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# Bay City planners weigh K-Circle's demise



A rendering shows Dorchester Bay City at night with the current Kosciuszko Circle rotary replaced by a four-way intersection in the foreground. Image courtesy Accordia Partners

# Latest plan would eliminate vexing rotary

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Kosciuszko Circle, named for the Polish hero who fought for the US in the American Revolution, is one of the region's most despised rotaries, a scene of relentless turmoil as vehicles converge there from I-93, Columbia Road, Old Colony Avenue, and Morrissey and Day boulevards and try to move on their way in varying directions from inside the circle.

The developer behind the "Dorchester Bay City" project, which would bring four million square feet of office and research space to the area along with nearly 2,000 residential units, this week offered up a rendering that involves a potential fix long sought

concept that would also eliminate the Morrissey Boulevard overpass.

"I don't want to say this is the idea, I just want to say there are ideas out there," Galvin said at a public meeting focused on the

transportation elements of the \$5 billion project. Because of the size of the project, which could take 15 vears to complete, city planning and development officials have held several different meetings

Any fix for Kosciuszko Circle is ultimately up to city and state officials, who are studying the overall Morrissey Boulevard area as development booms up and down the corridor and climate change threatens Dorchester's coast. A previous proposal for the

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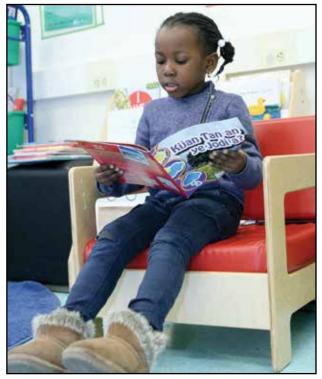
#### by local residents. on specific parts of the proposal. Dick Galvin of Accordia Partners said they have come up with a "simple" plan for creating a four-way interchange instead of a rotary, a

# 'Keep the language in you' New Bostonians seek to preserve native tongues

By Seth Daniel **News Editor** 

No matter how you say it, language is the key to keeping traditions and culture alive and vibrant in immigrant communities. That is particularly true for the three dominant immigrant groups in Dorchester and Mattapan who are working to keep their native languages alive among first-generation Americans.

The Vietnamese, centered in Fields Corner, Cape Verdeans in Uphams Corner and Bowdoin-Geneva, and Haitians throughout Mattapan and Dorchester are at a crossroads in their immigration stories with each group mounting renewed efforts to teach kids to speak the languages of their parents and



Nheyseline Mentor, 5, reads from the Haitian Kreyol book 'Kijan Tan an ye Jodi a?' at the Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy in Mattapan.

Seth Daniel photo

grandparents. Whether it's through a church program, a specialized school, or even with a children's storybook, each has found ways to keep the language relevant.

"In terms of losing the language, maybe it takes another 40 years instead of another 20 years like happened for the Italians and Germans," said Hiep Chu, who runs a religious education program at St. Ambrose Church in Fields Corner that doubles as a Vietnamese language class. "They didn't have the efforts we have. They just told everyone to integrate and speak English and go to school. We integrate too, but we don't forget who we are."

In Mattapan's Mattahunt School, a similar (Continued on page 8)

# It's debate time as Wu puts her rent control plan up for discussion

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Landlords would be forced to cap rent increases at a maximum of 10 percent in a year and tenants would receive new protections from evictions under a proposal Mayor Michelle Wu released this week.

A return of rent control in Boston must pass the City Council, and if Wu approves whatever version councillors send to her, that bill in turn must pass through the Legislature and gain the governor's approval before it becomes law.

Wu submitted her plan to the council on Monday. "Modeled on successful policies in California and Oregon, this proposal seeks to maintain a robust development market on which our new housing production depends," she wrote in her filing letter. The maximum allowable rent increase would be set at the Boston Metro Consumer Price Index (CPI) + 6 percent, but in no event could rent for a unit exceed 10 percent in a year."

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A student at the Henderson School's upper campus during a protest last Friday, Feb. 10. Seth Daniel photo

# Students at Henderson, Skipper meet after protest

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

About 50 high school students from Dorchester's Henderson Upper School walked out last Friday morning in protest of what they said is poor use of funding, unfair student suspensions, and lackluster communication between students and teachers.

The students left school after second period, around 10:18 a.m., bearing signs and a megaphone. They gathered outside where they said they were headed to the Bruce Bolling Building, the Boston Public

Schools (BPS) headquarters in Roxbury, to directly voice their concerns to Supt. Mary Skipper. She met with them, and in a statement afterward, said they were "passionate" and "intelligent."

She added: "We are ommitted to working with them to ensure their concerns are addressed and that they can take an active role in creating solutions. We recognize that increasing resources (Continued on page 11)

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#### Police, Courts & Fire



Boston firefighters were able to quickly knock down a fire at 21 Balfour St. in Dorchester last Friday morning that broke out about just before 10 o'clock. BFD photo No injuries were reported.

One dead in Dewey Street shooting—One man is dead and a second person is in critical condition after a Monday night shooting at a residence on Dewey Street in Dorchester's Dudley Triangle, according to Boston Police. Officers responded to the home just after 8 p.m. Both victims were rushed to area hospitals, where one of them was pronounced dead. Police have asked anyone with information to contact detectives at 617-343-4470.

A Roxbury teenager was ordered held without bail at her arraignment on Monday on charges that she murdered a woman and stabbed another teen in Jamaica Plain on Saturday.

Suffolk County prosecutors say Wilmary Mejia Matos brought a knife and two young men to confront Brianna Brown, 21, and a teenaged girl, not named, over explicit photos her boyfriend had send to the

Police say Mejia stabbed both in the neck - and Brown in the chest - on Woodside Avenue before fleeing. Brown and the teen managed to get to the nearby E-13 police station on Washington Street, from which they were transported to local hospitals. Brown died, the girl is expected to survive.

Freda Brasfield, a veteran City Hall worker and political operative with roots in Dorchester and Mattapan, was arraigned last week on money laundering charges related to an alleged conspiracy to smuggle drugs into a state prison in Shirley, Mass. Brasfield, 55, has most recently served Mayor Wu's director of Administration and Finance. She was placed on unpaid leave on Friday after Boston25 News broke the story that she had been indicted by a Grandy Jury on Dec. 15.

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# Medical pot shop offers marijuana at recreational level

Ethos Cannabis opened on Clapp Street 18 months ago as a medical marijuana dispensary, where clients must have a card obtained from a doctor and where they pay a lower rate. Today Ethos is one of several such dispensaries in Dorchester. Pure Oasis opened on Blue Hill Avenue in 2020 as the city's first-ever marijuana retail store.

On Thursday this week, Ethos began offering recreational marijuana for sale as well. For the grand opening as a recreational pot shop, the store planned on bringing in a live DJ and food trucks, with complementary eats for

Blandine Jean-Paul, vice president of marketing for Ethos Cannabis, said the neighborhood is "underserved" and she sees her company as positioned to take advantage of increased foot traffic by also serving recreational marijuana.

She notes that the South Bay shopping plaza is around the corner from her, and the Clapp Street store is down the street from Dorchester Brewing.

Ethos is a multi-state cannabis company with 300 employees. There are nine stores in Pennsylvania, three in Massachusetts, one in Ohio, and three in Maryland.

**Inside Ethos** 

Aside from Dorchester, Ethos's other locations here are in Watertown and Fitchburg. Watertown has 26 full-time employees. The Dorchester store, which is open seven days a week, currently has five to six employees, but has plans to increase it to similar levels to Watertown. "We do see things are ramping up," said Jean-Paul. "We are slowly building our

Jean-Paul grew up in

Mattapan and recently moved to Braintree. While she oversees marketing for all of the company's 16 dispensaries, she is personally handling the Dorchester store, since it's "near and dear," and close to home.

"I believe Dorchester is going to be one of our top grossing locations because the community is underserved," she said.

- REPORTER STAFF

# MBTA service disruptions set for weekends in March

Multiple MBTA service changes will go into effect in March for the Red Line and Mattapan trolleys as T workers install and test a new digital signal system.

During the weekends of March 4-5 and March 25-26, shuttle buses will replace regular Red Line service between Harvard and JFK/ UMass stations, making stops at all stations except Park Street and Downtown Crossing. Those who normally use the Red Line and those stops will instead connect to the Orange, Blue, and Green Lines at Haymarket and State Station.

Shuttles bound for Ashmont and

Braintree legs of the Red Line will stop at Summer and Otis streets, while shuttles headed to Alewife will stop at Federal and Franklin streets, which are a short walk to the Downtown Crossing station.

Evening Mattapan service changes will take place from March 6 to March 9 due to the demolition of a long-closed staircase at Milton Station. Shuttle buses will operate between Mattapan and Ashmont Stations starting at 9 p.m. each

From March 20 to March 23, evening weekday Red Line trains between Braintree and North Quincy Stations will be replaced with shuttle buses starting each night at 9 o'clock, allowing MBTA crews to perform necessary tamping work on the tracks.

Signage and MBTA personnel assistance will be present to direct riders to their shuttle buses and "transit ambassadors" will be available to assist riders.

Since the MBTA expects a large influx of customers the weekend of St. Patrick's Day (March 18-19), there won't be any service changes during that weekend.

- IZZY BRYARS

#### State Police chief retires this week

State Police Col. Christopher Mason, at right, with former governor Charlie Baker, is retiring effective Friday, the Healey administration announced last week, creating a vacancy in the superintendent's job that Gov. Maura Healey will now be able to fill with someone from inside or outside the State Police ranks.

Mason's retirement on Feb. 17 will cap a law enforcement career of nearly 40 years, including three decades at the Massachusetts State Police. Gov. Baker tapped Mason in November 2019 to take over atop the agency at a time of scandal and turmoil. Sam Doran/SHNS File photo



#### UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

meeting on March 2 to discuss a Financial. The meeting will be held via Zoom. See page 16 for details.

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

Codman Square Health Center is offering free tax preparation clinics for Boston residents at 450 Washington St., Dorchester throughout the tax season. Drop by the clinic on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-8p.m. or Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 617-822-8182 for more

The community is invited to attend a special Fireside Chat event on Thurs., Feb. 23 from 9:30 a.m.- noon featuring **UMass Boston Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco** and local leaders as they reflect on the university's new 10year strategic plan. Free. Continental breakfast provided. Campus Center Ballroom, third floor. RSVP at umb.edu/ firesidechat.

The BPDA will host a virtual public Children, parents, and caregivers are invited to join the Boston Parks and Recproposed four-story building at 150 reation Department for February school Centre St., Dorchester by Trinity vacation week. Online registration and women. To learn more about NEWLA, more information on all these free family ly activities can be found at boston.gov/

> Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will present the annual Children's Winter Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground on Wed., Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free festival is open to all and offers music, giveaways, winter activities, treats, and crafts. Featured attractions include large inflatable installations such as the All-Star Challenge, Everest Climb 'N' Slide, and a Fun House Maze. Kids and their caregivers can also enjoy rides in the park on the Trackless Train, a ski lift photo booth, slap shot hockey, snow throw, pop-up mural activity from the Mayor's Mural Crew, a LEGO build activity with a Master Model Builder, and much more. Visit boston.gov/winterfest for more information about this family-friendly school vacation week event.

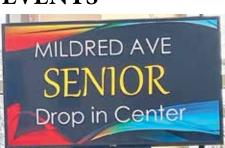
> The New England Women's Leadership Awards, hosted by Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, will be held on Mon., May

15, 2023. NEWLA was among the first events of its kind in the Boston area, and so far has recognized 134 outstanding visit bgcdorchester.org.

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum offers several family-oriented activities throughout Presidents' Day week, including its signature Presidents' Day Festival on Feb. 20 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. featuring storytelling, activities and performances, with actors portraying Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln, and First Lady Abigail Adams.

The Celebrate! family performing arts program performance of Tales from African Traditions by Valerie Tutson on Feb. 23 at 10:30a.m. brings to life an assortment of myths, folktales, and historical accounts from the African continent and the African Diaspora. Visit jfklibrary.org/PresidentsDay for a detailed schedule of the Presidents' Day Festival offerings. Registration is recommended.

Mattapan now has a free Senior Center open on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



If you are not a member of the BCYF Centers in Boston you will fill out a form at the front desk. Regular activities are available in the game room, and exercise room with card games, refreshments, lunch, arts/crafts, socializing, karaoke and joint programs with the Mattapan Library. The follow is schedule of events. February: Feb. 16 - Black Panther movie; Feb. 21 - Wakanda Forever; Feb.28 - Age Strong Black Heritage Celebration @ Melnea Cass Recreation Center, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March: March 2 - Boston Fire Department Safety Presentation 10 a.m.; March 7 -Computer Classes begin.

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# A bittersweet last call marks close of the Ashmont Grill, a people place

#### By Ed Forry Associate Publisher

In large parts across America, last Sunday was a day to get ready for the Super Bowl that night, but for the Ashmont community, it was a day to grieve the loss of a long-vital neighborhood institution.

When first conceived and brought to life by well-known Boston chef Chris Douglass some 18 years ago, the Ashmont Grill on Talbot Avenue revitalized the area around its Peabody Square site and became a catalyst for fine dining across Dorchester.

Backed by Douglass and some 30 local neighbors who committed to invest their own funds to ensure that it would survive, the new "upscale" restaurant replaced a long-shuttered bar and eatery that once occupied the small building. And survive it did - until last weekend. when a combination of fallout from the pandemic and tough economic times finally caused the noble neighborly experiment to fail. An online posting last month broke the news on social media:

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. And, wow, did it HAPPEN! Almost 18 years of smiles, laughs & friendships. Countless cocktails & shared meals. Dance parties, BBQs, Lobster Bakes & Wine Clubs. We've done it all & enjoyed every single secondand it is all thanks to you & our amazing crew. But now, after



Della Costello and Tom Carroll, both of Ashmont Street, and Len Osborne of Van Winkle Street (right), were among the neighbors who gathered at the Ashmont Grill last week for "last call." Photo by Ed Forry

much thought & consideration (and lots of tears), it is time for us to graciously & proudly say goodbye to the community we love so much.

"We are so grateful to have had you in our lives & we thank you for sharing yours with us. We never saw you as customers - we were always a family. Our last day of service will be Feb. 12th. Please join us over the next few weeks to celebrate all the good times!"

The notice caused a surge of response, from both regulars and occasional diners. Ironically, in its final weeks, it was near impossible to get a reservation at the restaurant.

Many turned to social media to express their thoughts. Ashmont Street's Mike Soucy, the founder of a Facebook dining group, posted: "Well, this will probably be my last post of the Ashmont Grill. So many wonderful years of fun times, a gathering spot for those of us needing to meet to celebrate, console, or just plan the next neighborhood event.

Grill regular Stacey Monahan wrote her own tribute, a paean to her favorite restaurant. "Oh, Ashmont Grill, how I love you so. It might seem odd to say that to an entity, but as I think about the Grill closing tomorrow, and as I sit here wondering what I am going to wear there tonight for my last meal, it is love that I feel.

"Over the last 18 years, the Grill has been a constant in my life. Admittedly more of a constant in the years before my kids, but it is still a place that I am drawn to, to mark life events.

"The Grill was the place where I met some of my closest friends, and a place where anyone who knows me even moderately well will confirm that I've made them go there with me!

"Co-workers, campaign peo-



A large group of friends were pictured enjoying a final meal at the restaurant, which closed its doors permanently on Feb. 12. Photos courtesy Ashmont Grill/Facebook

ple, childhood friends, all my family and any out-of-town guests have been dragged there –I mean – have experienced the Grill with me.

"For years, it was the place to ring in the New Year, such fun memories!

It was the hub for helping a neighborhood heal when we suffered big losses. It was the place I wanted to go to celebrate the lives of close, dear friends and my own mom, when they passed.

"I've taken conference calls in the bathroom, had so many fun nights on the patio, celebrated countless birthdays, a wedding, enjoyed wine dinners, pig roasts, lobster bakes and Buck-A-Shuck. I've gone there for Mother's Day with my mom, and then with my own kiddos, as a mom.

"The Grill, and the people who have made the Grill so special (Chris, Tara, Michaela, Andrew, Butterfly, Terry, Mike, and so many more) have truly created such a wonderful, unique and cherished spot for me. I am forever grateful and will remember you with love and gratitude forever."

Last Sunday evening, as Philadelphia fans savored a 10-point halftime lead and millions swooned as Rihanna, newly revealed as pregnant, floated above a football stadium in Arizona, a small group of Ashmont Grill afficionados had a final burger and a last drink at this once-vital neighborhood value.

Then, for the last time, they turned off the lights and locked the doors.

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# A changing of the guard, and a name with deep roots in Boston history, at Suffolk Superior Court

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

In 1976, South Boston's Michael Joseph Donovan won a nine-way Democratic primary for the down-ballot job of Suffolk Superior Court Clerk for Civil Business. He was the youngest person ever elected to the position, and over the next forty-six years and eight elections, he faced few opponents.

But Donovan has quietly retired from the job, which paid \$164,000 in 2022, and since January a fellow South Boston resident — their homes are across the street from each other—has stepped in as acting clerk.

The acting clerk, who is likely to run for the permanent job when it's on the ballot next year, carries a familiar name to students of Boston history and politics: John E. Powers III.

His grandfather, a former state Senate president and a political confidant of the Kennedy family, rose to prominence in another era. John E. Powers the first beat the "Rascal King" James Michael Curley in a mayoral preliminary before losing to incumbent John Hynes in 1955 and later tangled with the Bulger family



Mike Donovan, the longest continuously sitting elected official in the city of Boston, has retired from his post at Suffolk Superior Court. Donovan is seen here with Mayor Wu. *Image via Mayor's Office* 

over a court job held by the gangster known as "Whitey."

Powers ran for mayor again in 1959, losing to John F. Collins, whose campaign lashed him for what Collins called "power politics."

Powers went on to serve as president of the Massachusetts Senate, and from 1964 to 1988, he was the clerk at the Supreme Judicial Court. The Globe reported in the 1980s that he had sparred with his successor, Senate President Bill Bulger, also of South Boston, over a no-show job given to his brother, James "Whitey" Bulger, after a prison stint, with President Bulger freezing Powers's pay after Powers sought to remove "Whitey" from the courthouse payroll. Powers died in 1998 at the age of 87.

His grandson, 59, is a newcomer to politics.

Unlike Donovan, who could be seen out on the campaign trail, notably endorsing Michelle Wu for mayor in 2021, Powers III has kept a lower profile, helping friends with dropping campaign literature or holding

signs.

"This is a new experience for me," he told the *Reporter* after he opened up a campaign fundraising account with the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance, a key step toward running for public office. Donovan is listed as his campaign chairman. Suffolk County includes Boston, Winthrop, Revere, and Chelsea.

Powers said he hasn't made a final decision on running for the job, but added, "I'm very likely to doit." He brings with him 38 years of experience in and around the court system. He has been in

the civil clerk's office for 15 years, and before that, he was a prosecutor in the Suffolk District Attorney's Office. On Jan. 3, Superior Court Chief Justice Heidi Brieger swore him in as acting clerk.

"It's important to have someone in the position who understands it," he said, adding that the job is about providing access to the court system to lawyers and non-lawyers alike.

Powers said his grandfather, who dropped out of high school to support his family, never went to college, and attended law school when he was in his 60s, influenced his decision to go to law school

"Education was important to him," the grandson said. "He had a famous line: The thing about an education is they can never take it away from you." That was passed on to the third and last John E. Powers. "I'm glad he did because it's been a fulfilling career."

#### Super PAC aim: Help Black candidates win

An ex-staffer to former Gov. Deval Patrick is launching a super PAC aimed at helping Black candidates gain office.

Reynolds Graves, who

has also worked as a lobbyist and a director of government relations for Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, has set up the 1866 Action Fund, which pledges to raise and spend money on mailers and drive-time radio ads once they endorse a candidate. They plan to back candidates through an endorsement process that will include questionnaires. GBH News first reported the super PAC's formation.

The super PAC, which can raise and spend unlimited amounts of money but is prohibited from coordinating its efforts with the candidates it supports, is named after the year that the Massachusetts Legislature welcomed its first two Black members, Charlestown lawyer Edward Garrison Walker and Boston printer Charles Lewis Mitchell.

Walker was a selftaught lawyer and abolitionist named for the journalist and reformer William Lloyd Garrison, and Lewis Mitchell served in the Massachusetts 55th Infantry Regiment, an all-Black unit. The year before their election, 1865, saw the end of the Civil War.

"This is an effort to strategically focus on



electing Black candidates across the Commonwealth," Graves said. "This is not just going to be the metro Boston area."

Graves, 34, interned in the Obama White House and the US Embassy in Cairo, and more recently helped Harvard professor Danielle Allen's 2022 run for governor and state Rep. Jon Santiago's 2021 campaign for mayor of Boston. He runs the Graves Group, a public affairs and government relations company focused on clients in education, marijuana, and technology sectors.

His super PAC plans to target seats on city and town councils, select boards, as well as school committees and seats in the State House, district attorney, and sheriff's offices. The group does not expect to focus on executive posts, such as mayor or the statewide constitutional offices.

"As communities are becoming more diverse, it's important to elect leaders who reflect the diversity of the community and the changing times," Graves said.

# **BOSTON STATE COMMUNITY TRUST, INC.**

# REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS

The Boston State Community Trust, Inc. a subsidiary of the Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee, Inc. is requesting grant proposals from community-based organizations located in the neighborhoods of Roxbury, Mattapan, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, and Roslindale. This funding round invites proposals in the following funding categories: Education & Job Training Initiatives; Youth Recreation & Social Development Initiatives; and Mental Health Initiatives. A maximum of \$10,000.00 per organization will be distributed in this funding round.

The Request for Proposals (RFP) will only be available for distribution to interested parties via electronic mail on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. On March 1st interested parties must submit an electronic mail request for a copy of the RFP. All RFP requests must identify the organization that is requesting the RFP. If the organization is not identified, the RFP will not be distributed. NO REQUESTS WILL BE PROCESSED AFTER 6:00 p.m. NO REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED "PRIOR" TO, OR "AFTER" MARCH 1st. Upon submission of the request, an electronic version of the RFP will be forwarded to each respondent. The electronic mail request must be submitted to: biohnson@bevcoassociates.comcastbiz.net.

The Boston State Community Trust reserves the right to suspend, withdraw, or amend the aforementioned RFP without prior notice.

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# PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEK

at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum

# 12th Annual Presidents' Day Festival

Monday, February 20, 2023 \* 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Special Festival activities are free with paid admission, and children ages 17 and under are admitted free of charge on Festival Day.

In celebration of Presidents' Day, the Kennedy Library will host its twelfth annual *Festival*. Historic guests, creative activities, live musical performances as well as Museum tours will bring the Library to life in new ways for all ages. In honor of the 60th anniversary of the last year of the Kennedy administration, special activities and performances of Kennedy campaign songs will highlight President Kennedy's time in the White House. Visit jfklibrary.org/PresidentsDay, for more details.

## **Meet and Greet Historic Guests**

Actors portraying Presidents John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, and First Lady Abigail Adams will engage visitors with stories about their lives and times in history.









## **Attend a Free Concert**

Harvard Din & Tonics perform Kennedy campaign songs and popular music from the 1960s and today.



# **Celebrate!** Free Family Program

**Valerie Tutson –** *Tales from African Traditions* 

Thursday, February 23, 2023 • Black History Month 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Drawing from her own travels, the internationally known storyteller brings to life myths, folktales, and historical accounts from the African continent and the African diaspora with beauty, humor, and wisdom. Come explore the diverse and ancient cultures of Africa.

The *Celebrate!* series is appropriate for family audiences and children ages 5 and up. In order to optimize your comfort and enjoyment, reservations are required for all visitors to this free program. Visit jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644 and leave a message to make a reservation. Children are seated on the floor with their caretakers. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

With generous support from the Martin Richard Foundation and the Mass Cultural Council.







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February 20, 2023 • 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Make-Your-Own-Sundae! Kids and adults alike can enjoy chocolate and vanilla ice cream with hot fudge, butterscotch sauce, whipped cream and a variety of toppings for \$5 each. Yum!

# **Museum Galleries**



Museum galleries highlight President Kennedy's 1960 campaign for the White House and feature major initiatives including the "Race for Space" and the Peace Corps, as well

as major strides in civil rights and more. Enjoy high definition videos of popular speeches and interactive exhibits.

# Watch Online

You can watch the performances from wherever you might be. Videos will remain available following the initial broadcast. Visit JFKLibrary.org/PresidentsDay or the Kennedy Library's YouTube channel.

Columbia Point, Boston ★ 617-514-1600 ★ www.jfklibrary.org

Children 12 and under are always free. Additional student, military, senior and EBT discounts available. General admission to the Museum is \$18.



Red Line to JFK/UMass to Shuttle



# Talent, work, and expectations energize Lasell sprinter Foster's approach to life

BY IZZY BRYARS SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Lasell University sprinter Ariel Foster had a busy time of last week: She received her third Rookie of the Week recognition from the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC); she put time in at her two jobs; and she bought herself a Tesla with plans on how she'll spec it out: "Right now, it's red, but I'm going to wrap it pink—like a soft pink, nothing too bright—and the interior's white and will be pink and then I'm actually getting it tinted tomorrow," she said.

The 19-year-old firstyear runner from Fields Corner bought her dream car just two days after setting a new school mark at a Boston University invitational meet last Saturday and Sunday (Feb 3-4). Putting up a record time of 7.82s in the preliminary dash and qualifying for the finals, she went on to match her school's previous record by finishing at 7.90s to place 8th overall.

Foster became aware of her speed at a young age "I used to beat the kids in my school," Foster said. "So, my teachers and my PE teachers used to be like, 'Oh, yeah, you should join track."



Ariel Foster competing in Springfield College's season opener in December.

\*Riley Silva photo\*

Which she did, first at a club and then in high school.

Since graduating from Boston Arts Academy and committing to track and field at Lasell last year, Foster has broken multiple school records and continues to lead the women's track team while studying for her criminal justice degree, working at Francesca's, and selling life insurance.

Foster, who had wanted a Tesla since she was a little girl, spoke about her on-and- off motivation regarding track. It's "just knowing what type of life I want to live," she explained. "I have a really

specific lifestyle I want to live. I do not want to stay in Dorchester, and definitely don't want to stay in Massachusetts."

Foster also credits NCAA sprinter Sha'Carri Richardson of LSU fame as inspiration: "I want to be like her, just even younger."

Another key player in her success to date, and an inspiration to get up for 6 a.m. practices every morning, is her coach, Ben Biello, who took over as Lasell's head track and field and cross-country coach around the same time Foster was recruited last year. "If you really want me to be honest,

the only thing that really wakes me up in the morning is Coach Ben," Foster said. "Just knowing that he understands and he's going to help me get to where I want to be."

Biello spoke highly of Foster in return, explaining how her well-rounded interests contribute to her achievements. "She could have gone and competed D1 but she wanted to balance more of a D3 career, and she's still crushing it at the D3 level," he said. "And that's one of my favorite things about the sport of track and field: It's all times and marks."

His focus, he says, has

been on "refining her technique" and helping rein in her tendency to always "raise the stakes. Her work ethic is one of the most talented things I've ever seen," Biello said. "Like this morning, she was off campus, due to a family issue and we had breakfast this morning. She sent me the workout she completed on her own. She's just very a go-getter and takes the initiative. So, it's definitely something that's great about her and it's very evident in all aspects of her life and work in the sport."

Biello says that ethic shows in how she continuously achieves the goals she sets.

"She was saying she works a lot because she was determined to have a Tesla before she's 20 years old," he said. "She's focused on her goals, whatever they may besport related or not. And she just achieved that goal the other day and was able to purchase it. We're a program that prioritizes personal, academic, career development, and sport development in unison.'

And even though Foster chases the four successes that Biello speaks of, she appreciates track and field's ability to



Ariel Foster New Tesla owner

constantly check her expectations.

"Something I like about it is just the fact that it humbles you," Foster said. "You would think that you're the best and another girl comes up and you'll be in second place and that's okay. There's always room for improvement."

Looking ahead, Biello is appeciative: "I'm just really blessed to have such an amazing individual on my team, and she's, you know, one of the key individuals I'm going to be building this program around."

For Foster, keeping her eye on the prize—and her Tesla—is what drives her forward. "Knowing what I want to be and what I want to do requires a lot of effort and time. Just knowing the truth makes me want to go harder."

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# No Track, No Problem TechBoston Academy runners relish underdog role

#### By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

When it comes to City League indoor track and field, TechBoston Academy in Dorchester isn't among the usual names at the top of the leader-board. But last Tuesday (Feb. 9), the boys' team turned heads when they took second place in the ultra-competitive City Championship Meet at the Reggie Lewis Track and Field Center.

It was even more impressive for the fact that over the last few years, the Bears have built up to that second-place finish without having a track to practice on.

"We're scrappy," said Coach Scott Muhlstein. "We practice in the hall-ways. We run the hall-ways, the stairs – we find space in the library or the cafeteria. We practice pretty much anywhere we can find space. They have to open doors and avoid getting knocked over by custodians.

"We really try to keep our consistency and positivity and really try to make the best of our circumstances," he added. "So many of the kids are used to doing that in their lives."

While other city teams, and their better resourced



Stacy Jean, Bedjina Blanc, Bianca Tropnas, and Maeva Dorelien make up the girls'  $4 \times 400$ -meter relay team that took third at the City Championships.

Photos courtesy TechBoston Academy track

suburban counterparts, use posh indoor track facilities, the TechBoston team has done quite well in its makeshift facilities at the former Dorchester High building. In fact, the athletes have prospered in those practice conditions, which certainly haven't hurt their state qualifying 4 x 200-meter relay team.

"For each leg, they run from the first floor up the stairs, around the hallway and down the stairs and make space to simulate an exchange zone on the first floor," he said. "They qualified for state."

That 4 x 200 team was a shining light for the

team at last week's competition, taking second place and qualifying for this Thursday's (Feb. 16) State Meet, also at Reggie Lewis, and picking up a South Division Conference Championship. The relay team is made up of senior co-captains Kenyon Colbert and Wod Magloire, as well as Peterson Petit and Jean Bernard.

The star of the team is Colbert, who surprised everyone by taking first place in the 300-meter run and the long jump. He has qualified for the state meet in those events, too, as has Petit in the 55-meter dash.

"It's kind of fun to

be the underdog," said Colbert, referencing the surprise to perennial track powerhouses like John D. O'Bryant High School and Boston Latin Academy. "People feel like we came out of nowhere."

Colbert has participated in track all four years and came to the team because he was tired of basketball whose team practiced at the same time. He wandered into a track team practice session one day and never looked back. His success this year has all to do with changing up his events.

"I ran more longer events like the 600 meter and the 4 x 400-meter re-

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lay and the  $4 \times 200$ -meter relay," he said. "Earlier this year, I was at a meet and joined the 300-meter race and ended up getting first. It felt good so we decided to stick with it."

Colbert and Magloire do their best to lead a young team, and both said they were going to be proud no matter what place they ended up—with Magloire giving all the credit to Colbert for his leadership.

Junior Jaquin 'JQ' Fahnbulleh said that even though his main sport is football, he has come to love competing with the TechBoston track team.

"We have a really, really great squad," he said. "We love to push each other and that makes us a better team. We have so many kids that shave down their times. Even on weekends we're working. We've done everything we're supposed to do to be in this position."

On the girls' side, Muhlstein said the girls are making great progress as well – finishing 5th of 10 teams at the City Championships – under the leadership of Captain Bianca Tropnas. The 4 x 400-meter relay team took third place, with Tropnas, Stacy Jean, Bedjina Blanc and Maeva



Senior Captain Kenyon Colbert qualified for the state track meet this week in three events.

Dorelien running the four legs.

He said that sophomore Claudean Hawthorne has shown great promise in the 55-meter dash, qualifying for the finals at the city meet.

The coach noted that the boys and girls have improved every year in the classroom and on the track. Now, all that hard work is paying off in medals.

"Each year we've gotten stronger, and we've continued to build the program," he said. "Our numbers have been growing every year as a team and that's definitely building a culture around track. Over the years we've had a lot of individual successes, but this was the first time we really got it together as a team."

Muhlstein is in his fifth year as head coach. His assistants include Jalissa Ross, Chrissy Fernandes, Fatima Sidibe, and Joe Anderson.

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# New Bostonians seek to preserve native languages

(Continued from page 1) battle is being fought to preserve and encourage the Haitian Kreyol language through the Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy – the first dual language Haitian Kreyol-English school in the country.

Said Judith Mathieu, a teacher: "I honestly think when a language dies, it means part of you is gone. Part of your identity is in the language and without that language you're losing part of your culture. That is very sad. One way we can make sure it keeps going is having a program like this at school with teachers that speak the language that are Haitian."

The latest demographic information released by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) speaks to the mounting existential challenges facing all three ethnic groups. While each saw population growth in Boston, those speaking the native languages in Dorchester had declined from previous years.

In 2023, Dorchester had an official population of 124,865 residents and Mattapan had 26,938 residents, an increase from 2016. Those speaking Haitian Kreyol in Dorchester were 9,364 (7.9 percent), and in Mattapan 4,116 (16.4 percent). That was a decline from 2016 when there were 10,941 speakers in Dorchester (9.5 percent) and 4,389 speakers in Mattapan (19.1 percent). For the Vietnamese in Dorchester, in 2023 there were 7,095 speakers (6 percent) as compared to 9,280 speakers (8.1 percent) in 2016.

The city stopped keeping track of the Cape Verdean Criolo language in 2017. However, in 2016 there were 4,351 speakers (3.8 percent) in Dorchester, and a year later there were 4,045 (3.5 percent). The city reported no numbers after that.

# The First Book: 'Tiagu Y Vovo'

Dorchester's Djofa Tavares grew up in a tight-knit Cape Verdean family where everyone on her street was Cape Verdean and the adults did their best to speak Criolo.

"For me the language was just a thing I did," she said. "As I got older and had children, I wanted them to understand and speak Criolo. I had left, but we went back to the same neighborhood because I wanted my kids to have the upbringing with the Criolo language. They all speak it now."

But that it isn't the case for many from the island, where two groups immigrated to the Boston area in distinct waves. Those who arrived before 1975 carried a Portuguese passport. After Cape



First grader Smalensky Paul learns his vocabulary words in Haitian Kreyol and English at the Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy this month. The Academy means to accelerate learning for Kreyol speakers and to preserve the language in young people.

Seth Daniel photos

Verde won its independence in 1975, emigrants carried a Cape Verdean passport along with a certain pride.

Ateacher at the Russell School in Dorchester, Tavares said she started to see the language slip in both groups. Many adults that grew up speaking Criolo had begun to lose it.

"As we talk about the future – the children – it's going to be more difficult," she said. "As a teacher in this neighborhood, I see a lot of my students that can't speak to their grandparents. That's sad. Right now, there's a movement to keep the language alive... There are folks that have been here four generations and are now realizing the mistake of not keeping the language."

Tavares collaborated with relatives to create what is believed to be the first children's book in Criolo and English, called "Tiagu Y Vovo." The book is all about a boy from Cape Verde who comes to live with his grandfather in the United States. In preparation for school, his grandfather teaches him English, but also instills in him the importance of not forgetting Criolo.

Tavares and State Rep. Chris Worrell have been on an informal tour around Dorchester and Roxbury in recent weeks to give the book to students. At the Conservatory Lab Charter School on Columbia Road on Feb. 2, their appearance was a hit with Criolo and non-Criolo speakers.

Worrell said he felt it was important to highlight someone in his district trying to preserve a vibrant neighborhood culture. "Being from an immigrant family, I know what it's like growing up in a household with multiple dialects," he said. "Your language ties you to your culture and your culture is something to cherish...That's why spreading this book to our Black and Brown



8th grader Averlyn Truong said there is a lot of pressure on Vietnamese kids who don't speak the language, and that it's frustrating to know English and not your own native language. She said she wants to learn Vietnamese because she doesn't want to lose her culture.

youth is so important so that our young people know and appreciate their roots."

In her spare time, Tavares also teaches Criolo classes to adults who never got the chance to learn the language – a sensitive topic in the community; in some cases non-speakers can be ostracized by those who speak Criolo.

"I had one lady in her mid-70s that learned from me and said it was the first time in her life she felt like a real Cape Verdean," said Tavares.

#### 'I Don't Want to be Whitewashed; I want to be Asian'

Every Sunday afternoon, nearly 300 Vietnamese youth gather in the basement of St. Ambrose Church for religious education classes. At the same time, adults use the opportunity to fold in Vietnamese language instruction.

Hiep Chu and his wife, Nhung Nguyen, run the program with about 34 other volunteers, all bilingual speakers of both Vietnamese and English, known as the "bridge generation."

Said Nguyen: "It is very difficult to teach the language in a family. For the first kids, it's easy. The parents speak it to



Author Djofa Tavares said she grew up in a tightknit Cape Verdean family that prioritized the Criolo language and culture, but so many others rushed to assimilate and leave that behind. Now, she sees a revival in claiming the language and culture before it dies.

them, and they speak to the parents while learning English in school. The second child is much different because they have another person in the home to speak English to. In the beginning, we might force it a little to help things along. Language is a part of the culture. If we can show them it's important, that helps. Kids are curious and want to know what the adults are saying in Vietnamese.'

Vietnamese."
While there are other language classes available in the Vietnamese community, St. Ambrose holds a special corner of the market as it is the largest Vietnamese church in the Boston area – with about 2,000 members and packed Masses in Vietnamese and English every week.

"For us teaching you, the object isn't to make you speak perfectly, but to keep the language in you," Chu told a class of 8th graders during a recent Sunday class. "We know it's a losing battle, but we want to prolong the language as long as we can."

The mood among students in the class runs from ambivalent to enthusiastic. Most say they want to be able to communicate with their parents or their grandparents, who in many cases live in the same multi-generational home with them.

Vincent Nguyen said he wants to learn the language because he doesn't want to lose his identity. "I just don't want to be whitewashed," he said. "I want to be Asian. People ask me if I'm Vietnamese and then they ask me if I can speak it. I don't want to look dumb. I really want to learn my culture and not just be part of someone else's culture, not knowing my own."

Added Averlyn Truong, who wants to speak Vietnamese fluently: "There's a lot of pressure on kids who don't speak Vietnamese. It can be frustrating that I don't know my own language. It can make you feel like you don't care about the Vietnamese people and only care about America. A lot of the older generation is sad and disappointed by this. They're hoping that our generation will speak more Vietnamese and not less."

#### It's Okay to Speak Kreyol

In the middle of a thick wooded area in Mattapan, the sounds of Haitian Kreyol can be heard echoing out the windows of the of the Toussaint L'Ouverture Academy at the Mattahunt School, the first Kreyol-English school in America, where about 70 students in grades K1-4 are part of the academy's program.

It is a critical point on the map in Boston for retaining the Kreyol language, says Priscilla Joseph, a K-2 teacher and founding member of the school. "In my household growing up in Boston I was that kid in the beginning that was like, 'I don't do the Kreyol thing. Back in the day a lot of kids were like that. My mom was told to only speak English with us."

She said it wasn't "cool" to be Haitian at the time, but as she got older, things changed in how people viewed Haitian culture – and she found that others like her now wanted to speak Kreyol. That's when the revival happened for them.

K-1 teacher Rose Bourdeau said new arrivals from Haiti in the 1980s downplayed their Haitian identity, in some cases because of the erroneous stigma attached to Haiti in the early years of the AIDS epidemic.

"Everyone wanted to speak English to blend in as an African American and not be identified as Haitian by the Kreyol," she said.

Although it is universally spoken in Haiti, elites who control the country's affairs have often cast Kreyol as inferior to French, Haiti's colonial language. Part of the mission of the school is to convince parents that Kreyol is okay, and even an advantage in the United States.

Joelle Gamere, assistant principal for the Academy, said she grew uplearning the language, but wasn't going around waving the Haitian flag.

"Haitian Kreyol was an opportunity for me to work for BPS," she said. "It's only because I spoke Haitian Kreyol that got methis job. The language opened many doors for me...It's a mindset for folks when they come here, they think they have to assimilate and do everything like in the US and in English...But leaving their language behind could cause them to miss opportunities like I had."

For her part, Priscilla Joseph, who is 38, said her generation missed out on learning their language, but they are using the Academy to right that wrong. "A lot of friends my age don't know Kreyol, but they want their children to learn it and they end up learning it together," she said.

Back in the basement of St. Ambrose Church, it's an 8th grader's understanding that sums it up for all three languages and all three efforts.

"I think the language is very important," said Averlyn Truong. "We can't just speak only English. We're our own country. We are not just American."

# Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

# Dorchester Baseball, UMass Boston team up for off-season clinic sessions

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

UMass Boston's baseball team and Dorchester Baseball forged a unique partnership this winter, beginning last month skill clinics every Sunday involving Dorchester kids and UMass players and early indications are that the initiative has been positive for both groups.

"This is our first year working with Dorchester Baseball and it has been great," said UMass coach Brendan Eygabroat. "We were thrilled to hear that they reached out. The goal is to teach the kids the fundamentals and get them a ton of quality reps to build confidence. We have about 20-plus players and coaches at each session so there is a fantastic ratio for coach to player."

Dorchester Baseball president Charlie Maneikis said the experience so far has been outstanding and the kids are really enjoying the opportunity to get back in the baseball



UMass's Ethan Errera helping a Dorchester player with his swing path.

mindset. He also thanked Eygabroat for making theidea a reality.

"You can tell from the kids' concentration, effort, and smiles that this skills clinic is something special in their baseball

"Forty young adult men (20 at each 90-minute session) dressed in their uniforms, focused on our kids at six skills stations results in the kids learning and improving with enthusiasm. The experience," he said. whole atmosphere is just



Dorchester Baseball players are excited to be part of the new winter clinics with UMass Boston baseball players and coaches.

perfect. Coach Brendan is such an outstanding example of positive leadership, not only for his players, but also for the kids, players and coaches who are able to observe."

The clinics are held in the Clark Athletic Center on the UMass Boston campus, with players divided into two time slots based on age - with ages 7-9 separated from ages 10-12. Each group gets a 90-minute session to train with UMass players and coaches. After a warmup, players break into groups that focus on hitting fundamentals, catching/throwing progressions, or defensive skill work for the infield and outfield. The older group is introduced to drills for pitching and catching.

"I think Dorchester Baseball really does a great job and I am very happy to work be working with them," said Eygabroat. "We had a handful of their players at our



UMass baseball Coach Brendan Eygabroat and Justin Gouveia give a hitting demonstration for Dorchester Baseball players during a recent Sunday baseball clinic.

Photos courtesy Dorchester Baseball

youth summer clinics, and I was impressed with their skills. I am hoping to continue to grow the relationship.

Those looking ahead to the Dorchester Baseball season can take advantage of sign-ups now, as registration for the

coming season is open. Players are eligible if they live or go to school in the following zip codes: 02121, 02122, 02124, and 02125. For information on sign-ups, go to dorchesterlittleleague. com.

## Centeio joins Miranda's State Senate staff

Rashelle Centeio has been hired to serve as director of Community Development & District Director for Senator Liz Miranda's office. Centeio is a Dorchester native and worked for Miranda during her tenure in the House of Representatives. "As a daughter of Dorchester, first-generation Cabo Verdean, a Black woman, and BPS graduate, Rashelle understands our community like the back of her hand, and has a deep grasp of the issues of our communities and how we can fight for policy



Rashelle Centeio

that impacts lives," Sen. Miranda said. "She has been a leader in in our office and in the community, and we know this is only the beginning of her leadership.

Centeio is a graduate of

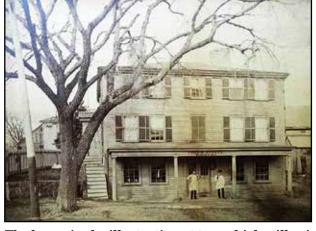
the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, and an additional Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies. She was an intern with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and served as a Legislative Aide in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. In her spare time, Rashelle also creates weekly content for DiasporaMass, a mission-driven group of young Black Bostonians working to highlight the African Diaspora across Massachusetts.

### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

**DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY** John Tucker's Harness Shop

John Atherton Tucker operated a harness shop at 1158 Washington Street and lived there much of his life. Later in life, sometime between 1857 and 1861, he moved to 1079 Adams Street. The house on Washington Street, shown in the illustration, was built by John's father, Atherton Tucker in 1798. In 1830. Atherton divided the property, apparently keeping a third interest for himself, giving a third to his son, William, and giving John a third interest. John's portion was described as: "The south part of the

chaise maker's shop, bounded by the partition as it now stands





The house in the illustration at top, which still exists, is located behind the stores at 1156 to 1160 Washington Street. It was built in 1798. The atlases indicate that the stores in front of the house were first built after 1889 and before 1894.

measuring about 14 feet more or less, the whole of the south chamber over said shop and the whole of the chamber over the same on the third story and the

whole of the bedroom in the entry of the third story in the building ceded by and belonging to me, [and] a certain parcel of land hereinafter described, also one

third of the cellar on the south side of said building containing two arches and the privilege of passing to and from said rooms and places in a convenient manner.

Also, one undivided third part of the barn on said land except the paint shop in the south part of the same, measuring fifteen feet in front with the platform

adjoining the same, also one undivided third part of the wood house thereon."

John A. Tucker was born in 1803. At the time of his retirement in 1891, an article in The Dorchester Beacon newspaper stated that he had started in business in 1829.

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

#### **Editorial**

# Tracking Dot's development boom

There's a lot of buzz in the neighborhood at the moment about the latest churn of development decisions being weighed by city officials, and to some extent, with the advice and consent of residents themselves.

It can be a lot to absorb in one sitting—let alone in multiple volumes of this newspaper—so let's take a step back and review a few of the more pressing decisions that are imminent.

• **Comfort Inn.** The proposal by Pine Street Inn and The Community Builders to convert the

existing hotel at 900 Morrissey Blvd. into supportive housing for formerly homeless people has been fraught with controversy. A deadline for public comment came and went a month ago, and there was a hefty amount of input from neigh-



bors, the majority of it leaning against the proposal. Elected officials based in the Neponset area have been clearly opposed. Others, including this author, have made the case that the conversion would improve the situation at the present address and lock-in much needed, trained supervision on site.

But the project has not yet been scheduled for a vote in front of the Boston Planning and Development Agency's board. The proponents have made it clear that they intend to move forward. It's not clear at this point what's behind the delay.

•Dorchester Bay City. On Monday, the redevelopment of the former Bayside Expo Center and surroundings received what might have been its last public hearing before BPDA board consideration begins. (See story on Page One). The project has been under intense review for more than two years, a pace and scope that befits its massive footprint, price tag, and gravitational pull. The financing for the deal, which includes a long-term lease critical to the build-out plans at UMass Boston, hinges on city permitting. The principal parties are praying hard for resolution by the summer.

• 150 Centre St. A proposal by Trinity Financial to build a four-story residential complex next to Shawmut MBTA station has become a lightning-rod issue in that immediate neighborhood. The BPDA has now set March 2 as the date for a virtual public meeting with a closing of the public comment period just two days later, on March 4. (See page 16.) There's already been a torrent of comment in the pages of the Reporter and in community meetings. But the pace of the BPDA schedule would indicate that March 2 will bring the penultimate debate on the merits of this important project.

• 1320 Dorchester Ave. A proposal to build a six-story residential/commercial building with 70 units of housing and room for a ground-floor restaurant space went through its most recent round of public hearings back in late December. It will go before the BPDA board on Feb. 16.

• 13 Norwood St. A proposal to build a 52-unit apartment complex with parking for 50 vehicles on this Neponset side street was the subject of a virtual meeting in November and comments that closed in December. The project has not yet been scheduled for a BPDA board vote.

March is likely to be a busy month on the Dorchester development front. Stay tuned.

Bill Forry

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#### Commentary

# Recalling the sweet smells of Lower Mills

#### By LAWRENCE S. DICARA

When I close my eyes, I still smell chocolate! That was an essential aspect of life growing up in Dorchester Lower Mills in the years after World War II. Until the Walter Baker Chocolate Company was subsumed into a major national firm, the chocolate factory operated in the 1950s not very differently than it had for many decades prior.

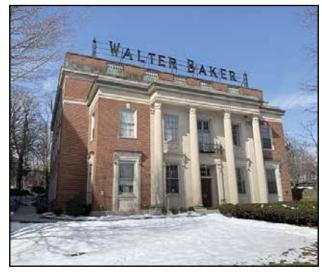
Hardworking men and a few women from Dorchester Lower Mills would walk to work, sometimes after attending morning Mass at St. Gregory's where I was an altar boy. The managers, we were told, would drive to work every day, most likely in large black American cars.

That world ended when the company was sold.

One of the first things I remember when we moved from Fields Corner to Codman Hill Avenue in 1956 was that we would smell chocolate. Before the publication of Silent Spring by Rachel Carson, no one really thought very often back then about whatever damage was done to the Neponset River as a result of a centuries old industrial use. This was before the passage of the EPA, or most any other protective legislation.

Yes, we smelled chocolate. Far better to smell chocolate, I have concluded, than some hideous chemical or effluent from a smelting facility. Chocolate. What can be wrong with that?

Our house was on the side of Codman Hill so that the back porch and the attic, where I slept for many years, looked out directly toward the silos, which legend had it were constructed around the time of World War II to store chocolate in the event there were significant shortages, given that so much of the world was at war and trade was so difficult. To this day, when I close my eyes and look out a window, I



The former Walter Baker administration building on Adams Street, which is now known as Baker Lofts.

Daniel Sheehan photo

see those silos just as I smell the chocolate.

Little did I know then that I would be one of the lawyers involved with the redevelopment of the chocolate factory into an extraordinarily successful residential community which has helped to revitalize Dorchester Lower Mills in a way that none of us could have imagined: There is a now a food scene on Dorchester Avenue. I am not so sure that Msgr. McNulty would necessarily understand this brave new world!

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#### **Looking Up Longfellow Street**

# Never an innocent bystander

#### By Edward M. Cook Special to the Reporter

With Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as my moral compass, I have tried to live as someone who is never an innocent bystander. That is, neither innocent nor a bystander. But also not judgmental of others. It is not that I am fearless. Or that I do not spend large amounts of time gaping, with my mouth open, in the depths of helplessness. But in those moments, I try to hear the voice of MLK serving as a trigger, and I usually snap out of my lethargy and look for some way to act.

Not to mention the murder of Tyre Nichols, the latest murder by police protecting the status quo in our racist, patriarchal, elitist society. On one page in the *Boston* Globe on a recent day, I found stories of shootings in Mattapan, Methuen, Manchester NH, and Worcester. As of this writing, there have been 36 mass killings in the US since January 1. All with guns.

I feel the national helplessness regarding gun control. Republican electeds shill for the gun lobby. They have blocked the will of the majority of Americans to curtail gun violence with the help of a few Democrats. We are so used to the cycle of shootings – "thoughts and prayers" and outrage followed by inaction that we are like the frog being boiled to death by slowing increased heat. The image of Uncle Sam clutching his string of pearls at his throat also comes to mind.

I want to find a mass media outlet through which to shout at the 75 percent of Americans who are frozen solid: "You are not helpless!!! Your helplessness is self-inflicted!"

A wise former colleague once gave me this sage advice: When the answer to the question "what is wrong?" is "everything," go home a different way. What he meant by this formula is that when we feel overwhelmed, we get into a painful, repeating, descending cycle that freezes us into helplessness. By doing some small thing, like literally going home a different way, we break that cycle and prove to ourselves that we are not out of control.

Knowing that free advice is worth every penny that you pay for it, I suggest that we all "go home a different way" and look for some small action to focus on in the cause of stemming the bloodbath.

- Generally, educate ourselves to a sophisticated level on the issues and strategies for reducing gun violence;
  - Talk to our friends, family, and kids;
- Start a book club or discussion group;
- Find a podcast that focuses on gun control and listen religiously for a while to educate yourself about the people, places, groups, and activities that are accomplishing progress.;
- Shop around for groups like the Lewis D. Brown Peace Institute (Mothers Day Walk for Peace), Stop Handgun Violence, Gabby Giffords PAC, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, Sandy Hook Promise, Everytown For Gun Safety, The Brady Campaign, States United to Prevent Gun Violence, etc.;
- Get some personal skin in the game. Put your money where your conscience is. Contribute to candidates and organizations who are explicitly trying to fight gun violence;
- Before you let your child go to a play date or sleep over, ask if the other home has a gun in the house; if so, is it safely stored? Who has access to it?

At least when you hear the news of another mass gun killing, stop paraphrasing Claude Rains in "Casablanca" – "I'm shocked! Shocked to find that [gun violence] is going on here!" Don't be an innocent bystander. Remember, Edmund Burke's warning, "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good [people] to do nothing."

Helplessness is a choice. Racism is our nation's original sin. But gun madness comes right behind. Neither will end until enough of us stand up and be counted.

Add a New Year's resolution: "I will not be passive toward gun violence. I will become personally and consistently involved in fighting it."

#### **Letter to the Editor**

# 150 Centre Street housing is sorely needed

#### To the Editor:

I support more affordable housing in Dorchester. The city needs to promote more development of rental housing, especially affordable units, in order to address the ongoing housing crisis.

I know the process is complicated and some have a problem with four-story buildings, but the project at 150 Centre St. is exactly what we need. The addition of 74 units, over 60 percent of which are designated

as affordable, is the type of development we need. The impact on traffic and the like will be minimized, as the project is so close to the Shawmut MBTA stop.

People are being priced out of Boston every day. Let's move this forward, and at least get these units online, while we figure out how to build more housing.

Keith Minore Dorchester

# Students at Henderson, Skipper meet after protest

(Continued from page 1) and strengthening school culture are very important to them, as they are to school and district leaders, and we are taking their concerns seriously.

"Moreover, their voices will help improve outcomes for their peers as we make positive changes together. We are actively working to identify ways to address these matters."

Skipper added that the BPS administrators will work with the students to build out the structure of their Boston Student Advisory Council "so they can continue to learn how to be effective student leaders.'

Ahead of the walkout, students had a list of eight concerns that they said had not been addressed. They were also upset that safety issues and teacher behaviors they point to rarely result in consequences or discipline.

"We're walking out because we tried to talk to [the principal] two times and it went nowhere," said Sandra Funches, a high school student who walked out. "So, now we're going to the Bolling, and they said they would give us space to talk.

"First, we tried to talk about these things at an assembly and they drove us off the stage and laughed at us. They disregarded everything we had to say...We have nothing here. We have no computers. We have no paper. We have no books. We have no notebooks. We need more consideration, and our concerns need to be taken into consideration."

One high school student at the walkout, who didn't want to be identified by name for fear of retaliation, said that while they don't have computers or basic supplies, the principal, Stephanie Sibley, had spent "a ton of money" on Yonder cases - which are pouches that lock up student phones during school hours. Yonder cases are used in some schools, but not all schools, around Boston.

"We have no resources, but we have Yonder cases," she said, adding students can get in trouble or suspended if the

 $cases \, are \, \bar{damaged} \, or \, lost.$ Funches said there are too many suspensions for minor things, but serious things don't result in suspensions. "She doesn't suspend anyone for fighting or smoking," Funches said.

Another student indicated a serious incident had occurred recently where, they said, a young girl was assaulted in a bathroom by an older boy. They said that boy is coming back to school next week, and they've heard no mention of discipline.

The same, they added, is true of racial incidents,



 $High \, school \, students \, at \, the \, Henderson \, Upper \, School \, on \, Friday \, staged \, a \, walkout \,$ in protest of conditions at the Croftland Street grades 3-12 school. Students said they have tried to voice their concerns within the school to leadership but have been laughed at and ignored. School officials on Friday said they were supportive of student voices and had Central Office staff in place at the school before the walkout to hear student issues. Among the issues were unfair suspensions, more respect between teachers and students, and better use of funds to buy classroom resources. Seth Daniel photo

including one recently where a white student allegedly called Black students racial slurs and referred to them as "animals." Said Funches, "The principal was notified and never asked us about it. That student is still here walking around like nothing happened."

Students began quietly planning the walkout in a text chat Thursday night and had hoped to keep it quiet. "Please spread the word as much as you can but remember to keep it as discreet as possible,' read the chat. "Do not tell others who you think might be against the idea. Remember that the more people that join, the less likely you will be to receive consequences for the walkout.'

Before the walkout,

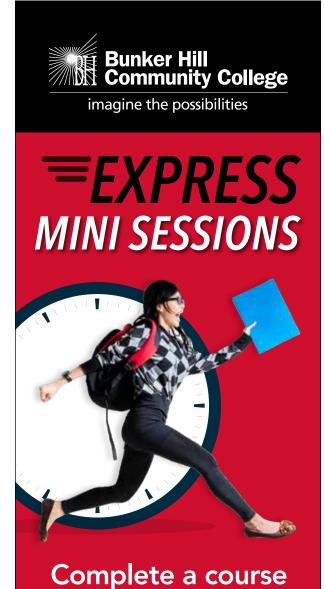
officials sent a letter to parents seeking to address the protest and noting they would have BPS headquarters staff available on site to talk about issues - including the system's chief of staff, Rochelle Nwosu. They also planned to have a school assembly on Wed., Feb. 15, to offer students a chance to have their voices heard.

"Regular attendance plays a critical role in our students' academic success," read the school letter. "We discourage  $\,$ our students from missing class time as this can impact the essential continuum of learning. We strongly believe in the importance of student voice, advocacy, and their power to change important issues. Valuthrough participation in civic activities.'

As students were walking out on Friday morning, school leaders and staff were positioned at the doors and around the school. A school safety officer and a Boston police officer were also stationed outside the front door.

The full list of concerns displayed by students includes: More resources in classrooms; bringing in restorative justice; more open mental health programs; better teacher and student communication; trust and respect between students and teachers; student opinion being heard in changes at the school; better use of funds; and respect between all students and teachers.





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# BC High details plans for another addition to campus

Boston College High School, a private Catholic school serving 1,500 students, last week submitted plans to city officials for a wellness complex on its Morrissey Boulevard/ Columbia Point campus that will be attached to the existing McNeice gym and linked to Cadigan Hall, which first opened in 2014 and spans 28,000 square feet.

The two-story addition will take up 42,000 square feet, with a new swimming pool, locker rooms, and weightlifting and wrestling areas. The outside of the addition will be made of brick and glass windows, with views of Morrissey Boulevard. The construction will result in the loss of a dozen parking spaces. Given its size, the project is subject to the city's "small project review" process.

BC High, which moved from the South End to Columbia Point beginning in 1950, is also overhauling its football grandstand and undertaking substantial landscaping and signage improvements. One of the goals of the project is to "develop a new face for BC High Athletics by enveloping the existing McNeice Gymnasium into the new Cadigan Wellness Com-



Boston College High School is proposing a new wellness center, which is on the left in the rendering. The school's existing gym is on the right.

BČ High image

plex building footprint," noted the filing with the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

The new building is part of an overall \$100 million multi-phase plan to update the 73-year-old campus. New trees – overall the landscaping will see a total of 92 new trees on the school property - will offer a screen on the north edge of the campus, where there is an access next to the location of the proposed Dorchester Field House, a joint project between the nonprofits Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Martin Richard Foundation.

The Jesuit school's upgrades come as Columbia Point and the Morrissey Boulevard corridor have projects in various stages of development. The \$5 billion "Dorchester Bay City"

project aims to bring millions of square feet of research and office space to the former Bayside Expo Center site and the Santander Bank property north of BC High. UMass Boston, another BC High neighbor, has been a construction zone for much of the last 20 years, as the public research university remakes itself and attempts to sweep away the shoddy construction of 45 years ago that led to the campus's dilapidated superstructure.

The construction manager for BC High's project is the Quincy-based Lee Kennedy Co. Comments can be submitted at the following link: bostonplans.org/projects/ development-projects/150-160-morrissey-boulevard. The period ends on March 12.

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# Developer presents changed plans for larger building on Park Street

#### By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

A homeowner on Park Street and his development team came back to the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) last Tuesday (Feb. 7) with a revamped project on Park Street that is larger and has more units. Bucking the usual trend of neighbors nixing revisions asking for something larger, this request came from the neighborhood.

Representing the two-family property's owner, Vu Huynh, of 82-84 Park St., James Christopher of Dorchester's 686 Architects and attorney JD Barry presented the new plan, which now comes in at 15 units in a 5-story building with 6 ground-level parking spaces.

"At the January meeting there was discussion and community feedback that they would prefer more smaller units with less bedrooms," said Bar-ry. He and Christopher said neighbors felt larger units would bring more cars to the area, and they also preferred to eliminate a ground-floor retail space. That retail space is now a small ground-floor studio unit. The remainder of the units are one-bedroom and two-bedroom units between 504 and 992 square feet There is a fifth-floor penthouse that is currently being contemplated as the new residence for Huynh. And the property now also has a small amount of green space buffering on its perimeter.

Previously, Christopher said, the plan was to demolish the existing home and build a four-story, mixed-use building with nine units and two parking spaces. They aim to make some minor changes to the new plan and re-file it with



View from Park Stree looking West

The most current rendering of the proposed 5-story,  $15\hbox{-unit building at }82\hbox{-}84\,Park\,St.\,where\,there\,is\,cur$ rently a two-family duplex home. The first iteration of the plan was smaller, but neighbors requested a larger building with more smaller units. The new plan reflects that input.

Rendering courtesy of 686 Architects

the city this week. They will also reappear at the FCCA's March meeting for a final time.

The property does require zoning relief, particularly because even though it's a residential use zone now, it carries a zoning of "light industrial." Barry said he hoped they could get a Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) hearing date in April.

Both Christopher and Barry said working with the city and the community had been an excellent experience and had made their client's project better.

#### **Thai Oishi awaits** word on beer/wine license

The owners of the new Thai Oishi Thai and Sushi restaurant on Adams Street in Fields Corner appeared at the February meeting to seek support for a beer and wine liquor license for their five-month-old business. They said that since they opened in September, they have routinely had requests for beer and wine and sake to complement the sushi and Thai dishes.

"When they find out we don't serve that because we don't have a license, they will change to takeout orders, or they will change restaurants, or they will come into the dining room and are disappointed when they find out we don't have the license," said Purichaya Tawinno.

'We don't want to disappoint our customers and having this license will really help our business to grow.'

Most neighbors at the meeting were in support. The restaurant hasn't had any issues and seems to be enjoying initial success in what has historically been a high-turnover location. Thai Oishi has already gone through a License Board hearing and is awaiting a community support letter. If approved by the community and the License Board, they will go on a waiting list until a license becomes available

#### Putting crime elements in focus

The February meeting highlighted several high-profile crime incidents in Fields Corner as relayed by C-11 Community Service Officer Mike Keaney.

 On Jan. 24 at around 5:50 p.m., officers identified a gray Infiniti that had been listed stolen from a Planet Fitness location

(cars stolen from Planet and possession of a sto-Fitness lots is a statewide problem, Keaney said). Officers followed the car, with its driver and passengers, and tried to box it in at Park Street, but the driver, said to be 15, took off and hit one of the officers, incurring minor injuries. He led police on a wild chase to Freeport Street, where he hit traffic, turned around, and ran over a police officer's foot, breaking it.

The driver bailed on Freeport Street and ran behind the IBEW 103 building, where he was apprehended and charged with two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon (car)

len vehicle. The car was found in the 1300 block of Dorchester Avenue and the other suspects made good their escape.

• On Jan. 31 at 5 p.m. the C-11 Drug Unit was surveilling Clayton Street on a tip from the neighborhood about drug dealing when officers observing an alleged deal go down pulled over a Ford pickup and later charged a 24-year-old New Hampshire man with Trafficking a Class A drug due to his being found with 177 OxyContin pills. Other units followed and contacted the alleged dealer on Lyons Street. He was found with 478 Adderall pills, 17 grams of cocaine, and a quantity of heroin. The 25-year-old St. Mark's area man was charged with Trafficking in a Class B drug and other drug offenses.

• On Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. police observed a driver run a stop sign at Arcadia and Adams streets. They followed him and observed him allegedly run a red light at Dorchester Avenue and Adams Street. They pulled him over on Leonard Street and found the 47-year-old man from Fields Corner has had his license suspended for a year. He was charged and the owner of the car was cited for allowing him to drive the vehicle.





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# Entrepreneur points her efforts toward Black 'resiliency,' strength of community

#### By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Sheena Collier started out as a Boston Public Schools educator in Dorchester. Now, as CEO and founder of Boston While Black and the Collier Connection, she is focused on removing obstacles that Black Bostonians face when trying to connect to the city around them.

"I was seeing all these talented people, particularly Black professionals, come here [for school] and then they would leave because they didn't feel they can connect to what's going on here,' Collier said during a Feb. 6 appearance in front of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council. "I wanted to see how I could help slow the issue of people coming here and not connecting to the community."

Collier went from being a BPS educator to an officer in the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce to a nonprofit worker in Uphams Corner before becoming an entrepreneur focused on elevating Black professionals at Boston While Black while connecting them to each other and the city they

Collier said she came to Boston after growing up in Albany to get an advanced degree in education at Harvard University. But at Harvard, she said, she was turned off by certain things, such as being advised not to take the Red Line to Dorchester and talk of "Murder-pan," and how Black children in the education sector were always seen as "resilient" or "gritty.'

Often when people, white people in particular, in education are talking about Black and brown children they use the word 'resilient' a lot and it's about saying what a great job they've done withstanding bad conditions, instead of looking to improve those

conditions," said Collier.
"I had a hard time with that...We are a resilient people, but we should be able to talk about it from a place of strength."

Collier spent more than a decade in BPS, mostly at Dorchester's Winthrop School. Being there, she said, helped her connect to Boston and its communities of color much easier than other Boston transplants. It was also an experience that stirred in her the beginnings of Boston While Black along with the fact that 33 of her 35 Black Harvard classmates left Boston.

Tired of education, she made a sudden decision to see corporate Boston through the lens of a job at the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce



Sheena Collier, CEO and founder of Boston While Black, was the key speaker at the February Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) meeting.

while also working at the Big Sister Association of Greater Boston and the **Dudley Street Neighbor**hood Initiative (DSNI) in Uphams Corner.

Boston While Black and the Collier Connection came out of those experiences, she said, out of a desire to solve the issue of Black people in Boston – in places like Mattapan and Dorchester-not having a sense of belonging. Boston While Black is a membership organization that looks to connect professionals and uplift the stories and culture of Boston's Black communities, while also supporting Black businesses in Black communities. Mattapan looms large on that list, as it is a pocket of Boston with a high number of Black homeowners. Many students and transplants coming here often don't know Black communities like Mattapan exist, she

"I wanted to figure out how to bridge the gap to this group because Boston is a beautiful city that has a lot of resources," she said. "It's on the water and has great restaurants and amenities, but so many people don't experience it that way."

She said the goal for the organization is to get deeply embedded in Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan so that they can move from "surviving to thriving.

The message resonated with Councillor At-Large Julia Mejia, who said, "I'm tired of talking about our deficits and not our assets."

But while Boston While Black has traditionally focused on transplants to the city, lifelong Mattapan residents said they also feel disconnected - particularly since establishments for young people to socialize have disappeared.

"We have to open our minds whether young or old," said Kenya Beaman, who noted the city struggles to keep Black professionals. "I don't want to travel to Atlanta to experience real Black culture...I want to experience that [in Mattapan]

where I pay a mortgage. It doesn't have to be a club."

Collier said it's a matter of valuing Black spending. "I don't think D.C. is less racist, I think they just recognize Black dollars," she said. "That doesn't happen in Boston because so much is viewed through a lens of disparity...People in the South aren't less racist; they just understand Black people have money and they will spend it."

#### **MATTAPAN NOTEBOOK**

#### • ISD says they need to do a better job managing properties

Dion Irish, chief of operations for the city, appeared at the Feb. 6 GMNC meeting and said the city needs to do a better job maintaining facilities in Mattapan and citywide - and they're developing systems to better track and make repairs to facilities like the Mildred Avenue Community Center and other Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) facilities. "If you have a gym and it cannot be used," he said, "what's the purpose of that facility?"

Irish took questions from the GMNC attendees and was barraged with important and long-standing questions about inferior construction and repairs to the Mildred Avenue Community Center and the long delays at the Mattahunt BCYF center. Resident Gina Pitts said the gym at the Mattahunt has been out of commission for more than three years, while resident Barbara Crichlow said promised renovations there are still outstanding five years later.

Irish said that and part of his job now, at the direction of Mayor Michelle Wu, is to move to a place of managing facilities proactively instead of when they deteriorate and have to close. He noted his initial study of the BCYF issues showed only three people were funded to take care of maintenance across the city.

"We found we have



Dion Irish, the city's chief of operations, said the city hasn't done a good job of maintaining facilities, but is on the path to correct that long-standing problem. Screen Shot

a problem we need to fix and it's a problem we've had a long time," he said. "When you're understaffed, you're just putting a Band-Aid on things and not really fixing them. This is not a path we want to continue on."

He said they are excited to build new facilities, like community centers and schools, but they need to figure out how to better maintain existing facilities first.

That is an effort, he told Mattapan residents, of high priority right

Incidentally, Irish noted that his family came to Boston in the 1980s and he grew up in Mattapan, and his mother and sister still live in the neighborhood. He attended Dorchester High School and went on to Boston University. He has worked for 28 years in various roles for the city. Now, he is a cabinet member overseeing operations like Inspection Services Department (ISD), Property Management, and Public Facilities. He has also been tapped to lead the city's efforts in the Green New Deal for BPS.

• The GMNC is in the process of spreading out the duties internally, Chair Fatima Ali Salaam said. As a result, each committee will have two co-chairs moving forward, and the moderator of the monthly meetings will change up. This month, Board member Chad Fletcher led the charge in co-hosting the meeting with Ali Salaam and collected strong reviews.

•The GMNC Zoning Committee approved three development proposals from DVM Consulting – city-owned vacant land developments that are part of the

Blue Hill Avenue Action Plan efforts. Dariela Villon-Maga, of Mattapan, is proposing eight units on 1039 Blue Hill Ave./6 Fabyan St., 10 units at 1015-1019 Blue Hill Ave., and 12 units at 1028-1044 Blue Hill Ave. The approval came with stipulations to move unwanted mature trees to other parts of Mattapan, and to get letters of support from abutters.

• The Ryan Playground Wading Pool meetings have begun with the new Task Force appointed by State Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley. A public meeting is expected in March to present new ideas.

• Two new committees have formed in the GMNC, most interestingly the BPS Committee to look at education issues. The chair of that panel is 17-year-old BPS student  $Cisco\,Fernandez, and\,it's$ co-chaired by BPS parent Meshell Whyte. Eight BPS students must be part of the committee for it to function, and the hope is to tackle real issues experienced in the schools by students and

•The Mattapan Community Yard Sale has been solidified for April 22 at the Mildred Avenue School parking lot. Community members are invited to continue the planning process for the sale in the upcoming **GMNC Community Ser**vices meetings.



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# It's debate time as Wu puts her rent control plan up for discussion

(Continued from page 1)

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question, though just Boston, Brookline, and Cambridge had the policy in place at the time, and a majority of voters in each community wanted to keep it.

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Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate Published: February 16, 2023

crisis and disincentivize construction of new units. On the 2021 mayoral

would worsen a housing

campaign trail, Wu touted herself as the only candidate who supported a return to rent control. And polling found that the issue is popular among Boston's voters. More than three-quarters said they support rent control in a survey conducted by MassINC Polling Group for the Dorchester Reporter, WBUR, and the Boston Foundation.

The popularity among Boston voters may reshape Wu's proposal as it wends its way through the 13-member City Council, which has demonstrated a more liberal lean in the last few years. Tania Fernandes Anderson, who represents Roxbury-based District 7, said Wu's proposal didn't go far enough when the mayor first floated it weeks earlier. "For one thing, all buildings newer than 15 years old are exempt, and we have built a lot over that time. This favors high end developers, who have

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constructed many luxury apartments over those 15 years," she said on Twitter. "Additionally, allowing landlords to raise the rent 10 percent a year in a city that ALREADY has the 2nd most expensive rents in the country is not a sustainable form of rent control.'

Some councillors might push a smaller allowable percentage increase. But others say they're opposed to rent control. Frank Baker, the Dorchester-based District 3 councillor and a landlord, said, "I think it's a wrong-way signal we would send to business."

Referring to Wu, Baker said, "She's looking to craft it so it isn't as damaging, but I still think just the fact that we in government are trying to go in and tell people what they can charge for rent...I just think it's the wrong direction for the city to be going into."

Wu told GBH's "Boston Public Radio" on Tuesday that she has had initial conversations with the council about her proposal, which she said is seeking to thread a "very specific needle. We need to have more affordable housing available and we need to protect people in their homes today," she

Asked by host Jim Braude if she was confident that she had enough votes for rent control to pass, the mayor said, "I'm confident that this is a proposal that meets every criteria that we set out to meet.'

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# After celebrating Red Sox Foundation's 20th, Dot's Salwasser tees up nonprofit's new year

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Bekah Salwasser, executive vice president of the Red Sox Foundation, which she joined as its executive director in 2018, says the goal of 2023 is similar to 2022: Keep hitting it out of the park.

Last year, the public charity, which is powered through the legions of Fenway Park fans known as "Red Sox Nation," celebrated its twentieth anniversary.

By the numbers, twenty years of the foundation have resulted in 1,500 scholarships for students entering college; 325 Boston Public Schools students who received support from the "Red Sox Scholars" tutoring and mentoring program; 5,000 grants to nonprofit organizations; support for 30,000 veterans and family members through the "Home Base" program; assistance for more than 20,000 state residents every year at the Dimock Center; and access to clinics, equipment and organized games for coaches and youth softball and baseball players.

Those all fall into three buckets for the foundation: health, education, and recreation. "Red Sox Scholars," in particular,

is a program that has lives there with her husbeen replicated across Major League Baseball. The program includes a \$10,000 scholarship in addition to a mentoring network. "We're in the process of soliciting a new cohort," Salwasser said.
The foundation pri-

oritizes three core partners: The Jimmy Fund, which focuses on cancer research and care; the Dimock Center, where Red Sox employees donate food and help with cleanups, and the Home Base program, which holds its largest fundraiser at Fenway Park every year.

"Whatever's left over after we fund our people, programs, and partners, we're able to give away to nonprofits that are also working in health, education, and recreation,' she said.

A Cambridge native who graduated from Buckingham Browne & Nichols, Salwasser got her start in the nonprofit world as executive director of the Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center. She also played sports professionally in 2003, when she was a player on the Boston Breakers, the women's soccer team.

She moved to Dorchester ten years ago, and band Zac and their three children. "For me, living in Dorchester is important for my work because it grounds me in the community for whom we dedicate a lot of our resources," she said.
She and her husband,

who came from Los Angeles, both wanted to be in an urban neighborhood. "We really loved the idea of being able to walk to restaurants, walk to commerce, walk to the train station, walk to nature," she said. "Dorchester is one of those unique neighborhoods that offers all of that."

Salwasser pointed to Carson Beach, corner stores, and tucked-away restaurants. "People don't recognize how big Dorchester is," she said, adding that its proximity to Fenway Park is a plus. "I'm privileged to be just a few miles away."

She recalls house hunting in multiple neighborhoods. "What ultimately landed us here was the house that we found," she said, referring to a single-family Colonial home in Uphams Corner, across the street from three-deckers, the iconic Dorchester housing stock.

Salwasser has also worked for the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation, as well as the Celtics themselves as their community relations director. She is also a founding member of the New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund, the creation of 19 Black and Brown executives who are seeking to eliminate systemic racism in Massachusetts.



Bekah Salwasser Red Sox Foundation photo

"For me, sport has always been a vehicle for success," she said. Nonprofits that have leveraged sports as a carrot for academic success were always of interest to her.

"I want to pay it forward to as many young people as possible," she said. "It's always going to be a part of my world no matter where I live."



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# Bay City planners weigh K-Circle's demise



The developers behind the Dorchester Bay City project offered renderings that eliminated the rotary known as "K Circle." They caution it's just one concept, and the power lies with city and state officials on what it will ultimately look like.

\*\*Accordia Partners image\*\*

(Continued from page 1) circle involved a four-way intersection with traffic signals that was pitched by the backers of Boston 2024, a business-backed effort to bring the Olympics to the region that collapsed in 2015.

Monday night's meeting on Bay City's trans-

portation proposals was the last public gathering on the project. The developers have said they hope to get before the Boston Planning and Development Agency's board by this summer, and for construction to start next year.

Galvin said that Accor-

dia's aim is two-fold: Funnel money and energy toward building out the area, but in addition be the "squeaky wheel" that pushes transportation improvements to the finish line. Morrissey Boulevard, prone to flooding during high tides as rising sea levels hit the city, is expected to get an overdue makeover with city and state officials seeking consensus on the best fixes for Morrissey and "K Circle," shorthand for the rotary named for the military hero Tadeusz Kosciuszko (pronounced koh-shuz-ko).

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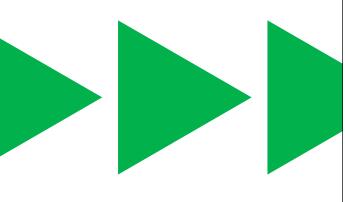
also envisions changes to Mount Vernon Street on Columbia Point to make it more friendly to pedestrians and bicyclists. People leaving JFK/UMass MBTA Station by foot currently must cross up to seven lanes of traffic to get to the former Bayside Expo Center site, now a

vast parking lot that Bay City developers hopes to build on.

The first phase of the project calls for \$19 million to be spent on designing, permitting, and reconstructing Mount Vernon Street, making safety and operational (Continued next page)



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improvements to Columbia Road and K Circle.

The dollars would be part of an overall \$36.8 million that Bay City developers say is targeted for transportation improvements in the area. The rest would go toward bike-sharing and MBTA upgrades, as well as a "bank" that would include mitigation funds from other development projects in the area.

The project singles out \$5 million for the "advancement of the design and permitting of the renovation" at JFK/UMass

Station, which has seen structural issues that the public transit agency has scrambled to fix.

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Bay City is one of several developments in the pipeline for the Morrissey Boulevard corridor. Residential and commercial space has been proposed for the parcels (35-75 Morrissey) located between JFK/UMass and the former Boston Globe headquarters, which has been converted into space

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Applications will also be able to pick up an application at the Somerville City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Avenue, Somerville, MA 02145

Fully completed + signed applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than February

Mailed to: Maloney Properties, Inc. Attn: The Post Lottery 27 Mica Lane, Wellesley, MA 02481

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Studio	\$27,120	\$44,400	\$42,600		1	\$68,750	\$78,600	\$88,400	
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Applications are available during the application period for 42 days, from Friday, February 17, 2023, through  $\textbf{Friday}, \textbf{March 31, 2023}. \ \textbf{To request an online application visit} \ \underline{\textbf{http://www.dotcrossingbos.com/lottery}} \ \textbf{or to have} \ \underline{\textbf{http://www.dotcrossingbos.com/lottery}} \$ one sent by USPS mail, call 617-209-9126.

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Two (2) virtual informational meetings will take place on

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM and

Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM through the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89404407209

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR

FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P0251EA ESTATE OF:

NORMAN A. SMITH, SR. DATE OF DEATH: 01/23/2023

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Justice of this Court.
Date: February 10, 2023
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Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P0301EA ESTATE OF: LUCILLE L OSBORN DATE OF DEATH: 02/14/2020

mal A Petition for Personal Representative has been filed by Debra M. Hollaway of Boston, Ma and Lawrence M. Osborn of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such ther relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Debra M. Hollawa of Dorchester, MA and Lawrence M. Osbor of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serv Representative(s) of said estate to Without Surety on the bond in unsup dministration.

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DATE OF DEATH: 12/09/2022 and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gemma Behan of South Yarmouth, MA requesting that the Cour enter a formal Decree and Order and fo such other relief as requested in the Petition The Petitioner requests that: Gemma Behan of South Yarmouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
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Docket No. SU23P0198EA
ESTATE OF:
BICHARD BEAVEY RICHARD REAVEY

**DATE OF DEATH: 11/29/2022** A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has een filed by Albert P. Reavey of Weymouth MA requesting that the Court enter a forma Decree and Order and for such other relie as requested in the Petition. The Petitione as requested in the Petition. In the Petitione requests that Albert P. Reavey of Weymouth MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surely on the bond in unsupervised administration IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Date: February 09, 2023

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Docket No. SU23P0216EA
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A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Fran cine Pistorino of Harwichport MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Francine Pistorino of Harwich Port, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) o said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE

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WILLIAM HENRY BEHAN, JR. a/k/a: WILLIAM H. BEHAN, JR. DATE OF DEATH: 12/09/2022

Petition for S/A - Formal Adjudication Representative has been filed by Christine R. Behan of Middleboro, MA requesting that n. Benan of Middleboro, MA requesting that he Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in he Petition. The Petitioner requests that: hristine R. Behan of Middleboro, MA be appointed as Personal Representation(s). appointed as Personal Representative(s) o said estate to serve With Personal Surety

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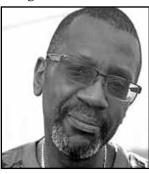
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BALASALLE, Mary Ellen, 76, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Mary and Edward Russell. She is survived by her husband, Charles "Stratty" Balasalle, son James Balasalle (Aileen) of Colorado, daughter Julie Balasalle (Ian) of Nova Scotia, 1 granddaughter, brother Edward Russell (Noelle) of Hingham. She is predeceased by her parents, sister Joan Murdock, nephew Scott Murdock, and her mother and father in law, Lillian and Michael Balasalle. The family gratefully requests donations be made in tribute to Mary Ellen to CurePSP, an organization devoted to finding a cure for rare neurodegenerative diseases.



BENNETT, John M., 56, of Dorchester. Son of Julie (Adams) and John Bennett. His is survived  $by\,his\,wife\,Mary\,(Dunner)$ Bennett; his children Jazzlynn and Matthew Bennett. His daughter-in-law Shayla Fitts; his parents; his brothers Exlus and Syr Ivan Bennett; and his 3 grandchildren. He was precedeceased by his brother Gerroll Bennett.



CUNNINGHAM, Teresa E. (Rosemond), 95, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. She was a volunteer at Carney Hospital and Milton Hospital. She was the wife of the late Donald J. Cunningham. Mother of Thomas E. Cunningham of Millis, Claire E. Cunningham of VA, John J. Cunningham of Brookline, Marie C. Cunningham of Rockland, and Edward M. Cunningham of Avon. Sister of the late Anne Murphy and the late Francis Rosemond. Teresa is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

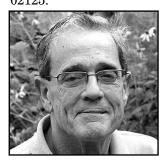


DEVLIN, Arthur J., 78, in Raymond, NH, formerly of Dorchester. Son of Archibald J. Devlin and Dorothy (McDonough) Devlin. US Navy veteran. He is survived by three daughters, Jennie Devlin, Casey Devlin, Emily Devlin; three grandchildren; sister, Doro-thy O'Callaghan; lifelong friend, Joseph Butler. Donations in his memory may be made to NH SPCA, PO Box 196, Stratham, NH 03885 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



FORTUNE, Mark E., 58, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Arthur E. and Yvonne M. (Carpenter) Fortune. Brother of Monica A. Fortune and her longtime partner, John P. Murphy, Jr. of Braintree. Donations in Mark's memory may be made to Father Bill's & MainSpring, 430 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA 02301

GEORGE, Mary Frances (O'Leary), of Dorchester. Wife of the late Stephen R. George. Mother of Stephen of Dorchester, Kevin and his wife Paula of Dorchester, Paula and her husband Daniel Maguire of Braintree, Diane and her husband Michael Kenneally of South Boston, David and his wife Marian of Dorchester, and Douglas and his wife Annissa of Dorchester. Grandmother of 15. Sister of Sr. Catherine O'Leary, SCH; Pauline O'Leary (Jack); Jack O'Leary (Jane); and Paul O'Leary (Margie). Donations in memory of Mary Frances may be made to St. Margaret's Church, 800 Columbia Road, Dorchester, MA 02125.



HALEY, Joseph F. 'Joe', 80, of Provincetown and Florida, originally from Dorchester. Son to the late Francis G. and Florence (Rogers) Haley, the youngest of 9 siblings, all of whom have predeceased him. Joe is survived by his husband of nearly 29 years, Eric Tingdahl; his dear friends, Hal Langell, Stephen Mastrorilli, Richard Olson and his husband Richard Smith. He is also survived by many nephews, nieces and great nephews and nieces, and friends. Donations may be made in Joe's name to: Community Servings, 179 Amory St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 (servings.org) and Fenway Health, Development Department, 1340 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215 fenwayhealth.org



HICKEY, Alice D. (Molloy) of Quincy,

formerly of Milton and Dorchester. Wife of the late James J. Hickey. Mother of James J. Hickey and his wife, Judith of Braintree, Alice M. Hickey of East Dennis, and the late Patricia A. Parrino and her surviving husband, Dr. Thomas Parrino of Duxbury. Grandmother of 3. Great-grandmother of 4. Sister of the late Thomas Molloy, John Molloy, Mary Molloy, Martin Joseph Molloy, and Robert Molloy. Alice was a nurse anesthetist at Carney Hospital Dorchester for many years. Donations in Alice's memory may be made to Perkins School for the Blind, 175 North Beacon Street, Watertown, MA 02472 or perkins.org



LAWRENCE, Tyler **Jacoby** of Norwood. Son of Remy E. Lawrence of Norwood and Anthony Taylor of Hyde Park. Grandson of Stanley and Carol Lawrence of Mattapan and Deborah Majors of Hyde Park. He is survived by 3 brothers, 1 sister, extended family and a host of classmates, teachers, mentors, and friends. Donations can be made in Tyler's memory to the Paul Robeson Institute for Positive Self-Development, cbmm.net/donate or No Books No Ball Basketball Program, 9 Rozella St., Dorchester, MA 02122.



McCARTHY, Robert J. "Bobby" of Tewksbury, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Valerie Jean (nee Tolman). Father of Heather Mc-Laughlin and her husband James III of Dorchester, and Marybeth Webb and her husband Christopher of Tewksbury. Grandfather of 5. Brother of  $Catherine\,McCarthy, John$ McCarthy, Joseph McCarthy, and James McCarthy and his wife Arlene. Brother-in-law of Janice Mann, Joanne Vroom, and the late Arlene Sheehan. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and friends. US Navy veteran. Please consider making a donation in memory of Robert to the Wounded Warrior Project. Interment private.

MONAHAN, Joseph Thomas Jr., formerly of Dorchester. Father of Courtney and Thomas Monahan. Grandfather of Joseph Monahan.



MONTEIRO, Henrique Alves, 80, of Dorchester. Son of the late Jose Alves Monteiro and Margarida Alves. Husband of Maria Costa DePina. Father of Felizberta Costa Monteiro, Ana Costa Monteiro, Antonio Costa Monteiro, Edite Costa Monteiro, Jose Costa Monteiro, Vanda Costa Landaverde, Luisa Pinto Monteiro, Antonio Gomes Monteiro, Homero Santos Monteiro, 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings Maria Agusta Monteiro, Maria L. DePina, Maria Antonia DaSilva, Maria Tomazia DaSilva, Irlanda Rodrigues Monteiro, Gilberto Alves Monteiro.



O'CONNOR, Pamela K. "Pam" (Pizer), 65 of Newton. Mother of Bryan O'Connor and his wife Caitlin of Dorchester and Brendan O'Connor and his wife Heather of Falmouth. Daughter of the late Abraham and Joan (Gans) Pizer. Sister of Cheryl Preston and her husband Roger of Amesbury. Grandmother of 5. Longtime partner of Jimmy Walsh of Medford. Donations in memory of Pamela may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. 1120, Framing-



SQUIRE, Mary T. (Townsend), 89, of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter to the late Francis and Katherine Townsend. Sister of the late Francis Townsend and Anne Curley. Wife of the late John Squire. Mary is survived by her children, Christopher Squire (Cindy) of Woonsocket, RI; Jonathan Squire (Linda) of Louisville, KY; Eric Squire of Owensboro, KY; Maura Squire of Boston, MA; Deirdre Cunningham (Tom) of Malden, MA; and Patrick Squire (Anna) of Allen, TX. Her cherished

Grandmother of 9, and the late Johnny and Spencer. Great-granddmother of 1. Please consider a donation in memory of Mary to The Johnny Šquire Foundation or Spencer Squire Charities.



STEARNS, Richard A., 80, of Readville, MA, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Elaine J. Stearns. Father of Michelle and Janine. Grandfather of 3. Brother of the late Stanley Stearns, and wife, Sarah, Robert Stearns, and Peggy; and former wife, the late Patricia Stearns and Marie Sanchez. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Donations can be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.



WATTS, Jacqueline L. (Downey), of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Mother of Robert Watts of Dorchester and Shannon Watts of Weymouth. Sister of the late Robert Mayhew of Milton and the late Patricia Fagan of Pensacola, FL. Daughter of the late John E. and Lillian Downey of South Boston.



ZAREMSKI, Margaret M., 90, originally from Lynn. Daughter to the late Catherine (Campbell) and Peter Nolan. Wwife of the late Walter B. Zaremski. Mother of James Zaremski, Margaret Ann Turner and Christina Zaremski. Sister of Catherine Johnson. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Brian Turner, Kayla Skillin, Krista Zaremski, Kelly Monday, Paul Turner, Jack Zaremski, (1) great-grandson and a host of extended family and friends. Please make donations to: Special Athletes of Dorchester, c/o Cathy Cormican at 569 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester, MA 02124.

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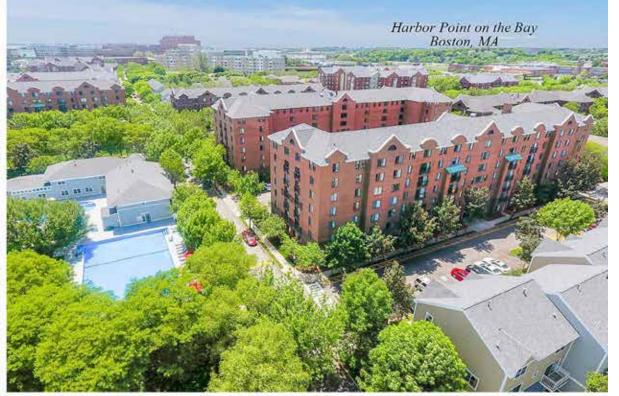
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