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It was feedback time for latest Dot Block proposal

More than 150 people gathered Monday night in the Work Inc. building on Beach Street to hear a presentation about and offer feedback on the latest detailed proposal for the 4-building, 488-unit, Glover's Corner project. See Page 3.

Jennifer Smith photo



Neighbors opposed to the conversion of a single-family house on Percival Street into a group "sober home" gathered in front of the property.

Neighbors, city mobilize against group 'sober home'

By Simón Rios WBUR Reporter

In the auditorium of the Mather School at the top of Meetinghouse Hill, three dozen neighbors gathered on Jan. 30 for a sit-down with Boston's chief building inspector.

They were assembled to block the opening of the second sober house on one street — something they complained was happening without any notice to the city or the residents— nd they were hoping the city would do something to slow what they see as an impeding onrush of sober homes into a proud neighborhood at the top of the hill.

The news from the city would bring mixed reviews from the residents.

In the midst of an opioid crisis that claims more than 100 lives a

month in Massachusetts, advocates say the need for housing free of drugs and alcohol is greater than ever. But for neighborhoods like Meetinghouse Hill, which is seeing multiple sober houses pop up in close proximity to one another, neighbors say it's become a problem that's getting out of

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Criminal record holders are being encouraged to seek sealing orders, expungement Last year's reform law expanded process

By Yukun Zhang Reporter Correspondent

Massachusetts residents with a history of criminal activity or court appearances are increasingly seeking to seal or, even better, expunge their records to improve their odds of gaining access to employment, housing, and educational opportunities.

Now, as lawmakers consider even less burdensome rules for those looking for relief, there is a renewed push by advocates to get more people into the pipeline through a series of workshops at courthouses in Dorchester and

The workshops, led by Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS), advise individuals on how to go about sealing

their Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) from public notice; they also counsel clients about the process for expungement, which essentially destroys the paper trail of their cases.

According to US Department of Justice statistics, there were 1,572,600 people in the state's criminal record history system as of 2016. A Harvard survey, which followed 122 newly released people from 2012 to 2013, found that six to twelve months after they were released, only a little more than half had paid employment and 35-43 percent lived in temporary housing. The survey also found that black and Hispanic ex-prisoners earned less than their white counterparts.

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City planing a \$1.13b BPS budget

By Max Larkin WBUR Reporter

Boston Public Schools plans to spend at least \$1.139 billion in the next fiscal year, a \$26 million increase over this year's budget. District officials have touted the 2020 budget as "the largest ever" — as they do every

And owing to the way funds are distributed, many schools can expect either limited new investment or cuts for the next year. That said, there is some genuine change afoot in the district's central office. Budget officials say they've developed a way to ease the pain for

schools facing cuts.
And for the first time, both Mayor Marty Walsh and the district superintendent have thrown their explicit support behind a sweeping effort

It may not count as headline news that Bos-(Continued on page 5)

to boost state aid for

schools.



True Detective — Dot edition

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

To the casual observer, Sergeant Brian Dunford's current line of work with the C-11 police district's Community Service unit might seem predestined. Dunford, at left, was born with blue

by Sgt. Dunford, the writer

blood: his father, Robert, helmed C-11 for over a decade and ended his career as Boston Police superintendent. But despite strong family ties, joining the police force was not Brian's

first career choice.

"I actually wanted to be a writer in college," Dunford told the *Reporter* last week as he sipped a coffee at Homestead cafe in Fields Corner. "But I got out and couldn't really get a writing career off the ground."

The Dorchester native said he landed on police work after quitting a series of small jobs and realizing he wanted to "do something I could (Continued on page 12)



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DOT BY THE DAY

Feb. 14 - 22, 2019

 $A \ snapshot \ look \ at \ key \ upcoming \ events \ in \ and \ around \ the \ neighborhood \ for \ your \ weekly \ planner.$

Thursday (14th) - Valentine's Day event at Lower Mills Library, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester at 5:30 p.m. Sing love songs from movies with ukuleles & light refreshments. More info: anneku.

Monday (18th) - Presidents' Day Family Festival at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. includes a free concert by Harvard Din & Tonics, hands-on history crafts and a meet and greet with actors portraying past presidents. See jfklibrary.org

Wednesday (20th) - Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department host the annual Children's Winter Festival on Boston Common in partnership with the Highland Street Foundation from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Among the attractions will the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountainous adventure with twin roller lanes, the 30-foot-high inflatable Everest Climb N Slide, a Ski Lift photo op, and much more. In addition, the Highland Street Foundation is sponsoring a week-long Winter Camp at the Boston Common Frog Pond with free skating and rentals for all ages from Monday, February 18, through Friday, February 22. For more information on the Winter Camp skating, please visit highlandstreet.org.

• Children and their families are welcome to an entertaining concert at 10:30 a.m. by Matt Heaton at Grove Hall BPL branch, 41 Geneva Ave., Dorchester. Matt's songs are a mix of rockabilly, surf, American roots, and Irish traditional music, delivered with a sense of humor and sincere sense of fun.

• Rosa's Ride, a free children's program at JFK Library at 10:30 a.m. traces Rosa Parks' life in song and dances. Intended for ages 5 and up. Call 617-514-1644 for more info.

• Black History Month Celebration and Annual Meeting from 12-2 p.m. at Whittier Street Health Center, 1290 Tremont St. features keynote speech by Linda Champion, and the state of Whittier by President and CEO Frederica M. Williams. See wshc.org for more info.

Thursday (21st) - Grove Hall BPL celebrates the opening of a new exhibition by local artists of color at 6 p.m. Take a tour of the rotating collection of paintings and sculptures at the branch, including this special exhibit, with work by Mfalme Kenyatta, Shea Justice, Laurence Pierce, and others. Local artists will be present to discuss their work as it relates to activism. Teens and tweens can stay for an art workshop; materials will be provided. Light refreshments will be served. 41 Geneva Ave., Dorchester.

Friday (22nd) - Neighborhood Children's Theatre presents Annie for two performance at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at St. Ann parish hall, 239 Neponset Ave., Dorchester. Admission \$5.

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Dorchester's Jim Brett, president of the New England Council, was honored at the Boston Police Foundation Gala at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel on Jan. 31. Shown, (l-r): Foundation chairman Carl Jenkins, Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, Jim Brett, and Craig Levey, Esq., gala chairman.

Councillors eye longer terms, at-large vacancy rule change

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

City Council President Andrea Campbell is the latest to push a set of home rule petitions that would change the council's elections process by creating longer terms and creating a vacancy protocol that would prevent another fifth-place finisher from being automatically appointed to office as Althea Garrison was in January.

One petition would increase the length of city council terms from two years to four years.

"This is something we heard quite a bit about when we were campaigning," Campbell said at the Feb. 6 council meeting. "Folks talking about, Why is the council every two years and the mayor's office every four years? How do you get anything done? How do you plan if it's only for two years?"

Said Campbell: "This isn't just about increasing our power; it's really about making sure that we have the time to accomplish the goals that we commit to as candidates and making sure that we have the ability to plan and to get things done.'

Elections every two years are expensive and take councillors away from their legislative duties, Campbell added, citing the \$800,000 it costs to run a municipal election with only the council on the ballot and historically low turnout. Lining the council elections up with mayoral ones would encourage more civic participation in every council race, she said.

Another proposal would prohibit candidates for running in two municipal elections at the same time— mayor and council for instance, as Campbell's District 4 predecessor, Charles Yancey, attempted in 2013.

Garrison, who came into office after Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley went to Washington, rose in objection to a proposed change that would require a special

election in the event of an at-large vacancy, which is already required of any district seat. Current rules state that the fifthplace at-large finisher serves out the remainder of a departing at-large councillor's term.

Garrison cited the expense of holding a special election and said it would be unfair to the fifth-place candidate when "the person has already went through the election cycle."

Campbell responded, saying,"This is not to call out my new council colleague Garrison. This has nothing to do with Councillor Garrison. Right now, if you're a district councillor, and I were to say vacate my seat, you have to have a special election."

The city council will consider the proposals in hearings before voting to send them to the mayor's desk. Home Rule petitions then go to the Legislature for consideration, where prior attempts have stalled out.

Police Courts & Fire

Victim named in Feb. 3 homicide

A 29-year-old man who was shot to death on Goodale Road in Mattapan on the morning of Feb. 3 has been identified as Jeudy Romero of West Roxbury. Police found Romero suffering from gunshot wounds outside 60 Goodale Rd. just before 10 a.m. on Sunday. They arrested 29-year-old John Patterson of Peabody, who has been charged with Romero's murder. Anyone with information about what happened is asked to call BPD detectives at 617-343-4470.

Suspect arrested after Mattapan shooting

Police responding to a call for a person shot on Evelyn Street last Tuesday (Feb. 5) arrested a 31-year-old man for allegedly stashing a gun and crack cocaine in a trash barrel near the scene. It happened just after 6 p.m. Police say they watched Tyson Cooper attempting to "conceal" a backpack with two guns and the drugs, along with marijuana, in a neighboring backyard. Cooper was set to be arraigned in Dorchester District Court on charges ranging from illegal gun possession and drug distribution. He has not been charged in the shooting.

BPD seeks candidates for cadet program

Boston residents between the ages of 18-25 are eligible to apply to join the BPD through the cadet program, which requires a two-year commitment. With the successful completion of the cadet program and by passing the civil service exam— cadets will receive preference on the list of eligible candidates for a police line to apply is March

Five more pot shops given hosting okays by the city

The city of Boston signed host community agreements with five more marijuana companies last Friday, including Pure Oasis, a business planning to open the store at 430 Blue Hill Ave. in Dorchester. Pure Oasis is also Boston's first economic empowerment candidate, coming from a neighborwas disproportionately impacted by drug enforcement.

Of the other four green-lighted pot shops, two will open in East Boston, one in Fenway, and one in Jamaica Plain. A total of nine businesses have

agreements in hand and the five new members will head to the Zoning Board of Appeal meeting on March 12.

"These new host community agreements represent the city's commitment to ensuring the cannabis industry in Boston brings opportunity to all communities, and continues administration's focus on creat ing a more equitable Boston," said recruit class. The dead-Samantha Ormsby, Mayor Walsh's press secretary.

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UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council Election - A newly Zoning Code regarding Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs). formed Neighborhood Council for Mattapan will hold elections for officers on Feb. 23 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at KIPP Academy. Nomination papers for the election are due on Feb. 9 by 5 p.m. at the Mattapan BPL. Nomination papers and other election documentation may be accessed at mncpg.org.

Public meeting on proposed marijuana retailer on Bowdoin Street The proponent of a proposed marijuana retail establishment

at 144 Bowdoin St., Dorchester will host a community outreach meeting on Tues., Feb. 19 at Holland Community Center, 85 Olney St., Dorchester at 6:30 p.m. The proponent is 617 Therapeutic Health Care.

Lower Mills Civic meets Feb. 19— The Lower Mills Civic Association meets at 7 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 19 at St. Gregory's

City Hall meeting on zoning change for additional dwelling units - The Boston Planning & Development Agency will hold a public meeting on Mon., Feb 25 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed amendment to the Neighborhood District Articles of the Boston

An ADU is a new typology to Boston that could create naturally affordable rental units without significantly changing the fabric of the existing neighborhoods, by allowing owner occupants to carve out space within the envelope of their home for a smaller, independent rental unit. The meeting will be held on the 9th floor of City Hall in the BPDA board room.

BPDA hosts Glover's Corner workshop on Feb. 27 – A workshop hosted by the BPDA on Wed., Feb. 27 will discuss the PLAN: Glover's Corner initiative and build on a November workshop, which evaluated the relation between public goods (affordable housing, infrastructure, and open space) and building dimension. These topics, along with urban design guidelines, have been refined based on input received in November. The workshop will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. at Cristo Rey Boston High School, 100 Savin Hill Ave. Contact Marie Mercurio at 617-918-4352 or marie.mercurio@boston.gov for more info.

'Of Stars and Shamrocks' screening on Feb. 17 - Join the Dorchester Historical Society for a special screening of the film

"Of Stars and Shamrocks" on Sunday, February 17, at 2 p.m. at the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester. "Of Stars and Shamrocks" chronicles the intertwined histories of Boston's Irish and Jewish immigrant communities from the mid-19th century on. St. Ann \$10k Dinner on March 29 – St. Ann Neponset will host its 35th annual \$10,000 dinner to benefit the Alice McDonald Catholic HS scholarship fund, VBS, CYO basketball, youth ministry and the parish on Fri., March 29 at 6 p.m. at Venezia in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. Tickets are \$150 for a numbered ticket and \$50 for a companion ticket. Gpo to stannstbrendan.com/10kdinner or call 617-436-0310 or email saintannoffice@gmail.com. Black History Month event in Mattapan - The Dorchester-Mattapan Neighborhood Council will host a Black History Month event at the Mattapan BPL branch on Blue Hill Avenue on Thurs., Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Former Sen. Bill Owens will be a guest speaker.

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Latest Dot Block plan draws a mix of community feedback

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

More than 150 people packed into a public meeting about the Dot Block development on Monday evening, with heavy representation from local civic groups, building unions, and the pro-affordable housing and anti-displacement group Dorchester Not For Sale.

After a presentation on the proposed 4-building, 488-unit, Glover's Corner project, dozens, almost all of them with Dorchester resident bona fides and a history of living in the neighborhood, lined up inside the Work Inc. building on Beach Street waiting to offer feedback.

The 4-acre site, which was cleared after a demolition project last year, sits within the bounds of Dorchester Avenue and Greenmount, Pleasant, and Hancock streets.

Many from the Dorchester Not For Sale (DN4S) group said the proposed 66 affordable units were insufficient, not geared toward families, and would effectively push residents out of the neighborhoods.

But civic members were generally supportive of the plan as a whole and noted that the parcel itself has long been blighted industrial space. Still, some were displeased that an earlier promise of a supermarket has been jettisoned in favor of smaller "neighborhood retail" spaces.

Union contractors applauded the development as a job opportunity and a chance to clean up the block.



Mimi Ramos, director of the Dorchester-based advocacy group New England United for Justice, said, "Even if you said 70 [units], out of 488 coming in, that is not enough. We have been steadily paying attention to who lives in the community, what the income for real is in our neighborhoods, and this is not housing for us. You are blatantly telling the community 'we do not want you here,' blatantly telling the community that this housing is not for the residents who currently live here."

The development team is proposing around 20 percent of the apartments as compact units. Abe Menzin, executive vice president at Samuels & Associates, collaborating with Gerald Chan's Wintergold LLC, said there are 24 units being offered at affordability levels below the Inclusionary Development Policy require-

ment of 70 percent area median income, including 45 percent, 50 percent, and 63 percent area median income options distributed proportionally across the varying types of units.

"We've heard that traditional affordable pricing points don't work for everyone in this neighborhood," he said. To that end, they are also instating a neighborhood diversity preservation program, where half of the units would give priority to people living within three quarters of a mile from the project.

There are "things we struggle with, and I know there are people here who are not happy with the levels of affordability that we're providing," Menzin said during his presentation. "Honestly, I wish we could provide more."

A chorus of voices from the edges of the room interrupted

with "you can."

Menzin continued, "The challenges we have with affordable housing right now is that the cost is enormous. The construction costs in the city prevent us from being able to build more affordable housing. There's almost no subsidy available."

Low income housing tax credits are capped, he said, and the 66 units they are proposing are about equal to the number of affordable units that have been constructed through the IDP program in Dorchester so far.

Attendee Diane Shepherd felt that the unit composition, with studio through three-bedroom apartments, was out of step with the surrounding area. Three-deckers, for instance, she said, represented "diversity and families, and I don't see that in this.... I fear that you'll change the face of Dorchester."

The Dot Block project has been in development in various forms since 2012. After winning initial approval from the Boston Planning and Development Agency in May 2016, it began a redesign process when billionaire Gerald Chan purchased the parcel as the new primary investor that winter.

In its latest iteration, the unit count is up to 488 from 362, and a 345-space underground parking garage will open up the site for more green space and better pass-throughs from Hancock Street to Dorchester Avenue. Retail space has

shrunk considerably, and is now about 23,000 square feet.

"At a time when construction costs are sky high and the population of greater Boston is growing, we are at risk of underproducing housing of all types and prices," Menzin said in a statement. "The Dot Block not only adds a range of new housing product into the market, it also exceeds affordability goals set by the city in terms of number of affordable units and depth of affordability."

Union carpenter Desmond Owens, a Fields Corner native, was one of a handful who looked forward to the jobs provided by the development, said, "I love the project honest to God, I really do." The site, he and others said, is a troubled spot. "This corner has been an eyesore for years," he added.

The BPDA comment period for the change of project ends on March 1. Some at the meeting called for further gatherings to discuss the proposal. Menzin said they have been trying to coordinate with the DN4S group to be on their meeting agenda.

"We're delighted to meet with anybody, anytime, anywhere," said spokeswoman Catherine O'Neill on Tuesday. "If there's going to be another BPDA meeting, that's not our call; that's the city's call. We intend to meet with Dot Not For Sale. We've been seeking a meeting with them for over month, and we believe they'll have us on their agenda at some point."



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Page 4 THE REPORTER February 14, 2019 Exam school testing to be administered on a school day

By Max Larkin WBUR Reporter

Boston Public Schools will start administering the entrance exam for its three "exam schools" during the school day next fall. Some activists praised the change as a step in the right direction, but said it will take more than a scheduling change to foster diversity at those prestigious schools, especially Boston Latin.

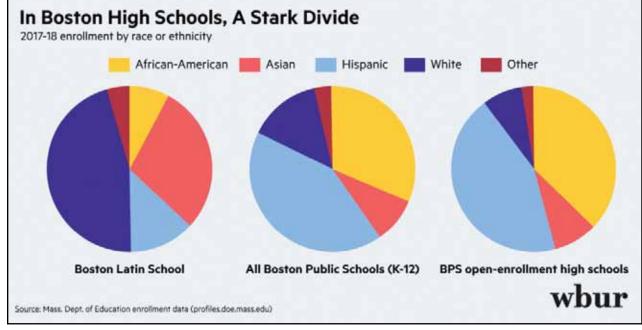
The change — which will cost the district around \$340,000 - wasannounced on Feb. 6 as part of BPS' proposed budget for the 2020 fiscal year.

Interim Superintendent Laura Perille described the new policy as an "equity investment," adding that it "will help to flatten barriers for students and increase demand and appetite for students to take the entrance exam and apply to exam schools."

In the past, students who hoped to attend Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy, or the O'Bryant School for Science and Mathematics would take the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE) on the weekends which, district officials said, may have impeded some students from even taking the chance.

Procedural barriers like that may play a part in the alarming racial disparity separating the exam schools from their peer institutions that are open for all to enroll.

At Boston's largest open-enrollment high schools, 87 percent of the students are black or Latino. At Boston Latin School, the number is 20 percent.



A report issued in 2017 by the NAACP and other organizations contended that none of the exam schools "reflect the diversity of our city," and that students from private schools or majority-white neighborhoods had elevated odds of acceptance to the exam schools.

That report also found no shortage of exam school applications coming from minority students in the city, which may suggest that the test administration is not the only factor contributing to the disparity.

In 2016, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh committed to expand an annual test-prep program, free for all BPS students, calling it "an important step forward" for diversity.

This latest change will try to grow the pool of applicants to the schools. District officials project that administering the test during the school day will allow some 1,400 more students to take the test than did last year.



Monica Roberts, BPS's chief engagement officer, said last week that those students will be chosen for their readiness based on past academic performance. "We will pre-select sixth graders, and identify and connect with those families," she said. But she added that all "families who want to take the test [in school] will be allowed to do so" on an opt-in basis.

The organizations behind the 2017 report praised the new rule, though with some reservations about its hoped-for effects.

Among them was Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, director of Lawyers for Civil Rights, which has made exam school diversity one of its top policy priorities. "Administering the test is just one step. What are we doing to prepare students for this test?" Espinoza-Madrigal said. "None of our public schools teach a curriculum that prepares students for what is a private-school exam."

Other advocates agreed that for many BPS students, the course work through sixth grade simply isn't rigorous enough to prepare them for the ISEE. And they point to the numbers, with much higher 'pass' rates for students from majority-white neighborhoods and majoritywhite schools.

That's proof enough for Rev. Willie Bodrick II, chair of the Boston Network for Black Student Achievement: "We're looking at a situation

where a lot of our young people, even if they did everything that was asked of them, aren't prepared for that test."

Bodrick added that an eternal question in education policy applies here, too. "How much should we depend upon [a] test to capture what a person's trajectory might be — the person as a whole person?" Bodrick asked.

Neither Espinoza-Madrigal nor Bodrick proposed taking the exam out of exam school admissions altogether, though both raised questions about the use of the ISEE.

Espinoza-Madrigal, who is an attorney, proposed that Boston write its own test for its own particular environment and that it embrace something like Harvard's "holistic" approach to admissions. Harvard's approach is currently under scrutiny in federal court for its purported discriminatory effect on Asian-American applicants, but Espinoza-Madrigal stood by it.

"Because that case continues to be litigated, the formula used by Harvard continues to be legal - an option any school can consider," he said. So balancing test scores and middle-school grades against personal characteristics, he added, is "good law, until the court says otherwise."

Lawyers for Civil Rights will host a community forum on examschool admissions at the end of this month, and Espinoza-Madrigal said they'll continue to push the city for a more comprehensive change.



City planning \$1.13b budget for Boston Public Schools

(Continued from page 1) ton is spending "historic" amounts on public schools year after year.

The city's tax base is growing quickly, as is the cost of providing health benefits, for example. And the Legislature is providing for a smaller and smaller share of BPS's overall expenses.

Still, the increase is impressive when tracked over a longer period of time.

When Walsh took office in 2014, BPS spent \$16,500 for each of its students. It expects to spend \$20,700 in the next fiscal year. That's an increase of more than 25 percent over six years.

Eleanor Laurans, the BPS budget chief, attributed much of that growth to the rising cost of the district's workforce, from contractual pay increases to more expensive benefits. (The district is currently negotiating with its teachers' union and expects its spending to exceed \$1.14 billion for that reason.)

The rest, she said, has gone to "important investments," especially early-childhood education, a new hiring initiative, and a longer school day, all of which she said have proven to be effective.

Some — including Paul Grogan, president of the nonprofit Boston Foundation — have warned that the district's teaching force is becoming too expensive since at least 2011, when the average annual salary for a BPS teacher was around \$83,000. (By last year, it had risen to nearly \$100,000, according to state data.)

BPS relies on a system called "weighted student funding," or WSF, to distribute funds in its budgets. WSF apportions funding based on a school's student body, with particular increments applied depending on how many of those students have disabilities or language needs, for example. So, when a school's enrollment shrinks or changes, it can expect a hit to its operating budget for the year ahead.

For that reason, growing investment across the district doesn't mean that every school has enjoyed new investment. Far from it, argued Kristin Johnson, a BPS parent and activist. "Every year [enrollment-related cuts] send a number of schools into chaos," she said, adding that includes the BTU Pilot School in Jamaica Plain, where her child is a student.

Nationally, WSF has won praise from school reformers who see it as a means to optimize (and trim) education spending in complex urban districts. But like other activists, Johnson took issue with what she called its "Darwinist" logic.

Under WSF, Johnson said, "Enrollments go down, we lose programming and teachers. We lose more students. We lose more programming. It's death by a thousand budget cuts."

In this proposed budget, the district will try to slow that downward spiral.

Interim Superintendent Laura Perille described a new \$6 million "softlanding" program. It would represent a rebate to schools suffering large losses amounting to 2 percent of their overall budget.

"Small shifts in enrollment — at small schools — can have a very dramatic impact," Perille said. "We support the principle of weighted student funding, but we'll protect schools and buffer them a little bit from the year-to-year enrollment shifts."

Since 2015, Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz — who lives in Jamaica Plain has raised louder and louder complaints about the state's failure to adequately fund public schools, especially in the neediest districts.

But city and district officials in Boston have largely kept mum about a legislative change. Instead, Walsh and others have complained the state has failed to adequately fund its existing commitments, especially its long-neglected plan to temporarily reimburse districts like Boston who lose many students each year to charter schools.

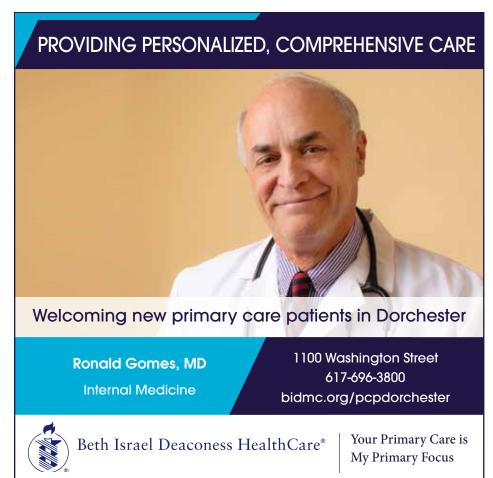
That changed in January, when Chang-Diaz announced a new version of her bill with Walsh's backing.

The new bill, known as the "Education PROM-ISE Act," would still give more funds to the state's neediest districts. But it would also ensure that districts with many charter school students get at least the minimum state aid they're promised

under state law.

Perille and Laurans, too, spoke out in support of the PROMISE Act, with Perille saying state support "has to be part of the conversation."

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Mattahunt Center to host March 5 classical performance



Josh Addison

By Elana Aurise REPORTER STAFF

Non-profit organization musiConnects will relocate a "Play Me, I'm Yours" street piano to the Mattahunt BCYF Community Center this month where it will be available to all of the youth and families who use the center. The community piano – painted by award-winning Mattapan artist Marjorie Saintil-Belizaire – is newly repaired and retuned and will be a focal point of musiConnects upcoming community concert.

On Tues., March 5 at 6:30 p.m., the fourth and final event in a



Jason Amos

classical performance series will be staged at the Center, supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Past performances included a student workshop at Lena Park Community Center in November, a community concert in Dorchester's Lena Park CDC Community Room in December, and a community concert at the Mattapan Post Office in January.

The March 5 show will feature musiConnects' resident musicians Betsy Hinkle and Joshua Addison, violins, Jason Amos, viola, Francesa McNeeley, cello and Joy





Betsy Hinkle

Cline Phinney, piano, who will perform as an ensemble with music for piano and strings by Shostakovich, Dvorak, and Brahms. A student chamber group - some from musiConnects "Harmony Strings," an orchestra-style project part of a residency program focused on students' creative agency -will join them on stage.

"A hallmark of our approach is that teachers are professional chamber musicians who also perform publicly in students' neighborhoods, modeling the relationship of artist to community," said Nancy Galluzzo, executive director of



Joy Kline Phinney



musiConnects. "Our goal for the event is for the community to come together in a familial environment for a free live performance by students and professional musicians who are committed to building community through music."

MusiConnects currently offers no-to-low cost violin, viola and cello lessons to youth in Mattapan and Dorchester. They currently run the program at Lena Park Community Center, The Mattahunt BCYF Community Center, Mattapan Elementary School and KIPP Mattapan.

For more information, visit musiconnects.org. The Mattahunt BCYF Community Center is located at 100 Hebron St., Mattapan.

Francesca McNeele

Thurs., Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help; 4 p.m. - USCIS Information Hours; 5 p.m. - Youth Justice League Presents ...Rap-tivism; 6 p.m. – Board Game Night. Fri., Feb. 15, 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Time; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming. Sat., Feb. 16, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building. Mon., Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Time; 11 a.m. - ESL Beginner English. Tues., **Feb. 19**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 5:30 p.m. - Tracing Our Roots Workshop. Wed., Feb. 20, 10 a.m. - Drop-In Career Assistance with Project Place; 10:30 a.m. – Concert with Matt Heaton; 2:30 p.m. - Tech Goes Home; 3 p.m. - ESL Beginner English Class. Thurs., Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 6 p.m. – Youth Justice League Presents

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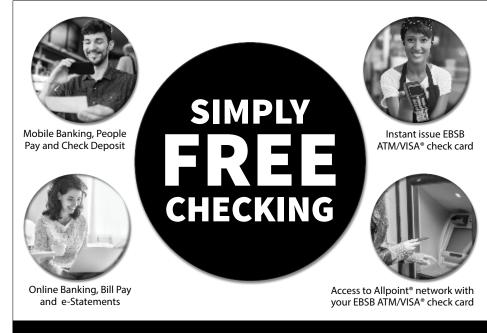
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UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 14, -3.30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Feb. 19**, 2.30 p.m. - Family Movie; 5.30p.m. - Tracing Our Roots Workshop. Wed., Feb. **20**, 10:30 a.m. – Drop In Crafts 3:30 p.m. – Drop In Crafts. **Thurs., Feb. 21**, -6 p.m. - Mike the Bubbleman. Fri., Feb. 22, 10 a.m. - Concert with Matt Heaton; 2 p.m. – LEGO Builders. Sat., Feb. 23, 11:30 a.m. - LEGO Builders.



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Dot's Squirt B team win Cape Cod Classic title

By Elana Aurise Reporter Staff

The 14-player Dorchester Youth Hockey Chiefs Squirt B, led by coaches Vincent Conte, Neil Janulewicz, Matt McQuaid and Kevin Donahue, won the Championship at the Cape Cod Classics held last month. The team won every game in the tournament – 3 face-off games with a final 4th – with two shut-outs and over 30 goals on Jan. 21.

The following night – playing with momentum from the night before –the team returned to their home ice, Devine Rink in Dorchester, to win their district game, defeating Winthrop,



Goallie on patrol during play in the Cape Cod Classics. Silver Peak Studios photos

The roster includes Dominic Conte, Michael Chuairy, John Dasey, Brendan Donahue, Jack Flynn, James Januelwicz, Charlie Kelly, Robbie Leavy, Andrew O'Malley, Richard McGrath, Isabelle McQuaid, Jonathan Neff, Conor Olsen, and Quin Taylor.

Their season started out rough and inconsistent, but with dedication, focus and practice from the players, the coaches, each with his own unique style, were able to help them with the basics – passing, shooting, scoring goals, defense, and working as a team.

"All the things the coaches worked so hard with them on just fell into place," said Nancy Conte, parent of player Dominic Conte. "These kids looked like professionals out there passing, shooting, and scoring. It was amazing to watch how it all came together,"

The Dorchester Chiefs will head to the District's State Championship in Springfield in March, hoping to bring home another banner to Devine

Dot's Foster tapped for new biotech internship

Cristina Foster of Dorchester was recently named the first ever recipient of a Life Sciences internship by Project OnRamp, a new program that aims to close the opportunity gap in Massachusetts' burgeoning life science and biotech industries.

Foster, a 19 year-old sophomore at Framing-ham State majoring in biology, plans to become a pediatrician. A native of the Dominican Republic who moved to the United States at age 9, she is the first in her family to attend college.

"For students seeking a career in the life sciences, there is nothing as effective as an internship at a local biotech company," said David Lucchino, chairman of the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council.



Cristina Foster

"Project Onramp will break down those barriers and enable a new, diverse group of young people to contribute to the important work we're doing in Massachusetts.' "Project Onramp will give me real-world experience in the world of drug development," said Foster.
"That will be a big help as I pursue my dream of treating infants and children." "But at many companies, internships go unpublicized and are reserved for those with personal connections.

-DANIEL SHEEHAN



Boston Police Lieutenant Detective Paul Mahoney was promoted to the rank of Deputy Superintendent during a ceremony last week at Boston Police Headquarters. Above, Commissioner William Gross, left, presented Mahoney with his new badge.

Bowdoin Street's Laptiste nominated for city's Health board

Phillomin Laptiste was nominated by Mayor Walsh last week to serve on the Board of Health, the governing body of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). Laptiste, the executive director of the Bowdoin Street Health Center in Dorchester, must be confirmed by the Boston City Council.

"She is a notable advocate in creating a healthy, peaceful, and safe community through resident engagement," Walsh said of Baptiste, a Boston Latin School alumna who was born and raised on Bowdoin Street.

"I am confident Phillomin will be a great addition to the Board as she understands the importance of creating social and physical environments that promote health for everyone."

Laptiste holds a bachelor's degree in Management and Organizational Communications

from Emerson College and master's degree in Health Care Administration from Suffolk University. In 2015, she graduated with a certificate from the Massachusetts Institute for Community Health Leadership. She will assume the seat on the Board formerly held by

Francis Doyle, who recently stepped down from to assume a role within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The seven members of the Board of Health are appointed by the Mayor of Boston to serve three-year staggered terms.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This real-photo post card from 1908 shows the home of Mrs. Hannah T. Bliss and Sons at 151 Adams Street. The small sign in the front yard next to the wooden stairs carries the name Dr. Bliss. Hannah acquired the property on June 17, 1893, from Pierce family heirs and lived there until her death in 1910.

The land at the southern corner of today's Ronan Park facing Adams Street is where the house once stood. Hannah acquired the property on June 17, 1893, from Pierce family heirs and lived there until her death in 1910.

Cyrus Bliss, a farmer, and Hannah married in Rehoboth, where they were born and had a farm and sons named Frederick and George. The non-population town census for agriculture in 1880 noted that the Bliss farm comprised 117 acres of land with a value of \$2,000; value of the equipment was out at \$250; live stock at \$390; and yearly production at \$1,000. Cyrus died April 4, 1883,



The Hannah T. Bliss homestead

after which Hannah, then 55, and her sons moved to Boston where city directories have entries for Hannah at 184 Adams before she acquired the house in the photograph at 151 Adams Street.

The entry in the 1910 census includes Hannah at age 82; Frederick

W Bliss, 57, a lawyer; George D. Bliss 54, a physician in general practice; and Mary Jenning, 23, a servant who immigrated from Ireland in 1902.

Hannah died on November 9, 1910, of a cerebral hemorrhage, and her son George signed the death certificate. Dorchester undertakers R. & E. F. Gleason arranged the funeral, and Hannah was buried in Rehoboth.

The 1918 atlas shows that the house had been demolished by that year, and the parcel incorporated into the park, which was named for Father Peter Ronan (1842–1917), first pastor of St. Peter's Church on Meetinghouse Hill.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchester-historicalsociety.org. Please Note: The Society's historic houses are open on the third Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661); Lemuel Clap House, 199 Boston Street (1712 and remodeled 1765); William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806).

Editorial

Is Dot the next stop for high tech college?

UMass Boston has the distinction of being the only institution of higher learning fortunate enough to call Dorchester home. But the state university may have company in the coming years.

The region's turbulent higher education landscape, coupled with the scarcity of land and the premium price tag of downtown real estate, has put the neighborhood on the radar of at least one institution.

Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology—BFIT for short— is eyeing Dorchester as a potential relocation from its campus on Berkeley Street in the Back Bay. The college, founded in 1908, has been bucking the national trend of slumping enrollment by seeing a 20 percent growth in new students in recent years, according to its own statistics.

The three-building campus that houses BFIT is outdated and increasingly cramped. But its prime location offers the college and its leadership an opportunity to reboot their physical plant in a new spot. The institute plans to sell the buildings and move to a brand new facility by 2022. The property is already on the market, and the commercial real estate firm Cushman & Wakefield has been retained to help them find their future home.

"A new facility will dramatically improve our learning environment, provide flexibility, and give us additional room to grow as we meet the demands of Massachusetts industry and provide pathways for more young people in Greater Boston," said BFIT president Tony Benoit.

Benoit says that Dorchester and Mattapan are high on the college's punch list of potential landing spots. Like the majority of BFIT's student body, Benoit himself lives in Dorchester, near Codman Square. More than half of the college's students live in the city of Boston, he says. Of that number, the bulk live in Dorchester. Benoit would like to find a site near a mass transit hub to make the commute easier for his students, most of whom already rely on the T to get to their classes.

They are hoping to find a site of roughly two acres, depending on the layout, with room for a facility that could be as much as 100,000 square feet in size. Both the Red Line and Fairmount Line corridors are in play for BFIT's search, he said.

"The way it stands right now, the commuter rail is a much less convenient option," Benoit said. "We're hopeful that if we find the right location and it's the right setting and neighbors and geometry, we'd become one of the voices saying, 'Let's make this line more viable."

Benoit and his board have set a goal for themselves to be in a new building — or buildings — by September 2022. It's an ambitious schedule, given the tricky sequence that would be necessary to effectuate a sale, the construction of a new campus, and a relocation— all while continuing to educate some 600 existing students.

Benoit says those ranks are growing each year due to the demand of the region's job market. BFIT specializes in churning out well-trained, "middle-skill" workers in high-demand fields like mechanical engineering, HVAC, and construction management. Boomtime Boston is desperate for the talent that BFIT helps to groom. The institute's success of late drew both Mayor Walsh and Governor Baker to their campus last November for a networking event that served to highlight the skills gap that BFIT is helping to fill in.

"The employers we work with are constantly telling us we want more of your great graduates. We absolutely need to bring more people in," he said.

Dorchester would be a great place for this sort of institution— one that matches our young people up with high-demand, good-paying employment. Despite the city's booming economy, our neighborhood continues to trail the citywide average in unemployment rates. They would be a terrific addition to our neighborhood.

— Bill Forry

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At UMass, we need the kind of leadership that money can't buy

By Joseph G. Ramsey

Reading through the Boston Globe's recent story on last year's 100 highest-paid Massachusetts state employees, my first response, like many readers, tended toward outrage. UMass President Marty Meehan brought in a whopping \$659,167.99 (plus generous fringe benefits)? Dozens of UMass upper administration were paid over \$300,000? Even as tuition and student fees continue to rise.

As a non-tenure track faculty member at UMass Boston, I am no stranger to the inequities of our system. I know devoted faculty and staff who are working full-time for a meager \$40,000 per year — and adjuncts making much less than that.

But reading through the comments to the "Top 100" story I felt my immediate outrage turning to an uneasiness of a different sort. Again and again, the comments beneath the story took aim not just at top-heavy salaries but at UMass more broadly, swiping at the very idea of publicly-supported higher education:

"The more we give them, the more they spend, on themselves," said one commenter.

Another joked: "The list doesn't get down to the janitors at UMass. They're only making \$250,000."

"Think about these salaries the next time the pols ask for another tax increase," one reader suggested. But if revulsion at the state university system's highest salaries leads readers to oppose further state funding for public higher education that would be a terrible irony.

For though it may seem paradoxical, mushrooming upper administration salaries are in fact *not* a sign of Massachusetts pouring too much public money into higher education, but the opposite. In fact, it's a sign of the increasing privatization of our public higher education system, brought on by a decades-long erosion in state support.

Currently, according to the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, Massachusetts ranks a paltry 36th in the nation in terms of per-student state funding for public higher ed. And when it comes to our support of public higher ed as a percentage of total taxable income — ours being a wealthy state and all — Massachusetts ranks an abysmal 45th. So much for our liberal self-image as a pro-education state.

It has not always been this way.

When UMass Boston opened in 1965, tuition cost just \$200 per year (approximately \$1,594 in 2019 dollars), largely because the state was picking up 80 percent of the tab. Now, in-state tuition at the Dorchester campus stands at close to \$14,000, a nine-fold increase after inflation, largely because the state is only paying 22 percent of the tab. Since just 2001, a \$5,100 reduction in per-student state funding has led to a \$5,600 rise in tuition.

No wonder 75 percent of public higher ed students are graduating with debt averaging over \$30,000, almost as much as their peers at private schools. Many

students are deterred from pursuing the degrees of their dreams altogether by the threat of such debt.

The leading driver of this skyrocketing tuition is the decline in state funding for public colleges and universities. We cannot blame this on executive pay alone. In fact, indirectly, this public disinvestment explains the mushrooming of upper administration, too.

For as the share of UMass expenses born by the state has declined, the UMass system has been compelled to compete with private colleges and universities for wealthier and out-of-state students, federal grant money, and corporate partnerships, desperately seeking ways to attract private dollars where public support used to be. And new "competitive initiatives" often warrant new executive hiring.

Is it so surprising that, forced to compete with the privates, UMass has taken on some of their questionable practices — including reliance on high-paid executive experts charged with developing marketing strategies, costly campus amenities, secretive real estate deals, and private fundraising?

The problem is not that the public is giving too much support to UMass. The problem is rather that a lack of public support is forcing UMass to behave more like the privates, (where, to be fair, executive salaries still dwarf those at public schools).

And this brings me to my closing point, and to the real reason that, while rejecting misguided attacks on public higher education, I actually would like to see those top UMass admin salaries brought down to earth. (After all, President Meehan's salary, after accounting for inflation, is now roughly triple what his predecessor received in 1990.)

For the danger, as I see it, is that such lavish salaries cut folks at the top off from those they are bound to serve: students, staff, faculty and community. I fear such salaries make our higher ed leaders too comfortable with the current state of things to take up the real fight: to make public higher education *public* again.

We need leadership willing to challenge the long-standing status quo of state disinvestment, not just adapt to a new privatized "reality." We need leadership that can awaken the conscience of our commonwealth by contrasting our pro-education values with our austerity budgets, reframing education as a public good. We need leadership that puts students first, and is committed to making top-notch higher education accessible to all of them.

Now *that's* leadership I'd be willing to pay top dollar for. But the irony may be that you don't get such leaders by paying for them.

Joseph G. Ramsey is a member of the Save UMB Coalition, an elected executive committee member of the Faculty Staff Union (FSU/MTA). This opinion article first appeared on the website of WBUR 90.9FM on Feb. 11. The Reporter and WBUR have a partnership in which the two organizations share content and resources.

The power of community conversation

By Liz Vizza & Marita Rivero

On a chilly night last month, the pews of the Tremont Temple Baptist Church downtown were full. On a typical Wednesday, people usually come to the historic church for weekly Bible Study, but

crowds flocked to talk instead about public monuments, with a focus on a particular one situated nearby on Boston Common.

Considered by many to be the nation's greatest piece of public art by its greatest classical sculptor, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, the Robert Gould Shaw and the 54th Regiment Memorial (Shaw 54th) stands proudly across from the Massachusetts State House.

A memorial to the first African-American regiment from the North to fight in the Civil

American regiment from the North to fight in the Civil War, it portrays Colonel Shaw and his men marching down Beacon Street on their way to South Carolina to lead the assault on the Confederates' Fort Wagner.

The Shaw 54th is one of the most important works of art to come out of the Civil War. And yet today, the remarkable story of these brave men in confronting and helping to abolish federally sanctioned slavery continues to be little known.

Over 120 years old, the Memorial is due for significant restoration. Despite regular care, water has intruded into the core and deteriorated the brick foundation underneath the bronze, making it vulnerable to seismic events. The National Park Service, City of Boston, Friends of the Public Garden, and Museum of African American History have come together to ensure that this important piece remains in great condition for years to come.

The Partners also realized that there was an

opportunity to use the restoration as a platform for dialogue about race, freedom, and justice. We used the memorial's restoration as a catalyst to plan a series of programs.

In January, we held "A Community Conversation:

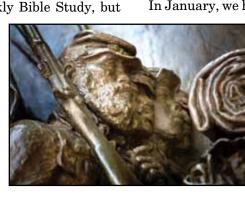
The Power of Public Monuments and Why They Matter," a panel discussion with dynamic voices from art, history, and activism, followed by Q&A with the audience, which was energized by the variety of viewpoints, some conflicting but all respectful, in confronting the layers of meaning, power, and politics embedded in our public monuments.

The Shaw 54th Memorial is

not just a monument to one man, it is a monument to the many who joined in common cause to achieve a major civic goal. Many individuals worked long and diligently, black and white, women and men, to abolish slavery. They didn't agree on everything, but they did agree on a vision of democracy. The majesty of the Shaw 54th should inspire us in our civic life today. We can join with one another to shape the city, the state, and the nation our grandchildren deserve.

This Black History Month, we urge individuals and organizations to seize engagement opportunities, no matter how small, that can lead to knowledge, better understanding, and greater perspective. It was when our organizations simultaneously came together and branched out, encouraging others to come into the fold—and in this particular case, to fill the pews—that we learned the most.

Liz Vizza is the executive director of the Friends of the Public Garden; Marita Rivero is president and CEO of the Museum of African American History.



Looking Up Longfellow Street

Shameful votes by three of our Reps in the House

By Edward M. Cook SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Last week the Massachusetts House of Representatives resoundingly defeated three amendments to a House Rules bill that would have advanced transparency in that body. To their shame, Dorchester Reps. Dan Hunt and Dan Cullinane, both of whose elections I enthusiastically worked on, along with Rep. Beile, voted against providing:

• 72 hours so that bills can be read ahead of votes (many bills appear only on the day of a vote);

• 30 minutes to read amendments before voting; (the text of both of these amendments would have allowed the House to waive the requirements with a 2/3

• Publication of hearing testimony (for/ against a bill) and any roll call vote taken.

Of the other members of the Dorchester delegation, to his credit, Rep. Russell Holmes voted Yes while Rep. Liz Miranda was not present due to illness.

Are they kidding, those No voters? 72 hours notice before a vote? Thirty minutes, for crying out loud, before a vote on an amendment? No publication of hearings and roll calls? Why? How can the public participate in government if there is no way to view upcoming bills or study hearings or easily learn how their representative voted? These are votes reminiscent of the tyranny of Billy Bulger in days we had hoped were long past.

On another matter. the House defeated an amendment to its rules that would have done away with Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA), which in the past have been used to hide sexual

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Date: June 10, 2016 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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voted unanimously to do away with NDA's, but not the House. I am disappointed

and dismayed by those Dorchester Reps voting against these commonsense proposals. This is undemocratic. Massachusetts has the second oldest deliberative body in the world (after the UK Parliament) and the oldest functioning constitution. Yet, it has now come to this, operating like a black box.

Longfellow Street is part of a neighborhood that is beset by many of the challenges of urban living even as it enjoys its strengths of diversity. This neighborhood is already under-served by every branch of government. Keeping us in the dark will not encourage engagement. Many eli-

misconduct. The Senate gible voters do not show up-Ward 15 has the lowest-or second-lowest voter turnout in the state. Activists in the neighborhood have been working for decades to turn this around. This vote is a slap in our face and a betrayal of these citizens.

Don't we have enough serious threats to Dorchester as a whole without the House keeping a blindfold over our eyes? Our miles of coastline are threatened by rising sea rise. Gentrification and huge real estate developments have our heads spinning. And throw in the calumnies that are perpetuated in the media as though Dorchester were one entity instead of a collection of different neighborhoods.

We should be able to trust people who represent us in government. The House votes against transparency undermine trust. No government is perfect at any given moment but imperfections can be

fixed. Those transparency amendments to the House rules were fixes. They were obvious and they were needed. There is no defense for the choices that two thirds of the House members made. This vote is a reflection of the go-along to get-along deference that the speaker expects. And that power is overbearing and invisible to the average voter in the Commonwealth. The midterm elections (which brought in many of the Yes votes on these amendments) have given notice that bodies like the House are no longer clubby and corporate.

I am a Democrat. These are my guys and gals who voted No. I do not abandon either my overall regard for them or my overall pride in our Legislature. But I cry "shame" about their decision on a vote on the House rules. Because rules matter. I call on these representatives to climb off the speaker's bandwagon and onto ours, the people's.



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE and FAMILY COURT Docket No. SU17P2178EA Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon St., Boston 02114 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT ESTATE OF: AUREA FARLEY

DATE OF DEATH: 07/12/2017
Petition for Order of Complete Settle A Petition for Order of Complete Settle-ment has been filed by Suzanne Keane of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, the 1st and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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 02/28/2019

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PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED MARIJUANA RETAILER ON BOWDOIN STREET

The proponent of a proposed marijuana retail establishment at 144 Bowdoin St., Dorchester will host a community outreach meeting on Tues., Feb. 19 at Holland Community Center, 85 Olney St., Dorchester at 6:30 p.m. The proponent is 617 Theraputic Health Care.

CITY HALL MEETING ON ZONING CHANGE FOR ADDITIONAL DWELLING UNITS

The Boston Planning & Development Agency will hold a public meeting on Mon., Feb 25 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed amendment to the Neighborhood District Articles of the Boston Zoning Code regarding Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs). An ADU is a new typology to Boston that could create naturally affordable rental units without significantly changing the fabric of the existing neighborhoods, by allowing owner occupants to carve out space within the envelope of their home for a smaller, independent rental unit. The meeting will be held on the 9th floor of City Hall in the BPDA board room.

BPDA HOSTS GLOVER'S CORNER WORKSHOP ON FEB. 27

A workshop hosted by the BPDA on Wed., Feb. 27 will discuss the PLAN: Glover's Corner initiative and build on a November workshop, which evaluated the relation between public goods (affordable housing, infrastructure, and open space) and building dimension. These topics, along with urban design guidelines, have been refined based on input received in November. The workshop will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. at Cristo Rey Boston High School, 100 Savin Hill Ave. Contact Marie Mercurio at 617-918-4352 or marie.mercurio@boston.gov for more info.

GREATER MATTAPAN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

A newly formed Neighborhood Council for Mattapan will hold elections for officers on Feb. 23. Nomination papers for the election are due on Feb. 9 by 5 p.m. at the Mattapan BPL. There are 21 seats on the council that will be filled through the election: five (5) representatives from each of the three (3) different "zones" and six (6) at-large seats. Each zone seat council term runs for two years; the at-large seat council terms are for one year. Residents age 16 and older can be elected to the council. Nomination papers and other election documentation may be



 ${\bf Pictured,\,from\,\,left,\,Paula\,\,Ebben,\,Deborah\,\,Hughes,\,Jim\,\,Rooney,\,Yvonne\,\,Garcia.}$

Deborah Hughes, President & CEO of Dorchester's Brookville House, has been named a Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce 2019 Pinnacle Awards honoree for outstanding achievement in Management – Nonprofit. The Chamber honors eight women annually for outstanding achievement in business and management. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the celebration.

"Deborah Hughes, and the work she leads at Brookview House, exemplifies the heart of the Pinnacle Awards," said James E. Rooney, president &

accessed at mncpg.org . The election is being held on Saturday, February 23, from 9 a.m. $-2\ p.m.$ at KIPP Academy Boston Charter School, 37 Babson St., Mattapan. Please direct all questions about the election to info.gmnc.election@gmail.com.

'OF STARS AND SHAMROCKS' SCREENING ON FEB. 17

Join the Dorchester Historical Society for a special screening of the film "Of Stars and Shamrocks" on Sunday, February 17, at 2 p.m. at the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester. "Of Stars and Shamrocks" chronicles the intertwined histories of

CEO of the Greater Boston Chamber. "She is an outstanding women leader in her own right, but more importantly, she is paving the way for future leaders by providing resources, support, and hope to women and children across our region. We couldn't be prouder to present her with a Pinnacle Award at our 25th Anniversary celebration."

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Boston's Irish and Jewish immigrant communities from the mid-19th century on.

ST. ANN \$10K DINNER ON MARCH 29

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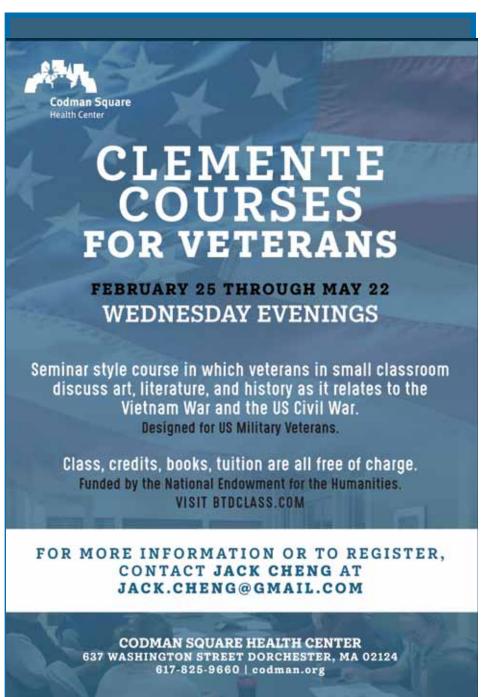
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Community Meeting

Additional Dwelling Units Proposed Citywide Zoning Amendment

Monday, February 25 6:00 PM

1 City Hall Square, 9th Floor **BPDA Board Room** Boston, MA 02201

Event Description

The Boston Planning & Development Agency will hold a public meeting to discuss a proposed amendment to the Neighborhood District Articles of the Boston Zoning Code regarding Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs). As part of the initial pilot in November 2017, the ADU amendment was made to Article 53 (East Boston Neighborhood District), Article 55, (Jamaica Plain Neighborhood District), and Article 60 (Greater Mattapan Neighborhood District) of the Boston Zoning Code. An ADU is a new typology to Boston that could create naturally affordable rental units without significantly changing the fabric of the existing neighborhoods, by allowing owner occupants to carve out space within the envelope of their home for a smaller, independent rental unit.

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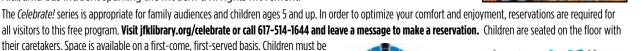
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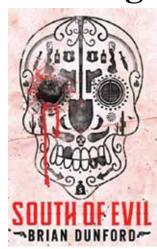
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C-11's Sgt. Dunford leans on policing career in debut novel



(Continued from page 1) be proud of, and be passionate about." He spent several years in Roxbury, East Boston, and South Boston as a patrol officer and a detective before joining C-11 in 2017. After doggedly keeping his literary aspirations alive through that period, Dunford has a new title as of last month: published author.

Dunford's first novel, South of Evil, centers on a forensic accountant in Texas who enlists his buddy, a Boston cop, to help him hunt for a stash of drug cartel money buried in the Mexican desert. Dunford says the idea for the book came to him as he worked a police detail in his cruiser one night in 2010.

"I had a vision of a man dragging a fortune of money through the desert, and I built it from there," he explained. "[Police] details can be a little boring, and so I occupied myself by building a story in my head."

The world in Dunford's novel, one rife with burning vehicles and gory kidnappings, doesn't exactly mirror his day-to-day life with the BPD.

"Most of it is imagination," said Dunford.
"Most of the characters have serious moral flaws and make terrible decisions — which are much more interesting to me than characters who make good decisions."

But Dunford added that the narrative is "grounded in reality," and that for some aspects of the story, he was able to draw on his experiences in law enforcement, a background he views as an advantage from a writing standpoint.

"Most writers who are writing crime thrillers and such aren't-they haven't actually seen the things they're writing about up close and personal, and, unfortunately, I have."

Writing from the

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perspective of both the cop and the criminal, Dunford would often take out his laptop in the little free time he had before and after shifts, crafting the novel in close proximity to his police work.

"I wrote most of this while I was a detective, and I loved being a detective. So, I love to think some of that is on the page." Dunford's fictitious setting south of the border certainly does not reflect the state of things in his home precinct of C-11, where (here Dunford rapped his knuckles on the table) the police have yet to respond to a homicide in 2019.

"This neighborhood is ready to pop," he said, pointing out the window towards the corner of Dorchester Avenue and Adams Street. "When Dot Block moves in down the street, I think there's going be a lot more business, and a lot more customers are going come down here."

That optimism is in large part due to recent trends that indicate violence in the neighborhood is on a downward trajectory.

"Here's where we

are: violent crime, part one crime is way down,' Dunford began, taking stock of his district. "It's been going down consistently for years... Homicides, in 2017 when I first arrived, we had 16 of them. In 2018 we had seven. Those numbers, I think, are phenomenal. I'm not trying to jinx us, but this year, so far, we've had none. City-wide, I think we had 57 fewer shootings. which is enormous. The fact that homicides kept up at the rate they did, I can't explain it. Maybe we'll look back in future years and see a trend that we didn't realize was happening."

But where part one crimes have dwindled, nonviolent crimes have spiked, Dunford acknowledged.

"What we are seeing an increase in is small larcenies, and it's being driven by drugs and homelessness, which are two things that have hit the entire city of Boston all at once," he said.

Dunford pointed to

Dunford pointed to the 2015 closure of Long Island, which housed the city's largest homeless shelter and detox center, as the primary cause of those trends.

"There's 700 beds or something on that island, and now it's all here," he reasoned. "People from here call us with legitimate frustrations, and I feel bad for them, but a jail cell is not the place for a homeless person. It's not the place for someone who's detoxing from drugs. Nothing good is going to come from it."

Interacting with and helping out the homeless has become a considerable part of Dunford's job since joining Community Service, and the BPD's new model of "community policing" means his unit has adopted more creative, less traditional approaches to getting citizens the resources they need.

"There's lots of good agencies that already exist, it's just a matter of partnering with them,"



Former BPD Superintendent Robert Dunford pins his sergeant's shield on his son Brian at BPD head-quarters in April of 2016.

BPD photo

he said. "We have a direct hotline to Bay Cove or Pine Street Inn. We have a homeless outreach coordinator at Boston Police, that's what he does. So instead of using like a 1970s model of going out there and yelling at a guy to 'Hey, don't come back again or you're getting arrested,' we actually go up there with resources and offer the guy help."

Another issue community policing efforts have tackled is gang involvement, by way of getting to kids earlier and building relationships based on mutual trust rather than fear.

"One place we've realized kids are already there is the St. Peter's Teen Center[on Bowdoin Street]. So, we've been doing a lot of work with them...you get up there and you meet them when they're younger and they don't have that ingrained fear of the police-they go, 'Oh, I know that guy."

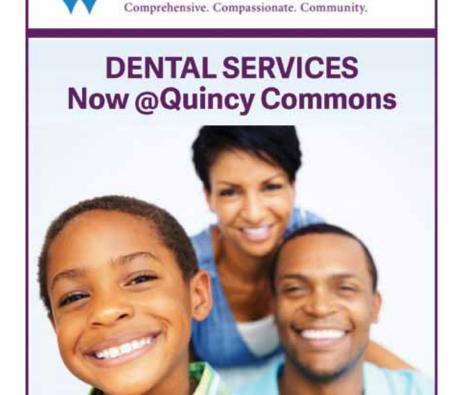
One of the unit's successes that Dunford touted is a "boot camp" that C-11 officials host at the teen center, which he described as "a militarystyle workout" featuring pushups, situ-ps and calisthenics. The boot camp also includes a series of no-contact boxing drills, which Dunford says has resonated most closely with the teenage

girls in the program. "You can tell some of the kids really take to it, and you look around the room going, 'Future Marine, future Marine.' But also, when we're up there we say, 'Hey guys, we're hiring cadets in a few months. If you guys are 16-17 years old, let's take the test and get you guys in the pipeline. These are the kids we're looking for."

Dunford's anecdotes from Community Service may very well serve as the basis of his next novel. The feedback for South of Evil he's received so far has been "better than [his] wildest dreams," and has already encouraged him to publish another book in the future. He noted that most readers have reacted positively to the 'twists and turns" that characterize the plot

"I went to great lengths to make sure that every character changes at some point, and develops into something new, in that there are surprises throughout the book," he explained. "In the first round of reviews I'm getting, people are raving about the ending."

South of Evil is available for purchase in paperback and digital formats on amazon.com and through Kindle Unlimited.



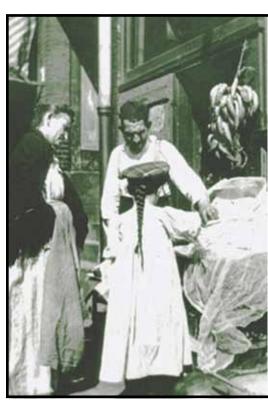
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Community Health News

Community groups seek larger role in fighting poverty

By Kaitlyn Budoin AND MICHAEL P. NORTON STATE HOUSE News Service

Community action groups often associated with getting heating assistance to people who need it want the Legislature to give them a broader mission that reflects their efforts in areas like food assistance and financial literacy.

Sen. Michael Moore and Rep. Tackey Chan urged their colleagues Tuesday to pass a bill to provide resources to the state's 23 community action agencies and update state laws to reflect a holistic approach to services by creating a line item to administer flexible funding.

The bill, an Act to Address Inequality, Promote Opportunity and End Poverty, would also establish a trust fund to finance innovative, community-based programs and services, change language to reflect the Massachusetts Association for Community Action (MASSCAP) as the center for antipoverty in the state, and form a council to review programs and recommend improvements.

At an advocacy event, Moore said the wealth

of positive economic Moore said. indicators can obscure the fact that many Massachusetts residents are living in poverty and require public assistance and services, and that the proposed bill would allow agencies to better help those residents.

"Hopefully, the changes in the definitions and the flexibility it would provide the administrations will really address the needs of our community members,"

Chan said the legislation's passage would improve the ability of community action agencies to respond to needs in a changing world. As the federal government "peels back" assistance, he said, "the state has to pick up the difference."

Nancy Wagman, the Kids Count Director at the Massachusetts and Budget Policy Center, gave a presentation on MASSCAP's report

"Obstacles on the Road to Opportunity: Finding a Way Forward."

The May 2018 report found that anti-poverty policies have long-lastthe state. However, federal funding cuts impact many state-provided services and recently approved federal tax cuts could put a large dent into funding for services.

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Officials from community action agencies also spoke about other MASS-CAP priorities, including expanding access to the earned income tax credit and providing water and sewer rate relief for lowincome households.

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING DORCHESTER

Please join 617 Therapeutic Health Care for a Community Outreach Meeting as we share our plans for a proposed Marijuana Establishment. The proposed Marijuana Retailer is anticipated to be located at 144 Bowdoin Street, Dorchester, MA 02121.

In this meeting, we will discuss security, diversion prevention, community involvement and planning, and general operating information for the proposed facility. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

617 THERAPEUTIC HEALTH CARE WHO:

WHAT: COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

TO DISCUSS A PROPOSED MARIJUANA RETAILER IN DORCHESTER

WHEN: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

6:30pm

WHERE: HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

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MATTAPAN-DORCHESTER RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING

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DOTFEST SET FOR APRIL 11

AT DOTHOUSE HEALTH

Join DotHouse Health in celebrating community life in Dorchester's Fields Corner neighborhood and one of the best community-based health and social services organizations in the City of Boston. The celebration will take place on Thurs., April 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. at DotHouse Health. For more information, please visit DotFest.org.

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT GROUP AT UPHAMS CORNER HEALTH

A breastfeeding support group meeting is held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Upham's Corner Health Center at 415 Columbia Rd., Dorchester.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART EXHIBIT IN GROVE HALL

Grove Hall BPL will hold an exhibition by local artists of color from February 21-28. Take a tour of the rotating collection of paintings and sculptures at the branch, including this special exhibit, with work by Mfalme Kenyatta, Shea Justice, Laurence Pierce, and others. Join us for the opening Thursday, February 21. Local artists will be present to discuss their work as it relates to activism, Teens and tweens can stay for an art workshop; materials will be provided. Light refreshments will be served. 41 Geneva Ave.,

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT IN MATTAPAN

The Dorchester-Mattapan Neighborhood Council will host a Black History Month event at the Mattapan BPL branch on Blue Hill Avenue on Thurs., Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Former Sen. Bill Owens will be a guest speaker.

GROVE HALL SNI MEETING ON FEB. 14

The Grove Hall Safe Neighborhood Initiative will host a community meeting on Thurs., Feb. 14

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FUN IN THE TROPICS AT FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

Longing for an island getaway? Escape to the Tropics with the Zoo's young professionals group, The Wild Things, at Franklin Park Zoo on Sat., March 23 at 5 p.m. Join us in your best luau gear as you dance and limbo your way through the Tropical Forest with friends. Watch the ring-tail lemurs as they discover tropical themed enrichment in their decorated exhibit, and don't miss special opportunities to meet some of the Zoo's animal ambassadors. Join Zoo staff to learn more about the free-flight birds, including scarlet ibis, yellow-billed storks, hadada ibis and more! This is a 21+ event and includes one drink ticket, appetizers and a cash beer and wine bar. Western lowland gorillas, pygmy hippopotamus, and a Linne's two-toed sloth are just a few of the animals that call the 72 degree Tropical Forest home. Proceeds from Fun in the Tropics will support the operation and continued growth of Zoo New England, its education programs and conservation initiatives. The Wild Things member price is \$25. For non-members, early bird tickets cost \$30 until March 8. After March 8, tickets will cost \$40. See franklinparkzoo.org for more info

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK HELP

Boston Public Library's free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher's Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.

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2019. Last year, 60 applications were received and five were chosen to receive funding. Projects included revitalizing community gardens and beautifying vacant plots of land. Neighborhood mini-grant winners are awarded up to \$3,000 to either implement or revitalize a public space used to address a larger issue identified by the community. Past examples of projects include community gardens, art installations, and placemaking.

POLICE DISTRICT C-11

Non-emergency line for seniors: 617-343-5649. The Party Line phone number, where you can report loud parties, is 617-343-5500, 24 hours/7 days per week.

POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

For info, call B-3's Community Service Office at 617-343-4711.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.

The Apple Grove Assoc. meets on the second Tues. of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer's Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O'Neill at pattiashmont@ gmail.com.

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP

Everyone is welcome to Book Group, whether you've read the book or not. For further info, please contact Lil Konowitz at klil@hotmail.com.

ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings are held in the St. Brendan's Father Lane Hall – lower level at 589 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester Tuesdays on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSOC.

Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

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

FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.

The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. Contact V. Girard, chair, at: vivian8120@gmail.com.

JONES HILL ASSOC.

See joneshill.com for additional information. **EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOC.**

The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Upham's Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

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A Moment of Paws

Spaying and neutering pets promotes health, longevity

By Mary Nee

February is National Spay and Neuter Awareness Month. At the Animal Rescue League of Boston, we field questions about spay and neuter on a daily basis and they typically revolve around two issues - cost and understanding the real and long-term benefits for you and your pet.

Don't let cost be a barrier, as there are numerous affordable options throughout Massachusetts that are readily available.

ARL's Spay Waggin' is a mobile clinic offering high-quality and affordable spay/neuter services.

The Spay Waggin' has been serving Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, the South Coast for nearly 20 years, performing more than 50,000 surgeries along the way.

Another place to turn is your local Animal Control Officer. The Massachusetts Animal Fund Spay/Neuter Voucher Program allows lowincome residents receiving state assistance to get their pets this important surgery free of charge. Vouchers can be obtained through your city or town's Animal Control Officer and are redeemed at participating provid-

This voucher program is funded by the voluntary taxcheck-off(Line 33f) on the Massachusetts Resident Income Tax Form under "Voluntary fund contributions." Monetary donations are also accepted year-round.

Caring for animals can be expensive, especially when it comes to their health. But consider this –having your pet spayed/ neutered can reduce the risk of serious, and costly, health problems later in life.

Neutering male dogs and cats before six months of age prevents testicular cancer, and spaying female cats and

dogs before their first heat reduces the risk of uterine infections and breast cancer.

Spay/neuter can also reduce behavioral problems such as marking territory, howling or barking, aggression, and wandering.

We all want our pets to live long and healthy lives, and having an animal spayed/neutered actually increases their longevity. According to previously published reports, neutered male dogs live 18 percent longer than unneutered males live 23 percent longer than unspaved females.

Have a pet at home with an unwanted or accidental litter of puppies or kittens? The Animal Rescue League of Boston can help! Through the Healthy Moms, Happy Litters program, ARL will provide spay/neuter services and vaccinations for mother/father dogs and cats. Once the procedure is complete, and animals are returned to the owner, ARL will also waive the surrender fee

for the litter of puppies or kittens, who will be spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and placed up for adoption.

Remember, there are many affordable resources available, so please consider having your pets spayed/neutered for their happiness and health - and for your piece of mind.

Mary Nee, a Dorchesterresident, is the president of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. Pet questions? Email ARL at press@arlboston.org.

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Mail completed application to:

Peabody Properties, Inc., c/o JPNDC Pitts Portfolio Waitlist Lottery, 536 Granite St., Braintree, MA 02184 or email: LPI@peabodyproperties.com

Deadline: Last day for paper application distribution is 3/11/19. Online submissions & postmark date for paper application is 3/13/19. Lottery to be scheduled at a later date.

Information Sessions:

Feb. 19th: 3-4:30pm at

John Bourbor Community Room 233 Quincy St., Dorchester

Feb. 21th: 6-7:00pm at

Josephine A. Fiorentino Community Center 123 Antwerp St. Extension, Brighton



AMI - Area Median Income as of 4/1/18. Income AMI - Area Median in Joine as of 47 or 10. Income, asset & use restrictions apply. Rents, Income limits & utility allowances based on HUD quidelines. For more info, language assistance, or reasonable accommo for persons with disabilities, please call or email.

Rents & Income Limits

Туре	30% Rent	50% Rent	60% Rent
1BR	**	\$943	\$1,149
2BR	**	\$1,011	\$1,371
3BR	**	\$1,213	\$1,577
4BR	**	\$1,401	\$1,746
5BR	**	\$1,563	\$1,913
6BR	**	\$1,725	\$2,102

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1	\$22,650	\$37,750	\$45,300
2	\$25,900	\$43,150	\$51,780
3	\$29,150	\$48,550	\$58,260
4	\$32,350	\$53,900	\$64,680
5	\$34,950	\$58,250	\$69,900
6	\$37,550	\$62,550	\$75,060
7	\$40,150	\$66,850	\$80,220
8	\$42,750	\$71,150	\$85,380
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU19P0197GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
NATHALIE MICHEL
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filed

by The Department of Developmental Ser by The Department of Developmental Services of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Nathalie Michel is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Karen Sander, Esq. of Jamaica Plain, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is

sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain

cific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/21/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you fail to file the patition. you object to the petition. If you fail to file he written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter withou further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Date: January 29, 2019 Published: February 14, 2019

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IN THE MATTER OF:
DORIS CHAMPAGNE
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

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

Register of Probate
Date: January 30, 2019

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COUR' 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU19P0191GD IN THE MATTER OF: FRITZ CHAMPAGNE FRITZ CHAMPAGNE of DORCHESTER, MA

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all othe by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA i the above captioned matter alleging that Fritz Champagne is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Brian McLaughlin, Esq. of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serv

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Community Meeting

PLAN: Glover's Corner, Dorchester

Preparing for the Draft Plan: Visualizing Building Dimensions and Public Goods

Wednesday, February 27

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

100 Savin Hill Ave

Cristo Rey Boston High School, Library Dorchester, MA 02125

Event Description

This workshop builds upon the PLAN: Glover's Corner November workshop, which evaluated the relation between public goods (affordable housing, infrastructure, and open space) and building dimension. These topics, along with urban design guidelines, have been refined based on input received in November.

Over the course of a multi-year planning process, stakeholders have contributed ideas and solutions to address future climate resiliency challenges and open space needs. Join us to review these recommendations which are intended to support a Glover's Corner neighborhood that is sustainable, affordable, and welcoming to all.

The PLAN initiative is an opportunity to think strategically about the future of Glover's Corner. In close partnership with the community, we will explore what and where to preserve, enhance, and grow.

Refreshments from a local business will be provided. Interpretation and translated materials will be provided in Vietnamese and Cape Verdean Creole. For more information visit: http://bit.ly/planglovers

Contact:

Marie Mercurio Boston Planning & Development Agency One City Hall Square, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02201 617.918.4352 | marie.mercurio@boston.gov

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

Criminal record holders encouraged to seek sealing orders

(Continued from page 1)

"We still have remnants of the so-called war on drugs even though the tough-on-crime mentality doesn't reduce crime," said Pauline Quirion, director of GBLS's CORI and re-entry project. "What reduces crime, as the studies show, is having employment and substance use treatment when you need it."

In the wake of last year's criminal justice reform law, Massachusetts allows a felony record to be sealed seven years after someone is found guilty or released from incarceration. The waiting time for a misdemeanor offense is three

To seal a record, a petitioner first must get a copy of his or her CORI report from the Department of Criminal Justice Information, then, after a period of review, file a form with the Office of the Commissioner of Probation. Alternatively, a petitioner can gain a sealing order if he or she goes directly to court and wins a ruling.

The number of sealed records has been increasing in the last four years, and 2019 is expected to see as many as 95,000 charges sealed, official data suggest.

When I first moved to Boston, people were talking about this evil 'CORI,' and I thought, who is she? I don't want to meet her," said Horace Small, founder and executive director of Union of Minority Neighborhoods.

Small, a member of the



state's Cannabis Advisory Board, said some of the people who have criminal records during the war on drugs deserve a second chance. "We had people who lost the opportunity to go to college, get a home, and get into the military simply because they had a joint in their pocket. We have to give people who are most affected by the injustice of the criminal justice system, aka, the black and brown people, their good names back."

Darrin Howell, a community and political organizer who ran for state representative last year, served a one-year sentence in the early 2000s. Before prison, he worked at an administrative job in Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. But with a CORI, he said, he could only find jobs in manual labor.

He later worked in a seasoning packing warehouse, a moving company, Boston Scientific Corporation, and a medical device warehouse, before he was hired on staff by former city councilor Chuck Turner.

Howell said he was hired once through a temp agency for a two-week assignment for Partners HealthCare that was extended to three months. Eventually, the company wanted to hire him permanently, he said, but in the end, it fired him after finding out he had a CORI.

Howell thinks different levels of offenses should be dealt with differently. "I have a CORI. I know your policy is zero-tolerance, but as you can see, my CORI has nothing to do with the work I was doing,'

Even when a court case ends in an individual's favor for sealing, it will still be on a CORI sheet. Ernest, who spoke to the Reporter and asked that only his first name be used, had a CORI that included three serious charges, but no convictions. Still, the records led to him being turned down from job applications sent to Uber, Lyft, and some private security companies. The South End resident tried to seal his records in the district courts in Chelsea and East Boston to no avail. He was told that the public has the right to know his record.

Ernest said Pauline Quirion took his information over the phone and later got him a date in Roxbury Municipal Court, where he filed the petition and had his records sealed. He now works as a security officer.

The expungement process is more complex for those seeking relief. Eligibility is limited to cases that happened before the person's 21st birthday, to mistakes in judicial proceedings, and to cases where the offense has been decriminalized.

State officials said this week that since the reform legislation went into effect last October, 82 petitioners have had their records expunged.

Geoff Foster, the director of organizing and policy with UTEC, a Lowell youth organization, said that none of the young people in his organization or partner organizations have been able to expunge their records because only people with a single court case on the record are eligible to get their records erased.

UTEC offers employment to people aged 17 to 25 who are returning to the community from incarceration or were involved in gangs, and is part of Teens Leading the Way, a statewide youth advocacy coalition with different organizations. Teens Leading the Way is advocating for a new bill that will expand people's

eligibility to expunge records they received before 21.

State Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem, a sponsor of the bill, said that "providing the opportunity to expunge juvenile records and remove the stigma of such involvement is a critical component to the future success of justice involved youth."

A community organizer who has served time and has an open CORI told the Reporter that having a criminal record shouldn't stop one from trying to find employment or housing.

In his work, he helps exoffenders get GED, connects them with shelters if they are homeless, and introduces them to employers who are willing to help those with CORIs.

"It's a tough battle, when you first get out of incarceration," he said. "A lot of people shy away from employment and education. They want to [learn and work], but sometimes they say, 'I have a CORI, and therefore nobody's going to hire me,' which is not true."

He hopes more people will be open to hiring ex-prisoners. "If they did the time and they paid their debts to society, then why not give them a second chance? What are you so fearful for? ... How can you help this person not go back to jail?"

GBLS hosts walk-in clinics in Dorchester court on the $second\ and\ fourth\ Wednesdays$ of the month, and in Roxbury court on the third Thursday every month, except for holidays.



STAY CONNECTED



Chillin' On D

FEB. 21-24 & FEB. 28-MAR. 3 Noon to 10pm

The Lawn On D is back for a special winter pop-up event complete with live ice carving demonstrations, ice bars, ice corn hole, fun photo ops, and many other surprises! We'll also have a DI and live bands that you can enjoy from a heated portion of The Lawn, plus food and drinks available for purchase.

Plan Your Event

Create a truly unique and memorable experience for your next corporate outing, private party, team building event, reception, fundraiser, or family celebration. We have dates available for the 2019 season!

For more details or to plan your event, visit LawnOnD.com.

Learn more at: bidmc.org/EDentrance

Our Emergency Department entrance has moved to Deaconess Road.



Our new emergency entrance at 1 Deaconess Road is one block from our former entrance—updated signage will help you find the way.

Convenient parking is located in the Pilgrim Road parking garage, or use our 24/7 valet parking service.

The move helps make way for innovative changes ahead. We're looking forward to meeting your needs for extraordinary care well into the future.



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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER



Challenger Sports Program Continues: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: **BGCD Named Charity of the Month** on Flour Bakery Rewards App: BGCD is excited to share that we have been named Flour Bakery+Cafe's charity of the month for February. Guests of Flour will be able to donate to Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester when they order through the app, or donate their earned rewards.

Flour Bakery+Cafe offers buttery breakfast pastries, homemade cookies, delicious tarts, gorgeous cakes, and sandwiches, soups, and salads. Everything is prepared in-house by their professional kitchen staff.

Be sure to download their app and enjoy some of their delicious food and pastries this month while also supporting the Club! Just in time for Valentine's Day!

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: Challenger Sports Program

Continues: The Challenger Sports program, offered in partnership with the Martin Richard Foundation, continued the seven week basketball program this past Sunday. The program offers a session for players ages five to eleven at 10:00 a.m. and a session for players ages twelve and up at 11:00 a.m.

The basketball season will be followed by a six week session for swimming and that will be followed by a six week session for Baseball. Volunteer Buddies assist the athletes throughout each season. We are always happy to welcome individuals, both youth and adults, who would like to serve as Bud-

For more information on the Challenger Sports program please contact Erin Ferrara at eferrara@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Boston Marathon Team Continues Training: Our Team BGCD runner, Adam, poses here with Club members during a tour of our Clubhouses. See more details below.

DID YOU KNOW BGCD Boston Marathon Team

Continues Training: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester have continued to support local runners who have generously taken on the task of training and fundraising on behalf of BGCD over the next few months. On April 15, 2019 they will take on the daunting task of completing the highly competitive **Boston Marathon and raising funds** on behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs of **Dorchester through the Boston Athletic** Association's charity program.

Team BGCD running coach, John Furey, continued to provide motivation and training assistance to the team. Our runners hail from as far as San Diego to being born and raised right here in Dorchester.

To learn more about ways you can support a marathon runner please visit www.bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February School Vacation Week (pre-registration required)

Marilyn Rodman Theatre for Kids Trip: "School of Rock" February 20

Career Speaker Series February 26



The Folan Family Dental staff is thrilled Folan Family Dental accepts most to be back and seeing patients again in Adams Village! We have relocated to 540 Gailivan Bivd (Dorchester) and our brand new office has all the latest equipment and technologies.

Folan Family Dental has been providing the Dorchester area with quality dental care since 1981. Our experienced staff are friendly, patient-oriented, and dedicated to making each dental visit a positive experience.

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dental insurance plans. In addition, we offer our own cost effective in-house plan for patients that do not have dental insurance.

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Folan Family Dental has moved to 540 Gallivan Blvd, Dorchester (Adams Village)

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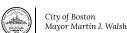
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February 14, 2019 RECENT OBITUARIES

DENNEHY, Lorraine F. (Bullwinkle) Of Dorchester. Wife of the late William F. "Bill" Dennehy, Sr. Mother of William F. Dennehy, Jr., retired B.F.D., and his wife Catherine of Hanover, and Thomas R. Dennehy and his wife Rita F. Gauthier-Den-nehy of Abington. Grandmother of Denise, Karen, William III, and Caitlin

and great-grandmother of Liam, Jack, Emerson, Allison, and Julia. Sister of Dorothy Syvain of Somerville, and the late John Morrisey, Richard Bullwinkle, and Kay Marcotti.

Dicenso, Arduino of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester and Sulmona, Italy, at the age of 90. Born and raised in Sulmona, Italy, Arduino immigrated to the United States at the age of 37. Prior to his retirement, he had worked as a meat cutter at Central Beef for over 30 years. Arduino was the husband of Anna (DeSantis) DiCenso. Father of Rosetta Summers and her husband John of Braintree. Devoted brother of Concetta DiRuscio of Italy and the late Guido DiCenso, Divio DiCenso and Efelda DelMonaco.

"Nonno" to Alessandra, Michael and Juliana. Also survived by many nieces and nephews LINDSAY, William

J. Born on the island of Montserrat, West Indies, on January 31, 1912, the second of six children to the late Samuel and Mary (Sweeney) Lindsay. son-in-law Anthony Bennett, daughters-in-law, Elizabeth and Marie, Renee, grandchildren, Tammara, Keri, Tanya and Melissa, great-grandchildren, Lindsay, Buddy, Piper and Jordan, broth-

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT

PROBATE & FAMILY COURT

SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114

CITATION ON PETITION

TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. SU18C0536CA IN THE MATTER OF:

MOHAMAD ZALZALI

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hamad Zalzali of Dorchester, Ma

Petiton to Change Name

William was affectionately known as Papa to his children, Uncle Will to his nieces and nephews, and Grandpa to his grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. William was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and grandson William (Billy). He leaves to mourn his passing, one daughter Mavis Bennett of Middleton, an (honorary) daughter Alberta Daniels of Arlington, four sons, Edward R. of Boston, Irod J. of Quincy, and Herman L. and Leonard C. of Milton,

Keeley, Michael M. of Dorchester Died February 7, 2019

Mike founded Mike Keeley Productions at the age of 16 and was the "DJ to the Stars". He served New England since 1978 for every occasion and was the first and youngest DJ to

have a float in the Dorchester Day parade and to DJ at club Narcicuss. Mike was inducted into the DJ Hall

of Fame in 2001 and founded The Dukes of Disco in 2009. He has played all over the world and worked with many Grammy award winning artists. He enjoyed his wife's cooking, playing ice hockey, and traveling all over the world. Mike was a fun loving people person with a great sense of humor. He was kind, generous, and a friend to all. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Loving son of the late John and Mary (Morrison) Keeley. Beloved best friend and husband of 26 years to Noreen (Connolly) Keeley of Dorchester. Loving brother of John Keeley and his wife Janet of Middleboro, Leo Keeley and his wife Nao of Tokyo, and Tim Keeley and his wife Sandy of Billerica. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and his beloved dog Fenway.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Michael may be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241-7005.

COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon St., PO Box 9667

MICHAEL WARREN KELLY DATE OF DEATH: 01/07/2015
all interested persons:
Petition for Late and Limited Forma

as requested in the Petition. The Petition requests that: Dennis Kelly of Stoughton MA be appointed as Personal Repre-sentative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervise

days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Persona Representative and can petition the Cour in any matter relating to the estate, includng distribution of assets and expenses of administration ministration

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requesting that the court enter a
Decree changing their name to:
Mark Zalzaly
IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **02/28/2019**. This is not a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a writter appearance if you object to this oroceedina.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 06, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon St., PO Box 9667 **Boston 02114**

(617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU19P0184EA IN THE ESTATE OF JAMES GERARD CIAMPA **DATE OF DEATH: 01/15/2019**

Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Maria Elisa Ciampa of Milton, MA and Joseph G. Ciampa of Dorchester, MA and Margherita Ciampa-Coyne of MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petition requests that: Maria Elisa Ciampa of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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 written appearance and objection at the Court before 10:00 a.m. on 03/13/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadlin by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding and objection in good object to misproceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without

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Justice of this Court.

Date: January 30, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: February 14, 2019

and friends too numerous

LOFTUS, Mary A. of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Redmond and Catherine (Flaherty) Loftus. Sister of Redmond Loftus of NC, Brendan and his wife Mary of Middleboro, Anthony F. Loftus, and his partner Uschi Kullmann of Medford, and the late John, Thomas, and Kevin Loftus. Sister-in-law of Christina Loftus of Melrose. Also survived by many ing nieces and nephews. Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to your favorite charity.

er George Lindsay, and

many nieces, nephews,

MATURO, Madeline M. of Lawrence, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late John and Mary (Marino) Maturo. Sister of the late Patrick and William Maturo, Dora Bonaceto and Edward Maturo. Aunt of Doreen King of Boxford, Arthur Bonaceto of Louden, NH, Linda Maturo of Waban, Gail Mollomo-Estes of CA, and William Maturo of West Bridgewater. Also survived by many cousins, grandnieces and grandnephews.

WHITE, Virginia M. "Ginny" (Murphy) age

90. She was the wife of the late Robert A. White. Born in Boston, she was raised in St. Brendan's Parish in Dorchester and was a graduate of Girls High School in Boston. She then graduated from Sargent College in Boston. She was a longtime teacher and administrator in the Boston School System, at Girls High School and Latin Academy in Boston, retiring many years ago. Mrs. White was a resident of Stoughton for over 50 years. She was a member of the Boston Teacher's Union, the Sargent Diners Club and the New Agenda Club. Mrs. White is survived by her son Allan E. White and his wife Bonnie of East Bridgewater. She was the grandmother of Joel White and his wife Kristen, Colleen White and Robert White. She was the great-grandmother of Gregory White and Nora White. She was the twin sister of Elaine Lovett of Milton and was predeceased by her brother Francis Š. Murphy. She is also survived by 3 nieces and 1 nephew. Donations in Ginny's memory may be made to the St. James Church, 560 Page St., Stoughton, MA.

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Boston 02114
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
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Docket No. SU19P0147EA
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First ustice of this Court.
Date: January 22, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. 18W1416 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AURORA G. BARNES, Plaintiff(s)

KENNETH CHISHOLM, Defendant(s) To the above named Defendant(s) Kenneth Chisholm

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff Aurora G. Barnes, seeking a Complaint For Custody-Support-Parenting Time.

You are required to serve upon Aurora G. Barnes - whose address is 16 Rowena St., 2nd Fl. Dorchester, MA 02124 - Phone 617-980-0934 your answer on or 28th day of February, 2019. 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 in the office of the Register of this Court

Witness BRIAN J DUNN FS QUIRE, First Judge of said Court this 31st day of January 2019.

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On Meetinghouse Hill, push-back to proliferation of group sober homes

(Continued from page 1)

"We need to do something"

The story starts with the couple that owned the big Victorian at 29 Percival for 31 years the house of Charlotte Golar Richie and her husband Winston Richie. After raising their family on Meetinghouse Hill, they are now emptynesters and decided to downsize to a smaller home in Lower Mills.

"I was an active neighborhood resident," Richie told a reporter after the meeting. "I loved the neighborhood, loved my neighbors, and so it was very sad to me to see the results of what I call a housing sale go awry."

A former state representative who ran for mayor in 2013, Golar Richie worked for more than a decade in the housing sector. But her experience wasn't enough to prepare her for what came next.

A month-and-a-half after the Richies moved out, the house sold yet again, this time for \$785,000 - \$86,000 more than what the Richies got. The new buyer operated through an LLC tied to a family that owns seven sober houses — all in Dorchester and Roxbury — including one at 16 Potosi St., just two houses down from the Richies.

Shortly after the sale, neighbors reported seeing workers carrying mattresses into the Richie's old house. They knew another sober house was about to come online, and with other sober houses cropping up around Meetinghouse Hill and an increasing interest in the neighborhood's real estate, they felt they were about to be overrun.

"I told my husband, I'm like, 'We need to do something because if we don't we're moving," said Rochelle Nwosu, an educator whose house is between an existing sober house and the possible one at Richie's former house. "The house is going on the market... we need to sell before [the sober home opens] because we're never going to be able to sell our property with two sober homes.

Across the street from Nwosu is Lisa

in Meetinghouse Hill for decades. She seems to know everyone - past and present-in what she calls a quiet neighborhood of Caribbean islanders, whites, Latinos, blacks and Cape Verdeans. Before being interviewed she insisted on recounting the recent history of each house in her vicinity - who owned which house and when they sold. It's a neighborhood largely made up of owneroccupied houses — with the vast Ronan Park at the center — and a strong tradition of community activism. The neighborhood is something the residents are proud of, but Villaroel points to rubbish on the ground that she says come from the sober house at 16 Potosi.

"We've seen a lot of police activity in this area, where [people at the sober home] call the police, and there's a lot of arguing," she said.

Like others in the neighborhood, Villaroel says she understands the need for sober houses. But she questions the concentration of sober houses in neighborhoods of color: "Why is it only happening in the neighborhoods of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury?How come we don't see them happening in Milton? How come we don't hear about them in Hyde Park? And why aren't they going down by the wharf? There's a lot of space down there."

Property records show the owner of the sober house at 16 Potosi is connected to the Richie house as well as the property at 26-28 Percival Street, located at one end of Potosi. (On the other end is Mt. Ida Road, where the residents say there are four sober houses.) The neighbors believe the owner intends to turn both properties into sober houses and pursue more deals as property enters the market.

But she and dozens of her neighbors say they're committed to preventing that from happening.

"They're people that are living by a set of rules"

Advocates for sober houses say they meet

Villaroel, who has lived a critical need amid an opioid epidemic that claims more than 100 lives daily in the state. Services available at sober houses vary widely from place to place, but at the most basic level they're meant to provide lodging and support in a drug free environment for people recovering from addiction.

Conflicts over sober houses and the neighborhoods where they're sited are nothing new, and they aren't likely to go away soon.

Because medical treatment is not offered at sober houses, they are not regulated by the state. But they can be certified by the Massachusetts Association for Sober Housing. So far 180 sober houses have signed on with MASH, including 22 in Boston. All of these are in Dorchester, except for two each in Roxbury and East Boston.

But certification is voluntary, and officials estimate there are hundreds more uncertified sober houses in places like Meetinghouse Hill. (The neighbors on Mt. Ida Road say the four sober houses there are uncertified.)

But advocates for sober housing push back on the idea that a sober home is bad for its neighborhood.

"Properties that operate as sober houses can be better neighbors than if they were otherwise occupied," said Troy Clarkson, outgoing head of the Mass Association for Sober Housing, "because the people in those houses are people that are trying to get well, and they're people that are living by a set of rules and standards in those sober houses."

Mixed messages

Joseph Pizziferri is the man behind the sober house at 16 Potosi, and he's connected to the LLC that bought the Richie house at 29 Percival. The family owns seven sober houses in Dorchester and Roxbury- and it appears Pizziferri is looking to expand.

WBUR tried to interview Pizziferri about his plans for the neighborhood, but he declined. Reached by phone, Pizziferri said he's trying to do the right thing for



Neighbors gathered in the living room of a home on Potosi Street on Jan. 26 to discuss their mounting concerns about what they suspected was an probable group sober home operation at a nearby property on Percival Street. Above, city officials - inleuding the city's Commissioner of Inspectional Services William Christopher and Sheila Dillon, the city's chief of Housing and the Dept. of Neighborhood Development, discussed the situation with a gathering of about 30 people. Reporter photo/Bill Forry

people struggling with addiction. All his sober houses are certified with MASH and residents must pass drug screenings in order to stay there, according to a website for the houses, which are named Faith House #1 through #7.

But Pizziferri says he's getting mixed messages from the city: On the one hand there's Mayor Marty Walsh's strong public commitment to fighting addiction, and on the other, building inspectors discouraging him from opening another sober house in Meetinghouse Hill.

'Good news'

As the neighbors gathered at the Mather School were about to find out, city inspectors don't have a lot of leverage over sober houses - as long as they confirm with zoning rules - though they can exert pressure on operators to do right by neighbors.

Back at the meeting at the school on Meetinghouse Hill, Boston's chief building inspector Buddy Christopher stands before the crowd with a smile.

"I come to you bearing really good news," Christopher said, adding that he met with Joseph Pizziferri about the sober house in the works.

"And he has committed to us he is not going ahead with this project.... We explained to them that this is just not the way we do things.'

Some of the neighbors pushed back, asking what happens with the Pizziferri properties now. They want Christopher to take stronger action against Pizziferri, but the inspector and his aides explain Inspectional Services can't issue fines, and they can only issue violations when something runs afoul of the code.

Now, Christopher said, he's planning to organize a meeting between the residents of Meetinghouse Hill, and Pizziferri, as well as representatives from the sober house association.

Asked if he had a wish list regarding new regulations for sober housing - like a limit onthe number sited within a certain area, and a registry that requires sober houses to be identified - Christopher said his wish is at that the opioid epidemic come to $an\ end.$

Simón Rios is a reporter with WBUR 90.9 FM, which shares resources and content with the Dorchester Reporter. Rios works out of the Dorchester Reporter's newsroom and may be reached at srios@wbur. org.

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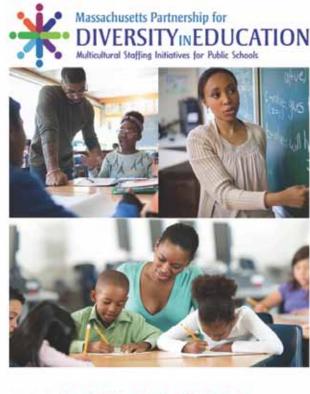
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