EPA eyes Neponset for ‘priority list’

By Katie Troiano

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will seek a “national priority” designation for a 3.7-mile section of the Neponset River that flows from Hyde Park to Lower Mills, according to agency officials who briefed a group of about 70 people.

‘Superfund’ status, clean-up could be in play years later

at a public meeting on Monday night at Mattapan’s Mildred Avenue Community Center. This is a step that may eventually make the river eligible for federal “Superfund” status leading to the clean-up of the designated section, which remains contaminated from industrial pollution that has been deposited into the river over more than two centuries. Sediment in the Lower Neponset contains elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which are hazardous to human health, fish life, and the environment. The PCBs are a grim reminder of the Neponset’s polluted past, when factories along its shore used the river as a dump.

Keeping up the taqueria beat in Dot, Dora’s serves Mexican on Stoughton St.

By Daniel Sheehan

Tequila Bar in Savin Hill is the latest of its kind in the last six months. The restaurant is the latest of its kind to open in the neighborhood and the second in the last six months following the arrival of Ghost Pepper Taco and Tequila Bar in Seaville Hill last September.

Proprietor Kelmy Mejia purchased the property, which was formerly occupied by the Puerto Rican bakery Borinquen, in November and immediately began renovations with the goal of reopening as soon as possible. A Lawrence resident of Dominican origin, Mejia said he’s hoping to ride the growing popularity of Mexican cuisine and meet the demand of taco-crazed Bostonians.

In Boston, voters can cast their ballots at Boston City Hall every day this week beginning at 9 a.m. Early voting in Dorchester and Mattapan will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27 from noon to 8 p.m. at All Saints’ Church at 209 Ashmont St. and First Parish Church at 10 Parish St. and at the Mildred Avenue Community Center in Mattapan.

Upcoming state report on BPS won’t ‘be pretty,’ says the mayor

By WBUR Staff

Mayor Walsh said on Monday that a forthcoming report from the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) evaluating efforts to improve and support the BPS district won’t ‘be pretty.’

The audit, which DESE is required to conduct periodically for all school districts, will be the first for the Boston school system since 2009 when state officials found some of the biggest challenges facing the district had to do with English learners and students with disabilities.

Speaking on the issue with WBUR’s Radio Boston co-hosts Tiziana Dearing and Zoe Mitchell on the ‘Mondays with the Mayor’ segment, Walsh said, “We’re working with [DESE] right now…. It’s not going to be a real pretty report. We’re reviewing it now. The School Department is reviewing it, but it’s important for us, at the end of the day, regardless of what the study is … that we need to be one great district for every single student. We’ve seen a

Walsh outlines ZBA reforms prior to a City Council meeting

By Katie Troiano

Mayor Martin Walsh signed an executive order on Monday that he says will bring more transparency, accountability and public confidence to the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) in the wake of a scandal involving a city employee who admitted to accepting bribes to influence the board.

The mayor framed the order as a “first step,” adding that additional details were expected to be hammered out on Tuesday during a City Council hearing that will likely lead to a home rule petition.

The changes outlined in the order were informed in part by the findings of a report authored by two lawyers from the law firm Sullivan & Cromwell.
Residents chat with a planner on a ‘21st Century’ Newmarket

By Kate Trojano

Residents from Dorchester and South Boston gathered at the Dorchester Recycling Center on Saturday, April 4, for Dorchester Day Parade preparations. The event was the third in a series of three “chat with a planner” meetings, which, BPDA Senior Planner Ted Schwarzberg said, “help establish a two-way dialogue.”

“People are getting the word out about what we’re doing so that way we’ll have some sense of what the issues are, and also we want to hear from people that come to these events so we know what they are concerned about,” he said.

The initiative is a land-use planning study meant to lay the groundwork for the Dorchester Newmarket as a “21st Century” jobs center by analyzing how to protect and grow jobs in the area. Participants can experience the excitement of the Boston Marathon by participating in a variety of stations—including running the 26.2-mile course, throwing a javelin, and participating in an obstacle course.

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Local ICE director calls tactical border agents a ‘force multiplier’

BY SHANNON DOOLING
WBUR REPORTER

Federal immigration officials in Boston are releasing more details on what the Trump administration is describing as a ‘force multiplier’ for immigration arrests.

Two specially trained CBP teams were deployed to Boston this month, according to Todd Lyons, the acting director of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Boston field office. Lyons points to so-called sanctuary city policies, including Boston’s Trust Act, with the Lunn decision, where the Supreme Judicial Court decision, when the state’s highest court also ruled in Commonwealth v. Lunn that local law enforcement cannot hold an individual for an ICE detainer request of ICE. These requests are made via administrative warrants known as ICE detainers.

Immigrant advocates fear ramped-up enforcement will further intimidate individuals from reporting crimes, making communities less safe. Eva Millona, the executive director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), denounced the presence of tactical CBP units in Boston.

“We hope that this CBP deployment is mostly a publicity stunt, and we won’t see any egregious, paramilitary operations in our communities, which would be dangerous and deeply traumatic,” Millona said in a statement.

Lyons attempted to allay such fears, saying the public will not see specialized weapons or tanks being used for immigration arrests. “There won’t be tactical SWAT teams patrolling the streets,” he said. “These are specifically trained officers that are a force multiplier.”

The Department of Homeland Security says immigration arrests of people with criminal backgrounds in secure places like courtrooms and jails. Instead, more arrests are happening in communities, which ICE says puts everyone at greater risk. Lyons welcomed the enforcement from the border who come with special skills that he said will be of use in making arrests in the field. “High-risk vehicle stops, clearing buildings, so those are the type of officers that are being deployed, they’re used to dealing in an urban environment,” he said.

In conjunction with the additional CBP resources, the Boston field office of ICE is now releasing the names, criminal histories, and photos of individuals who, the agency says, were released by local law enforcement and court officials after an ICE detainer request was denied. Some of the charges include child rape, domestic violence and multiple driving under the influence infractions, though not all of the criminal histories mention actual criminal convictions.

Lyons said two arrests were made shortly after the release of the identifying information on Friday. He said tips were used in locating two of the people who he referred to as “immigration fugitives.”

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While Secretary of State William Galvin said it is too early to predict turnout in either early voting or the primary race itself, he said precincts across the state—which may operate different early-voting hours from one another—reported “a generally good reception and good turnout” in the first hour they were open Monday.

The secretary stressed that early-cast ballots are final and that voters will not have a chance to change their minds on election day.

“If they have some doubt as to their choice or they want to wait for additional debate or want to see what’s happening in other states, they probably shouldn’t do early voting,” Galvin said. “But if you know what you want to do and have decided what you want to do, early voting is an excellent opportunity to get it in, not to worry about the weather, not to worry about a crowd, not to worry about a schedule.”

Early voting will end at the close of polls on Friday, allowing Galvin’s office to process voter rolls and ensure that those who already cast ballots are not eligible to do so on the Super Tuesday primary date.

Applications for absentee ballots will remain available until noon next Monday and can be submitted either in-person at local election offices or by mail before that time.

With Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders’ campaign seemingly growing in strength after another win in Nevada over the weekend, early voting in Massachusetts began with home-state Sen. Elizabeth Warren in search of places to put a win on the board.

Warren and Sanders are running neck-and-neck in Massachusetts, according to the latest polling, but they are hardly the only two Democrats competing in the Bay State.

Massachusetts is one of 14 states that will vote on March 3—Super Tuesday—just days after the next contest on Saturday in South Carolina. Warren was in the Palmetto State on Monday campaigning with US Rep. Ayanna Pressley ahead of another debate there Tuesday night where she will look to build on her performance at a Nevada debate that helped her raise $14 million.

Warren enjoys significant support in Massachusetts, evidenced by the throngs of high-profile leaders who fanned out across the state over the weekend to rally support for the senator.


She picked up another notable backer on Monday when House Speaker Robert DeLeo said he would be voting for Warren in the primary.

“Watching her in the debates and what-not, I think she’s best suited to be the next president of the United States,” DeLeo said.

Warren’s hope moving into Super Tuesday is that the field will begin to consolidate and she can stand out as the consensus candidate, occupying an ideological lane somewhere between Sanders and whoever emerges as the moderate standard bearer.

“The road to the Democratic nomination is not paved with statewide winner-take-all victories,” Warren campaign manager Roger Lau wrote in a memo after the Iowa caucuses, predicting at the time that Warren was “poised to finish in the top two in over half of Super Tuesday states” and walk away with a sizable share of delegates.

But, by no means, does the senator have a monopoly on the Democratic establishment in her home state.

Former Vice President Joe Biden’s roots run deep in Massachusetts, and Sanders rolled out 18 endorsements on Monday to highlight his support in places like Somerville and Cambridge—Warren’s home—bringing his total to 24.

Sanders won close to 50 percent of the vote in Massachusetts in 2016, losing the state to Hillary Clinton by just over 17,000 votes.

The Reporter’s Bill Forry contributed to this report.
Keeping up the taqueria beat in Dot, Dora’s serves Mexican on Stoughton St.

(Continued from page 1) popular Chilaquiles chain has been successful in expanding that business.

Mejia said he named the taqueria after his grandmother, Dora, who passed away five years ago. As the eatery gains its footing in the coming weeks, he plans to expand the menu, which now offers a variety of meat (carnitas, chicken) and vegetarian (cauliflower, corn, zucchini)-based tacos in addition to burritos and quesadillas. For dessert, patrons can choose from flan, tres leches, and churros.

The eatery will soon begin offering promotions on food delivery apps like GrubHub and Uber Eats, said Mejia. While Dora’s is still in its early days, he is encouraged by the amount of foot traffic he’s seen starting out.

“I’m surprised people are coming,” he admitted. “One of those first customers, Mark Smith, said he was excited to find an authentic street food just a two-minute walk away from his home on Hindley Street. “I don’t think they realize how popular this place will be.” He said, noting the relative dearth of restaurants in walking distance. “It’s delicious.”

Owned by Kelmyn Mejia says he named the taqueria after his late grandmother. “They give me support. I talk to everyone and say ‘how’s everything?’ Anything that’s good or not good — tell me, and we’ll fix it.”

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Petitioner and Respondent

ON CERTIFICATE OF Service OF Return Of Petition

Justice of this Court.

The application of the Petitioner for the removal of the above-mentioned Respondent, as a Guardian of the person of an incapacitated person, made on or about the 16th day of February, 2020, is hereby continued to this date.

There is an order of said Court permitting the Respondent to retain possession of and control over the person of the above-mentioned incapacitated person. The Petitioner asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be removed for cause, or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship be continued as necessary for the continued maintenance of the above-mentioned incapacitated person in the court.

It is the request of the Petitioner that the Court:

- Remove the Guardian. The Petitioner is hereby authorized, in the absence of any specific order by the Court, to take possession of the person of the above-mentioned incapacitated person in the court. The Guardian and/or Conservator shall be immediately required to cease all activity for a period of 30 days from the date of this proceeding.

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FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help. Fri., Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m. – Latepax Time; 10 a.m. – Preschool Storytime; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. Sat., Feb. 29, 12 a.m. – Boston Youth Arts for Social Change. Mon., March 2, 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help. Tues., March 3, 1:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group; 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Home Work Help. Wed., March 4, 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help. Thurs., March 5, 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Home Work Help.

LOWELL BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Home Work Help; 6:30 p.m. – Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI Fri., Feb. 28, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wiggles’ Lapit; 1 p.m. – Kirk Douglas Film Series. Sat., Feb. 29, 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Workshop. Mon., March 2, 11 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; 1 p.m. – Job Search Workshop; 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help. Tues., March 3, 3:30 p.m. – Chess Club; 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help. Wed., March 4, 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help. Thurs., March 5, 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Home Work Help.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 27, 10 a.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Sleepy Story Time; African American History Month: Enslaved Siron Stories; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga Fri., Feb. 28, 10 a.m. – ESL Beginner English Class; Baby & Toddler Lapit; 10:30 p.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Craftsmen. Sat., Feb. 29, 10 a.m. – Family STEAM Program presented by Boston Children’s Museum. Mon., March 2, 10 a.m. – Job Search Workshop; 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help. Tues., March 3, 12 p.m. – Chess; 3 p.m. – BTU Home Work Help; 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help; All-ages Non-contact Kickboxing; 4 p.m. – Teen Time. Wed., March 4, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Time; 12:30 p.m. – Tae Kwon Do; 3 p.m. – Full STEAM Ahead; 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help. Thurs., March 5, 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Home Work Help.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thurs., Feb. 27, 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Home Work Help; 6:30 p.m. – Get to Know Health Steps. Fri., Feb. 28, 9:30 a.m. – Registering for Creative Entrepreneurs. Mon., March 2, 10:30 a.m. – Home Work Help; Wed., March 4, 3:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. Tue., March 5, 3:30 p.m. – Home Work Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Home Work Help; 6:30 p.m. – Brand Awareness for Creative Entrepreneurs.
STEAM Night engages kids, parents at the Kenny School

Non-profits can seek grant funds from DA’s office

The Boston Latin Academy boys hockey team celebrated its city league championship after beating O’Bryant 7-0 on Feb. 18 at Matthews Arena at NU. The Dragons ended the regular season at 11-7-2 and now await the state tournament pairings to be announced over the weekend.

Lawrence O’Donnell to speak at Neponset River Watershed Assn. meeting on May 29

By Katie Trojano

The Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School last week hosted its first annual STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) Night, which featured an optional pre-meeting tour of the Neponset River, led by NepRWA Executive Director Lawrence O’Donnell, host of “The Last Word with Lawrence O’Donnell” on MSNBC. The session is scheduled for Friday evening, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Florian Hall.

“O’Donnell grew up in Dorchester, near the Neponset River, and has fond memories of jumping in the water to cool off in the summer. He’ll share a few stories from those times, as well as offers his thoughts on how politics affects the state of our environment,” said Cooke, NepRWA Executive Director.

O’Donnell joined MSNBC as a political analyst in 1996. He is an Emmy Award-winning executive producer and writer for the NBC series “The West Wing” and creator and executive producer of the NBC series, “Mister Sterling.” From 1989 through 1992, he served as senior advisor to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan. In 1992, he was chief of staff to the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works. From 1993 through 1995 he was the chief of staff of the Senate Finance Committee.

The public is invited to the annual meeting. Tickets can be purchased at neponset.org/annual meeting or by calling Nancy Mahon at 617-575-0354, Ext. 324. An optional pre-meeting tour of the Neponset River, led by NepRWA staff, will take place at 5:30 p.m. Registration is required.
Regional Rail boosts mobility, equity, environmental justice

By Bill Forry

The Regional Rail campaign, led by the Fairmount Line Residents Council, is a model for short-term improvements that build toward a better Fairmount Line and we’ll be working toward a vision for commuter rail – Regional Rail. This new plan for commuter rail is not just a “Hey, I’ve met the future” on climate crisis. Protecting the environment requires a cooperative approach to set aside “national security” to meet the larger challenges we face.

On a large scale, take for example the impact of Vietnam War and our military involvement in the Mideast. The purpose behind the Vietnam War was to prevent the spread of communism; the so-called “domino theory.” As the war progressed, we became so involved in the war effort that we failed to reassert American dominance in the region. Purpose and consequence gave way to military calculations of our progress as the war created its own reality.

The result was a colossal disaster: 58,000 American soldiers and over a million Vietnamese were killed. We destroyed communities lost the war. And we destroyed the so-called “domino theory” occurred. We had intervened in a revolution war in Vietnam. And because we sought the independence they had been denied under French and Japanese occupation.

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Rider, revenue ripples seen from low-income MBTA fare

By Chris Lisinski
State House News Service

An income-based MBTA fare option could attract tens of thousands of new rapid transit and bus riders without causing a precipitous drop in demand from those who are paying more, according to an ongoing T study.

The MBTA still does not have a clear timeline for when it might attempt to launch a pilot program offering half-price fares to low-income riders. But officials are working toward implementation.

Estimates vary based on where the income threshold would be set, as compared to the federal poverty level, which in 2020 is $26,200 annually for a family of four. Allowing those who earn less than twice that level to acquire income-based passes would draw in roughly 50,000 to 90,000 new commuters to the bus and subway every year, MBTA Deputy Director of Policy and Strategic Planning Lynsey Heffernan told the Fiscal and Management Control Board.

Those riders would cause the T to forgo between $23.3 million and $42.5 million in revenue each year, Heffernan said.

Both projected new ridership and costs decrease with a lower income threshold and vice versa. A qualifying income at 125 percent of the federal poverty level could bring in about 27,000 to 59,000 new riders with between $12.8 million and $28.2 million in forgone revenue. Setting the limit at 300 percent of the federal poverty level could attract between 83,000 and 131,000 riders with $39.7 million to $62.3 million in forgone revenue.

On the RIDE, a low-income option could increase demand 29 percent — about 363,000 more trips per year — bringing with it the need for almost 200 more vehicles in the first year of implementation. That alone could increase costs $20 million to $25 million for “medium participation” and $35 million to $40 million for “high participation,” the bulk of which comes from greater operating costs rather than foregone fare, Heffernan said.

The study team is less clear on what the impacts of a low-income fare would be on the commuter rail system. Based on current ridership, half-priced tickets for qualifying riders could create a $2.1 million yearly revenue loss, but Heffernan said ridership is more difficult to model.

Board members asked Heffernan to return at a future meeting date with more information on what other public transit agencies are doing with low-income fares and how the MBTA could find a partner organization, which could either help subsidize the costs or use its resources to determine which riders are eligible. It’s a lot easier to manage and a lot easier to communicate to the public: “if you’re eligible for X, you’re eligible for Y,” Heffernan said.

While she offered rider-ship and forgone revenue estimates Monday, she said staff are not sure yet what administrative and operational costs would come with the potential change. Transportation Secretary Stephanie Polack warned that the operational costs are key to understand: if the T attracts tens of thousands of new passengers, it will likely need to increase its rail and bus output to maintain a sufficient level of service.
GREAT Mattapan Neighborhood COUNCIL ELECTION ON FEB. 29

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council’s next election will be held Sat., Feb. 29, with polling at the KIPP Academy, 37 Babson St., Mattapan. Polls will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Any Greater Mattapan resident 16 or older can vote. Voters should bring proof of residence if not listed on the most current City of Boston list of residents. For more information, email info.gmnc.election@gmail.com.

BPDA HOSTS MEETING ON NEW MIXED-USE PROPOSAL FOR SOUTH BAY AREA

A proposal for a new mixed-use development along Boston and Enterprise Street with approximately 406 residential units will be the focus of a BPDA-sponsored meeting on Thurs., March 5 at 6:30 p.m. The plan from Bass Realty LLC includes the demolition of the existing structures occupying an approximately 169,268 square foot site located and the construction of a 16,910 square feet of retail space, off-street parking accommodations, new public open space, and other associated public realm improvements. The meeting will take place at the Local 12 Plumbers and Gasfitters building, 1240 Massachusetts Ave., Dorchester. More info: bostonplan.org or call Raul Duverge at 617-918-4492.

PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED 29-UNIT BUILDING FOR BAILEY STREET

A proposal to build a new four-story, 29-unit residential building at 69 Bailey St. in Dorchester will be the subject of a BPDA-sponsored public meeting on Wed., March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester. See bostonplans.org for more info on the proposal or contact Stephen Harvey at 617-918-4418 or Stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov.

CASSELLIOUS TO SPEAK AT GREATER MATTAPAN COUNCIL MEETING

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) will hold its scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, March 2, from 6:30 – 8 p.m., at the Mildred Ave Community Ctr. Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Superintendent of Boston Public Schools, will speak on education throughout Greater Mattapan and how we move forward to improve the experience and outcomes for those who graduate from BPS.

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State Police step up patrols as distracted driving law kicks in

By Chris Lisinski
STATE HOUSE NEWS

The State Police planned to deploy “doz- ened” of “spotter” troopers to Massachusetts road- ways starting Sunday, increasing the presence of law enforcement as a new distracted driving law kicks into effect.

Motorists can expect to see troopers more frequently, particularly during busy commuting times, Massachusetts State Police Col. Christopher Mason said at a press conference highlighting the im- plementation of the new law that Gov. Charlie Baker signed in November.

Some drivers will carry two troopers, al- lowing one to serve as a “spotter” for motorists who do not comply with the new restrictions on handheld cell phone use while driving.

“Our goal is for you to get home safely to the people that you care about and the ones that care about you,” Mason said.

“New laws are not the solution, it’s worth your life or the life of others.”

Mason and supporters of the measure hope that, after more than a decade of effort, Sunday marked the start of a new era on Massachusetts roads.

Drivers will only be allowed to make a single tap or swipe to activate a device’s hands-free mode, and they must then place a phone on a dashboard- or windshield-mounted rack to use it for GPS navigation. Those under 18 cannot use a phone in any capacity while driving.

The new law, speaker after speaker said, will save lives of drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians.

“There’s simply no question that the evi- dence on this one is clear,” Baker said.

“Distracted driving is a tremendous risk for the drivers, for the passengers in the vehicle, and for anybody who happens to be on the side of the road because that involves a distracted driver.”

Mason stressed that motorists under the new law are not even permit- ted to use devices when they are stopped at red lights or stick in traf- fic, a practice he said is widespread.

“Just take a ride down any rush hour and take a look to your right and take a look to your left if you’re in the middle lane and you’ll see people watching videos, you’ll see people texting, you’ll see people manipulating the phones,” Mason told reporters.

“People have a misbelief that, because they’re in stop-and-go traffic, it’s very slow, that they’re are able to be able to react in a timely fashion, which we as the law say the people who respond to those crashes, know is not the case.”

While the law officially took effect on Sunday, penalties will not kick in for another five-plus weeks. Police will only issue warnings to driv- ers through March 31 as they work to increase awareness about the new limits, though the existing ban on typing or recording messages while driving can still draw full punishments.

On April 1, a “spotter” for motorists who do not comply with the new law kicks into effect.

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Community Health News

Medicaid rule leaves up to $2.5B at risk in Mass. reimbursement

BY MATT MURPHY

NEWS SERVICE

Governors around the country, including Gov. Charlie Baker, are fighting the Trump administration over proposed changes to how the federal government reimburses states for Medicaid, seeking to avoid a shift that Baker says could “blow a massive hole into state budgets.”

The new regulations proposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services could jeopardize some of the financing arrangements Massachusetts uses to pay for its $16.7 billion Medicaid program, according to the Baker administration and various state health care groups.

Nursing care facilities, particularly those located within continuing care retirement communities, could be especially hard hit.

A summary document from the federal government said the Executive Office of Health and Human Services finishing report for the news service estimates that that the state could lose between $363 billion to $365 billion, whose share climbed to $456 billion in 2013 from $363 billion in 2012.

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The sentiments expressed by the Baker administration have been echoed from leaders - both Democrats and Republicans - in states from California to Illinois. Florida Medicaid Director Beth Kidder said the impact of the rule in the Sunshine State would be "immediate and crippling." Attorney General Mau- reen Healy joined six attorneys general to write a letter opposing the rule, which could allow Massachusetts Medicaid Society joined sister organizations from 20 states and other Republican governors. The states have expressed concern about the impact of the rule on states' flexibility to make their own health care decisions. The Baker administration said the rule would also force the state to segregate payments - those given to individuals - from money used to pay for services in their Medicaid programs.
Registered Democrats in Boston’s Ward 18 will hold a caucus on Sat., March 7 at 10 a.m. at the Hyde Park Municipal Building, 1119 River Street, Hyde Park, MA to elect delegates and alternates to the 2020 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention. This year’s state convention will be held May 30, 2020 at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. The caucus is open to all registered and pre-registered Democrats in Boston’s Ward 18. Free registered Democrats who will be 18 by February 15, 2020 will be allowed to participate and run as a delegate or alternate. Boston’s Ward 18 can elect 53 delegates and 8 alternates to the Convention. Youth, minorities, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ individuals who are not elected as a delegate or alternate may apply to be an add-on delegate at the caucus or at massdem.org. Those interested in getting involved with Boston’s Ward 18 Democratic Town Committee should contact Rob Consalvo, Ward Committee Chair, ward18@boston.com.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR DORCHESTER BASEBALL

Registration is now underway online for Dorchester Baseball, open to kids and teens ages 4-16. Sign up at dorchesterlittleleague.org or dorchesterbaberuth.org. Financial assistance available upon request.

DOT CHILI COOK-OFF ON MARCH 29

The 14th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off will benefit the James P. “Jimmy” Cawley Scholarship Fund at UMass Boston—will be held on Sat., Feb. 29 from 7-10:30 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallett St, Dorchester. The evening features a performance by the Boston ILL Harmonic (“Boston’s most loveable chamber pop ensemble”) performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. The scholarship was created in memory of a much loved son of Dorchester whose life was sadly shortened by cancer. An active political volunteer and advocate for people with disabilities in his job at Work Inc., the scholarship is set up to benefit a student from Dorchester who is majoring in political science. General admission is $10 at the door. Raffle prizes, hors d’oeuvres and cash bar, and a cash drawing will be held. For more information or to purchase tickets for the cash drawing, please contact Elisa Birdseye at jimmyscholarship@gmail.com.

CHARACTER BREAKFAST ON APRIL 4 SUPPORTS DOT DARAY PARADE

Support the Dorchester Day Parade on Sat., April 4 at St. John Paul II Catholic Academy on Columbus Road in Dorchester for a delicious breakfast and a visit from many different characters including a guest appearance from the Easter Bunny. 9 a.m. Tickets are $20 per person and children two and under are free. You can purchase tickets at the door. This event is generously donated by the Bowery Bar and Lucy’s.

TOMPKINS HOSTS MAYORS FOR RCC CONVERSATION

Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins and the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department will convene “A Conversation About Municipal Government” on Thurs., March 19 at Dorchester Community College from 6-8 p.m. Guests include Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, Somerville Mayor Joe Curtatone, Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera, and Yvonne Spicer Frankingham Mayor. The event is free and open to the public and doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Call Nadia Lovinsky at 617-704-6550.

LAWRENCE DONALD TO KEYNOTE NEWPWRA ANNUAL MEETING

The Neposnet River Watershed Association (NepoWRA) annual meeting will be held on a Sunday evening, May 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Florian Hall in Dorchester, and will feature Lawrence O’Donnell, host of NPR’s “Last Word with Lawrence O’Donnell” on MSNBC. Lawrence grew up in near the Neposnet River, and has fond memories of jumping in the water to cool off in the summer. He shares a few stories with us from those times, as well as his hopes of how we can continue to protect and enjoy our environment. The public is invited to the Annual Meeting. Tickets can be purchased at Neposnet.org/annual meeting by calling 617-575-0354 x224. An optional pre-meeting tour of the Neposnet River, led by NepoWRA staff, will take place at 4:30 p.m. Registration is required.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY’S HOMESTYLE HELP

Boston Public Library’s free Homestyle Help program is underway offering free afer-school help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. Students aged 15 to 17 years old are encouraged to sign up Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades 6-10. 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.

WASHINGTON COUNTY COURT TRUSTEE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the petition by filing an appearance by which you must file a written appearance by the court enter a Decree changing your name. This is not a hearing date, but a deadline for you to tell the court whether you want your name changed. This is notification to you.

To all interested persons:

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A Petition to Change Name of

RIVER STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

The River Street Civic Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Uphams Cross in Dorchester. Meeting time is 7-8:30 p.m. Annual dues are $5; please contact dorchesterstreetcivic@gmail.com with any questions you may have.
EPA eyes Neponset River for ‘priority list’

(continued from page 1) a place along its shores would dump their chemi- cals into the river. “At this point we want to talk about the fact that we’re going to be going to move forward with this action, and we want to continue to com- municating with folks about the process,” said Meghan Cassidy, the EPA’s supervisor environmental engineer in New Eng- land.

The state’s Depart- ment of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) asked the federal agency to consider adding the Lower Neponset to the EPA’s National Priority List (NPL) in 2019, according to Steve Johnson, the state agen- cy’s Northeast Regional deputy director.

From my experience working in government, this process seems like the best move for a site like this,” Johnson said. “It’s not something that we’ve never seen otherwise not get cleaned up,” said Johnson. “The EPA asks us on some of the more complicated and costly site cleanups in the country.”

He added: “In this case, MassDEP was asked to look at a source of PCBs that were behind the dams in the Neponset River going back ten or twelve years. We took a survey that identified some really high con- centrations of PCBs at Mother Brook and saw that the Lewis Chemical Corporation, which dumped tox- ical material into the Neponset during the last 10 years, was still higher in recent years, as were the other contaminants.”

The EPA does not release full site files, but Johnson said that it has flagged concerns over the current signage along the river, and that there are changes that would be necessary to go through the process down, but also that they’re not going to do anything without first adding the site to the priority list.

“The work we have done does mean an effort to ful- ly evaluate the extent of contamination, and explained Cassidy. “The EPA cannot do that until they add the site to the NPL. These studies are in no way, shape, or form meant to be comprehensive. The full evaluation comes later.”

Attendees expressed curiosity about what parties that might be responsible for pollu- tion and what the cleanup will look like. “Right now, we’re at the very start... and we will be having many more meetings,” said Cassidy.

Many of those who were at Monday’s mee- ting flagged concerns over the current signage along the river, and that in some areas, signs don’t warn the public not to fish or swim in the water. A few also pointed out that the signage isn’t communicated in languages other than English.

Leon David, an aide to state Rep. Dan Cul- linane, said that the signage issues are on Cullinan’s radar, add- ing that “there have been no changes within DCR that have updated the process down, but he was aware of concerns for appropriate signage along the river and we’re in the process of working on that.”

Ian Cooke, the exec- utive director of the Neponset River Watershed Association (NRWBA), said he’s very excited to see the process getting started. His group has spear- headed efforts over sev- eral years to clean up and improve areas of the river. Those efforts prompted MassDEP to investigate the build- up of sediments around dams, which led to the discovery of hazardous PCBs.

Cooke asked the EPA team to explain exactly where and how people might come in contact with the contamination.

“The sediment is at the bottom of the river, because the river is exposed to something, there’s no risk,” said Cassidy. “If you’re not swimming or walking through it, we don’t expect that there would be exposure.”

She noted that PCBs bioaccumulate in fish, and communication of that issue to the public has been a longstanding concern.

Fatima Ali-Salaam, chair of the Greater Boston Neighborhood Council, asked the EPA officials to connect with local civic groups and neighbor- hood associations where they gather.

“In the effort of trying to be healthy and be ac- tive, people want to be engaged with projects like this because they want to use public spaces like the Neponset River,” she said. “It would be great if you came out to the neighborhoods, and clear that the Super- fund process is to long- term that will go on.”

The project was designed as, and will conform with the requirements of the City’s Compact Living Pilot Initiative.
Walsh outlines ZBA reforms before meeting with City Council

(Continued from page 1) van & Worcester, which was made public on Monday. Walsh ordered the independent review last September after John Lynch, a former city official, pleaded to federal bribery charges connected to ZBA proceedings.

“The ZBA plays a criti- cal role here in the city,” Walsh added. “It determines how we preserve, enhance, and grow our neighborhoods, and allow people in those communities to have a voice at the step of the process when a project gets to the ZBA. To be effective in this role, and maintain public confidence, the board must operate on the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and accessibility.”

The order Walsh signed seeks to address ethics and transparency, in part by increasing board modernization, function, and efficiency. The mayor said that “key steps” of the order include strengthening disclosure requirements for both board members and applicants of commercial projects appearing before the board, a requirement that each board member submit annual statements on their financial interests, and comprehensive ethics and zoning law training at the time of appointment or re-appointment. The order also prohibits board members and alternates from participating in or deciding any appeal on a project in which they hold an ownership interest, or receiving compensation for services within five years prior to the date that the appeal was filed. Members will also be subject to a two-year ban on business dealings involving projects that come before the ZBA for a vote. City Councillor Lydia Edwards, who joined Walsh at the signing, said, “We’re trying to get people to trust growth again. Part of not trusting growth is feeling that the process the government has set up is not accessible to you.” She added: “We are experiencing monumental growth here in Boston, and there’s an increasing sentiment that government at all levels must act faster and in every facet be more directly and deeply accountable to the communities that we serve.”

Modernization efforts will include first-time electronic submissions in order to streamline operations, including enabling online applications and payments for permits and petitions, electronic submission of plans, email notification of hearings, deferrals and new hearing dates, online subscription list for interested residents and parties, and a search database of all pending applications and decided petitions.

The Inspectional Services Department (ISD) is commissioned through the Mayor’s Office of Languages and Communication to ensure access to translation services and assistive technology. ISD must also designate an ombudsperson to assist members of the public by answering any questions about the ZBA process and explaining how to navigate it.

Walsh said that the makeup of the board, which is required by state law to represent certain areas of expertise, needs updating “to better reflect modern interest and concerns.” This is another facet that Walsh said he’ll continue to work with the City Council on, one that likely will be discussed at Tuesday’s hearing. Edwards said that the session will address how to establish term limits, among other issues, which, she said, could change the standard for who could one day serve on the ZBA. Among many things, she added, “We’re going to discuss term limits. We’ll discuss who’s at the table in terms of commercial projects and we’ve also proposed the possibility of having an environmental seat and an urban planner seat.”

“This is speaking to the pipeline that we’re opening by having people on there for lifetime appointments. I think if we had term limits we’d see a lot more people apply.” Walsh concluded that the goal of ZBA reform is collecting information in order to boost transparency and regain public trust. “The goal is really about information – getting as much information as possible. Having a greater understanding of what board members work on and what they have worked on in the past, and having them understand what the obligation is moving forward,” said Walsh.

“It’s all about transparency,” the mayor added. “The ZBA has an important function: It’s the agency that approves growth. It has to be completely honest and straightforward and people have to have confidence in the process. I think the more information we get on the people that serve on that board is good for all of us and good for the board.”

Walsh called the Lynch case “very disappointing,” and “devastating” in terms of lost public trust in the city, but added that he is not immediately concerned that there might be other instances of corruption within the Boston Planning and Development Agency, the agency for which Lynch worked, or the ZBA.

“No, I’m not concerned, and obviously you can’t tell until it happens,” he said. “I was surprised about John Lynch. But to be clear...we did this report and found that there was no bribery in the ZBA,” said Walsh. Lynch, the former assistant director of real estate at the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) Economic Development Industrial Corporation, was charged in Aug. 2019 with one count of bribery and one count of filing a false federal tax return that failed to report the bribe payment.

He pleaded guilty to accepting $50,000 from a real estate developer in return for using his influence to secure a vote on a permit extension from a Zoning Board of Appeals member. He was sentenced to 40 months in prison in January.

High school seniors who reside in the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop and are interested in applying for the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship must have community service experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met. Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020. For more information on the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit www.massport.com/scholarships.
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Teens Go Bowling with Boston Police: During the school vacation week, BGCD members of the Teen Program enjoyed an outing to Boston Bowl with several members of the Boston Police Department from our local C-11 Station.

The officers joined each team for a spirited battle to determine the top team. Thanks to our friends at the Boston Police Department for joining us on this fun outing.

We look forwards to many more activities that are planned with our local B.P.D. Officers in the coming months.

For more information on the Teen Program, please contact Ariana Nazario at anazario@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGCD Goes Cross Country Skiing with Elevate Youth: This past week Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester continued our year-round partnership with Elevate Youth as members enjoyed a trip to Cross Country Skiing in Weston.

Thanks to our friends at Elevate Youth for including our members in these new and exciting outdoor opportunities. A special thanks to Elevate Youth’s Corporate Sponsor GenCon Inc. for their generosity.

Upcoming trips in March include Ice Skating on March 10th and a Ski Trip to Wachusett Mountain on March 15th.

For more information on our Social Recreation program, please contact Shannon Zarnoch at szarnoch@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD Changes to After-School Homework Help: BGCD will be making changes to our after-school Homework Help program beginning after the February School Vacation Week.

The new schedule, which is designed to provide more 1:1 assistance will run as follows in our Education Center at the Marr Clubhouse: 2:00-3:30 p.m. (all ages); 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Juniors ages 9 & 10); 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Cadets ages 6-8), and 5:30-6:00 p.m. (Teens ages 11 & 12).

There will also be 1:1 assistance provided from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for those in need but will require pre-registration.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Elevate Youth Ski Trip March 15
Young Professionals Event at Dorchester Brewing Co. March 19
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**James Paul Cifrino, at 94; of Supreme Market family**

James Paul Cifrino died last Friday at his home in Cohasset, Massachusetts, after a long and happy life. He was 94.

Mr. Cifrino was born in Dorchester, a suburban community of Boston, to immigrants Mary (Ferrilli) Cifrino from Tramonti di Mezzo in northern Italy and Paul Cifrino, from Prepezio in Campania, southern Italy.

Mr. Cifrino attended the Boston Latin School and St. Philip's Preparatory School entering Harvard University in 1943. While a freshman, he enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II in the Philippines and Japan. He then returned to Harvard and graduated in 1949.

After college, Mr. Cifrino joined the family supermarket business that had been founded by his father and his uncle John as the Upham's Corner Market in Dorchester, a vast food store which was attributed in the book "Once Upon a Store" as "the World's First Supermarket." In 1950 he married Anne E. Garvey of Dorchester and together they had eight children.

James and his brother John and Paul expanded the family business, which had become Supreme Markets, with locations in Boston, Cambridge, and the South Shore area. Cooperating with the Purify-Save-Mor stores in 1979, Mr. Cifrino worked for years for the newly formed Purify Supreme supermarket chain, but, preferring to work in a family business, he then became president of Dorchester Supermarkets, Inc., a company of Supreme Liquors, working side by side with his wife Anne, who served as the bookkeeper until his death in 1982.

Mr. Cifrino was an avid golfer and long-time member of the New York Golf Club in Massachussetts and Quail Ridge Country Club in Boynton Beach, Florida. He was also an avid supporter of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and classical music.

He leaves eight children: Mary Ellen McNa- mara, and her husband Martin of Ellicott City, Maryland, James P. Cifrino, Jr. and his wife Olivia of Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard, Thomas Paul Cifrino and his wife Stacie of Cohasset, David A. Cifrino and his wife Sheryl of Cohasset, Anne Cifrino of Duxbury and Cohasset, and John W. Cifrino and his wife Pauline and their children, Amy Rooney and her husband William of Charlotte, North Carolina, 15 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mary Roeper of Hempstead.

Mr. Cifrino was preceded by his brothers John and Paul and his mother Mary. He was predeceased by his brothers John and Paul, his wife Anne and five children: Anne E. Garvey of Dorchester and together they had eight children:
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Ages 8-12 Evaluation Sessions - Marina Baby Sportsplex (Quincy)
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AGES 13-16 Evaluation Sessions - Marina Bay Sportsplex (Quincy)

| ALL PLAYERS | March 1, 8, 15, 22 | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm |

IMPORTANT: Players who register but do not attend the requisite number of tryouts (applies to ages 8-16) AND who have unpaid balances will NOT be placed on a roster.

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