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Tenants and allies were shown outside 6 Humphrey Place during an anti-eviction protest last year. City Life/Vida Urbana photo

At 6 Humphreys Place, a quest for affordable housing gains a victory

City, other allies, help residents in Uphams Corner gain control

BY CHRIS LOVETT SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

After almost four years of organizing and court action, residents of 6 Humphreys Place and their allies have transformed a threat of displacement into a victory for affordable housing.

Instead of being faced with steep rent increases or even redevelopment, residents of the six-unit building near Uphams Corner will live under a form of ownership with community control, in cooperation with the Boston Neighborhood Community Land Trust.

The turn of events started almost four years ago, when a previous owner tried to clear the building before its sale in March of 2018 for \$850,000. The new owner was a limited liability corporation sharing the same address as Riverfront Realtors, a firm described by its Instagram account as "Specializing in luxury apartment rentals and condo sales." The LLC's resident manager was Gregory McCarthy, who declined comment on the status of the property.

One of the building's residents, 56-year-old Eric Boyd, said he learned about the 2018 transaction when he got an eviction letter. This was his second time being faced with displacement, after a rent increase that made him leave his apartment in the South End thirty years ago.

Located just a short walk from a commuter rail stop, the building on Humphreys Place is surrounded by a neighborhood that has been gradually recovering from disinvestment since the 1980s. The location also lies along the Fairmount rail corridor, where developers have recently been adding transit-oriented housing all the way from South Bay to Readville. The projects include new housing a few blocks from Humphreys Place, on the site of a former box fac-

Campbell cites 'electoral partnership' as key for her in representing District 4

'Proud' of successes, wiser about limitations

By Seth Daniel Reporter Correspondent

When first-time City Council candidate Andrea Campbell emerged victorious in the 2015 municipal election, toppling an incumbent of 30 years, she brought a new voice to the table with a new set of issues and what six years later she still describes as an "electoral partnership" with the residents of District 4 – predominantly comprising Dorchester and Mattapan.

Now in the waning days of her time on the council, a stint that has included three years as president and a run for mayor this year, she said she is proud of all that has been done, but also wise to the limitations and slowness of city government. She added that while there are larger, citywide issues of transparency and accountability and education that were cornerstones of her work, it's now the small things like the Neighborhood Slow Streets program that give her great encouragement.



City Councillor Andrea Campbell, left, is shown with her successor, Brian Worrell, right, and a constituent during a pre-Thanksgiving turkey give-away event they co-hosted at the Perkins Community Center.

Photo courtesy Councillor-elect Worrell

"We're proud of so much we were able to accomplish in a short period of time," she said. "It's not just the transparency and account-

ability we pushed for in education, development, policing, and other

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The Covid Plague at Year's End

The City

Wu defends vax policy

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Mayor Wu is standing defiantly behind her administration's decision to enforce tougher Covid-19 vaccination requirements for city employees and for access to indoor venues in the new year. While public polling has consistently shown that Boston residents strongly support preventative measures, including masking and vaccine proof, the mayor has been confronted with loud protests, including from some city workers.

Last week, Wu announced that patrons and staff at indoor spaces in Boston — including restaurants, bars, nightclubs, fitness



Mayor Wu discussing the city's B Together initiative at City Hall on Dec 20. Mayor's Office Photo/Isabel Leon

facilities, and entertainment venues — will need to show proof they are vaccinated starting in mid-January. The city will also require that its own employees get a first dose of a vaccine by Jan. 15 and second shot a month later. (Continued on page 12) Daily Life

Shutdown no, Slowdown yes

By Michael P. Norton State House News Service

The last week of December in 2020 began with a "day of hope" and the launch of widespread Covid-19 vaccinations. A year later, 2021 is ending with a "blizzard" of new infections, as State Treasurer Deb Goldberg described it.

Postponements and cancellations are filling the news again. Infections forced many to alter their holiday plans, caused the NHL to put all of its games on hold, and left scores of travelers stranded at airports as the virus put a dent in airline workforces. And, starting Monday, some

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\$1m donation will help Cristo Rey retain teachers, nourish students

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

One special gift made for a very good Christmas for the students and staff at Cristo Rey Boston High School: a \$1 million donation from Edmund F. Murphy, III and his wife, Jennifer, of Boston. Murphy, the CEO of

Empower Retirement, is a long-time trustee of the Catholic high school on Savin Hill Avenue that serves roughly 200 students, most of them from Dorchester and Roxbury.

The gift is the largest single contribution to the school in its history, according to school president Rosemary J. Powers, who said the gift will be used to fund operations with a portion set aside to retain and support the school's teachers, many of whom come to the school directly out of college.

"Ed and Jen's gift will (Continued on page 15)



Edward and Jennifer Murphy— Their \$1 million donation will help teachers and students at Cristo Rey Boston.

Photo courtesy CRB



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Police, Courts & Fire

Dot man held in student kidnap attempt, assault in Roxbury schoolyard

A 58-year-old Dorchester man was arraigned in Roxbury court on Friday, Christmas Eve, on charges of attempted kidnapping and assault on a child in the Ellis Elementary schoolyard on Dec. 15. The defendant—Charles Marriro— was ordered held without bail pending a hearing this week.

District Attorney Rachael Rollins said Marriro is the man who approached three young students while they were playing at recess at the Walnut Avenue schoolyard. He is alleged to have grabbed one child by the arm and to have "asked another child to come play basketball with him," according to prosecutors.

"Boston police were called and observed handprints on the arm of one of the young students. Police were able to obtain a photo of the individual, which led to his arrest on Thursday," Rollins's office said.

"These young students handled this frightening situation perfectly," Rollins said. "They ran away and immediately notified a supervising adult. I am grateful for the excellent work by Boston Police and for the courage and strength of these elementary school students."

Shaun Jenkins will not be tried again for cousin's '01 murder

Based on new revelations of police and

prosecution misconduct, prosecutors have dropped the murder case against a Boston man who spent nearly two decades behind bars in the shooting death of his cousin.

Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins, in a court filing on Dec. 22, dismissed the indictment against Shaun Jenkins that stemmed from the 2001 murder of his cousin, Stephen Jenkins, near Ronan Park in 2001. Recently uncovered files show a Boston police detective paid a key witness \$100 for his testimony and prosecutors withheld evidence that could have pointed to another suspect, according to a judge's decision last week granting Shaun Jenkins's motion for a new trial.

The judge wrote that misconduct by the detective and prosecutors "deprived Jenkins of a fair trial." He had long maintained his innocence.

"It is clear that justice was not done here," Rollins said in a statement. "When there is misconduct and/or material errors are made by law enforcement, including a prosecutor, we must always correct those errors. That is a vitally important part of building trust back into the criminal legal system."

Shaun Jenkins was convicted in 2005 and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. He was freed in September.

Louis D. Brown Peace Institute eyes moving headquarters to Westville St.

By SETH DANIEL REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The city's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) is preparing to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a vacant, city-owned lot on Westville Street that could become the new home of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, now located in Fields Corner.

An Institute spokes-man, Chris Keohan, confirmed that it will participate in the RFP process, and if successful in that endeavor, will be submitting a proposal for a new headquarters and community center on a long-vacant site across from the old John Marshall School, now the UP Academy Dorchester. He couldn't say much more, he said, as the Institute has not secured the property just yet.

"The folks at the Institute are always looking at ways to better serve the community," Keohan said. "We're looking at the RFP and are excited about it and are looking to submit a proposal in that RFP process. It really does come down to having an eye out for opportunities."

The lot is also about a block from Louis D. Brown Way, which runs between Westville and Corona streets, and near where Institute founder Clementina Chery lives. Said DND Assistant



The Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) is preparing to issue an RFP for this long-vacant city lot on Westville Street, a lot on which the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute says it would like to build a new headquarters and a community center.

Seth Daniel photo

Director Shani Fletcher, "The Peace Institute came to us, and they were interested in that lot. But long before they came to us, they were out having conversations with neighbors and the community...We do have to open a competitive RFP process...The community meetings were nothing but abundant, full-throated support for this use. There were some concerns about saving some trees, but that was the only thing that wasn't full-throated support for a center there that would provide these kinds of services to the community."

City Councillor Andrea Campbell said the Peace Institute was running out of space at their Christopher Street head-

quarters, and that her office looked around to find what resources were available to help.

"They were bursting at the seams," she said. "We wanted to look at our resources and see where we might be able to help them using what we have."

The city has already held its community meetings, and a re-zoning process was completed this month to allow for a use like a community center. The next step will be to work on an RFP with the local Neighborhood Association and then issue it in the new year. She said this is a unique situation, so it could take time to craft the RFP.

The effort is another example, Fletcher said, of taking long-held va-

cant city lots and getting them back to use for things like housing or community programming. "It's not always the fastest process," she said, "but we're committed to putting land back into public use and out of city hands."

The Institute was founded in 1994 by Chery in the name of her son, who was caught in the crossfire during a shootout near his home in 1993 when he was 15. At the time, the city had no support network or resources for surviving relatives of homicide victims. The Institute looks to provide those resources and to change the narrative about how street violence is reported and responded to.

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Boston Uncornered program wins \$1m grant from the Barr Foundation

A Dorchester-based organization that works with gang-involved young adults has received a \$1 million grant from the Barr Foundation that will help the Boston Uncornered program "expand the work of the nation's only corner to college solution to end generational urban poverty in New England," according to its co-founder and CEO, Mark Culliton.

"They believed early on that Core Influencers are the revolutionaries who can and will change the world, and this transformative investment is further evidence of their courage," said Culliton, a Dorchester resident.

The program is based in the Bowdoin-Geneva section of the neighborhood, but works with at-risk teens and young adults across the city. The three-year grant from the Barr Foundation is intended to support the organization's expansion in New England. The goal is to make Boston Uncornered a "national model for ending gang violence and systemic generational urban poverty," according to Culliton.

"Boston Uncornered has demonstrated effectiveness in supporting former gang-involved young people as community leaders and in increasing their participation and completion of postsecondary education opportunities," said Jim Canales, president and trustee of the Barr Foundation. "We are excited to support the deepening and expansion of this unique and effective solution throughout Boston and across the country."

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The BPDA will host a series of virtual public meetings beginning on Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. to review specific topics of the Dorchester Bay City project. The Jan. 10 meeting will focus on transportation, infrastructure, sustainability resiliency. Please register in advance by going to the link: bit.ly/3ysaUEy. Additional, topic-specific public meetings include Jan. 20 (housing and economic development), Jan. 31 (inclusive public realm improvements and placemaking) and Feb. 17 (urban design and open space.) View more documents related to this project at bostonplans.org.

A virtual public meeting to discuss a proposal to build a four-story, 36-unit senior building at 25-29-33 Hamilton St. in Dorchester will be held on Mon., Jan. 10 at 6 p.m. See page 4 for more details on joining the meeting, which will be held via Zoom. The proponent is VietAid. For

more info, see bostonplans.org.

The BPDA will convene a virtual meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal for anine-story, 551,200 sq. ft. building at 17 Bradston St. in Newmarket. The proposed building would house offices and medical staff, labs and healthcare support and administration uses. See page 15 for more info on how to join the meeting online.

Free, at-home rapid antigen test kits for all city residents are now available for pick-up at select Boston Public Library branches and Boston Centers for Youth & Families community centers. The free test kits are currently available at BCYF community centers at Paris Street in East Boston, Hyde Park on River St., Mildred Ave. in Mattapan, and the Tobin in Mission Hill and Shelburne in Roxbury, as well as Boston Public Library Branches in Brighton, Copley Square,

Codman Square, East Boston, Grove Hall, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury, and South Boston with plans in place for additional distribution sites to follow, including all BPL and BCYF sites. Boston residents seeking a test kit will also be able to obtain kits for their immediate family. subject to availability. The City of Boston will be providing more than 260,000 kits for distribution throughout Boston. Each kit contains two tests, meaning there are over half a million free rapid tests available to residents. For information about clinics and vaccine availability visit https://www. boston.gov/departments/public-healthcommission/covid-19-vaccine-boston. For more information on where to find a free rapid test kit near you, visit https:// www.boston.gov/departments/publichealth-commission/free-covid-19-hometest-kits.

There will be several vaccine clinics taking

place for Boston residents including Morning Star Baptist Church, 1257 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan, Fridays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Codman Square Health Center, 637 Washington Street, Dorchester, on Fridays 12-6p.m. and Tuesdays 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Gallivan Community Center, 61 Woodruff Way, Mattapan, Mondays 2-6 p.m. Prince Hall Grand Lodge 24 Washington St., Dorchester, Tuesdays 12-7p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Boston Police will host two hockey skills clinics for youth on Sat., Jan 8 and Sat., Jan. 15 at Murphy rink in South Boston. Each clinic starts at 8 a.m. Space is limited. Call 617-343-4752 for more info.

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2nd community center meeting focuses on programming issues

By Seth Daniel

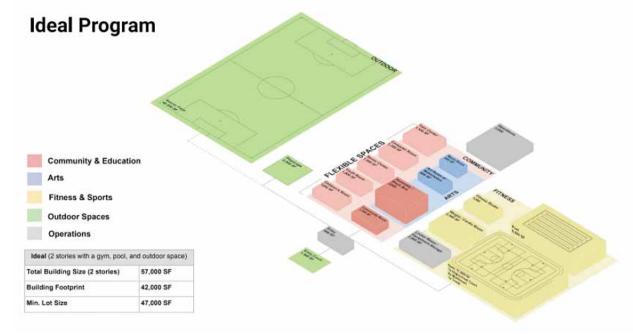
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT Last week, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) held its second meeting to discuss the Dorchester initiative on the building of one or more free-standing community centers on sites throughout the

neighborhood.

The kick-off meeting took place in October, and since that time a survey has been posted in an effort to glean the best programming options using input from the community. That survey will be open for comment until April, but so far, last week's meeting was told, the most requested activities from 222 respondents, mostly from Grove Hall and Ashmont, are flexible community space, performing space, an indoor pool, basketball courts/indoor track, and an outdoor gathering

"Many might question why we're looking at the programming before we know where the site is," said BCYF Director Marta Rivera. "We need to know what the needs of the community are before we begin looking for a space to fit these needs into. That's why we started first with programming."

As an aside, pointing

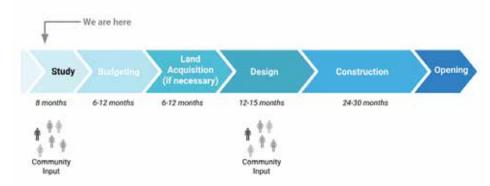


A rendering of an ideal programming allocation for any new free-standing community center that would be built in the neighborhood. The allocation is based on a community survey that is still accepting input. Layout courtesy of Utile

to a controversial statement made at the October meeting, Rivera said the Parks Department has put on hold any plans to create a park in Grove Hall along Geneva Street where many hope to locate a center.

According to preliminary survey results, the ideal program would be a 57,000 square-foot build-

Typical Project Schedule



ing that is two stories tall and has a minimum lot size of 47,000 square feet. The building would have a gym and pool, flexible spaces, arts spaces, ready access to outdoor athletic fields, outdoor gathering spaces, and large amounts of room for fitness activities.

There will be another meeting next month or in, and that will focus on

a site. To that end, BCYF has put an interactive map on its Dorchester study website - boston.gov/news/Dorchester-community-center-siting-study-under-

way – for residents to use to cite specific land options they would like the city to investigate. It could be public land, or private land. There was a warning that city-owned land would likely be the fastest track to construction, and any lots would have to be mindful of parking needs as well.

Rivera said site decisions would consider existing facilities as well as the age, density, and population of the area. She also indicated that while they are now looking at the first center, there are plans for multiple locations over several years in Dorchester and other neighborhoods.

"We don't know the total over the next five to 10 years, but we expect multiple Dorchester locations and we're looking at Charlestown, the North End, and potentially Allston-Brighton," she said. "There's quite a few."

The final study report is to be released in May, with two more community meetings expected before then. Currently, most BCYF community centers are attached to school buildings and that reality hampers when they can open and what activities they can provide. A stand-alone center would be free of any such restraints.



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Menino family & friends return to Bowdoin Geneva for 28th year to deliver Christmas gifts and food to families in need

By SETH DANIEL REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The late Mayor Tom Menino has been gone since 2014, but that hasn't stopped volunteers and family members from pushing forward his legacy of charitable service every December for the families of Dorchester's Bowdoin Geneva neighborhood.

By every account, the late mayor came to know just about every inch of Boston during his many years in office, and according to family members, he had a special interest in Bowdoin Geneva, especially at Christmas time.

So it was that last Friday, Christmas Eve, the Menino family took on its 28th annual distribution at St. Peter's Teen Center, continuing an effort that the mayor started himself in 1994.

"Hopefully we'll spread some holiday cheer to people who need it most,' said his daughter-in-law, Lisa Lamberti Menino, as tears came to her eyes while organizing packages in the St. Peter's gym. "That's something that feels pretty good. Last year we did food to help during the pandemic, and we continue to provide gifts. He always had a big heart for this particular



Kevin MacKenzie, president and CEO of Catholic Charities Boston, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Tommy Menino and Beth Chambers getting ready to hand out gifts and food at St. Peter's Teen Center on Dec. 24.

Added Thomas 'Tommy' Menino, the late mayor's son, "Our dad loved the holidays and he loved people - especially the kids. Christmas Eve was a big day in our house and him being in this neighborhood on this day brought him joy the simple effort to walk these streets, show up here every year, and try to help more people enjoy the day as much as we did with our own family. That was the spirit of the season for him and we are proud to carry it on for the next generation."

Around 10 a.m., families from St. Peter's Teen Center began to line up just off Bowdoin Street with hand carts and baskets. In the parking lot of the Teen Center, volunteers scurried to distribute packages of gifts and







David Menino, the late Mayor Tom Menino's brother, has been volunteering at the annual event for 28 years. He said he enjoys serving the families at St. Peter's each year. Maria Rivera of Marie Street said she was grateful for the Menino family returning every year to help the families of St. Peter's. She said with kids out of school and at home, the food distribution will help to feed everyone for more than a week. Carmen Goncalves, of the Bowdoin-Geneva area, rolls her cart off to the sidewalk after being assisted by volunteers Jack Seth Daniel photos Levis and Thomas Rose.

food to the participants - while volunteers also packed parcels into the vehicles of parishioners from St. Peter's Church ready to deliver to those who couldn't come out.

"It's just the spirit of Christmas," said volunteer James McMahon, of West Roxbury. "It's the least we can do, because so many need help right now."

Resident Maria Rivera, of Marie Street, talked about how critical the distribution is for those in need, noting that children are at home now from school and the extra food allows relief for families like hers.

"This will last us at least a week and a half because I have all the kids at home," she said. "You know that they will need more, and you'll need more food. We really appreciate all the volunteer help and that they come here to our community every year. This is very important help to us. Some of us can't afford everything we want to buy and do for Christmas.

In addition to the 300 families served in person and by delivery, other friendly faces were in attendance, including former First Lady Angela Menino, Mayor Wu, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Councillor-elect Brian Worrell, and state Rep. Liz Miranda.

"I wouldn't be here at all if I wasn't part of the many, many people in the Menino alumni family," said Wu. "We can all feel Mayor Menino here, knowing he's still taking care of this city. We will continue to take care of each other in that way, and especially in these hard times."

The cardinal offered that this was the kind of gesture that should be elevated in these times. "This is a time when we see so much polarization in our world; a time when we see so much hatred in our world," he said. "But this is a season and a time of peace, and this is a beautiful gesture of our call to serve and love one another."

The annual memorialization of Tom Menino's life and charitable spirit was supported by the Mayor Thomas M. Menino Fund for Boston, the City of Boston Credit Union, Catholic Charities of Boston, and the Boston Police Department.



Article 80 Meeting Schedule

Virtual Public Meeting

Dorchester Bay City

The BPDA will be hosting a series of Virtual Public Meetings in connection with the submission of the Draft Project Impact Report for the proposed Dorchester Bay City project. These upcoming topic-specific Public Meetings follow an initial Kick-Off Public Meeting, which was held on December 15th.

January 10,2022 | 6:00 PM

Virtual Public Meeting | Transportation, Infrastructure, Sustainability and Resiliency

Register Here: bit.ly/3ysaUEy

January 20th, 2022 | 6:00 PM

virtuai Public Meeting | Housing & Economic Development Register Here: bit.ly/30szFDY

January 31, 2022 | 6:00 PM

Virtual Public Meeting | Inclusive Public Realm Improvements and Placemaking

Register Here: bit.ly/3s9UXC2

February 17, 2022 | 6:00 PM

Virtual Public Meeting | Urban Design & Open Space Register Here: bit.ly/3J3mbjl

All vital project documents, including an Executive Summary of the Draft Project Impact Report, are available for review in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, Traditional Chinese, and Simplified Chinese on the Dorchester Bay City project webpage on the BPDA's website. Interpretation will be provided for all Public Meetings in Spanish, Vietnamese, Cape Verdean Creole, Haitian Creole, Mandarin, and Cantonese.

To submit a comment on this Proposed Project in a language other than English please email bpdawebcontent@boston.gov.

If you have any questions about the BPDA review of the Dorchester Bay City project, please contact: Aisling Kerr at (617) 918 - 4212 or by email at aisling.kerr@boston.gov

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25-33 Hamilton Street

Tuesday, January 11 6:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3yRKFYr Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 160 905 3727

Project Proponent:

VietAid

Project Description:

Second public meeting to discuss the proposal at 25,29,33 Hamilton Street in Dorchester. VietAid is proposing to construct a four story, 36 unit new construction all affordable building that will be made available to seniors aged 62 and up.

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Reporter's People

News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Steel & Rye came through on holiday meals for BGCD families

By Katie Pedersen REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) ensured that hundreds of families in Dorchester and surrounding communities ate well on Thanksgiving, thanks to the generosity of the Milton restaurant Steel & Rve which delivered more than 100 cooked Thanksgiving dinners to local families while others in need received the birds to prepare themselves.

"Because we have so many generous donors, we're able to help more families than we probably ever have before, and in different ways," said Mary Kinsella, senior vice president of Education & Programming at BGCD.

"For some families, the uncooked turkey, and the process of gathering as a family and preparing a dinner together, is really cool. For a lot of our parents who may have been working, but still wanted to celebrate Thanksgiving and have a special meal together, [the dinners prepared by the chefs at Steel & Rye] mean a lot to them."

Recipients are selected by the staff at the Boys & Girls Club each year. According to Kinsella, most of them come from informal conversations in the pickup line as sometimes families will refer friends. Above all,



Kinsella emphasized, the deliveries are a community-based event where everybody pitches in.

"Families that came to pick up turkeys were able to deliver to families that didn't have transportation," she said.

The partnership with Steel & Rye began last year during the pandemic. Dan Kerrigan, the owner of Steel & Rye, is a friend of Bob Scannell, president and CEO of Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, and Kinsella. Scannell's brothers are part owners of the restaurant.

Said Kinsella: "They stepped up in outstanding ways during the pandemic for so many families in need, and they've been a great partner to us. It has just kind of grown over time. People support the restaurant, and that allows Dan to support us.

"In particular, two of Dan's friends, Kate and Graham Foster, reached out to make sure that everyone had more than enough, and they did that again this year. They did monetary donations and helped deliver the meals for us."

Kinsella especially appreciated the contributions of the Foster children, both under six. "Their girls were excited to help. They made a really sweet card or piece of artwork for each box.

The whole family was a part of it." The Boston Police Department and individual donors also contributed to the effort.

After a tough year, Kinsella was happy to spread holiday cheer.

Milton restaurant Steel & Rye and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester cooked and donated Thanksgiving dinners to BGCD families last

Photo courtesy BGCD

"The holidays can be really stressful and hard for so many families, and we have to remember that. People don't talk about it. When people feel supported and feel like they're part of something bigger, it feels good. Thanksgiving means something different for every family, but overall it means the opportunity to come together and celebrate.'



The November arrival of Olivia Claire Zayas-Maloney to parents Brianna Maguire and Christopher Zayas-Maloney set the stage for a five-generation holiday celebration with enduring Dorchester roots. Pictured (1 to r): Olivia Claire Zayas-Maloney, father Christopher Zayas-Maloney, great-great-grandmother and life-long Dorchester resident Irene Duff, great-grandmother Nancy Zuray and grandmother Michelle Mahoney.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jessicah Pierre

Publicist, business strategist and Boston native Jessicah Pierre is joining Boston Mayor Michelle Wu's office on Jan. 3 as chief communications officer.

"Pierre will lead the City's press, speechwriting, digital and photography teams, sharing the Wu Administration's vision to build an equitable, connected city," Wu's office announced Wednesday morning.

Pierre was press secretary for Wu's mayoral campaign, and previously handled communications in Wu's city council office. In July 2019, she founded J. Pierre Communications Agency. Last year, she spent five months as director of strategic communications for the Black Economic Council of Massachusetts. In 2019 and 2020, Pierre

was a columnist for the Dorchester Reporter. And for four years beginning in June 2016, she was founder and CEO of Queens Company, a Boston-based "network for women of color actively seeking to advance their lifestyles" that hosted events promoting personal growth, health, wellness, professional development and financial empowerment.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to join May or Wu's administration and serve the city that I love," said Pierre. "As a Boston resident, I understand the barriers that many of our neighbors face in getting access to critical information in a culturally competent way. I am looking forward to leading an inclusive communications department that is reflective of our city's diversity to carry out a vision that brings our communities together, and provides the much needed change that Boston residents deserve."

Pierre, a Dorchester resident, earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2013.

Today's illustration is a news photograph with caption affixed to the back side: "Make Merry. Wreathed in smiles, Mary Sullivan, Dorchester (left) and Ann Weinberg, Chelsea, offer a toast to each other's good fortune as 1940 was ushered in at the Brown Derby restaurant" on Arlington Street in the Back Bay. Looking forward to a

Happy New Year at the Society.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchester historicalsociety.org.

Reminder: A house history from the Dorchester Historical Society would make a great gift to a homeowner in Dorchester



or Mattapan. Take a look at some of the com-



pleted histories on the Dorchester Historical

Society website.

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Editorial

Good for Her Honor on vaccine mandate

Michelle Wu's first big leadership test is unfolding before us this week and, so far, your mayor is proving herself more than up to the task. She is right-on with her decision to mandate vaccinations for all city employees and to insist as well that patrons of indoor establishments prove their vaccination status as well.

Still, a small band of disgruntled city workers – aided and abetted by a slightly larger faction of out-of-town zealots – has been trying to menace Wu at public appearances. If any of them have a reasonable argument, it has been hard to decipher over the racket of the name-calling and race-baiting that is the hallmark of the Trumpist set. They went completely off the rails last Thursday, confronting the mayor as she left a roll call meeting at the B-3 police stationhouse on Blue Hill Avenue. A few of the crazier protestors attempted to block her vehicle while others held racially charged signs and hurled venomous slurs at her.

The mayor stood her ground. Still, it was alarming to see her so exposed to the extremists in our midst, close cousins as they are to the insurrectionist brutes who burst into the halls of Congress a year ago.

Michelle Wu is doing exactly what the vast majority of Bostonians want her to do: Protect them and their neighbors from this awful disease. Good for her for leading with courage and class. - Bill Forry

Yes, actually, West of Washington!

Two articles in last week's Reporter about plans to redevelop long-vacant city-owned lots in the Blue Hill Avenue Corridor and the West of Washington section near Codman Square drew some interesting feedback online—both pro and con. But one critique spiraled into the realm of misinformation and must be addressed.

Donovan Birch, Jr., a member of the Democratic state committee, took to Twitter to contend that the use of the term "West of Washington" is an attempt to rebrand the neighborhood and facilitate the displacement of Black residents. The Reporter, Birch alleged, was being "racist" in using the term to describe the community where several vacant lots are located. In a flurry of messages, he appealed to Mayor Wu and other elected officials to "pass an ordinance" to ban what he deems the "renaming of neighborhoods by developers."

What Birch fails to grasp is that the West of Washington nomenclature is not the brainchild of some evil developer or far-off marketing team. In fact, the phrase has been used since at least the mid-1990s by residents who actually live there. The West of Washington committee, formed in the 1990s under the long-time Codman Square Neighborhood Council, was intended to bring more attention and resources to neighbors who felt— and rightfully so— that the east side of Codman Square tended to get more of both.

In its current incarnation, the West of Washington (WOW) Coalition includes hundreds of residents "focused on a cluster of streets west of Washington Street in the Codman Square area of Dorchester," including "Athewold, Millet, Norwell, Park, Spencer, Thane, and Wheatland." Its mission, according to current president Laquisa Burke, is "sustainable change." The coalition's very public Facebook page reflects just how that takes shape throughout the year, with block parties and community sessions to plan out safety improvements and new parks. More people who live in that section of Dorchester are always welcome to join the group, we're told. Find them on Facebook or send an email to wowcoalitiondorchester@gmail.com. -Bill Forry

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Commentary

Some lessons we have learned as we enter Year 3 of the Covid pandemic

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

Thank you, Mayor Wu, for choosing public health over fear and superstition by requiring proof of



Bill Walczak

vaccination for indoor venues. Please don't stop there. Distribute free rapid tests, stay the course on masking, and continue to learn from the mistakes we have made since the first outbreak in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. Mistakes that have resulted in 815,000 American deaths to date.

What went wrong? As we enter the Covid pandemic's third year, this question is more urgent

than ever. What can we learn from these deadly mistakes to avoid repeating them when the next pandemic sets in?

Lesson One: Pandemics recur.

Although many would have you believe that Covid-19 was unforeseen, and how it would act unknown, this is untrue. The world has experienced many viral outbreaks over the years, not just the Bubonic Plague of the 1300s, but many over the past few decades. We've had SARS 1, MRSA, Bird Flu, Ebola, and many other outbreaks, and our federal government knows that these infectious diseases can pop up.

In fact, the Obama administration established a department within Health and Human Services to prepare for just such an outbreak. In 2018, Bill Gates, in addressing the Massachusetts Medical Society, cited the danger of a pandemic hitting the US "in our lifetime," and a report from the Institute for Disease Modeling predicted that if a contagious, lethal, and airborne pathogen on the order of the 1918 flu pandemic hit the US, it could result in millions of deaths.

Lesson 2: Viruses know no borders.

Global problems demand global solutions. We knew, and know, that viruses mutate, and that mutation can occur as the virus is transmitted to a new host. We also knew, and know, that it is impossible to prevent the virus from going across national borders, which meant that efforts to stop the virus through vaccination had to be world-wide. To date, we have failed to act as unified planet, with the result of surge after surge of cases.

Lesson 3: Masks work.

Even in 1918, our government officials knew that masking would help, but when Covid hit us in February 2020, the US Surgeon General tweeted that masks "are NOT effective in preventing general public from catching #Coronavirus," remarks that were walked back by April, but after many thousands of people were exposed to Covid. While China produced 200 million face masks a day, we were asking people to make their own, and fighting the first battle of the Covid culture war over the

coverings.

Lesson 4: Rapid testing works.

We knew that testing was essential, and many virologists urged our government to produce antigen tests that would be cheap, quick, and ubiquitous. Antigen tests can tell whether a person is infectious, and, if easily available and cheap, could have been used daily to identify new cases and get our children back into school sooner. But our government insisted on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing as the standard, despite the fact that they take days to get results and are costly. In the beginning of the pandemic, we only tested symptomatic patients despite the fact that a large percentage of positive cases were asymptomatic but still capable of transmitting the virus. Now that antigen tests (the 15-minute tests) are seen as reliable, we can't find them in stores.

Lesson 5: Vaccines work.

In short, our scientists and doctors knew what needed to be done to get ahead of the virus, but leadership ran behind the science, instead focusing on how quickly we could stop wearing masks and get the economy moving, walking the tightrope between the anti-vax, anti-mask demonstrators and the public health scientists.

Lesson 6: View a global pandemic as a war against a mutating virus. Mobilize all resources.

What could have been done? We have lost more than 800,000 Americans to Covid-19. If we were at war and losing hundreds of thousands of Americans, our presidents would have invoked the Defense Production Act to produce enough weapons and materiel to fight the war. Though both presidents Trump and Biden invoked the act in our war on Covid, their actions were neither sufficient nor soon enough nor at the levels needed to fully curtail the virus.

What did work? Science. Despite dealing with a new virus, our medical and science communities figured out early methods to preserve life, such as positioning patients and providing anti-coagulants and steroids in early months of the pandemic, then developing the vaccines and drugs that have been able to dramatically lower the death rate among the vaccinated.

This pandemic has lasted much longer than it should have as variants continue to crop up because we aren't vaccinating everyone, and because we lack the political will to mandate the vaccine, as we mandate all the other routine vaccines from measles to polio.

Our leaders have reminded me of Alexandre Ledru-Rollin's famous quote: "There go the people. I must follow them for I am their leader."

When the next pandemic arrives, it would be great if leaders make decisions to protect people from the virus, even if there is opposition;, trust science and those who understand the disease we're fighting; and understand that America First doesn't apply to viruses.

Bill Walczak is a Dorchester resident and the former CEO of Codman Square Health Center, which he helped to start in the 1970s. His column appears regularly in the Reporter.

State minimum wage rises to \$14.25 on Jan. 1

By Walter Wuthmann WBUR Reporter

Massachusetts's minimum wage will increase to \$14.25 an hour on Jan. 1. It's the final adjustment to the state's wage floor before it becomes \$15 an hour in 2023.

Massachusetts was one of the first states in the country to legislate a path toward a \$15 number, but its adoption wasn't immediate. As part of a so-called legislative "grand bargain" in 2018, Gov. Baker and state lawmakers agreed to raise the minimum wage incrementally over five years.

It is currently \$13.50. The new minimum for tipped workers will go from \$5.55 to \$6.15 an hour.

Advocates are welcoming the scheduled increase. "It will mean that hundreds of thousands of workers will be seeing a raise — and so it's cause to celebrate," said Phineas Baxandall, a senior policy analyst at the left-leaning Mass. Budget and Policy Center.

Baxandall says the wage increase will bring a bit of relief with the prices of commodities like food and gas rising due to high inflation.

"This minimum wage increase is about 5.5 percent," he said. "It helps earnings keep paces with prices some, and that's something worth celebrating, but a minimum wage still isn't really enough to get by."

The new wage translates to \$29,640 a year for someone working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year. A recent analysis by the Massachusetts Institute

of Technology found that when factoring in vital expenses — such as housing, transportation, and other essentials — a single earner in Massachusetts with no dependents would need to make about \$36,900 a year to pay the bills. Said another way, MIT's "living wage" calculator found that same person would need to be paid a minimum wage of about \$17.74.

Some business groups fear the rising minimum wage could hurt small businesses operating on already slim margins.

"It will only result in employers having to pay more to retain existing workers," said Christopher Carlozzi, Massachusetts director for the National Federation of Independent Business.

"Aside from crowding inexperienced and younger applicants from the workforce, the higher minimum wage could mean even higher prices for consumers already trying to absorb rising costs," he said.

Carlozzi also noted that a recent national survey of more than 600 of his group's members found over 40 percent had already raised wages to try to attract workers.

Four other New England states also will hike up their wage floors in the new year. Connecticut and Rhode Island will see incremental raises; they're set to reach \$15 an hour in 2023 and 2025, respectively.

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Remembering Gretta Von Green

By Seth Daniel REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

There she was, sitting in the back lot of the old Dorchester Tire shop -

West Side Stories

looking worn but serviceable. She was Gretta Von Green, and the 1998 VW Gulf was about to be my family's mode of transportation through the next two years, for better or worse.

"I'll give her to you for 1,200 bucks," said a guy named Mike, who indicated he used "Gretta" in the winter to preserve his BMW from the salty Boston roads. "But I'd like you to promise me one thing. Call her 'Gretta.'

It was about three weeks prior that I'd been cruising along Rte. 1 North from my home on the west side of Washington with my old Ford Ranger truck, and while I was crossing the Mystic/Tobin Bridge, a headlight dislodged and went tumbling into the roadway. One car dodged it, but the state trooper two cars back wasn't so lucky. He stopped me, but being full of Christmas, I guess he had a heart. I beat it outta' there with a warning, but with a deadline to make repairs to the old heap by the new year.

That's how I found myself with Mike behind Dorchester Tire, shortly after learning there was no saving the old Ranger. Having pity on my desperate situation, he told me he wanted to help me out and he'd sell me Gretta on the cheap since he could see I "was a family man.'

So much for big-hearted car salesmen/mechanics, though; when I returned two days later with a cashier's check, he upped the price a few hundred bucks. "I've had a lot of interest from the teen-agers," was his rationale for the boost.

So it was that a four-speed VW from

the 1990s with a soiled-yellow, stale smelling carpet, entered our lives.

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My kids immediately took to it, especially when I told them the requirement to call her 'Gretta.' They immediately dubbed her Gretta Von Green, to accentuate her rusty, forest-green exterior. That was positive, as was the nice, spacious hatchback that seemingly could hold a whale. "I think I can see the road under my feet from inside the car," said my youngest one morning. That was fun.

There were the times we could go 'sledding' by yanking the parking brake during a snowstorm and gently gliding the little car down the soft hills all through our neighborhood.

But by the same token, Gretta didn't have the firepower to make it up those soft hills during a snow event, requiring a very round-about route along the "flat streets" for us to get home

The heating system worked for about 20 minutes, then nothing; the air conditioner – well, it was only present in theory. That meant there was a button for the a/c, but no action took place when you pushed it. I fondly recall one August during a heat wave when Gretta's heating system suddenly revived, but wouldn't turn off high for a week, so riding in it was like commuting in a blast furnace.

Then there was the electrical system, which was a conglomeration of wires that resembled the rag-tag setup I have on my porch for the Christmas lights. One wire was taped to the inner roof of the car, another went from under the dash, ducked beneath the plastic interior, and disappeared somewhere in the rear. On one particular day, I was on the Mass Pike and suddenly heard a clanging underneath like the chains of the Ghost of Christmas Past. I got off in Allston and looked underneath where I saw a big metal "thing" drag-

ging along the ground – apparently a connector for a flimsy wire that ran along the undercarriage. I tucked the piece back in tight, crossed my fingers, and fired up Gretta in hopes that she'd go. And she did. Nothing later seemed to be amiss despite the disconnection.

And that's the beauty of a Gretta Von Green. Who knows, but it runs.

I remember hot and cold afternoons on the Expressway in bumper traffic having to use a stick shift. If you've gotten nice and comfy with an auto transmission, try going back to a stick in rush-hour traffic. It's pure terror.

In all honesty, I've had a lot of "beaters" like Gretta that probably weren't good and proper for the road, and most of them, thankfully, I've forgotten. In recent years, I've grown accustomed to leasing new vehicles that run smoother and smell nicer but aren't as much fun, and the kids don't name them. They, too, are forgettable. But for our family, Gretta Von Green will always bring a warm memory and a welcome smile.

BLUE HILL AVENUE

There's a lot of momentum building on Blue Hill Avenue for reinvigoration and the expansion of existing businesses. I've always thought it to be the city corridor with the highest potential.

To me, living on the west side of Washington, it seems like a lifetime that my commerce flows eastward, if not outward, but I would enjoy being able to beat it over to Blue Hill more often to get what I need. I'm reminded of days of old, such as I heard from an $acquaintance \, of \, mine, Ron \, Silverstein.$ Ron set up a very popular men's shop in downtown Chelsea for 35 years, and the community loved him and his shop until it closed in 2020. However, his origins were not in Chelsea, but on Blue Hill Avenue.

He told me that his grandfather, Morris Silverstein, had run one of the most popular men's shops in Boston from the 1920s to the 1970s, Silverstein and Sons Men's Shop. People came

from all over to shop at Silverstein's on Blue Hill, he told me, with the humble origins of the store being his Russian immigrant great-grandfather selling hats and boots door-to-door from a pushcart.

Then, instead of setting up his progeny in the Blue Hill store, Ron's grandfather set up family members with stores all over Greater Boston. Ron went to Chelsea. Another relative went to Randolph, others to Mattapan Square, and another elsewhere in Dorchester.

Sadly, Silverstein's on Blue Hill Avenue did not endure, and it is long gone and few, if any, remember it. In today's promising future for the Ave. it'd be nice to have some local folks of today build such an empire, provide service and sales with compassion, and amass wealth on Blue Hill.

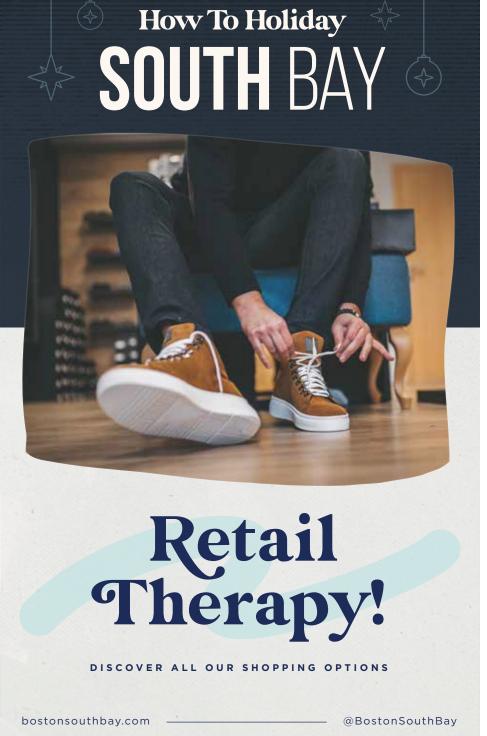
I, for one, would be first in line at the door.

RUSSELL HOLMES/ CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

After years of the area being crisscrossed by three, sometimes four, different state representative districts, it looks like January 2022 will bring some unity to West of Washington (WOW). State Rep. Russell Holmes told a WOW group that his new district includes all the neighborhood and so there will be a little more consistency on the map. The district was formerly represented by Reps. Holmes, Liz Miranda, and Dan Hunt. I recall telling high-ranking officials that he or she had been my state rep, which was breaking news to them!

On another neighborhood note, everyone agrees this Christmas season brought out the colorful lights in the neighborhood like never before. All through WOW, the two triangles -Talbot Harvard and Talbot Norfolk (TNT) – and up Glenway there were plenty of colorful lights to brighten the season. I'd say we made Santa proud.





At 6 Humphreys Place in Uphams Corner, a zest for affordable housing wins the day

(Continued from page 1) were being subdivided, promise in capital letters tory, with three-bedroom units being marketed for as much as \$2,300 a month.

A Humphreys Place resident for 14 years, Boyd was paying \$1,250 a month for a three-bedroom unit he currently shares with his teenage daughter. Even before the sale, Boyd said, some units in the building

with additional rooms to increase rents.

A real estate posting after McCarthy bought the property touted a potential for rents at \$2,500 month, or sales from condo conversion fetching as much as \$3 million. The posting called the property an "Investors and Developers Dream" [sic], with a

to deliver vacant. Another potential scenario was redevelopment of the parcel with as many as 20 units, which the posting described as an "Amazing opportunity for Cash Cow or huge returns on Condo Conversion."

When another resident of the building, Jean Paul Doh, got his eviction letter, he pursued legal action. Explained Doh, a 65-year-old licensed real estate agent originally from the Ivory Coast: "I cannot get out like a zombie. Give me a letter so I can go to court."

On his first visit to Boston Housing Court, Doh learned about the organizers at City Life/ Vida Urbana, which led to additional help from



Steve Meacham, organizing coordinator at CLVU, at right, talks to protesters at the standout at Humphreys Place last January.

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the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau. In November 2019, after multiple court appearances—and what Boyd called "a lot of long nights and days" – residents won a jury decision that awarded damages. They parlayed the award into a contract that would keep rents affordable for five years, with payments due once problems identified in the building were corrected.

The deputy faculty director for the Legal Aid Bureau, Eloise Lawrence, said owners would have had the right to evict, except for the property's "terrible conditions. They bought a distressed property on purpose, so they can buy low and sell high. But what they don't realize is they need to have it in good condition before they can do the evictions. And that's often misunderstood by the 'flippers."

Two months before the court decision, McCarthy also faced resistance to his attempt to redevelop a vacant lot nearby, at the corner of Humphreys and Dudley streets. He was trying to get city approval for 26 condos, with market units selling

in the "high \$400,000" range, but there was pushback from renters at Humphreys Place and other neighborhood residents. According to the Boston Planning & Development Agency, the project remains under review.

During the legal action, Boyd and Doh also tried to persuade some of their fellow renters to hang in, instead of taking offers of money to clear out.

"It takes a lot to get people to turn to the other side, you know, unless there's progress," said Boyd. "That's when people started to say, 'Hey, this is working.'

Lawrence said the legal action was "only a small part" of the resulting victory. "But for City Life organizing, the land trust, all these things,' she said, "the tenants might never achieve true victory and achieve real benefit in the real world."

Along with his work in the food sector and showing up for his daughter's participation in school sports, Boyd also helped City Life/Vida Urbana with organizing at other properties. Asked why he continues to work as part of the group's Dorchester organizing committee, Boyd said, "It's complete strangers that came to my aid to help me."

The Boston Neighborhood Community Land Trust (BNCLT) was formed as the successor to a coalition of grassroots organizations and public agencies that tried to help renters and homeowners affected by the surge in foreclosures during the real estate crash of 2008. By 2014, efforts included a pilot program to prevent displacement and repair properties in Dorchester's Four Corners neighborhood. Unlike many other housing nonprofits, the BNCLT and other community trusts in Greater Boston concentrate on occupied properties.

The BNCLT's executive director, Meridith Levy, characterized its acquisition of 6 Humphreys Place as a way to break the speculative cycle driving up the cost of housing. "It's about community benefit," she said. "We want to make (Continued next page)

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sure that we are creating a new haven for people to be able to live in forever if they want." And, because residents had already been asked to leave, she described 6 Humphreys Place as a "perfect alignment" for an effort to avoid displacement.

The trust acquired the property on Dec. 23 for \$1,825,000, a figure that, according to Levy, also reflected improvements already begun by the previous owner. The transfer includes an agreement for six income-restricted units—2 for moderate income and 4 for low income.

Unlike many other properties targeted for intervention, 6 Humphreys Place has been used, at least in part, as a rooming house. Lawrence says that means including renters with fewer options.

"There are lots of people who are effectively locked out of our traditional housing market, and these buildings definitely provide that housing," she said. "And they're also a symbol of, basically, how broken our system is."

Levy said the BNCLT's acquisition is being supported by funds from the city and other help with the cost of financing. She said there would also be tools to keep rents affordable, such as rental subsidy vouchers.

According to Sheila Dillon, Boston's chief of Housing and director of the Department of Neighborhood Development, the city is contributing "just shy of a million dollars" from the Neighborhood Housing Trust Fund.

"It might sound like a lot for six units," she said, "but then we will have those units. They'll become part of our affordable housing inventory for decades to come."

Dillon said support for occupied units was also "a reasonable, very efficient" approach, and quicker than developing new units over the course of three or four years. "It's very important that we supported the tenants,' she said, along with "creating more affordable housing in an area that's becoming increasingly expensive."

The acquisition changes the form of ownership, with the BNCLT controlled by a board with seats for residents of its properties and surrounding neighborhoods and "resource" members. Levy says the structure allows for a strong community voice in decisions such as choosing property managers.

Despite changes in the housing market, 6 Humphreys Street continues to be overshadowed by an adjacent boarded-up, seven-story warehouse property known as the Leon Electric Building. Located next to the Uphams Corner rail station, the property has long been viewed as an eyesore, but also as a potential site for redevelopment. Levy says the acquisition of Humphreys Place could increase community influence over future development, with "moral site control" exerted by the BNCLT and other community organizations.

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"It opens the gate for us to think more creatively," she added.

And Boyd says the new model would be a change from the earlier progression toward a rooming house, which he described as getting "a little crazy. I think with the land trust, it'll be more of a community-based thing," he said. "We will be somewhat closer than before, and I don't think the turnover rate would be like that anymore."

"It's not just about long-term affordability," Levy noted. "It's a whole model of community governance, where they are the stewards of our whole organization."

Doh says the trust will make more progress on repairs and affect how residents feel about each other. "Now, when you start that program, we are working together," he said. "We are friends."

Boyd still fondly recalls his years in the South End: Three generations of family weddings at Holy Cross Cathedral. relatives who knew Mel King even before his campaign for mayor of Boston, the stores and businesses that gave

way to redevelopment or gentrification.

"We lived like that," he said. "We were a community, we knew each other.

After having been "disrespected" by an eviction letter addressed to "John Doe" at 6 Humphreys Place, Boyd sees himself as a kind of leader for residents who "feel more at home. "When we fight, we win," he said. "Don't give up your neighborhood. This is coming from a guy who grew up in Boston's South End."

New checks on emergency rental aid draw sharp protests

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

Massachusetts renters who seek state aid to avoid eviction will face new requirements and a revised application process in less than a week, a sudden shift that prompted dozens of housing advocates to demand lawmakers intervene and stave off a "disgraceful and unnecessary outcome."

In an attempt to stretch the hundreds of millions of dollars remaining in its eviction diversion program and steer them toward households facing the greatest threats, the

Baker administration plans to amend how it decides which families receive rental assistance starting in the new year.

Most tenants will have to fall behind on paying rent for at least a month before they qualify for emergency aid, and all recipients will no longer be able to recertify their benefits for another three-month period without once again submitting a centralized application.

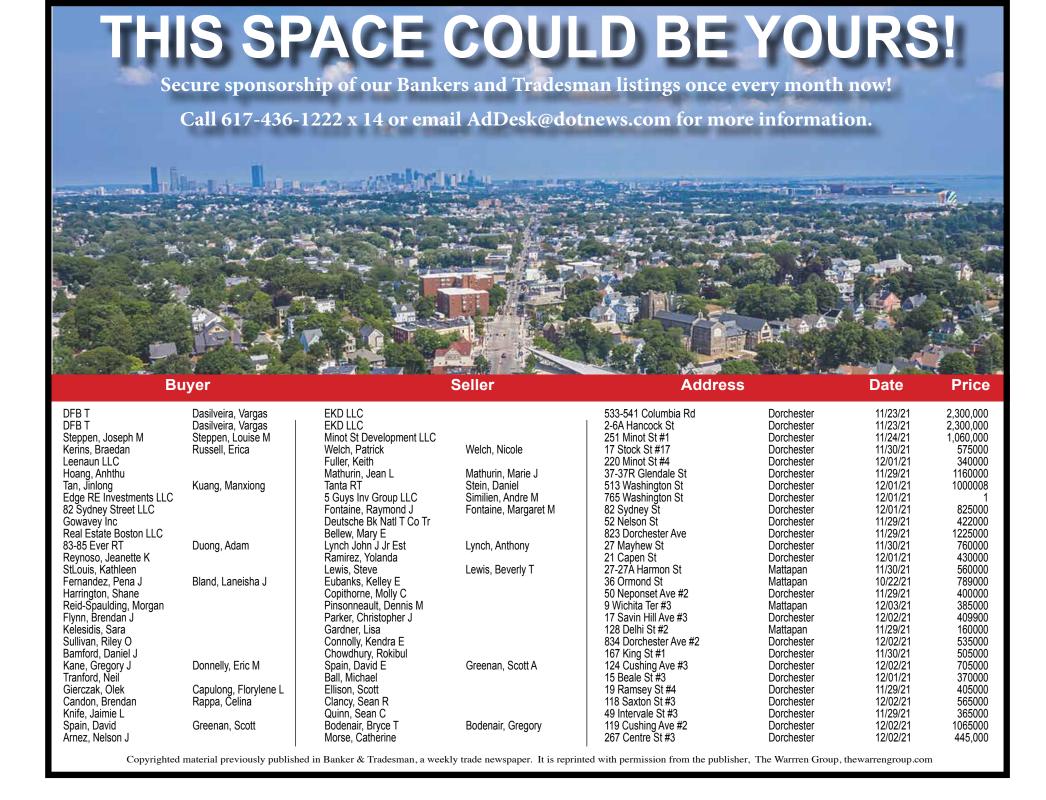
Housing advocates who work on the ground with at-risk renters argue that the move to ration dollars will displace more people and muddy the waters around who can access state support, all while Beacon Hill sits atop a mountain of unspent federal dollars.

Kelly Turley, the associate director of Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, said helping tenants in crisis should be "at or near the top" of the list for how to use the more than \$2.3 billion in remaining American Rescue Plan Act funding.

"A lot of the concern is not only that the changes are going to go into effect, but also that there really wasn't much transparency or notification to households that are depending on this program," Turley told

the News Service. "The idea that the administration would move forward with changes without talking to the Legislature and asking for additional funds for emergency rental assistance seems very extreme and unnecessary, and disruptive to both households that are relying on the program and looking to access the program as well as landlords."

The updated policies will hit the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program, or RAFT, and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, or ERAP, effective Jan. 1.



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Campbell cites a 'partnership' as key for her District 4 tenure

(Continued from page 1) departments, but also the projects that folks in the community can see and feel daily... That's what I get the most enjoyment about...As I walk around District 4, I see the improvements and I see the improvements also in City Hall and city government."

Bringing back widespread door-knocking in 2015 as part of her campaign strategy, she said her team emerged with a detailed plan based on what they heard on doorsteps and front porches. However, she said, that plan quickly ran into what she called the "inefficiency" of local government.

"What I quickly learned and a point of frustration for me about city government is how much time and money we waste on not helping people," she said. "We would sit in meeting after meeting and we're having a second and third meeting $about \, something \, without \,$ doing anything. I would say, 'Does anyone else have a problem with this?'The lack of efficiency and the lack of action clouded our expectations in District 4."

Campbellsaidonething that hasn't changed since she hit the doorsteps in 2015 and succeeding campaigns was her making the time to engage the public. She noted that it is hard work, and often requires re-starting a process that might have been considered completed. The importance, she stressed, was that her tenure included everyone – even when it meant more work.

There is no better satisfaction when folks say they feel they were a part of the discussion even when they don't fully agree with what happened," she said.

She added that the

problem is that city government is based on from the top leadership, and that's where she said she felt her office succeeded in its "electoral partner-



Councillor Andrea Campbell with Councillor-elect Brian Worrell, who will be sworn-into office on Monday, Jan. 3 along with the full Boston City Council. Photo courtesy Councillor-elect Worrell

that started from the

"That is not the norm in government," she said. "It's top down and not efficient. Because it's top down the folks doing the work don't have a great idea of what the solutions would be. That's because they're not connected to the folks on the ground living through these issues and who do have the solutions."

Among the successes she cited during her tenure, and one that is iust now becoming fully apparent, is the focus on vacant lots throughout District 4 – particularly those that are city-owned and mostly in the hands of the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND).

Campbell said the vacant lot initiative started as an anti-violence effort following a troubling event in the district. Many were saying that one solution to street violence was to utilize blighted vacant lots. Several studies in other cities suggested the same, but Campbell said she would have never guessed that these problem properties were city-owned.

"When you have these lots empty, it speaks to the community that we don't value you, especially when they are government owned and blighted," she said. "To my shock, I learned that most of these lots around were city-owned. We always thought they were privately owned

ship" with her district and maybe absentee landlords. To learn they were city owned was incredible.

She said they quickly sought the help of city Housing Chief Sheila Dillon and DND, and learned that there was interest but not of the high-priority sort from the administration at that time. Using stakeholders like Wentworth Institute of Technology to help brainstorm with residents, she said they were able to hoist the effort up the priority ladder.

"It's very exciting to be able to see these lots now become a source of economic opportunity and that our local people have a shot at getting a chance to develop and build these economic opportunities," she said while noting that community members would like to see them developed or filled on a faster timeline.

The issue of police accountability and transparency was another hallmark for Campbell. Routinely a critic of the status quo, as council president, she focused on pushing the bodyworn police camera pilot program. She said that was a call she heard from the community, and one she advanced. The same is true for holding officers with a bad record accountable for their actions, she said, and promoting more of a community policing model than exists now.

As the chair of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee, she championed increasing the diversity of public safety departments. All of this led to tough conversations, and Campbell stayed focused.

"I'm proud of that push and the continued push to diversify our public safety agencies, which were and are overwhelmingly white and mostly white men," she said. "I'm really proud of our leadership there and about standing up when it's hard and not backing down...Conversations about restructuring a department aren't easy conversations to have."

Campbell said she also leaves having grown personally and professionally during her year-long run for mayor beginning last year. She was the second of two challengers to announce before former Mayor Martin Walsh left office last March. She said having conversations across the city left her optimistic that everyone wanted to play a role in reversing inequities.

"There's an assumption that white residents don't care about inequities that disproportionately affect communities of color," she said. "They do, and they want to do something about it... They get that if certain schools in certain neighborhoods aren't working. then it doesn't work for anybody. There's a certain narrative that some downtown neighborhoods don't care. They do. For me, it was incredible to see that. Covid-19 and George Floyd put it front and center for them..."

Meanwhile, her run for mayor and her time on the Council only cemented for Campbell her belief that Boston is the best city in the world, and one uniquely situated to solve difficult equity issues. "We have everything we need; other places do not, but that's what makes us great," she said.

Campbell said that she is spending most of her time working closely with incoming Councillor-elect Brian Worrell. She noted that no one helped her integrate into City Hall, and she wants to transition issues and concerns to Worrell so he can follow up on them. Having endorsed him during the campaign, she said she is excited about the trajectory of District 4 under his new leadership.

Campbell is taking her time in figuring out her next step, though she noted that there has been no shortage of friends and supporters calling her with their ideas. "I don't want to make a decision right away. I can be thoughtful and considerate about it... Anything I do I want to align with my values... that's about serving others, and that won't change in whatever I do next."



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Downing exits race for governor in '22

The first Democrat to officially enter the 2022 governor's race is now the first to end his campaign. Former state Sen. Benjamin Downing dropped out of the race Tuesday, saying his campaign does "not have the financial resources to continue.

"While it's painful to admit, that reality has brought this chapter to a close," the East Boston Democrat said in a statement. "Just as my work and my responsibility as a citizen did not end when I term limited myself in the Senate, the work of this campaign does not end today. Though my name will not be on the ballot next year, I will keep working for the principles that defined this campaign."

Downing jumped into the race in February 2021, when Harvard professor Danielle Allen was still exploring a run and state Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz had not yet declared her candidacy. His decision to withdraw comes as Democrats are still waiting for Attorney General Maura Healey to disclose her plans.

Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito announced earlier this month that they will not run next year. - SHNS



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The Covid Plague at Year's End

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The new policiescollectively dubbed the B Together initiative triggered ignorant, racist insults directed at the mayor, the daughter of immigrants from Taiwan, on the city's 3-1-1 app and via phone calls to City Hall, she said.

"I've seen my face photoshopped on all sorts of images," Wu said during a radio interview on GBH last week. "There's constant calls associating me with the same hateful, racist, xenophobic language that the former president used in describing the virus and its origins and who was to blame," she said, a clear reference to Donald Trump. "And, unfortunately," she added, "this isn't something that I bear alone."

Boston officials plan to create the city's own proof-of-vaccination app, modeled after the Key to NYC app in New York City. Wu said she has been in touch with New York officials, where a similar vaccine requirefor months.

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

Wu's announcement last Monday at City Hall was disrupted at times by protestors who chanted, used whistles, and, at one point, sang the "The Star-Spangled Banner" as officials described the new policy and their reasoning behind implementing it.

The protest included members of Boston First Responders United, which opposes vaccine

ment has been in place Wu defends vax policy for months.

mandates, and a heavy contingent of pro-Trump activists. The group was among those who later confronted the mayor when she visited the BPD Area B-3 police station on Dec. 23. In that incident, several protestors sought to block Wu's vehicle from leaving the Blue Hill Avenue station as others shouted insults and harangued the mayor while Boston Police officers moved to protect her.

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

Boston's planned outreach and support efforts for businesses include a series of webinars and what Wu's office described as "a weeks-long campaign to educate residents and businesses about the new policy, utilizing city outreach workers and inspectional services.

Free, at-home rapid

antigen test kits remain available for city residents at select Boston Public Library branches and community centers. BPS students were also sent home before school break with two free test kits. The move came as

Boston Latin School notified parents of a spike in Covid-19 cases (36 over the past week), with most of them being reported on Dec. 23.

"The uptick and clustering of positive cases in just the last two days is extremely concerning," BLS Head of School Rachel Skerritt wrote in the letter to parents. "Many of these cases are the result of unmasked or improperly masked contact between students outside of school time, including weekend social events and contact amongst some of our athletic teams.

Shutdown no, Slowdown yes

(Continued from page 1) to have Covid-19 over non-essential medical procedures are being put off to protect health care capacity.

A college football bowl game set to be played at Fenway Park on Wednesday was cancelled because the two invited teams- University of Virginia and Southern Methodist Universitycould not field enough players due to Covid cases on their rosters.

While vaccinations and boosters have helped reduce deaths, hospitalizations, and people suffering severe illness due to the coronavirus, the state has now posted more than 20,000 confirmed and probable deaths from a virus that arrived 21 months ago and has since mutated.

Another 12,983 people in Massachusetts were newly confirmed

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the Christmas holiday weekend, according to the Department of Public Health. With a total of 993,038 confirmed Covid-19 cases identified since February 2020 and thousands of new cases reported daily over recent weeks, the state is on track to soon surpass a total of 1 million cumulative confirmed cases, a milestone that will mean roughly one out of seven Massachusetts residents has tested positive at some point during the pandemic.

The number of people hospitalized with Covid-19 increased, rising from 1.597 on Christmas Eve to 1,636 as of Dec. 26. About 31 percent or 509 of those 1,636 patients were reported to be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 when they contracted the virus, the DPH said.

Also on Monday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that it is shortening the recommended time for isolation from 10 days for people with Covid-19 to five days, if asymptomatic, followed by 5 days of wearing a mask when around

"The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmis-

sion occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the 1-2 days prior to onset of symptoms and the 2-3 days after," the CDC said. "Therefore, people who test positive should isolate for 5 days and, if asymptomatic at that time, they may leave isolation if they can continue to mask for 5 days to minimize the risk of infecting others."

Katie Lannan of the State House News Service contributed to this report.

Clinics set to launch

Vaccine and booster clinics, each capable of administering 400 shots a day, will open next Wednesday at the Melnea Cass Recreation Complex in Roxbury and at North Shore Community College's Modular Building in Lynn.

On Thurs., Jan. 6, Fenway Park will reopen as a vaccine/booster site with the capacity to administer 1,300 shots each day. A new clinic in Taunton will also go live next week.

The four new sites are in addition to a vaccine and booster clinic already open at the Whittier Street Health Center in Roxbury, which has 500 doses available each day. Appointments at all five locations are available to book now through vaxfinder.mass.gov.



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all interested persons: Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative Appointment of Personia heptesentative, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Julienne Tran of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of soid octate to ease. Without Survey or of said estate to serve Without Surety or

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Justice of this Court. Date: December 20, 2021 Felix D. Arrovo

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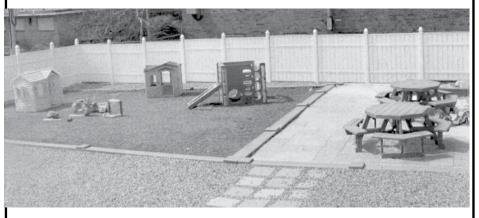


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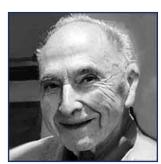
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PIPIA, Mary J. (Doherty) of N. Quincy. Mother of Mary Sara Pipia of Dorchester, Kara Pipia Batastini and her husband Armand of Harmony, RI, and John F. Pipia Jr. of N. Quin-

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A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy has been filed by Dorothy O'Neil of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and O'rder and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Dorothy O'Neil of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve without Surety on the bond in unsupervised. Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised

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In the Matter of:
MIKAYLA BRIELLE SANCHEZ

To: any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A Petition has been presented to said court by: Medes Diaz of Dorchester, MA requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

If you object to this adoption you

are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person. An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOURATTORNEY MUSTFILEAWRITTENAPPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 02/10/2022.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN,

First Justice of this Court Date: December 2, 2021
Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate Published: December 30, 2021

(Lizzie) Sweeney-Fanelli, his son-in-law Timothy Sweeney-Fanelli and their daughter Laura, of New Hampshire. Jerry was a brother in-law to Kathleen Sweeney, Patricia Sweeney, Bill Leydon, Elizabeth Keizer, Patricia Nestor and to Margaret, John, Christine and Susan Flanagan. He was also a uncle and great-uncle to two generations of his large and close-knit Irish family. Friend of Bill. Donations in Jerry's memory may be made to Cops for Kids with Cancer, a cause close to his heart.



THOMPSON, Ronald Edward, 82, Ret. Lt. of the Hingham Fire Department, long-time resident of Hingham. Born in Nashua, NH to the late Robert C. and Cecile M. (Dube) Thompson of Las Vegas, NV. Husband of 62 years to Katherine M. (Wehter) Thompson. Father of Jeffrey A. Thompson (Dolores) of Dorchester, Christopher E. Thompson of Hingham, Andrea M. James

of Weymouth, and Jonathan P. Thompson (Jennifer) of Plymouth. Papa to 5. Ron is survived by his siblings Nancy Franzoni (Mark) of Duxbury, Elaine Schlender of WI and Michael Thompson (Cristin) of NV, his brother-in-law Richard Wehter (Sally) of Hingham and several nieces and nephews. Donations in Ron's memory may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation, 290 Turn-pike Road, Suite 5-315, Westborough, MA 01581 or to the Alzheimer's Association alz.org.



WATKINS, Claudia Jeanne (Burgo), 70. Born in New Bedford, MA, she was a longtime resident of Boston, where she worked at the Boston Globe for over 30 years. Family members left behind include her husband, Melvin Watkins; her daughters, Alina Lopez Thomas and Kristin Warshavsky; her sister. Barbara Bridges: 8 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU21D0943DR DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING EVENS THESEE VS. ROLANDA CARDOSO

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

puired to serve upon: Carlton E. Williams Esq., Law Office Carlton E. Williams, 268 Humboldt Ave., Dorchester, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before 02/02/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudicaion of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
(617)-788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. SU21C0304CA IN THE MATTER OF: **NICOLE LEE MIELE** A Petition to Change Name

of Adult has been filed by Nicole ee Miele of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: NICOLE LEE KELLY

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for urposes of objecting to the peition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **01/06/2022**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. Witness, HON. BRIAN J

DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 20, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo

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PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU21100784DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
GERROD A. BROWN
VS

vs. SERINA L. BROWN

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Geraldine Gruvis-Pizarro, Esq., Volunteer Lawyers Project, 7 Winthrop Square, Floor 2, Boston, MA 02110 your answer, if any, on or before 02/10/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your an-

swer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

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(617)-788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU21C0549CA IN THE MATTER OF: JACQUELYN ANN BAECKER A Petition to Change Name of

Adult has been filed by Jacquelyr Ann Baecker of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to JACQUELYN ANN DOWNS **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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ition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/06/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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\$1m donation will help Cristo Rey school retain teachers, nourish students

(Continued from page 1) have a direct impact on retaining high-performing teachers and building a team of experienced and properly supported teachers," said Powers. "The gift will be used in concordance with our mission of addressing systemic inequity and providing students with the tools they need to succeed.'

She added that the funding "will also allow Cristo Rey Boston to enhance and supplement its school nutrition program, offering higher quality food options to support the health and wellbeing of CRB students.'

The Murphys haves been involved with philanthropic efforts in Greater Boston for many years. A graduate of Boston College, Edmund Murphy is also active in The Ireland Funds and Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. But much of his energy has been directed to Cristo Rey, which took over the building that once



Rosemary Powers Cristo Rey president

housed St. William Elementary School in 2010.

"It's a simple fact that students and teachers achieve success together every day at Cristo Rey Boston," Murphy said in a statement. "Students who are well-nourished with high-quality meals are going to have a much greater chance to achieve great things in the classroom. Similarly, experienced teachers who are well-nourished financially through the school's compensation program will have a greater opportunity to lead and inspire those students."

Jennifer Murphy added: "We hope this gift will

inspire others to take a look at the incredible work of Cristo Rey Boston."

Part of a Jesuit-founded network based in Chicago, Cristo Rey Boston is one of the system's 37 college prep schools in place across 24 states that exclusively serve students and families with limited resources. It offers students a rigorous curriculum, a distinctive work-study program, and the support of an inclusive community.

Last year, Cristo Rey made news when it announced that all prospective and current students would be givden full-tuition scholarships. All Cristo Rey Boston students must work one day per week and the revenue generated by those efforts supports the student's education.

To get more information, or to apply, please contact Nicole Mollica, director of Enrollment & Retention, at nmollica@ cristoreyboston.org or at 617-825-2580, Ext. 31.



17 Bradston Street

Tuesday, January 11 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3JmbZCK Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 **Meeting ID:** 161 283 9993

Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 17 Bradston Street project located in Newmarket. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Project Notification Form. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the Public. The Proposed Project will include approximately 551,200 square feet and will contain 9 stories. The proposal will be designed to support tenants in multiple growing sectors such as: healthcare support and administration; office and medical office; pharmaceutical back of house operations; R&D; and advanced manufacturing. Please register using the Zoom link.

La información de esta reunión es crucial para usted como residente y parte interesada de la ciudad de Boston. Se encuentra disponible el servicio gratuito de interpretación de la información brindada en estas reuniones. Si necesita servicios de traducción, contáctese con: (ebony.darosa@boston.gov) (617-918-4419). La reunión está programada para el 01/11/2022. Por favor, solicite los servicios de interpretación a más tardar 5 días antes de la fecha de la reunión.

mail to: Ebony DaRosa

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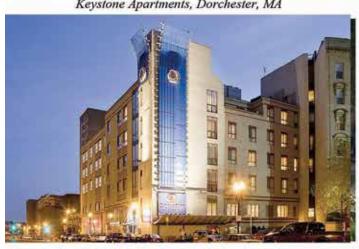
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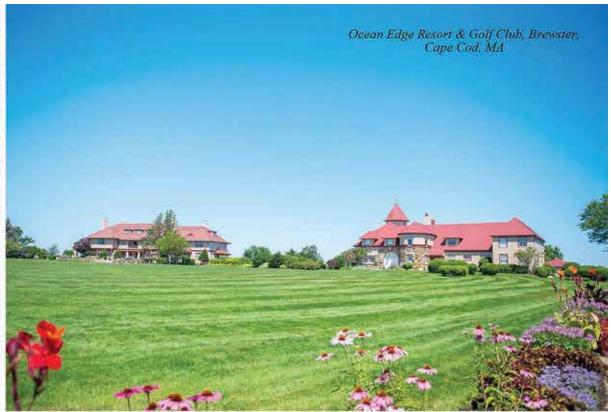


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