Walsh meets with Dot housing activists, asks a partnership on goals

BY JENNIFER SMITH
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Lofty goals for setting affordable housing requirements and limiting displacement in the Glover’s Corner planning area are admirable, Mayor Martin Walsh told activists during a community dinner last week, but impractical unless there are new channels of funding or other creative economic solutions first.

Dorchester Not For Sale (DN4S) is an anti-displacement, pro-affordable housing coalition that formed around the city’s planning study for Glover’s Corner. At their monthly dinner in VietAID’s Fields Corner headquarters, they pressed the mayor and his housing chief, Sheila Dillon, to make commitments to zero displacement and high percentages of housing that would be affordable to those who live in the area.

“We stand shoulder to shoulder with anyone who’s struggling to stay here now,” said Lori Hurlebaus in kicking off the meeting. The group’s goals, she said, include “no displacement,” maintaining “community enclaves,” and “centering people most at risk of displacement.”

Just as the attendees asked the mayor to hear them out, he asked that they actively “stand shoulder to shoulder with anyone who’s struggling to stay here now,” said Lori Hurlebaus in kicking off the meeting. The group’s goals, she said, include “no displacement,” maintaining “community enclaves,” and “centering people most at risk of displacement.” (Continued on page 11)

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Wash visits Cape Verde and environs on five-day trip

Mayor Walsh held blameless for November brawl at rink

The Boston Licensing Board ruled last week that the Chez-Vous roller rink in Mattapan was not to blame for an incident last November in which the intersection of Blue Hill Avenue and Morton Street was blocked by up to 250 youths, four of whom were arrested for refusing police orders to disperse.

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UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Two meetings set to review proposed cannabis shops in Mattapan – A public meeting will be held on Tues., March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Malden St., Mattapan. TheMattapan Planning Committee is considering a proposal to issue a provisional cannabis retail license to an establishment at 1626 Blue Hill Ave. On Thurs., March 14 at 6 p.m. a meeting will be held at Mildred Avenue Center to discuss a different proposal for a cannabis business at 538 River St., Mattapan.

Chill Cook-off at IEWB Hall on March 24 – Dorchester’s Children’s Museum at Chárlie’s Annual Chill Cook-off event. The Dorchester event, is set for Sunday, March 24 from 4-7 p.m. at IEWB Hall on Freeport Street. Admission is $20 per person and $30 for families of up to four people.

St. Ann $10k Dinner on March 29 – St. Ann Neposet will host its 35th annual $10,000 dinner to benefit the Alice McDonald Catholic HS scholarship fund, VBS, CYO basketball, youth ministry and the parish on Fri., March 29 at 6 p.m. at Venice in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. Tickets are $150 for a numbered ticket and $50 for a companion ticket. Stop at stanbread.com/10k dinner or call 617-436-0310 or email saintannoffice@gmail.com.

Black History Month event in Mattapan – The Dorchester Mattapan Historical Society’s Black History Month event at the Mattapan BPL branch on Blue Hill Avenue on Thurs., Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Former Sen. Bill Owens will be a guest speaker.

Charle`s Run returns on March 24 – Charle`s Run—a five-mile road race held in memory of State Trooper Mark S. Charbonner, returns on Sun., March 24 after a 15-year hiatus. The race will take place from 11:30 p.m. and the post-race festivities will continue from 3-4 p.m. To sign up for the race and for further information, visit CharlieRun.com.

Two BPD officers on leave over overtime abuse probe – Two Boston Police officers were placed on leave over allegations of overtime abuse, authorities said last Friday. The unidentified officers, who were associated with the department’s evidence management unit, were placed on leave last Thursday due to time and attendance issues, the Boston Police Department said in a statement.

The department’s internal affairs unit is investigating the matter, the statement said, which has also been referred to the Suffolk County district attorney’s office. The statement said the department also will review payroll for all of its districts and units. The department is concerned the integrity of evidence in storage was not affected, police said.

This officer, the statement said, is unacceptable for any member of the Boston Police Department. The department, Commissioner William Gross said in a statement, “I will not allow any officer toGRAPHIC DESIGN BY NATHAN ZIVIN

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Mayor Walsh danced during a visit to a UNESCO heritage site in Cape Verde on Monday.

Thursday (28th) – The Lawn on D is back with a special winter pop-up event – Chillin’ on D – from noon-10 p.m. through March 3. DJ, live bands, ice carving, fire pits and more.

Friday (1st) – Deadline for public comment on the Dot Block project. Go to bostonplans.org/projects/development/projects/dot-block to add your voice to the city’s review of this project, which has been delayed since its initial approval by the BPDA in 2016.

Wednesday (6th) – Official ribbon cutting at the Blue Hill Avenue commuter rail station, 1507 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan at 1-3 p.m. The event will take place on the platform.

Open house hosted by BPDA on Dot Block project at 25 Broad Street, Dorchester from 5-8 p.m. More info at bostonplans.org.

Thursday (7th) – Public hearing at 11 a.m. on a request to remove two public shade trees at 395 Columbia Rd. in Dorchester. The hearing is in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury. For further information, contact the Tree Warden at (617) 635-7275.

Sunday (16th) – Dorchester’s 13th annual St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast to benefit the Mary Ann Brett Tree Warden at (617) 635-7275.

Food Pantry begins at 9:30 a.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 800 Columbia Rd., Dorchester.

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Mary Martin Walsh traveled to Cape Verde last Friday for a five-day trip across the islands of Fogo, Brava, and Santiago.

The mayor traveled with a delegation comprised of City of Boston and Commonwealth of Massachusetts officials, and business and nonprofit leaders, and homeowners and students.

Boston and Cape Verde’s capital city Praia established a sister-city relationship in 2015, noting the long history of the country’s natives settling in Boston around the late 19th century.

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The statement is signed by Sonia Chang-Diaz, the chief visible and vocal leader of the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus this session and six are members of the Asian-American Caucus. Several members of those two caucuses – Reps. Marcos Devers, Nicola Elgardo, Liz Miranda, Jon Santiago, Tram Nguyen, and Mariza Robinson – are in their first term, and freshman lawmakers are not typically assigned to committee chairs or leadership positions.

The Senate's leadership shakeup on a committee that’s poised to shape education funding reform legislation this session is prompting a call for greater attention to diversity in the Legislature.

When Senate President Karen Spilka last week assigned sena-
tors to committees and leadership positions, she tapped Winchester Sen. Jason Lewis as chair of the Education Committee, replacing longtime chair Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz of Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood. On Thursday, Spilka said Chang-Diaz will continue to play a “vital role” on school funding.

Chang-Diaz, the chief sponsor of a Senate education reform bill, no longer serves on the panel, and is the new co-chair of the Marijuana Policy and the Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities committee.

A statement released on Thursday by groups describing themselves as “organizations serving communities of color” raised concerns about the removal of Chang-Diaz, a vocal advocate for school funding reform and the one woman of color in the Senate, and broader issues about the lack of diversity in the Legislature, whose members are predominantly white and male.

"To be clear, our concerns are not solely about Senator Chang-Diaz," the groups wrote. "In this moment, she serves as the latest example of how people of color – especially women of color -- are subject to rebuke for representing us too fiercely and too well. We were expecting bold change from the Legislature, but now we fear that this commitment has moved in the opposite direction, especially when it comes to closing the opportunity and achievement gaps for the children in the diverse and low-income communities that we serve and represent."

The statement, signed by Greater Boston Latino Network Co-Chairs Alex Oliver-Davila and Vanessa Calderon-Rosado, Amplify Latinx Co-Founders Betty Francisco and Enedia Neman, Diana Hwang of the Asian-American Women’s Political Initiative, and Tanisha Sullivan. Sullivan is president of the Boston chapter of the NAACP, though her organization is not listed on the statement.

The group described Chang-Diaz as "a highly visible and vocal leader on the issue of closing the commonwealth’s achievement gaps for students of color and ensuring equitable funding for our public schools," and said she "has been unfairly characterized as being too passionate, overly committed to equity issues, and lacking strategic heft."

Before lawmakers were assigned to committees this year, Chang-Diaz touted her new bill, dubbed the Promise Act, at a State House event in January that drew more than 20 lawmakers, the mayors of Boston, Easthampton, Holyoke, Lawrence, and Worcester, and dozens of advocates, including Sullivan. It calls for up to $2 billion in new education funding, which would be phased in over multiple years.

Chang-Diaz said in a statement last week that she was excited to be chairing her two new committees and "working with parents, students, educators, and local leaders to pass the Promise Act this summer."

On Friday, she posted on Twitter that she is "not going anywhere" when it comes to education funding. "This is critical, generational reform -- and I'll be here, fighting alongside you every step of the way until we get it done right for all our kids, including & especially low-income kids & kids of color who can't be shortchanged again," she wrote.

Lewis, who has said school finance issues including cuts at his daughter’s school prompted him to initially get involved in local and state government, was an early co-sponsor of Chang-Diaz's bill.

Along with Lewis, the Education Committee this session is helmed by Rep. Alice Peisch of Wellesley. Chang-Diaz and Peisch last session led ultimately unsuccessful negotiations that attempted to reconcile House and Senate school funding bills.

Lawmakers say they plan to tackle education funding reform this session, in part to better account for the costs of educating low-income students, English language learners and special education students, along with employee health care expenses. A 2015 report from the Foundation Budget Review Commission, chaired by Peisch and Chang-Diaz, found the current school funding formula underestimates the costs in those four areas.

Spilka, in a statement to the News Service on Thursday, said the Senate has “led in implementing the commission’s recommendations through the budget process, including $18.5 million in new funding in fiscal 2019 for educating English language learners.

"The Senate remains resolute in our commitment to fully implement the FBRC recommendations and making meaningful progress towards that goal in this year’s budget," Spilka said. "Senator Chang-Diaz will continue to play a vital role as the Senate moves this priority forward."

Noting the two Education Committee chairs “represent predominantly white and affluent suburban districts,” Oliver-Davila, Calderon-Rosado, Francisco, Roman, Hwang and Sullivan said they “demand that the State Legislature immediately bring greater racial diversity, including women of color, to its leadership and to the Education Committee so we can be assured that our voices are heard, our issues are addressed, and that our Legislature is working for all of us.”

The upper ranks of legislative leadership in both branches are now filled only by white lawmakers, after the two people of color in House Speaker Robert DeLeo’s leadership team last session, former Assistant Majority Leader Byron Rushing and former House Ways and Means Chairman Jeffrey Sanchez, lost their reelection bids.

Of the 300 state lawmakers, 13 are members of the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus this session and six are members of the Asian-American Caucus. Several members of those two caucuses – Reps. Marcos Devers, Nika Elgardo, Liz Miranda, Jon Santiago, Tram Nguyen, and Mariza Robinson – are in their first term, and freshman lawmakers are not typically assigned to committee chairs or leadership positions.
On Monday, he left home, walked a few steps across the street to the new station, and hopped on a commuter-rail train that zipped him to South Station in 23 minutes.

The new facility, an 800-foot-long stretch of platform between Blue Hill Avenue and Cummins Highway, with wheelchair-accessible ramps at each end, opened Monday after years of design and construction at a cost $19 million. It is the fourth and final Fairmount Line stop – along with the Talbot Avenue, Newmarket, and Four Corners/Geneva Avenue stations – that were mandated as part of a Big Dig-related lawsuit.

For a community that has long been underserved by public transportation, the station represents another step toward addressing that disparity. Until now, residents living near the three-mile stretch of track between the Fairmount and Morton Street stations had little public transportation options besides an aging trolley system.

David Arbuckle, a customer service representative from Keolis who was manning the platform Monday morning, estimated that about 50 people had used the station that morning. “And every one of them seems thrilled,” he noted.

At least one passenger, however, was less than thrilled. Vivian Ortiz, coordinator of the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition, was disappointed after riding her bike to the station Monday morning to find there was no place to park it.

“I was fuming when I discovered there is no bike parking at the brand new station!!” Ortiz wrote on Monday, relaying her displeasure on Twitter along with a picture of her bike chained to a pole on the platform. “You’ve had 2+ years to get it right.”

While the Fairmount Line does sometimes allow passengers to bring their bicycles on board, that capability is limited to off-peak train schedules.

Under the current Fairmount Line schedule, a train stops at the station roughly every 45 minutes during peak commute hours and once every hour the rest of the day. That timetable includes five “peak” trains each morning and afternoon. As the station is located in Zone 1A, riders can pay a one-way fare of $2.25 or purchase a monthly pass for $84.50.

Arbuckle predicted that people will be pleased with the service at the new station. “This is a real reliable line,” he said. “Because it’s so short, it’s almost always on time.”

He added that the new station had been decked out with several modern improvements, including an automated voice announcement system, an LED lighting system, and security cameras.

MBTA and state and city officials will celebrate the official opening of the station with a ceremony on March 6 at 1:30 p.m.
Pressley huddles with transit equity advocates in Fields Corner

By Jennifer Smith

WASHINGTON, D.C. — At least 12 people gathered inside an upscale cafe in downtown Boston, most with fairly short hair, dressed in business casual or workwear. Tea sipped. Coffee stirred. Pressley said she was there to learn about the challenges facing urban transit riders. It was a typical day for the Massachusetts congresswoman, a transit equity advocate and a member of the Congressional Bike Caucus.

Pressley hosted a transportation equity roundtable last Thursday in Fields Corner with local activists, providing a forum for those in the community to share their thoughts on opportunities for federal legislation and having in on opportunities for her to support state or municipal initiatives.

Pressley told the few dozen people who gathered at the cafe on Dorchester Avenue that her Seventh Congressional District was “un scrambling the rarefied atmosphere” that is certainly true when it comes to the elusive infrastructure, according to an audio recording of the event.

“There are many natural assets,” Pressley said of the district, “and that begins with its people, but there are many challenges with disparities and those did not just happen, and that was definitely true before Donald Trump descended an escalator in Trump Tower.”

She said the disparities are the consequences of “well-intended policies that were intended to do good” but that “had the unintended consequences” of “well-intended policies that were intended to do good” but that “…had the unintended consequences that benefit you are experiencing calories and not carbon,” Pressley said.

Employers would pay something like $20 a month “as a benefit to those who use their bike to commute to work,” she said, “and that could go toward maintenance or other things.”

Pressley noted that “to redefine transit programming, the city and state level” she has advocated for bike sharing. Transit budget decisions are made at the state level, Pressley told attendees, so federal investments are mostly dedicated to highways and skip local multi-modal infrastructure. Adjusting the distribution of Highway Trust Fund money to include state infrastructure is another goal, Pressley said.

“…a lot of people here are concerned about the pace of change on our streets, about the fact that people keep getting injured or killed,” said Rebecca Wolfson, executive director of the Boston Cyclist Union. She asked that Pressley take leadership in creating a truck safety ordinance on the federal level, as well as support for funding to make local improvements to streets.

Others described the perils of biking to work and school, the lack of bike lanes and dealing with annoyed drivers who do not like sharing the roadway with cyclists.

Jon Ramos said Boston for Human Zero and bike safety plans are “way behind schedule.” He attributed some of it to funding an “obstruction in the city.”

As an example, he said he was frustrated with the South Bay Harbor Trail “which was more than 10 years in the making before it even started to break ground.”

That trail would connect Roxbury to Boston’s Seaport District, which is “the bustling wealthy district it could be a great connector for jobs.”

“How can we speed up projects like that?” he asked. Pressley said she was hopeful that activist leadership and coalition building is leading to pitches like the Green New Deal topping the progressive agenda federally, which should include equitable infrastructure.

Several people said it has felt like there has been a “plateau” on bike policy in recent years. They called for even incremental improvements like new painted bike lanes to at least define a space for bicyclists to pedal along. They described the former mayor’s administration as more focused on public health, and argued the current mayor and governor and unconvinced advocates who are “self-described car guys.”

Pressley asked how the advocates communica- tioned about dangerous corners or intersections or potholes where they “forecasted for days for month for years that someone is going to get killed right there, and that is what happened. Do you feel there has been any adjustment in real-time feedback that you’re able to go to someone and say this has been dangerous for a long time, we need to see an investment there?”

Attendees described well known danger zones, biking between Boston and Cambridge or around the city, and said they eventually would push back to someone who was making the decision in the city. Pressley asked if they had any other ideas.

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In concluding, Pressley came back to her post-campaign message, what she describes as an unprecedented mandate from the grassroots and built on hope. She plans to host a transit town hall in the next month or so, to solicit more ideas and feedback for legislation.

“The way to disrupt these inequalities is through policy making,” she said.
Dot native Latrell James funnels his rap skills in all sorts of directions

By DANIEL SHERZMAN

Reporter Staff

‘Why throw a pebble in the ocean when you can throw a whole boulder?’

That’s the metaphor Latrell James used to describe his “all in” approach to music, a mentality by which he simply creates as much and as often as he can, whether as a rapper or as a producer, for an original record or for a collaboration with a peer, on projects big or small.

James rose up in the local music scene after dropping his debut album in 2015. But the Dorchester native began making waves globally two years later when he was chosen to voice the jingle for the “Goes Round,” a widely acknowledged that the value of the free gift exceeds $10, the bank is required to report the gift value on form 1099-INT. The bank is required to report the gift value on form 1099-INT. The bank is required to report the gift value on form 1099-INT.

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Costello brings stand-up to Florian Hall on Saturday

Sue Costello returns to Dorchester this weekend for a stand-up comedy show at Florian Hall. Her performance starts on Sat., March 2 at 8 p.m. The actress and comedian is a veteran of television sitcoms and dramas. More on her career at suecostello.com. Tickets are $25 in advance and $30 at the door.

The Latin Academy boys hockey team celebrate their 4th year in a row city league championship after beating O’Bryant 10-1 on Wed, February 21 at NU. MVP of the game is senior captain Joe Loewen shown with Athletic Director Avery Kasdale. The Dragons are 8-8-4 and qualified to compete in the state tournament round this week.

Designed in 1893 and constructed the next year, the Francis A. Brooks Grammar School was sited opposite the end of Morse Street on the section of Bowdoin Avenue located northeast of the railroad tracks at Mount Bowdoin. The design for the school by city architect Edward March Wheelwright was shown in the Dec. 30, 1889, edition of American Architect and Building News. The completed school was shown in the Jan. 4, 1908, issue with the name Christopher Gibson School.

The name change had occurred at least ten years earlier in honor of Christopher Gibson, a 17th century soap boiler and one of Dorchester’s early benefactors. The Gibson name had been applied earlier to a school built in the 1850s on School Street. Gibson Street and Gibson Field were also named for Gibson.

In 1972, the N. Y. and N. E. Railroad laid down tracks that cut Bowdoin Avenue into two segments. This segment of the street was sometimes called Little Bowdoin Avenue or North Bowdoin Avenue, then between 1910 and 1918 it was renamed Ronald Street.

The lower photo, by Ollie Noonan, is from 1958 and shows the back side of the building as the children line up to enter the boys’ entrance. Jonathan Kozol was a teacher at the school when he wrote “Death at an Early Age” as an indictment of the Boston Public Schools.

The Christopher Gibson School

The building was demolished in 1975 after a fire. The city-owned site is now 16 Ronald St., and in 2016 the city approved a design submitted by Heath Architecture, Inc., to build a four-story building including 52 one-bedroom affordable senior housing units and 2 studios.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed online at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. Please Note: The Society’s historic houses are open on the third Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. James Blake House, 753 Columbia Road (1661); Lemuel Clap House, 199 Boston Street (1712) and remodeled 1763; William Clap House, 105 Boston Street (1806).
Keep your eyes on the Point

By JESSICA PIERCE

Forty years ago, in 1979, eleven black women were murdered in Roxbury and Dorchester between January and May. While the string of murders shook the city’s residents, only four of the cases led to convictions.

At that time, the city of Boston was still grappling with racial unrest in the wake of a court order in the early ’70s that mandated the desegregation of the Boston Public Schools. Deborah Briggs, who was raised in Roxbury during that decade, was among the first group of African Americans to be bused to the predominantly white South Boston High School. “I was one of the many students that first pushed up to Dorchester, on the first day of school when busing was court ordered,” she recalls. “It was scary to say the least.”

A group known as the Roxbury Women’s Collective organized protests and demonstrations in response to what became known as “the Roxbury murders.” “They were really frightening at the time, it changed the way we thought to think about how the intersection of our perceptions of race and gender made black women more vulnerable to violence,” Briggs said.

Now, forty years later, an art installation project is raising some of those same questions while seeking to honor the memory of the victims.

“The systemic oppression of black women makes it so that they seem disposable and this emboldens us to cause harm to black women,” said Kendra Rosalie Hicks, the creator of The Estuary Projects, a 10-part installation series that is now up and running through May. The installations are curated and on display across the city, each at a spot where the bodies of the young women were found, including Columbia Road and the Roxbury Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

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“One of the intersections of racism is to keep us reactionary and keep us having our heads down while not envisioning a future ahead,” she said. “I believe these installations will help us to think about what we’ve been through as a community and develop that power to tap into those memories to envision a new world!”

With many residents of Dorchester and Roxbury nearby and involved, the art installations like The Estuary Projects. They remind our community of what we have overcome as we continue to fight for more racial equity in a rapidly changing Boston.

Deborah Briggs says the work that young people like Kendra Hicks are doing for these families makes her feel hopeful. “I already see the evolution for creating a more equitable environment in the city of Boston, but I feel strongly that there’s not enough storytelling,” she said. Briggs. “Young people have so much to offer but I think they would be even more well suited and have an even firmer foundation for their organizing work if they knew their history in real time, from real people’s experiences and stories.”

Hicks says that helping black Bostonians remember what we’ve survived can be a tool to surviving this transitional moment. “My hope is that when our community feels this assurance, it frees people to start imagining the world instead of just fighting for the basic necessities of housing, they need to be willing to either pay higher taxes for more affordable units or to reduce carbon emissions and traffic by providing convenient access to the Red Line. The plans for retail will also allow more walkable shopping options and keep dollars in Dorchester, rather than going downtown. Affordable housing needs to be looked at in the broader picture of the sustainability of cities like Boston. Building a development of any size or kind takes hard work and money. Unless the NIMBY groups have their own money to build affordable housing, they need to be willing to either pay higher taxes for more affordable units or to be a constructive part of processes working within the reasonable targets set by the city of Boston’s economic data analysis teams. Some people may need to play its part in easing the housing crunch, just like every neighborhood in the Boston area should. “It’s up to everyone,” Hicks said. “I am going to assume that many members of these groups also say they care about the environment. This kind of housing (transit oriented development or otherwise) is not factored into the basic economics of affordable housing. I want affordable housing as well, but we are not going to get it by shouting at developers to go beyond the city requires and the economics will bear. As everyone knows, we have a housing crisis in Boston. Affordability is a symptom of the underlying problem - not enough supply for the demand that exists. There are many more homeless people in order to take the pressure off of demand. Mayor Walsh has worked on this issue and we should support these efforts as the recent announcement to build 459 affordable units across the city. Most of the $18 million dollars for this measure comes from 1 percent of a tax that created the Community Preservation Fund.

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Dorchester native breaks new ground in McConville case

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

FUN WITH UKULELES: IRISH SONGS AT LOWER MILLS LIBRARY
Play ukuleles and sing Irish songs in a free program on Thurs., March 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lower Mills Library, 27 Richmond St., Dorchester. Light refreshments and popcorn.

CHILI COOK-OFF AT IBEW HALL ON MARCH 24
Dorchester’s Chili Cook-off, an annual event to support the Dorchester Day events, is set for Sunday, March 24 from 4-7 p.m. at IBEW Hall on Freeport Street. Admission is $20 per person and $30 for families of up to four people

TWO MEETINGS SET TO REVIEW PROPOSED CANNABIS SHOPS IN MATTAPEX
A public meeting will be held on Tues., March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Mildred Avenue Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan to discuss a proposed cannabis establishment at 1626 Blue Hill Ave. On Thurs., March 14 at 6 p.m. a meeting will be held at Mildred Avenue Center to discuss a different proposal for a cannabis business at 538 River St., Mattapan.

ST. ANN $10K DINNER ON MARCH 29
St. Ann Neponset will host its 35th annual $10,000 dinner to benefit the Alice McDonald Catholic HS scholarship fund, VBS, CYO basketball, youth ministry and the parish on Fri., March 29 at 6 p.m. at Venezia in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. Tickets are $150 for a numbered ticket and $50 for a companion ticket. Go to stannstbrendan.com/10k-dinner or call 617-436-0310 or email saintannoffice@gmail.com.

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

CHARBO’S RUN RETURNS ON MARCH 24
Charbo’s Run—a five-mile road race held in memory of State Trooper Mark S. Charbonnier, returns on Sun., March 24 after a 15-year hiatus. The race will take place from 11-3 p.m. and the post-race festivities will continue from 3-4 p.m. To sign up for the run and for further information, visit Charbosrun.com.

MattaPan-Dorchester resident Montly Meeting
The Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services hosts a regular monthly meeting on Wed., March 20 at 6 p.m. at Mildred Ave Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave, Mattapan.

MAMPA/DORCHESTER RESIDENT MONTHLY MEETING
The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services hosts a regular monthly meeting on Wed., March 20 at 6 p.m. at Venezia in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. (Continued on page 14)
Parent Latasha Williams says switching to lottery-based admissions makes the process too easy. She asks the board how they'll know parents are committed if they don't have to spend time on the waiting list. Carrie Jung/WBUR photo

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The new proposal would eliminate the first-come, first-served rule, allowing parents to apply online or in person during an enrollment window each year between October and December. Participants would then be randomly selected and referred. Rejected applicants could apply during the next annual enrollment window.

Wilmary Tejeda, METCO’s director of enrollment service, said the proposed lottery system will give everyone who applies during the time window the same chance. She said METCO will also provide services in different languages.

Mille Arbaje-Thomas, METCO’s CEO, explained that the current system is mostly paper-based, which means it’s not easy to track a family’s application when a member calls to see where a student stands.

She added that moving the application online is another way the organization hopes to make the admissions process more equitable. “This would allow us to reach all of the neighborhoods,” she said. “People from different backgrounds and languages. It would allow us to reach people at all times 24 hours a day.”

Several people at the meeting challenged the fairness of the lottery system, with some arguing that the online application would make it too easy for parents to apply.

One mother said that bringing three applications in person shows the parents’ effort to get their children a better education. “When you want parents that are dedicated to their children’s education, you don’t want to make everything so easy,” she said.

A Braintree mother echoed that opinion, saying METCO made her more committed to her son’s education.

But Aliexha Porcena, a METCO alumna who attended school in Brookline, said applying online does not equate to easiness. “You are either a dedicated parent going to those meeting or you are not,” she said, and going online will not change that. She noted that no system would be perfect, but the process should be more accessible.

Sharyon Brown from Hyde Park said that an online process could increase transparency and help parents navigate a challenging system. Her son, who has autism, was turned away from their assigned suburban district, she said.

“If a lottery system or something online is going to give a parent some way to prove that yes, my son or daughter was on the list… it makes it harder for districts to cherry pick who they want or don’t want,” Brown said.

Some pointed out that people who have been on the list for years will want, “grandfathered” from having to reapply every year. The crowd applauded when Masha Smith, whose children were the first class of METCO students in the 1960s, said, “it hurts me to my heart that 60 years later, we still need METCO.”

A 2018 study by a Harvard doctoral candidate, Ann Mantil, shows that enrolling in a suburban school could give Boston students an edge on higher education. She found that METCO participants are more likely than Boston Public School students and applicants who didn’t get referred to graduate from high school on time and be immediately enrolled in a four-year college.

If the proposal is adopted, the new process could start this October. A parent rally in support of METCO funding will be held at the State House on Fri., March 15. A report from WBUR 99.9FM was used in compiling this story.
Non-profits, city seek new strategies to preserve affordable housing units

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She did a little internet research. “And sure enough, I found out the house was foreclosed and being auctioned.” Her landlord, who lived in the bottom unit, hadn’t said anything about the foreclosure.

The auction was scheduled for two days later, and Charlotte had been struggling to get people assembling on her front yard.

“They showed up with clipboards and megaphones, and they were really desperate to have this auction! I stayed home and I couldn’t believe it,” she says. “The next thing I know, another set of people came, and got out of their cars and told them to stop.” Those new people were with City Life Vida Urbana, a housing justice organizing group. The group’s protest led to the auction being called off.

During the foreclosure crisis about a decade ago, City Life Vida Urbana provided legal assistance to foreclosed homeowners affected renters. The group wanted banks to reduce debts, sell the homes to City Life and other closed homeowners.

“And if the homeowner still didn’t have the resources to buy back the building, then we would ask a nonprofit entity to hold onto the building, so that the land could be held in perpetuity and the tenants could stay,” says Lisa Owens, City Life’s executive director. In a nonprofit called COHIF, or Community Organizations Holding Investment Fund, Chislom’s building was among those taken over. COHIF now owns six properties in Dorchester, amounting to 15 units of permanently affordable housing for low-income tenants.

COHIF is an example of how, amid the housing affordability crisis, advocates and the city of Boston are trying to purchase and preserve units from the private market, and keep them affordable.

**Competion high for nonprofits**

Financing the acquisition and rehabilitation of foreclosed properties requires cobbled together money from private sources, city, and state funding.

“As we build a lot of affordable housing, we also need to ensure that tenants that are here that are facing gentrification, residential buildings are protected from rent increases, and one way to do that is to have apartment buildings outside of the speculative market,” says Sheila Dil- lon, the city of Boston’s housing commissioner.

The goal of buying buildings and making them permanently affordable is part of the city’s affordable housing plan. The other aspects include assisting at-risk tenants to stay in buildings and more affordable housing.

“Much of the money for the city’s plan comes from its inclusionary development policy, which requires developers to pay into an affordable housing fund if they don’t build the units themselves,” she said.

Established community development cor- porations and nonprofit developers often in a position to intervene to purchase buildings, make improvements, and keep them affordable. But coming up with enough money fast enough is a barrier, and an owner, of course, has the option not to take a nonprofit’s bid. Often, nonprofits get outbid by investors or developers with deeper pockets.

“Of course, we’ve really focused our energies and resources to have nonprofits, and some for-profit that are in the affordable housing business are buying these buildings and keep the rents affordable,” Dillon says.

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC) has been in the business of buying low-income housing in the neighbor- hood for decades. Recently, she talked about the city’s acquisition program. JPNDC was called  COHIF, or Co- Life’s executive director. Held in perpetuity and so that the land could be used for non-profits and nonprofit corporations and nonprofit housing. One way of doing this is popular among nonprofits. They use city funding and the city’s acquisition program, JPNDC was formed and Chislom’s buildings were really starting to get sold. And sure enough, COHIF-owned build- ings are a key rallying point. City Life, organizing tenants to evict tenants and so they can negotiate an agreement to stay in the building.

Building clear-outs — in which an owner raises rents and makes repairs so the building is empty — are a key feature of City Life’s work. “We will try to stop a clear-out or encourage a seller to negotiate an agreement to stay,” she said.

City Life’s approach has two prongs: The first is to bring public attention to landlords or banks when they are engaging in practices that it deems harmful to tenants or homeowners. The organization provides legal assistance to tenants and foreclosed homeowners and seeks to negotiate an agreement to stay in the building.

A home has ‘different values’

Some people might feel uneasy about City Life’s tactics. Shouldn’t property owners be able to do whatever they want with their homes? Why is making the largest profit possible such a bad thing?

The answer, say others, is because a home is more than a place to live for many people. Chislom says that living in her COHIF unit is the first time she felt like she could have a home. “People need to be able to stay in their home because of their community with other people,” she says. “There are some that are legal, but some may see as unfair. They are recognizing the rights of non-owners.

What we have to do, at a time when many ac- knowledgment homes mean something other than just a place to live,” Dyal-Chand says.

She says ownership has many advantages. But being able to do anything with your property. Landlords can’t just evict tenants because of an eviction.
Walsh meets with Dot housing activists, asks a partnership on goals

(Continued from page 1) participate in the planning process rather than just make demands of the city.

Of course, we're gonna keep working, but I'm asking you, just for a second, you should work with us to come to sitting at the table, to understand, so we can help you with the information so the information is in front of you and you have it," Walsh said. "I think we could do something special here.

And after going through a presentation on neighborhood demographic data, which was broadly accurate, and sharing stories of displacement and housing insecurity, the group moved on to its priorities.

"We demand that 65 percent of total new housing is truly affordable to meet community needs and incomes," said Angelina Hua of the Asian American Research Workshop, reading from a presentation slide. They also asked the mayor to commit to "zero displacement" in the area.

Dorchester has among the lowest homeownership rates in the city, according to Department of Neighborhood Development analysis, and the vast majority of people living in the area median income area, making less than $50,000 annually, the group said. DN4S advocates say the economic conditions in the area are "particularly bad for color." DN4S advocates say the economic conditions in the area are "particularly bad for color.

Walsh said he could not commit to the demands in any form, because of the practical limitations. "Sixty-five percent affordable — a great goal, a brilliant goal," he said. "Tell me how to do it, because we don't have a federal housing partner. We don't have federal money coming into the city of Boston. The city, we have a bond bill, $1.5 billion. That's not cash."

He later added, "The answer is yes, but the reality isn't yes. This is where honest conversations are to happen. We'd like to say zero dis-

placement, but there's no way anyone can commit to that. I can't commit to 65 percent affordable housing, because how do you get there?"

DN4S and other small groups take issue with the calculations to determine affordable housing, which are federal metrics based on area median income in the city of Boston and not necessarily reflective of the neighborhood income range.

"You keep people here and preserve the neighbor-

borhood, we have to use the voices of people who are here now," Hua read. She also listed demands that the city collect more money from developers for affordable housing, move to a 10 percent more affordable housing number, help non-Native land for "the community good," and "use city-owned land for affordable housing and not just selling it to developers."

City land in areas like Glover's Corner should be used to build affordable housing, she said. "Community planning, the group said. They also want the city to commit to a plan that area to include "impact housing," stretching out into Bowdoin-Geneva and other communities "so keep people of color that could be hit by a downside ripple effect on housing prices."

"The Glover's Corner planning process is a process of planning. We don't have a development there," Walsh said. We control one piece of land there, and that's the Campbell Resource Center, and if we sold that or used that for property, we would have to do our school facili-

ties somewhere else.

He continued: "Also we have school buses on the land over there, so if we displace them we have to figure out where they go. It's a planning process. Not everyone in the room might agree with that, but it's a conversation about a plan moving forward."

Studies in South Bos-

ton, on Jamaica Plain, Roxbury offer some les-
sions into Glover's Corner as the process wraps up, the mayor said.

"Jamaica Plain's plan, which went six sides which we were having conver-
sations, was all about creating opportunity," Walsh said. The crisis of condo conversions in that area led some more strident activists to demand 70 percent affordable hous-
ing, while the plan's advocates pushed for 18 percent affordable housing, and it landed around 30 percent. "Since we did that, I don't think any de-

velopment has moved forward, because when you talk about 30, 40 percent affordable rate, we need to talk about how we're going to pay for that," Walsh said.

City housing officials have said they expect to reassess the Inclusionary Development Policy, which sets standards for affordable housing donations, in the next few years. Walsh noted existing partnerships like the one in Planning Center with the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative to buy property there, talked to the mayor. "We've sold one piece of land in the city since I be-
came mayor," he said.

"The Winthrop Square Garage in downtown Boston. Proceeds from that begin April 1, will include $25 million for Old Colony, $10 million for Orient Heights, and $25 million to improve Boston Common and Franklin Park, Walsh said. One Cape Verdean

man, through a transla-
tor, wished Walsh a pleasant trip to his coun-

try the next morning.

He said he came to Dorchester because "he had opportunity,

ties, and he could send money back to his family in Cape Verde, according to the translator. He asked that the mayor support the residents who already populate the area, even as he was encouraged that new people wished to move in. "We come and we will be with you," he told Walsh. "We want to welcome the people. We don't want to leave for them to come in; we want to be there to receive them and show them around."

The project sitting in the middle of the Glover's planning area, what Walsh said he could do some-
since it began in 2011. Children and adults move through the gym with their children at all times. Thanks to a partnership with Northeastern University, student volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym. Volunteers serve as Activity Leaders at Family Gym.

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

Love Your Block Mini-grants Available

Applicants interested in transforming physical landscapes with social programs through the city of Boston’s Love Your Block mini-grants can apply online at loveyourblock@boston.gov by Friday, March 1, 2019. Last year, 60 applications were received and five were chosen to receive funding. Projects included revitalizeing community gardens and beautifying vacant plots of land. Neighborhood mini-grant winners are awarded up to $5,000 to either implement or revitalize a public space used to address a larger issue identified by the community. Past examples of projects include community gardens, art installations, and placemaking.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMEWORK HELP

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

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The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Mastertown Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattishambt@gmail.com.

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Docket No. 018P0416

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Monday, March 6, 2017
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: 126 Hyde Park Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02124

The Proposed Cannabis Establishment is located at:
65 Cummins Highway
Boston, MA 02124

Purpose: The Proposed Cannabis Establishment is anticipated to open in late 2019 and is looking for an experienced real estate professional to lead specific project management and leasing activities. They can expect increased levels of responsibility over time including supervisory opportunities. Responsibilities may include:

- Managing real estate opportunities and conducting early stage feasibility analyses
- Assisting in obtaining financing and submitting applications for grants, equity and loan programs
- Managing, planning, and putting the community process with community partners and organizations
- Soliciting, negotiating, and overseeing third party consultant services and project teams
- Managing the closings for purchase, loan, and equity investments
- Overseeing project budgets, the construction process, and schedules
- Ensuring compliance with funding requirements and city, state, and federal regulations

You may be contacted regarding the above opportunities.

Please send cover letter and resume, before April 12, 2019, to: Marcia C. Cusick, Director, Codman Square NDC Real Estate Project Manager at codman.square.nedc@gmail.com. Codman Square NDC Real Estate Project Manager is an equal opportunity employer. Local residents, people of color and women are encouraged to apply.
REGISTER NOW FOR 2019 BASEBALL
Ages 4-16

Players ages 4-12 register at: DorchesterLittleLeague.org
Players ages 13-16 register at: DorchesterBabeRuth.org

Registration open to ALL players who have permanent residence in OR attend school in Zip codes 02121, 02122, 02124, and 02125

******* Registration Deadline: March 10th *******
Players registering after March 10 will be placed on a waiting list.

Send questions, concerns, or comments to dorchesterlittleleague@gmail.com or dorchesterbaberuth@gmail.com

Spring Training - Dorchester Boys & Girls Club (35 Deer Street)

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Ages 8-12 Evaluations
Marina Bay Sports Complex (Quincy)
MANDATORY: Players MUST attend 2 or more sessions

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Ages 13-16 Evaluations - Marina Bay Sportsplex (Quincy)

| All Players | March 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm |

Monday, April 1 – Teams announced and players contacted by coaches. April 20 – Opening Day
February 28, 2019 THE REPORTER

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER

February Vacation Week at BGCD: Members went on a cross country skiing trip hosted by Elevate Youth. See more details below.

Blue Hill Avenue Station is located at Woodhaven Street and Blue Hill Avenue between the Morton Street and Fairmount Station stops.

Construction on the new Commuter Rail station in Mattapan, is now complete. The NEW Blue Hill Avenue Station is NOW OPEN, providing improved access and more options for the Mattapan community to Downtown Boston for the same price as a subway fare. Welcome aboard!

New Station Features:
- A new 800-foot long high-level platform for accessible boarding
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DID YOU KNOW
BGCD to Hold Volunteer Orientation Night: Ever been interested in volunteering here at the Club? If so, you’re in luck! BGCD will be hosting a volunteer orientation night on Monday, March 4th at 6 PM. Come learn more about available opportunities and ways you can get involved at BGCD. Some available volunteer positions include a yoga instructor, group activity leaders, swim lesson instructors, tutors, career speakers and so much more! If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Katie Russo at krusso@bgcdorchester.org. Be sure to also fill out a volunteer inquiry form on our website at bgcdorchester.org/volunteer.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Kicks Off New STEM Program for Girls:
BGCD is excited to partner with the Junior League of Boston’s Building Bridges STEM Program. Middle School Girls from the Club will meet every other Monday through May in this exciting Science program which is being led by women who are leaders in the field of STEM. To support the program we are also excited to announce that John Kawola from Ultimaker has donated a brand new 3-D printer which will be used in the class. In week one the members learned about allergies and how to use epi-pens. We’re excited to see what other learning opportunities result from the program.

For more information on this program please contact Education Director, Joel Figueroa at jfigueroa@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Black History Month Living Museum at WOYC
February 28
Ski Trip with Elevate Youth
March 2
Volunteer Orientation Night
March 4
Keystone Volunteers at Massachusetts Special Olympics
March 9

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Kicks Off New STEM Program for Girls: See details below.

February Vacation Week at BGCD: BGCD members of all ages enjoyed a fun filled February school vacation week of activities. We would like to thank the following partners for contributing to the week: Dell EMC who provided 30 volunteers for a day of activities; the Marilyn Rodman Theater for Kids program who hosted 80 members to see “School of Rock” at the Opera House.

In addition, the Museum of Fine Arts hosted a teen trip to the Museum and Elevate Youth hosted a group on a cross-country skiing trip. Boston College High School provided fifteen volunteers on Friday to assist in our programming.

For more information on our winter programming please contact Brendan McDonald at bcmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org.

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Upham’s Corner Implementation:
Arts & Innovation District

Thursday, March 7
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
650 Dudley St
The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center
Dorchester, MA 02221

Event Description
Please celebrate with us on March 7th, 2019 at 5pm as we prepare to release the Upham’s Corner Requests for Proposals. The City of Boston and DSNI have been working together with the Upham’s Corner Working Advisory Group and the community at large to plan for the future of the Strand Theatre and the Upham’s Corner Branch Library along with the creation of new affordable housing and commercial space. The three Requests for Proposals have been shaped by the Upham’s Corner Implementation community process, which began in October 2017, building off of previous community initiatives.

Light food, refreshments and interpretation services will be provided.

Contact:
Andrew Grace
Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02201
617.635.2978 | andrew.grace@boston.gov

PLAN: Mattapan
Goals Setting for Your Neighborhood

Thursday, March 21
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
100 Hebron Street
Mattapan Community Center
Mattapan, MA 02126

Event Description
PLAN: Mattapan is a planning initiative facilitated by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), in collaboration with other City departments. The Goals Setting for Our Neighborhood workshop will explore and prioritize the draft goals of this planning initiative in order to further tailor our focus for PLAN: Mattapan. Come join your neighbors to discuss the timeline for this process, help define what we want to achieve.

The evening will begin with a brief presentation about where we are in the PLAN: Mattapan process and where we will be heading. Attendees will then break out into small groups to discuss priorities for the planning initiative and develop initial goal statements. This is a great opportunity to influence and inform the next steps for the initiative and to hear more about the upcoming workshops and process.

Light refreshments will be provided. Interpretation services and translated materials will be available in Haitian Creole and Spanish.

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