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City Council signs off with farewells and final votes

By Chris Lovett Reporter Correspondent

Boston City Council meetings typically start with an invocation by a member of the clergy. So it was on Wed., Dec. 13, the date of the last meeting of 2023, with Rev. Joseph M. White, the pastor of St. Joseph's Church in the West End, appealing to a multi-denominational quorum of deities for wisdom.

"Our world is very troubled," he said from the rostrum in the Iannella Chamber, lamenting to the higher powers that "we are more and more polarized."

It was that kind of year on the Boston City Council. In November, Boston voters elected four new councillors. Last week, their predecessors – two stepping down and two eliminated in the September preliminary election – extended the custom of farewells. In recognition of their service, Mayor Wu visited the chamber to present them with inscribed





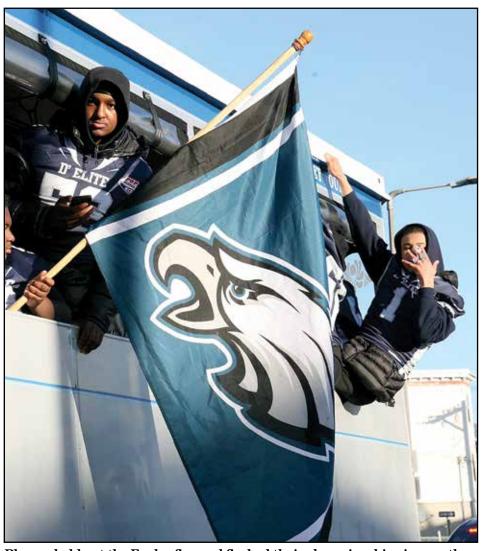




 $From \, left, Councillors \, Michael \, Flaherty, Kendra \, Lara, Frank \, Baker, and \, Ricardo \, Arroyo. \, \textit{Chris Lovett photos} \, Lovett \, photos \, Lara, Frank \, Lara, Fr$

Paul Revere Bowls and pose for group photos. But this year, not even the sheen of ceremony could efface the underlying wear and tear on the members. "I know it isn't an easy time – ever, maybe – to be in the public eye," the mayor acknowledged, "but (Continued on page 14)

WE DID IT!



Players held out the Eagles flag and flashed their championship rings as they rode a trolley down Talbot Avenue on Saturday.

Seth Daniel photo

A throng comes out to salute Dot's national champions

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The Dorchester Elite Eagles U14 Pop Warner football team and the Boston Lady Raiders Bantam cheer team celebrated in awesome fashion Saturday afternoon as they rode up front in the neighborhood's first-ever national title parade along Talbot Avenue, and later participated in an energizing ceremony at the Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club.

The Eagles won the Division 1 Super Bowl on Dec. 7 in Orlando, Florida by beating the Darby (PA) Monarchs, 20-0. The Lady Raiders won their cheer division earlier that week in Orlando. Both teams had been close to the top several times in previous years and had fallen short.

But not this time.

"The champs are here!" announced the emcee at the head of the parade as a flurry of Eagles' flags and Raiders' flags set the background. It was a joyous time on Talbot Avenue, and more

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Celebration hails Dot Crossing's rise in Fields Corner landscape

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

Whether it was pandemic-related supply chain issues, or even the war in Ukraine, any number of setbacks seemed likely to thwart the construction of Dot Crossing, the five-story apartment building and bookstore at 1463-1469 Dorchester Ave. in the middle of the Fields Corner business district. But none did, and last Thursday TLee Development and its many partners celebrated getting the 29-unit all-affordable building up and occupied.

The property is on the lot where a small Gallagher Insurance building had stood adjacent to the T station for decades.

Said Travis Lee, president of TLee Development: "I've been working in construction in Boston for 17 years and I've never been part of a project this challenging. The construction was to take 15 months, but instead (Continued on page 13)



TLee Development, community members, and development team members gathered in front of Dot Crossing (1463-1469 Dorchester Ave.) last Thursday to usher in the new building to the community.

Seth Daniel photo

Wu offers apologies to two men, Black residents in Stuart case abuses

By Tom Mulvoy Associate Editor

The city of Boston, in the persons of Mayor Michelle Wu and Police Commissioner Michael Cox, planned to issue an apology on Wednesday to two men and to the residents of the Mission Hill neighborhood for how they were treated by the city and its police department 34 years ago after a deceitful criminal set up the murder of his pregnant wife and an injury to himself and blamed it on a Black man.

On Tuesday, the Mayor's Office posted an advisory about her intentions: "Tomorrow, Mayor Wu will publicly



Mayor Wu apologized on behalf of Boston officials. Chris Lovett photo

acknowledge the harms caused by the city of Boston to the black community and formally issue an apology to Alan Swanson and Willie Bennett for their wrongful arrests following the death of Carol Stuart.

"Months after her death in 1989, it was revealed that her husband, Charles Stuart, had orchestrated her murder and wrongfully (Continued on page 16)

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Police, Courts & Fire

Four stabbed at hotel on Point; guards hold woman for police

A Roxbury woman was arrested on charges that she stabbed four people at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at 240 Mt. Vernon St, Dorchester, around 4:25 p.m. on Sunday.

Police say security guards at the hotel had Kourtney Godfrey, 37, in handcuffs by the time officers arrived. Police say none of the victims suffered injuries considered life threatening.

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The latest statistics released from the Boston Police Dept. show a significant drop in the number of shooting victims citywide in 2023. Through Dec. 17, there were 39 fewer victims as compared to the year before. In total, 140 people were shot in the city, a 39 percent drop over the previous year—and well below the five-year average of 194. There have been 36 homicides in the city in 2023, three fewer than in 2022.

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A Dorchester man will go to state prison for five to seven years after he pleaded guilty in an illegal-firearm case that stemmed from a July 2022 incident in Roxbury. Jason Meeks, 42, pleaded guilty to one count of possession of a firearm without a license outside of home or business. Judge Anthony Campo sentenced him in Suffolk Superior Court.

Prosecutors say Meeks was found with a gun on July 3, 2022, while they were responding "to a person shot in the back at 18 Greenville Street in Roxbury. Police say they found Meeks had blood on his face and clothes while driving near the shooting scene. He was transported to Boston Medical Center for treatment since "it appeared he sustained a gunshot wound to his face," according to a police report.

Officers say they found a 9mm. black Smith and Wesson handgun wedged between the front passenger's seat and the door, covered in blood.

"Officers noted that the gun was missing the magazine. Two shell casings and an eight-round magazine were located on Greenville Street. The magazine contained six bullets and also fit the firearm recovered from Meeks's vehicle," prosecutors said.

Meeks had a prior conviction for carrying a firearm without a license on three separate occasions and served a prison sentence for manslaughter in 2007.

Prosecutors did not have sufficient evidence to charge anyone with the 2022 shooting but DA Kevin Hayden said: "Mr. Meeks's decision to carry a gun has landed him in prison for a significant stretch of time. Although we didn't have enough evidence to charge him with any related shooting, we take gun charges seriously and this is a good example of the penalties for making dangerous choices."

State allots \$500,000 to Walsh Park rehab

The Healey-Driscoll Administration last Thursday announced \$13 million for park improvements and open space acquisitions across Massachusetts, including a \$500,000 grant for the upcoming renovation of Walsh Playground.

"Actively investing in open space projects will make our parks more resilient and adaptable to climate change while providing quality and accessible open spaces in environmental justice communities," said Gov. Healey.

The Walsh Playground

PROPOSED DESIGN | OPTION A



A slide from a city presentation in October shows the layout of one proposed re-design option for Walsh Playground. City of Boston image project includes basketball and tennis court upgrades, a universally accessible playground, a water play feature, a ball field, park entrance improvements, a walking path loop and lighting, the addition of shade structures, as well as several dozen new trees and the pruning of existing trees.

Meetings on the renovation took place last summer and construction is expected to get underway next summer, with a 2025 opening.

- REPORTER STAFF

Long-delayed Mattahunt revamp to wind up in January, officials say

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

Mayor Wu's office says the Mattahunt Community Center in Mattapan is on track to re-open in the new year after an extensive renovation project that has been hindered by significant delays. The work at the city-owned facility in Mattapan, which includes a gymnasium and swimming pool, has been ongoing for several years.

The community center, which is located in the Mattahunt Elementary School, was expected to re-open last summer. Last week, the city's Public Facilities Department approved another expenditure worth more than \$144,000 to pay fees to contractors.

"Supply chain issues and worker shortages have led to significant project delays, but the community center is on track to be open to the public in early 2024," said a spokesperson for Mayor Wu.

The latest contract extension for Studio Enée, the project manager, marked the fourth time the project has gone to the Facilities office for more money and an extension – the first time occurring in July 2020. Last February, an amendment to the contract featured a promise by the general contractor to finish by July 30, which didn't happen. However, additional design services and change orders were put into place for the gym, pool, fire suppression system, and more accessibility features.

The change order approved on Dec. 13 included a final completion date of next March 31. However, Wu's office said it should open sooner.

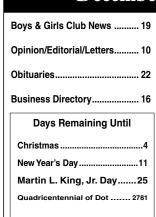
"While the amendment that was approved

on Wednesday extends the City's ability to contract for services related to the Mattahunt Community Center renovation through March 2024, the renovation work is expected to reach completion in January 2024," said a mayoral spokesperson. "The extension of the contract is to allow for the closeout phase of the project and final payments to the de-

signer for services. Once the building construction is complete, BCYF will need a few weeks to get the site ready for public programming."

The Facilities Department did show photographs of the restored lobby, gym, and other amenities. "What we envisioned has now come to fruition," said project manager James Sessum.

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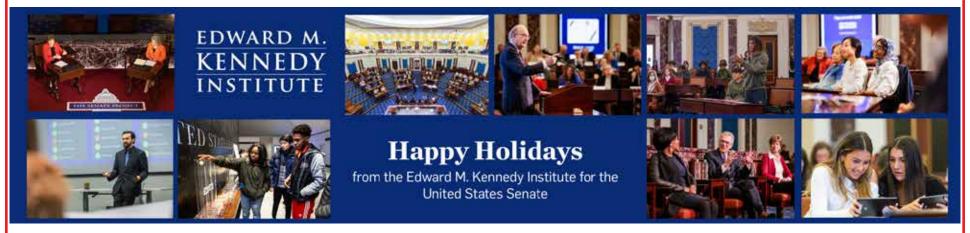
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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Nutcracker, staged by the Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre company, returns to the Strand Theatre in Uphams Corner from Sat., Dec. 9 and running to Christmas Eve. Ticket prices for public shows run anywhere from \$25 to \$90. Those interested in attending the show can go to ballettheatre. org/tickets. Use discount code DOTNEWS for 20 percent off ticket prices.

Mayor Michelle Wu will deliver her second annual State of the City Address at MGM Music Hall next to Fenway Park on Tues., Jan. 9. Programming will begin at 7 p.m. with the mayor's remarks beginning at approximately 7:30 p.m. The City of Boston Cable Office will stream the entire program live on boston.gov/SOTC from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Civic Summit, an event focused on uniting neighbors, civic leaders, and non-profit

advocates featuring panels will be held Sat., Jan.13, at the Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground at Boston University. This event will feature a fireside chat with Mayor Wu, a networking tea hour, and five additional sessions hosted by community leaders. Up to 200 community members can register for the free event here: boston. gov/civic-engagement/civic-summit-2024. Featured sessions Include: Empowering Change: How to Fund Your Inspiration, led by Eric Leslie, Founder and Lead Organizer of Union Capital.

Becoming a Civic Leader – Training the Next Generation of Leaders, featuring panelists Lee Pelton, president and CEO of The Boston Foundation; Matthew Broude, Co-founder of The Queer Neighborhood Council; Kristen McCosh, The Disability Commissioner for the City of Boston; Brian-

na Bourne, Boston University Class of 2024. Also, EmpowerED: Leveraging Social Media for Community Impact, led by Emily Schario, Head of Content for Boston Globe's B-Side; Sustainable Cities: Empowering Communities for a Greener Future, a fireside chat with Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Boston's first Green New Deal Director and a cabinet-level Senior Advisor to Mayor Wu, and Jaye Meakem, Boston-Harbor Now's Community Engagement Manager.

Boston University is the lead partner of the Civic Summit. The university and The Boston Foundation are event supporters.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), has announced the launch of the 2024 Boston Parks Winter Fitness Series. This program

is sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and offers free virtual classes from January 7 through April 6. Certified fitness instructors will offer a range of winter classes, including Afrobeats Dance, Cardio Kickboxing, Chair Yoga, Dance Fit, Strength and Balance, Strength and Conditioning, Yoga, and Zumba. Class descriptions, dates, and times have been posted on the winter fitness website: boston.gov/fitness.

Franklin Park Zoo is open during December school vacation week with special events from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. each day... The zoo will offer free admission on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 15.

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New owner of former Ashmont Grill taps Lobzter King to run dining space

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The former Ashmont Grill site at 555 Talbot Ave. has been sold to a South Boston developer who has signed on the Black-owned Lobzter King catering company to open a full-service restaurant there –a venture that will be known as "The Mix."

Mark Little, of Abacus Builders, which has been very active in development in Dorchester recently, confirmed to the Reporter that an LLC controlled by him purchased Ashmont Grill last month from one controlled by former owners Chris Douglass and Tara O'Riordan for \$1.5 million.

"I am delighted to let you know that Lobzter Kings will be our new tenant," Little said, "and I'm excited to see life be brought back to this fantastic Dorchester location once again. I'm also happy to be on Lobzter King's journey to test out their first brick and mortar store location. I can't wait to bring in my neighbors for a preview as soon as possible. The menu will be awesome."

Lobzter Kings is a venture that has existed for almost two years under



"Lobzter King" Jarvis Adams and Levi Samedi are combining their efforts with partner Rufus Faulk to open "The Mix" in the former Ashmont Grill space on Talbot Avenue in Peabody Square.

Jarvis Adams – known as the Lobzter King – and has gotten rave reviews all over the region doing catering, events, and pop-ups. For "The Mix," he will be joined by the developer Levi Samedi and Rufus J. Faulk, the

Adams said he and his partners had been working with a broker about different options, but soon enough, they decided to go for it all.

city's former chief of

public safety.

"Igottheemailfrom the broker about Ashmont Grill, and he brought it to my attention, and I Seth Daniel photo called Levi," said Adams. "We were talking, and he was giving us some ideas of what we can do in there – maybe my catering and some pop-ups. But after we spoke, Levi, Rufus and I decided to come up with plan to do a restaurant, split it three ways, and go from there. We're all childhood friends.

"It all seemed to come together, and we can pull it off. Right now is the time," he added.

Samedi said he has been involved in development and construction in the area for several years and has been looking for



a restaurant concept to get behind. Adams, his childhood pal, and roommate for more than 10 years, had a concept, so this move seemed right from the get-go.

"When this came up, it made perfect sense," he said. "In Boston, we don't see a lot of Black entrepreneurs and restaurants getting love. However, for the last

couple of years I have noticed a big change in the restaurant business for African Americans. Lobzter King has been everywhere and everywhere he goes, everyone loves the food. Now they won't have to wait for a pop-up or event – they can come here anytime."

Adams said he reluctantly got into the cooking scene. When he and Samedi were roommates, they had parties frequently and he was always on the grill putting out lobster tails or chicken. Later, he started grilling lobster tails in his own special way for friends and family. Soon, he said, a good friend "forced" him to make it a business.

"That led to me marketing the business and the pop-ups and kitchen takeovers and events all over Massachusetts," he said.

Adams said his mother was a pastry chef for years and she put the love of cooking into him when he was growing up in Mobile, Alabama. She has been living in Atlanta, he said, but now she is going to come up to Boston to be in the kitchen with him at 'The Mix' and be a member of the food team.

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The partners said they aren't ready to talk about everything they'll do they see the outdoor patio as a key part of the upcoming business - but it won't just be lobster. "We are adding more to this than just the famous lobster," said Samedi. "We are planning on doing breakfast with a twist. There isn't much in Ashmont in the morning - maybe a Dunkin' Donuts, but nothing like this. We're trying to make a change here, especially for Dorchester."

Adams said they have some ideas in mind for once the restaurant is up and running, including things like pop-up kitchen takeovers on Mondays with an up-and-coming chef. It's something, he said, others did to help him on his journey to the Ashmont Grill site and he wanted to provide the same opportunity for others

The new team is pursuing a liquor license and would at least like to open the doors with a beer and wine license to complement the food service—as was done with the former Ashmont Grill.

If all goes well, they said, they'd like to open the doors and be fully operational in mid-January.



A 'stressful couple of days' in AG Campbell's neighborhood

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE News Service

As the state's top law enforcement official, Attorney General Andrea Campbell sees it as her responsibility to protect the safety of all communities in Massachusetts – and that includes her own neighborhood in Mattapan.

It had been "a very stressful couple of days" for Campbell after Dec. 6, when a State Police bust "found significant amounts of meth and fentanyl" in the house next door to Campbell's, she said on GBH Radio's "Boston Public Radio" last week.

The Boston Herald had previously reported on the arrest of a 31-year-old man accused of distributing crystal meth and fentanyl out of the property,



Andrea Campbell

though Campbell said the newspaper got some of the facts wrong.

The attorney general detailed the concerns she and her neighbors have had about the house for years. And she said that State Police and county prosecutors have done what they can but faulted the city for not doing more to "get that person out of there" and respond to persistent quality-of-life complaints from neighbors.

"I can look out my win-

dow and see this house," she noted. "It is a major public safety hazard for my family, for my husband, my kids, and for the whole neighborhood. And the sad part is, it's been a problem property in the city for probably over four years.

The attorney general, who previously served on the Boston City Council, said an "elder Irish woman" who lived in the neighborhood for decades started complaining to her about the property years ago when an individual "moved into the house, took it over." She said once that person moved in, the house started getting significant traffic "day and night, middle of the night, you know, women and just all types of characters coming in and out.

become attorney general and ... it's an honor, privilege to protect the safety of everyone across the commonwealth and of course I want to do that in my own neighborhood," Campbell said. At one point, she claimed the person was 'illegally living there."

She made clear that it was the State Police, not local police, that led the investigation and conducted the bust. She said her office works with the Boston Police Department on lots of matters, "but in this particular instance, I think you've got to be a little bit more aggressive and with a sense of urgency, and not give an individual who's proven to be a criminal trafficking drugs the benefit of the doubt.

"And he's back in the "So fast forward, I house, by the way, which

one example of a larger issue in communities like Mattapan. "Folks in Mattapan have frequently said, you know, they often will feel over-policed and under-protected. This is what they're talking about," she said. "You complain about some-

is even more disturbing,'

Campbell said, adding

that "we're pushing [the

Inspectional Services De-

partment], we're pushing

the city of Boston to do

their part ... which means

to get him out of there, to

get him out of our commu-

nity, to really shut that

place down, to not allow

it to continue to be a place

where they're trafficking

drugs, human trafficking,

the same thing," she said. "I have a State Police de-

tail that sits outside of my

house," she noted, "and

what they see and witness

- the powerlessness that

they feel, and that I think

that I feel at moments

is just ridiculous. And,

so, we're pushing really

Campbell also said that

the frustration she feels

around the situation is

hard."

thing in your neighborhood, something's not right. You call the police, you engage your elected officials, say for years, and you don't get the response that you need with a sense of urgency."

Mayor Wu was on "Boston Public Radio" right

after Campbell on Dec. 12 and addressed the contention that communities and the police are not on the same page.

"I can't speak for what happened under previous administrations and under different transitions, but our mission under this administration and this police administration under Commissioner Michael Cox is to ensure that we are as closely partnered with community members as possible. We need to be earning the trust of our residents in order to deliver safety for everyone," Wu said without specifically addressing Campbell's situation.

"And that means not only being present at neighborhood associations where hopefully we could learn of and identify these types of issues across everyone, not just those who are in elected office, but also to have connection points and to have the relationships broadly where anyone feels comfortable and supported in reaching out to make those claims.

Co-host Margery Eagan asked Campbell if she ever interacts with the person or people who live in the house in question, like when she takes the garbage out. The attorney general answered that one time one individual did wave to me, and I thought, 'the audacity!'"

T police investigating after video shows duo jump off train into Neponset River

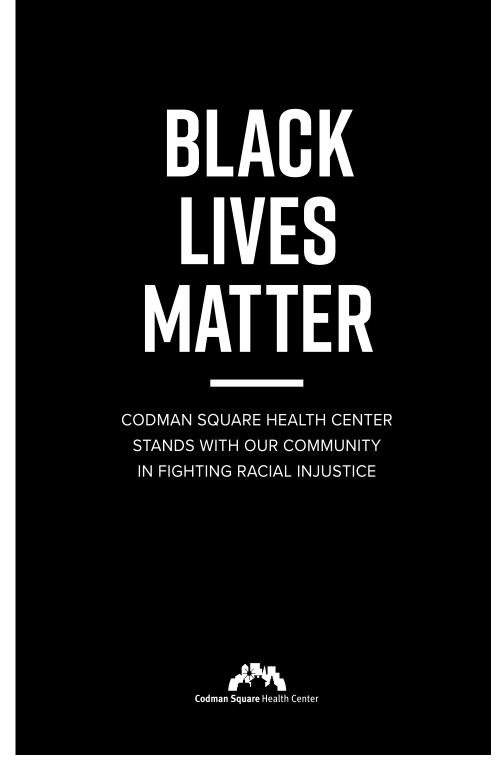
MBTA transit police are pursuing the identities of two people caught in a video apparently jumping into the Neponset River off a Red Line train moving inbound between North Quincy Station and JFK Station. The video posted on X, formerly Twitter, by Boston 25 News after it began making rounds on social

media, seems to show two people leap from atop the roof of the train into the water. A transit police spokesman said the department believes the video is "several months old."

Said Superintendent Richard Sullivan, spokesman for the transit police, in a statement: "First and foremost, the stunt depicted within the video is incredibly dangerous and could easily lead to a fatality," He added that the "actions depicted within are illegal," and the department is investigating and will seek criminal complaints against the pair once they are identified.

For roughly 14 months until Nov. 2023, trains that crossed the Neponset River bridge were restricted to speeds between 10 and 25 miles per hour. The slow zone amounted to numerous speed restrictions that the T set up to allow for necessary track work or ensure the safety of riders and Tworkers on tracks in need of repair.

-WBUR







Victory Road Guardsmen march through Dot to cheer kids at Children's Hospital

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

Few dared to venture out into the treacherous winds and sheets of rain that soaked the region on Monday, but the monsoon-like conditions were no deterrence to the men and women of the National Guard's 164th Transportation Battalion, based at Victory Road in Dorchester.

About 50 Guardsmen trooped through the neighborhood in tight formation clad in full military fatigues and gear, some featuring Santa hats, and others outfitted with backpacks decorated with Christmas lights.

The "Toy Ruck" march
– A "ruck" is the act of
marching with weight, or
a pack, on the back –has
been a tradition for more
than a dozen years now.

As the group marched up Adams Street past Meetinghouse Hill with a Boston Police escort, Col. Jason Oberton told the *Reporter* that the procession was all about cheering up the kids at their destination: Boston Children's Hospital.

Children's Hospital.

"We set off from Victory Road every year and march down to Boston Children's Hospital to give the kids gifts and cheer them up," he said.



One of the battalion members decked out in a Santa hat flashes a smile and the peace sign as the group marches up Adams Street and on to Boston Children's Hospital.

Seth Daniel photos



The 164th Transportation Battalion out of the Victory Road Armory marched up Meetinghouse Hill on Monday morning in some difficult weather conditions that didn't deter them from its members from their 13th annual Toy Ruck, a march from the armory through Dorchester and on to Boston Children's Hospital (BCH).

"We've been doing this for 13 years and it used to be much bigger before Covid, but now we're getting it built up again."

In the past, the Toy Ruck included some 200 or 300 soldiers, but it was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic. Now, they are back to doing the full route with about 50 soldiers participating – though they still cannot directly deliver the toys to children due to ongoing precautions. So, the toy drive is virtual with robust fundraising online, but the march is

still very real.

Smiling soldiers had their packs filled and were prepared to celebrate at the hospital once they arrived. The effort raises money for the staff at the hospital, while cheering up the patients there over the holiday season with gifts, Oberton said.

What he didn't mention, though, was that the event has a personal meaning to him. It started when his own child was seeking care over the holidays at the hospital.

"BCH will always have

a special place in my heart since my daughter was a patient there as a newborn," he wrote on the official fundraising page. "And with this being our 13th Annual Ruck supporting these amazing and strong kids and families, this also supports the staff of BCH. Let's spread some joy in a world riddled with challenges ahead."

To donate to the virtual toy drive, go to the BCH website and search for the 164th Battalion's 13th annual Toy Ruck fundraising page.







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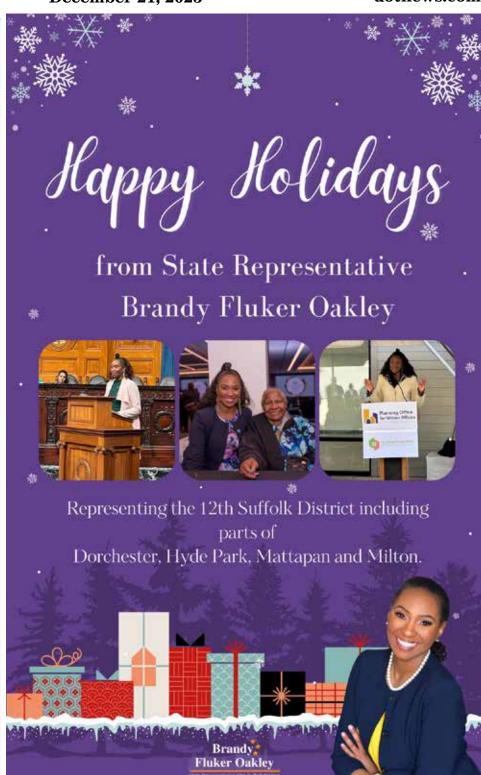
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Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

Partygoers defy weather, enjoy Codman Square holiday party

The Codman Square Holiday event took place on Dec. 3 in conjunction with the Enchanted Trolley tour stop there. Despite inclement weather, more than 150 people showed up and 150 toys

were given away. The Codman Square Neighborhood Council and the BOLD Teens helped to give away toys and several other partners pitched in to make the afternoon festive.



Reggie and Vicma Desir with Santa Claus during the Codman Square holiday party.



Mayor Wu with friends attending the Codman Square holiday party and tree lighting.

Photos courtesy of the Mayor's Office

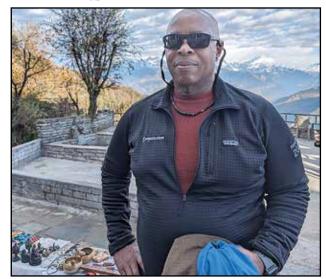
Dot man, fellow employees at Computershare hike up Himalayas to help students

Dorchester resident Hank Seemore returned recently from seven-day trek through the Himalaya Mountains to help Nepal students get to school more easily. A corporate giving initiative at his employer, Canton-based Computershare, allowed Seemore to join 25 other employees and raise more than \$100,000 to help the World Youth International School in Nepal's Gokarna region.

The funds will allow the school to double the number of its school buses and significantly cut down the amount of time pupils currently spend waiting to travel. Some students can arrive up to two hours before their first class and remain on the premises well beyond the end of the school day.

The school's existing two buses transport many of the school's 650 students to school every day, with each vehicle making multiple daily trips.

The school will also use the funds to purchase much-needed items for



Hank Seemore Dot man treks for a cause Photo courtesy Computershare

the classroom and support the wages of extra teachers to help reduce the number of children in each class.

Seemore, a leader within the company's US Treasury team, said he is passionate about supporting the education of students at the World Youth International School.

"Imyselfhave received kind support from others, which has shaped who I am as a person, both personally and professionally," he said. "As a result, I am trying to rally support for this noble endeavor so that others can benefit, in turn."

Computershare's Change A Life foundation has supported the school for the past five years through regular donations that staff members make and the company matches.



Jeffery Johnson, Jr., with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Codman Square.



Jeffery Johnson, Sr., Catalina Urtubey Otalora, Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, and Mayor Wu enjoyed the tree lighting and holiday party in Codman Square.

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Dorchester Historical Society
The Keystone Building

The Keystone building that overlooks the Southeast Expressway near Granite Avenue was originally built for the Hallet Davis Piano Company. In 1942, the Keystone Manufacturing Co., which had been founded in 1919 to build machines and other products, moved to the former piano company building at 151 Hallet St.

The company specialized in the manufacture of toys. In 1931, the company introduced the "Ride 'Em" line of steel toys. It also branched out with a company called Keystone Wood Toys.

Keystone expanded its product line again in 1954 with the Keystone Camera Co., but the company shut down that business on site six years later. Berkey Photo acquired the franchise in 1968 and moved the camera operations to Clifton, New Jersey. The company filed for Chapter 11 protection in January 1991, the *New York Times* reported.



In 1977, Corcoran, Mullins, Jennison Management Co. bought the building and converted it into 223 one- and two- bedrooms apartments for the elderly and handicapped

These posts can be

viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **Editorial**

A phony 'scandal' rings hollow

And the award for the most overblown and ridiculous non-news story of the year goes to... you guessed it: the Boston holiday party story that quickly spread 'round the world. The white grievance machine went into hyper-drive last week over a two-hour reception at the Parkman House that featured Mayor Wu hosting a collection of "electeds of color," including state lawmakers and city councillors from Boston.

The outrage was prompted when a staff member in Wu's office sent invites to all city councillors, when in fact the event itself was not intended just for councillors, but also for state lawmakers and other officeholders who identify as people of color.

The Mayor's office then made its second mistake of the day: Instead of letting it roll, they in effect disinvited councillors who aren't part of the elected of color group, which meets informally on a regular basis, just like many other special-interest "caucuses" do.

It's a breach of etiquette and common courtesy to invite someone to any event and then disinvite them. Anyone who's ever organized an invite list for a wedding, bridal shower, or a backyard BBQ knows better. If you invite Aunt Jeannie, you don't un-invite Aunt Jeannie, unless you want a blood feud with Aunt Jeannie and her whole side of the family. The entire city council was planning to meet up for its own holiday gathering that night, anyway. So, what if a few councillors who aren't part of this specific group's regular lineup popped by the Parkman House for a Diet Coke and a plate of Chinese take-out? Order a few extra servings. Who cares?

Instead, the manufactured "scandal" fed the pathetic beast that is the right-wing propaganda machine that pounces on any perceived slight toward its ranks. Once the faux pas went public, it became a race to the bottom with every Trump-aligned muckraker in the nation seeking to one-up the last one with feigned outrage and calls for resignations and criminal probes.

It's absurd – and the white "leaders" who fanned those flames should be ashamed of their role in stoking the division and making Boston, once again, a laughingstock.

It's all the more sinister because they know well that all elected officials belong to some sub-group that meets and confers apart from their larger legislative body. Members of the South Boston delegation routinely meet over coffee or breakfast to talk about issues specific to their districts. Within the Legislature, there's a Boston delegation that meets regularly and even elects a chairperson annually to lead their discussions and special events. Mayors Menino, Walsh and Wu have all routinely hosted the Boston delegation in city spaces, including the Parkman House, to share a meal and to hear the priorities of city government. Is it considered an affront that suburban members of the Legislature aren't invited to those meetings and receptions? Of course not.

It's worth noting that this manufactured "scandal" has unfolded while Boston's sordid record of racebased offenses was on a national stage through the HBO-Globe retrospective of the infamous Charles Stuart case. On Wednesday, Mayor Wu did what no other city leader before her deemed necessary: She apologized on behalf of her predecessors for the harassment of Black men — including Willie Bennett and his family. Don't expect any such remorse from this mayor's detractors. They're far too busy whining away about their own contrived grievances, which may titilate their "base" outside the city, but ring pathetically hollow to local eyes and ears.

– Bill Forry

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Commentary

British moves that spurred Tea Party left interesting what-ifs? for historians

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

Last Saturday was a major anniversary for the Boston Tea Party, which happened 250 years ago on December 16, 1773. The Tea Party was a major escalation in the era's conflict between the American colonies and the United Kingdom of Great Britain. What was at that time a movement that mainly saw Parliament rather than King George III as the problem rapidly changed following the Tea Party. Thirty months later, the colonies, calling themselves the "thirteen united States of America" declared their independence, giving as their reason the king's "repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States."

We've all learned the American side of the Tea Party story in school. It has been fascinating learning about the British side of the story from reading "The Correspondence of Thomas Hutchinson," who was the royal governor of the Massachusetts colony at the time of the Tea Party. His communications from 1773 indicate that tensions between the Massachusetts Bay Colony and Parliament in London were growing, mainly due to decisions by the British that colonists believed usurped their authority to govern themselves.

Hutchinson, deciding that he had to take a stand against the view that the colonists could challenge the supremacy of Parliament, summoned the Massachusetts General Court into session and stated, "I know of no line that can be drawn between the supreme authority of Parliament and the total independence of the colonies."

Colonist leaders Samuel and John Adams countered that the relationship with Britain was a contract between the colonists and the king, not Parliament, and, therefore, the Massachusetts General Court, not Parliament, was the entity that had the authority to determine which British laws would be observed in the colony.

In this atmosphere, Parliament's introduction in the fall of 1773 of the Tea Act, which was meant to support a financially troubled East India Company, became the next crisis. Hutchinson, who lived in downtown Boston and had a country house on Milton Hill where today's Hutchinson's Field is located, viewed the group of Boston radicals led by Samuel Adams as the cause of the tensions between Britain and Massachusetts. He believed that overall, the general population was loyal to rule from London.

With the Massachusetts economy in good shape and local taxes low, Hutchinson couldn't understand why there would be such opposition to a small tea tax. But the issue for the colonists was, essentially, local control versus control by a faraway legislature exerting more and more control over Massachusetts.

Boston leaders initially tried to get merchants who would be receiving tea shipments to resign their offices, with the result that no one would be available to accept the tea. But that didn't work, and ships with tea started arriving in Boston on Nov. 28. The law in place stated that the tea tax had to be paid within twenty days of arrival in port, that is, by Dec. 16, or the cargo would be subject to confiscation.

Various plans were developed to either have the tea kept by the government or to have the ships leave before the twenty-day deadline, but bureaucratic rules kept the vessels from leaving Boston. Hutchinson pleaded with Lord Dartmouth, the British Secretary of State for the Colonies, to allow the tea to be sent elsewhere, as "the spirit is now much lower in several other Colonies." He even suggested that war with Spain or France could be

"the means of bringing the people to their senses."
Correspondence from Hutchinson on Dec. 14
shows that he tried to get another town in the area,
including Dorchester, to allow the ships to unload the
tea there, but "they have kept a constant military

Watch of 25 men every night, generally with their

fire arms, to prevent the Tea being privately landed."

Two days later, on Dec. 16, a messenger from the Boston "Body of the Trade" went to Hutchinson's house on Milton Hill with a request that the governor grant passes for the ships to leave Boston. He refused, and reported to Lord Dartmouth the next day that "yesterday towards evening [the messenger] came to me at Milton, and I soon satisfied him that no such permit would be granted until the Vessel was regularly cleared. He returned to Town after

dark in the evening and reported to the Meeting the answer I had given him."

The "Meeting" he was referring to was a huge gathering called due to the imminent tea tax payment deadline. It was held at the Old South Meeting House, attracting at least 5,000 people (about a third of the population of Boston), who surrounded the Meeting House due to the sheer size of the crowd.

Upon hearing the response from Hutchinson, Samuel Adams declared, "This meeting can do nothing further to save the country," and a group of men proceeded to go to three of the ships and dump 340 chests of tea into Boston Harbor.

In retaliation, Parliament responded with the Boston Port Bill, which closed off the harbor to commerce by ship and required Bostonians to pay for the tea dropped into the harbor. Hutchinson fled to England and was replaced as royal governor by General Thomas Gage. Other acts of Parliament, meant to stop resistance to its supreme authority, followed. Colonists called them the Intolerable Acts and they served to increase tensions and radicalize even more Massachusetts residents. Even so, the colonists still saw the problem as parliament, not the king. It would be another year or so before George III became the primary villain.

Reading through Hutchinson's missives shows so many missed opportunities to resolve the issue. Would Hutchinson have brusquely dismissed the messenger if he knew there were 5,000 angry Bostonians waiting for his decision?

My exploration of this topic prompted some thoughts about all the other missed opportunities to resolve the conflict that led to the American Revolution. What would have happened if Parliament had decided that problems with the colonies wasn't worth the money they would get from taxation, and allowed the colonies to return to control of their own local affairs? Would the colonies then have remained part of the British Empire, rather than establish the United States of America?

And what would have happened after Aug. 1, 1834, when Parliament passed the Slavery Abolition Act, which outlawed slavery across the British Empire, freeing 800,000 enslaved people in its colonies? Would there have been acceptance of abolition by an America still ruled by the British government, avoiding the deaths 31 years later of 632,000 Union and Confederate soldiers?

Speculative history has produced popular television shows for a reason: Our world could easily have turned out differently had just a few issues had been resolved in another way. That's why history needs to be taught with honest appraisals of how crises

to be taught with nonest appraisals of how crises are handled. In the words of the turn-of-the-19th century Harvard intellectual George Santayana, "Those who cannot remember the past are con-

demned to repeat it."

A note to our US Postal subscribers

In recent weeks, the timely delivery of the Dorchester Reporter that is mailed to some of our paid subscribers has become a problem.

We have received multiple reports of late and/or non-delivery to homes in Dorchester, especially from subscribers in the Dorchester Center 02124 postal zone. One person told us of receiving the Nov. 30 edition eleven days late, and that it arrived in the same delivery with the Dec. 6 edition, which was four days late.

The subscription copies of each week's edition are delivered to the post office every Wednesday at or before noon. In 02122 and 02124, the papers are delivered directly to these offices, under an "exceptional dispatch" with the USPS.

While a portion of each mailing is delivered to the Fort Point office for sorting downtown, we bring the papers directly to those two Dorchester offices to help expedite getting the papers into subscribers' homes without delay. That system has been in place for many years and has usually worked well.

This current problem started after the Thanksgiving week edition and has continued each week thereafter.

We have reached out to postal managers and were told to speak directly to the office managers locally. This week a supervisor at the 02124 office told us they are working to resolve this problem.

– Bill Forry and Ed Forry

Making my way to college in the wake of the decision on Affirmative Action

By Ayden Cardoso SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Even from a young age, I knew I had to make an effort to change the injustices I noticed in my community. From the very first moment I set foot in Dorchester's Boston Collegiate Charter School's fifth grade, my passion led me to explore various avenues, from extracurriculars to civic engagement, seeking positions where my voice could make a difference. However, the journey has been far from straightforward, especially for a young Black man like me.

In middle school, my commitment to community involvement found expression through the Mayor's Youth Council. I was introduced to the world of civic leadership, which helped to solidify my passion for effecting positive change. As I moved to high school, I became part of its Black Student Union, eventually becoming co-president.

My inspiration stems from the strong women in my life, particularly my mother and my godmother. They taught me the importance of standing up for yourself, and making sure that your voice is heard even in settings where that may feel difficult. Their influence fueled my determination to be a leader and to help encourage other young people who look like me to do the same.

As I entered my senior year, the looming college application process brought a mix of excitement and trepidation. The Supreme Court decision on affirmative action last summer added an extra layer of uncertainty. Affirmative action, as I understood it, aimed to level the playing field by ensuring that minority students – who actually reflect the majority of the world's population – had a fair shot at higher education. This ruling felt, and feels, like a step backward for our country, leaving me wondering what kind of environment awaits me at my chosen institution.

College visits during my junior year highlighted the challenges I face as a student of color. I was frequently struck by the beauty of the campuses, but also by the lack of diversity. It raised concerns for me about find-

ing my community if I went to a predominantly white institution. Affirmative action, for me, meant feeling sure there would be a sense of community anywhere I went; but with this recent setback, the fear of not finding that community and facing microaggressions and oppression intensifies. That fear spurred me to do deeper research into the demographics of the colleges to which I was applying.

I also faced a dilemma in expressing my identity. While writing one of the essays for one college's application, I hesitated between describing myself as a "Black young man" or just a "young man." Ultimately, I chose to embrace my identity unapologetically, recognizing that who I am is an asset to any college environment.

Affirmative action wasn't about giving students of color a leg up, it was about leveling the playing field in institutions where privilege often dictates success.

In my pursuit of advocating for a more equitable education system, I learned about proposed legislation in Massachusetts that could address one policy that increases inequality in higher education – legacy admissions. Students should get into college based on merit, not on being related to an alumnus/a of the college. I hope our elected officials will prioritize this issue, as it has the power to dismantle barriers that disproportionately affect students of color.

As I stand on the edge of college life, I remain inspired by political leaders like Barack Obama and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, individuals who have defied societal norms. I aspire to major in political science, attend law school, and eventually enter the political

Understandably, some of my peers are becoming increasingly disinterested with the political process in our country. I hope to help rebuild trust in a system that I know has the potential to enact positive change, and to advocate for a future where everyone's voice is not only heard but valued.

Ayden Cardoso lives in Dorchester and is a senior at Boston Collegiate Charter School. He will be attending Dartmouth College next year.

St. Mary's Center for Women and Children Change comes from the Center

Holiday Wishes

As 2023 draws to a close, St. Mary's Center for Women and Children expresses its sincere gratitude for all who have joined with us in our mission this year, particularly in these immensely challenging times.

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Immediately upon arrival at St. Mary's Center, Alaa was met with the warmth and compassion of St. Mary's Center's dedicated team who provided an integrated model of care addressing their unique needs. Alaa began weekly individual therapy sessions with her full-time behavioral health clinician, whom she credits with instilling confidence in her during an incredibly challenging time in her life, and received support from her case manager in navigating the complex housing system in Boston and pursuing career opportunities. This holiday season, Alaa is thriving in a new career and has big dreams for herself and her daughter for the future.

Please consider giving your year-end gift today. By supportina St. Mary's Center, you help hundreds of families just like Alaa's see a brighter future.



Thank you for your generous support of St. Mary's Center families, this holiday season and year-round.

Change comes from the Center

Licensed plumbers keep Boston safe, healthy ance company will do in By TIM FANDEL AND to relax the plumbing code

Andrew DeAngelo

As our city and our region continue to undergo an unprecedented building boom, it is a good time to consider how vital top-quality plumbing done by licensed professionals - is to our public health and safety.

Massachusetts has one of the top drinking water ratings in the nation and that is no accident. It is because of our strong plumbing codes, renowned union apprenticeship programs, and a commitment to training and upholding standards set by generations of expert plumbers who built

It seems that every day ground is broken on an exciting, transformative development – from the 10,000-unit new community underway at Suffolk Downs, to the massive redevelopment at South Station, to the recently approved 21-building, \$5 billion Dorchester Bay City at the former Bayside Expo Center in Dorchester. All these projects require expertise from well-trained union plumbers who will adhere to the codes that ensure the water flowing through these buildings is pure, the outflow systems are sanitary, and the heating and cooling systems are professionally installed, tested, and maintained for safety.

Properly installed and carefully designed water drainage systems are essential to public health. The first thing an insur-

the event of an accident. a leak, a bacterial outbreak, or other public health or safety crisis will be to check to see if the system was installed by a licensed plumber. If the answer to that question is no, then developers, contractors, building owners and others can be held liable.

Licensed, union plumbers are constantly refreshing their training to ensure their craftsmanship meets the current standards under state law. Codes are constantly changing, and new heating and cooling technologies are evolving daily. It takes committed professionals to stay up to date on these technologies and make sure nothing is left to chance.

There have been efforts

in Massachusetts, but, thankfully, our legislators have stood strong to protect the code that keeps our drinking water clean and our communities safe and sanitary.

The motto of Boston's Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12, which has proudly represented licensed professional plumbers since 1889, is, simply, "health starts with plumbing." The national United Association, of which Local 12 is a member, represents more than 375,000 plumbing industry professionals in 300 locals across the US and Canada, making it one of the largest and longest-standing labor unions in the country. Our members and signatory contractors live by this

simple message every day: Health starts with plumbing. It is a message that is more important than ever to consider as our city grows. We sometimes take clean drinking water and sanitary plumbing for granted, but in many nations, and even other states, it is not a given.

Protecting public health must remain priority number one as we continue to revitalize and reimagine our city and our state. These historic investments transforming our communities are too important to leave to

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Celebration hails Dot Crossing's rise in Fields Corner landscape

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took two full years – the longest construction project I've ever been on."

One example from the list of delays involved a mandatory discussion with the city for approval of a special exterior terra cotta product that was new to the Boston market. Once the okay was granted, however, world events took over.

"As soon as we were ready to order the material in February 2022, the war broke out in Ukraine, the only place where the product was made," said Lee. It took us months and months to get approval and then we find out we couldn't get it anywhere."

Other delays included things like subcontractor issues and the securing of the electric meters for utilities.

One positive story shared by Lee is about the only abutter – Hung Nguyen – who was more than happy to accommodate the larger building called for by the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) if his friend, former property owner John Gallagher, would get the maximum benefit from the sale of his property. "It blew me away," said Lee.

The project verged on the unique with its use of







Above, left, views from the top floor of the building offer a clear view of the iconic National Grid gas tank.

Below, left, Porsha Olayiwola, left, and Bing Broderick discuss what the Just Bookish store and Words as Worlds gathering space will be like when it opens.

Above, Travis Lee, president of TLee Development.

Seth Daniel photos

a new and innovative formula to allow community members to purchase shares of the building, own a small piece of the property, and share in its governance – with Crowdfund contributions of between \$200 and \$2,000 per person.

One perk of that was that investors were able to vote on the use of the ground-floor retail space. They chose a bookstore/gathering concept brought to them by Porsha Olayiwola (Boston's Poet Laureate) and Bing Broderick.

Both were on hand last Thursday and treated the gathering for the building as the groundbreaking for their enterprise – Just Bookish bookstore and Words and Worlds gathering space. They said they are waiting for the building permit and hope to be open in five months.

"We want to build collaboration and get into some good trouble; we believe literature is one way to do that...and we believe sharing stories can push the world," said Olayiwola, who noted that they intend to offer light bites, and maybe introduce a bar concept down the road.

Jessica Boatright, of the Mayor's Office of Housing, shared with the gathering that Dot Crossing is the first space to benefit from the city's new Commercial Assistance Fund – meaning they will have subsidized rents for 10 years.



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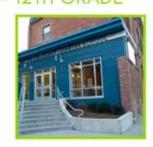
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City Council signs off with farewells, final votes

(Continued from page 1)

especially lately, just in the environment that we all are in today. From the national level on down, it is a sacrifice.'

By the end of last week, Boston's environment included controversy, mainly among commentators on social media, about whether it was proper to have a holiday party - a regular seasonal gathering not funded by taxpayers-for elected officials of color and their significant others at the Parkman House. But, at the council meeting on Wednesday, the focus was on other things.

Before the parting speeches, councillors acted on several agenda items. Among the actions were 12-0 votes to approve additional spending for the new five-year contract with the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association (BPPA). The decision avoided the risk of having a settlement by arbitration, and its supporters included councillors who had voted two months earlier against authorization of a federal grant for the police unit that oversees a controversial gang database.

One opponent of the grant, District 4 (Dorchester/Mattapan) Councillor Brian Worrell, hailed the contract for reforms concerning detail policy and police misconduct. "Many administrations have sought these reforms and were unsuccessful," he posted on the social media site X, "so I'm grateful to the current administration and the union representatives for their efforts in creating these common-sense reforms."

There was less agreement when the council voted 8-4 in favor of a home rule petition that would give legal Boston residents without US citizenship the right to vote in city elections. If signed by Wu, the petition would still have to win approved at the State House, where it could face strong opposition.

According to a report last year by

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Agency (BPDA), non-citizens account for 15 percent of the population in Dorchester. The same report counted almost 93,000 non-citizens in Boston who were at least 18 years old, and almost \$28 million in property taxes paid by the city's non-citizen homeowners. An earlier BPDA report showed that documented immigrants without US citizenship accounted for 9 percent of Boston's population.

Among the four councillors from Dorchester, the votes on the home rule petition were split. Voting in favor were Councillor At-Large Julia Mejia and Brian Worrell. Opposed were At-Large Councillor Erin Murphy and District 3 (Dorchester) Councillor Frank Baker.

Another councillor at-large, Michael Flaherty, argued that the measure could result in confusion, even legal problems, for non-citizen voters. In explaining his "yes" vote later, Worrell cited his grandparents from Jamaica and a father from Barbados.

"I think it's very important," he said, "that the people that are contributing and helping our city grow, and that are paying taxes in our city, and helping individuals and volunteering in our city, and supporting neighborhoods and organizations ... have the ability to shape who represents them and the policy that represents them as well."

More than a month before the meeting, and only two days after the final election, Councillor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune announced that she had secured enough votes to succeed District 2 (South Boston, Chinatown, South End) Councillor Ed Flynn as the body's new president in 2024. If her position is officialized in January, she will head a council that will have only one member who took office before 2020.

In an interview two days after the meeting, Louijeune reflected on a number of things: "I just think that the last

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of reasons. We were still grappling with coming out of the pandemic. There were a lot of staff changes. Whenever there's a member of the body running for another election, that can create some tensions. And so, we have four colleagues who left and we have four new colleagues coming in. I think the tone and culture of the council will be different as a result. I thank again President Flynn for his leadership under difficult circumstances. and I look forward to building with my colleagues.'

Adaughter of immigrants, Louijeune was elected two years ago, becoming the first Haitian American to join the council and later winning praise for helping to resolve a contentious divide over the council's re-districting. In this year's election, she was the top vote-getter, finishing a half a percentage point ahead of the second-place candidate, Erin Murphy.

Asked about her take-away from the election results, Louijeune said, "I saw a city that's committed still to progress, that cares about a city council that's going to work on the nuts and bolts of values of people who have lived experiences that are reflective of the city of Boston, people who are not about the drama and who are not about any political infighting, but who just want to do the work."

For the coming year, Louijeune said, she wanted more action on housing protecting residents from displacement and helping to create more affordable units. She also said she wanted the council to push for more accountability from the Boston Public Schools.

After 29 people were displaced by a fire on Ellington Street on November 25, Worrell and his staff have been helping with relief, setting up a fund and handling items donated to families. Also helping was his brother, State Rep. Chris Worrell.

In recent weeks on social media, the councillor hailed a recent decision by Boston Medical Center to scale back its plans for recovery and mental health facilities on the site of the Shattuck



Apparent president-elect of the incoming City Council Ruthzee Louijeune said at this year's last meeting that she wants to see more action on housing that will protect residents from displacement and help to create more affordable units. Chris Lovett photo

Hospital, which lies just outside his district, but is of concern to many of its residents. He has also tried to mobilize relief efforts for the 29 people displaced by the Nov. 25 fire on Ellington Street.

In other posts, Worrell saluted the 2023 National Pop Warner Champions, the Dorchester Elite Eagles, and their cheerleaders. The feat was celebrated locally by a parade at a time when football teams in the Boston Public Schools face new challenges, including changes in access to fields for games and practice. And Worrell noted that students in Boston lack some of the athletic programs that were available to him as a METCO student in Lincoln-Sudbury.

But most of my policy goals are focused on either public safety or economic empowerment and economic development," said Worrell. "And that's where I think I'll be able to bring some really big ideas to the table in 2024 that reflect what our community and constituents need." Among the ideas: more housing developed as condos for ownership and wealth building, and more diversity in city contracts.





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Collins files bill to block local vote on federal grants

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE **News Service**

In an unusual rebuke of his hometown's local elected officials, a senator from Boston wants to strip cities and towns of authority over some grants designed to support public health and

Sen. Nick Collins, a Democrat, filed legislation with Republican Sen. Ryan Fattman of Sutton that would give the Legislature and governor—not a local board — the ability to accept funding from the federal government or charitable organizations "meant to aid the public health and safety of the commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof." In those cases, the bill says, "no approval from the intended grant recipient shall be necessary."

During remarks at

Monday's Senate ses- marathon bombings in

sion, Collins said he was responding to the Boston City Council, which last week blocked a \$13.3 million US Department of Homeland Security grant that would fund anti-terrorism work in the metropolitan region. The Council voted 6-6, falling one vote short of the threshold needed to accept the federal funds.

"That just doesn't affect the people of Boston— this grant was to support other municipalities, including Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, and Winthrop," Collins said. "Many communities across this region over the weekend had to shut down synagogues because of bomb threats, the rise of anti-semitism. We were a launching pad for 9/11 here in Boston and we all remember too well the pain of the

"This bill in front of us that we would like to move swiftly would no longer allow for such delay or blocking," he added. "This Legislature has had to reauthorize funds time and again for the City Council in Boston, [which] has thwarted resources for those purposes.'

The Senate referred the bill to the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, which Collins co-chairs, for further review. Fattman mentioned during Monday's session that he cosponsored the bill, and no other senators spoke about it from the chamber floor.

Mayor Wu filed an order on Dec. 4 authorizing the city to accept the funding, writing that it would fund "planning, exercises, trainings, and operational needs, that

will help prevent, respond to and recover from threats or acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents."

City Councillors Ricardo Arroyo, Liz Breadon, Kendra Lara, Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, and Brian Worrell voted against the order, according to meeting minutes. Councillors Frank Baker, Gabriela Coletta, Sharon Durkan, Michael Flaherty and Erin Murphy voted in favor, as did Council President Ed Flynn. Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson was absent and did not cast a vote.

Louijeune said during the council's proceedings last week that she wanted to see more discussions take place about the available federal grant funding. "I know that the decision is not determined completely by the Office of Emergency Management, but rather by [Jurisdictional Points of Contact], representatives from each of the nine cities and towns that constitute the Metro Boston Homeland Security Region. Boston as the lead city has significant influence on the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and how these grant applications develop," she said. "All of this is to say we need more community conversations on both of these grants."

No other councillors spoke in opposition to the anti-terrorism grant funding before casting their votes against it.

Louijeune and four of her colleagues also vot-



Sen. Nick Collins

ed against accepting a smaller \$175,000 federal grant to fund police data analysts and community engagement work. The council accepted that grant on a 7-5 vote.

Breadon told the Boston Herald that she opposed the measure $because she \, wants \, more \,$ information on how the funds could respond to natural disasters that have struck the state in recent months.

It's time for council farewells



City Councillor Brian Worrell said he is looking forward to collaboration in the new year and "making sure that we are setting the right example and also making sure that, every day, we show up for this Chris Lovett photo

he said. "I would suggest that we need to do

a little more of that here

on the council, working

together, getting to know

each other a little better,

rolling up our sleeves, be

willing to broker compro-

mise. You don't always

have to have a whole loaf,

you can have a half loaf,

a quarter of a loaf, and

still make sure that we're moving our city forward."

In his farewell re-

marks, Frank Baker recalled efforts by his

parents to help people in

the community get access

to health care and follow

through with recovery

programs. He said he

decided to run for the

open seat in District 3 in

2011 because he felt his

neighborhood had been

A central figure in

contentious debate over

redistricting, Baker also

acknowledged that he

was once asked by a re-

porter how he could enjoy

a job in which he seemed

love my job," Baker said

from the rostrum. "I love

under-served.

The first departing member to formally bow out on Wednesday was Michael Flaherty. First elected to the council in 1999, he went on to serve for a total of 20 years. The son of a former state representative from South Boston, he shared his mother's advice about constituents asking for help: Always call them back.

"It may be a big issue or a small issue," said Flaherty, "but it's the most important issue in that person's life or their family's life, and taking a couple of minutes to return the phone call - you may still have to call someone to get the answers for them - you may have to do a little more work on it, but at least you called, letting them know you're on it."

Flaherty also reminded councilors about the ability to get things done by working with partners outside of City Hall, such as local institutions.

"Working those partnerships, working those relationships, is what makes our city great,"

helping the people of Boston. I love being able to call governor, senators -the people to help people that don't have a voice."

Two days later, the sentiments expressed by Baker and Flaherty found some agreement from younger colleagues.

"I look forward to building bridges and working with the council to deliver the nuts and bolts of constituent services," said Worrell, 'and also creating policy, changing structures inside the city of Boston that work for all parts and everyone. So collaboration, making sure that we are setting the right example and also making sure that, every day, we

show up for this job."
Said Louijeune: "If you don't show up and serve people's everyday lives, to reduce the stress or help solve a problem, they're not going to trust you with the bigger issues that come across your desk. So, it's super important to return every phone call, to return emails, to be ready and available for those who



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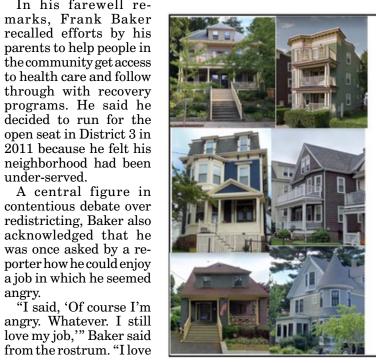


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Mayor offers apology for Stuart case abuses

accused a Black man of the crime. His accusation resulted in the racial harassment of Black men, in particular those living in the Mission Hill neighborhood, by city officials and the Boston Police Department.

"This dark time in the City's history exacerbated distrust between Boston's Black community and the Boston Police Department. Acknowledging this painful moment and apologizing for the city's wrongdoing

(Continued from page 1) is an effort to aid in the hejumped to his death off healing of those still living with this trauma and our city as a whole."

> The notorious Stuart case was revived this month when the Globe produced a nine-part series (and HBO weighed in with a contemporaneous documentary) that revisited the situation in the city in 1989 as the Stuart probe continued for some two months until it unraveled in January 1990 when Charles Stuart's role in the crime unraveled in public after

the Tobin Bridge.

One reason for the renewed attention to the long-ago crime, one of the authors of the series said, was to pay attention to the effect of the aggressive tactics used on Mission Hill by police in pursuit of a Black man from a description given by Stuart as he sat bleeding in his car.

A key aspect of the case that the Globe amplified was its revelation that more than 30 people with connections to the Stuart family or his community of associates early on had some knowledge of Charles's role in orchestrating the murder but

stayed silent while first Swanson, a homeless man from Mission Hill, then Bennett, considered a small-time criminal. stayed in jail on other charges while being labeled in the media as somehow involved in the killing of Carol DeMaiti Stuart.

As to apologies, in January 1990, then-Mayor Ray Flynn visited the Bennett family home to apologize — but, family members told the Globe, he never sat down in doing so. The city has never accepted blame for any abuses but it did reach a \$12.500 settlement with the Bennett family in 1995 in a lawsuit case.



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A throng comes out to salute Dot's national champions

(Continued from page 1) than a few people noted that it was refreshing to celebrate peacefully the accomplishments of young athletes and cheerleaders on a street that has been the center of several tragedies this year.

But none of that was in the least bit present as Mayor Wu and several other elected officials and city leaders joined in the celebrating after scurrying to put together a special celebration with a tourist trolley and flatbed truck with Boston Police escort.

"Thank you for putting Boston on the map," said Wu during the celebration inside the Club. "In the 37-year history of Pop Warner football, never once did we have a champion back home in Boston until now... When we win a championship, we have a parade in Boston."

In his invocation, Bishop William Dickerson noted the importance of the occasion: "This doesn't happen every day or even on a regular basis," he said. "This is historic for our community"

Renee Murray, cheer director for the Lady Raiders, said they have been to the nationals almost every year, but this time they pulled it



Eagles Head Coach Tony Hurston.



Coach Terry Cousins celebrated on the trolley with the Eagles championship belt. ing the Eagles might go back-to-back.



Edzo Kelly and his son, Tommy, seem to be indicating the Eagles might go back-to-back.

out. "It was the best day of your life and of mine too," she said.

Eagles Coaches Tony Hurston and Terry Cousins said the football players had been around for many years and had played together year in and year out. Several times they made it to the Final Eight in Orlando, but always fell short. This time, they finished strong.

"A lot of these kids gutted it out and stuck it out five, six, or seven years. They came back for a final rally, and it

paid off," said Hurston.
Added Cousins, "We said at the beginning of the season that the only team that could beat us was us. They bought into it fully and they wanted a national champion-ship...If you want to be a national champion in football, come play for the Dorchester Eagles. We're gonnarun it back."

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BGCD Members Attend Annual Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation Holiday Party: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Members Attend Annual Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation Holiday Party: On December 10th, 40 **BGCD** members were very fortunate to be invited to take part in the Annual Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation
Holiday Party at Lombardo's in
Randolph. In total, 250 youth from 15 local Boys & Girls Clubs were invited to attend this special holiday event. The party included lots of holiday festivities that included breakfast with Santa and amazing gifts given to each child. We would like to thank Soles4Souls, Knights of Columbus, ICON International, Native Shoes and Fancy Faces of New England for their support of the event. Many thanks to the team at the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation for your generosity and hosting! For more information on partnering with our Clubs, please contact Senior VP of Operations Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Fine Arts Program Hosts Arts Bash to Showcase Member Creations: This past week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted our most recent Arts Bash event to showcase the amazing artwork created by our talented members throughout the Fall Enrichment season. There were specialty projects and many forms of art displayed from our after school classes as well as enrichment classes. The works of art are part of our Exploring the Arts Class, Museum of Fine Arts Class, and our Photography Club for the audience of members and parents to view and enjoy. Congratulations to all the members who had their work displayed and thank you to all who came to support our young artists. For more information on the Fine Arts program at BGCD, please contact Arts Director Katy Sullivan at ksullivan@bgcdorchester.



BGCD Fine Arts Program Hosts Arts Bash to Showcase Member Creations: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Partners with Elevate Youth for Indoor Bouldering Trip: Recently,

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was excited to partner with our friends at Elevate Youth to offer an Indoor Bouldering/Rock Climbing activity at the Bouldering Project in Somerville. Throughout the trip members had the chance to try a variety of walls with varying degrees of difficulty. Elevate Youth's vision is to spark a lifelong love of the outdoors through equitable access and routine immersion in nature as a way to foster agency and lead holistic, healthy lifestyles.

Thanks to the team at Elevate Youth for organizing the trip. Next up will be a Ski Trip to Wachusett Mountain in January for downhill Skiing. For more information on partnering with BGCD, please contact Senior VP of Operations Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teen Holiday Party December 21

Member Holiday Party December 22

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Happy Holidays from BGCD!

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Shattuck Hospital plan to see 'modifications' in the new year

By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

The Shattuck Hospital redevelopment plan championed by Boston Medical Center (BMC) has been put on pause after several contentious meetings in recent months, with changes to the plan coming in the new year, according to a BMC spokesperson.

Since receiving provisional designation from the Commonwealth, the Boston Medical Center-led Coalition to redevelop Shattuck Hospital has met with the community in a variety of public forums to gather feedback and inform our proposal," read a BMC statement released late last Friday. "We look forward to sharing modifications to our proposal as we continue our process

seamless, fully integrated continuum of health, housing ,and support programs is key to solving the co-occurring addiction, mental illness, and homelessness crises in our communities."

The initial proposal drew strong opposition from some in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury, and parts of Jamaica Plain who raised concerns about the proposed redevelopment's density - more than 800 units of recovery housing and beds in a plan that many observers expected to be 75 to 100 units/beds.

The state Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EHS) told the Reporter that it has not weighed in on the BMC plan or offered any critique of it. Instead, EHS

of public engagement. A said the original designation in June indicated the BMC plan was subject to change, contingent on feasibility, funding, and community input.

> "The proposal does not represent a final plan for implementation and will be subject to further dialogue with the Commonwealth and community representatives," read the initial designation from EHS in June 2023.

> While public health and recovery services have been on the docket for the Shattuck site, which will be vacated by the hospital in the coming year for a move to the South End, the extent of the first proposal spurred a group of more than 500 residents and 30 community groups to align as the Coalition for Regionwide Services beyond Frank

lin Park (CORES) that and transitional houspushed back on the plan at official and in-house meetings.

Local elected officials said they were glad to hear the news about modifications coming to the existing plan.

"I appreciate that the proponent appears to be more serious about a community process, but my strong concerns about the size, scale, and appropriateness of the location of this proposal still remain," said state Rep. Chris Worrell.

State Sen. Liz Miranda was not immediately available for comment, but in October she had issued a statement in opposition to the plan that said: "At this time, I am opposing the current proposal because I believe low-threshold supportive

ing must be integrated across our communities on a smaller scale and not clustered in particular neighborhoods who've experienced the brunt of environmental injustice, disinvestment, and disenfranchisement. The current proposal could have over 1,000 people at a time, and in my view, that is setting them up to fail.

She added: "My hope is that city and state officials, BMC, and my office, can work together to explore other opportunities for smaller-scaled developments that could $utilize \overset{\cdot}{a}\, percentage\, of\, the$ vacant parcels across the city to ensure equitable distribution of supportive and transitional housing," she continued.

Last Friday, Councillor

Brian Worrell, who represents areas abutting the Shattuck, said he welcomed the news and hopes for a better plan.

"The project would disproportionately affect the same Black and Brown communities that bore the brunt of the war on drugs, continuing the lasting impact of that legacy," he wrote in a statement. "Our neighborhoods deserve recognition of that hypocrisy, and there must be a willingness to ensure their voices are heard in this process. I look forward to a revised proposal, greater community engagement from BMC and further information on a regional approach...

BMC did not indicate a timeline for any future meetings that would discuss their overall plan.

Warren adds her muscle to Healey housing bill

By Sam Drysdale STATE HOUSE News Service

USSen. Elizabeth Warren threw her weight behind Gov. Maura Healey's housing plan on Monday morning and said the federal government will need to "step up" to help the state address its housing affordability and availability crisis.

As many as 200,000 housing units will need to be built in Massachusetts over the next six years to keep up with housing demand, Warren said at an event hosted by the New England Council at the UMass Club in Boston.

"The problem is bad, and the problem is gettingworse," she said. "Do you think that housing is in short supply in Massachusetts right now? Do you think that rents are already rising like a hot air balloon? Well buckle up for a rough ride."

Massachusetts approved 17,692 units last year. Warren cited this statistic, saying it's "not even one-tenth of the units that we need." She added, "But just even at this rate, we can't even hold steady on this crisis."

Warren praised Healey's five-year, \$4.12 billion housing bond bill, a plan that has idled in the Legislature since she filed it two months

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ago. While Healey asked that the bill be passed "promptly," lawmakers have yet to hold a hearing on it.

The bill seeks to kickstart housing production, upgrade the state's aging and neglected public housing stock, and convert state land into housing-ready plots. It is also packed with policy proposals, including the ability for cities and towns to impose new fees on high-price real estate transactions and steer the revenue into affordable housing development, a simple majority voting threshold for inclusionary zoning ordinances and bylaws at the local level, and a new designation to address housing availability in "seasonal communities."

The Legislature has sent the bill to the Joint Committee on Housing, which is co-chaired by Sen. Lydia Edwards of East Boston and Rep. James Arciero of West-

Members of the state's federal delegation do not frequently wade into state-level bills, but Warren gave Healey's filing a firm endorsement.

"The Healey-Driscoll administration is working to enable municipalities to pass inclusionary zoning ordinances by simple majorities, reduce

barriers to the building of accessory dwelling units, and invest nearly \$2 billion directly into housing development. Each of these will help reduce the affordable housing gap. Our governor knows that one-size-fits-all is not going to solve this crisis," Warren said.

The senator called for "three cheers for Massachusetts" and Healey for "tackling the housing crisis." She added, "Here's my pitch today: Massachusetts and the rest of the country should not be left to deal with this housing crisis alone. It is time for the federal government to step up. Not to tell local governments what to do, but to be a good partner."

With Sens. Angus King of Maine and Ron Wyden of Oregon, Warren has proposed a minimum corporate tax on "billionaire corporations." It would require that companies that report over \$1 billion in profits to shareholders pay at least a 15 percent tax rate on those profits. The tax would apply to roughly 200 companies and generate hundreds of billions in revenue over ten years, according to Warren's office.

The senator has pushed such high-dollar affordable housing legislation for years.

On Monday, Warren

said that this tax could affordable housing will be used to stimulate reduce money spent in emergency rooms.' housing supply through federal investments. Warren said she uses

"The federal governher position on the Senment should invest beate Banking, Housing and Urban Development cause housing connects Committee to push for to many other issues that more federal funding the federal government directly pays for," she for housing, but that said. "We know, for ex-"it's an uphill battle. ample, that access to ad-Many of our Republican friends, and some Demequate housing reduces health care expenses for ocratic friends, don't the Medicaid population. want the government in Increasing the supply of this space. Even so, you

don't get what you don't fight for.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU23D2144DR DIVORCE SUMMONS
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To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint fo Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown allow plaintiff to resume the former name of Riss Grace Engermann prohibit defendant from imposing any restraint on plaintiff's persona liberty. The Complaint is on file at the Court An Automatic Restraining Order has beer entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Rise Mercurio, 271 Talbol Ave., Boston, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 01/12/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, Firs Justice of this Court.

Date: November 22, 2023

Stephanie L. Everet Register of Probate

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SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
Docket No. SU19P0535GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF:
GARY WEAVER
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been

led by Do in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Remove the Guardian of the Respon dent. The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/o Conservator should be allowed to resign, o should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on

ile with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/04/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file you object to the petition. If you also he in the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the procedific facts and prejude of your objection. specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court

Published: December 21, 2023

Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate
Date: November 28, 2023

Notice is hereby given by Always Open Towing at 18 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124 in pursuant to M.G.L. c.225, section 39A, that the following vehicles will be for sale at a private auction on January 11, 2024 at 8 am to satisfy the garage keeper's lien for towing, storage and

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ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on January 10, 2024, at 9:00 A.M., in connection with Text Amendment Application No. 519 and Map Amendment Application No. 768, filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Said text and map amendments consolidate, simplify, and modernize the code and creates two (2) new residential subdistricts to implement zoning recommendations from PLAN: Mattapan.

This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to https://bit.ly/BZC_Jan102024. Copies of the petitions and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to zoningcommission@boston.gov.

Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: zoningcommission@boston.gov or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024. Please request interpreting services no later than January 5, 2024.

For the Commission Jeffrey M. Hampton **Executive Secretary**

ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on January 17, 2024, at 9:15 A.M., in connection with a petition for approval of Map Amendment Application No. 769 and a petition for approval of the Master Plan for Planned Development Area No. 146, Columbia Point Crossing, filed the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Said map amendment would add the designation "D," indicating a Planned Development Area overlay to approximately 8.9 acres of land consisting of 35-45 Morrissey Boulevard, 55 Morrissey Boulevard, and 75 Morrissey Boulevard and is generally bounded to the south by the $former\ Boston\ Globe\ head quarters\ (now\ Southline), to\ the\ west\ by\ the$ Southeast Expressway (Interstate 93), to the north by two multi-family residential buildings, and to the east by Morrissey Boulevard. The Proposed Project contemplates seven (7) new buildings on the Site, which buildings are currently conceptualized as four (4) commercial buildings and three (3) multi-family residential buildings, with the building ground floors to include a mix of restaurant, retail, lobby, and public space. The Proposed Project contemplates the creation of a new roadway network and new bicycle and pedestrian pathways within the Project Site; the development of other publicly accessible space, including four (4) ground-level outdoor community recreation spaces (totaling approximately 1.35 acres), with landscaping and seating for use by shoppers, area employees, and area residents; and 5 below-grade parking areas. Approximately 4.2 acres or 47% of the Project Site includes publicly accessible open spaces, public realm, and public roadways.

This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to https://bit.ly/BZC Jan172024. Copies of the petitions and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit $written\ comments\ or\ questions\ to\ zoning commission@boston.gov.$

Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: zoningcommission@boston.gov or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2024. Please request interpreting services no later than January 12, 2024.

For the Commission Jeffrey M. Hampton **Executive Secretary**

RECENT OBITUARIES



BANKOWSKI, Charles E. "Charlie" of Dorchester. Husband of Eileen Desmond. Son of the late Stanley and Frances (McCarthy) Bankowski. Brother of Paul, Virginia Mayhew, Elizabeth, Joseph and the late Thomas Bankowski. Also survived by several nieces and nephews and their families. Donations in memory of Charlie may sent to the charity of your choice. Late mechanic at Wilson and Tisdale/ The Boston Globe. Late member of the American Legion, Old Dorchester, Post # 65.



CAMPBELL, Alice E., 90, of Newton. Daughter to the late Mabel and Libby Christian. Wife of the late Dr. Sylvan L. Campbell. She worked with her husband in his private practice in Roxbury and Mattapan for many years prior to retiring. She is survived by her son, Steven Llovd Campbell of Newton, numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces/nephews and other extended family members and friends.

CROSDALE, Rafael Fernando, 77, of



Dorchester. Son of the late William and Carmen Crosdale. He leaves his brother Luis Crosdale and sister Debora Crosdale; along with nieces and nephews.



DAMIGELLA, Patricia A. (Moore), 88, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Salvatore Damigella. Mother of Kevin Malone and his wife Nancy of Quincy, and Maribeth Jones and her husband Richard of Holbrook. Grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Patricia was the proud office manager for Boston Firefighters Local 718 IAFF for 50 years.

DEVENEY, Joan M. (Stevens), of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Joan was predeceased by her former husband, Paul F. Deveney, and is survived by her children: Steven Deveney of Fairhaven, Lynn Curry, and Mark Deveney of Mt. Pleasant, SC. Grandmother of 7. Joan was also a sister to the late John Stevens, Dorothy Stevens, Ma-



rie MacSwain, Barbara MacSwain and Evelyn Whittle. Joan is also survived by her sister-in-law Katherine Caladin.



DRAIN, Sheila (Holt), 67, of Milton, originally of Dorchester. She is survived by her sister Mary Ellen, her brother Tom (Sue); her three sons Sean (Kendra), Joseph (Elitza), and Stephen (Katie). Sheila was predeceased by her brother Stephen; her parents, Mary and Alfred: and her husband, Dennis. Sheila was a special needs teacher in the Boston Public Schools for 27 years. We kindly ask that you consider making a small donation to the Special Olympics Massachusetts, a cause that was close to Sheila's heart.



GUILFOY, TheresaL.

(Bitetti), 83, of Dorchester.Wife of the late John E. Guilfoy. Mother of Christine Guilfoy of Dorchester, Susan Finneran of Rockland, and Catherine and her husband John McCormack of Pembroke. Grandmother of 7, and the late Taylor McCormack.



HORTON, Barbara (Ewert, Gill), 83, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. She was the daughter of the late Eileen and William Ewert. Barbara was predeceased by her sisters Eileen and Phyllis. Grandmother of 14, great grandmother of 5. Wife of Rodney Horton. Barbara was predeceased by her first husband, Joseph Gill. Mother of Karen Fitzpatrick and her husband Bill of Weymouth, Susan Gill-Hickey of Canton, Joanne Francis of Canton, Jean Gill Keegan and her husband Bill of Braintree, and Elizabeth Layden of Braintree. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews, extended family, and friends.Memorial contributions may be sent in Barbara's name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, (st-

JAKOWICKI, Feliksa (Ankiewicz), 99, of Dorchester, formerly of Poland. Wife of the late Wladyslaw Jakowicki. Mother of Danuta Radko of Dorchester. "Babcia" of Darek and his wife Aneta Radko of Dorchester. Proud great-grand-mother of 2. Sister of Veronika Russell of South



Boston, and the late Genevieve Pokornicka and Irena Jaworska. Feliksa is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and extended family in Poland.



LACEY, Arthur Lawrence Jr., 89, of Dorchester, formerly of Charlestown.Son of the late Aileen V. Kadara and Arthur Lawrence Lacev Sr. Husband of Mary (DiPietro) Lacey. Father of Angela M. Long and her husband Richard A. Long of Quincy, Michelle A. Lacey of Middletown, R.I. and Annette T. Lacey of Quincy. Also survived by his 2 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.



LYNCH, Brendan F., 80, of Scituate formerly of Dorchester. Son of Helena (Houlihan) and John Lynch of Ireland. He was preceded in death by his brother, John J. Lynch and his infant son, Timothy B. Lynch. Brendan is survived by his wife Rita (Moran) Lynch; children Kristina Lynch Dalicandro (Bill Dalicandro) of Scituate, Katie Lynch

Evans) of Wyoming, OH; and seven grandchildren. He served 6 years in the Yankee Division of the Massachusetts National Guard. MARINO, Corrine M., 95, of East Bridgewater, formerly of Dorchester, Quincy and South Boston. Wife of the late Guy Peter Marino. Daughter to the late Thomas and Dora McEvoy. Survived by her sons, Peter Marino and his wife Mary of

Amesbury, Guy Marino

and his wife Aileen of

East Bridgewater, and

John Marino and his wife

Marybeth of Attleboro;

her 5 grandchildren.

Corrine was a dedicated

switchboard operator for

US Steel, Foley Fish, and

Misra (Palash Misra) of Winchester, and Karen

Lynch Evans (Michael



MORSE, Concetta Mary (Arnao), 97, of Brockton, native of Dorchester. She was the daughter of the late Nicola and Josephine (D'Amico) Arnao. Mary was the wife of the late Robert E. Morse; mother of the late Robert and Mark Morse; grandmother of 1 and the late Dalton J. Morse; great-grandmother of 6; mother-in-law of Dawn George; sister of the late Frank, Harry, Peter, and Joseph Arnao; and an aunt of many nieces and nephews. Memorial gifts may be made to The Jimmy Fund (jimmyfund.



M. (Norton) "Patty", originally of Roslindale. Wife of Francis J. "Frank" Totten. Mother to Patrick F. Totten and his wife Kysha of Abington. Grandmother of 1. Patty was the daughter of Thomas and Marjorie Norton. She was sister to Margaret Norton of Roslindale, Kathleen Hollohan and her husband Peter of Woburn, Thomas Norton and his wife Judith of Andover, Paula Allen and her husband Anthony of Duxbury, and Timothy Norton and his wife Cynthia of Woodbury, NJ. Sister in law of Alfred Totten of Dorchester and Mary Anne Loomis and her husband Scott of E. Bridgewater. Also survived by many nieces

and nephews.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS 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 FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P2434EA ESTATE OF: FREDA M. MANNING DATE OF DEATH: 10/11/2019

Netition for Late and Limited Formal Test A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by James M. Manning of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: James M. Manning of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the hond in unsureryised 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 **01/04/2024**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by Inis is No I a nearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. I 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 profice to you nay be taken without further notice to you UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION

UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

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A Personal Representative appointed unde
the MUPC in an unsupervised administration
is not required to file an inventory or annua
accounts with the Court. Persons intereste
in the estate are entitled to notice regarding he 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

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First ustice of this Court.
Date: December 14, 2023

Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate Published: December 21, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL AD LIDICATION FORMAL ADJUDICATION POR DOCKET NO. SU23P2423EA ESTATE OF: CARL EARL BROWN DATE OF DEATH: 05/21/2019

A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Indoni ka Brown of Lexington, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and fo such other relief as requested in the Petition of Lexington, MA be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve o the bond in unsupervised administration.

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You have a right to object to this proceeding
To do so, you or your attorney must file a
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administration Witness, HON, BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 9, 2023

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SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
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Docket No. SU23D0230DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
YOLANDA ORTEGA
VS.

LEGAL NOTICE

ORLANDO SALOMON RODRIGUEZ To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has peen entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financia status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and equired to serve upon: Yolanda Ortega 7 Leslie St., #1, Boston, MA 02122 you inswer, if any, on or before 02/15/2024. f you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

ustice of this Court.
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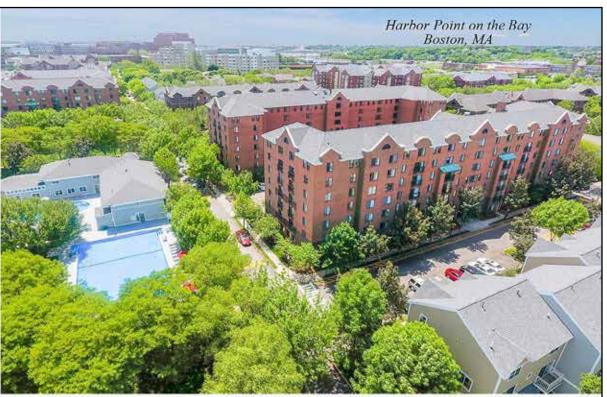
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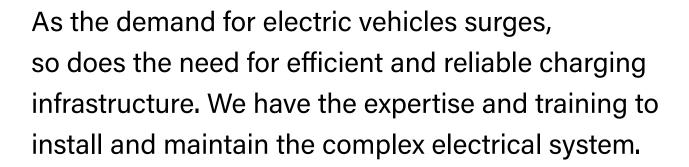
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