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Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco shows Congressman Stephen Lynch the construction site that was once UMass Boston's student plaza. In its place, a new "quad" will be created for students.

UMass Boston chancellor looks forward, and he very much likes what he is seeing

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco's third-floor corner office on the UMass Boston campus looks out

and the garage were at the center of a scandal over

Marcelo Suárez-Orozco

over dirt mounds surrounding a massive gash, where there once was a science building and a windswept plaza built atop a parking garage.

"This is the embodiment of UMa-

ss Boston 2.0," he says. "It's a new beginning. We are finally leaving behind the deficiencies that flowed from the original construction of the campus."

A two-level substructure, which connects the administrative and academic buildings,

the building of the harborside campus in the 1970s. Two state senators went to prison on extortion convictions, among others, and a blue-ribbon state commission later documented the fraud.

The decrepit 1,560-car garage closed in 2006, but the campus continued to crumble. In 2010, a 385-pound section of concrete fell from a lower-level ceiling beneath Wheatley Hall, an academic building.

"The substructure, I'm happy to report, is done, it's safe, it's sound," Suarez-Orozco told the *Reporter* in a sit-down interview last week.

Where there was a plaza and mounds of dirt, a new courtyard, or quad, will "reorient the university toward a green space for student activities, for student study, for student work, for student enjoyment," according to the chancellor.

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WAITING IN LIMBO

Haitian migrants take note of opportunities, but slow pace of bureaucracy leaves jobs unfilled

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Nearly every day, scores of Haitian men and women, some of whom walked thousands of miles to seek asylum in the United States, make their way to a modest office in Mattapan Square, the headquarters of the nonprofit Immigrant Family and Service Institute (IFSI).

The migrants, who have been granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) by the US government, are looking for help getting jobs as they navigate an arduous process that is beset by maddening delays and absurd anomalies. Many of them spend long hours inside the IFSI office, waiting to get guidance from staffers who are themselves frustrated by the slow pace of the federal bureaucracy.

"It is frustrating," said David Dorvilien, a 30-something man who sat in the bustling office on a recent Monday morning. He wants to weep when he recalls his family's 18-month trek by foot, bus, and boat from Brazil to the United States border. A native of Haiti,

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David Dorvilien with Rev. Dieufort 'Keke' Fleurissaint at the IFSI office in Mattapan Square this week.

Seth Daniel photo

State of the City 2023: Wu pitches include update of zoning code, revamp of development operations

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Disassembled? Dismembered? Ripped from the surly bonds of City Hall? Not quite. The Boston Planning and Development Agency, a frequent campaign trail target for abolishment and reform, seems set to continue its existence in some form for the foreseeable future, if Mayor Michelle Wu's first "State of the City" address and newly filed legislation are indications of what happens next.

But big changes are in store for the entity itself, which still formally operates under its original name, the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The BPDA name came from a rebrand under Mayor Marty Walsh's administration in 2016.



Mayor Michelle Wu makes her pitches.

Seth Daniel photo

On Monday, Wu filed a home rule petition to "abolish" the BRA and reorder its operations under a new quasi-public planning and development entity that will retain the familiar BPDA shorthand, while still reporting to a board appointed by the mayor and the governor

"Through increased involvement of city personnel and additional cooperation concerning funds and property, the agency will be subject to new and additional oversight by the city, strengthened requirements regarding public participation and transparency, and heavily restricted urban renewal powers," Wu wrote in her filing letter to the City Council.

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Marty Walsh

A rebuttal

Two days after Mayor Wu critiqued the past decade of development in the city, her predecessor talked about the accomplishments of his administration's time inside City Hall. Page 13.

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Police, Courts & Fire

Boston firefighters responded to 55 Cedar St. in Mattapan around 1 a.m. on Tuesday (Jan. 31) for a fire that started there and spread to the neighboring unit at 57 Cedar St. The department reports that 12 people were displaced. There were no injuries.

BFD photo

A 13-year-old boy was shot and killed near Mattapan Square on Sunday morning in a brazen assault that has not yet yielded any suspects, according to police. Tyler Lawrence, a resident of Norwood, was pronounced dead at the scene of the shooting, which was near the intersection of Babson and Fremont streets, about one block off busy Blue Hill Avenue. The attack took place around 11:30 a.m.

Both Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox and Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden were on the scene in the aftermath. "We do believe it was targeted," said Hayden. "We don't believe it was a random act of violence, but we really don't know for sure yet." He added later:

"After leaving the scene in Mattapan Sunday I went home and watched football with my son, who is also 13. That's something this family will never be able to do with Tyler, and the explicit tragedy of that reality is shattering. This is an immeasurable loss for the Lawrence family and for the city."

The death marked the third known homicide in the city of Boston so far in 2023. Another man, 33-year-old Jymaal Cox, was shot dead in Mattapan Square on the morning of New Year's Day. No suspects have been identified or taken into custody in that murder. Anyone with information is asked to call the BPD Homicide Division at 617-343-4470.

Alarge fight among TechBoston Academy students that started on Monday afternoon (Jan. 30) on the basketball court in Roberts Playground near the school ended with at least two students stabbed and another under arrest.

Police initially responded around 2:45 p.m. to Armandine and Washington streets on a report involving students fighting with knives and guns. On arrival, they found nobody, but soon after they found two students stabbed, one who had taken refuge in a store there, a second a block away at Ashmont and Montague streets.

The website Live Boston reported that a third victim was later found closer to Dorchester Avenue and Ashmont Street, where, Boston Police say, they arrested Deionte Wall, 18, of Dorchester, and a 15-year-old male. Both Wall and the 15-year-old were charged with three counts of Assault and Battery by means of a Dangerous Weapon [a knife], police said.

"All three victims were transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries," according to a Boston Police report.

'Wicked Smart' Surprise for Dot Kids



'Wicked Smart' Surprise for Dot Kids— Boston Collegiate Charter School in Dorchester welcomed an all-star visitor on Monday when Boston Celtics guard Marcus Smart visited the Mayhew Street campus to celebrate the launch of his new cereal, Wicked Smarts. Smart greeted by Boston Collegiate basketball players and lower school students, who are already connected to the ballplayer through his YounGameChanger Foundation. Last year, all Boston Collegiate students received free calculators from Smart and Texas Instruments. Proceeds from the cereal sales go to support local youth organizations.

Photo courtesy Boston Collegiate

Dot man gets 9 years for gang conspiracy

A federal judge last week sentenced reputed Dorchester gang leader Michael "G Fredo" Brandao, 22, to nine years in prison for his guilty plea to RICO (racketeering) charges.

Federal prosecutors had asked for a 12-year sentence, saying that even after Brandao was arrested as part of a gang sweep in 2020, he kept making YouTube videos promoting the gang and its violence.

Prosecutors argued that as recently as two weeks ago, months after he had agreed to plead guilty, Brandao tried from his jail cell to get remaining gang members to beat up a music manager who was helping with Brandao's rap career.

Brandao was among more than a dozen members of the Norton/Olney/ Barry Gang, also known as NOB and the Head Shot Mafia, rounded up in June of 2020 on both general RICO charges and more specifically, murder, armed robbery, drugs, prostitution, and the unintentional kidnapping of a 5-year-old girl.

Prosecutors said Brandao himself tried, but failed, to murder someone and was involved in a cartheft turned kidnapping when gang members stole a man's car as he was getting some takeout on Dorchester Avenue and it turned out his young daughter was in the car. Gang members released her, unharmed, in Randolph.

Brandao pleaded guilty last April. In a sentencing memorandum to US District Court Judge Leo Sorokin, prosecutors said that even with his admission of guilt, Brandao deserved a long sentence because "not only was Defendant involved in various criminal activities, he was a leading figure in the gang, publicly promoting the gang's violence and its conflicts with rivals, thus fueling a cycle of ongoing violent conflict between NOB and rival gangs – a cycle that spilled violence onto the streets of numerous communities, particularly Dorchester."

The memorandum de-

tailed YouTube videos Brandao had posted both before and after his arrest that feature threatening messages and recreations of murders by NOB members.

Other members of the gang are already serving sentences. Prosecutors say the gang arose out of violence around the murder of Bobby Mendes

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) will host a site visit to Tenean Beach on Sunday, Feb. 19 from 9-10:30 a.m. to observe the high tide's effects along the coast. Please register at Neponset.org/KingTide.

The BPDA will hold a virtual public meeting on Thurs., Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed Olmsted Village project. A 30-minute presentation is planned, followed by a 45-minute discussion by members of the project's Impact Advisory Group, followed by 45-minutes of public Q&A. See bostonplans.org. For more info on joining this meeting via Zoom or phone, see bostonplans.org.

The first of three virtual public meetings to discuss the Dorchester Bay City project will be held on Tues., Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. focusing on public realm, open space, and resilience aspects of the development area. See bostonplans. org for information on how to join the meeting via Zoom on phone.

The public is invited to join the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) at their annual Neponset River Water Quality Presentation on Monday, Feb. 6 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Canton Public Library Community Room, 786 Washington St., Canton. Every year, from May through October, multiple volunteers work with NepRWA staff to gather water quality samples from various sites across the Neponset Watershed. The samples are then tested for E. coli. Phosphorus levels, and Dissolved Oxygen. The Water Quality Presentation looks at the current sampling data and compares it to sampling data from previous years to see what long-term trends emerge. The data and trends allow NepRWA to monitor the health of the Neponset River and come up with a plan of action for improvements. The event will be held both inperson and over Zoom, and registration is required for both options. Light refreshments will be served. Due to the regional rise in COVID cases, masking is

optional but highly encouraged. More information, including registration, can be found at Neponset.org/water-quality. Codman Square Health Center is offering free tax preparation clinics for Boston residents at 450 Washington St., Dorchester throughout the tax season. Drop by the clinic on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-8p.m. or Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 617-822-8182 for more info.

Children, parents, and caregivers are invited to join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for February school vacation week. Online registration and more information on all these free family activities can be found at boston.gov/parks.

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will present the annual Children's Winter Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground on Wed., Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free festival is open to all and offers music, giveaways, winter activ-

ities, treats, and crafts. Featured attractions include large inflatable installations such as the All-Star Challenge, Everest Climb 'N' Slide, and a Fun House Maze. Kids and their caregivers can also enjoy rides in the park on the Trackless Train, a ski lift photo booth, slap shot hockey, snow throw, pop-up mural activity from the Mayor's Mural Crew, a LEGO build activity with a Master Model Builder, and much more. Visit boston.gov/winterfest for more information about this family-friendly school vacation week event.

The New England Women's Leadership Awards, hosted by Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023. NEWLA was among the first events of its kind in the Boston area, and so far has recognized 134 outstanding women. To learn more about NEWLA, visit bgcdorchester.org.

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Marty Walsh as Biden chief of staff? For a moment last month, it was seen a possibility

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

For a moment in January, talk of Marty Walsh as the new White House



chief of staff was in the air. So was Marty Walsh, with no internet access.

The labor secretary was flying from London to Boston after spending a busy few days in Europe, where he had visited the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, before checking out a job training center in Zurich and apprenticeship programs in Austria. He told the audience at a New England Council event on Friday in Boston that as he was boarding the plane for an eight-hour flight without use of the $internet, he \, had \, received$ a text message with a

link to a New York Times article reporting that Ron Klain was stepping down as the president's chief of staff.

In mentioning the names of possible successors to Klain being floated by the White House, the reporter included Walsh's name along with those of the management consultant Jeff Zients, agriculture chief Tom Vilsack, the political strategist Anita Dunn, and the diplomat Susan Rice.

When he arrived in Boston and opened his phone, Walsh told the crowd, he found that 68 people had texted him about the story. Some had offered congratulations and "a couple of people were looking for jobs," he quipped.

Walsh told reporters after his remarks to the New England Council's guests that there had been no formal conversations about him taking the role. "I think it was nice to be mentioned. Obviously, it's an honor,' he said. "When I read the article, I looked at the list,

and said, 'It's going to be Jeff," Walsh said, referring to Zients, the man who was in charge of the Biden White House's response to the pandemic.

The secretary said that he and Biden, who persuaded him to leave the mayor's office in Boston in early 2021 to join his cabinet, talk every couple of weeks. "If we're on a trip or something you get a chance to sit with him and talk to him about life," he said. "We talk about the stresses of the job.'

Jim Brett, the head of the New England Council, said he and his neighbors, Dorchester residents like Walsh, were not surprised that Walsh's name was floated, "because the president feels so close and so comfortable with him."

But Walsh joked that he is getting some "grief" for his time spent in Boston. While his job comes with plenty of travel across the country, Walsh still frequently returns to his home in Lower Mills, and he remains a presence at award dinners and public



Secretary of Labor Martin Walsh spoke to a member of The New England Council before making a speech to the group in Boston last Friday, Jan. 27. Gintautas Dumcius photo

events around Boston.

Walsh told the New England Council that whenever he gives a speech, he has to run the location by Biden administration lawyers. One of the lawyers apparently remarked to Walsh's scheduler about the high number in Walsh's hometown, and added, "We have to cut down on these Boston speeches."

Joel Richards nabs District 3

endorsement

The candidate who ran against and lost to District 3 Councillor Frank Baker in 2021 is endorsing the candidate running against the fiveterm incumbent this year. Stephen McBride, a member of the Jones Hill Community Association, lost to Baker, gaining just 28 percent of the vote to the Savin Hill councillor's 63 percent.

Boston Public Schools teacher and pastor Joel Richards is making his own run this year, after the City Council's redrawing of political boundaries placed his residence in Dorchester-based District 3. Baker, while losing large swaths of Neponset, picked up more of South Boston.

"As someone who got to know District 3 intimately by running for this seat in 2021, I know firsthand that Joel is the person made for this moment," McBride said in a statement. "Even from our first meeting on the campaign trail two years ago, I understood his passion to make Boston better. His desire

to bring people together rather than sow division, coupled with his commitment to making Boston a more affordable and equitable place to live assures me that Mr. Richards will be the best City Councilor for District 3 and for Boston.'

Richards said it was an "honor" to receive McBride's support. "I supported Stephen from day one of his campaign and admired the way he humbly carried his message throughout the campaign. I am looking forward to working with him to continue that vision for a Boston united around our shared experiences and our common interests."

Baker has not yet formally announced if he's running for reelection.

Additional candidates could jump in. Latoya Gayle, an advocate focused on early education and childcare issues, told the *Reporter* that she is considering a run and plans to make a decision in February.

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After last fall's drubbing, Mass. GOP finds a new leader

By Steve Brown WBUR Reporter

Massachusetts Republicans failed to field a single successful candidate for statewide office last November, a drubbing that stirred discontent among Republicans who were troubled by party chairman Jim Lyons election-losing strategy and the organization's financial woes.

Lyons on Tuesday lost a bid for a third term on Tuesday as state committee members voted 37 to 34 for Washington lobbyist Amy Carnevale of Marblehead.

"Clearly, the vote was a signal that our party is going to take a different track moving ahead," she said. "And I'm taking that as a signal that we also need to reach out to unenrolled voters in order to get Republicans elected to Congress, to positions up and down the board."

She will serve a twoyear term as chair.

Many Republicans put the blame for the party's woes squarely on Lyons. They questioned his putting the party's limited resources into the governor's race, which most politlical observers knew was a long shot.

Lyons, a strong supporter of former President Trump, and claims the party's troubles are not because of his leadership as chair. Instead, he blames centrist party members who supported former Gov. Charlie Baker, and says they're undermining his agenda.

"So far, we know that the Baker people have invested all kinds of money because they want to silence you. Silence me," he told a group in Worcester. "Are they going to silence you people? They're not going to silence me neither."

The number of Republican elected state officials has dwindled in the four years Lyons has been chair, the latest evidence being November's lopsided losses for governor and lieutenant governor, the only statewide offices then held by Republicans.

The party also saw a pair of sheriff's seats as well as the Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office switch to the control of Democrats. Republicans have lost at least nine seats in the Legislature since Lyons took control of the party.

"I think if we continue on with Jim Lyons, that we're going to have even more infighting," said Auburn state Rep. Paul Frost, who is also a voting member of the State Republican Committee. He said more Republican incumbents could be in danger of losing their seats in contentious primaries if the party sticks with Lyons.

But the concerns go beyond losing elections. The party's treasurer, Pat Crowley, has raised questions about opposition research conducted on now-Gov. Maura Healey during last year's gubernatorial campaign. Crowley sent other Republicans copies of emails and invoices that suggest Lyons may have coordinated with a political action committee and wealthy donors to pay \$53,217 for the research. Such coordination would be a violation of state campaign finance laws.

WBUR has repeatedly reached out to Lyons through the party but has not received a response.

"It appears that our party may, in fact, be in the red and owe money to vendors," Carnevale, one of several candidates, said in the leadup to the election for the chair.

"Under the current leadership, the party has gone in a direction that has not been helpful to winning elections," she said. "We need to communicate a message that is welcoming and attractive for recruiting both candidates and donors to the party."

It's not unusual for a political party to do some soul-searching following election losses, said Brian Frederick, who teaches political science at Bridgewater State University. "It's sort of the classic purist-versus-pragmatist sort of approach," he said. "That especially occurs when parties are out of power, when they're not currently occupying very many positions of power and see themselves locked out.'

It was ultimately up to the members of the Republican State Committee to determine the leadership of the party at

Republicans copies of their gathering in Marlemails and invoices that borough with their votes suggest Lyons may have by secret ballot.

Lyons congratulated Carnevale for her victory and promised to never quit "fighting for our life, liberty and freedom."

Portions of this story were first published and aired by WBUR 90.9FM this week. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

Early education apprenticeship program launched in Dorchester



The Epiphany School was the site of a kickoff of a new apprenticeship program.

Photo courtesy Neighborhood Villages

Neighborhood Villages, a nonprofit focused on early education and childcare issues, has started an apprenticeship program to help the workforce crisis that has hit the early education sector.

The program, part of an initiative launched in November with \$1 million from City Hall, offers "non-college pathways to those entering or looking to advance in the field of early education and care as lead teachers or directors."

The program kicked off on Jan. 21 at Dorchester's Epiphany Early Learning Center with 50 apprentices and their mentors and instructors.

"This program will help address this crisis by supporting educators on their pathway in early education with instruction, on the job training, mentorship, wage bumps, and wraparound support such as technology and coaching," Binal Patel, chief program officer at Neighborhood Villages,

said in a statement. "We are grateful to the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development and the City of Boston for their support and look forward to continuing to work together to address these urgent workforce challenges."

According to Neighborhood Villages, jobs in the childcare sector are down 23.5 percent from pre-pandemic levels.

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3 persons	\$75,700	\$100,700	\$126,200
4 persons	\$84,100	\$111,850	\$140,200
5 persons	\$90,850	\$120,800	\$151,450
6 persons	\$97,600	\$129,750	\$162,650

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3 Bedroom	\$1,964	\$2,522	\$2,850
4 Bedroom	\$2,164	\$2,789	\$3,100
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Wu proposes 'Year 13' pilot program in a partnership with UMass Boston

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

Education and school buildings made up a hefty portion of the topics Mayor Wu took up in her State of the City address last week, and one key piece involves a collaboration between Boston Public Schools (BPS) and UMass Boston on Columbia Point.

Wu outlined a pilot program whereby Fenway High School students can take an extra year after high school graduation to work toward a college degree at UMass Boston.

"I am announcing that—in partner-ship with UMass Boston—we'll build on that foundation by piloting a Year 13 program at Fenway High School," she said at the MGM Music Hall next to Fenway Park. "This will give our students an additional full year of college-level courses debt-free as they transition to college and accelerate toward a degree."

Fenway High School, located in the Mission Hill neighborhood, accepts students from all over the city, including several from Dorchester and Mattapan. The school already offers a robust early college program where students can take classes without cost at UMass Boston or Wentworth Institute of Technology and earn up to two years of college credit. However, that offer ends once they graduate.

With the "Year 13" concept, they can continue taking those classes without cost for another year after the graduate if they are working toward a degree.

"UMass Boston is committed to expanding access to higher education, particularly to those who face systemic barriers to succeeding in college," said UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco. "Our partnership with Boston Public Schools to provide Fenway High students with a 'fifth year' will open doors and opportunities for first-generation students, students of color, those facing economic challenges, and many others."

The idea of a "Year 13" is also something that has been pushed by City Councillor at-Large Michael Flaherty



 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Mayor Wu outlined several goals and new programs for public education during her speech. \\ \begin{tabular}{ll} Seth \ Daniel \ photo \end{tabular}$

for some time, and on Wednesday night he applauded the move online.

"BPS finally has a Year 13," he wrote.
"(I'm) Honored to be with Mayor Wu
for her first State of the City. I look
forward to working with Mayor Wu
and Superintendent Skipper on best
practices for the first cohort (of Year
13 students)."

The idea has already been tried around Greater Boston with some success, particularly in a partnership between Chelsea Public Schools and Bunker Hill Community College prior to the pandemic. If it proves successful at Fenway High, the hope is it will be expanded. Said Wu: "If we expect our young people to be the leaders our

world needs, then it's on all of us to take every step to ensure they have the skills and experience to meet this moment."

Facilities at the forefront

Part of Wu's address noted new and renovated school facility projects. She noted that the brand-new Boston Arts Academy had just opened right across from the MGM Fenway Music Hall and that it was quite impressive. She also took note that the ongoing construction downtown at the Josiah Quincy Upper School, started in 2012 and has taken too long.

All school projects are taking too long, she said, adding that her administration is looking to shorten the planning period to make sure school facilities are delivered in a more timely manner.

"The [Josiah Quincy] project was kicked off in 2012: three mayors and six superintendents ago," she said. "Students in 1st grade when this project started will have graduated from high school by the time it's finished. We're making changes to speed up not just individual schools, but our whole district."

She said in comments after the speech that by eliminating the programmatic study at the outset of a school renovation or new construction, about a year's work of time can be saved. This was outlined almost a year ago in May 2022 when Wu unveiled the Green New Deal for BPS in the South End. She said that effort hasn't stalled out but has moved forward through laying the groundwork for this more-streamlined process.

"Even a condensed process when it has all those steps is many years long," she said. "By having those conversations now and setting those educational specifications, we can shorten that process. We're also moving into community design process for many of the schools we have brought online—Madison Park has been moving along and so are the elementary schools. Individual schools are going to keep being accelerated but this is to speed up the process overall."

Madison Park did have two online school community planning meetings last year, but one of them wasn't well advertised and didn't draw many participants. The second meeting also wasn't well advertised, according to some, including District 7 Councillor Tania Fernandes Anderson, and was roundly criticized throughout the meeting. There have been no further school community meetings on Madison Park since then.

Inclusion schooling

One piece of the speech that went somewhat under the radar on the education front was a commitment to invest \$50 million into inclusion education "so every student gets the education they deserve," Wu said.

Schools in Dorchester that are

Schools in Dorchester that are designated inclusion schools – where students with disabilities learn in the same classroom alongside general education students – are the Henderson Upper School (Grade 3-12) and the Oliver Wendell Holmes K-6 School. The inclusion model has been popular in education circles but has been in question recently due to more general education students and parents pulling out of the model. Inclusion schools in the district have experienced more behavioral issues of concern over the past few years than they did at their outset a decade ago.

Wu also committed to continuing investments that were brought on with Covid-19 federal money and by some strong advocacy pre-pandemic from former Dorchester Councillor At-Large Annissa Essaibi George.

"Because we know our students are people and family members first, we are investing in social workers and counselors at every school, with dedicated bi-lingual social workers trained to meet the needs of our multilingual students and families," Wu said.



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130th anniversary bash for BGCB



Nicholas President & CEO of BGCB Robert Lewis Jr. and Mayor Michelle Wu embrace on stage during BGCB's 2023 Annual Dinner.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB), the city's largest youth-serving nonprofit organization, held its 2023 Annual Dinner at the Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport to celebrate the organization's staff and kick off its 130th year in operation. Attended by more than 800 people, the dinner attracted the city's most prominent corporate and civic leaders to raise critical funds that support the organization's life-changing programs.

Attendees enjoyed performances from BGCB Club members and a star-studded speaking program, which featured Robert Lewis Jr., Nicholas President and CEO of BGCB; Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston; and Imari Paris Jeffries, Executive Director of Embrace Boston. Moses Sibley, director of "Mattapan The Documentary, also took to the stage to deliver a speech to the crowd.



Co-Chairs John Capone and Grace Lee enjoy a Q&A session with BGCB members Pippa Nilson and Junior Cruz Martinez. Matt Stone photos



Imari Paris Jeffries, Executive Director of Embrace Boston, addresses the crowd.



Brothers and Mattapan Teen Center members Moses and King David Sibley pose with Nicholas President & CEO of BGCB Robert Lewis Jr.

Uphams Corner home gets 'This Old House' upgrade

Rebuilding Together Boston, a nonprofit, recently teamed up with the builders from "This Old House" to fix up a home off Humphreys Street in Uphams Corner.

The no-cost repairs were made to the two-family home of 75-year-old Rosalind "Roz" Pendleton, who has lived there for 21 years. She's a fixture of the community, a retired life coach who volunteers at the polls.

Her home, first built in 1884, needed upgrades inside and out, including a new back deck, stairs, and a backyard patio with lights. The "This Old House" crew got to work, and the experience takes up an episode of "Ask This Old House," a companion show to the long-running series that focuses on overhauling homes across the country.

The first home of "This Old House" decades ago was a Victorian home by St. Peter's Church. The show recently returned to Dorchester for its forty-sec-



Rosalind "Roz" Pendleton

ond season to fix up a three-decker a few blocks away, on $\overline{M}t$. Everett Street.

For its part, Rebuilding Together Boston, founded in 1991, has done 520 renovation projects at a cost of \$7 million. Contributors, foundations, and corporations support the nonprofit.

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eternalHealth's Ika will be chair of BGCD's women's leadership event

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) has named Pooja Ika as this year's New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA) Event Chair. The event will be held on May 15.

Ika is the founder and CEO of eternalHealth. At the age of 25, she was the youngest woman to launch a new Medicare Advantage Health Plan in the United States. A 2019 Babson College graduate, she founded eternalHealth to deliver high quality, affordable care to her fellow Massachusetts residents.

"I am excited and grateful to be the NEW-



Pooja Ika: Madam Chair at NEWLA event.

myself and the women we get to honor possess a shared mindset that nothing is impossible," said Ika. "Through NEW-LA, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester has been honoring brilliant and passionate women for the last 30 years."

Bob Scannell, the LA Chair this year, as president and CEO of

the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, praised Ika for "understanding the importance of having positive role models and resonates with the mission of our Clubs, which is to welcome and $connect young people \, and \,$ families to opportunities that embrace diversity, nurture growth and inspire success."

The event will mark its 30th anniversary this year. Emmy Award-winning WBZ-TV news anchor, Lisa Hughes, will emcee and shine a light on this year's honorees and their contributions. To learn more about NEW-LA, visit bgcdorchester. org/newla

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY 98 Centre Street

Today we have a postcard written in October 1906 by Florence Collins of 98 Centre Street explaining that she had been ill with a fever and cold and that she had been eating only broths and would like to get back to solid food. The doctor even recommended that she might want to take a trip to Jamaica in January. The recent photo of the house shows how enclosing the porches and applying siding have hidden the original features of the design.



Postcards came into their greatest era of popularity just after the turn of the 20th century. In the top photo, 98 Centre Street is shown as it looked in 1906 with the beginning of a handwritten note at right. At right, a recent photo of the house

Sited just west of Allston Street, the house

was built in 1896. Florence and her hus-



band John were both born in Maine and were married there in 1887. They came to the Boston area in the 1890s, living first in Quincy, then in Roxbury. They bought the Centre Street house in 1898 and lived there until they moved to Tremlett Street in 1909.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchester historicalsociety.org. The society's historic houses are closed due to the pandemic and building repairs. For now, our in-person programming has been suspended, and we are using Zoom instead.

Editorial

Feds must find a fix for Haitian migrants

Today's front-page report by Seth Daniel on the plight facing hundreds, perhaps thousands, of Haitian refugees now living in the Boston area should compel elected leaders and policy makers to find a solution to an increasingly urgent problem in Boston and across the country.

In December, the Biden administration announced that it would extend its existing Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians already granted legal status here to remain for at least an additional 18 months. It was the just and humane thing to do given the continuing political and economic instability on the ground in Port-au-Prince and across much of Haiti. The assassination of the nation's president Jovenel Moise in July 2021 made matters even worse.

Thousands of Haitians who were granted entry to the US through our southern border in Texas are now living in cities like Boston and New York and Chicago. Alarge percentage of them have TPS status, but as Daniel reports today, they do not have authorization to work here. The process of greenlighting their applications has been hopelessly bogged down by a backlog that started under the Trump regime, but still has not seen appreciable improvement under Biden's watch. The president should take executive action to correct that as soon as possible.

The idea that our nation would admit thousands of asylum-seekers to our cities and then expect them to exist purely on the charity of others and their own survival skills without legal income is absurd. It's particularly infuriating since our city and Commonwealth are in dire need of workers to fuel our own economy and the tax base.

Keeping these men and women, who are more than willing to join the workforce to support their own families and live stable lives in a new and strange land, in perpetual limbo is cruel. It's also a hardship on local families—mainly of Haitian descent—who've taken in refugees with the idea that their hospitality would be temporary in nature, until the new arrivals can derive income and house and care for themselves. Many local families in Dorchester and Mattapan are in the precarious position of housing and feeding refugees without any sense of how long it will take for their guests to become self-sufficient. That's a lot to ask for households, many of which are already struggling in an expensive city.

As it endeavors to catch up on the backlog of applications, the Biden administration should immediately create a bridge to a more permanent solution along these lines: Anyone who has been granted TPS status should automatically get a temporary work permit – perhaps for a duration of six months – as federal officials review the case for a more permanent document. That would be welcome news to industries in Massachusetts, too, many of whom cannot find people willing to fill lower-paying jobs in manufacturing, hospitality, and public transit sectors.

For those concerned about an influx of more refugees, it's important to note that the most recent TPS extension only applies to people who were admitted legally to the US prior to Nov. 6, 2022. These men and women are already here in our community—and many of them have been here for several years. They are our neighbors and likely will be for years to come. Let's get them working, paying into the tax base, caring for themselves and their families in a humane, considerate and just manner. We hope President Biden will act.

- Bill Forry

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Commentary

Duxbury story speaks to danger that postpartum disorder poses

By NNEKA HALL SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Like many of us, I have felt so heavy, ridden with guilt, and grief-stricken over the tragedy in Duxbury that resulted in the alleged murder of three children by their mother, Lindsay Clancy, who reportedly was suffering from postpartum psychosis.

I am the mom of four children, including three who are with me and one who rests in paradise. When everything went well, baby blues did not creep in. However, when my second birth resulted in a child being born with a congenital heart defect that required open heart surgery at two weeks of age— and my third birth ended in a 39-week still-birth—I was introduced to postpartum depression, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and anxiety.

What I didn't know at the time was that I was at risk of developing a Perinatal Mood or Anxiety Disorder (PMAD) because I had lived with major depression since I was nine. Since I hadn't been told that I was at risk, my postpartum period could be compared to a Russian roulette match where at any time I could have harmed myself —which I actually did after the stillbirth— or my children.

actually did after the stillbirth— or my children. The birthing person's mind and body are very fragile during the postpartum period due to hormonal shifts, genetics, life, and more. The entire family needs support. It takes over 20 disciplines to support one postpartum body. So, how, exactly, do we expect women to thrive without their basic needs being met?

In April of 2021, I presented a comprehensive postpartum care model at a special Ellen Story Postpartum Depression Commission meeting. A week later, I submitted a budget proposal that would have provided state funds to develop an online app to bring support to birthing people during the third trimester and before the family is discharged from the hospital or birth center after delivery.

The budget line item passed but my organization was removed from the process. Instead, the Department of Public Health was tasked with conducting "postpartum depression programs at community health centers in the cities of Holyoke, Lynn, Worcester, Fall River and Salem and the Jamaica Plain section of the city of Boston; provided, that should a community health center decline funding, unexpended funds shall be split equally between participating programs, \$300,000." I have yet to see these programs come to fruition.

But what I have seen since then is more of the same silos instead of the realization that it will take all disciplines working together to fully support every aspect of the postpartum body.

I am re-filing the budget proposal once again to share my postpartum vision for the Commonwealth.



Nneka Hall

It may or may not pass, but in the meantime, we all know someone who is pregnant or surviving their postpartum year.

Here's how you can support them:

- •Cook a little extra food and drop it off.
- Churches and auxiliary clubs can reach out to me to learn more about Mother Ruth's Kitchen and how we can bring one to your church/club.
 - •Create a community for those who have none.
- •Refer them to Vital Village or a Baby Cafe Meeting.
- •Hire a laundry service for the family.
- •Check-in and listen to the birther.

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it is this same village that is needed to preserve the birthing person's mind and body. Yes, any one of us could have been or could be Lindsay Clancy.

As for me, I was saved by my Nana, who loved and supported me unconditionally. She threw me a lifeline even when I said I did not need one. As my son prepares to graduate from college and my oldest daughter prepares to graduate from high school, I realize that their successes are reflective of the support I received during my pregnancies and my postpartum periods. We can all help to preserve a family and save lives.

Nneka Hall, a Mattapan resident, is a maternal health advocate who serves on the state's Ellen Story Postpartum Depression Commission. She can be reached at nneka@motherissupreme.org..

Dot voters can help fix the State House

By Evan George Special to the Reporter

Dorchester has been the focus of political conflict in Boston over the past few months. The City Council redistricting was mostly fought within our borders, and a proposal to transform a nearly empty Comfort Inn into affordable housing has made headlines for weeks. Meanwhile, we have kayakers regularly cruising down Morrissey Boulevard, a dysfunctional Red Line, and some of the highest rental prices in the country.

While the city may see us divided, they share in our problems, and with our City Councillors distracted by the drama of an election year, Boston may need to put its hopes in the black hole of Massachusetts politics, the State House.

And Dorchester has a big role to play.

It's no secret that our state representatives like to operate at a snail's pace. It is the home of low expectations and long vacation time. In a democracy, politicians are held accountable by the voters. But at the start of each session, the House votes to put a bag over our heads, blinding us from how they operate, and allowing smooth sailing to another re-election. They do this by a process known as the rules vote.

Every two years, the state Senate and House vote on their own rules (must be nice), and what they pass has earned Massachusetts the reputation as one of the least transparent legislatures in the country. The most secretive of these rules is the denial of committee vote information to the public. Our Legislature is in the minority of those that do this. This means that every bill that is sent to

a committee, no matter how vital or important it is to the future of Massachusetts, can be killed in silence. Behind closed doors. Without a single voter knowing what happened.

How can Dorchester save the day? Many of us are represented by Rep. Daniel Hunt, who for years held a leadership role on the House Committee on House Rules, which gave him a significant say in whether committee votes stay hidden. Unfortunately, Hunt has happily played the role of bag man for the power brokers in the State House who like to operate under cover of darkness. For the past two legislative sessions, he voted against public committee votes and other transparency reforms and hasn't shown much enthusiasm for the idea of bringing Massachusetts democracy into the 19th century.

However, that was before he got to see what his constituents wanted. Last year, the people of his district voted in support of finally make committee votes public by over 80 percent. Sadly, this was a nonbinding ballot question (which passed overwhelmingly across the state), and Hunt needs a bit more persuading. This can only come from the people of Dorchester.

The Senate and House will be voting on their new rules this month. Will they continue to keep the bag over our heads or will they let the light in? Call Rep. Dan Hunt at 617-722-2380 and make sure the Legislature votes to allow committee votes to be made public.

The writer is a Dorchester resident, volunteer with Act on Mass, member of Dorchester Not For Sale, and organizer with the Democratic Socialists of America.

Commentary

Shawmut Showdown: To build or not to build

The perils of invoking 'character' in citing a neighborhood's growth

To the Editor:

"It's out of character with the neighborhood." How often have you heard those words in fights over new building projects? And what on earth do they mean?

That was my question when I learned I'd been appointed to the Impact Advisory Group for the proposed housing development at 150 Centre Street. The developer is accused of violating the character of the neighborhood around Shawmut Station.

"Neighborhood character" evokes tight-knit community, shared culture, and unique visual appeal. My street, Brent, isn't so warm and nostalgic – it's more diverse than tight-knit – but the houses are two-, three-, and six-families of a similar age and style.

What about the neighborhood around Shawmut Station and 150 Centre? I decided to take a closer look.

Look at these buildings. They're all within a blockand-a half of the proposed development. If "neighborhood character" means anything coherent, it's not the feel of the buildings around Shawmut Station. If we don't see jarring differences, it's because we are used to looking at them.

What, then, is this phrase being used to mean? Fewer people in the neighborhood? Housing for landlords more than tenants? Don't change anything? What does the phrase mean when it's used for development after development across Dorchester?

I want to know what people who say "neighborhood character" are really thinking. I'm asking because I want to do a conscientious job on the Impact Advisory Group. Until I find answers, I think we should focus on more tangible neighborhood impacts like traffic, parking, and yes, affordable housing.

Mike Prokosch
 Brent Street



150 Centre Street, the focus of the back and forth between the development firm Trinity and residents in the neighborhood around Shawmut Station.



Centre Ave and Centre St.



Centre and Melbourne Streets



Centre and Clementine Park



Sharp Street at the Epiphany School Mike Prokosch photos

Wu's plan doesn't fix the real cause of the housing crisis: NIMBYs

By Gregory Maynard Special to the Reporter

After eight years on the City Council passing ordinances and holding hearings, a mayoral campaign focused on telling voters that she had plans to fix the problems facing Boston, and 15 months as mayor, Mayor Wu should have pointed out how she was turning her promises into reality at her first State of the City Address.

Instead, the bold-faced takeaway of the speech was that the mayor would use an executive order to establish a "Planning Advisory Council" that will be tasked with coming up with what is going to replace the current planning and development status quo.

This new board amounts to a blue-ribbon commission, and its existence underlines that in the 15 months since Wu became mayor, no one in her administration has come up with a good answer to the question: What will replace the Boston Redevelopment Authority?

The reason that abolishing the BRA is so difficult was left between the lines in the speech: Blowing up the development agency will not solve the problems that are causing the city's housing crisis. One of the few concrete goals Wu laid out in the address was getting Boston's population back up to 800,000 residents. Accommodating those new Bostonians would

likely require a 20 percent increase in the number of housing units in the city, meaning about 55,000 new ones being built, which would bring Boston's total number of housing units to almost 300,000.

Wu has long pointed to the BRA as the reason for Boston's housing crisis, but the agency is not an impediment to construction in the city. Responsibility instead lies with the city's many NIMBY — Not In My Backyard — residents who dominate Boston's neighborhood groups, civic associations, and community development processes. They are responsible for tens, or even hundreds of thousands of missing units in the city, and the resulting lack of supply keeps relentlessly pushing up the costs of renting and buying.

The coverage of the fight to build an apartment building at the Shawmut T station shows how the city continues to miss out on adding housing units. The developer acquired the property in 2016 and proposed 100 units. Over the last six years, that number has been lowered and it now stands at 79. Neighbors who oppose the project want just 27.

The residents at Shawmut are exercising the same privilege that their peers have used in contesting hundreds of projects over the last several decades. In Boston and across Massachusetts, objectors are allowed to delay, even derail, housing developments

that need to be built to meet the demand for housing that is causing our housing crisis.

Yet, how to deal with the Shawmut neighbors and their peers was not addressed in Wu's State of the City speech. Changing processes, renaming agencies, and moving staff around a reporting chart will not solve the central issue that Boston and Massachusetts faces: Not enough housing has been built in the city and the region over the last several decades. Greater Boston is hundreds of thousands of housing units short, and the last large-scale housing developments in Boston were constructed by the agency that Wu is now aiming to dismantle: the Boston Redevelopment Authority, which today is known as the Boston Planning and Development Authority.

Until Mayor Wu is honest with the public that more housing needs to be built, whether or not a few Bostonians think that more units will not fit with their neighborhood's character or that they will cast shadows on their yard, no amount of blue ribbon commissions or well-attended speeches can fix the housing crisis.

Gregory Maynard is a political consultant and former Boston resident. He is organizing the Boston Accountability Initiative, a new non-profit.

Affordable rents spur my support for Trinity project

To the Editor:

The Rental Housing crisis in Dorchester is a supply problem that needs supply solutions. Our elected officials must prioritize improving housing access and affordability for low-income households through approval of affordable housing projects and long-term investments in housing assistance programs.

Housing insecurity is a problem for many of my friends and neighbors. My friends are being squeezed out of their homes. Those with deeper pockets – higher incomes and more wealth – can afford the \$2,700 rent for a one-bedroom, but that leaves many of us to fight over an insufficient pool of rental housing.

The St. Mark's neighborhood has a severe shortage of affordable homes for renters. For decades, new affordable housing has been opposed by elected officials due to the undue influence of civic associations that do not represent the whole neighborhood. Construction of new housing has not kept pace with the rise in demand. Vacancy rates, the lowest in decades, result in soaring rental prices. In my opinion, the housing affordability crisis is the result of deliberate choices to oppose new affordable housing and chronic underfunding.

We finally have a mayor who puts affordable

housing on the top of the city's priority list. The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) is poised to take bold action to prevent displacement of Dorchester residents and provide housing for all by approving Trinity's mixed-income housing project at 150 Centre St.

More than 60 percent of the units in Trinity's project are projected as affordable for residents at tiers of up to 30 percent, 60 percent, and 80 percent of area median income. Rental units will start at approximately \$700 per month. The Centre Street location, adjacent to the Shawmut Station, is ideal for affordable housing. Furthermore, Trinity's plans include an all-electric building, the elimination of

harmful CO2 emission that contribute to climate change and negatively impact many people's health.

Before Trinity's project can secure approval, the BPDA would like residents to provide public input by Feb. 4. We need to express support for this meaningful housing project by asking the BPDA to approve Trinity's affordable, sustainable housing project at the Shawmut Station. Let your voice be heard about these important issues by submitting a comment to the Boston Planning & Development Agency. Please visit the BPDA's website. Our action is needed today!

- Mildred McKenzie Mather Street

Shawmut project will increase home values

To the Editor:

Looking more into the Trinity Project on 150 Centre St., I can appreciate the disruption to abutters during the building process. In the long run, however, I believe the overall results of providing much needed affordable housing will be beneficial in alleviating the housing deficit. The parking provided, the use of sustainable building materials, and the

attention to energy efficiency are huge pluses. The exterior aesthetics will be a boost for this lackluster block, adding an architectural lift.

In my opinion, this project will be a welcome asset to our community and will improve property values for this neighborhood.

Margaret Jamieson Waldeck Street Page 10 THE REPORTER February 2, 2023 dotnews.com

Blue Hill Avenue planners begin a new round of public meetings

No decision yet on center-lane bus idea

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan team started its engines on Jan. 24 with the first of several monthly meetings set by city of Boston officials to discuss transportation transformation along Blue Hill Avenue. The subject du jour was the proposal for center-running bus lanes from Mattapan Square to Grove Hall.

The city, the MBTA, and some community members are very much in favor of a center-island plan, but vocal residents and businesses along on the corridor have consistently been skeptical or outright opposed to the concept.

Stephen Gray, a cityhired consultant, said that "the city does have an opinion about the benefits of bus-priority and potentially center-running bus lanes, so that is true," but he also noted that "the city is also committed to only spend money on a project that has broad public support. So that means investment and infrastructure improvements on Blue Hill Avenue will happen no matter what folks decide at the end of the day – center-running bus lanes or not.



A map shows four distinct segments of Blue Hill Avenue that are the focus of the Action Plan team's meetings, which will continue next month on Feb. 28.

City of Boston image

"The exact nature of the design will be determined through sustained engagement for those that live, work, and play along Blue Hill Avenue," he said.

For all that, Gray and others hastened to stress that a \$15 million federal grant secured for the project in 2021 can only be used for bus priority projects. "There are implications to different funding sources that are beyond the city's control," Gray said. "If bus priority is not a part of the



A rendering from a Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan team presentation last year depicts how center-lane buses might be positioned near the Mattapan BPL branch.

City of Boston image

project, then we should keep in mind the scale of what the city would need to raise changes if that's not involved."

Most of the meeting featured officials with a positive view of the center-lane bus talking with community members who are not in favor.

"Drivers race up the bus lane when there is heavy traffic, then the bus gets stuck behind cars and that is what is happening on Mass Ave in Cambridge by MIT," said Cheryl Spence in the online chat. "The center bus lane reminds me of the Green Line, and having people wait in the middle of the road is scary."

Added Joseph Eubanks
Jr.: "Cut service and
continued gentrification.
People are not giving up
their cars or vehicles
because of middle bus
lanes. Sometimes traffic
is backed up from Muffler
Mart at Amory Street to
Walnut Avenue or rather
Franklin Park along Columbus Avenue (where
there is a center-running
bus lane now)."

Diane Bell said simply, "We don't want this for our neighborhood. No."

In response, MBTA Farland made the case for the lanes. He noted that 20 to 50 percent of people now living on the corridor don't have access to a vehicle. Moreover, he said, 12,000 riders get on and off the buses each day on Blue Hill Avenue south of Morton Street, and 5,573 riders do the same at Grove Hall. Those thousands of riders, he noted, now experience delays along the corridor because of congestion.

That is one of the main reasons why the MBTA and the City of Boston are in favor favor of the plan, he said. "We believe this will speed up the buses and make them more reliable—removing them from traffic and making sure they get you where you need to go. We estimate that if the center-running bus lanes are built, they can reduce transit travel times significantly on the corridor, meaning they can take as few as 15 minutes to travel from Mattapan Square to Grove Hall."

Andre Martin, of Dorchester, said young people in the area support the center-running bus lanes.

"Given the way things are going it is very obvious for some of us young folk that designing your city for cars is not sustainable," he said. "A lot of us are looking to live car-free and having more transit options in the future would be beneficial for riders and the community as a whole...I do think getting the center-running bus lanes is an absolute boon for the community."

It seemed, though, that for every lanes supporter, there were two or three voices opposed for numerous reasons.

"There aren't many bikes on Blue Hill Avenue unless you mean those motorbikes that terrorize drivers in the summer," wrote Cynthia Moore. "The same with the bike lanes on American Legion – a waste."

Community leaders like Michael Kozu of Grove Hall and Louis Elisa of Garrison Trotter Neighborhood Association are also skeptical.

To address concerns "in real time," the Action Plan team pledged to undertake several studies that would steer the process so that "informed, data-driven decisions" can be made, Gray said.

The input will include

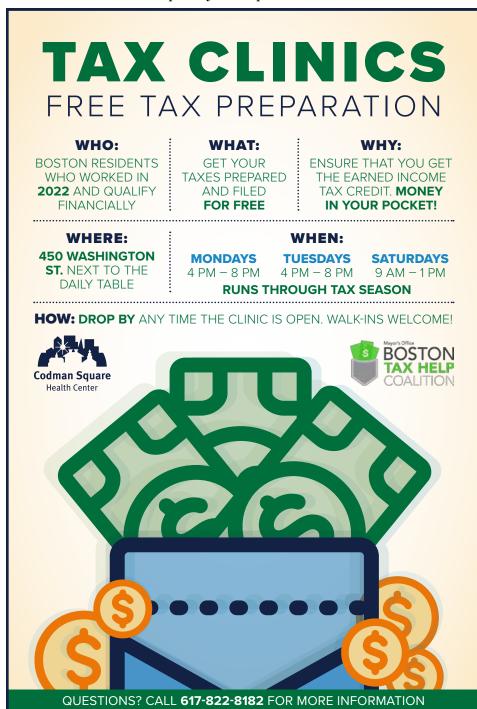
a post-implementation review of the Columbus Avenue center-running bus lane that was put into place in 2020; a housing impact study to investigate how to combat gentrification that could come after significant public investment; and a parking study to determine demand and solutions for problematic double- and triple-parking situations that now exist.

The final commitment from the Action Plan team was a prioritization of pedestrian safety. "What we've heard from folks is that it's not just about the transportation service, which is something that needs to be addressed and improved, but it's also about crumbling sidewalks and roadways and inappropriate timing on signals for crossing and driving," said Gray.

That sentiment was seconded by Rev. Miniard Culpepper, who wondered what the process would look like without so much center-lane bus chatter.

"We're focused so much on the bus lane," he said. "If we took the bus lane off the table, how could we approach Blue Hill Avenue so that everyone would come out with a win? Everyone is just too focused on this bus lane."

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 28, online at 6:30 p.m. However, other forms of outreach will continue, including weekly drop-in sessions at the Mattapan Square station from noon to 2 p.m. In the near term, the team said they would be offering similar drop-ins at Grove Hall.



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Comfort Kitchen opens in rehabbed rest stop on Columbia Rd.

By Izzy Bryars Special to the Reporter

Chef Kwasi Kwaa and restaurateur Biplaw Rai's partnership project with Historic Boston, Comfort Kitchen, opened for business last Wednesday inside Uphams Corner's historic comfort station, bringing what they call "global comfort" food and a new community space to the busy neighborhood.

The small, stucco-styled building, which originally served as a streetcar rest stop for commuters in the early 20th century, has been carefully renovated over the last decade. It had been lying fallow after it was boarded up in 1977 and was in a state of decay and disrepair until it was acquired in 2015 by Historic Boston in a competitive bid process run by the city of Boston.

After an initial plan to convert the space into a bike repair-coffee shop fell through, Historic Boston found the right partner in Rai, who previously owned the Dudley Café in Roxbury's Nubian Square.

The 940-square-foot building is owned by Historic Boston for "totally technical reasons," according to Kathy Kottaridis, the executive director of the organization. The plan is to turn over control of the site to Kwaa and Rai after five years,

Kottaridis said, noting, "The whole goal in the end, eventually, is to get the building into their hands so they can be the owners of it."

She added that at the time the comfort station was built (1912), it was really important to provide amenities and to make the city a functional, beautiful place. In fact, it was called the period of the City Beautiful."

Kwaa and Rai's menu traces ingredients like rice, grain, spices, and chicken as they spread through the African diaspora. "You can literally just sit here and be at a different



Comfort Kitchen, located in the restored Comfort Station on Columbia Road, was rehabilitated by Historic Boston Inc. and contractor MJ Mawn, who has worked with Historic Boston since the 1980s. Mawn said the most challenging part was installing the commercial kitchen in a 940 square-foot space. "It was very good to see something like that open up specific to that neighborhood, because it really was needed," he said. "They're awesome. And, you know, I think they're gonna roll well." *Izzy Bryars photos*

part of the world instantly," Kwaa said about the restaurant's pop-up style dinner

The menu offers selections of food from across the world as part of an effort to change the "cheap and abundant" expectations that Kwaa and Rai see around "immigrant food." Kwaa puts it this way: "It's the same amount of effort that goes into a Michelin star restaurant, it's the same amount that it takes to produce the food that you're consuming in excess. That's the point that we're trying to make here."

Kwaa, who has wanted to see change in the food industry since he began cooking commercially, sees the Comfort Kitchen initiative as a chance to do just that.

The first menu, offering items like Caribbean potato curry cakes and Mediterranean beef kafta and trout, signals the



Comfort Kitchen partners, from left: Biplaw Rai, Nyako Perry, Kwasi Kwaa ,and Rita Ferriera inside the restaurant on Jan. 28. "Everybody that's in this building is actually here because not only did they choose to be here, they were excited about choosing," Kwaa said. "That's what's special."

restaurant's mission: fostering community and equity through food, an issue Kwaa thought was greatly exposed during the pandemic.

"We've always known what

we wanted from the food industry," he said. "Covid not only exposed that, but it also taught people to understand not just what was happening, but why things cost what they do."

Besides comfort food for and from all, Kwaa and Rai view Comfort Kitchen as their chance to bring fair wages and equitable treatment to everyone involved in its operations.

"We are truly a friends-and-family business," said Rai, a reference to the way that he exclusively used local partnerships, like choosing Fazenda Coffee as roasters. On the family side, Nyako Perry, Rai's spouse, has worked alongside them the entire way to the opening.

Kwaa pointed to Marisa, a chef working near the kitchen stove: "The young woman in the black hat back there," he said. "I worked with her in the first kitchen I ever worked in. She trained me."

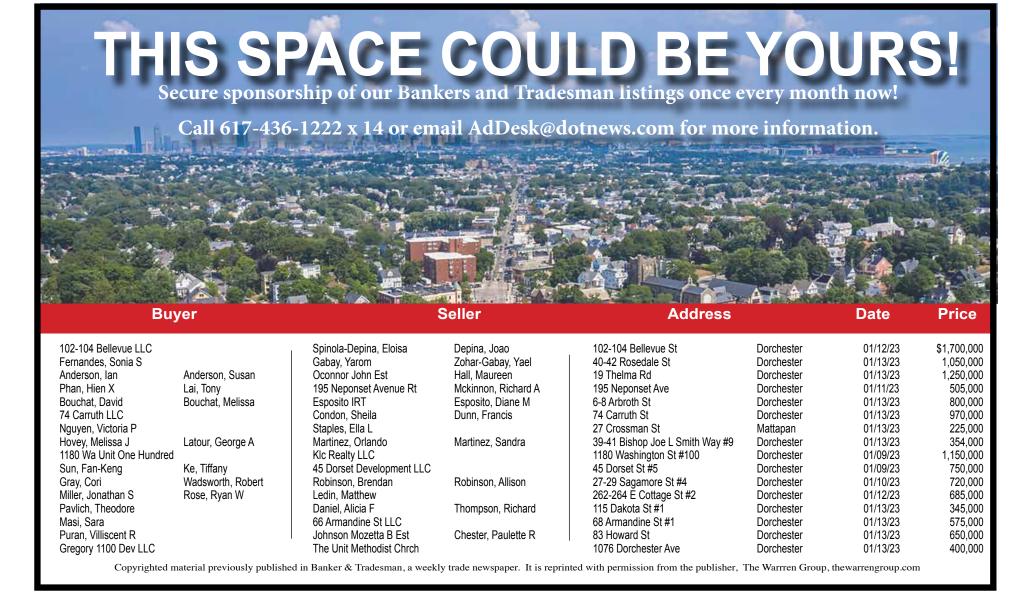
He added, "If we don't hold ourselves accountable, the people that we fail are not just some strangers that we just met," Kwaa said. "These are people that we love. These are people that we're going to see in our daily lives. Essentially, we're trying to bring some humanity back into the food business."

The entire Comfort Kitchen team hopes to become employee-owned if all pans out.

In the meantime, Kwaa said, they will continue doing what they and Comfort Station's goal always set out to do.

"Our conversations since 2015 has always been 'If we were to do it, how can we do it better?' Better wages, better benefits, having folks be in a space where they feel not only seen and heard, but feel appreciated in terms of monetary and personal value. That's where we're at."

The cafe/day menu is available Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner is served from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. The eatery is closed on Sundays. Booking a table in advance is strongly recommended. Go to comfortkitchenbos.com.



Seen at State of the City

The 2023 State of the City was a packed affair at the new MGM Fenway Music Hall adjacent to Fenway Park on Lansdowne Street-with Mayor Michelle Wu delivering her first address to the city, its residents, and its business leaders. The wonderful new venue is patterned in the classic style with generous amounts of floor seating, side conversation space, and topped with two majestic balconies with assigned seating. The event attracted a large crowd, with lots of Dorchester and Mattapan energy in the room. Elected officials, neighborhood leaders, city workers and residents of interest all showed up in large numbers to hear the vision laid out by Mayor Wu.

It was the first traditional State of the City address since 2020, with no address in 2022 and former Mayor Marty Walsh delivering the 2021 speech virtually from the new Roxbury Branch Library.



Dorchester residents Peter Skipper and BPS Supt. Mary Skipper.



Gov. Maura Healey and new AG Andrea Campbell along with DA Kevin Hayden - took in Mayor Wu's speech, and many noted they applauded during the parts of the speech that discussed reforms in the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).



The city's newest concert and event venue, the MGM Fenway Music Hall received rave reviews from those in attendance. The elegant space opened last year adjacent to Fenway Park.



East Boston State Sen. Lydia Edwards with State Attorney General Andrea Campbell, of Mattapan.



Dorchester residents and Boston Public Schools (BPS) officials Gabrielle Farrell, chief of communications, and Rochelle Nwosu, BPS chief of staff.



Dylan Ly, Eileen Kenner, Clifton Braithwaite, and Pastor Wayne Dailey.



Matthew Snyder of Centre Court Partners; Dorchester's Catherine O'Neill; David Raf-Firefighter Matthew St. Marc of the Boston Fire Honor Guard, Boston tery of Centre Court Partners and Councillor Frank Baker. Centre Court and Councillor Baker have worked together recently to establish a life science training center for local youth in the group's development on Morrissey Boulevard.



Fire Union President Sam Dillon, and Vice President Leroy Heyward Jr.



Jaimie McNeil, general agent for Local 26; Steve Passacantilli of Ballard Partners; Councillor Erin Murphy; David Mareira of Councillor Murphy's office; and Raheem Shepard of the Car-



Police Commissioner Michael Cox, former Mayor Kim Janey, and incoming Director of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment John Borders IV. Seth Daniel photos

Secretary Walsh offers defense of his tenure in mayor's office days after a critique by Wu

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Days after Mayor Michelle Wu used part of her "State of the City" speech to critique the past decade of development in the city, her predecessor appeared to offer a defense of his administration's time inside City Hall.

Speaking before the business-backed New England Council on Friday, US Labor Secretary Marty Walsh devoted a significant portion of his remarks to laying out some of his administration's successes during his years as mayor. Walsh assumed the mayorship in 2014 and in the last year of his second term left for the Biden administration.

'We approved \$48 billion in new development," he told the crowd gathered at the Seaport Hotel for a breakfast session. "We approved over 50,000 units of new housing. Our city government earned a perfect triple A bond rating for seven consecutive years in a row. That's the first time that's ever happened in the city of Boston. We grew our tax base by making historic investments in our neighborhoods. We fully renovated libraries in Roxbury, Dorchester, Roslindale, and other places."

His administration was also able to place 2,500 homeless people into permanent housing, he added.

"These are generational investments," Walsh said. "But none of what I just talked about could have happened without partnerships. The neighborhoods, the private sector, the state, labor, the people in this room. So, I took what I learned as mayor, and all the lessons we learned, to Washington."

The crowd of 450 people included a number of the people who had worked for him, including Eugene O'Flaherty, Kathryn Burton, and Joyce Linehan. Others from the business community also attended the breakfast talk, which was sponsored by Fidelity Investments.

The New England Council is headed by Jim Brett, a former mayoral candidate and Walsh's predecessor in representing Dorchester at the State House.

Walsh's breakfast talk

occurred days after Wu took the stage at the MGM Music Hall by Fenway Park and before a crowd of thousands laid out her plans to revamp the Boston Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), and fold parts of it into a new city department. Under Walsh, the Boston Redevelopment Authority was rebranded as the BPDA in 2016.

In her address, Wu said that the agency, which she had pledged to "abolish" while she was on the mayoral campaign trail, had its focus on "building buildings rather than community," and that it "has held back the talent of its staff and deepened disparities."

She added: "Over the last decade, Boston saw the largest building boom in generations: cranes in the sky and jobs on the ground. But that growth wasn't harnessed for the benefit of all our communities...Not planning for sustainability meant that as new development reshaped our skyline, public infrastructure continued to age: subway tracks and school buildings, pools and community centers."

Wu, who did not cite



Secretary Walsh posed with well-wishers at the New England Council breakfast.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

Walsh or his administration by name, pointed to the new energy-efficient Boston Arts Academy, across the street from the MGM Music Hall, and Chinatown's Josiah Quincy Upper School, the new state-of-the-art high school as examples of what she is talking about. The latter project started in 2012, Wu noted, three mayors and six superintendents ago.

In his New England Council speech, which did not mention Wu or her administration, Walsh also noted the Boston Arts Academy and the Quincy School, as well as the renovation of City Hall Plaza.

"It's great when I come home, I see that building going up," he said in reference to the Quincy School.

When asked about Wu's criticism after he spoke, Walsh said, "I was in D.C. so I can't really comment on that because I didn't see her speech yet."

Wu, along with Andrea Campbell, a colleague on the city council at the time and now the state's attorney general, announced their mayoral campaigns in Sept. 2020, as Walsh was readying to run for a third term and before Biden tapped him as his labor chief.

In his remarks, Walsh had praise for an array of public officials who were in the room as well as those who were not. City Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy, a fellow Dorchester resident, "never stops working," Walsh said. "She literally goes to everything in the city of Boston."

Walsh also had praise for former Gov. Charlie Baker's tenure, and he commended Gov. Maura Healey for her cabinet picks, including labor chief Lauren Jones, who worked for Walsh's City Hall in the economic development office.

Aside from talking up his mayoral administration, touting some of the Biden administration's accomplishments, and talking about his recent trip to Davos for the World Economic Forum, Walsh used the opportunity to reminisce about his 16 years as a state lawmaker and his 2013 run for mayor, before which he wore two hats: Dorchester state representative and a top labor leader.

"When I ran for mayor of Boston, people — some people in this room — actually thought I was too close to the unions and thought I'd be terrible for business and awful for the city of Boston. So, I want to thank you for that," he said to laughter from the audience.

His campaign decided to "embrace" the labor label and ended up proving the media and critics wrong, the former mayor contended. "I wear my labor credentials as a badge of honor," he said.

State of the City 2023: Wu pitches include update of zoning code, revamp of development operations

(Continued from page 1)

The arrival of the legislation came days after Wu's State of the City address. Held last Wednesday inside the MGM Music Hall by Fenway Park, the speech focused on the coming weeks, months, and years of her first term, and sketched out details of the overhaul of the city's development process and its managing agency.

Later in the week Wu used an executive order to set up a planning advisory council, led by Arthur Jemison, the city's chief of planning and the head of the BPDA. Her cabinet chiefs who focus on capital planning, transportation, climate, housing, and the arts will also be a part of the group.

Most of the BPDA staffers will be moved over to the new planning department, but the BPDA board, and a number of staffers, will continue their work as Boston officials in reworking the zoning code to reduce the number of projects that need to go before city panels for approval.

"Over this next year, we'll shift planning efforts from the BPDA to a new City Planning and Design Department—to expand planning and urban design as a coordinated effort that guides

our growth," Wu said in the speech. "Our vision is for Boston to sustainably reach our peak population of 800,000 residents with the housing and schools, parks and public transit to support that growth."

growth."
The home-rule petition also seeks to end "urban renewal," which was initially set up to funnel federal money toward the redevelopment of struggling cities after World War II. To become law, the petition needs the approval of the City Council and the Legislature, in addition to the mayor's signature.

Rather than a focus on renewal, which targeted "blight and urban decay," Wu said, the end of those powers means the city will focus on climate resiliency, affordability, and equity issues.

"Together, these changes will, for the first time since the 1960s, restore planning as a central function of city government," she said.

Wu also said that in February, her administration will pull together a steering committee, made up of leaders in real estate and communities, to revamp the "Article 80" part of the zoning code, which dates back to 1996. It provides a review process for projects

ranging in size from the \$5 billion "Dorchester Bay City" to the \$5 million, 24-unit condo building on Coffey Street in Neponset.

"We'll simplify and accelerate timelines so that good projects get shovels in the ground faster," the mayor said. "We'll also transfer compliance and enforcement from the BPDA to the Mayor's Office of Housing so our communities can be confident that we're always getting the full benefit of development agreements."

The Boston Redevelopment Authority has faced criticism almost from its conception by mayoral contenders and neighborhood activists. Wu campaigned on "abolishment" of the BRA/BPDA, and during her speech on Wednesday, she reprised many of her criticisms of the agency. "The focus on building buildings rather than community has held back the talent of its staff and deepened disparities in our city," she said. Asked about the BPDA

Asked about the BPDA changes, City Council President Ed Flynn said, "I'm looking forward to reading it and studying it."

State Rep. Russell Holmes, who represents Mattapan, said the changes make sense to him. "If that is what the new BPDA is, and it's now managed by the city, and that's the biggest change, I'm actually okay with that," he said. "It seems like she's grabbing back something she thought she should've had from the beginning."

As to whether the Legislature will support the home rule petition? "I say let her come and show us the proposal," he said. "The city should run planning."

Moving to a system where projects don't have to come as often before the city because things have already been planned out, similar to New York, will be a "culture shock," Holmes said. "We're used to being able to get engaged and stop projects and be very vocal. Plan out the city and that won't be the case."

Former state Rep. Jeffrey Sanchez, who represented Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, and Brookline when he was in the Legislature, offered high marks for Wu as she navigates her first term.

"She said she's going to take it on and she's taking it on," he said of the BPDA.

Wu also plans to file a home rule petition to re-institute rent control for Boston.

Massachusetts voters

eliminated rent control in 1994, but the Wu administration last week floated a "rent stabilization" proposal that calls for capping the maximum annual rent increase to 10 percent.

The policy includes an exemption for buildings for the first 15 years that they're open, as well as small, owner-occupied buildings.

"She's bringing together the ideas and engaging the city in a way that's refreshing. But it's going to be difficult, because at the end of the day, there's a lot of interest in it," said Sanchez. "I'm a small landlord myself, so I'm curious to see how this affects the small landlord."

Rent control proponents who have said the Wu administration's proposal doesn't go far enough plan to push a statewide bill that would limit rent increases to 5 percent a year.

Opponents of rent control say its return would wreak havoc on the housing market.

Holmes said he is "not a big fan" of rent control generally speaking. "Let's see what happens in the city," he said, referring to the need for the measure to clear the City Council first. "I don't have a problem filing it

if it makes sense, but I have yet to see what it is," he said.

In a scrum with reporters after her speech, Wu said the rent control proposal hasn't been finalized. "But it's been a very thorough process based on Boston-specific market conditions, rents in every single neighborhood, nationwide best practices, and what other places that already have rent stabilization in place, what their experience has been," she said.

Other housing-related highlights from her speech included:

• An executive order requiring that all new city-run construction and renovations of schools, municipal buildings and public housing to be "entirely fossil-fuel free."

• A pledge that the Boston Housing Authority will end fossil fuel use by 2030. "This will mean unprecedented investments to modernize these buildings and meet Gov. Healey's ambitious goals for heat pump deployment—ensuring that the families with greatest need, benefit first—from healthier homes, and lower energy costs."

Reporter news editor Seth Daniel contributed to this report.

Campbell helps roll out abortion hotline

By Sam Drysdale STATE HOUSE **News Service**

A new hotline went live Monday morning to offer free and confidential legal advice to patients seeking reproductive and abortion care in Massachusetts, including those who do not live in the state.

The Reproductive Equity Now Foundation launched the hotline with the state attorney general, the Women's Bar Foundation, the ACLU of Massachusetts, and five big-name law firms offering pro-bono legal advice.

During a press conference in her office with some of Massachusetts's most powerful woman political leaders, Attorney General Andrea Campbell promoted the Abortion Legal Hotline. Reproductive rights were a major part of her election campaign, and she has promised to create a cross-bureau reproductive justice unit in her office.

and notice of sale:



Attorney General Andrea Campbell led a press conference in her office on Monday to launch a hotline offering pro-bono legal advice to patients seeking reproductive and abortion care. *Photo courtesy AG Campbell's office*

The hotline received seed money from The Boston Foundation and operations are funded by nonprofit Reproductive Equity Now, with no state

funding going toward the service. Notice is hereby given by Always Open Towing at 18 Talbot Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124 in pursuant to M.G.L. c.225, section 39A, that the following vehicles will be for sale at a private auction

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The push toward expanding abortion care comes in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson last June to overturn the $constitutional\,right\,to\,an$ abortion.

"One of the results of the Dobbs decision has been misinformation about which services are legal, deception about where to receive health care services, lies intended to discourage women from accessing basic reproductive care," US Sen. Elizabeth Warren said at the press conference. "With this hotline, Massachusetts is fighting back against misinformation, deception, and outright lies.'

After the Dobbs decision, Massachusetts passed a law designed to protect providers and patients who receive abor-

tions in Massachusetts from criminal prosecution from extraterritorial jurisdiction in other states.

"We have been preparing for passage of these draconian, anti-abortion, anti-science laws by ensuring that clinicians in the commonwealth can continue to provide loving and compassionate care, and patients seeking that care in Massachusetts can access it," said Reproductive Equity Now President Rebecca Hart Holder. "So, here's the bottom line: Today, abortion remains legal in Massachusetts and no anti-abortion extremists should be able to reach across our borders and challenge that."

Warren said the hotline "ensures that both health care providers and patients can confidently go to one centralized place for free to learn about the protections afforded to them under the law."

Since Texas passed a law banning abortions past six weeks of pregnancy in September 2021, people have come to Massachusetts seeking the procedure, Hart Holder said. The influx of out-of-state patients has increased since the Dobbs decision, she noted.

"As soon as we passed the shield law, we started getting questions from providers: What can we do? How can we be safe? Will I get arrested? What's going to happen to my home if I get sued? So, this is in response to very real patient and provider questions," Hart Holder said.

When a provider or

patient calls the hotline with a legal question, coordinators from Reproductive Equity Now and the Women's Bar Foundation will connect callers with attorneys from the ACLU of Massachusetts, Foley Hoag LLP, Goodwin Procter, Goulston & Storrs PC, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky & Popeo, or Ropes & Gray

"The hotline, of course, is just one step in the right direction to make sure folks know about their rights and have access to these critical health care services," Campbell said.

She added that creating the promised reproductive justice unit in her office is "at the top of the list. One thing I believe in is we campaigned on a lot of things, and everyone up here would agree, and now it's about delivering those promises to our voters," she said.

Former state Attorney General Martha Coakley, speaking on behalf of the five firms involved in the hotline as co-chair of the state attorney general practice at Foley Hoag, said the program would help "level the playing field" for women in Massachusetts and outside the state "seeking fairness."

"This historic partnership is women supporting, assisting, and advising women at this critical time for women's autonomy," she said. "It's too important not to do right, not to do quickly and not to do well."

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UMass Boston chancellor looks forward, and he very much likes what he is seeing

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As the construction scandal unfolded in Massachusetts decades ago, Suarez-Orozco was 17 years old and on his way to the US, fleeing the fascist generals of Argentina. "I am a man who constitutionally lives looking forward," he said. "When you're a refugee, you don't want to look back."

So, when he arrived in August 2020, from California, where he was a UCLA dean, Suarez-Orozco said he focused on UMass Boston's potential as the city's only public research university. His time as chancellor, and the reconstruction on the campus, also overlaps with a construction boom happening on Columbia Point and along Morrissey Boulevard.

The \$5 billion "Dorchester Bay City" project, with construction expected to last nearly two decades if it gains the necessary governmental approvals, will bring lab space to the area, as well as commercial and residences while remaking the roadways. The former Boston Globe headquarters, across the boulevard from UMass Boston, is also bringing in biotech companies to fill the former newsroom and business and production



Much of the harborside campus has been a construction zone for decades, as school officials work to fix problems caused by shoddy workmanship from the 1970s.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

venues.

Suarez-Orozco is seeking to establish an additional construction project to take advantage of the new companies flocking to the area: A human capital pipeline.

"What I would like to see for our students, for UMass Boston students," he said, "is to finally have the opportunities for internships, for pathways to work that students on the other side of the river take for granted." The chancellor once worked at Harvard University.

UMass Boston, which

has more than 16,000 students, is partnering with MassBIO, a biotech trade group that is opening a life sciences workforce training center inside the former Globe headquarters. It's part of a larger effort that Suarez-Orozco has developed. An expert on immigration and demographic changes, he has given a presentation to companies and entities with white and older workforces that pitches a pipeline of diverse employees.

"Massport," he said, referring to the quasi-public agency that runs Logan International Airport, "now has paid internships, scholarships, and pathways to work for our students. I replicated this now with Deloitte. I made a presentation on the changing landscape in the Commonwealth and the head of Deloitte Boston came to see me and said, 'Let's partner.' Same model. Paid internships, mentorships, opportunities for work."

The JFK Presidential Museum and Library, just around the corner on Columbia Point, is another place. "Librarianship and museumship is a very white field of work," he said. "They want to diversify the pipeline. They want to diversify the workforce. Now we have an arrangement with the library and museum. Same model. The idea is to get our students jobs."

The only section of the state's population that is growing is immigrant families of color, according to the chancellor, and it comes as the search for talent is what he describes as a "fierce" battle.

"What you're seeing in the K-12 arena now coming up the pipeline is the most diverse cohort of young people in the history of the Commonwealth," he said. "At a time when that's the only sector of the population that is growing, if we don't connect with, if we don't serve, if we don't ease their transition, to citizenship and to the labor market of the 21st century, we are not doing our job."

The focus on a diverse student body, and in particular students who come from immigrant families of color, will also help UMass Boston prepare for the expected decline in the number of college students

in the coming decade. 'What we're seeing in the Commonwealth," said Suarez-Orozco, "is that we're an aging population, below replacement in terms of new births and a net outflow of folks to other states, which suggests real tough times moving forward, demographically speaking. Here's the proviso, and here's the optimism I carry: That's true for all demographics except for the demographic we serve."

Campus officials are also looking for out-ofstate and international students, in part due to UMass Boston tuition costs being less than the private universities that surround its campus.

"That mitigates the constant, ever-present demographic concerns that every chancellor today has to worry about and think about, the first thing they wake up in the morning," Suarez-Orozco said.

Boston is the "cognitive capital" of the world, he added. "There will always be interest in what a university like UMass Boston is offering, particularly at our price point because there has been an arms race in higher education costs."



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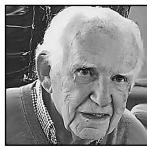
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RECENT OBITUARIES



CALHOUN, Rev. Fr. Ronald, 75, of Uxbridge. Fr. Ron was born in Dorchester, one of four children of the late George W. and Glenness R. (Fuller) Calhoun. Fr. Ron leaves behind many friends and family members including his longtime companion, Rev. Fr. Robert A. Rochon; his sister, Mary F. Calhoun; two brothers, Walter F. Calhoun and his wife, Joanne and Gerald J. Calhoun and his nephew, Matthew Calhoun. Memorial contributions may be made to: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Bladder and Kidney Research, 10

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CONNOLLY, John F., 93, of Shrewsbury, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Susan (Michaelson) Connolly, and the late Mary T. Connolly. Father of Terri Ferolito and her husband John of Dorchester, John S. Connolly and his wife Lorena of Hanover, Judy Keenan and her husband Jim of Scituate, Bob Connolly of Quincy, Lorie Hanlon and her husband Rick of Shrewsbury, Jennifer Osbourne and her husband Mark of Milledgeville, Georgia. Brother of the late Frances Gobbi. Grandfather of 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. US Navy veteran. Please consider making a donation in memory of John to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at dana-farber. org or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) at jdrf.org.



CRUSE, George Edward, 92, of Dorchester. He was born in Poplar Bluff, MO on December 22, 1930. In 1952 after his Military Service George worked as a Brick Mason throughout the Boston area. Husband of the late Lucilla Stevenson. Father of Gregory, Stacy Cruse-Burgess, Richard, Jeffrey Angela and Carolyn Cruse along with eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



CUNNING, Ellen M. (Russell), 81, of Cohasset. Ellen was the youngest of three daughters, to Bridget and Henry Russell of Dorchester. Wife of the late Joseph. Ellen was also predeceased by her best friends and

sisters, Mary MacDougall (Dedham, MA) and Ann Mellyn (Osterville, MA). Ellen leaves behind her two sons, Sean Cunning and his wife, Christine of Cohasset, and Michael Cunning and his wife, Chauncy, of Cohasset; and five grandchildren. Please donate to a charity of your choice in Ellen Cunning's name.



DONNELLY, Paul J., 78, of Boston, formerly of Dorchester. Paul is survived by his wife, Adelaide (Eshbach), and his siblings, Louise Lydon of Milton, and Brian Donnelly of Dennis, and by his many nieces and nephews, in-laws, close friends, neighbors, and former colleagues and students. He was predeceased by his brother Lawrence P. Donnelly, Jr., of Milton. The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Boston Architectural College or The Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Design at Washington University in St. Louis. Please indicate that gifts are for the Paul Donnelly



HAYES, Jeanne M. (DeLorie), 86, of Dorchester. Wife of the late James M. Hayes BPD. $Mother of Maryellen\, Bar$ ry and her late husband Trooper Paul Barry of Franklin, Michael and his wife Judy Hayes of Ohio, Susan Hayes of Brighton, and James and his wife Lori Hayes of North Carolina. Daughter of the late Gerald and Mary DeLorie. Sister of Paul and his wife Christine DeLorie of Milton, Richard and his wife Gisela DeLorie of Germany, Mary Ellen and her husband Dennis Gallagher of Florida, and the late William DeLorie. Sister-in-law of Janet DeLorie of Braintree. "Grandma" of 9. Jeanne is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Retired schoolteacher for the Archdiocese of Boston for 30 years, teaching at St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, Gate of Heaven, and St. Jerome Grammar Schools. Donations in Jeanne's memory may be made to Friends of Camp Fatima EC Week, 32 Fatima Road, Gilmanton Iron Works, NH, 03837, or to Jack's Furrytail Rescues, 28 Creeks Edge



McCLOSKEY, Patrick J., 91, of Milton, formerly of Somerville and Medford. Son of the late Patrick J., Sr. and Mary T. (Morandi) McCloskey. Husband of Evelyn M. (Johnson), for 67 years. US Air Force veteran. Survived by his five children, Patrick J., III (Linda) of Watervliet, NY, Janet M. of Milton, Thomas M. (Patrice) of Hilton Head, SC, David F. (Karen) of Littleton, and John F. of Dorchester. Brother of Dorothy O'Keefe (Arthur) of N. Andover, and James McCloskey of Boston. Predeceased by his siblings, Richard McCloskey and Jean Fabian (Richard). Also survived by eight grandchildren; and

three great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. donations in Patrick's memory can be made to the Norwell VNA and Hospice, 120 Longwater Dr., Norwell, MA 02061. nvna.org/ charitable-fund

MCINNIS, Patricia A. (McPherson), 74, formerly of Dorchester. Mother to Joseph of Plymouth. Wife of the late James McInnis. Daughter of the late John and Ethel McPherson. Sister to John of Punta Gorda, FL, William of Abington, Robert of Ashland, NH, Joanne Dooley of Dorchester, Mary Grout of Middleboro, the late Michael McPherson, Theresa Burnley of Amherst, NH, Kathleen Stern of Sharon, and Christine Donovan of Newburyport. Dear friend of Jean Godfrey and Wade Sinclair. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.



PRESIDENT, Ethel Mae, 95. Wife of the late Willie President. Mother to Ida Mae (Arthur) Sturdivant, Viola and the late Charles Wilson, Rose President, Willie (Beverly) President Jr., Ernest (Pat) President, Carolyn (Charles) Cooper, Theresa (Michael) President-Grannum and Eric (Tara) President. She leaves 21 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, extended family and dear



RICHARDSON, Diane L., 69, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Aaron and Mildred Richardson. Sister of Aaron "Ralph" Richardson and his wife, Georgia of Whitman, Kenneth Richardson and his wife, Audrey of Texas, Scott Richardson and his wife, Karen of N.C. and the late Gayle Richardson. Also survived by several aunts; uncles; nieces; nephews; and cousins.



SPRINGER, Rose, 68, of Mattapan, formerly of Washington D.C. Wife of Alfred Springer. Mother and beloved sister she also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and treasured friends.

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BY PUBLICATION and MAILING NHANG THI NGUYEN

vs. Thanh van la

To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint fo Divorce requesting that the Court gran 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 financia status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and reguired to serve upon: Carolyn Doris Bake Ringel, Esq., Second Step, Inc., PO Box 600213, Newtonville, MA 02460 you answer, if any, on or before **03/09/2023**If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court

Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, Firs Justice of this Court. Date: December 19, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

Published: February 2, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE and FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114
617-788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Docket NO. SU03P2214AD1
ESTATE OF: HUGHBERT V. ROBINSON
DATE OF DEATH: 08/27/2003
Patition of Order of Complete Settlement

A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlemen** has been filed by Ann M. Robinson of Boston MA requesting that the court enter a forma Decree of Complete Settlement including a determination of heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a ritten appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/28/2023.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken vithout further notice to you. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

stice of this Court.
Date: January 24, 2023

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COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
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24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P0144EA ESTATE OF: ERNEST ALLS DATE OF DEATH: 08/12/2022

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intesta-cy has been filed by Vornedda Alls of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Vornedda Alls of Boston, Mabe appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety or the bond in unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Date: January 24, 2023
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P0171EA ESTATE OF: LAWRENCE BANNIS DATE OF DEATH: 08/23/2022

and Appointment of Personal Representa-tive has been filed by Lawrencia Rayno of Randolph, MA requesting that the Cour enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Lawrencia Rayno of Randolph, MA be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, Firs Justice of this Court. Date: January 27, 2023 Felix D. Arroy

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Docket No. SU18P2270EA COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114 • 617-788-8300
ESTATE OF: ROBERT LOUIS HATCHER DATE OF DEATH: 06/28/2018

To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by Frances Howard of Apopka, FL requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/02/2023.

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Date: January 25, 2023

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BGCD 12&U All-Star Basketball Team Opens Up Season with a Win: See details below.

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Team Opens Up Season with a Win: At the beginning of January, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Boys 12&U All-Star Basketball team opened up league play with a thrilling 48-45 victory over a talented squad from the Jordan Boys & Girls Club in Chelsea.

BGCD opened up a large lead only to see Chelsea cut it to three before time ran out. We are so proud of our members on an amazing win and cannot wait to continue cheering the team on for the rest of the season. Next up for our 12&U All-Star team will be a game at the Billerica Boys & Girls Club.

For more information on Basketball and other Athletics programming, please contact Athletics Director Octavius Nunes at onunes@ bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Receives Autism Community Impact Grant from Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is pleased to announce we have received a grant from the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. This grant will help to fund Project BIND (Boston Inclusion Network for Disabilities), BGCD's award-winning initiative to foster full inclusion programming for children of all abilities, including many children with autism, into programs organizationwide. Project BIND is not a single program or activity; it is a core value that informs the Club's programs, guides the staff, and supports youth and families. BGCD is focused on prioritizing ways to create an environment where every child can participate. Thank you so much to the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism for your generous support of BGCD.



DID YOU KNOW:

BGCD Dance Team to Host Outer Space Themed Dance Party Fundraiser: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Dance Team will be hosting an outer space themed Dance Party for our BGCD members on Friday, February 17th.

The dance will be held from 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Marr Clubhouse Gym at 35 Deer Street in Dorchester. The night will be full of good music, tons of dancing, yummy snacks, and fun for

There will be a \$5 entry fee and all proceeds will go directly to supporting the BGCD Dance Team.

If your child would like to attend or for more information, please email Social Recreation Director Shannon Zarnoch at szarnoch@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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WAITING IN LIMBO

(Continued from page 1) Dorvilien says he has plenty of job opportunities here in Boston, but, like many of his fellow asylum seekers, his TPS status does not include permission to work. For that, he has to secure a special permit — called an Employment Authorization Document (EAD).

He has now been waiting for more than a year to get that permission.

"They had a job fair with Amazon here at IFSI and I didn't come because I know they will ask for my legal documents, and I don't have them," Dorvilien said. "I know they had jobs available. I thought it would be much, much easier to get the paperwork when I came here. I never thought it would be like this. I have hope it will change. I'm still glad I left Brazil."

Royal Caneus, 41, tells a similar story. He's a "guy who gets things done" and is ready to do whatever job he can find once he gets his paperwork. But he worries that may never come.

"I did not think this would happen," he said in noting that he arrived from Brazil in 2019. "I'm seeking refuge here from something very dangerous and in May I'm here four years and can't get the right paperwork for me to work."

For many Haitian migrants who arrived from South America and Mexico, they now find themselves stuck in limbo instead of the land of opportunity.

The problem is national in scope. Officials with the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) blame the long wait on labor shortages, as well as a backlog of applications left to them by former President Donald

Trump's administration. A spokesperson for USCIS told the *Reporter* that "adjudicators evaluate each EAD application fairly, humanely, and efficiently on a case-by-case basis, and the agency remains committed to upholding America's promise as a nation of welcome and possibility with fairness, integrity, and respect for all we serve."

The spokesperson said new policies have been adopted under the Biden administration "to reduce both the number of pending cases and overall processing times the agency inherited from the prior administration."

The agency's "backlog reduction goals" include making changes to underlying procedures to achieve "new efficiencies while ensuring the integrity and security of the immigration system," the spokesperson said.

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who co-



About 200 people gathered for the Solidarity with Haiti demonstration at John F. Kennedy Federal Building in Downtown Boston in Oct. 2021 to protest the inhumane treatment of Haitian immigrants at the Texas border.

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chairs the House's Haiti Caucus, is one of a number of leaders who have grown impatient with the long delays.

"I am disappointed by the ongoing backlog of TPS applications that has hindered so many of our Haitian neighbors from living a dignified and stable life," said Pressley. "Undoubtedly, US policies regarding the Haitian people have perpetuated anti-Blackness and exacerbated injustice. It is past time to prioritize humanitarian relief. I won't stop fighting for a just immigration and foreign policy."

Boston City Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune, who is Haitian-American, has been hearing from many constituents, including Boston Haitian families who have been hosting asylum seekers desperate to get work papers. She is urging USCIS to simplify forms, hire additional staff, and create more avenues for expedited processing.

"For years, they've been sounding the clarion call that people ready to work are unable to work because of a lack of care and resources devoted to processing applications," Louijeune said. "Considering that places like Boston are facing labor shortages, shortages historically addressed by new immigration, it is incumbent upon our government to do much, much better, for the health of our economy and for the well-being of asylees."

IFSI Director Dr. Geralde Gabeau said the organization served more than 8,000 people – most of them Haitian – last year. The non-profit says it has seen 1,220 people who arrived in the Boston area in just the last



David Dorvilien recounts his story of traveling by boat, by foot, and by bus to get from Brazil to the United States in 2020 and 2021. Seth Daniel photo

three months of 2022. While other services are granted quickly, she said, the work permit problem persists, leaving thousands trapped in hotels, private homes, and family shelters waiting to get their lives started here.

"We have people who applied almost a year ago," she said. "We applied for their work permit, and they're still waiting. The federal government told us there is a backlog and they are working on it, but we know we need to do better to get those permits out. This is blocking us at so many levels and there's so much we could have done for the families that we cannot do because they don't have their work authorization."

Dr. Gabeau said most of the migrants could be helping relieve high-profile labor shortages in hospitals, nursing homes, construction sites, and school bus transportation. Instead, they find themselves sitting on the sidelines.

"When we were making plans with the city and the state to place families, our idea was we would place them, and do the work permit, they would find a job and very soon they would be on their own, so they don't have to rely on us for a long period of time. All of those people here are very young, dynamic, and ready to work. There are jobs out there. The jobs are not lacking."

Rev. Dieufort "Keke" Fleurissaint, a Mattapan pastor who helps IFSI assist the migrants, said it's sad that after harrowing and heartbreaking journeys, paperwork has become the latest obstacle. He has personally written more than 150 letters of support to the US government in an effort to help speed along the process.

"So many families find themselves now in this predicament – willing and able to work but not being able to access job opportunities or learn new skills to secure permanent employment," he said. "They thought things would be much better. They travelled a long time and thought America would be the land of opportunity and it hasn't been the case."

Even more frustrating, the TPS and EAD available for Haitian migrants runs out on Friday of this week (Feb. 3). That means anyone who finally gets authorization now will immediately have to renew their TPS and work permit. The problem is that until last week the federal government hadn't spelled out how to renew.

to renew.
"No one really knows right now," added Fleurissaint, noting that thousands were waiting for clear directions that only became available on Jan. 25.

All of which is a mystery to David Dorvilien, who fled Haiti after losing everything in the 2010 earthquake and re-settled first in Brazil. His family then braved the much-chronicled passage over the sea from Colombia to Panama,

 $and\,ultimately\,to\,Mexico.$

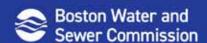
"While we were on the small boat, water started coming into the boat," he said. "My wife was pregnant, and it was very scary. We had to take the water out of the boat very fast to keep it floating. It was so difficult because there was no anchor. They hit a rock, and everyone had to jump off the boat to save their lives."

Once on shore, they walked 13 days through jungles to get to Panama. They then travelled by bus to Mexico, where they stalled out for six months and where his wife gave birth to their second child.

Dorvilien won TPS status in September 2021 and immediately applied for his EAD, thinking it would only take a few months. In the meantime, he said, his wife and oldest child both received authorizations, but he and their one-year-old baby are stalled. They have been asked for more information.

"I'm not sure what other information I can provide for the baby that they don't have," he said.

Despite everything, Dorvilien is grateful to have found some form of refuge in Boston. "I was raised in a very poor family in Haiti and my dad had cardiac arrest and became paralyzed," he recounted. "There was no hope for us there. Some days you could find food to eat and the next day there was no meal in sight. I didn't want my children to have that life. I'm worried for them because I have no legal status and I hope things can change. It's still much better for you to suffer than to watch your children suffer. I still have hope for this place."



Notifikasyon piblik -Konbine egou debòde

Boston Water and Sewer Commission te prepare epi soumèt yon Dènye Egou konbinezon egou (CSO) Plan Notifikasyon Piblik nan Depatman Pwoteksyon Anviwònman Massachusetts (MassDEP). Nenpòt moun ki enterese ka wè plan an nan sit entènèt sa a: https://www.bwsc.org/environment-education/maproom/combined-sewer-overflow-map-and-public-notification.

Ou ka ekri pou soumèt kòmantè jiska 24 fevriyè 2023. Sa a se pou yon peryòd de 30 jou apre dat piblikasyon an nan Kontwole anviwònman an.

Soumèt kòmantè ekri nan MassDEP pa imèl (pi pito) pou: massdep.sewagenotification@mass.gov oswa pa lapòs nan adrès sa DEP CSO Notifikasyon, 100 Cambridge St, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114. Soumèt kòmantè ekri nan Boston Water and Sewer Commission pa imèl bay CSOnotification@bwsc.org.

Avi piblik sa a te pibliye nan Kontwole Anviwònman an ak Boston Herald, osi byen ke medya sèvi popilasyon jistis anviwònman an nan kominote CSO-afekte yo.

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