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Boston Common at Christmastime.

Original painting by Vincent Crotty. See story Page 8.

## New gathering limits

Gov. Baker issued new Covid-related restrictions on Tuesday, among them, limits on indoor gatherings to 10 people and outdoor to 25 people. Mayor Walsh followed suit, with the directives effective Saturday. Page 13.

## Humphreys Street dreamers

The artists who populate the Humphreys Street Studios are on a mission: Finding a savior/developer who will let them keep their spaces on a patch of prime real estate in gentrifying Uphams Corner. They are hopeful. Page 10.

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# Rollins raises new questions about state drug lab case

By DEBORAH BECKER  
WBUR REPORTER

Another Massachusetts prosecutor is raising questions about the scope of the state’s investigation into the drug lab scandal involving the disgraced chemist Annie Dookhan.

Last week, Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins became the state’s second district attorney to challenge whether the investigation six years ago by the Office of the Inspector General had looked deep enough into what occurred at the Hinton drug lab in Boston. Dookhan pleaded guilty in 2013 to tampering with drug evidence there, and became one of the central characters in an embarrassing state criminal justice system saga that continues to play out in hearings today.

In a court filing related to a case before the office, Rollins questioned why the OIG’s probe did not review the work of Dookhan’s Hinton colleague, Della Saunders. Rollins said her office was conducting a review of Saunders’s work as part of the office’s case, and that it was also looking at the state’s investigation of the Hinton Lab.

“In addition to providing discovery, the Commonwealth will frankly assess whether a targeted investigation into Hinton Lab staff conduct was completed,” the filing stated.

The OIG’s 15-month-long investigation was conducted after Dookhan’s guilty plea and trial revealed she had tampered with evidence and faked testing drug samples. The OIG found Dookhan was the “sole bad actor” at the Hinton Lab. Tens of thousands of criminal cases were dismissed due to her misconduct.

Rollins’s court filing notes that Inspector General Glenn Cunha cited Dookhan’s high volume of testing as a “red flag” and asked why he did not therefore also look into Saunders. “Given Saunders’s prolific production numbers, coupled with the OIG’s concerns regarding similar production amongst other chemists, both of which mirrored Dookhan’s production numbers, the Commonwealth is reviewing the OIG materials to confirm that the investigation appropriately examined the conduct of Saunders and that Dookhan was indeed the Lab’s sole bad actor,” the filing reads.

The case that sparked Rollins’ review involves Justin Escobar, a man challenging his 2009 conviction on cocaine trafficking charges in which Saunders tested the evidence involved. Escobar’s challenge said the state never investigated Saunders during its review of misconduct at the Hinton lab.

“The fact that Saunders was the second-highest producing chemist in that lab should have raised questions,” said Escobar’s attorney, James McKenna. “The primary conclusion from the OIG investigation was that it was only Dookhan, but the investigation itself mentioned there were widespread problems at that lab, and there was no further investigation. I welcome DA Rollins’s review.”



A rendering supplied by TLee Development shows the look of 1463-1469 Dot Ave.

## BPDA board approves two Dot Ave projects

By BILL FORRY  
EDITOR

Two Dorchester Avenue housing development projects won approval from the Boston Planning & Development (BPDA) Board of Directors at its final meeting of the year 2020 last Thursday. Along with eight other projects greenlighted by the board last week, the total new developments approved in this calendar year amounts to nearly 16 million square feet in total.

The first of the two Dorchester projects to win approval is a 36 unit complex at the corner of Dot Ave and King Street, which includes two buildings on either corner of King. The proponents of 1700-1710 Dorchester Avenue say the project will include five income-restricted



1700 Dot Ave. Courtesy Shipway Development LLC

units and will create 35 construction jobs, along with \$75,000 in community benefits.

The two newly-approved, four-story buildings include 1700 Dorchester Ave., “a mixed-use building with 25 rental units, a commercial use space, 12 garage parking spaces and 30 bicycle storage spaces.” The second building will house 11 condos with, 8 garage parking spaces and 18 bicycle storage spaces. The development team— Shipway Development LLC— that is building

the two structures is led by Patrick Mahoney, Michael Moore, Seamus Moore, and Patrick Costello.

Closer to Fields Corner, the second project approved last week is a mixed use building at the corner of Charles Street near the MBTA Red Line station on a parcel that for many years was home to Gallagher Insurance Co. The site— 1463-1469 Dorchester Ave. will be cleared for a five-story, 20,275 sq. ft. building that will house 29 Compact Living residential units. Four of the units

will be classified as “income-restricted.”

According to a BPDA statement last week: “All of the units will be compliant with the City’s Compact Living Policy, which aims to increase options for housing in response to growing demand, promote sustainable development, encourage innovation and creative design solutions, and minimize potential traffic resulting from increased density.” While there are no vehicle parking spaces, there will be 30 bicycle parking spaces. A ground-floor, 1,360 sq. ft. retail space will also be built-out in the project. The developer on the project, Travis Lee of TLee Development LLC— is a co-founder of Fields Corner Business and the Dorchester Brewing Company on Massachusetts Avenue.

## Police, Courts & Fire

Boston Police are investigating an apparent homicide this week after a man was found unconscious and “suffering from an apparent laceration” near the South Bay Mall on Saturday morning. The victim was located in the area of 15 Jan Karski Way in Dorchester around 8:40 a.m. He was transported to a Boston hospital where he was declared dead. Police are asking for anyone with information to contact detectives at 617-343-4470.

Boston Police arrested a 20-year-old Boston man for illegal gun possession during a traffic stop in Savin Hill on Saturday afternoon. Officers assigned to the Youth Violence Task Force report that Angelo Ribiero was operating a car that they pulled over at Pleasant Street and Savin Hill Avenue just after 3 p.m. Police say Ribiero was trying to conceal a weapon – later found to be a loaded 9mm handgun – in his pants pocket. He was charged with carrying a loaded,

unlicensed gun and for a window tint violation.

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A dispute over a parking space on Saturday morning led to a fire-arms arrest, according to Boston Police, who were called to Fermoy Heights Avenue just before 2 a.m. for a report of a “person with a gun.” Two victims reported that a man in an SUV brandished a silver revolver at them when they challenged the occupants of the vehicle for taking their parking spot.

Armed with a description of the car and the suspects, police spotted the vehicle on Blue Hill Avenue and pulled it over on American Legion Highway. “An investigation revealed a silver revolver underneath the front passenger seat. The firearm, a Colt .38 Special was loaded with (4) live rounds in the chamber,” police reported. One of the passengers— 22-year-old Ezekiel Tejada of Dorchester— has been charged with the alleged gun offense.

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**Boston Harbor Now Sculpture Stroll—** Boston Harbor Now will sponsor a Sculpture Stroll on Tues., Dec. 31 from 1 p.m.- dusk on Boston’s waterfront. Count down to 2021 with over a dozen ice sculptures hosted by businesses and cultural sites across the waterfront. Learn more at [bostonharbornow.org/NYE](http://bostonharbornow.org/NYE).

**Fuel assistance available—** ABCD urges low-income individuals and families who are struggling to get by to apply for home heating assistance. To keep everyone safe during the pandemic, ABCD fuel assistance staff

members are taking most applications over the phone by calling 617-357-6012. A fuel assistance staff member will take down application information and explain how to provide needed documentation, including mailing it, leaving it in a drop-box at ABCD headquarters, photographing and sending from their phones and other options. Applicants can go to [bostonabcd.org](http://bostonabcd.org) for more info. There is a wide range of eligibility based on income and number of household members. Read the guidelines at [masscap.org](http://masscap.org). ABCD pays the household’s fuel vendor

directly. Right now the maximum fuel assistance benefit is \$875. Last year the top benefit was \$1,140.

**Free Saturday meter parking—** The City of Boston will provide two hours of free parking at the city’s 8,000 metered spaces on Saturdays during the holiday season. The program began on Nov. 28 and runs through Dec. 26. While payment at meters will not be required on these five days, the time limit on the meters will be in effect.

**Covid-19 tests, Flu vaccine at Russell Auditorium—** The Codman Square Health Center is offering Covid-19 testing

and flu vaccines to the community by appointment at the Russell Auditorium, 70 Talbot Ave., Dorchester on Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.- 7 p.m.; alternating Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and on select Saturdays (Dec. 5 and 19) from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 617-822-8271 to schedule.

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# Georges takes oath, then seat on state’s High Court

By CHRIS LISINSKI  
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The ceremony to swear in Judge Serge Georges to the Supreme Judicial Court, like most events during the pandemic, was scaled back from the fanfare that accompanies such affairs.

But Georges, who wore a maroon Boston College Eagles facemask while taking the oath of office, still welcomed family and friends to mark the moment, including one former classmate from his undergraduate days who traveled all the way from Hawaii.

That friend, Robert Bruhl, wrote a letter of recommendation on Georges’s behalf that Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito described as “the best letter of recommendation I have ever read” — so good that Polito kept a folded-up copy in her pocket during Wednesday’s ceremony — detailing a bound, black journal that Georges gave as a gift 17 years ago to mark the birth of Bruhl’s first child. She read from the letter: “Be committed to this. If you were looking for someone to toe the line, he’s not your guy.”

Georges, a 50-year-old Boston Municipal Court judge, cruised through his nomination process, earning a unanimous

confirmation vote from the Governor’s Council. Before taking the oath, Georges repeated a pledge that he made to Gov. Baker and Polito earlier in the process.

“I know you didn’t put me here to do anything other than what I think is right, but I do want you all to remember what I said to you at the interview: I won’t let you down,” he said.

With Georges officially sworn in, the SJC is back up to full strength with seven members. The sudden death of Chief Justice Ralph Gants in September and the retirement this month of Justice Barbara Lenk contributed to a further reshuffling of a court that has undergone a full turnover during Baker’s years in office.

Georges joins Baker’s two other recent picks — Justice Kimberly Budd, who was elevated to chief justice, and Justice

Dalila Wendlandt — to complete the governor’s reshaping of the state’s highest court.

Georges, the son of Haitian immigrants, will be the third non-white member of the historically white panel alongside Wendlandt and Budd.

He also brings a unique perspective as a district court judge. Only a handful of SJC justices in the court’s lengthy history, including fellow current Justice David Lowy, have served on district courts before joining the high panel.

At his confirmation hearing, Georges said that experience will help tether key decisions to the impacts they will carry on the ground.

“We are thrilled that you applied and we’re very excited to see what kind of a path you cut over the course of your time in this critically important role at this very important moment




Justice Serge Georges (right) embraced Robert Bruhl who flew in from Hawaii to watch his friend be sworn in at the State House.

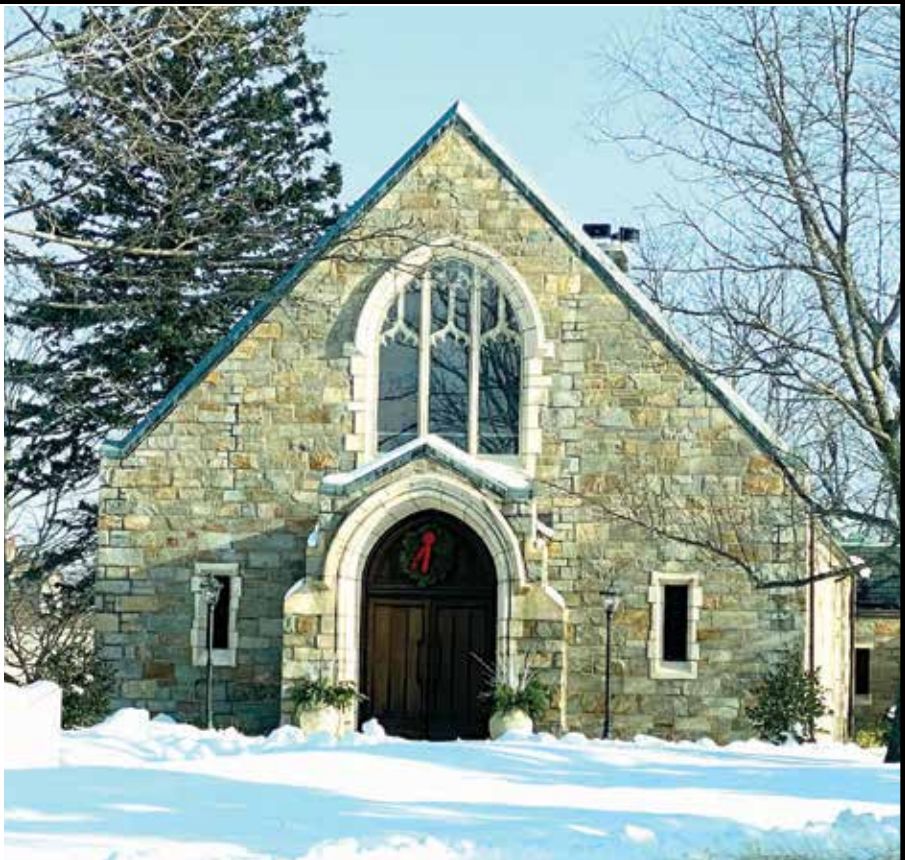
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in our state’s history,” Baker told Georges.

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# Council approves the new Police Accountability office

By **ALLY JARMANNING**  
**WBUR REPORTER**

Boston city councillors last week approved a new independent office that will investigate and provide oversight of the Boston Police Department.

The Office of Police Accountability and Transparency was recommended by the police reform task force convened by Mayor Walsh last summer. It will include a civilian review board and internal affairs oversight

panel that will investigate citizen complaints and internal police investigations. The watchdog office will have subpoena power to compel witnesses and documents, unlike other similar boards the city has tried.

All of the councillors except District 3's Frank Baker voted for the measure. Walsh will have to sign the ordinance for it to go into effect, though the council has a veto-proof majority.

After working through the summer, the task force made its recommendations in October, and Walsh said he would adopt all of them, from expanding the body camera program to all uniformed officers, to forming a new diversity and inclusion office in the department, and creating an online dashboard detailing department data, including use of force and deaths in custody.

The council was already weighing its own version of a citizen review board, and the ordinance voted on last Wednesday was a merger of the two, with the council pushing for a third member recom-

mended by councillors, and a youth delegate.

Councillor Andrea Campbell, who filed the council's ordinance, said that having a strong oversight board is a major step forward toward eliminating racial disparities in the city. "I have always said, this is not about individual officers," she said. "This is about transforming a system that from its inception has been biased and has disproportionately harmed Black and brown people in this country."

The civilian review board will also make disciplinary recommendations. The police commissioner will have the final say, but if he or she does not follow the recommendation, the commissioner will have to explain why.

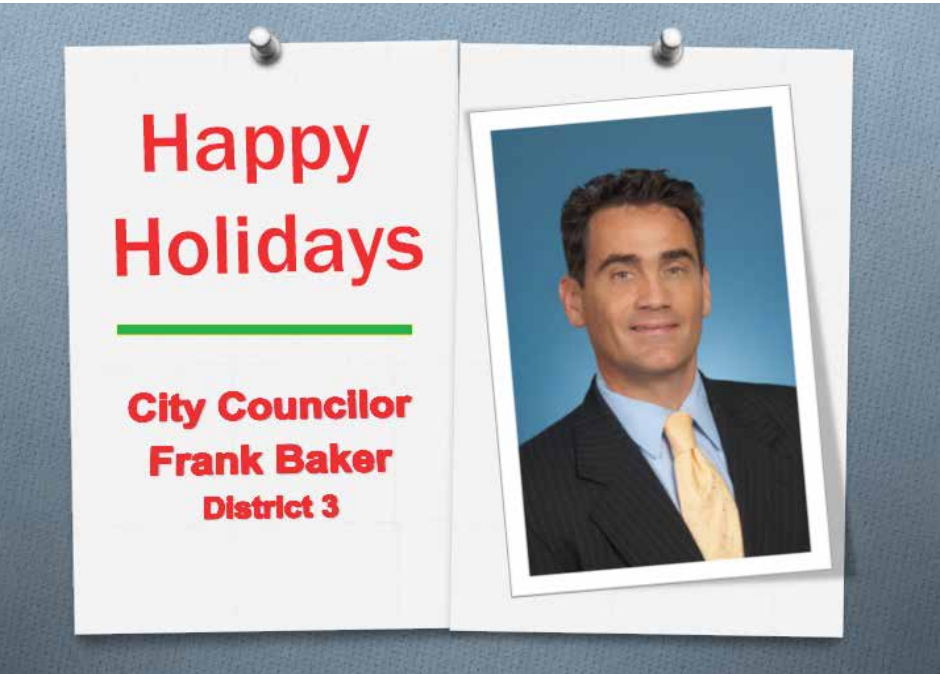
That is similar to how New York City's civilian review board operates. But a recent analysis by *The New York Times* found that the board is often overruled by the Police Department. In 71 percent of cases, the police department downgraded or rejected the highest level of discipline recommended by the police

oversight board. The leader of Boston's largest police union, the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, earlier bemoaned the lack of union representation on or involvement with the task force. (A sergeant and superintendent both served on the task force.) Officer Larry Calderone called it "disrespectful" that the union didn't have a seat at the table.

Calderone said his biggest issue was who would serve on the panels investigating police. Police want fellow law enforcement officers to oversee them, not civilians.

"It seems punitive to me," he told WBUR's *Radio Boston* in October. "It looks like there's an axe to grind ... from negative experiences with police officers. Undoubtedly, people have had negative experiences with police officers. However, that doesn't mean we should punish everyone and paint them with the same brush."

The city and police unions are currently negotiating a new contract. Some of the police reform recommendations, like expanding the body camera program, will have to be agreed to in collective bargaining.



## Halbert announces he's running again

By **KATIE TROJANO**  
**REPORTER STAFF**

Joining a growing field of city council hopefuls in next year's municipal election, David Halbert of Dorchester announced last week that he will again seek an at-large seat on the panel.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the support our campaign has seen so far. It's clear that our vision of greater representation and ambitious public policy makes our city stronger, more progressive, and more inclusive, which speaks to this unique moment in Boston's history," Halbert said in a statement.

If elected, Halbert, who says he has raised \$25,000 in campaign funds from grassroots supporters, would become the first Black man on the council since 2011, when Tito Jackson won a seat in a special election.

A number of candidates are now in the race for council seats, tantalizing targets now that two sitting councillors – At-large member Michelle Wu and District 4's Andrea Campbell – on the 13-member body have announced mayoral campaigns.

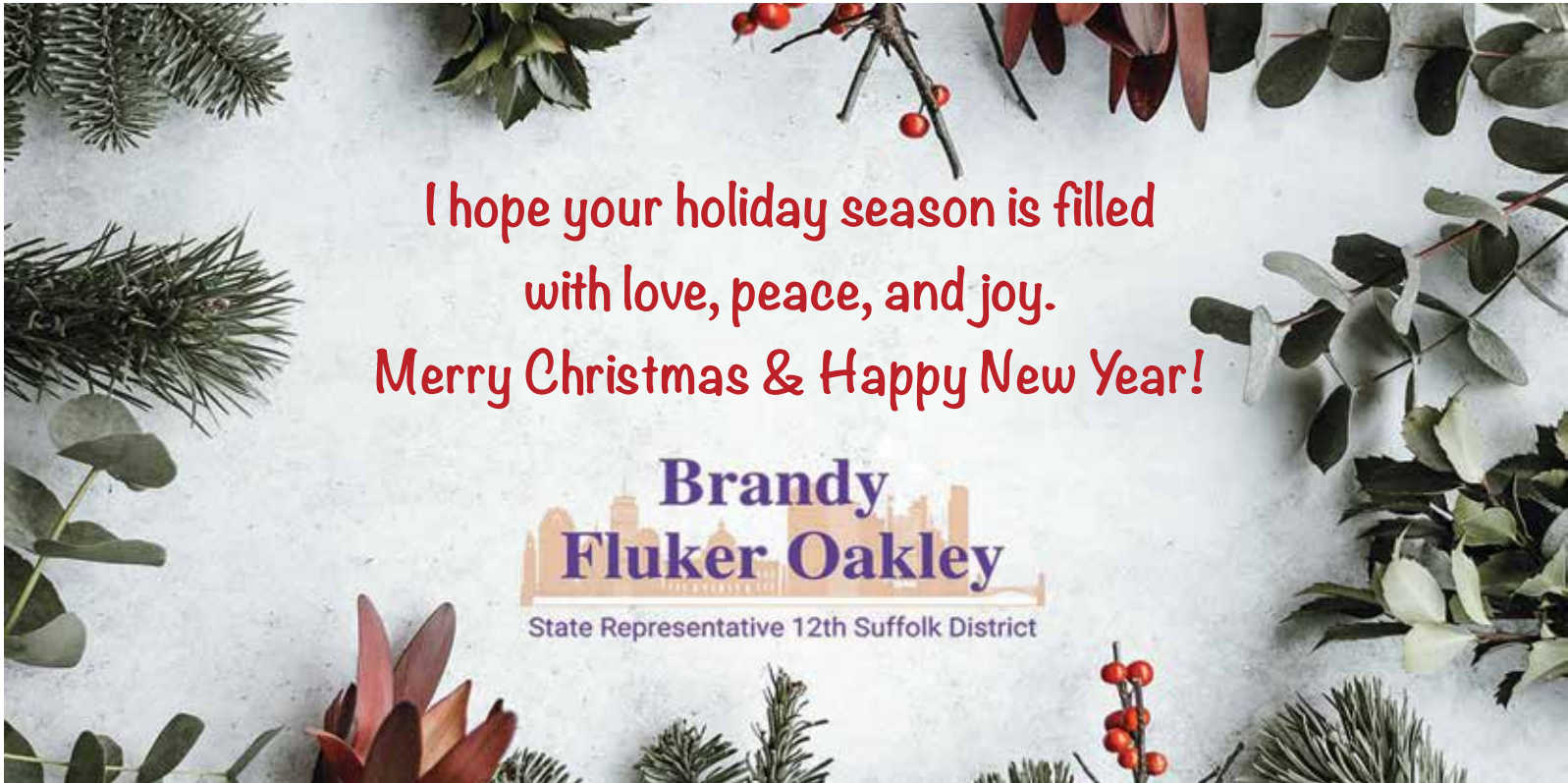
Other at-large incumbent councillors – Annissa Essaibi George, Michael Flaherty, and Julia Mejia, who was elected in 2019 with a margin of one vote – are expected to seek re-election.

Halbert, who worked for former Gov. Deval Patrick, currently sits on the boards of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, East Boston Main Streets, and the East Boston Project Advisory Committee (PierPAC).

Alex Gray, currently a policy analyst at City Hall, was the first to announce his campaign for a citywide council seat, doing so in early November. The 36-year-old Democrat from Jamaica Plain hopes to become Boston's first-ever blind elected official. He, too, previously served as an adviser to former Gov. Deval Patrick.

*Wishing You a Joyous and Safe Holiday Season, and a New Year filled with Hope and Happiness.*

– Mayor Martin J. Walsh









# At Boston Arts Academy, ‘full inclusion’ means exactly that – just ask Joe Gonzalez

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
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As an incoming freshman at Boston Arts Academy in 2003, Joe

Gonzalez didn’t know he was dyslexic. Growing up near the Dorchester/Mattapan border, his first language was Spanish until the age of five,

and his reading skills faltered in elementary and middle school. By the time he was accepted to BAA, he was still reading at a fifth-grade level.

“When I got to BAA freshman year, I was told you have trouble decoding words,” explained Gonzalez. “I started working with Ms. Keys, a reading specialist, and she took the time to break things down during a summer reading program. We worked on re-teaching my brain how to read from the beginning.”

At the time, Boston Arts Academy was the first high school in the city of Boston operating as a “full inclusion” school, offering comprehensive services to students with disabilities while also ensuring that they learn in regular classrooms alongside their peers. That model meant that Joe received specialized reading instruction and support while simultaneously learning basic word comprehension and studying philosophy in regular humanities classes.

“The only time I was separated from the regular classroom setting was during assessments or individual reading comprehension work

after school. That was important to me because I didn’t feel like I was excluded from what my classmates could do; I just got more time and attention in certain moments.”

Gonzalez said he wasn’t aware of full inclusion as an education strategy while he was at BAA, but in retrospect he sees how the method changed his approach to learning.

“Thinking back to my classes, for example, I was interested in philosophy. I had trouble reading, but that didn’t mean I couldn’t comprehend the ideas or participate in the discussions. To be included learning about Aristotle and Plato was really important...I never felt less than my peers.”

Gonzalez went on to earn a degree in fine arts from the Boston Conservatory, became a professional touring dancer, and then an adjunct professor teaching dance at Temple University, where he says his improved reading skills are vital in duties such as grant writing.

His success in overcoming his dyslexia with the help of BAA’s full inclusion model makes Gonzalez an “enormous

inspiration,” said Sean Curran, co-chair of the BAA Foundation Board.

“Joe’s story is a touchstone for all of our students. He’s such an accomplished person who’s gone on to achieve success in the world, and that lets young people who may struggle with dyslexia know there’s a path for them, too.”

Curran added that his having a sister with Down syndrome underscored for him the importance of specialized education for those with learning disabilities, which remains a key element at BAA.

Recently, Gonzalez was invited back to his alma mater as a guest artist to give a lesson to current BAA dance students, an experience he called “an honor.” He recalled a particularly memorable conversation he had with a student who was struggling to read.

“A student was reading off a power point, and I noticed how much he was struggling. I remember feeling that way, feeling almost embarrassed, so I had a conversation with him and let him know I understand, I was in the same boat and overcame it.”

Gonzalez made it a point in the lesson to emphasize that everyone is fluent in different “learning languages,” whether it be visual, auditory, or otherwise.



Joe Gonzalez  
Story is a “touchstone”

“I look at each dancer separately in the way that they’re learning,” he explained. “For me, I was fluent in dance, but not so much in reading or writing.”

Current BAA principal Anne Clark, who had Gonzalez as a student in her humanities class when she taught at the school years ago, said that attention to learning styles is a key part of success at BAA, where admission is audition-based rather than academic-based.

“One of the reasons that BAA is successful with full inclusion is because the conversation starts with recognition of the student’s strength. I think the reason we were successful with Joe and others is because students know that their gifts are appreciated; they’re not just viewed in terms of what they can’t do, they’re celebrated for what they can do.”

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# A Q&A with Kaitlin Passafaro

## She's the city's new director of Intergovernmental Relations

By KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

Earlier this month when Mayor Walsh announced the transition of several City Hall staff into new leadership positions in his administration, Kaitlin Passafaro, a lifelong Dorchester resident, was named director of the office of Intergovernmental Relations, which coordinates interactions between municipal, state, and federal governments, assists City departments with advocacy and prospecting for public and private grants, and helps determine the mayor's legislative agenda.

Passafaro, the daughter of former District 3 City Councillor Maureen Feeney, most recently served as director of policy in Walsh's Office of Economic Development. She began working at City Hall in 2010 as a correspondence and advance assistant in the mayor's office.

She is a graduate of Boston Latin School and holds a bachelor's degree from Boston College and a master's from Suffolk University.

Passafaro sat down for an interview with the Reporter last week. Excerpts from that discussion follow:

**Q.** How did you get involved in local government?

**A.** "I grew up in a very civically engaged family. My parents and grandparents grew up in Dorchester. From a very early age I was at Cedar Grove Civic Association meetings and working the polls for different candidates down at Florian Hall while covered in pins and bumper stickers. Both of my parents also spent their careers in public service, so for me it was something that was a very natural fit. When I graduated college, I wasn't entirely sure what I wanted to do but given my love for this city and how important it is to me, I knew that I wanted to go into government in some shape or form. I'm now 34 years old and City Hall is the only place I've ever worked post college. ... This is the city that I grew up in and that I'm raising my own family in. I feel like it's ingrained in me.

**Q.** You've worked as the mayor's liaison to the city council. What did you learn through facilitating that type of coordination?

**A.** "I came in feeling like I knew the city

so well. I know all the streets and I was familiar with the neighborhoods. But I was very fortunate because I was able to see it in different ways. I would visit neighborhoods that I knew, but hadn't spent a lot of time in. It was all so eye-opening to me and it gave me a very different perspective on the vibrancy of the city and how dynamic its neighborhoods are.

"I think I came into the job with an understanding of the different districts and an understanding of the council, and then also the dynamic of having a respect for the body, given that my mom spent so much of her time there and that it was a huge part of our life for so long. It was a little bit of a surreal moment to think I'm now in the hallways that I used to run around in as a kid when my mom was working, and I'm not lobbying, having conversations, and shaping policy."

"When I went into that role, I also got a new perspective, coming in from the executive branch side and working with the council."

**Q.** You moved on to work in state relations and then as the director of public policy in the Office of Economic Development. Can you talk a little bit about that evolution for you?

**A.** "I gained a lot of experience on the city side of things. I had a really good sense of municipal policies and the processes here, how things operate, and how to be a part of good government. State relations is similar to work with the council, but doing everything at that different level, working on filing the mayor's state legislative priorities and advocating for the city in terms of the budget and different policy areas."

"The transition to economic development was an interesting one because, having spent most of my career in intergovernmental relations where you're involved in a lot of different topics, going into a specific department and working on policy gave me another interesting perspective. It was really about diving in and seeing the policy being created and being part of the origin and the original conversation to come up with ideas and achieve the mayor's goals. I learned a ton under Chief John Barros; the work that

that department does is so incredibly important in lifting people up and creating a more equitable city."

**Q.** Are there any issues or goals that come to mind in terms of determining the upcoming legislative items for the city? How does that process work?

**A.** "The Legislature operates on a two-year session, and in normal circumstances it would've already ended at the end of last July. Because of Covid it has been extended until the end of the year. Right now we are in the process of working with every city department, taking an assessment of policy priorities for every department to determine what we need to get done at the state level in order to achieve Mayor Walsh's goals and then we release a packet of bills in January."

"We're kind of smack in the middle of that process right now. We work with legislators to get bills filed and it's something that the mayor takes a lot of pride in and that package is sort of his roadmap at the State House for the next two years."

**Q.** What kinds of things do you envision in partnership with state and federal programs,

especially coming out of the pandemic?

**A.** "Broadly speaking, I think the Mayor has been very clear on his advocacy to both state and the federal governments that we need relief now. Particularly in terms of economic development—our small businesses, restaurant sectors—there needs to be action now."

"The mayor has been very strong on advocating for that especially on the federal level. There are ongoing negotiations in D.C. now, and, quite frankly, we don't have time to wait. We're looking forward to the Biden-Harris administration and working with them but even in the interim we need something. I really think that coming out of Covid, we need to focus on peoples' livelihoods and how to protect them and our public health. There needs to be relief for our businesses and for people. Not enough has been done."

**Q.** With the pandemic forcing so many workplaces to pivot, what has it been like for you as you look for new ways to coordinate and get things done?

**A.** "I'm a big communicator and I'm also a people person. I thrive on running into people in hallways. A lot of things



Kaitlin Passafaro: A long history with City Hall

can get done when you just have those in-person conversations, just having lunch, or passing someone during the day. There's the challenge of that isolation as the pandemic goes on and just trying to figure out how to navigate that and maintain relationships and communication. On the bright side, it has given me some new skills and I've learned that things can get done in new ways. I'm realizing that flexibility is a good thing and can help you realize new goals."

**Q.** What are you the most excited about looking ahead?

**A.** "I'm excited and so incredibly honored that the mayor trusts me to do this work because it's so important. The policy work that we do at the city state and federal level has a tremendous impact on the daily lives of our residents. Municipal government is closest to the people and I'm really excited to be part of it; it's really humbling."

"I have two babies — one is 3-and-a-half, the

other 16 months — and part of my passion for this and working for the mayor is because he is prioritizing the right things and creating a city for them that is better than the one I grew up in. Feeling that I'm part of making a small change is such an incredible honor, and being a woman in this industry, I can't stress enough the relief it is to be a mother of two young children and to feel supported in that there's an understanding from top down of what it means to be a parent, particularly in the time of Covid."

"Not only does the mayor appreciate that, but he also lifts it up. He sees the value of having me at the table with my perspective, being a woman and being a mother. I've always felt that; it's such an incredible experience. But in transiting into this new role and having expanded responsibilities while feeling so supported and valued as a woman and a mother has been amazing."

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#### Happy Holidays

#### A recipe for the season: Dorchester Fudge

##### Ingredients

1 package (8 squares) Bakers semi-sweet chocolate, finely chopped;  
1/2 cup marshmallow topping;  
1/2 cup chopped nuts; or use 1 cup Baker's Angel Flake coconut;  
1/4 cup butter or margarine, at room temperature;  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla;  
1 1/2 cups sugar;  
2/3 cup evaporated milk.

##### Preparation

Place chocolate in a bowl with marshmallow topping, nuts, butter and vanilla, set aside ... Combine sugar and milk in 2-quart saucepan ... Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture comes to a full rolling boil ... Keep at full rolling boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly.

Carefully pour boiling sugar syrup over chocolate mixture and stir until chocolate is melted ... Pour into buttered 8-inch square pan ... Chill until firm, about 1 hour ... Cut into squares. Makes 1.5 pounds or about 3 dozen pieces. PS: Give the gift of history this holiday season. Membership categories for the Dorchester Historical Society: Individual Membership — \$25.; Family/Dual Membership — \$35; Sustaining Membership — \$100; Student/Senior Membership — \$15; Corporate Membership — \$150; Life Membership — \$500.

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Editorial



A painter in his workshop. *Ed Forry photo*

On Vincent Crotty, our cover artist

With this Christmas issue, we’re pleased to display on our front page an original work by the wonderful Cork-born artist Vincent Crotty. The Reporter newspapers commissioned Vincent to create in this time of social distancing an original painting of Christmas on Boston Common.

A resident of Lower Mills where he lives with his wife, the brilliant performer and Irish dance teacher Kieran Jordan, Vincent does his creative magic, day in and day out, in his backyard studio. One recent morning, I spoke by phone with him, but he had little time to chat, as he was about to do an online one-hour yoga class, and later remotely teach his own class in artistic technique to a student he has never personally met.

Both events – his yoga and his art class- are virtual events, carried out online. Since the pandemic settled in, Vincent the artist has had to become Vincent the technician, learning how to make Zoom video-casts work for him.

When he and his sister Ciara first emigrated from Kanturk, Co. Cork, 30 years ago, they were sign painters, and struggled to find enough work to make their living. But they found a welcoming community in Dorchester, where priests and parishioners had recently formed the Irish Pastoral Centre, a joint effort sponsored by the Catholic Church in Ireland and in Boston to assist newly arrived Irish emigrants.

While his sister returned home to Ireland 15 years ago, he has continued to live and work in his adopted home town of Dorchester, and many of his paintings are focused on scenes in and around the neighborhood.

In normal times, his paintings are exhibited and sold at art shows and at the Aisling Gallery, where one of his original signs still graces the front lawn of that popular Irish art and framing shop on Route 53 in Hingham. Aisling owners Maureen and John Connolly have been strong patrons of Vincent’s work, and a dozen or more “Vincent Crotty” are always on exhibit, and are quickly sold.

His oil paintings are now attracting national attention in the art world. This Thursday, Christmas Eve, Vincent will appear on Facebook and YouTube at noon in a special edition of “Live with Eric Rhoads.” The host is an internationally known art authority and publisher of Plein Air Magazine. His program is described by streamlineartvideo.com as “Premium art instruction tutorials on video by the world’s leading artists.”

– Ed Forry

To Donald J. Trump: Please click on the ‘leave’ button and exit our House

BY LAWRENCE S. DiCARA  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The electoral college is an anachronism and has been for some time. It is not necessarily representative of the nation as it has evolved in the past century. Nevertheless, it is established by the Constitution and well-intentioned people should not spend valuable time trying to do very much about it, given that so many smaller states benefit from their overweighted influence in the process that the likelihood of their voting to diminish their relevancy is quite limited.

Anyone who has been on a Zoom call understands that when the call is over, one must push the “Leave” button. Now that the electoral college will meet, it is time for Donald Trump to leave and to exit to his Elba along the Atlantic.

As we approach the meeting of electors in several states on Monday, it is valuable to review some of the other electoral adventures into which the country has wandered in the past 200 years, as well as to discuss the current reality/surreality.

In 1825, John Quincy Adams, perhaps the person more prepared for the presidency than anyone else – with Herbert Hoover and George H.W. Bush in contention for that designation – was able to secure election by the House of Representatives by agreeing to name Speaker of the US House Henry Clay as Secretary of State. Clay swung some of his votes to Adams and Adams became president. This also provided Andrew Jackson with the opening salvo of his very successful 1828 campaign.

History tells us that John Quincy Adams followed the model of his father by leaving Washington before his successor was sworn in. John Adams, of course, was not on speaking terms with Thomas Jefferson in 1800, even though they reconciled later in life, dying on the same day, although neither knew the other had passed away.

In 1876, there were different slates of electors presented for three southern states and a special commission was formed that seated the electors who voted for Rutherford B. Hayes, even though Samuel J. Tilden had received more votes. Although history usually highlights Hayes’s willingness to remove federal troops from the South, doing exactly that was part of the Democratic platform and Tilden would have done likewise had he been elected/chosen.

Then there are the so-called unfaithful electors. In 1960, the eight Mississippi electors voted for Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia, an ardent segregationist, but John F. Kennedy still had a sufficient margin to succeed.

In the 20th century, four presidents were defeated for re-election: Herbert Hoover in 1932, Gerald Ford in 1976, Jimmy Carter in 1980, and George H. W. Bush in 1992.

Hoover and Roosevelt had been friendly earlier in life – Roosevelt had even encouraged Hoover to seek the presidency - were hardly on speaking terms in 1932, but Hoover did not attempt to obstruct the orderly transition of power.

Gerald Ford, a good and decent man who probably spared the nation a continuation of our national nightmare by pardoning Richard Nixon and elim-

inating him from ongoing public discussion, was defeated in a very close election by Jimmy Carter [I believe 100,000 votes or so shifted in Ohio, Hawaii, and a couple of other states would have flipped the election] also cooperated.

Carter did likewise when Ronald Reagan beat him rather handily in 1980 [yes, Reagan even carried Massachusetts, primarily because of the third-party candidacy of John Anderson].

And of course, George H.W. Bush - the ultimate gentleman and statesman - after being handily dismissed in the three-party contest by Bill Clinton, in part because of the candidacy of Ross Perot – was especially gracious, as we would expect from someone of his background and education.

Now we come to 2020. The nation is on its knees as thousands die on a daily basis from an ongoing pandemic, yet Donald Trump has been acting like a pouting, shouting three-year-old who has been deprived of a favorite toy primarily because it is way past his bedtime. What a humiliation for our nation! Do people across the globe assume that all of us are like him? The antics he has undertaken in the past month have been laughable. Will a sign “Pardons for Sale” be constructed outside the White House?

His questioning of a free and fair election is reprehensible and dishonorable. Even Chris Christie called the conduct of the Trump legal team “a national embarrassment.” Trump’s knowledge of the law (except for the bankruptcy laws with which he is quite familiar) is absolutely zero. If you believe anything emerging from the mouth of the delusional Rudy Giuliani, the present example of the “paranoid style of American politics” of which Richard Hofstadter has written, then the Easter Bunny is likely to be visiting you soon. What a horrible representative of those of us who are lawyers, especially those who are older, balding Italian men!

A federal judge tossed out a lawsuit Trump’s campaign brought seeking to block the certification of the presidential election results in Pennsylvania. Judge Matthew Brann found that the lawsuit was both legally flawed and lacking in evidence: “This Court has been presented with strained legal arguments without merit and speculative accusations, unpled in the operative complaint and unsupported by evidence...In the United State of America, this cannot justify the disenfranchisement of a single voter, let alone all the voters of its sixth most populated stated. Our people, laws, and institutions demand more.”

Let us hope when the electoral college meets and the votes are counted and then certified by Congress early in the new year that Donald Trump will perhaps for the first time in his adult life think of something other than himself and remember, perhaps for the first time, Franklin D. Roosevelt’s advice that “the presidency is preeminently a place of moral leadership.”

Harvard Professor Robert Putnam’s recent volume speaks about how the nation has gone from being an “I” nation to a “we” nation and now an “I” nation once again. Certainly, Donald Trump is the poster child for one’s personal ego surpassing one’s duty to one’s country. It is time to for him to push the “leave” button.

A time to stay healthy in body and mind

BY DR. EDGARDO TREJO

We all hope the holidays will be a time of happiness, comfort, and harmony, yet often our anticipation and excitement can turn into feelings of stress, anxiety and or depression, on top of an array of demands.

This year, we have had some additional challenges along the way. You may be feeling extra stress, burnout and worry due to the pandemic and trying to brainstorm creative ways to still feel connected to loved ones during this time of year.

Here are some tips that might help you get through the holiday season smoothly.

- Have an attitude of gratitude and prioritize you. Make time for yourself to do the things you love to do around the holidays. Don’t abandon healthy habits and routines that make you feel good inside and out. Incorporate those activities into your days, even if it is for a short amount of time, and try to be consistent. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing, and restoring inner calm while also giving you a sense of purpose and hope.

- Decide upon your priorities and stick to them while still allowing yourself to find enjoyment and connection with loved ones during the holiday. Make time to stay healthy, maintain a normal sleep schedule, and exercise regularly while at the same time incorporating healthy food to your diet. Avoid excessive alcohol.

- Stay organized by creating a checklist and spacing out items that need to get done. Learn to say no.

Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed.

- Focus on what is in your control and be responsible for how you behave. Try to accept family members and friends as they are and set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. Try to be understanding if others get upset or distressed. We are all navigating this challenging time together, so chances are that others are feeling the effects of holiday stress and anxiety, too.

- Lastly, acknowledge your feelings and pay attention to your body’s needs. The holidays can bring up memories, emotions, and feelings that are sometimes unexpected. Seek out support through loved ones, the community, and or spiritual and professional affiliations. They can offer connection, support, and companionship. Even though your holiday plans may look different this year, you can still find ways to celebrate and feel connected while social distancing.

Some small ways to lift your spirits may be through simple acts of kindness, such as volunteering your time or doing something to help others, finding new ways to celebrate with loved ones such as virtual celebrations and traditions, homemade gift giving, and or driving around looking at Christmas lights.

This year, take control of the holidays. Don’t let the holidays become something you dread. Be proactive. With a little planning and some positive thinking, you can find peace and joy during this holiday season.

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**HELPING SANTA DELIVER** – Two local Dorchester-based unions – IBEW Local 103 and Pipefitters Local 537 – held toy drives this past week to help families facing hardship this holiday season. Local 537, represented by Business Manager Tom Kerr, to Santa Claus's left above, Marine veteran and Inside Guard Danny O'Brien, and Organizer Chris Brennan, collected an estimated \$20,000 worth of new toys for Toys for Tots, including Lego sets, games, dolls, and sports equipment. Local 103, represented by President Bob Sheehan, below, left, and Business Manager/ Financial Secretary Lou Antonellis, loaded "two truckloads" worth of new toys to the 7th Annual Friends of Mayor Martin J. Walsh Holiday Toy Drive.



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# Humphreys Street Studios artists have a dream, and, maybe, a savior

BY AMELIA MASON  
WBUR ARTS  
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On a warm day in early September, the Humphreys Street Studios in Dorchester bustle with activity. Jemuel Stephenson stands in a room overlooking a massive workshop, next to a stack of his laser-cut bamboo boxes. Patterned with bright, psychedelic swirls, they're deceptively simple, edges fit snugly together without nails or hinges.

"This one has a little twist and a pull right there," Stephenson says, picking up a box and giving the lid a deft spin. "And that's how that one opens."

The workshop is home to a number of creatives and entrepreneurs, whose makeshift studios line the edges of the space. Stephenson says the artists often work together, sharing tools and resources. He values that collaborative environment.

"It's huge, as far as being able to actually manufacture and actually produce and do the kind of business that we need to actually continue," Stephenson says.

Whether they'll be able to actually continue is a question. The studios, which are used by 35 artists, have been up for sale for about a year. The property at 11-13 Humphreys



The landmark chimney of the Humphrey Street Studios near Uphams Corner. Robin Lubbock/WBUR photos

Street is prime real estate in gentrifying Uphams Corner, and the tenants fear that once it's bought, they'll lose their studios.

Sculptor Nora Valdez says if she has to leave Humphreys Street, she probably won't be able to work in the city. She sculpts primarily in stone and carves on the patio behind her studio to avoid filling the interior space with dust.

"The problem is, when you find space in the city, you may have windows, but it will go to

somebody's yard," she says. "They're not going to be very happy."

Valdez's studio mate, the sculptor Gillian Christy, has a similar problem — it's not easy, she says, to find studios that can accommodate the heavy industrial equipment she uses to make huge, twisty stainless-steel sculptures. The two artists pay \$1,045 a month for their space, or \$11 per square foot. That's significantly less than the going rate, according to Christy. A

similar-sized studio in the area would cost \$500 to \$700 more than what they pay now. "You can imagine moving is an increase in rent, but that's such a substantial jump," Christy says.

Low rents have been part of the design of the Humphreys Street Studios since they were bought in 2001 by the sculptor Joe Wheelwright and a wood carver named Neal Widett, whose handmade signs can still be found above storefronts all over the city.

"Neil and Joe's goal was never to be empty, so they kept the rents very, very reasonable," says James Cooper, one of the owners of the property. Cooper, along with another partner, helped Wheelwright and Widett purchase the building, an old dry-cleaning facility built in 1899. An underground oil tank that fueled the facility's garment steamers had leaked into the soil, leaving it too toxic to allow people to live full time on the property. But the massive buildings were perfect for artists to work in.

"It was just a spectacular colony of people there," Cooper says. "Every year they'd have an open house, and it was always packed. The artwork was unbelievable."

Wheelwright and Widett both passed away in recent years, and Cooper and the remaining owners decided to sell the property. It was appraised at \$3.1 million, an astronomical jump from the \$100,000 Cooper says the partners paid 20 years ago.

But the place has been hard to sell, likely due to the soil contamination. While it sat on the market, the artist tenants organized. They've been in close contact with several city departments, and the Office of Arts & Culture agreed to pay for a feasibility study of the property to figure out how the studios might be preserved.

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The artists believe their best chance of survival is to find a developer who would agree to allow them to stay. Their search led them to New Atlantic, a mission-driven developer with a long track record of preserving cultural spaces in Boston, like the Midway Artist Studios in Fort Point and the Brookside Artist Studios in Jamaica Plain.

For those projects, New Atlantic was able to take advantage of subsidies for live-work artist spaces. That’s not an option at Humphreys Street, whose artists don’t live in their studios. But New Atlantic sees an opportunity in the property’s empty back lot.

“If we can develop, say, a 20- to 30-unit housing project back there, that could help subsidize the work studios,” says New Atlantic owner Bill Hardy.



**Jem Stephenson, a digital fabricator and creator of AVNCI (A Very Nice Creation Indeed) at Humphreys Street Studios.**

With the help of another developer, Hardy hopes to buy the property, build residential units on the back lot and create a nonprofit to take ownership of the studios. The nonprofit’s board would consist of artist tenants and developer owners, a structure New Atlantic has had success with in the past. “That’s what I’m trying to figure out how to do here at Humphreys, is get ownership of the building itself into the hands of the tenants and maintain its current use,” Hardy says.

It’s strange to think that a for-profit developer may be the savior of the Humphreys Street Studios. But Hardy cautions against looking to the market to save artists. It would be better, he says,

if the city subsidized commercial studios like Humphreys.

“I’ve looked at a number of buildings that we just couldn’t figure it out, and it was lost,” he says. “I would like to see a program in in the city’s economic development center or within the Office of Arts & Culture where they actually have funds to put into these properties.”

Still, New Atlantic is probably the artists’ best bet. And Hardy is determined to make it work. “Once you start to meet people, you get invested, you know?” he says.

A lot needs to go right for the project to succeed. Hardy submitted a proposal to conduct the city-funded feasibility study. He also hopes to find a way to deal with the contaminated soil. The company also needs to raise enough money to get in the ballpark of the property’s \$3.5 million asking price.

In the meantime, the artists are exploring other options, like historic preservation. And they wait, and they hope.

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**The woodwork shop at the Humphreys Street Studios.**




**Sculptor Nora Valdez with “Singing Birds” at her workshop at Humphreys Street Studios in Dorchester, Mass.**  
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# Assessing Covid damage to bars and restaurants

By MICHAEL P. NORTON  
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Up to 35 percent of retail alcoholic beverage licensees and 20 percent of state licensees may not renew in the new

year due to the Covid-19 pandemic's "major economic toll" on bars and restaurants, according to Treasurer Deb Goldberg.

"The outlook for fiscal year 2022 is not strong," Goldberg told lawmakers

on Dec. 15 during a hearing on state revenue expectations for the next budget cycle.

While her assessment was limited to alcohol license holders, rather than the state's revenue

picture at large, the treasurer's comments underscore troubles in an industry that is scrambling to survive after watching about 250,000 of its 300,000 jobs evaporate when the

coronavirus arrived here in March.

The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, which regulates about 9,000 licensees, will know more about how many bars and restaurants opt not to renew licenses in early January. But if industry non-renewal estimates hold up, Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC, said the state could see licensing revenues fall by \$200,000 to \$350,000.

"That's sobering news," House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Rep. Aaron Michlewitz said to Goldberg. "Not surprising though, in terms of where what we're seeing in all our districts throughout the Commonwealth."

Michlewitz, whose downtown Boston district is spackled with restaurants, wore a Regina Pizzeria mask to show his support for the industry, which has had to adapt to reduced capacity requirements, new takeout options, and enforcement to guard against virus transmission.

When restaurants were shut down in the spring to slow the spread of the virus, the ABCC, working with the Massachusetts Restaurant Association and the Massachusetts Wholesalers, issued an order allowing repay-

ment plans to alleviate licensee cash flow problems. Those plans have been successful, she said.

However, it has been a long slog for restaurants, and many have not survived.

Bob Luz, president of the restaurant association, last week told State House Takeout, the News Service's podcast, that 3,400 of the state's 16,000 restaurants never reopened after springtime closures, a number he said has since been updated to 4,000. "That's roughly 25 percent of what was there," he said.

On Dec. 8, Gov. Baker, in response to the pandemic's second surge, announced a new round of rules for restaurants.

Patrons now must wear masks at all times except when eating and drinking, restaurants are banned from seating more than six patrons per table, and parties are limited to 90 minutes at their seats. Musical performances at restaurants are not allowed anymore, and food court seating in malls was shut down.

Those rules, combined with the loss of seasonal outdoor dining options, have caused more restaurants to take another option: "hibernating for the winter."



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# With a truck as a sleigh, volunteers bring Christmas fun to youth in Dot, Roxbury

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF

Over the weekend, a small group of volunteers from the local organization My Brother's Keeper 617 – among them Santa Claus, the Grinch, and a few reindeer –distributed toys to kids in Dorchester and Roxbury as a way to spread some holiday cheer.

Tony Galvao, president of MBK617, told the *Reporter* that the organization made a special effort to reach out this year in a safe format given the difficulties posed by Covid. "We were thinking about what we could do to give kids toys and keep the program going," he said. "With the virus, it's hard for them to come to us, so we decided to bring it right to them."

Volunteers donned costumes and loaded hundreds of donated toys into a pickup truck, then took to the snowy streets to distribute them to households in the neighborhood that had registered for the event. Galvao explained how they put on a skit of sorts for the kids, with the Grinch character

attempting to steal the gifts.

"With that, we were just seeing what can we do to help kids with the mental aspect of all this? Just to bring them some Christmas magic, bring them hope, something to motivate them...you could see it in the kids' faces; they really enjoyed that aspect of it more than the gifts."

All told, Galvao estimates, they visited around 100 households and distributed about 500 gifts. Usually when they stopped at one address, neighbor kids would be drawn to the commotion and invited to take toys of their own from a pickup truck bed filled with board games, action figures, basketballs, footballs, science kits, and more.

The small team of volunteers included organizational leadership, youth members, mentees in the program, and state Rep. Liz Miranda, who collaborated with the event for her annual Merry Michael Holiday Toy Giveaway event she holds in honor of her brother. Galvao said kids as young as five were handing out presents;



The Grinch helped a child pick out a toy from the "sleigh" during MBK 617's toy giveaway this past weekend.  
Tony Galvao photo

"we've got to teach them early the value of giving," he noted.

Beyond bringing kids some holiday happiness, Galvao said the holiday giveaway supported the organization's core goals of building trust with neighborhood kids, empowering them to reach their full potential, and keeping them from going down the wrong path.

"In order for these youth to be successful, the community has to be behind them," he explained. "To see these 11 volunteers out there, that meant a lot to the youth just seeing that people got their back."

To learn more about My Brother's Keeper or to make a donation, visit [mbk617.org](http://mbk617.org).

# Baptist Ministers conference offers prayers in support of Biden and Harris

The Baptist Ministers Conference of Boston and Vicinity Inc. this week submitted the following letter for publication:

Congratulations to President-Elect Joseph Biden and Vice President-Elect Kamala Harris on your historic election. The people have spoken. We acknowledge your accomplishment and commit to holding you and your administration in prayer.

We will stand with you and support you in your efforts:

To ensure the people of this great country and of our community have access to quality health care without excluding pre-existing conditions;

To extend the voting rights act;

To reform our immigration policies, putting a stop to the immoral act of separating families at the border;

To bring an end to the deadly pandemic that has disproportionately stricken our families.

We are confident that with prayer and wise counsel, God will use you to bring healing and peace to our land. Please know that our prayers cover you as you serve this great nation. "The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

– Numbers 6:24-26.

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**BGCD Loses Longtime Staff Member & Friend Bruce Seals At Age 67:**  
See details below.

**CONNECT THE DOT:**  
**BGCD Loses Longtime Staff Member & Friend Bruce Seals:** It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of our friend and team member Bruce Seals. Bruce's passing was unexpected and leaves us with a hole in our hearts that will never be filled. Bruce has been a member of our Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester family for over 30 years. He was a friend, mentor and legend to so many; Bruce was always willing to lend an ear, time and his talents with kids. Experience is something only gained with time, but a mentor provides insight and guidance. Bruce shared lessons learned, bringing humanity to problems, motivating kids to learn more and to do better. Bruce yearned to be the kind of person he needed when he was a kid.

He will be missed more than words can say. Rest In Peace to our dear friend and colleague.

**FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:**  
**BGCD Begins Virtual Programming for Winter Break:** In an effort to help serve more of our members who may not currently have access to BGCD's Learning Hubs, BGCD has started "BGCD At Home" for members to join during Winter break. Current activities being offered include: Science Club, Trivia, Paint Night, Dance, Music and more. These classes will take place December 28th through December 31st and registration is required and will be on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that there are certain age requirements for each class. Please visit [bgcdorchester.org/virtual-programming](http://bgcdorchester.org/virtual-programming) to see the full schedule.

To register or for more information please contact Vice President of Programming, Brendan McDonald at [bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org).



**BGCD Begins Virtual Programming for Winter Break:** See details below.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Break - Closed  
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January 1

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RECENT OBITUARIES



**CAREY, Margaret F.** of Abington, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Thomas I. Carey and Margaret F. (Carey) Dole and Joseph P. Dole. Sister of Joseph Dole and his wife Marilyn of Austin, TX, Christopher Dole and his wife Joan of Abington, Paul Dole and his wife Robin of Norwell, and the late Diane Bellamy, Maureen Burnieika, Kathleen Lannigan and her husband Ronald, and Thomas Carey. Sister-in-law of Joseph Burnieika

of Cohasset, and Linda Carey of Abington. Survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and dear friends. Margaret was an administrator for the Commonwealth of Mass. Department of Education and Department of Public Health for over 30 years. Donations in Margaret's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

**CLAYTON-WILSON, Leslie** of Dorchester, unexpectedly. Leslie is survived by her brother James, her son Leland and his wife Beth, her daughter Linda and youngest son Jeremiah, as well as her six grandchildren. Leslie spent over 30 years as a substance abuse and recovery counselor

**FAHERTY, Joseph C.**, 88 of Woburn. Born and raised in South



Boston and Dorchester, Joe was the son of the late John and Mary Ellen (Conroy) Faherty of Ireland. Past President of the MA AFL-CIO Of Woburn, Husband of 65 years to the late Rosalie "Rose" A. (Lauzon) Faherty. USAir Force veteran. Father of Joseph Faherty of Woburn, Cathy Bryant, her husband David of Woburn, Eileen Mills, her husband Michael of Gloucester, Carol Hogan, her husband Paul of Woburn, Tricia McCall, her husband Frank of Gloucester, Maureen McNamara, her husband John of NH, Rosemary Donovan, her husband Barry of Woburn, Franklin Faherty, his wife Rita of RI and Judy Faherty and Michael Pelliccio of CT. Loving grandfather of 24 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Dear brother of Robert Faherty and his wife Natalie of Braintree, brother-in-law of Nancy Faherty of Dedham, and the late Mary Mogollon, Jack Faherty and Evelyn Lambert. Remembrances may be made in Joe's memory to Cops For Kids With Cancer, Inc., PO Box 850956, Braintree, MA 02185 or Beth Israel Lahey Health at Home. lynch-cantillon.com

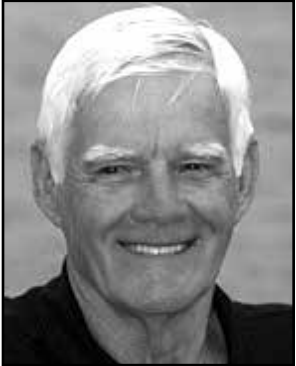
patrick of Walpole. Also survived by her children, Mary Anne McDonald of Arlington, Coleman G. Flaherty of Milton, Paul Flaherty of Dorchester, Noreen O'Shea of Fremont, NH, John Flaherty of Dorchester, Joseph Flaherty of Marshfield and Michael Flaherty of Hampstead, NH. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews as well as cousins.

**GREENE, Michael Eric, "Mr. Mike"** of Dorchester. Born in 1947 to Mary Waneta (Pocknett) Greene and Warren F. Greene. Brother of Grace Ilona Stith of Bridgewater, Murleen Jackson of Dorchester and Warren G.E. Greene of Boston. Michael was a retired MBTA machinist and member of the Car-men's Union.



**Julianna Jonas.** Sons Seon Jonas, Jermaine Jonas, Donnel and Jamal Jonas. Brothers of Wilbert Jonas, Charles Jonas Jr., Neville Jonas and sister Roxanne Jonas, daughter-in-law of Kami Jonas, sister-in-law Donya Hunter and Lucil Jonas, brother-in-law of Keith Daniel, Kelly Daniel, and Bert Daniel. Nephew of James Crawford, Mary Crawford, Joanna Crawford, Joyce Dick, and Victorine Cort. and ieces, nephews, and a host of family and friends

Karen Mahoney. Also survived by sisters Margaret Crowley and Carol O'Loughlin of Cambridge, brother Bob O'Loughlin of Waltham and predeceased by 5 brothers and 5 sisters. Gramma of 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Please send donation to either Smile Train, P.O. Box 96231, Washington, D.C. 20090-6231 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, in her memory.



**McCUE, James "Jim" J.**, born in 1940 in Dorchester to the late Mary Hurley McCue of Boston and the late Patrick McCue of Ireland and was always proud to be "OFD", along with his late sister Lorraine McCue. He joined the Coastguard in 1961 and spent several years in the reserves. Jim worked for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for over 30 years and retired in 2003. He began a second career as a Pharm Tech. Jim is survived by his wife, Deborah and four daughters: Kristen Gibbons and her husband Paul of Dover, Michelle McCue of Quincy, Jennifer Lando and her husband Phil of Hoffman Estates, IL and Andrea McCue of Milton. He will be forever in the hearts of his 5 grandchildren. Donations may be made in his memory to Friends of Fatima, EC Week at Camp Fatima, 32 Fatima Rd., Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03837 (ecweek.org); Friendship Home of Norwell, PO Box 916, Norwell, MA 02061 (friendshiphome.net); or St. Agatha Parish, 432 Adams St., Milton, MA 02186 (stagathaparish.org).



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**JONAS, Leyland B.**, 62 of Dorchester. Son of the late Alice and Charles Jonas. Leyland is survived by his wife



**MacGILLIVRAY, Pauline Ann (Connolly)** of Dorchester, 93. Wife of 56 years to the late Colin F. "Frank" MacGillivray. Daughter of the late Thomas J. and Nora T. (Joyce) Connolly. Mother of Ronald MacGillivray and his wife Janice of Dorchester and Brewster, Joyce Sugrue and her husband Donald of Quincy, Colin MacGillivray and his wife Christine of Norwell and Paul MacGillivray of Dorchester. Grandmother of 4. Sister of the late Winifred Francis, Catherine "Kay" O'Toole and Marcus Connolly. Pauline is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Pauline worked in the mail room at Carney Hospital for 25 years and retired at the age of 72. Donations in Pauline's memory may be made to St. Mark Church, 1725 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124.



**FLAHERTY, Mary A. (Folan)** of Dorchester, and Carraroe. Wife of the late Coleman F. Flaherty. She is survived by her siblings Padraig Folan and Nora Flaherty and Sarah Fleming of Galway, Ireland, Kay Sweeney of Quincy, Bridget Fitz-



**MAHONEY, Marian A. (O'Loughlin)**, 92, of Mattapan. Wife for 63 years of the late Paul J. Mahoney. Mother of Jean and Paul Comparetti of Canton, Ellen Hayes of NH, Joyce and Kevin Walsh of Weymouth, Judy and Michael Morrissey of Canton, Paul and Theresa of Norwood, Peter of Holbrook, Marian J. and Paul O'Brien of Dorchester, Matthew and Mary of Holbrook, Kathleen and Tom Moynihan of Walpole, Susanne Cunningham and her companion Patrick McCabe of West Roxbury and daughter-in-law



**SZYMANIAK, Jean M. "Jeannie"** of Saugus, formerly of Dorchester. Sister of Debbie and her husband Mike Sawler of Avon, Donna and her husband Christopher Carr of Saugus, and the late Joanne Szymaniak. Daughter of the late Joan and Gregory Szymaniak. Favorite aunt to many loving nieces and nephews. Close friend of Grady "Bubba" Carr. Donations in memory of Jeannie may be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

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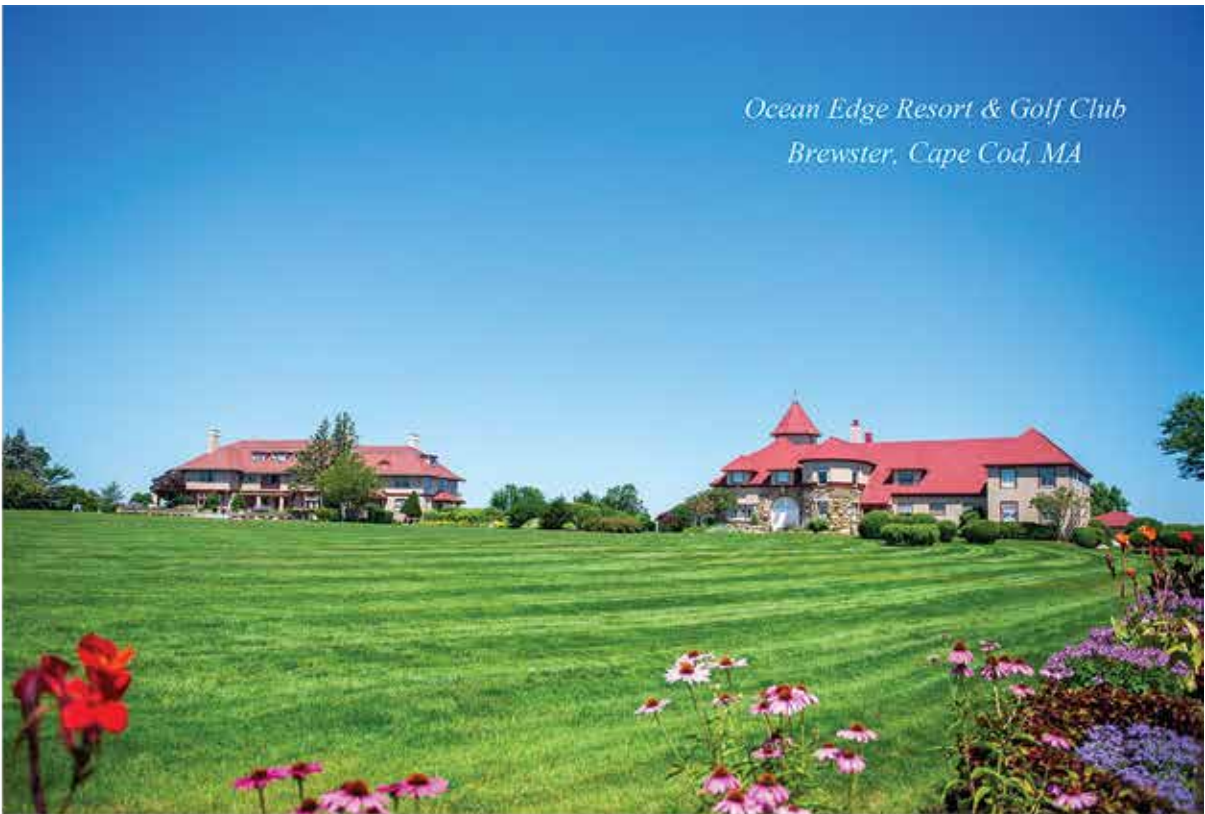
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