI, which would have bumped up the price of gasoline.

The collapse of TCI was the second major blow to the Baker administration's climate agenda after Maine voters rejected a transmission project intended to bring hydropower from Quebec to southern New England. Both come after lawmakers passed, and Baker signed, legislation earlier this year committing the state to reaching net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

Chang-Díaz said the dynamics around TCI do not push her from the idea that the state needs to adopt some sort of carbon-pricing mechanism. "We just cannot have all of our whole climate change plan rest on things that are dependent on actors outside of our state," she said.

To move the state to clean electricity by 2030, Chang-Díaz said that she would work with the energy grid operator and other New England states and would invest in developing clean energy sources through the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. She described the transition as a "survival imperative," given the effects of climate change, and added that it would also bring economic benefits as the state builds up a green economy involving offshore wind and solar power.





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Page 6 **THE REPORTER** 'Cash for Diabetic Supplies' signs face the snap of Rep. Holmes's wire cutters

Company preys on POC communities, legislator contends

By Seth Daniel **Reporter Correspondent**

About two or three times a week, just after dusk, state Rep. Russell Holmes grabs a pair of wire cutters and some gloves and meets up with former Boston Police Capt. Haseeb Hosein and his truck to take on a special mission: the removal of all signs posted by a company they say is preving on Black, Brown, and low-income communities and the elderly.

Driving across American Legion Highway, up Harvard Street, down Blue Hill Avenue and on just about every throughfare on the west side of Dorchester and Matta-

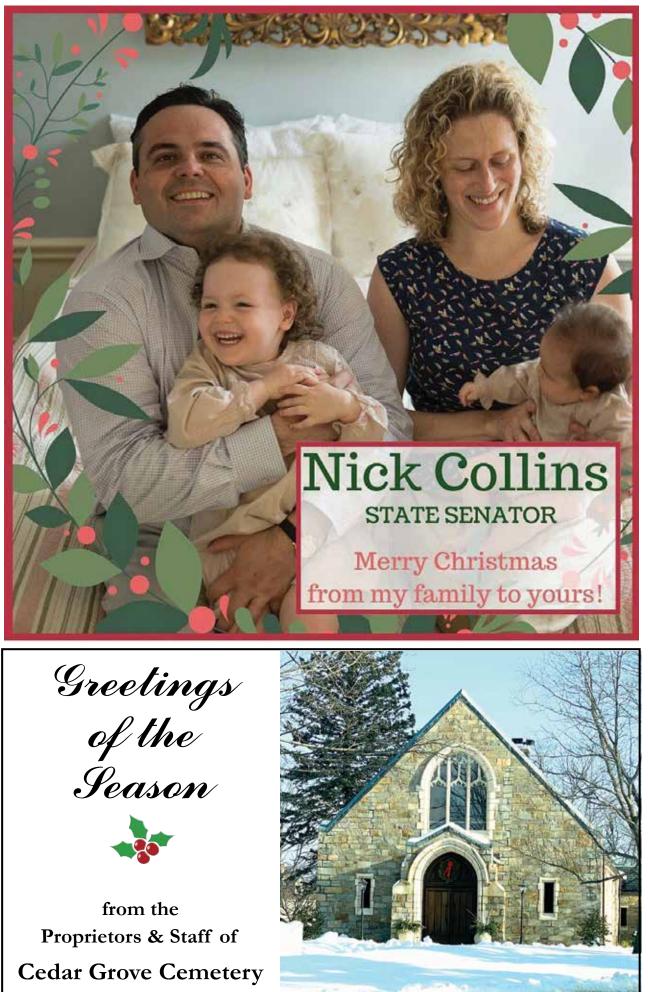
pan, one by one the duo removes the 'Cash for Diabetic Supplies' signs in a display of contempt for those who put them up.

On any such trip they can remove close to 100 signs in just a few hours, as they are that plentiful. Despite that, said Hosein, most of the signs are replaced – sometimes by hand-written posters -as fast as they are taken down.

"They are absolutely preying on our communities and on Black people in particular, said Holmes. "It really bothers me. I'm not sure who is doing it and what customers they have, but



State Rep. Russell Holmes (left) and former Boston Police Capt. Haseeb Hosein were out last Friday evening taking down 'Cash for Diabetic Supplies' signs Seth Daniel photo on American Legion Highway.



I'm sure it's harmful to people. It's not positive. They put these signs in communities where people are struggling and maybe need money. Folks also need their diabetic supplies, and we don't want them selling supplies and not having them."

The legislator said it is illegal to take someone's prescriptions, even if there is payment for them. He said he is suspicious that whoever is running the companies are actually "phishing" for insulin, too.

It seems that western Dorchester and Mattapan are the main targets of the "Diabetic Supplies" signs. Holmes said that is by design to prey upon Black communities in particular.

"When I drive up and down Gallivan Boulevard to the Expressway, you see the real dif-ference," he said. "You drive through Black Dorchester and they're everywhere, but when you get to the whiter areas of Dorchester by Morrissey Boulevard, there's not a single one.

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They aren't everywhere. They know where to target and I don't think it's right."

Holmes has brought the matter to the attention of Attorney General Maura Healey in meetings with her office. He said he has also brought it up in initial conversations with Mayor Wu. He said he is telling every elected official and state government agency he can in hopes to draw attention to something that potentially is putting his constituents at risk.

Healey's office told the Reporter that Holmes has mentioned the matter in meetings, and they have been looking into it, but have no definite answers about it just yet.

The *Reporter* called the "857" number that is posted on all the signs and reached a man named 'Kirk' who said he lives locally and is only employed by the company to answer phone calls and collect supplies, which he sends by package to the company, the name of which he wouldn't divulge.

He said there are a lot of diabetics in the areas where his crews hang signs who get too many diabetic supplies from the pharmacy. He said most diabetics don't need all that many 'test strips' or 'lancets,' which draw blood to test blood sugar levels. So, he said, the company he works for runs a service that allows people to donate them or get cash for the excess.

"From what I understand, they do accept donations, but offer to pay for supplies," he said. "People have a hard time and people $might\,need\,cash...People$ throw away a lot of these things. They just keep giving them more than they need...It's just an exchange program and we source the excess supplies...It's a job that helps me to take care of my four kids and family."

Following that call to 'Kirk,' the Reporter's phone received advertisements by text message offering to pay cash for selling diabetic supplies. Citing the illegality of posting signs on public property, Holmes said he invites the rest of the community to join him and Hosein in taking down the signs from poles and posts in the neighborhood. "My advocacy here is to say that if you agree with me, join in the fight and take these signs down whenever you see them,' he said. "We shouldn't have to put up with this predatory problem. The message here is they need to come down all over Massachusetts - don't prey on Black people."





COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU21D0041DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING JECILENE MIRANDA ANTHONY BAILEY To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court An Automatic Restraining Order has

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negatively impact the current financial

status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and re-quired to serve upon: Jecilene Miranda, 212 Waldemar Ave., #210, Boston, MA 02120 your answer, if any, on or before 01/13/2022. If you fail to do so, the court

vill proceed to the hearing and adjudica

tion of this action. You are also required

to file a copy of your answer, if any, ir the office of the Register of this Court.

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

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News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Larget-Caplan's new album explores Christmas classics

By KATIE PEDERSEN **REPORTER CORRESPONDENT** Dorchester-based guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan, a UMass Boston professor and international touring and recording artist, has just released "A Guitar Holiday" on Spotify and Amazon to notable success. As of press time, the album had over 200,000 streams on the two platforms.

The concept for the recording began in September when Larget-Caplan, who lives in Uphams Corner, was contacted by Grammy-winning producer Kabir Sehgal.

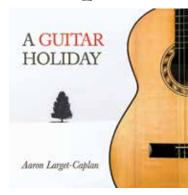
"He liked my playing, and he asked if I would be interested in making a holiday album," Larget-Caplan said. "Most of my albums before this have been John Cage [a 20th-century American composer] or contemporary music, so this



Aaron Larget-Caplan

was a bit of a change. I said, 'Well, let me think about it.'

"I did some searching for different music, different arrangements. I came up with



some and started working on them. I found an affinity for them and really enjoyed it, and I said yes. Over the course of about two weeks, I learned, recorded, edited, and completed an album."

The result is close to a halfhour collection of Larget-Caplan's arrangements of classic holiday songs. His delicate touch with the guitar includes

up-tempo versions of "Deck the Halls" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" as well as slower carols like "Away in a Manger." A defining feature of all the pieces is Larget-Caplan's intricate fretting and rhythmic touches.

His favorite piece on the album is "Greensleeves," a Renaissance English song with the same tune as the popular Christmas carol "What Child is This?"

"It's one of the first pieces I learned how to play on the guitar," Larget-Caplan said. "I've taught many versions of it to students. When I put this together, I knew I would be including "Greensleeves." That was mission number one. I'm really happy with that arrangement and I thought it came out nicely."

He was also pleased with the

arrangement of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," which allowed him to feature an array of guitar techniques, including pizzicato to mute the strings, and harmonics, which he used on other songs as well.

As a guitarist who made his name playing contemporary classical music, Larget-Caplan says that this album is a welcome departure from his usual repertoire.

"A fan ran into me who loves all the albums I've done, but he was really excited to have music that he knew," he said. "I was able to create an artistic product while playing pieces that would be considered popular music."

"A Guitar Holiday" is available on Bandcamp and for streaming on Amazon and Spotify.

Wu taps Dot's Millor for key City Hall role

Dorchester native Brianna Millor will join Mayor Wu's team next month as the city's chief of Community Engagement. Millor, the daughter of a Haitian immigrant, starts in the role on Jan. 3.

The Civic Engagement cabinet role also includes oversight of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.

"I'm inspired by Brianna's love for community and for Boston," Wu said in a statement announcing her appointment. She has been a trusted advisor and passionate community advocate, and I am so excited for



Brianna Millor

role."

Millor started in community work as a member of Bold Teens, a Codman Square-based organization that focuses on environmental and social justice issues. She worked on Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign in 2016, where she worked on voter engagement strategies ahead of the New Hampshire primary.

She later worked in a variety of roles in City Hall and represented Wu's Council office on the board of ABCD.

She is a graduate of Quinnipiac University

her leadership in this with a bachelors in Political Science and a masters degree in Public Relations.

"I am honored and excited to lead the Office of Community Engagement, and to continue serving our city's residents under Mayor Wu," said Millor. "My experiences at City Hall have affirmed my love and commitment to my community and the city that raised me, and I am eager to facilitate in connecting residents to city government in new and creative ways."

Millorlives in Dorchester and enjoys spending time with her family.



Kristina Pruitt, a student leader from the Dorchester-based BOLD Teens, was one of three facilitators and primary presenters for the Youth Power Summit of The 84 Movement. After months of planning and preparation by Pruitt and others, young people from across the state attended the summit virtually. Chapters of The 84 movement shared experiences and worked to feel empowered to speak confidently on racial equity through a variety of small group discussions hosted by young people for young people. The 84 Movement is a youthled initiative made up of coalitions, schools, faithbased organizations and community-based organizations to protect youth and young adults from tobacco and vaping industry targeting. Learn more about the work they do at the84.

Codman clinic gives Dot residents a boost

org.

Elfreda Buffong had tried to get a booster shot for Covid-19 at a pharmacy chain only to be told it wasn't currently available. But on Tuesday morning, the 63-year-old Dorchester resident was able to get her third dose of the BioNTech, Pfizer vaccine, thanks to the "Family Vaccination Clinic" at the Codman Square the highly contagious Omicron variant.

"Our family vaccine clinics are another way Codman can care for our community. People are scared, and for good reason. Omicron is rising and hospitals are filling, said Dr. Renee Crichlow, the health center's chief medical officer.

"In this season of love, the best gift you can give

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE **DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Cocoa and hot chocolate - There's a difference

Winter weather demands hot chocolate or cocoa. Cocoa is made from cocoa powder, and hot chocolate is made from shaved chocolate bars (it's melted chocolate!). Usually, hot chocolate has a richer taste,

powdered milk, almond milk, soy milk or rice milk. Sometimes only a couple of tablespoons will do. If you start with unsweetened cocoa powder or chocolate shavings, you will need to add sugar, or maple syrup, honey or agave nectar. Sweeten to your taste. Some recipes call for as much as two tablespoons of sugar for each tablespoon of unsweetened chocolate. The recipe that works for you is the right one. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society.org.



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because chocolate bars have more cocoa butter than cocoa powders.

To make true hot chocolate, you can buy mixes made of tiny chocolate shavings, or you can buy fine shaved chocolate from baking suppliers. You can also shave your own from your favorite chocolate bars, choosing from dark, milk, white, or flavored chocolate. You can combine any of these in your own proportions.

Whether you are making hot chocolate or cocoa, slowly combine your chocolate with a small amount of milk or cream until smooth. Then fill the cup with hot water. You can use re-constituted

Reminder: A house history from the Dorchester Historical Society would make a great gift to a homeowner in Dorchester or Mattapan. Take a look at some of the completed histories on the **Dorchester** Historical Society website.

Today's illustration is one of many advertisements issued by the Walter Baker Company between the 1890s and the middle of the twentieth century. The company's logo, the Baker chocolate lady, can be seen on the tavern's sign.

Health Center.

"I'm just hoping that people will take the vaccine," she said. "It just makes me feel safe."

After getting her shot, Buffong was escorted to a nearby waiting room and told about the health center's vaccination incentives -a free boxed lunch and a chance to enter a lottery for prizes that include Apple Airpods, MacBook Pro, and \$500 Visa gift cards.

The Tuesday clinic (with a second scheduled for next Tuesday (Dec. 28), was part of an effort by some of Boston's community health centers and the Boston Public Health Commission to increase protection from the virus and the expected onslaught of

your family, your community, and yourself is to protect them against serious Covid," Crichlow added. "We know that vaccines protect against serious infection. Masking and vaccines spread love and stop the spread of serious illness.'

The health center also provides community testing at the Russell Auditorium, at 70 Talbot Avenue. Walk-ins are accepted, but appointments are recommended to save time. For an appointment, call 617 822-8271. The center has appointment information on its website at codman. org/blog/come-on-downto-the- covid-19-family-vaccine-clinic.

- CHRIS LOVETT

A prayer for a devoted journalist

If you are a person of faith— or just one of goodwill— may we respectfully ask that you offer up some kind thoughts about one of our longtime colleagues here at the Reporter. Barbara McDonough, 86, who worked at the Reporter from our earliest days in 1983 until her retirement in 2015, is in poor health.

Barbara, as longtime readers of the Reporter know, tracked the births and the deaths of our community for much of her career in newspapering. She kept a hard-copy desktop calendar with the birth dates of everyone she knew in her world, which centered around the parishes and hills of her adopted home, Dorchester.

It was Barbara— or "Bubbles," as she was known to many friends— who filed the weekly "Bubbles Birthdays and Special Occasions" column; she also compiled our death notices and tracked civic meetings for the "Neighborhood Notables" section. She and her husband Vincent "Vinnie" McDonough, were fixtures at civic events in Dorchester for a half-century, well before the Reporter's first edition.

As we wrote the week that she retired: "What most people do not know is that Barbara has been instrumental in helping to run the Reporter in many ways over the last three decades. Barbara has been the cheerful face that greeted visitors to our old office on Neponset Avenue, and, for the last 15 years now, on Columbia Point.

"In the mornings, hers was the voice that greeted callers who phoned into the paper. Barbara was the person who called parish rectories and principals' offices and police stations seeking details about Mass schedules and honor rolls and public safety meetings."

Her weekly column, "The View from Pope's Hill," was unlike any column you were likely to find in an American newspaper, circa 2010. It was more akin to a diary, a recounting of the daily life of a woman, a mom, a wife, a neighbor who shared the momentous and the mundane with equal zest and inquisitiveness.

It would be folly to try and find a replacement for Barb. Truth be told, we never tried. In May 2020, we prevailed upon her to revise the "View" column for a Dorchester Day edition published in the throes of Covid-19. She shared the sad news of her "hubby's" passing the year before, just days after they celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary. She showered praise on friends and neighbors who'd been looking after her, particularly her daughter Sue, who has been her rock for many years.

Sadly, Barb suffered a stroke this past summer and has since been living in a long-term care facility in Quincy. She has been in worsening condition in recent days and her family is now preparing to say their goodbyes.

For our part, we hope that she will know that her diligent efforts to chronicle this neighborhood through our pages over the years is not forgotten. In fact, we are frequently asked about her return.

Each of Barbara's columns was accompanied with a stanza of poetry or a verse of song. It is most fitting, then to close with one Barb chose from her last Christmas column in December 2015:

> Every gift which is given, Even though it be small, Is, in reality, great, If it is given with affection." by Pendar

As 2021 fades away, musings about 2022

By Thomas F. Mulvoy, Jr. Associate Editor

Commentary

With Marty Walsh directing traffic on a larger scale as US Secretary of Labor, will the new year see a revival of long-discussed plans and a commitment of some sort to the state's rehabilitation of Morrissey Boulevard that came to an abrupt halt when the former mayor took issue with some of the redesign's elements? The blunted plans addressed the need for significant climate-change adaptations for this well-used coastal thoroughfare. The city and the state announced a \$1 million infrastructure study of the oft-flooded roadway last March, with a report expected within a year's time. Funding? Well, for starters, there's the recently passed federal infrastructure legislation that was just a dream last winter.

Should things start to move on the revamp, traffic considerations will loom large alongside climatological issues. Rush hour backups now begin shortly after 6 a.m., particularly along the stretch that begins at Boston Bowl and runs north beyond Freeport Street past the UMass Boston entryway approaching BC High and Kosciuszko Circle, and begin to pick up shortly after 2 p.m. going the other way. What once was viewed as an urban parkway with a neat harbor view today offers a combination of a mile-long parking lot at busy times and a speedway once drivers get the go-ahead from minutes-long waits at the UMass and Freeport Street intersections. Add in the entering into and exiting out of The Beat complex when that building is ready for clients, reportedly in the near future, and you have the ingredients for driver rage gone wild.

While there is planning on the books, the development of Dorchester Bay City on Columbia Point, now front and center for consideration, will unquestionably have serious impacts on the roads leading into and out of the new neighborhood from both ends and maybe through the middle. With completion of the project set for the early 2040s, developers say there'll be plenty of time for adjustments to reality. But it would be nice to consider now just what those ad hoc fixes might be.

Speaking of the former mayor-turned Biden cabinet member, what interests other than ambition and a cure for political homesickness would be served were he to turn his back on the president



St. Brendan Church dedication, Sun., November 5, 1933.

who faces a new year full of calamitous possibilities from the pandemic, for his legislative agenda, and for the Democratic Party's standing with mid-term voters in the fall? One thing for sure: Not the interests of the president who appointed him Labor secretary. To be fair, Walsh has not deigned to address the talk directly and in the open, but there are times when saying nothing is saying too much to those whose stock in trade is turning rumors into virtual reality via Twitter-style talking points.

What will the new year bring for residents of the former St. Brendan's parish and the church building on Gallivan Blvd. that they and their forebears worshipped in for close to 90 years? The accompanying photo shows how families enthusiastically greeted the opening of their new worship place in November 1933. For Roman Catholics of a certain age, the diminution of parish life as represented in the disappearance of churches, rectories for priests, convents for nuns, and schools for the children as distinct worshipping villages and civic communities has been painful to endure, a memory of times past that seem irretrievable for many of us.

The biggest question of all for

the year upcoming is how the

city, state, nation, and world will

cope with the coronavirus that

will not quit changing its skin at the first strong hint that science and medicine are getting ahead of the epidemic's curve. While some of the ideologists waging war on a certified-by-experience epidemiological solution to Covid-19 infections are somehow, and preposterously, gaining traction on political grounds via online misinformation, truths about the way to end the continuing threat of enervating hospitalizations and private funeral ceremonies vaccinations for as many of the living as possible – often end up in episodes of rhetorical wrangling where the loudest voices dominate proceedings

"People are scared, and for good reason. Omicron is rising and hospitals are filling," Dr. Renee Crichlow, the Codman Square Health Center's chief medical officer, told Reporter correspondent Chris Lovett this week as she suggested a reality-based gift for the holidays:

"In this season of love, the best gift you can give your family, your community, and yourself is to protect them against serious Covid. We know that vaccines protect against serious infection. Masking and vaccines spread love and stop the spread of serious illness."

My sentiments exactly.

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-Bill Forry

Letter to the Editor

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Let's look at project grants for repurpose of Baker letters

To the Editor:

Kudos and many thanks to Grace Mayer and the Dorchester Reporter for bringing further awareness of the historical importance of the aged letters of the Walter Baker neon sign. The Lower Mills area, which straddles the Neponset River and bridges Dorchester and Milton, is rich in history, from the Indigenous people through the Industrial Revolution, that continues evolving to this day.

No matter what the fate of the old neon sign letters is, I hope that they can be kept together and made visible to the public, just as they once were, instead of secluded and in view to only a few.

This statement gave me pause: "Time will tell what happens with that approach and interest from others with ideas, but Dolan says that in the end, if the letters aren't all scooped up, she will reach out to the Dorchester Arts Collaborative and the Dorchester Art Project to see if they might be willing to take the letters and consider using them creatively with Dorchester-based artists."

It is my understanding that the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) owns the Walter Baker Artists' Lofts building (1231 Dorchester Ave.), making the building and its signage a property of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Therefore, no one should be "scooping up" the old letters.

Rather, the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), now under the leadership of Michael J. Bobbitt, might consider issuing a Request for Proposal to local artists for a project grant under its Cultural Investment Portfolio. This would pave the way for the Dorchester Arts Collaborative and the Dorchester Art Project to seek funding for neighborhood artists in repurposing the old sign letters and to become agents of MCC's core principles.

– David J. Stokle Dorchester

Wu moves on vaccine front: Passports for indoor venues beginning Jan. 15

(Continued from page 1) announced the city's first confirmed cases of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, in three young adults over the age of 18 who were not vaccinated and experienced mild disease without needing to be hospitalized.

"This step will help increase our vaccination numbers, which we know is the best way to keep our community safe and thriving," Wu said. "Although Boston's vaccination rates have been high, we continue to see serious disparities by race and by age, allowing Omicron and other new variants to spread in our communities. Vaccines are the most powerful tool in fighting this pandemic, once again, and they're the most powerful tool to allow us to recover as a city and to truly be together.'

BPHC Executive Director Dr. Bisola Ojikutu said the number of coronavirus cases in Boston has increased almost 90 percent compared to two weeks ago, with the city now averaging 369 new cases a day. She said hospital resources are "stretched thin" and that an estimated two-thirds of those hospitalized with Covid in the city are unvaccinated.

Ojikutu, who issued the order establishing the proof-of-vaccine policy, projected that the city's case numbers will "rise significantly" in January based on the Omicron variant's transmissibility.

Under Boston's policy for indoor dining, fitness, and entertainment establishments, dubbed the "B Together" initiative, workers and patrons age 12 and up will be required to show proof of at least one dose of a vaccine starting Jan. 15.

Proof of full vaccination – acceptable forms include the CDC vaccination card, a photo of the card, "any official immunization record or digital image from a pharmacy or nearth care provider, or on any COVID-19 vaccine verification app" – will be required for those 12 and up as of Feb. 15. For children age 5-11, the youngest age group for which shots are currently authorized, proof of a first dose will be required as of March 1, with full vaccination required starting the first day of May. In August, Acting Mayor Kim Janey imposed a rule requiring the city's 18,000 workers to get vaccinated or submit to weekly testing. Wu said on Monday that the city will drop the testing option "along the same timeline" as the new proof-of-vaccination requirement, with a first

second shot a month later.

Boston officials said the city plans to create its own proof-of-vaccination app, modeled after the app in New York City. Wu said she has been in touch with New York officials, where a similar vaccine requirement has been in place for months.

"Indoor vaccine mandates and mandates in general increase vaccination rates," Ojikutu said. "After New York City implemented its indoor vaccination mandate, known as the Key to New York City program, citywide vaccinations increased by nine percent in just one month, and the number of doses administered has risen steadily since the implementation."

Ojikutu had to raise her voice during her remarks to be heard over protesters who arrived at City Hall while she was speaking. The group chanted, used whistles, and at one point sang the "The Star-Spangled Banner" as officials described the new policy and their reasoning behind implementing it.

"Welcome to the peo-ple's building," Wu told the crowd of shouting demonstrators. "I just want to emphasize, there is nothing more American than coming together to ensure that we are taking care of each other, that each and every one of our community members is safe, is healthy and has access to the $future \, and \, opportunities$ they deserve.³

A group called Boston First Responders United, which opposes vaccine mandates, criticized Wu's policy ahead of her announcement, issuing what it described as "a call to action to our brothers and sisters in all law enforcement unions.

"We especially remind our fellow members of law enforcement that civil rights and work-

dose by Jan. 15, and a er's rights cannot be suspended, abridged, or revoked in America," the group said in a statement, which also said any ongoing contract negotiations should be suspended.

Wu said Boston officials are "in conversations with all of our city unions to proceed along all the processes that are required." She said more than 90 percent of the city's workforce is fully vaccinated and that she is "confident that that number will continue to grow as we host on-site clinics in partnership with each of our departments."

Sen. Will Brownsberger, a Belmont Democrat whose district includes parts of Boston, was on hand for Wu's press conference, as was City Councilor Lydia Edwards, a candidate for an open state Senate seat. On Twitter, House Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz, a North End Democrat. called the vaccine-proof requirement "a bold and necessary step for many of us to feel safe when going out and dining out in Boston."

Republican gubernatorial candidate Geoff Diehl, meanwhile, called the policies "clear violations of the civil rights of anyone who lives in, works in, or travels to the city" and said they "will make it even more difficult for Boston's economy to recover from the pandemic."

Diehl's campaign also distributed a photo of him inside Boston City Hall, saying it was "taken this morning during the Boston First Responders' Rally."

The Boston Public Health Commission order, which it says will remain in effect until the executive director rescinds it, calls for "all reasonable efforts" to be made "to secure voluntary compliance," including outreach, education and written warnings. It also allows for fines of \$300 per violation "and orders of the BPHC to cease and desist."

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Christopher Carlozzi, state director for the National Federation of Independent Businesses, called it unfortunate that "private businesses are being placed in the unenviable position of having to enforce another government health directive.

'City officials should take every step imaginable to ensure consumers know this is a city policy, and are aware business owners and their workers are simply being forced to abide by these latest rules," he said.

Boston's planned outreach and support efforts for businesses include a series of webinars and what Wu's office described as "a weekslong campaign to educate $residents \, and \, businesses$ about the new policy. utilizing city outreach workers and inspectionalservices.'

Temple Gill of the Huntington Theatre Company, an organization that requires vaccines for its staff and artists and has been checking its patrons for proof of vaccination or a negative test, said the new city policy "means that arts organizations don't have to shoulder the responsibility of these decisions alone."

According to the mayor's office, 68 percent of Boston residents were fully vaccinated as of Dec. 14, and 79 percent had received at least one dose. On Tuesday, Gov. Baker activated up to 500 National Guard personnel to help staff health care facilities. Up to 300 members will begin training this week to support 55 acute care hospitals and 12 ambulance service providers.

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Page 10THE REPORTERDecember 23, 2021dotnews.comLatest Bay City plan gets mixed reviews at kick-off meeting

By SETH DANIEL

Reporter Correspondent Accordia Partners kicked off another chapter in the already fouryear process to plan and permit Columbia Point's Dorchester Bay City (DBC) with an online meeting last Wednesday. Despite recently unveiled changes to earlier proposals, the conversation, which involved more than 25 attendees, showed that some neighbors are still not satisfied with the development program or the ambitious meeting schedule that is set to begin in January.

The development team's new plans, which were unveiled last week in the *Reporter*, followed the filing of amended plans with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) that included the proposed acquisition of the Boston Teacher's Union (BTU) property along with several updates in response to neighborhood input from earlier review meetings this year.

During nearly three hours of discussion, Accordia and the BPDA staged the first public meeting to feature neighborhood input, and while there was appreciation from residents, there



A view of the latest plans for Dorchester Bay City looking from the waterfront inward. Part of the new design, which now includes the Boston Teacher's Union property, shows a green boardwalk to lead people "from the T to the sea." *Rendering courtesy of Accordia Partners*

also were no standing ovations for the amended plans.

"We're excited to be back before you again," said Accordia's Kirk Sykes. "This is a kick-off, really, and a continuation of the dialog that's been ongoing on for several years. But also, it's a follow-up to meetings that took place last fall... This is a 'wow' site. It's literally America's most transit-accessible beach, bay, HarborWalk, and

park combination site." In a one-hour presen-

tation, Sykes highlighted some of the changes - including the increase to 15 percent affordable housing (up from the required 13 percent), making better connections to Day Boulevard and Harbor Point, adding a splashy entrance point at the corner of Morrissey and Mt. Vernon, and re-designing the project as a series of "Green Gloves" leading "from the T to the sea."

The nuts and bolts of the changes have now made the initiative a 15-year, five-phase development plan with 4.3 million square feet of office, research, and lab space (75 percent of the development), 1,970 residential units to include 296 affordable units at 60 percent AMI, and 165,000 square feet of ground retail space.

Some 40 percent of the developed site will now

be open space, including large portions at the waterfront to connect Mt. Vernon Street and Morrissey and Day boulevards. Compared to previous plans, the addition of the BTU property has added 10,000 square feet of retail, 230 housing units, and 400,000 square feet of office/lab space.

For all that, several remote attendees said the refined plans with modern buildings reminded them of the Seaport, which in many Boston neighborhood circles has come to stand for bad design and social exclusion.

"We don't want to build another Seaport here," said Dan Webber. "I don't want asphalt and concrete and a parking lot, and I believe that has to go. I am for the density here, but if you're saying that this isn't going to create a lot of individual car and vehicular traffic demand, you'd be crazy. The Seaport created more demand than they thought, and the Silver Line wasn't enough... This is an opportunity to do something different."

For her part, Caroline Chou said she sees the plans as another exclusive neighborhood not built for the existing people of Dorchester. "I don't understand how this is different from the Seaport," she said. "I don't understand how it demonstrates that it will create equity and not just another segregated, wealthy neighborhood that also cuts off our communities from public space that is currently used by a very diverse group of people."

Sykes had said from the outset that DBC is striving to be the most inclusive community (Continued next page)

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around, and he indicated that his team is working with Harbor Point and do not have any "fences" on their development to keep people out.

"Our goal is to have DBC be the most inclusive project done in America, not just Boston," he said at the outset, promoting the job training programs and job opportunities that would come with the project's majority office/ lab space.

Dorchester resident Eileen Boyle challenged that notion when she asked about the affordable housing piece and learned that some of it will be rentals on-site and some will be rentals off-site and that ownership opportunities would come from a \$10 million donation to Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (MAHA) for downpayment assistance on properties not part of DBC.

"That's a problem," she said. "I think 296 units is an insult when you have close to 2,000 units. I just want to tell UMass I'm upset with them for starting this whole project. I really didn't want to see another Seaport by our beach. The beach will be destroyed... we're going to let the rich live down here and you working people will go live somewhere else. That's what this [plan] is telling us."

Neighbor Elizabeth Doyle said she applauded a good deal of the program, but wanted more details and numbers about whom the project would benefit.

"I applaud the jobs and the community benefits, but as we move forward, we need to see real numbers like how many jobs and where will the workers be from," she said. "We need to start getting into the details that are important."

Several members of the community were also unhappy with the pace of the review meetings set for this coming winter that calls for four topical meetings in January and February.

"You're burning folks out and pushing this pace in a way that is disrespectful to the community," said George Lee.

The BPDA's project manager, Aisling Kerr, said they worked out the schedule with elected officials, community stakeholders, and the developer, and were "very comfortable" with it, signaling it probably wouldn't change.

Don Walsh, of the Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association and a member of the DBC Community Advisory Committee (CAC), said, "I'm a supporter of the project and I'm a supporter of Accordia, but I've got

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some gripes about the process. This is not the way it should be."

He also pointed out that DBC is just one of several developments that account for more than 10,000 units of new construction that is either complete, or being built, or being planned in that area of Dorchester. He warned that more attention needed to be paid to that aspect.

Accordia's Dick Galvin said DBC's traffic planning group is working with a city/ state task force and they are accounting for that 10,000-unit number Walsh referred to, which was apparently news to a lot of the attendees.

The project is not without its strong supporters, though, as many of the unions and their local members from Dorchester spoke in succession about the fact that they would like to see this project built to improve the community and put local people to work.

Raheem Shepard, of the Carpenter's Union, said he lives in Hyde Park and grew up in the St. Mark's area of Dorchester, and that it was projects like this that got him into the Carpenter's Union - his ticket to homeownership and the middle class.

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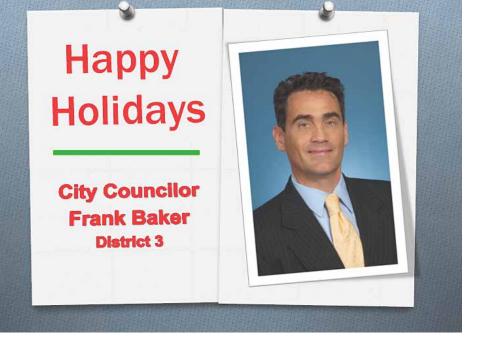
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Boys & Girls Clubs honor 'father figure' Bruce Seals with memorial ceremony

"Far more important than basketball for Bruce was his mentoring and being a role model to the kids at the club," Scannell said. "When I think of Bruce, I think of him simultaneously crouching down to comfort a crying toddler and mentoring a teen who may have been making wrong decisions that day. He really cared. He always said, 'I'm never leaving here."

Wu presented Seals family members with a posthumous citation from the City of Boston that cited his' "lifetime of mentorship and dedication to fostering youth to be the next generation committed to service."

Added Wu: "In his passing, Boston lost a great champion of children, but continues to gain the legacy of his work in the next generation he fostered. From the city of Boston, we honor your life's work and dedication to our vouth as a model of citizenship everywhere."

Later, she said, "It's incredible to see so many people come together tonight to celebrate Bruce's life and legacy. He was a fixture for 30 years at the Boys & Girls

(Continued from page 1) Club, and has changed could properly honor his thousands of lives, has opened doors, and continues to live on in so many of our community members of Boston. He not only taught athletic fundamentals-he also served as a father figure to so many."

John Karalis, a former player on the Emerson basketball team that Seals coached for 17 vears, offered his own tribute.

"I wanted to speak from the heart, because that's where Bruce is for me," Karalis said. "He taught me so many things off the court. Bruce connected with people. He became part of their lives. What we have here is someone who has achieved a level of immortality because he lives on through all the people he's touched. The kids that he has worked with and mentored are going to turn around and do the same for others. That is a true legacy."

Karalis said that he and his former teammates have contributed to a scholarship fund that has been set up in Seals's name to benefit members of the Dorchester club "because we knew how much this meant to Bruce. The only way we

legacy is to continue the work that he did here."

Max Barbosa, a BGCD alumnus who now works at the club, remembered Seals as a "friend, a mentor, a father figure, and somebody I had a lot of love for.'

Seals's children, Denitra Seals and Bruce Seals, were on hand and spoke about his love for the neighborhood that became his adopted home.

"My dad worked here for 30 years," Denitra said. "That's a very long time. There aren't that

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many organizations that have this many employees that stay this long. It is truly a blessing and I would like to say that he enjoyed every moment here. He loved coming to work. It's a blessing to be able to see this organization-many, many thousands of peoplereciprocating this love back. It speaks volumes."

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Bruce Seals, who died last December, was a fixture at the Boys and **Girls Clubs of Dorches**ter for three decades. **Bill Forry photo**

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Page 14 THE REPORTER The topic: How to build Asian American influence in Massachusetts civic affairs?

BY MATT MURPHY **STATE HOUSE News Service**

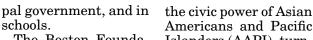
The election last month of Mayor Michelle Wu showed what is possible for Asian Americans as they become a more active and influential bloc in Massachusetts, but, elected officials and advocates for the community said last week, more must be done to improve representation at all levels of government and fight racism and attitudes of "perpetual foreignness."

Wu, the daughter of Taiwanese immigrants, is the first woman and first person of color to be elected to lead the city of Boston. Her position at the top of city government, however, is a rarity across Massachusetts, where, despite representing the fastest growing racial group in the state, Asian Americans are underrepresented on Beacon Hill, in munici-



The Boston Little Saigon cultural district hosted its inaugural gala on Sat., Dec. 11 at IBEW Local 103 Hall in Dorchester. Mayor Michelle Wu and Councillor Frank Baker, both instrumental supporters in getting the Fields Corner area designated as a state-funded cultural district, were on hand as special guests. The event included dinner and performances. More info about the event and the organization can be found at bostonlittlesaigon.org.





The Boston Foundation hosted an online discussion last Wednesday about how to build

Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI), turning to elected officials, community organizers, and leaders of the foun-



Wu, in a message taped for attendees, said gentrification threatens to displace many in the

insight.

Asian community in Boston, and the ongoing pandemic that has been politicized" against Asian Americans has led to "targeted, hateful, senseless violence. We must come together to address these and many other issues that are impacting our communities," she added.

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Anne Calef, of Boston Indicators, said that the Asian American population in Greater Boston over the last 30 years has grown by 277,409, making it the fastest growing single racial group in the city and the region and trailing only Latinos in terms of total new residents.

Growth has been particularly strong in the suburbs of Boston, Calef said, where Asian Americans now account for more than 30 percent of the population in places like Lexington and Quincy. In Braintree, the town has seen a 151 percent increase in AAPI population over the last decade.

Calef, however, said Asian Americans continue to be underrepresented in municipal government, particularly in schools. In Quincy, for instance, 41 percent of students but only 5 percent of teachers are Asian American.

The AAPI community also now accounts for some 7.2 percent of the state population, but only 4.5 percent of the Legislature, where there are eight House members and one senator who identify as Asian American.

Paul Watanabe, a UMass Boston political science professor and director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, said a national poll conducted last spring found that 42 percent of Americans cannot name a single prominent Asian American.

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"In Boston, I would suggest that now with the election of Michelle Wu, unless you're under a rock or something, you can probably name a prominent Asian American and that's the mayor of the city of Boston," Watanabe said.

Watanabe said a "singular" way to empower the Asian American community would be to allow non-citizen residents to vote in local elections, a step the New York City Council took this month. Voter registration requirements and the lack of availability of bilingual ballots are also barriers to political participation, he said.

"In order to overcome the historic invisibility of AAPI communities, we need to build power, and this means not only expanding our representation in state and municipal leadership, but also sharing power, specifically broadening the base of residents who are involved in grassroots organizing and political engagement," said Danielle Kim, the former director of public policy at the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, who is now director of The Boston Foundation's Asian Community Fund.

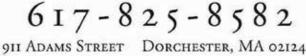
A graduate of Smith College, Kim earned a Fulbright Fellowship in South Korea and worked in the New Jersey legislature before coming to the Boston area to earn a master's degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She then spent four years at Boston After School & Beyond, overseeing policy and communications for the organization.

Rep. Vanna Howard, a first-term Cambodian representative from Lowell, credited her success to her willingness to be in the community and to listen. "I devoted basically, simply my shoe leather to the community," she said. "I'm here. I'm accessible. I always listen."





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Moment of Paws

The Top Tips of 2021

By Dr. Edward **S**CHETTINO

As 2021 draws to a close, I hope your year has been filled with the never-ending joys of having pets in your home. As we all know, pet ownership can be equally as challenging as it is rewarding, and if there is one thing that I can convey to pet owners in this monthly column, it's that you are not alone!

Whether you've had pets throughout your life, or if this is your first time with a furry family member, there will inevitably come a time when you may need support. That's why organizations like the Animal Rescue League of Boston(ARL) offer many resources, including this column, to help both pets and their owners thrive.

To start your new year off on the right paw, here are the top 5 tips we've shared with you in 2021:

Prioritize Your Pet's Dental Hygiene. This area of pet care has become more emphasized in recent years. Just like in humans, neglecting our pet's teeth can lead to periodontal disease which can have many health impacts beyond teeth and gums, such as blood or bone infection,



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diabetes, high blood pressure, among others.

Poison Prevention is Paramount. There are many things in and around the home that may be poisonous to pets. Certain foods, sweet treats, and flowers can be harmful to animals. so it's critical to not only keep our pets away from these items, but also to know what to do if they are ingested. If you suspect your pet has ingested something poisonous, contact the ASPCA Poison Control Hotline which can be reached at (888) 426-4435.

Curb Pet Anxiety. Our pets have gotten used to us being home more often, but as we head back into the office, many owners have noticed an increase in nervous or destructive behavior from their cats and dogs. If you have observed similar changes in your pet, contact ARL's FREE Pet Behavior Helpline by calling (617) 226-5666 or email behaviorhelpline@arlboston.org.

Prepare for the Unexpected. It's important to have a plan in the event of fire, natural disaster, or other life-altering situations. Be sure to include your pets safety in the planning process, and keep an emergency kit at hand, complete with a recent photograph, microchip information, medications, toys/treats, leash/ harness, and a oneweek's supply of food and water.

Never Leave Your Pet Alone in a Hot Car. ARL's annual Too Hot for Spot® summer safety campaign reminds pet owners of the dangers of leaving an animal in a hot vehicle, even with the windows cracked. A car's inside temperate can rise to deadly levels in a matter of minutes. Not only is it dangerous, it's also illegal in Massachusetts. This is also true in winter months when the low temperatures can be life-threatening as well. When it doubt, keep your pet at home.

Visit arlboston.org for more tips, or to revisit any of the topics covered in this year's A Moment of Paws column.

Thank you for inviting me into your family, and I look forward to bringing you more pet health and safety topics in 2022.

Until then, I wish you of the Animal Rescue and all of your furry, and feathered family members Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! Dr. Edward Schettino

is the president and CEO

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Page 16 **THE REPORTER** December 23, 2021 First 8 of 30 vacant city lots designated for development along Blue Hill Avenue

Last week, the Public **Facilities** Department (PFD) met with the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) to designate the eight lots, which stretch from Franklin Field to Morton Street. The PFD voted unanimously to designate five of them to DAV Consulting, which is owned by Mattapan's Dariela Villon-Maga, and the other three to Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston.

Both plans, while preliminary, stressed affordable homeownership and affordable commercial spaces for sale in presentations to the public last fall. The lots were part of the "B1" group of lots, with three other groupings of vacant lots running from Mattapan Square to Grove Hall still in the process stage.

These moves are the first part of a major initiative within the Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan to fill in missing pieces of housing and commerce along the corridor-someof the lots have been vacant for 40 years or more-with an emphasis on putting them in the hands of local developers of color. The hope is to use existing and new businesses in tandem with major upcoming transportation projects to recapture the retail and entertainment destination that was once

(Continued from page 1) a staple of Blue Hill Avenue prior to the introduction of commuter car travel.

> City Councillor Andrea Campbell was one of the key drivers of the dispersal of vacant lots as part of the action plan. She worked with the community to make sure that what was built matched needs and that it was built by developers of color from the community.

"I was proud to launch the vacant lot initiative in partnership with community and am thrilled to see continued action by the city to activate vacant lots along Blue Hill Avenue, including the designations of a local, black woman-led development team and Habitat for Humanity who will create both affordable homeownership and commercial space opportunities for our community," she said this week after the news of the first developer designation.

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) has been carefully watching the process, and Chair Fatima Ali-Salaam said they were happy with these initial results. She said they worked very hard with DND to revise the original RFP on the vacant lots to make sure local developers from the community had a shot.

"At the end of the day, we want to make sure opportunity for younger developers who are from our community and have a chance to participate because they really don't usually get that," she said. "It is very exciting. It's exciting people who may not have been thought of before - like DVM and Habitat-who will be able to develop affordable commercial space and affordable housing and bring some sort of better design to the forefront...What was presented will probably not be the final product, but definitely whatever it is will be improved upon."

Blue Hill Avenue is an

For the 35-year-old Villon-Maga, the lots represent an opportunity she hasn't typically had; they also offer a chance for her to make a change to the community she has lived in all her life. Growing up along Blue Hill Avenue in Grove Hall, and now living in Mattapan, passing by the five lots designated for her to develop has been a daily occurrence since childhood.

"We've seen all of these parcels released by the city in the neighborhoods and in other parts of the neighborhood and for me, I was wondering when it would be that they would release these and if they would be developed," she said. "I was excited to see we are finally here. This neighborhood has suffered a lot through that what's built on the last 60 years. Blue Hill Avenue used to be the trolley and bus line commercial district.

"I'm excited to be able to do this in my neighborhood," she continued. "I've been given this opportunity and I want to make sure I give an opportunity in this development to other folks of color. I hope it sets a precedent of how local folks can make a difference in their own community with development."

The daughter of immigrant parents from Cuba and the Dominican Republic, Villon-Maga said she attended Boston Latin Academy through her senior year, and at that point went into property management. Having done a lot of consulting with firms like TLee Development and Oxbow in Dorchester, she said being involved with project management and putting teams together with those developers helped her to decide to jump at this opportunity. Uniting with others in

the area, such as Juice Up Café at 1290 Blue Hill Ave. and Black Market in Nubian Square, she hopes that the development can trigger creation of wealth for new homeowners and for existing businesses.

The current DVM plan will incorporate eight homeownership units for 80 percent to 100 percent of the AMI and 20 units of rental housing within the same price structure return a phone call re-



sulting, was recently designated to develop three city-owned lots along the 1000 block of Blue Hill Avenue as part of the Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan. Seth Daniel photo

at three buildings – all within eveshot of one another in the 1000 block of Blue Hill Avenue. The plan also includes two affordable commercial condos for sale to businesses in the area, with the price set at between \$140,000 and \$150,000.

Villon-Maga said she is excited to meet with the community to refine her design and find out what people in the area really want from her development.

"It's exciting to be the first, but it's a lot of pressure in making sure I stay true to my community and they're at the forefront." she said. "The city and the state have been talking a lot about creating Black wealth. We're in a unique position in Boston right now to use these vacant parcels and development to do that, but we need this deep level of affordability to make these units accessible for the community to create that wealth."

Habitat Boston didn't

questing comment, but their designated plan includes 12 units of affordable homeownership in three buildings on three sites for those at or below the 80 percent AMI. It also includes affordable commercial space condos for local businesses as well.

Said DND Project Manager Julio Piliar at the PFD meeting last week, "Habitat Boston's proposal was the most advantageous and offered the most community benefits, including a development plan that met the community aspiration of having affordable homeownership and retail opportunities while promoting diversity and inclusion.'

Meetings for the remaining vacant cityowned lots on the Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan are ongoing, with Grove Hall hosting a first session earlier this month. Meetings for the DVM and Habitat proposals are expected in the spring.

Reclaiming empty lots is fueling a revival west of Washington

(Continued from page 1) to a new train station, a refreshed business community and the Sarah Greenwood School. City officials said the vacant lots have been dormant for 40 years and neighbors recalled that they were home to a shoe factory that burned down in the distant past.

The development company plans to build 22 homeownership units in two buildings at the 90 percent AMI level in nopes of attracting existing residents to own in their neighborhood. Across the street, the Stamatos Family Properties of Jamaica Plain, poised to add more new storefronts to the district, has finally begun to renovate the collapsed Mt. Pleasant Church building. Bramble said the business district has benefited from a well-done renovation after a fire several years ago, with a popular barber shop moving in from Codman Square and a new and busy Spanish restaurant called 'Yo Momma.' He said even the family-owned liquor store, Gigi's, was taken over by younger family members who noted the new Fairmount Line T



to maintain the integrity of the community."

Francis said the neighborhood has revived as it has healed, not only from high crime, but also from what she described as "horrific" police brutality in the 1980s. She said policing has improved, and leaders here forged relationships with officials like former Boston Police Supt. Willie Gross and local captains many of whom she knew as a high school student

"At the end of the day, progress is good, but as long as the people who live in the neighborhood or grew up in the neighborhood and want to come back and stav here are the ones to benefit,' she said. "I wouldn't like to see people from out of state, the suburbs, or from other places that want to make them AirBNBs."

Bramble said they are in meetings with the city and expect to start

One of the lots along Blue Hill Avenue and Fabyan Street that DVM will be developing as part of the Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan. Seth Daniel photo

stop two blocks away and thoroughly updated the store.

The improvements represent a shift from years past in this oft-forgotten hamlet of Dorchester, which Bramble said he long considered unsafe, dating back to his formative years in the 1990s.

"As a kid, it was one of the toughest neighborhoods you could walk through in Boston. I wouldn't come to the corner store without my

brother," he said. "Now I walk safely here. There is new development in the area, and there are new businesses in the little business district. All of it has changed the temperature and feel of this neighborhood."

Cynthia Francis, who leads a residents' group in the Harvard-Talbot Triangle, moved into the neighborhood 55 years ago at a time when it was still a mostly Jewish enclave. She said many

vacant lots in the Triangle were created after the Jewish population left and houses started to burn down frequently, an experience common to the history of the west side of Dorchester.

"When a home burnt down or became abandoned, the city would just knock it down and the lot stayed there," she said. "The community took care of the empty lots and maintained them, and we were taught to do that

at Boston Tech.

"Getting involved again about seven years ago was my way of trying to heal from the past and for the community to be able to move on," she said. "Having these partnerships with people like Willie Gross and [former B-3]Police Capt. Haseeb Hosein in the community was a way of healing and moving forward from what was put on us in previous years.'

The lots throughout the neighborhood, including the one Bramble has focused his attention on, are now ready, Francis said. She and the Triangle community are ready to see them developed - provided it's done with, and for, the community.

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Brian Worrell, who grew up nearby and will be sworn in as the new city councillor in District 4 in two weeks. said he hopes to see more investment of this kind happening soon.

"I am glad to see that the plans for this lot center resident needs by creating affordable housing at prices that community members can afford," he said. "We need to see more investment in, and partnership with, developers that are good community partners, represent the diversity of our city, and are focused on development that best serves the interest of our residents."

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FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: **BGCD Remembers Legendary Staff Bruce Seals on One Year** Anniversary with Mayor Wu & Boston Celtics: On December 15, BGCD gathered for a celebration of life to recognize the one year anniversary of the passing of our dear friend Bruce Seals. To honor Bruce, we had a special banner made and raised it in our Marr Clubhouse Gvm above his office. Thank you to Boston Mayor Michelle Wu for her kind words and citation recognizing the incredible dedication of Bruce. Thanks to Sports Journalist, John Karalis who played for Bruce at Emerson and spoke at the event and to BGCD alum Max Barbosa, who expressed what a positive role model Bruce was. Bruce's children Denitra and Bruce Jr. also proudly spoke and helped to raise the banner in his honor. After the program, the Boston Celtics hosted a clinic in Bruce's honor with legend Brian Scalabrine.



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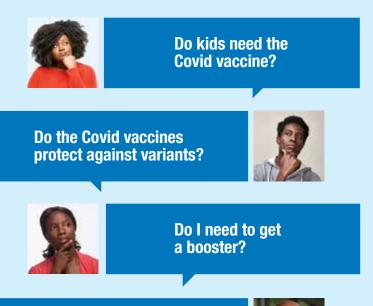
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BRUCE-COURSON, Jessica "Jae," 44 of Dorchester. Preceded by her sister, Ada Elizabeth Bruce-Robinson and her father Eduardo S. Henry, she is survived by her husband Daniel Courson; son Greyson Owen Courson, daughter Harleigh Elizabeth Courson; stepsons Justin and Kyle Courson; mother Barbara A. Bruce; siblings Felipe Watson and Sandra Elizabeth Bruce; her nieces, nephews and a host of extended family and friends. She graduated from UMASS Lowell in 1999 with a degree Criminal Justice. in Lieutenant at the Plymouth County House of Corrections.

GATELY, Walter F. Jr. of Dorchester. Son of the later Maude E. (Nickerson) and Walter Gately Sr. Brother of the late Ronald Gately. Uncle of Ann Herbig. Cousin of Mildred Holbert.



FORTIER, Albert J. of Milton, 77, originally from Dorchester. Son of the late Albert Franklin and Katherine (Thornton) Fortier. He was husband to Karen (Naugler) Fortier, father to Mireille (Fortier) Mc-Laughlin and her husband Stephen McLaughlin and Luke Fortier and



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Attorneys at Law www.tevnan.com his wife Katy Mitchell and Gramps to 1. He was an educator, teaching for over 20 years at Edna Stein Academy, Weston High School, and at the South Boston Neighborhood House. Donations on his behalf to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014 would be appreciated.



FRANCIS, Lee Doris, "Dot," 84, of Dorchester. Daughter to the late Katie and Harvey Campbell in North Carolina. She was one of ten siblings. Wife of the late Paul Francis and sons Michael and Manuel Francis. She leaves her three children Melvin Francis, Delores Dickson and Paula Fernandes. She also will be truly missed by her 9 grandchildren, along with 15 great grand-children. She also leaves to her siblings Mattie Guilory, Jenelle Christopher, Harvey Campbell and James Campbell along with her brothers and sisters of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witnesses whom she considered her closest and dearest friends. Doris will also be missed by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

GALVIN, Matthew Patrick of Brighton, formerly of Tyngsborough. Son of the late Anna Galvin McDonough and her late husband John McDonough. Son of Daniel Galvin of Holbrook. Brother of Kelly Temple, Anthony Galvin, Samantha Vargas and her husband John, all of Tyngsborough. Grandson of Timothy and Bernice Galvin of Dorchester, and the late Raffaele and

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Teresa Cucchi. Also survived by his dog Bailey, and many cousins and friends.

GUITY, Rudy of originally Dorchester, of Honduras. He spent 27 years with the Boston Police Department. Rudy was married to Debbie, and as their family and union grew so did his career. He is preceded in death by his father, Justo Lalin Guity and sister Lesly Odalis Guity. He is survived by, his mother, Guillermina Blanco-Guity; his children Trudy Guity Benoit (Jean), Korey Lungelow (Kiana), Rudi Guity, Mia Guity, Mina Gui-ty, and Rey Guity; his 7 grandchildren; his siblings Elsa Suazo (Jose), Ricardo Guity (Felicia), Rosalina Guity-Joseph (Evrans), Lorna Pruce (Timothy) and a host of relatives and friends.



LYNCH, Edward J. "Jock," 97, of Weymouth. Jock grew up in Dorchester and served in the U.S. Army Air Corps WWII. during Jock worked as an insurance underwriter for Travelers Insurance for many years. Husband of the late Mary A. (Lennon) Lynch. Father of Michael Lynch and his wife MaryEllen of Norton, Monica Lynch of Rockland, and Brian Lynch and his wife Brandie of Halifax. Grandfather of 5. Brother of the late Margaret Kenney. Donations in memory of Jock may be made to the New England Center and Home for Veterans, 17 Court Street, Boston, MA 02108.

MISZKIN, Patricia J., 62. She is survived her husband Robby ert Miszkin, and her daughters Kristina 3 Sambursky, Alicia Sambursky and Jessica Sambursky. As well as her 4

LEGAL NOTICE

Brian Joseph Garside

Of Fairhaven, MA, formerly of Dorchester, passed away suddenly but peacefully on December 14, 2021 at age 44 years. He was the be-



loved son of Rita M. Garside and the late Larry E. Garside, his loving fiancé Marta St Germain of Brew-ster, MA, lovingly remembered by his daughter, Brianna Rowley of Daytona, Florida, and siblings Maryanne Garside of Dorchester, Law-

rence Garside and his companion Karen Smith of Weymouth, Christopher Garside and his wife Linda Garside of Dorchester, Robin Garside and her wife Catie Campbell of Cohasset, Kimberly Garside and her husband Douglas Whalen of Dorchester, Michelle Garside of Dorchester, Rachel Hunt and her husband Daniel Hunt of Dorchester. He is also survived by 8 nieces and 7 nephews and many cousins. Brian was an avid sailor and deeply enjoyed his time on the high seas early in life, traveling to various exotic destinations to sail with his Uncle Charlie. He had many jobs throughout his life but was most fulfilled working as a tugboat captain. Among family and friends, he was known for his marvelous sense of humor and infectious laugh. Family and friends will honor and remember Brian's life by gathering for a visitation in St. Margaret Church of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, 800 Columbia Road, Dorchester, on Tuesday morning, December 21, 2021, at 10 A.M. Followed by a Funeral Mass at 12 noon. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Brian's honor to Courageous Sailing, Inc. in Boston on their website https://courageoussailing. org/donor-checkout/ or donate by cash or check to Courageous Sailing 197 8th Street, Charlestown, MA 02129. For guestbook, please visit www.jmurphyfh.com. Arrangements by the Murphy Funeral Home, Dorchester.



grandchildren. Patricia was born and raised in Dorchester, along with her 6 siblings Joseph F. Hill, Francis M. Hill, Jacqueline E. Hunt, Richard J. Hill (Late), Elizabeth M. Casey, and Jenni-fer M. Trendel. Later in life, Patricia began her career as an accountant, but continued to participate in volunteer work at various Veteran organizations in her free time. She truly enjoyed bringing happiness and joy to O'KEEFE, Frances (Kiselewski) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Lawrence M. O'Keefe, Sr. (BPD). Mother of Joanne Wasznicky and her husband Martin, James O'Keefe and his wife Anne Marie. Denise Doherty and her husband Paul, Barbara Burns Toomey and her husband John, Frances Callanan and her husband John, and the late Lawrence M. O'Keefe, Jr., and her late son-inlaw Michael Burns. Frances was the grandmother of 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Frances



to VNA Care, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, or to a charity of your choice.

WALSH, Sister Barbara J., SC of Mount Saint Vincent, Wellesley Hills. A Sister of Charity for 65 years who was missioned in Saint Jo-seph Convent, Halifax, Nova Scotia; Saint Patrick School, Quebec, PQ; Saint Francis of Assisi School, Manchester, NH; Saint Margaret School, Dorchester; Saint Mary Randolph; Acad School, emy of the Assumption, Wellesley; Seton House, Quincy; Marian Manor, South Boston; Saint Joseph Manor, Dorchester; Marillac Residence. Wellesley; and Elizabeth Seton Residence, Wellesley. She is survived by her brother, Stephen Walsh; sisters-in-law. Patricia Walsh and Judy Walsh; many nieces and nephews; as well as all her sisters in community. Predeceased by her parents. Joseph and (McDonough) Barbara Walsh; her sisters, Mary Walsh Machaby and Ann Walsh; her brothers, Joseph, Michael and Thomas Walsh. Donations may be made to the Sisters of Charity, Halifax, 125 Oakland Street, Wellesley, MA 02481.

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Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION G.L. c. 210, § 6 In the Matter of: MIKAYLA BRIELLE SANCHEZ To: any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth A Petition has been presented to said court by: Medes Diaz of Dorchester, MA requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to If you object to this adoption you

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the necessary forms. IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOURATTORNEY MUST FILEAWRITTENAPPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 02/10/2022. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 2, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: December 23, 2021

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU21D0556DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING TOUSSAINT DESINOR

vs. FARAH DESINOR

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Toussaint Desinor, 23 Beacon St., Hyde Park, MA 02136 your answer, if any, on or before 02/10/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudica tion of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, ir the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 9, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: December 23, 2021

December 23, 2021 THE REPORTER dotnews.com Page 19 Jobs added in November while unemployment nudged higher

Massachusetts employers added 16,800 jobs in November as the statewide unemployment rate ticked up to 5.4 percent, labor officials announced last Friday. The jobs gains lagged October's revised haul of 26,400 positions.

From May 2020 through November, Bay

State businesses added 519,500 jobs, replenishing about 79 percent of the jobs that were wiped away in March and April 2020 at the start of the Covid-19 emergency.

Leisure and hospitality employment increased by 5,400 jobs, the largest gain among the industries tracked by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Job increases also occurred in professional and business services (3,400), education and health services (2,200), government (2,000), construction (1,900), other services (1,100), manufacturing (700), and

financial activities (300). Two sectors reported losses: information (-200) and trade, transportation, and utilities (-100). Joblessness has inched up since dropping to a yearly low of 4.9 percent in July, and the November rate of 5.4 percent was 1.2 percentage points

above the national rate, labor officials said.

As employers across sectors describe struggles attracting workers, the statewide labor force participation rate stood at 66.3 percent in November, above the national participation rate of 61.8 percent. In January 2020,

before Covid hit, Massachusetts reported a labor force participation rate of 66.6 percent. That figure fluctuated during the ensuing public health and economic crises, dropping as low as 60.4 percent in April 2020 and reaching as high as 66.5 percent in January. -SHNS

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSE ITS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ECORMAL AD HURCATION FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU20P1355EA ESTATE OF: LEARLINE MILLS DATE OF DEATH: 01/10/2020

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Roy Mills of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Roy Mills of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the hond in unsurenvised administration

the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 0107/2022 of 01/07/2022.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. **UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)** A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

n the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Persona Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of

the distribution or association administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 26, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo

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