THE YEAR THAT WAS: 2017
A time of transition in a rapidly changing city

By Bill Forry

2017 was a year of rapid transition in Dorchester — some of it anticipated and for the better — like the newest link on the Neponset Greenway — and some of it unexpected and unwelcome, like the June fire that destroyed the six-story Treadmark building in Ashmont.

The new year will bring no let-up in the pace of change. Still, before we turn the page, it can be instructive to look back at the good, the bad, and everything in between.

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Thursday (28th) – Looking for a great way to spend winter school vacation week? Connect with incredible wildlife and spend a morning or afternoon in the wild with family and friends exploring Franklin Park Zoo. There will also be fun winter-themed activities, crafts, and games—be sure to bring your mitts to explore! Through Dec. 29, daily 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For ticket information, visit franklinparkzoo.org.

Saturday (30th) – Boston Baroque will present its fifth annual free community concert at the Strand Theatre at 2 p.m. The ensemble, which has been nominated for three Grammy awards, will present a program including Handel’s Gloria, Handel’s Water Music Suite in F, and Bach’s Brandenburg Concerto No. 1. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance online at bostonbaroque.org, by phone: 617-267-0100, or in person at bostonbaroque.org. Tickets are also available at the Uphams Corner branch of the Boston Public Library, at the Strand Theatre and online on the day of the concert, or at any Boston Public Library branch in Dorchester.

Saturday (6th) – Aquarius Reunion sponsors New Year’s Eve party at The Industry in Adams Corner features four-course meal, champagne toast and 2 a.m. close. Tickets $30. Table of ten $300. See aquariusreunion.com.

January (15th) – Take My Hand: 15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. The event consists of a sunrise concert, 7 p.m. at Symphony Hall, Boston. Cocktails and Hors d’oeuvres Pre-Reception at 5 p.m. To buy tickets, call 617-479-1347. Cocktails and Hors d’oeuvres Pre-Reception at 5 p.m. For ticket information, visit franklinparkzoo.org.

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When start times switch postponed, BPS community wants voices heard
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Four residents will join five other members to represent the Henderson on the Community Preservation Act (CPA) outlays. Officials expect that officials that “this wasn’t going to go away.”

Tena is joined by Ying Wang, a lifelong Bostonian, daughter of immigrants, and a lawyer at State Street Corp.; urban farmer Kannan Thiruvengadam, who has lived in Boston for 20 years; and Matthew Kiefer, a real estate development lawyer with a track record of working with non-profit organizations on their facilities planning and development.

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DINING ALA DORCHESTER: New eating options popped up across Dorchester in 2017. The Industry, below, replaced Sonny’s, a longtime fixture in Adams Corner, with cuisine created by executive chef Stephen Coo. “What we hear people saying mostly is that they’re happy to have something that’s different than everything else,” said owner David Arrowsmith. “You can get a downtown steak in Dorchester. Or you can get a flatbread. Stephen’s menu has something for all tastes.” In Lower Mills, Tianti Nayak, Danielle Ferrari, and Ken Casey, below left, opened Yellow. “I hear people saying mostly is that they’re happy to have something that’s different than everything else,” said owner David Arrowsmith. “You can get a downtown steak in Dorchester. Or you can get a flatbread. Stephen’s menu has something for all tastes.” In Lower Mills, Tianti Nayak, Danielle Ferrari, and Ken Casey, below left, opened Yellow.

IN BETWEEN

Movement on Columbia Point: In a Dec. 28, 2016, story headlined “Ten Stories to Watch in the New Year,” the Reporter anticipated that the “biggest headlines in 2017 could be generated by the machinations of the powerful interests still circling Dorchester’s Columbia Point neighborhood.” How true it turned out to be.

The Kraft Group then posted the release of a deal to build a soccer and concert venue— who had been quietly negotiating a deal to build a soccer and concert venue— who had been quietly negotiating a deal to build a soccer and concert venue— who had been quietly negotiating a deal to build a soccer and concert venue— who had been quietly negotiating a deal to build a soccer and concert venue— who had been quietly negotiating a deal to build a soccer and concert venue— who had been quietly negotiating a deal to build a soccer and concert venue

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• A June 28 fire destroyed much of the almost-finished Treadmark building— which the Dorchester community a tough blow, particularly for people who were about to move into one of the 83 units. What made up a mix of 32 condominiums and 51 affordable apartments. The fire hit one day before the Boston Fire Department was scheduled to do a final sprinkler system check. A faulty exhaust pipe connected to a basement generator ignited flammable materials on the rooftop, sparking a blaze that burned for almost 16 hours, according to fire officials.

Trinity Financial, Inc. plans to rebuild the mixed-use structure, calling it “Treadmark 2.0,” and is on track for completion next November. Anchor tenant American Provisions, an artisanal grocer, has said they still plan to occupy their retail space in the new Treadmark.

• Adams Corner businesses sidelined by fire: The Adams Corner eatery Blais’s Café, along with the popular PS Gourmet coffee shop, were among the businesses closed after a fire struck the building at 756-762 Adams Street in September. The Boston Fire Department said that a newer caused extensive smoke damage estimated at more than $700,000. The business still has no word on when the businesses will re-open, leaving a big gap in the business district.

• End of an Era at Old Colony House: One of Morrissey Boulevard’s longtime landmarks shut its doors permanently last year. The Phillips Old Colony House and Freeport Tavern ceased operations on Jan. 15. Joseph Sammartino, president of the family-run company that owns the property, said that after 27 years of running the restaurant and function business, it was time for “a reinvention.” In May, the property officially went on the market. Its parking lot is currently being used to store cars from a nearby auto dealer.

• Motley era ends at UMass Boston: UMass Boston Chancellor Dr. J. Keith Motley stepped down from his post last summer amid a controversy about the campus’s fiscal stability. Motley, who served as chancellor for a decade, was replaced by former Bowdoin College president Barry Mills, who has since made clear his intention to leave at the end of this academic year. UMass Boston faces a $30 million deficit, a gap that Mills says is down to $18 million and will likely be no larger than $5 million by the end of the fiscal year. UMass President Marty Meehan and the UMass Board of Trustees have begun a search for a new chancellor.

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culture has grown in Dorchester.”

• BC High welcomes first female president: Grace Cotter Regan took charge as the first-ever woman president of Boston College High School on Morrissey Boulevard. Regan is the daughter of the school’s longtime football coach, Jim Cotter, a Savin Hill native. A West Roxbury resident, Regan most recently served as head of Boston College High School....
didn't seek to engage in a more public campaign to build support for the idea. While neither side ruled out a potential return to the table, by late summer the UMass Building Authority— which controls the 20-acre Bayside site— did what many observers and the Reporter had long called for: They issued a “Request for Information” appeal to the region’s development community, seeking to gauge interest in re-developing the site into an “oceanfront neighborhood” that could serve as a new gateway to UMass.

By October, we could report that 16 development firms had answered their call, although details of those responses have— unfortunately for the public interest— not yet been released.

Later in the year, we reported that the archdiocese of Boston hopes to redevelop the St. Christopher’s church property on Columbia Point into a complex that could include dorms intended to house students from the neighboring UMass Boston campus. The plan— described by church officials as in a “preliminary stage”— could include a new, freestanding church on the site, alongside one or two new dormitory buildings to house as many as 2,000 students, according to church sources.

* Boston Globe departs; new owner plans to reimagine site: The other Dorchester newspaper left the neighborhood in early summer, decamping to a shiny, new newsroom in the Financial District while leaving its 16.5-acre campus largely empty. By late fall, workers were busy junking the old printing equipment. The new owners, Nordblom Co., have shared their vision for redeveloping the site into a mix of high-tech manufacturing, robotics labs, and some retail— including a brewery/restaurant— in a plan that has been well-received by their closest neighbors in Savin Hill.

* Longtime Boston Street eatery changes hands: 24 Boston Street, a popular destination for three decades, was sold to a new owner late this year. Eric Aulenback, co-owner of three West Broadway restaurants in South Boston — Loco, Lincoln, and Capo— purchased the Polish Triangle property from Kevin Tyo, a pioneer in the Dot dining scene.

The restaurant went on the market earlier in the year for $2.5 million. The final sale price was not disclosed. The good news: the new owner intends to keep the restaurant open much as it has been over the years.

* Dot2Dot Café shuts its doors: A Dorchester Avenue staple of almost a decade, the Dot2Dot Cafe closed its doors on Fri, Aug. 18. Owner Karen Henry-Garrett thanked the community and friends in a heartfelt farewell Facebook post the following Monday, adding, “I am taking this opportunity to slow things down a little and to spend more time with my family.” The storefront re-opened as an Italian café — Caffe Zia Gianna — in late November.

As Christmas neared, the Vatican announced the death of 88-year-old Cardinal Bernard F. Law, the prelate whose actions as Boston’s archbishop in protecting priests instead of the people, young and old, whom they abused affected families in Dorchester and in neighborhoods far and wide over the course of decades in the last century. At left, Law greeting students at St. Gregory’s School in the 1980s. 

Freda Nolan, Dan Driscoll, Jean Hunt, and Jim Hunt, Jr. are shown outside the newly renamed Daniel Driscoll-Neposet Health Center.

The Harvest River Bridge that connects Milton and Mattapan sections of the Neponset Greenway is one of the many highlights of the trail’s extension, which opened to the public on May 25.

New tenant in old St. Greg’s High building: Neighborhood House Charter School’s Jahmeelah Bai-Grandson, principal of the high school, and Kate Scott, the executive director of NHCS, are shown outside the former St. Gregory’s High School building in Lower Mills last summer.
By Jennifer Smith

Here at the close of 2017, it is the most unsurprising of news hooks to note that the city is growing. But planning for that growth is still a scattershot process, even as the Walsh administration’s goal of 50,000 units of new housing by 2030 remains on track and major developments in Dorchester and Mattapan are slated to come online in the next few years.

On Columbia Point, there is a mix of non-binding master planning being held together by dogged civic groups; in Uphams Corner, an implementation effort is aligned with a 2030 vision for an energized arts community at a rejuvenated Strand Theatre and a new $18 million library; in Ashmont, the main street group is leading the planning; in Codman Square, a CDC is driving an effort at long-term visioning; and in Glover’s Corner, a Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) study is in play as a key element in a resident-driven neighborhood-wide game of zoning and unit-count whack-a-mole.

The year in development kicked off with Columbia Point still in an upsurge over the Kraft family’s proposed stadium for a prime swath of waterfront property; Community leaders and local elected officials publicly objected to private conversations between Robert Kraft, who owns the New England Patriots and the New England Revolution soccer team, and the University of Massachusetts Building Authority about building a 20,000-seat soccer stadium on the former Bayside Exposition Center site.

In the face of the strong pushback, the stadium plan was scrapped, but not before it ignited a conversation among community groups about the role of the 2011 Columbia Point Master Plan in any development discussions. UMass officials have said they made it clear to potential developers that construction on the Point must take prior community planning into account.

Beyond the campus, major developments were speckled across the neighborhood. The South Bay Town Center opened its first two buildings and welcomed its first few commercial tenants, one a major movie house – Dorchester’s first such venue in three decades – in late November. In December, the former Boston Globe headquarters property on Morrissey Boulevard changed hands as development partners NorthCoast and Alcion Ventures paid $81 million for the building and the land.

Of course, before new buildings go up, the dilapidated ones must go down. Demolition is kicking off, for example, on three properties at the corner of Savin Hill Avenue and Sydney Street that will clear the way for a new market, retail, and condominiums in place of the current Tom English’s bar and the neighborhood staple Dorchester Market. Farther south on the avenue, disused industrial buildings have been fenced off for demolition to help make way for the mixed-use Dot Block development.

The city’s planning gears are whirring around the Dot Block site. A Glover’s Corner study, which would guide the rezoning and rehashing of the stretch of avenue between Savin Hill and Fields Corner, suddenly became the subject of controversy in late November when neighborhood advocates disrupting a transit-focused meeting to demand better communication and protections for affordable housing.

In the midst of the year’s maneuvers, Hong Kong billionaire Gerald Chan brought his Dorchester investment portfolio up past the $40 million mark with his purchase of the Spire Printing site on Ray Street down the street from the old Russell Engineering site that he purchased in 2016. And this year he bought the land where Dot Block will rise, coming on as the project’s new investor. His plans for the Spire and Russell parcels remain unclear.

The normal pattern of civic associations weighing in, not always successfully, on development plans continued through 2017 with fruitless pushback against a 17-unit proposal in Savin Hill, a skeptical eye on plans for 57 condominiums at the former Molley funeral parlor in Lower Mills, and heavy opposition to plans to transform the tip of Port Norfolk into a sprawling wharf and marina project.

In Ashmont, the community’s long-term planning has taken a different tack. While the civic groups continue to plug along as they compile a variety of projects – including the rebuilding of the fire-gutted and demolished Treadmark and a 40-unit mixed-use building pitched for the Talbot Avenue home of an Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greater Ashmont Main Street is charting a proactive path toward development along the Dorchester Avenue corridor.

The main street group is cataloguing all of the properties in its district for historical significance and codifying the group’s position for the development of those parcels. They arranged for a traffic study along the Dorchester Avenue stretch, confident that the city will not dedicate significant planning resources in their territory.

Connecting either end of the neighborhoods, the transportation lines of Dorchester and Mattapan saw some twists and turns in 2017. Opposition to a proposed 12-unit mixed-use building at the long-awaited Morrissey Boulevard renovation has pushed the design phase back as planners redid the project to local civic groups.

Fairmount Line riders are on a bit of a rollercoaster with the service line. While the on-time rate for the 9.2-mile commuter rail route is now consistently excellent after an embarrassing late 2016, transit advocates pushed back unsuccessfully against a pilot program that will extend Fairmount Line service down to Foxborough. Meanwhile, Blue Hill Avenue station, the fourth and final promised new stop on the line that will connect Mattapan residents, is under construction.

Local officials explored some innovative solutions to the Fairmount’s long-time woes – it operates within city limits, but with the frequency of a commuter rail train – among them the possibility of running it more like a rapid-transit line. State Rep. Evandro Carvalho filed a bill for a two-year pilot for the F Line, and the city council passed a resolution in support of his bid. Mayor Martin Walsh and the MBTA took the pilot for a shorter amount of time and using trains already available to state guidelines from the MBTA.

Last spring, US Rep. Michael Capuano dedicated $83,000 of his campaign funds for a two-week free ridership trial for Fairmont riders only to see the trial cut off as construction on the new Mattapan station began to reroute riders by other transit.

The Mattapan High-Speed Trolleys gathered attention, with officials doubling down on their interest in keeping the cars up and running and the MBTA committing $5 million to a repair project that will keep the PCC fleet operational while a review of the line continues into 2018.

Movement around the trolley’s Mattapan terminus is starting to take shape. The city is in receipt of an ambitious plan to transform the T’s parking lot there into a development concentrating 185 homes, restaurants, and retail, and the MBTA committs to repairing a station to a four-year project.

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Connections that will clear the way for a new unit-count whack-a-mole.
In politics, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

By Jennifer Smith

The city wandered its way into 2017 reeling from Donald Trump’s election and gearing up for a mayoral challenge. Days before counter-inaugural presidential protests — one packed the Strand Theatre — took place across Boston, incumbent Mayor Martin Walsh, asserting that the city was “ready to soar,” laid out a dense package of first-term accomplishments being built down on education, a subject area that would dog his administration the rest of the year.

In a time of uncertainty, we will step forward with confidence in our values,” Walsh said. “With trust in government at an all-time low, we prove that government can work for all the people. At a time when cities must lead, Boston is the leader of cities.”

As to the mayoral election, Councillor Tito Jackson came out swinging in February citing one of the most vicious pursuits — the ill-fated 2016 City Council District One primary and the failed Oct. 2016 Citywide vote — and criticizing him on school spending. Throughout a combative but electorally unsurprising race, the councillor and the mayor diverged on their visions for the city’s growth, with Walsh winning another term in November by more than 30 points in a low turnout year.

Transformation was the word to describe what happened with the City Council during 2017. Three councillors dropped out — Jackson to pursue a mayoral run, Bill Linehan and Sal LaMattina retiring — clearing the way for three new faces. Ed Flynn, the former mayor’s son, took District 2, and Councillors-elect Kim Janey in District 3 and Lydia Edwards in District 4 brought the number of women on the council to a historic six. All incumbents seeking to keep their council seats did so.

And District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell is ready to set another historic precedent. With the unanimous support of her colleagues, she will be voted in on Jan. 1 as the first African-American woman to serve as council president.

Up on Beacon Hill, a scandal darkened the Golden Dome late in the year in the midst of a nationwide conversation on sexual assault and harassment by men in positions of power. Senate President Stanley Rosenberg stepped down from his post as an Senate investigation began into whether his husband, Bryon Hefner, had sexually harassed men working on Beacon Hill over the past few years. While majority leader Harriette Chandler will serve as president until the investigation concludes, four senators, including Dorchester’s Linda Dorcena Forry, have said they would pursue the president’s seat if it became available.

Former state Sen. Brian Joyce was arrested in early December and indicted on federal charges alleging that he collected about $1 million in bribes and kickbacks, which led him to launder through his law firm.

The year ended on a speculative note, with several things to ponder for the new year. A mysterious polling call went out to residents asking about at-large Councillor Ayanna Pressley potentially matching up against incumbent US Rep. Michael Capuano. While the councillor has not publicly confirmed interest in a run for the 7th Congressional District, Politico Massachusetts quoted a source close to her as saying she is “seriously considering” challenging the representative. If Pressley were to unseat Capuano, Bostonians would be left with an interesting addition to the city council roster to fill the void — fifth place at-large finisher and former state Rep. Althea Garrison.
Legislating equity in opportunity that will make our money work

BY MICHELLE WU AND AYANNA PRESSLEY

The power of the consumer is on full display during the holiday season when shoppers hardly ever focus on price alone, because gift-givers and deal-finders alike are increasingly picky. Buyers recognize that each purchase is not just an exchange of dollars for products, but also an affirmation of the businesses selling or producing the items. As elected officials, we believe that government must similarly make good in its role as spender to invest in the businesses that we want to see succeed. We are proud that Boston City Hall—through the efforts of the Mayor’s Office of Equity in Opportunity Development and the Boston City Council—has taken steps to codify equity with legislation opening up City contracting to businesses owned by people of color and women.

At the last meeting of the year, the Council voted to pass the ordinance we introduced to align public spending with the City’s goals to reduce income inequality and build wealth in our neighborhoods. Local government has a tremendous opportunity to harness its discretionary spending as a force for community economic development. In 2016, Boston’s city departments spent $379 million on goods such as office supplies, and another $318 million on services such as shoveling snow around city buildings. That’s nearly $700 million per year that should be put to work strengthening local businesses. And it’s entirely within our control.

The wealth gap continues to grow across our country, but Boston feels inequality particularly sharply. Our disparities are deeply and shamefully concentrated by race and zip code. As the Boston Globe recently detailed in its Spotlight series on racism, each of Boston’s power centers falls short of representing the diversity from which it was built. We can’t live up to our potential as a community or an economy when we are systematically putting up barriers to talent retention and employment in certain communities.

Boston’s new Ordinance on Equity in Opportunity for City Contracting aims to harness community economic development so that all communities can benefit from and contribute to the prosperity of our city. It works to codify our values, strengthen our policy tools, and measure our progress.

First, it mandates active outreach to businesses owned by people of color and women regarding City departments’ needs and contracting processes, requiring solicitation of bids from at least one women- or minority-owned business for all professional services contracts under $50,000.

Secondly, it requires all requests for proposals (RFPs) issued by the City to specifically include a rating of diversity and inclusion plans as key evaluation criteria. As much as every business wants to do the right thing, giving points for diversity and inclusion (or penalizing those who omit this) is what aligns bidders’ financial incentives with values.

Finally, it creates a quarterly reporting requirement so that the Mayor’s Office and City Council can track our progress and hold ourselves accountable.

Councillors Wu and Pressley.

In close partnership with Mayor Walsh’s Economic Inclusion & Equity agenda, we must continue to create pipelines for local residents and businesses owned by women and people of color. City government has an economic impact with every purchase and contract we make. We must put our money to work building opportunities and pathways for economic mobility in every neighborhood.

Opening up doors for Boston residents to find out about, and to win, city contracts will help grow local businesses and increase the opportunities for people of color and women to start up successful businesses ventures in our city.

But the benefits extend far beyond the businesses who win these contracts. We all benefit from greater economic mobility and diversity of perspective. We all win when pathways to prosperity exist in every neighborhood. We all win when Boston will be a city where people from every background feel welcome and empowered. Let’s exercise our power as consumers and constituents to shape a more equitable and prosperous future for Boston.

Michelle Wu and Ayanna Pressley are Boston City Councillors at Large.
By Jennifer Smith

Third time is apparently the charm. The Boston Globe’s former headquarters property on Morrissey Boulevard has been sold for $81 million to the Burlington-based development company Nordblom Co., in partnership with Boston real estate private equity firm Alcion Ventures.

“We’re excited about our purchase of 135 Morrissey Boulevard, the latest addition to our Boston portfolio,” said Og Hunnewell, a partner at Nordblom, in a statement Wednesday afternoon. “We look forward to working closely with our neighbors and the BPDA, to bring to life our vision of an urban innovation campus — where Boston’s businesses think bigger, act bolder, and move Boston’s ‘next’ economy forward.”

Located alongside Interstate 93 and near the MBTA’s Red Line JFK/UMass station, the sprawling 16.5-acre parcel “is an enduring icon in this exciting neighborhood of Boston,” the Nordblom release said.

Although Nordblom did not disclose the final price, filings with the Suffolk Registry of Deeds document an $81 million sale for the site from Boston Globe Properties LLC to a new 135 Morrissey Owner LLC. John Henry, who also owns the Boston Red Sox, purchased the Globe and associated properties from the New York Times Co. for $70 million in 2013.

Henry had been trying for some three years to sell the site, which had served as the Globe’s home since 1958. The newspaper moved its business and editorial staff downtown last summer. Nordblom was identified in August as the third bidder for the parcel, after two earlier offers fell apart for financing reasons, Globe officials have said previously.

The sale occurred slightly behind schedule. Nordblom officials told civic groups in early December that they expected to close on the site by mid-December. Alcion’s involvement was not disclosed at the time.

As presented to neighborhood groups and the city, Nordblom, which submitted a Letter of Intent to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) in November, plans to retain much of the old building’s shell, retrofitting its spacious interior for a mix of industrial, technology, lab, and office uses. They also pitched a possible food or craft brewery component, as well as improvements to nearby Patton’s Cove.

An Impact Advisory Group is being formed through the BPDA and is expected to be finalized in the next few weeks, spokesman Bonnie McGilpin said on Wednesday. Public meetings on the development will begin early next month.

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The Globe in its early days on Morrissey Boulevard.

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Globe’s Dot property is sold; developer partners pay $81m

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Community Conversation will be an opportunity for residents and neighborhood stakeholders to plan ways to better plan together and shape the upcoming conversations about PLAN Glover’s Corner. The meeting will allow the Greater Boston Planning Agency (BPDA) and community partners to discuss ideas for Glover’s Corner area and educate neighborhoods for community engagement.

The BPDA intends to offer an opportunity to members the future of Glover’s Corner. In close partnership with the community, we will explore ideas and where to go next: planning, planning, and more planning.

Refreshments from a local business will be provided. Interpretation and an ASL interpreter will be provided in Vietnamese and Cape Verdean Creole.

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh's second mayoral inauguration and the swearing-in of the new Boston City Council will take place on Monday, January 1 at 10 a.m. at the Cutler Majestic Theatre in Boston. Former Vice President Joe Biden will preside at the swearing-in ceremony, followed by Mayor Walsh's inaugural address. The event will be live-streamed at cityofboston.gov.

New Year's Eve Celebration at the Industry
The Industry in Adams Village hosts a New Year's Eve Celebration on Sun., Dec. 31 with a four-course meal, champagne toast and 2 a.m. close. Advance purchase required. Tickets on sale now at 617-997-9010 or theindustryonadams.com.

Winter Farmers Market in Codman Square
Every Saturday from January 27 to March 31st from 10-1 p.m. at The Great Hall in Codman Square, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester, MA. Free admission. For updates and further information, check out their Facebook at dorchesterwinterfarmersmarket and Twitter @dorchesterwfm.

Swing into Christmas: Jazz Sounds of the Season
St. Ann-St. Brendan collaborative Christmas social on Sat., Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. Join Father Patrick Fiorillo, Allyn McCourt and friends for a festive evening of Jazzy Christmas tunes in the holiday-transformed St. Brendan’s Jazz Club (Fr. Lane Hall). Free admission and cash bar.

Free Concert at the Strand on Dec. 30
Boston Baroque will present its fifth annual free community concert at the Strand Theatre on Saturday, December 30 at 2 p.m. The ensemble, which has won three Grammy awards, will perform a program including Handel’s Gloria, Handel's Water Music Suite in F, and Bach’s Brandenburg Concerto No. 1. The concert will be led by widely acclaimed conductor Martin Pearlman and will feature emerging star soprano vocalist Mary Wilson. Tickets are free but must be reserved in advance online at bostonbaroque.org, by phone at 617-987-8600, or by email at boxoffice@bostonbaroque.org. Tickets are also available at the Uphams Corner branch of the Boston Public Library, at the Strand Theatre box office on the day of the concert, or at any Boston Public Library branch in Dorchester.

Donate Your Old Winter Coats for Coats for Kids
Now through Sun., January 7, Standish Village Assisted Living, 1190 Adams St., Dorchester is serving as a drop-off site for the Coats for Kids fundraiser. Accepted items include warm, winter coats for adults or children, which can be slightly used or new. We are especially looking for pre-K and XL sizes. Anton’s Cleaners will be cleaning all donated coats free of charge and distributing them through Coats for Kids’ Distribution Partners Network. When you drop off your donation at Standish Village, stay for a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate!

In recognition of the historic election of seven black women to political office in Massachusetts, law firm Holland & Knight hosted the winners at a celebration on December 12 in its Boston office. Prominent leaders from the business community, civic and non-profit organizations joined in honoring the significant accomplishment. Holland & Knight executive partner Steven Wright along with event co-host Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, hailed the election as a true game-changer for the city of Boston. Pictured (back row, from the left: Boston City Councillor-at-large Ayanna Pressley, District 7 City Councillor Kim Janey, Mass Women’s Political Caucus President Gail Jackson-Blount, Framingham Mayor-elect Yvonne Spicer, Methuen City Councillor Eunice Ziegler and Senator Forry. Seated, from the left: District 1 City Councillor Lydia Edwards, Boston City Council President-elect Andrea Campbell, and Randolph Town Councillor at large Natacha Clerger.
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Dorchester violinist earns a steady gig at Gardner Museum

Gardner Museum’s Neighborhood Salons, a series meant to highlight local talent who use their work to engage with the community. Knowles calls his collaboration with the museum one of the best artistic experiences of his life. “It’s been so amazing for me,” says Knowles. “They genuinely treat you as an artist and give you creative space and opportunities to experiment with your work. It’s really refreshing.”

One of Knowles’s favorite spaces at the Gardner is the courtyard garden, where he often sets up his violin and an array of looping and delay pedals to craft spacey, ethereal soundscapes. “They are completely trusting in our creative input and output. And that’s really rare.”

When Josh isn’t performing at the museum, he’s teaching music. In addition to offering private lessons, Knowles teaches violin, guitar, voice, and piano at the Boston School of Music Arts in Dorchester. He is also an Artist and Composer-in-residence for Revolution of Hope, an orchestral program for inner-city youth based in Roxbury.

“I’ve been teaching there, writing music and arranging songs for them for four or five years now,” says Knowles. “It’s the best.”

Revolution of Hope is an after-school program founded by David France that provides string instruments and instruction to kids who otherwise wouldn’t have access to such things, whether due to familial financial constraints or limited school budgets. The program is based in the belief that music has therapeutic effects on children’s cognitive and behavioral development. Knowles says after witnessing such transformations himself, he bought into France’s vision.

“His whole outlook on teaching violin is very rigorous—he wants conservative level of training,” says Knowles. “It’s great witnessing the trajectory of different students. A lot of kids flourish in the really structured program, and it’s so cool to see.”

Outside of teaching, Josh is busy on the weekends too, playing gigs with his indie-rock band Nemes and Stringalong, a string duo in which he and cellist Aaron Fried spin contemporary interpretations of pop songs. However, Knowles collaboration with the Gardner museum as a luminary is set to continue for the foreseeable future. In an upcoming exhibit slated for early next year, Josh says he will improvise musically along with a series of morphing digital tapestries to form a kind of multimedia work of art. It’s these kind of innovative formats that Knowles says allow him to grow as an artist and create a meaningful end product.

“I’m just trying to send as effective healing vibes with my music as I can,” he says. “It has to be healing. In this climate especially as an artist, you’ve got to infuse some sort of positivity. And the Gardner gives such a great platform to do it.”

5 Ways to check on Mom’s well-being this holiday season.

- **Give a Hug** Do you notice weight changes, increased frailty?
- **Observe Her Social Life** Are there signs of active friendships or isolation?
- **Open the Medicine Cabinet** Is Mom taking her medications as prescribed?
- **Check the Mail** Look for unopened mail or unpaid bills
- **Insect the Kitchen** Look for expired food and broken appliances

Use this checklist to look for warning signs during your holiday visits. If your mom isn’t doing well at home alone, Compass on the Bay or Standish Villages may be the perfect solution. We offer an innovative enriching approach to senior living and Alzheimer’s care.
Massachusetts was ranked the healthiest state in the United States on Tuesday in a report that evaluated states based on 35 metrics. The America’s Health Rankings report said the adult smoking rate in Massachusetts decreased from 18.2 percent to 13.6 percent in the past five years, and ranked the Bay State fifth in percentage of adult smokers. Massachusetts can be a leader again in fighting tobacco and make the next generation smoke-free, but Massachusetts needs to keep doing its part to help us achieve these goals. Raising the state’s tobacco age to 21 would be an excellent step forward.”

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids backs a bill that would increase the tobacco-buying age three years to 21, a step already taken by more than 150 of the state’s 351 cities and towns.
New citizenship classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays starting this month at Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston. Call 617-268-1912.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library’s free Homework Help program is underway offering free after-school help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30–5:30 p.m., is open to students in grades 5–12. After-school registration required. Boston Teacher’s Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4–6 p.m. for students in grades K–12. Visit bpl.org/homework.

POLICE DISTRICT C-11

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APPLE GROVE ASSOCIATION

The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. at 1155 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

ASHMONT-ADAMS ASSOCIATION

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Fredericka Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@comcast.net. For info, see dorchesternorth.org.

BOSTON METRO TEXTILES

For info, contact Terri Herrmann at 617-236-9600 or terri@bostonmetro.com. www.bostonmetro.com

JONES HILL ASSOCIATION

Next meeting: Jan. 11. Please refer to the JHA website at joneshill.com for additional information and feel free to contact me or the Association Officers and phone to DUNAs-sociation@gmail.com or 617-901-4919.

FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOCIATION

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

STREETS

The association meets the third Thurs. of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Mattapan Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan, on Mondays 6:30 p.m., for those living on and near Cummins Highway. For more info on dates, contact 617-791-7359 or 617-202-1021.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorches- ter North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@ gmail.com.

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Sports donation helps the cause at Mattahunt Center

GEICO and Good Sports teamed up last week to present a donation of athletic equipment to the BCYF Mattahunt Community Center in Mattapan, part of the Boston Centers for Youth & Families. This donation, valued at more than $17,000, features a variety of equipment, including basketball uniforms, basketballs, soccer balls, baseball gloves and batting helmets, volleyballs, knee pads, and general recreation and strength training equipment. This donation will help the center to boost its athletic programming and support its introduction of a new exercise and strength-training program for teenage boys and girls in the area. “The BCYF Mattahunt Community Center is providing a wonderful service for the children of Boston, and we are excited to provide this donation of new equipment and apparel to them,” says Christy Keswix, Chief Operating Officer and Co-Founder of Good Sports. “This donation is made possible by the continued support of GEICO, and we cannot thank them enough for helping us facilitate this donation.” This year, the BCYF Mattahunt Community Center is looking to increase program enrollment across the board. Administration is also aiming to launch new opportunities for youth, including pee wee basketball, soccer and softball games, as well as their new exercise and strength training program for local teens.

## REPORTER’S CALENDAR

**Thursday, Dec.28**

- Looking for a great way to spend winter school vacation week? Connect with incredible wildlife and spend a memorable day with family and friends exploring Franklin Park Zoo. There will also be fun winter-themed activities, crafts, zookeeper encounters and much more to explore! Through Dec. 29, daily 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. 
- For ticket information, visit franklingparkzoo.org

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- Boston Parks and Recreation Department public hearing at 10 a.m. reviews request to remove one red maple tree measuring 3” dbh (diameter at breast height) due to a proposed curb cut at 477 Talbot Avenue. The hearing will be held by the City of Boston’s Tree Warden (or designee) in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at 617-635-7275.
- Haitian Independence Day Gala at Lincoln’s, 6 Billings Rd., Randolph starts at 7 p.m. The annual event includes dinner, dancing and awards ceremony. Gov. Charlie Baker will be honored. Tickets ($85) call 617-417-8421 or email unity@hauinc.org.
- Organized by Haitian Americans United, Inc.
- Aquarium Reunion party featuring The Sugar Hill Gang at Pleasant Hall, 35 Hall St., Dorchester, 7-11:30 p.m. Tickets $30. Table of ten $300. See aquarium-reunion.com for tickets.

**Saturday, Jan. 13**

- Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition sponsor a snow shoe excursion at the Boston Nature Center, 500 Walk Hill St., Mattapan from 3-4 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 15**

- The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast, the nation’s longest-running and Boston’s premier event dedicated to honoring the legacy of Dr. King, is held at Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in South Boston, 8 a.m. The event attracts an audience of Boston’s dignitaries, live inspirational music and an inspirational address from this year’s keynote speaker, Bakari Sellers, a CNN political analyst, lawyer, and activist. For tickets call AJ Williams Events at 617-267-2244 or see ajwilliams.com or mlkboston.

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Seasons Greetings. Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester wishes you a happy new year and we hope you are having a wonderful holiday season. Our members engaged a holiday party last Friday, where they had a special breakfast, made Santa hats, painted faces, made gingerbread houses, art projects, and more.

We also had a visit from District 35, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) and Henry Walsh, SEPTA made a generous donation of $10,000 to us. Thank you!

The club will be closed until January 2nd. Happy New Year!
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Sister died peacefully on December 13, 2017. A D’Youville Life and Wellness Community in Lowell, she was the daughter of Walter and Mary (Leonard) Hutchins, formerly of Fall River and the late Michael Castignetta & the late Kristin Bowen, Brian Bowen, Michael Castignetta & the late Edwin (Joyce) Muller. Sister of Deborah A. Muller and her husband Martin of Bedford, Michael E. Muller and his wife Priscilla, and the late James P. Muller. Aunt Cara McNamara and her husband Brendan Kelly of Salem, Kristine Muller and her husband Dan of Juneau, AK, Mary-Kate Reid and her husband Michael of Bedford, James McNamara of Washington, DC, Shawn Mullen of Dorchester and Michael Mullen of Braintree. Visiting hours Tuesday December 19th from 9:45 to 11 am at St. Joseph’s Church, 142 Dorchester Rd. Lt., followed by a funeral Mass at the Church at 11 am. Internment Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester. Donations in Linda’s memory may be made to Hospice of the South Shore, 30 Reservoir Park, Rockland, MA 02370.


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