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The Dorchester Youth Hockey Under-12 Girls team celebrated with their coaches outside the Devine Rink in Neponset last Friday night after they won the Mayor's Cup tournament in their age bracket, defeating Hyde Park, 3-1. Below, the girls huddled up on the ice before their win. Photos by Noreen Kelley

## Dot Youth Hockey's Under-12 girls beat all comers to win Mayor's Cup

By Katie Pedersen REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

In a season disrupted by Covid-19, Dorchester Youth Hockey's Under-12 Girls team has cause for celebration this week: They didn't just play against all-boys and co-ed teams in the Boston Mayor's Cup Youth Hockey Tournament last week; they won the whole thing.

The girls skated to a 3-1 victory over Hyde Park in the final game of the tournament last Friday night at Neponset's Devine Rink. According to assistant coach Ed Gracia, it was the first time an all-girls team had ever won the Mayor's Cup A Division in play against boys' and co-ed squads.

The girls also defeated teams from South Boston and Parkway — both shutout victories— on the road to the final.

Three other teams from the Dorchester league also emerged as



champions in the annual tournament for the Pee Wee, Bantam, and Midget levels.

Head coach and Dorchester Youth Hockey board member Peter O'Sullivan is thrilled with the result. "The girls hadn't won the championship in the past, so it was a big deal for them,

especially this year," said O'Sullivan. "We had to cancel the Districts. We had to cancel the State Tournament. The Mayor's Cup kind of became the tournament for us. They really put in a 100 percent effort."

He added: "I've seen huge jumps in each girl over the course of the year. They've improved unbelievably, and it just culminated this week. It was a lot of fun.'

Players on the Under-12 roster include Fiona D'arcy, Riley Por-ter, Meredith Gracia, Gianna Tassi, Callan Deane, Sophia Angotto, Emily Reidy, Colleen Sansone, Mari Spring, Ava Porter, Nina Kelley, Kalin Walsh, Meghan Gibbons, Maeve Pugsley, and Audrey Kelley.

In a year marked by disappointment, O'Sullivan and Gracia worked hard to create a positive environment.

"It has been a crazy year, especially for the kids 'cause they're not even in school," said O'Sullivan. "Their lives have been sort of turned upside down. I know that they're home a lot. They're on the computer a lot. So my focus for them in coming to the rink was just to have fun. And I knew that if

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## Vaccine dose rate on rise as the city slowly reopens

PreK-grade 3 back in-person

By KATIE TROJANO REPORTER STAFF

Boston moved into a new phase of eased-up pandemic restrictions on Monday as children from pre-K to Grade 3 returned to classrooms for the first time in a nearly a year and restaurants and other indoor businesses faced renewed activity with capacity allowances ramped up to 50 percent.

Still, Mayor Walsh said on Monday, less stringent statewide rules governing live entertainment indoors would not be allowed within the city until later in the month.

Meanwhile, efforts to protect the city's residents against the deadly virus have made steady progress. As of Feb. 23, more than 96,000 Bostonians – some 15 percent of them over age 16 - had received at least their first dose of vaccine protection against Covid-19. The numbers have no doubt risen since

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Florian Hall now a vaccine site- Page 8

#### Woman charged with leaving her newborn in Lower Mills trash can

By BILL FORRY **E**DITOR

A woman who allegedly abandoned her newborn  $son\,in\,a\,Lower\,Mills\,trash$ barrel last Friday afternoon was charged with attempted murder and reckless endangerment in Dorchester court on Monday. Marie Merisier, 33, was ordered held in lieu of  $$100,000\,\mathrm{bail}$ . If she posts bail, she will have to stay at home under GPS monitoring and must have no contact with the newborn victim or any witnesses.



The receptacle where the infant was allegedly placed by the 33-year-old defendant.

Katie Trojano photo

The baby was found in the trash receptacle on a Dorchester Avenue sidewalk and was rushed from the scene - alive- thanks to the actions of two people who alerted authorities to the situation. The infant is recovering and doing well, according to Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, who checked in on him on Saturday.

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## UMass report explores how Bostonians experience aging

ters at the University of Massachusetts Boston  $each \, contributed \, to \, a \, new$ report entitled "Aging Strong for All: Examining Aging Equity in the City of Boston." The directors of the six studies

are the authors of this article: Jan Mutchler, Paul Watanabe, Cedric Woods, Lorna Rivera, Quito Swan, and Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson.

Everybody ages. But how we experience aging in the city of Boston

differs depending on our race, ethnicity, and gender. The Covid-19 pandemic dramatically demonstrates this: Congested living situations, pre-existing health conditions, or a lack of resources to keep oneself

safe are factors that have disproportionately impacted residents of color. But these disparities did not occur overnight. Inequities across one's life contribute to the inability of people to thrive in later life.

It has never been more critical to strategically pursue greater equity in the aging experience in Boston. Why?

The number of Boston residents aged 60 or older increased dramat-(Continued on page 9)



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## Dorchester teen charged with woman's murder in Four Corners

Albert Brown, 17, of Dorchester, was ordered held without bail at his arraignment on Friday on charges that he fatally shot Tasjahnaya Dance at Bowdoin and Washington streets in Dorchester on Jan. 22, the Suffolk County District Attorney's office reported.

The young woman was shot repeatedly around 12:40 p.m. Responding officers found her lying on the ground at the site; Boston EMS transported her to Boston Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead.

The DA's office reports multiple surveillance cameras in the area helped lead detectives to Brown. In addition to murder, he was charged with unlawful possession of a loaded firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building.

A Dorchester woman was arrested for illegal gun possession on Saturday morning after Boston Police found her "angered and distressed" outside a home on Stanley Street. The suspect, 29-year-old Ashley Celester, was taken into custody after police say she "violently" resisted their attempts to "frisk" her for a weapon. Police say she was carrying a loaded .22 revolver with a defaced serial number. Celester was later found to have three outstanding warrants for charges that include unarmed robbery, receiving a stolen motor vehicle, and shoplifting.

RIP: Boston Police Det. Charisse Brittle-Powell, a 27-year officer "who served admirably in a number of assignments during her career." The 50-year-old Boston native leaves her husband, BPD Sgt. Det. Courtney Powell, and two children. A private funeral is planned at Greater Love Tabernacle in Dorchester this week.



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The Boston Latin Academy Boys basketball team is the Boston City League champion after beating New Mission, 46-44, on Sat., Feb. 27. The Dragons ended the abbreviated season with a record of 10-0. Led by head coach Dan Bunker and assistant coaches Jordan Manchester, Steph Miller, Alex Guerrier and Mothler Dalexis, the team includes: seniors Mohamud Ali, Abdulahi Aden, Tianu Santos, and Mason Lawson; juniors Benny Martinez, Anthony Consalvo, Henri Pulake, and Osasu Woghiren; and sophomores Orlando Jusino, Osman Aden, Jerrell Wongsam Andres and Brennan Shapiro.

Patrick O'Connor photo

## AG sues dentist with Dot outlet; puts fraud case at 'more than \$1m'

By Reporter Staff

An orthodontist who operates a dental practice on Dorchester Avenue has been hit with a lawsuit by the state's attorney general that claims he has been purposely "keeping children in braces for longer than medically necessary and deceptively billing for mouth guards."

The target of the lawsuit filed today by Maura Healey's office alleges that Dr. Mouhab Z. Rizkallah has been defrauding MassHealth since Nov. 2013, and it is suing to get back "treble damages and civil penalties."

Rizkallah works out of six locations in Massachusetts, including "The Braces Place" at 1792 Dot Ave., which was previously called "Orthodontics at Ash-

The complaint alleges specifically that Dr. Rizkallah developed policies for MassHealth patients, mostly children, that "significantly extended the patient's treatment time and increased the amount of money collected from MassHealth."

mont Station." Healey said that her office was tipped off to the alleged fraud after a patient complained about Rizkallah.

"For years, this orthodontist used his young patients as pawns to steal millions of dollars from the state," Healey said in a statement. "This illegal behavior harmed families from low-income communities and communities of color



Dr. Mouhab Z. Rizkallah

who rely on MassHealth for health care coverage. We are suing to hold Dr. Rizkallah accountable for these exploitative practices that victimized vulnerable residents in Massachusetts."

The complaint alleges specifically that Dr. Rizkallah developed policies for MassHealth patients, mostly children, that "significantly extended the patient's treatment time and

increased the amount of money collected from MassHealth." Healey's investigators also claim that Rizkallah's Mass-Health patients were given cheap mouth guards bought at a discount from stores that were either unnecessary or not custom-fitted, even though his office claimed they were.

"Dr. Rizkallah allegedly instructed his staff to cut the price off the packaging before giving it to the patient," the complaint claims. He "billed MassHealth between \$85 and \$95 for each mouth guard." During this time, the AG's Office alleges that MassHealth paid Dr. Rizkallah's orthodontic practices "more than \$1 million for these mouth guards.'

#### UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Boston Parks and Recreation 120-122 Hancock St., for which a Small Roku, Apple-TV and TuneIn Radio. workshop will be held Wed., March 10. There will be two virtual sessions presenting the same preliminary design ideas at noon and 6:30 p.m. There will be opportunities for attendees to inform the team's design decisions by sharing ideas and feedback. For more information about joining either session, franklinparkactionplan.com Mayor Walsh announced the revitalization of Franklin Park with the sale of the Winthrop Square Garage. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department launched a new action plan for the park, which includes \$23 million for the project budget and \$5 million for maintenance and programming. The project team consists of landscape architects, planners, ecologists, and community engagement experts to create a community-driven action plan for an engaging and diverse Franklin Park.

A virtual public meeting sponsored by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) will be held on Monday, March 8, 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal for

Department today announced that the Project Review Application was filed with Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament low-income individuals and families who the BPDA on Oct.14, 2020. A meeting was originally scheduled for Nov. 19, 2020 but was cancelled. For more information, visit bostonplans.org/projects/developmentprojects/120-122-hancock-street. Or call Aisling Kerr at 617-918-4212 or aisling. kerr@boston.gov.

The BPDA will host a public meeting on Wed., March 10 from 6-8 p.m. on the topic of "Guidelines for the Downtown Waterfont," aimed at how to "better activate" and "ensure that the area is welcoming and accessible to all residents and visitors, and create an improved sense of place and clarity." Chris Busch is the project manager. He may be reached at 617-918-4451 or chris.busch@boston. gov. A link to the meeting may be found on page 13.

Boston Praise Radio hosts Covid-19 **programmin g**— Boston Praise Radio and TV will air informational broadcasts about Covid-19 and the Black Community this month through March 30 on Mondays from 7-8 p.m. and Tuesdays from 12-2 p.m. Tune in on bostonpraiseradio.tv or on

**starts April 20**— Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2021 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation during the April public school vacation week. The Tournament will begin April 20 and continue through the school vacation week. All games will be played at Joseph Moakley Park at 1005 Columbia Rd. in South Boston.Additional support is provided by P&G Gillette. Teams will compete in two regions in Mite (ages 6 to 8), Squirt (ages 9 to 10), and Pee Wee (ages 11 and 12) divisions. Please note that preregistration for teams is required with a limit of eight teams per regional division. To register or for more information, please contact Damien Margardo at damien. margardo@boston.gov or call 617- 961-

Melville Park Neighborhood The Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. The link is posted on Nextdoor Melville along with the agenda.

Fuel assistance available — ABCD urges are struggling to get by to apply for home heating assistance. To keep everyone safe during the pandemic, ABCD fuel assistance staff members are taking most applications over the phone by calling 617-357-6012. A fuel assistance staff member will take down application information and explain how to provide needed documentation, including mailing it, leaving it in a dropbox at ABCD headquarters, photographing and sending from their phones and other options. Applicants can go to bostonabcd. org for more info. There is a wide range of eligibility based on income and number of household members. Read the guidelines at masscap.org. ABCD pays the household's fuel vendor directly. Right now the maximum fuel assistance benefit is \$875. Last year the top benefit was

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#### Pool testing for Covid is the case in nearly half of school districts

By Katie Lannan State House News Service

About 950 schools in Massachusetts are administering weekly pooled Covid-19 tests to about 300,000 teachers, students and staff, Gov. Baker said Friday from a Newburyport school.

The Nock-Molin Middle School is among the participants in the state's pool testing program, an initiative Baker announced last month with the goal of providing a more efficient screening method for schools repopulating their classrooms after months of remote learning.

"To get to the point where this thing is really starting to rock and roll is a real pleasure, I think, for all of us who were looking to find a relatively uncomplicated way for schools to implement a weekly surveillance program, and you folks were one of the first in line," Baker said.

Baker and Education Commissioner Jeff Riley said they expect to see more school districts get in on the pool testing program, which involves laboratories testing multiple swabs in a single batch.

Out of the state's 400 school districts, Riley said about 159 are now involved in pooled test-



Gov. Baker toured a pooled COVID-19 testing program during a visit last Friday morning to the Nock-Molin Middle School in Newburyport.

Nicolaus Czarnecki/Boston Herald/Pool photo

ing, and he expects to see "significantly more" participating in about a week and a half. "If people want to play in the pooled testing pool, we'd love to have everybody in," Baker said.

The state is covering initial costs, and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has said that after March 28, districts and schools that wish to continue with the program

will be able to do so "by purchasing services from a statewide contract."

Riley said that after the state-funded period, districts could use their federal stimulus money to pay for the pooled tests.

The school visit came a day after lawmakers grilled Baker on the state's vaccine rollout and on the heels of an announcement earlier this week from Baker and Riley that the administration wants elementary school students learning in-person full time by April.

Teachers unions and some lawmakers have responded to that announcement by calling for swift vaccination of school personnel.

Baker on Friday reiterated his hopes that amped-up production by vaccine-makers Moderna and Pfizer and pending authorization of the single-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine [it was okayed on Saturday] could dramatically increase the supply of doses that are available to states. Such a boost, he said, would help Massachusetts more quickly move through the current eligible populations and onto the next group, which includes teachers and other essential workers.

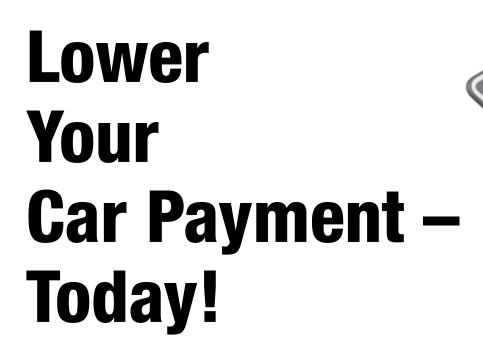
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"Our problem at this point isn't availability of the capacity to deliver vaccinations," he said. "Our problem is we have more capacity than we have vaccines that are available."

On Friday, Scituate Superintendent William Burkhead posted online a letter that he wrote to Baker, which said vaccinated school personnel "will certainly perform their jobs better with the peace of mind that they are unlikely to become seriously ill" and asked the governor to advocate for a regional approach to educator vaccination using the Johnson & Johnson shot once it is ready.

"We are hopeful that a concerted effort to have the J&J vaccine distributed to cities and towns for vaccination with the goal of vaccinating teachers and staff will allow them to focus on educating and supporting children and begin address the significant social emotional challenges the pandemic has created for students and families," Burkhead wrote.

"This would in no way interrupt the flow of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to the Mass. and regional vaccination sites," he added.



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## Fields Corner non-profits join forces in services push

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

A coalition of eight existing non-profit organizations based in Fields Corner plan to streamline and better coordinate their services, thanks to a \$150,000 grant from Boston Children's Hospital. The new group— Fields Corner Crossroads— hopes to roll out its network after a year-long planning process that ended recently.

Michelle Nadow, president and CEO of DotHouse, Lisette Le, Executive Director of VietAID, and Candice Gartley, Executive Director of All Dorchester Sports and Leadership (ADSL), discussed their vision for the collaborative with the Reporter this week.

"Sometimes this community in Fields Corner feels like a small town," said Nadow. "Although it has access to the resources of a big city, it very much has a neighborhood feel and can sometimes be isolated. Through this collaborative, we want to break down the barriers to those resources and figure out how the eight of us can provide a more seamless access to those resources."

"Ideally, we want it to be so that if someone is interacting with one of our agencies, we can easily connect them to our partners who have different services they need," Nadow added.

VietAID's Le says the partners will share information and connections.

"Fields Corner is grounded in similar but different populations," Le explained. "One resident might go to DotHouse for care but lives in a VietAID housing unit, or could have one child in ADSL, and grandparents that don't speak English... We all recognize that the issues our individual clients are talking about are happening across organizations.'

DotHouse Health and VietAID are the "backbone" organizations that applied for - and wonthe competitive \$150,000 grant from the Children's Health Equity Initiative in August 2019. The other partner organizations in the collaborative include All Dorchester Sports and Leadership (ADSL), Asian American Resource Workshop. Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Louis D. Brown Institute for Peace, MassCOSH, New England United for Justice, and Dorchester Youth Collaborative (DYC), which has since closed, citing pandemic-related problems.

Nadow mourned the "unfortunate" closure of DYC and praised the crucial work it had done for teens and young adults in the neighborhood for decades. The Crossroads team intends to step up to help fill the void, she

"This is a very distinct population of older adolescents and young adults that that organization was so good at reaching," Nadow added. 'We have to figure out how to make sure there aren't any gaps."

The ADSL's Gartley told the Reporter that she has had conversations with Emmett Folgert, head of DYC, about taking over some of the programming of the now-defunct organization.

"A lot of these conversations with Emmett are about how can we absorb as much of their programming as we can without taking ADSL down the tubes, as all of us are coming out of this pandemic," said Gartley.

"Our programs align very closely with DYC objectives," she added, "so I think we can step in and make sure those programs are maintained."

Gartley added that she was speaking with the landlord about potentially acquiring the DYC space, a small

second-floor headquarters located just across Dorchester Avenue from where DYC and ADSL kids would share courts and ball fields.

"In a perfect world it would be awesome because we have completely outgrown the rooms in the fieldhouse," she said. "It would really allow us to expand our offerings. Our programs increase exponentially in the summer and contract dramatically in the winter. This space would allow us to offer programs we always wanted to."

In developing an "agebased health equity framework," Le thinks Crossroads can make young people a part of the process as the activities and seasonal group transitions from

its planning phase to its three-year implementation phase.

"We hope our collective clout will allow us to leverage more resources from the government and other foundations, said Le.

The group plans to hire  $staff in \, the \, coming \, weeks \,$ to support the plans for Crossroads.

## Fields Corner's DYC closes its doors for good

One of Dorchester's most acclaimed and critically important youth service agencies closed its doors permanently last week. Dorchester Youth Collaborative (DYC), located in the heart of Fields Corner, ceased operations after a vote by its board of directors, according to executive director Emmett Folgert, who founded the organization in 1981.

In a statement, Folgert said: "For a year it has been extremely difficult, often impossible, for us to operate our programs safely due to the pandemic. We are speaking with our funders about transferring their donations to other nonprofit agencies that are able to operate during this crisis.

"We are not closing due to a lack of funding, health, or personnel issues. We are closing due to the pandemic,"

"It has been our privilege and an honor to work with the wonderful youth of Boston and their families over the years. We are doing our best to help them find supports and opportunities from other community agencies.



While the agency will close, as individuals we will continue to advocate for youth from under resourced communities. We will try to find ways to help create the opportunities they deserve when safety allows."

DYC has served as a haven for thousands of kids, teens, and young adults, many of whom live within walking distance of its Dorchester Avenue headquarters. The agency has been hailed for working to steer vulnerable kids and teens away from gangs and toward opportunities in jobs and the arts.

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- William Gross

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## City helps seniors keep the heat on, and at a discount

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

Karen Kinsel struggled to stay warm last winter. The 66-year-old Dorchester woman made do with electric space heaters when she couldn't afford to replace her outdated furnace. It got even harder financially when the pandemic hit and she was laid off in June from her job as a secretary at a bio-tech firm.

Arepairman who visited her home last fall to appraise the cost of a new furnace estimated it would run between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

"You know, they tell you to have a savings reserves, and I did," said Kinsel. "But it kind of got used up in that time and I couldn't have afforded to fix that stuff by myself."

The repairman pointed her to the Senior Saves program run by the city of Boston. She applied for a grant in November and was quickly approved for \$8,000 for a new furnace.

"They moved it through really quickly," she said. "They brought two different guys who looked at everything, and the whole process took about a dayand-a-half. Everyone was as nice and polite as can be; they cleaned up after themselves really well. My basement is spotless. I have nothing bad to say. They did a wonderful job."

After the \$8,000 grant was applied to the installation, Kinsel picked up the balance, which came out to just about \$400

She is one of 64 seniors citywide—including more than 20



Karen Kinsel's new furnace (at right, blue) replaced an old one, left, that she struggled to repair and finally replaced this winter thanks in large part to a grant from the city of Boston. *Images courtesy Senior Saves Program* 

in Dorchester and Mattapan—who have taken advantage of the program, which serves income-eligible seniors who need their heating systems replaced.

Last November, Mayor Walsh re-launched the program, doubling the amount of funding available to Bostonians in an effort to better reflect the costs associated with replacing a faulty heating system.

The Senior Saves program now has \$8,000 in grant funding available to income-eligible seniors who are over the age of 60— up from the \$3,500 that was previously made available.

Kinsel learned that there are other ways the city helps cash-

strapped seniors keep up their homes. When the team was finishing installing her new furnace, one of the managers noticed that her front steps were a little dilapidated.

"She looked at me and said, 'You know, we can help you fix your steps. There's a program for that too," said Kinsel.

She has since applied for another grant through the Senior Home Repair program, which is managed by Dorchester's Richard O'Brien, who told the *Reporter*: "That's a natural evolution on these projects. We'll come in with Senior Saves and identify other issues that could be fixed

"It's a little hard to do that program right now," he said. "We still have challenges going into homes with seniors. The reason that Senior Saves was allowed to go forward was based on its emergency nature and the fact that we can socially distance, as furnaces are generally in basements, and keep everybody safe."

After coming to a "cold-stop" last spring, the repair program has ramped back up, focusing mainly on the emergency heat repairs and replacements.

In February alone, city officials responded to 30 emergency night and weekend calls from Bostonians who didn't have heat.

"We proposed to go forward with Senior Saves projects where we could separate the owner from the work and communicate by different means," said O'Brien

The program started with an initial budget of \$500,000, which he said has been upped to \$800,000.

"There are an awful lot of folks out there with old heating systems that are limping along," said O'Brien. "We felt that if we properly incentivized this program with the grant, we might be able to see some more conversions so that they didn't become emergencies in the winter, and we could ideally get them done in the summer months.

"There is money available, and we receive applicants from all over the city from multiple avenues—311 calls, referrals, and through the nonprofit community organizations we partner with," he said.

To qualify, applicants must be 60 or older, live in a oneto-four family property in the city. They must also have an income that does not exceed 80 percent of area median income, as determined by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Kinsel is looking forward to her next project. "They're going to replace my steps that are falling down and crumbing. It was so nice because I've been desperately worried that the mailman was going to break his leg coming up the steps," she said.

To learn more about Seniors Save and to apply for the program, residents can call 617-635-HOME.



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## Food pantry is up, running at Newcomers Academy

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

Thanks to the vision of staff members at Boston International Newcomers Academy (BINcA) on Maxwell Street in Dorchester, the school's gym is now home to a small food pantry intended to battle food insecurity in families of students.

The idea for the pantry began to take shape in the mind of Lorenis Nova, the school's family liaison, during the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic last year.

The academy is made up of 100 percent immigrant students, many from families whose lives and incomes have been disrupted by the health crisis.

Nova said she began noticing the effects at the onset of the pandemic. "The need has grown exponentially since March 2020," she said, noting, "We saw the need then, and we still see the need now."

While performing countless hours of checkins with families in those early months, Nova recognized that one problem nearly every family was facing was food insecurity. Students not having school as a needed everyday source for lunch and snacks was translating



A new food pantry inside the Boston International Newcomers Academy school on Maxwell Street in Dorchester services students and their families.

\*\*Lorenis Nova photo\*\*

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to greater burdens on families.

Nova and fellow staffers put together a food drive last November and delivered care packages to 500 families struggling to put food on the table. The excess food from that drive was used to begin the food pantry, which officially opened on Feb. 11.

The extensive process to clean out, repaint, and repurpose an old gym locker room took about a month, with student leaders, families, and staff pitching in. The space was the only room big enough, and with easy enough access — basement level and adjacent to a driveway in back— to accommodate the pantry.

"They totally transformed the way it looked," said Nova of the team of volunteers.

Meanwhile, teachers and staffmembers began referring families they knew to be eligible for food assistance, after which other families slowly began thinking about the idea, said Nova.

"Some families are very proud and are reluctant to accept help...but here at BINcA we want to give love, compassion, and humility. We don't care how long it takes."

The pantry is operating and accepting donations each weekday except for Wednesday, and is running on a bi-weekly distribution schedule: Every other Thursday from 3-5 p.m.. It completed its second round of food distribution last

Thursday.

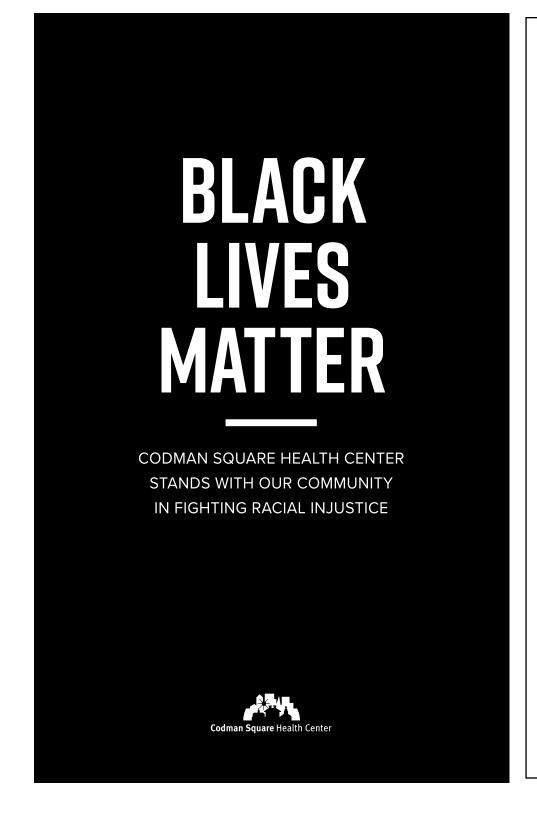
Nova credited the school's principal, Tony King, and coordinator Toni Jackson for supporting the endeavor, as well as her colleague Yaritza Sanchez for helping to see her vision through.

"At the moment the pantry is for BINcA families only. It's still really small, but we hope to grow it enough to be able to support an entire community," said Nova. "My biggest dream is to eventually partner with Greater Boston Food

Bank to get support from them, get families registered in the system, and make it a long-term goal."

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The BINcA Food Pantry is accepting donations of food items on-site at 100 Maxwell St., as well as donations through Cashapp (\$PantryNova) and checks made out to Boston International Newcomers Academy, with attention to the food pantry. For more information, contact lnova@bostonpublicschools.org.





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# Reporter's People

#### News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

## Dot native, wife give \$5m to boost 'memory health' at Hebrew SeniorLife Center

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

A Dorchester native and his wife have donated \$5 million to help those battling dementia and Alzheimer's under the auspices of the Hebrew SeniorLife Center in Roslindale. The contribution will help the non-profit assist seniors and their caregivers through the newly renamed Deanna and Sidney Wolk Center for Memory Health, an outpatient center next to the Arnold Arboretum that is affiliated with Harvard Medical School.

"We want people to know about the program, to use it. We want to be able to help them in their needs," said Sidney Wolk, who grew up in a family of modest means near Fields Corner. As a child, he said, he was taught the importance of "tzedakah," the Hebrew word for charitable giving.

"Growing up, we never owned a house or a car, but we always put money aside. Whatever coins you had at night had to go to help those less fortunate," said

Wolk. "It's held true to this very day. We're just lucky to be able to help people and this is a great cause."

Wolk has fond memories of his early life in Dorchester, where he worked as a newspaper hawker and attended Boston Latin School. "It was fun. We had a large family within a ten-block radius for support," he said. "My dad was a plumber who came over from the old country and when the union had work, there was a week's pay and when there wasn't, I would take the subway down to Seaver Street and Columbia Road and sell newspapers starting at six in the morning, then leave and go to Latin School, making two different trips. It was a great area, and we never knew we were poor because life was good, and you did your best.'

His wife Deanna, a Peabody native and a long-time volunteer at Hebrew SeniorLife, has seen first-hand the quality of service that the organization provides. "Growing up in Peabody, I was a farm girl compared to Dorchester," she said with a laugh. "I got involved at the center when one of my friends invited me to go and volunteer. We played games with the residents and helped out, and as time went on, I became more involved. The residents really get very good care there and the staff pay attention to their specific needs."

Although the center is not taking volunteers at this time due to pandemic restrictions, the Wolks said that the center's staffhas continued to provide essential services and virtual one-on-one counselling sessions for patients and their family members.

Dr. Alvaro Pascual-Leone, the center's medical director, is a senior scientist at the Hinda and Arthur Marcus Institute for Aging Research at Hebrew SeniorLife and a professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School.

"He has devoted his whole life to studying this, and he's building a staff at Harvard Medical School to help residents at the center, as well as developing programs to assist their loved ones," said Wolk. "Given to-



Deanna and Sidney Wolk say their generous gift will help make 'the Memory Center' available to anybody who needs it.

day's world and how rampant dementia and all of the related problems are, this program is very important, and it has changed lives."

The stigma that sometimes surrounds mental health and dementia should not be a barrier for people who need quality and life-changing medical care, said Deanna Wolk. "For so many people that I know, the caregiver tries to hide it, or they're not 617-363-8600.

upfront about it. It is not a shame to have this disease and we want people to know that the doctors that are running this program are very much interested in helping patients and families. The Memory Center is available to anybody who needs it.'

Hebrew SeniorLife also has a new helpline for anyone with questions about the disease or services available:

The \$5 million contribution from the Wolk Foundation is the latest it has made to support a wide range of causes and organizations. Past recipients of significant gifts include Hebrew SeniorLife, Boston Latin School, Greater Boston Food Bank, and agencies who support the blind.

For more information, visit: hebrewseniorlife.

## Dot student receives MLK Leadership Award at Salem State session



of Dorchester is the undergraduate recipient of the 2021 Salem State University Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award. A sociology major, student leader, and community activist, Washington is a co-founder of Black Boston, Inc., a non-**Toiell Washington** 

Toiell Washington profit organization working to continues to be, a fierce advopromote Black empowerment, creativity, and equity through policy change and education.

The award was presented at the university's 31st annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation held virtually on Jan. 22.

Washington's nomination noted that she "has been, and cate and activist in all communities she's a part of."

The award is given annually to a Salem State student, alumna/us, faculty member, staff member, or administrator for their outstanding and significant contributions to the cause of social justice, peace, and equality.

Due to the number of nominations, both a graduate and undergraduate student were selected this year. Recipients are recognized for their actions and behaviors in working either on or off-campus for the betterment of the community in a manner consistent with the legacy of Dr. King.

#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY The Old Fire Station on River Street

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When Dorchester was a separate town from Boston, the fire station at Lower Mills had the name Fountain Engine No. 1. In the early 1880s, the city replaced the wooden fire house at the corner of Temple Street and River Street with the brick building shown at far right in this week's illustrations. We have right and left views of the building as seen from River Street. Temple Street is to the right of the fire house, between it and the Village Congregational Church. The left image is of an earlier vintage than the one on the right. There is no bell tower shown in the top image, but in the bottom image, it is possible to see a portion of a bell tower over the roof.

The following is from a Jan. 16, 2020, story in the Dorchester Reporter entitled



"Dorchester Firehouses" and written by Daniel Sheehan using information compiled by the Boston Fire Historical Society.

"Engine 16 originally operated out of a firehouse that was built in 1869 at the corner of Temple and River Street in Lower Mills. The building was unique in that assigned fire apparatus operated from

two sides of the firehouse and from two floor levels. The main address of 2 Temple St., a side street off River Street, was the quarters of the engine company, while below, on the River Street side, 51 River St. was the address of the ladder company. "The firehouse was known as Dorchester's S. H. Hebard Engine No. 1 until annexation



day in 1870, when it became Boston's S. H. Hebard Engine Company 16, and Dorchester's General Grant Ladder No. 1 became Boston's General Grant Ladder Company 6. "On June 1, 1938, Ladder 6 moved to the firehouse of Engine Company 19 in the Mattapan section of Dorchester. In 1958, Engine 16 moved into a new firehouse at 9

Gallivan Blvd., from which it continues to operate today. The company covers Dorchester, Mattapan, and parts of Roslindale, and responds to roughly 2,100 incidents per year."

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

#### **Editorial**

## Florian Hall opens as vaccination site

Florian Hall, the firefighter's union headquarters on Hallet Street, is familiar to generations of Dorchester people as a gathering place for family functions and neighborhood benefit "times." This week, the Neponset landmark has been converted into a Covid-19 vaccination site, the first of its kind in this section of the neighborhood. It was stood-up this week under the guidance of the medical professionals from Harbor Health, which operates the nearby Neponset Daniel Driscoll Community Health Center, one of Dorchester's critically important neighborhood health centers.

The clinic is getting some logistical and staffing support from members of the National Guard's 972nd Military Police Company in Reading and the State's Medical Unit from Hanscom Air Base in Bedford. The Boston Firefighters Union Local 718, which owns Florian Hall, made it possible with some help from Rep. Daniel Hunt, who represents the neighborhood in the state Legislature.

Rep. Hunt said that the president of Local 718 - Lt. John Soares— said "yes" immediately when he called to ask if the Florian could be used as a vaccination site.

"It's great to have a partner in the firefighter's union," said Hunt. "Everybody is anxious to get the vaccine and to have it be located so close to home is key. People don't want to have to go to Foxborough or Fenway."

Chuck Jones, president and CEO at Harbor Health, said that making sure that "everyone who is eligible can get the vaccine is our top priority at Harbor Health right now."

'We are grateful for the support from the Massachusetts National Guard, Florian Hall, and the Boston Firefighters Union," said Jones. "This kind of collaboration is critical to getting shots into arms and helping all members of our community stay healthy and safe."

For now, the Florian clinic is by appointment only and open to eligible Harbor patients and community members Monday to Friday. The Harbor Health effort at Florian is the latest example of Dorchester's network of community health centers kicking in at what we might look back at as an inflection point in the vaccination campaign. "The [Baker] administration is doing a complete shift to go from the larger sites to these somewhat smaller sites with local partners," said Rep. Hunt, who has a keen understanding of the importance of the health center system. To learn more about how to make an appointment, visit Harbor's website at HHSI. US/CovidVaccine.

-Bill Forry



(Left to right) Staff Sargent Matt Gleason, National Guard, also a member for the Boston Fire Department and Dorchester resident); State Rep. Joe Puliafico, National Jo Brogna, Director of Nursing, Harbor Health; Lt. John Soarse, Director of Boston Firefighter Credit Union and President of Local 718; and Chuck Jones, CEO & President, Harbor Health. Photo courtesy Harbor Health

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## With Boston flush with new US money, how about setting up universal Pre-K?

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

Back in the late 1950s, there was a television show called "The Millionaire" that centered around a very wealthy man, John Beresford Tipton, who in each episode gave a \$1 million check to a stranger, allowing the show to explore how the unexpected wealth changed the life of the recipients. Sometimes, it was for the better, and sometimes for the worse.



Bill Walczak

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts just received an unexpected check from the federal government targeted to school districts. This money is separate from any that will come from the \$1.9 trillion virus relief bill that is currently in front of Congress.

Massachusetts received \$800 million, with Boston due to get more than \$120 million of the total amount. To

give you an idea of how much money this is, \$800 million is four times this year's funding increase across all of Massachusetts as a result of the Student Opportunity Act, with Boston's \$120+ million equal to one year of the Boston Public Schools' bus contract.

Our city's school district has won the lottery. The money is intended to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, and it comes without many restrictions. A wise use of this funding could help in implementing changes that will benefit our school system's students.

Using \$35 million of these dollars for universal pre-Kindergarten, known as K-1, would be a permanent improvement to Boston's school system. A K-1 experience has been shown to dramatically improve educational outcomes for low-income students. We probably need about 1,500 additional seats to serve all four year olds in Boston.

Pre-K is a formative equity issue that launches children onto a path to academic success. This investment in Boston's children and their families, promised in 2013, is past due.

Much of the rest of the money should be used to support students who have not kept pace during the pandemic. About a year ago, most school systems went to remote learning, meaning that students did classroom work by Zoom or another internet-based system. For their part, many suburban school districts chose hybrid systems (typically, half of

the students were in classrooms and half on Zoom, alternating by the week), as did most private and Catholic schools.

But urban districts mostly stayed remote as the September school year began, a decision partly related to fear among families of color, who experienced the worst of the pandemic, and among teachers and their unions.

Students from low-income districts suffered even more, with insufficient internet service, lack of access to computers, and lack of quiet space to learn in their homes. Many students were also tasked with caring for younger siblings or family friends when daycare centers closed down, but adult guardians had to leave the home as essential workers.

We have limited data on how remote learning affected students' learning. MCAS isn't a useful assessment tool for this kind of measurement. It's a snapshot that measures more how schools and school systems are performing than how well individual students are doing against standards.

However, we know from assessments done in Maryland, Georgia, Dallas, and Washington DC that there has been significant slippage among many students, especially those from low-income families.

Massachusetts needs to do its own an assessment quickly if we're going to help students achieve educational standards for their grades before September. There are tests that measure academic progress, and teachers can provide assessments of their students and where they stand on meeting educational

Doing the assessment will provide us with the information we need to determine how wide the learning gap is, and who needs to catch up. As education is cumulative, advancing students into the next grade without evidence that they had mastered the previous grade's requirements could greatly increase failure among students. Some of the federal funds should be used to hire tutors, and/or to continue school into the summer for those students who are not achieving grade standards.

We have the money to do what we need to do for students to catch up, and to bring universal K-1 to fruition. The past year has given us many reasons to want to see changes in how our city is run, and to make decisions that will create more equity. This unexpected windfall is an opportunity we cannot afford to waste.

Bill Walczak of Dorchester is the founder and former president/CEO of Codman Square Health Center. He also helped to found Codman Academy, a public charter school.

## Upcoming redistricting must yield more Black, Latinx leadership seats

By Beverly Williams SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

If the events of 2020 have not catapulted us into more than just a mere moment of reckoning with racial justice, then what will it take? As our state still faces the pursuit of racial justice after the fervor of events following the murder of George Floyd, the Covid pandemic, and economic instability, especially in urban Black communities, how can so few people of color not have a seat at the State House's big tables?

This is the question that looms over my head after hearing the state Senate announcement of legislator appointments earlier this month.

This could have been our watershed moment to move beyond the institutional defaults of State House top leadership positions, yet we end up with another two years of a lack of representation of Black, Latinx, and other people of color in higher level positions of the legislaative leadership. What will it take to get more representation in these positions and when do we draw the line?

Two years ago, the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) faced a similar challenge. While we aspired to stand for the whole community, we were not sufficiently broad and representative of the diversity of the entire greater Boston area.

Since then, GBIO has taken active measures to ensure that not only do our leadership team and staff organizers reflect the Commonwealth's diversity, but also that these positions have driving power accelerated by 56-plus diverse institutions wanting social justice, including racial equity.

One might think this would just happen naturally. In fact, it takes intentional effort, one which is still under way and with more progress to be made. We had to draw the line, take the lead, and make

Now, our state government needs to do the same and lead in the right direction.

When Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry (1810-

1812) approved a redistricting plan for the State Senate, it included an infamous salamander shaped-district that gave the political advantage to what was then known as the Democrat-Republican Party. This partisan tactic became known as "gerrymandering" and over time was widely used to intentionally weaken the election Beverly Williams chances of Black, Lat-



inx and other people of color—a result that continues to this day.

In 2014, the US Census Bureau reported that Black and Latinx citizens made up 20 percent of the Massachusetts population, but today they hold only 5 percent of Senate seats and 8 percent of the House delegation.

The US Constitution requires the redrawing of legislative district lines every ten years, and redistricting in Massachusetts is on the docket this legislative session. I am skeptical that both houses of our Legislature have no strong candidates of color to sit in top leadershippositions this year, but we still have a chance to move in the right direction. We must draw the line.

Drawing new electoral district lines so that they more accurately and fairly reflect our state is how we can infuse the Legislature's leadership pool with more Black, Latinx, and other people of color.

Beverly Williams of Dorchester is the co-chair of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization and a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Jamaica Plain. She may be reached at 617-438-4595 or mizbevy@ gmail.com.

## Exploring how Bostonians experience

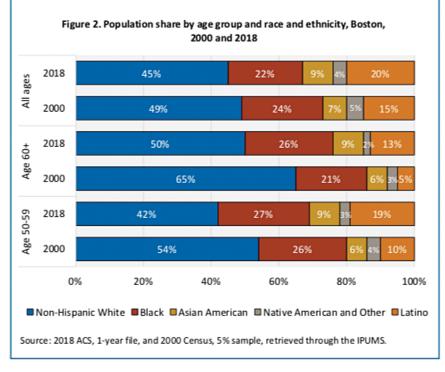
aging

(Continued from page 1) ically in the last decade and persons of color now make up one-half of Boston's older adults. In addition, persons of color make up an even larger share of Boston residents aged 50-59 who will be aging into their 60s over the current decade, indicating greater numbers of older people who are persons of color moving forward.

Our new report documents disparities across three dimensions that impact our quality of life - economic security, health, and social engagement. The report also identifies opportunities for stakeholders to promote an environment in which "aging strong" is possible for all Boston residents. Currently, substantial disparities in the aging experience exist across racial and ethnic groups in Boston. For example:

Poverty rates are especially high among Asian Americans and Latinos, and more than one-third of these residents age 60 or older live in house-holds with incomes below the federal poverty line. The federal poverty line ist \$12,880 a year for people who live alone, and \$17,420 for two-person households.

Some groups have lower access to Social Security benefits, which serve as the financial foundation for many people in retirement. For example, while eight out of ten Black, White or Native American people age 66 or older receive Social Security benefits, fewer than two-thirds



of Latinos and Asian port, resilience, and Americans do. cultural cohesion offset

Housing costs in Boston place a heavy burden on older residents and at least of Boston's renters age 60 or older pay more than 30 percent of their incomes for housing. Fewer homeowners bear such a heavy cost burden for housing, but older Black, Latino and Native American homeowners are at amplified risk for being cost-burdened. Racial disparities in health and disability are substantial among older Boston residents, with older Blacks, Latinos, and Native Americans having an especially high risk of health challenges and disability. For example, more than one out of four Blacks aged 50-59 have at least one disability, a higher disability rate than Whites who are in their 60s (19 percent).

Social Security benefits, Community strengths fewer than two-thirds in terms of mutual sup-

port, resilience, and cultural cohesion offset or buffer aspects of disadvantage for some people. Yet access to information may be challenging for older communities of color, many of whom have limited knowledge of English. In addition, a larger share of older persons of color do not have access to digital technology like having internet at home or own-

Last summer another

ing a smartphone.

reflection of how systemic racism perpetuates disparities emerged in the highly visible tragic deaths and shootings of a number of African Americans nationwide. And another current example of the victimization of people of color is the unabated anti-Asian racism leveled at Asian Americans, especially the aged.

Physical damage and emotional distress have impacted the community due to harassment, bullying, and, in some cases, lethal attacks. Fear has gripped large segments of the community who feel safe only when in their homes. Coupled with the disproportionate burden of Covid-19 illness and death among people of color, stakeholders share a growing recognition of the powerful ways in which inequity, racism, and discrimination shape health outcomes and the aging experience, amplifying the need to examine and correct inequities in aging.

Promoting "aging equity" is an important goal for Boston, and for other cities and communities throughout the US. Aging equity means ensuring that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to age well. Leveling the playing field for older Boston residents to pursue healthy aging requires removing the obstacles to accessing community features that support healthy aginglike healthcare and safe environments, as well as sharing information in a variety of languages.

Organizations that serve older people must ensure that their capacity not only expands to meet the growing

numbers of older residents, but also shifts to adequately serve the needs of a more diverse older population. And in Boston, a city of many distinct and beloved neighborhoods, it will require efforts to ensure that the assets promoting healthy aging are distributed equitably across locations and communities. Taking measures to improve aging equity is important now, and for generations of Boston's residents yet to come.

Jan Mutchler, PhD, is the director of The Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging. Paul Watanabe, PhD, is the director of the Institute for  $\dot{Asian} American \, Studies.$ Cedric Woods, PhD, is the  $director\ of\ The\ Institute$ for New England Native American Studies. Lorna Rivera, PhD, is the director of The Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy. Quito Swan, PhD, is director of The William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture. Laurie  $Nsiah ext{-}Jefferson, PhD, is$ director of The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy.

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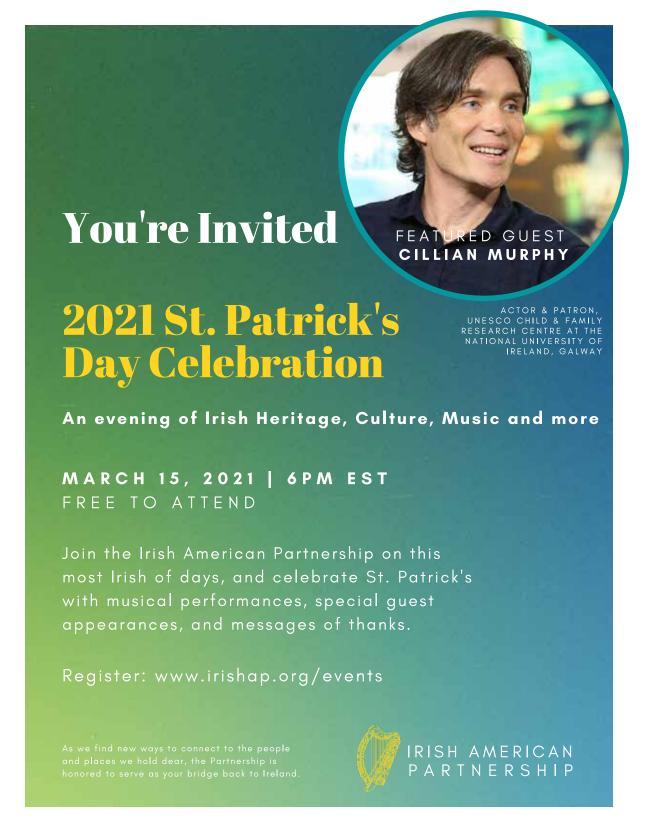
The Dorchester Historical Society is always looking for photographs and high school yearbooks from Dorchester's past.

Due to the pandemic, the Society is closed to the public at this time.



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#### Dot Youth Hockey's Under-12 girls beat all comers to win Mayor's Cup

(Continued from page 1) they were having fun, they'd mesh together as a group."

According to O'Sullivan and Gracia, great team chemistry played a major role in their team's victories.

"Obviously there's a first line, a second line, and a third line, but there's no finger pointing, it's all unified." O'Sullivan said. The team also benefitted from the stellar performance of goalie Maeve Pugsley, who let in only one goal during the  $three\hbox{-} game \, tournament.$ 

"A lot of these girls started out in the Dorchester Youth Hockey 'Learn to Play Hockey Program' and now are winning the Mayor's Cup together," said Gracia. "Pretty extraordinary,



The Dorchester Youth Hockey Under-12 Girls team celebrated on the ice at Devine Rink last Friday night after they won the Mayor's Cup tournament in their age bracket, defeating Hyde Park, 3-1. Phil Olson photo

if you ask me."

Dorchester residents their new champions:

can easily recognize

They're wearing their Boston Mayor's Cup winner's sweatshirts.

"It's a big deal to get that hoodie," O'Sullivan said, laughing. "I've seen kids wearing them all week in the neighborhood. It's hilarious."

While his championship team blazed new trails last week, O'Sullivan, who coaches two boys' teams in addition to the U-12 girls, insists that his female players are no different from their male competitors.

"I've heard coaches say, 'You just lost to a girls'team.'And it's kind of weird to me because I have a sister who plays. She played in the National League and at Providence College and was Rhode Island Player of the Year. She has done everything in hockey you can possibly do," he said. "And she played with

the boys growing up. "I don't look at girls and boys differently competing. The drive is the same. They're kids. They want to go out, and they want to win, and they want to hear the coach say, 'You did a good job.' The kids don't really say 'Oh, we beat a boys' team.' It's more like 'We won.' They're just excited to win as a team."

O'Sullivan and Gracia are passionate about continuing the neighborhood tradition. "These are all neighborhood kids that I coach, which is very special to me. I grew up here," said O'Sullivan. "They're the same as me. We all grew up in Dorchester and went through the same program and I love to give back. It's something I look forward to doing every year. I don't have kids, so it's cool for me to have these 15 girls and their parents. You see the improvement in each of them, and it's why we do this."

As Dorchester Youth Hockey looks to expand its girls' program next year, Gracia extends a welcome to all potential players.

"We don't care who you are," he said. "Dorchester Youth Hockey is an inclusive organization and will welcome anyone that wants to play hockey." He added that many Dorchester Youth Hockey families offer to donate equipment to new players.

For families interested in learning more about Dorchester Youth Hockey, the organization's website, dorchesteryouthhockey.com, has all the information.

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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Carolyn E. Bullock-Water of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Kenneth O. Bullock is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the propose Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or

proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/08/2021. This day is NOT a

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written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the writter

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This will all happen in a series of unique performances especially built for this March and partnering with the venues around New England where we normally would be presenting the show. The shows will be built especially for this unique year, and in this unique style, so we hope you can join us.

Head to www.celticsojournlive.com to buy tickets, and to sign up for our email list to get more information.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justic of this Court.
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## Joseph 'Red' O'Hara, at 84; standout two-sport athlete as Dorchester teen

Joseph "Red" O'Hara, a Dorchester native and onetime "bonus baby" with the American League's Kansas City Athletics in the mid-1950s, died on Feb. 20 in Sarasota, Florida, where he and his wife, the late Anne (Wayland), had retired several years ago. He was 84.

A standout two-sport athlete who excelled as a teenager in baseball and football – in sandlot play (the ballparks of his city's neighborhoods, especially Dorchester), at the secondary level (the old Christopher Columbus High School), and collegiately (Boston University), Mr. O'Hara attracted a great deal of attention locally, with sports reporters offering rave reviews of how he played the games:

"He has the instincts of a cat," wrote one in describing his fielding talents. "Fast and powerful," is how another reporter described his play on the gridiron, writing that he "hits the line like a ram, breaks through tackles, and sweeps the end like a sprint champ."

Mr. O'Hara chose baseball for his looming career, and left BU in 1956 when the Athletics, recently moved west from Philadelphia, came calling with \$4,000 in hand. But a professional baseball career was not to be. After training camp and just a few games, he returned home and took up a life apart from professional sports.

He leaves three daughters, Mary Beth and her husband, Piet Koster, of Campbell Hall, NY, Joanne and her husband, Andrew Pinkess,

of London, England, and Kathleen and her husband, Nelson Wagner, of Sarasota, Florida; his son Mark and his wife, Julie O'Hara, of Acton, MA; eleven grandchildren, including three sets of twins; and his sister Marguerite and her husband, Joseph Collins, of Walpole, MA.

A memorial service is planned for later this year. Donations in Mr. O'Hara's memory can be made to Tidewell Hospice at tidewellfoundaion.org.

In the essay that fol-



Anne and Joe O'Hara: married for 57 years.

retired Boston journalist, writes about the Dorches-

lows, Greg Wayland, a terstory that his brotherin-law lived.

## A change of heart: Love, pals call him back home



"Red O'Hara" as a BU Terrier star.

By GREG WAYLAND

SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER There was a time when "Red" O'Hara seemed destined for a stellar career on the national sports scene. Then love and a longing for home turned everything around. In the wake of his death, family and friends have been reflecting on the decision that changed the course of Joe's long life.

During the 1953-54 high school season at Christopher Columbus High, "Red" was a coach's

dream. "He's just one of those natural athletes who can do anything in any sport," his baseball coach Bob DiGuglialimo, told a Boston sportswriter . An All-Scholastic in both football and baseball, he was firmly in the sights of big-league scouts.

But for Joe, there was no place like Hemenway Park, a large facility along Adams Street in the middle of Dorchester close to the harbor.

"We'd go every day when we were kids and stay there until suppertime," says Johnny Bitetti, one of Joe's lifelong friends from their "Hemmy" days. "Whoever got there first got the big diamond. You had to fight for it.

His buddies recognized his talents. "He was a nat-

ural," says Jack Kearns, who would go on to pitch in a Canadian league. "Everything he did was right."

Many colleges scouted him, including Notre Dame. But he decided to stay close to home, enrolling at Boston University where he was the shortstop on the varsity and ran up a batting average of .338 over 18 games, and scored 30 runs. He planned to play football, too, but pro baseball was not to be denied, at least for a while.

The scouts swooped in, one of them calling Joe "the best prospect I have ever seen come out of the entire New England area." He attended a Philadelphia Phillies tryout camp, and the Red Sox and Cubs were interested. But ultimately - his friends say it was not an easy decision - he signed with the Kansas City Athletics for a \$4000 bonus and reported to camp in the summer of 1956. He was going pro.

The change of heart came swiftly: Homesick, disenchanted with the stresses of training camp, and only ten minor league games into his career, he returned home to Templeton Street, Dorchester.

Harry Cleverly, Joe's baseball coach at BU, told a Boston newspaper he was not surprised by Joe's return. "He's just a homebody at heart," he said. "He just can't stand being away from the neighborhood

There was another reason, of course; there always is, and this one hit close to home. "I think he was in love with your sister," Marguerite Collins, Joe's only sibling, said to me. For my part, I remember the day he came over to our Neponset Avenue house, his red

hair shaved off for training camp. My sister Anne was very glad to see him.

Joe resumed classes at BU, where Anne worked as a secretary. But, because he had turned pro, NCAA rules barred him from resuming competitive collegiate athletics. Still strong and fit, he went back to playing with the old neighborhood gang - Kearns, Bitetti, Frank Porter, Gerard "Radi" Kenneally, all members with Joe of the McCormack Club of the Boston Park League.

On June 6, 1959, 22-year-old Joe O'Hara married my 20-year-old sister Anne at St. Ann's Church. The "Hemmy" crowd bought him four new tires for the honeymoon trip to Lake George. When they returned home, he looked after his Irish-born parents, began a 38-year career with Boston Edison as lineman and supervisor, raised three daughters and a son, and focused on being a husband and father.

"He encouraged all of us to be confident, hard-working, fair, and loyal to family and friends," says his youngest daughter Kathleen."There was never any doubt he loved us and had our backs."

Joe remained active and healthy until Anne's death (pancreatic cancer) in 2016. After two strokes and a steady decline, he died in hospice care, his loving family by his side.

Joe will be laid to rest next to Anne in Sarasota, but he had requested that a portion of his ashes be sprinkled over the grounds at the "Hemmy." For him, there was no greater time than the hours he spent there as a youth playing for a dream.



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## Vaccine dose rate on rise as the city slowly reopens

"Of those folks, about 42 percent went to people of color," said Health and Human Services chief Marty Martinez, who joined Walsh in a Monday press conference to offer updates on the city's pandemic response.

Across the state, a number equivalent to the population of

(Continued from page 1) Methuen — roughly of the pandemic. 51,000 people — got their second vaccination doses between last Friday's report from the Department of Public Health and Sunday's update. There are now 550,000 people fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, Gov. Baker said Monday morning, compared to 550,302 total confirmed infections since the start

Also on Monday, Baker said about 68 percent of state residents 75 and older had been vaccinated. In the long-term care sector, 90 percent of residents and about 70 percent of staff had received vaccines, he noted.

As to renewed commercial activity in Boston, certain businesses

will not yet be able to either reopen or increase capacity limits, including indoor concert venues, high-contact indoor recreation like roller skating or laser tag, and live music in restaurants.

Walsh said that the city will continue to align with the state's phasedin reopening set for March 22, moving into phase 4 step 1 - "if our cases and public health data support that."

He added: "I want to be clear: We are moving forward here in the city of Boston along with the state, but we have some important exceptions that are going into effect. We're taking an approach that fits our unique qualities as a large, mostly dense, city.

"We have not increased the six-person maximum at tables and I know restaurants want that, but just be patient. We will get there, but we are making sure the public health numbers are safe before we do this."

Enhanced outdoor dining in Boston will resume on April 1 and additional details on restricted parking and

## Celebrate St. Patrick's Month at the Irish Cultural Centre





Tuesday, March 2 at 6pm:

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Lecture: "Sarah Remond - A Black Abolitionish in Ireland."

Thursday, March 4 at 7pm: Virtual Mixology Class with Terri Nixon & Devri

Saturday, March 6 at 6pm: Virtual Concert with Scotland's finest "Heron Valley"

Sunday, March 7 at 3:30pm: Author Discussion with Kyle Darcy & Michele McPhee "Crime Time"

Saturday, March 13 at 7pm: Virtual concert with "Strawberry Hill" streamed

Wednesday, March 17: Virtual St. Patrick's Day celebration kicks off at

3:30pm. "Music, Songs, Stories & Irish Dance."

Saturday, March 21 at 3pm: Virtual concert with Celtic Violinist "Máiréad Nesbitt"

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Irish Language Classes - next session will begin in March. Registration now yet open. This class is offered in conjunction with Cumann na Gaelige

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Florian Hall is up and running as a vaccination site this week in a partnership between Neponset Daniel Driscoll Community Health Center and Firefighters Local 718.

Photo courtesy Harbor Health Services, Inc.

street closures will be made available in the coming weeks. So far, the city has received 370 applications for outdoor dining licenses and approved more than 150.

Walsh also urged Bostonians to continue to get tested for the virus as the state-led effort to distribute vaccine shots begins to penetrate deeper into the city's hardest-hit neighborhoods.

There are now 17 vaccination sites in the city, including 7 community health centers, 8 pharmacies, and 2 mass vaccination sites, including the Reggie Lewis Center and Fenway Park.

Half the appointments at the Reggie Lewis Center have been reserved as priority booking for residents of "Roxbury and surrounding communities"- including Dorchester.

"We are proud of the equitable access we've been able to provide

to city of Boston residents, especially at the Reggie Lewis Center," said Walsh. "Moving forward, we're going to continue to hold 50 percent of the vaccine slots eligible for people of color, working through community health cen-

ters and city agencies." So far, more than 4,000 people have been vaccinated at the Lewis Center since it opened on Feb. 1, according to Martinez. He said 45 percent of those were people of color and 55 percent Boston residents, with Roxbury as the most represented of the city's neighborhoods.

State officials have contracted with CIC Health, which runs the mass vaccination programs at Fenway Park and Gillette Stadium, to expand the Reggie Lewis operation. The agency said it will have the capacity to administer 800 Pfizer shots per day

from the Reggie Lewis Center with plans to "ramp up to 2,500 daily appointments within about a month."

When asked if the city might use outdoors and drive-through vaccination sites as the weather begins go warm up, Martinez replied: "That's definitely a part of it. We're not quite there weather-wise where we'd want to create outdoor locations but it's definitely a part of the larger piece.

"What we want to be able to do around vaccinations," he said, "is to not only have these fixed locations— pharmacies, community health centers, and our mass vaccination sites – but also places where we can bring the vaccine.'

With respect to education, the BPS's invitation to pre-K to Grade 3 pupils for in-person learning meant that another 7,900 students in all could return to classrooms, adding up to a total of 15,000 students who have been invited to return to city schools since the beginning of November.

"We'll continue to bring students back into our schools safely as long as the public health data support it," said Walsh, adding that Covid-19 pool testing will be offered to all students whose families consent.

Per the timeline that BPS released in January, all students in grades 4 through 8 will be eligible for in-person learning on March 15 and all remaining students will be eligible on March 29.

Walsh also took notice of the upcoming St. Patrick's Day holiday. He warned Bostonians about social distancing, reminding everyone that the parade in South Boston has been cancelled again this year and that

private gatherings remain limited to 10 people indoors and 25 outdoors.

"There should be no large gatherings of any kind for St. Patrick's Day," he said. "We are so close to a finish line here; what we don't need now is a step backwards. Events like St. Patrick's Day become super-spreader events and bring us into a situation where we're shutting everything down again.



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#### SEN. COLLINS CALLS FOR EXPANDED VACCINE ACCESS FOR SENIORS AND PUBLIC HOUSING

Urges Administration to Mobilize National Guard for Logistical Support

BOSTON- On Monday State Senator Nick Collins called on the Baker Administration to mobilize the Massachusetts National Guard to assist in facilitating vaccine access for atrisk populations, especially those living in senior and affordable housing developments.

"As the first National Guard unit in the nation, the Massachusetts National Guard has a legacy of service and protection of Massachusetts residents, along with the skills and expertise to assist in the logistical complexities involved in distribution of the vaccine,"

As frontline healthcare workers, residents over the age of 65, and those with multiple comorbidities, or underlying health conditions, are eligible for the vaccine, setting up an appointment has been difficult for many. This call for National Guard assistance comes after **Senator Collins** and the Legislature have been successful in partnering with the Administration to improve the website and create a universal call in number. Residents without computers can now call 211 for assistance in dozens of different languages.

Senator Collins and his colleagues were also successful in calling for the inclusion of asthma in the state's classification of comorbidities, ensuring that low-income residents and communities of color, who have historically faced higher exposure to air pollution and suffer disproportionate rates of asthma, will have an equitable opportunity in accessing

"All of these actions are to make sure that the people of the First Suffolk District, and especially our most vulnerable seniors and low-income residents have equal access to the said Senator Collins. "I am proud to stand with my colleagues in pursuing a smooth and equitable rollout, and believe that the brave women and men of the Massachusetts National Guard can play a critical role in supporting our communities."



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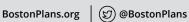


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## Woman charged with leaving newborn in Lower Mills trash can

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Police were called to Lower Mills village around 1:15 p.m. on Friday as the story began to unfold. On Monday, prosecutors said in court that Merisier gave birth to the boy inside the residence of an acquaintance who lives in the Lower Mills Apartments steps away from where he was later found. WCVB-TV reported that Merisier had been cooking and cleaning for an elderly resident, who told police that the defendant spent about an hour in the bathroom of the apartment. The man said that he heard a baby crying and that Merisier then left carrying a leather

According to the DA's office: "As she prepared to leave the apartment, a resident heard the newborn crying inside



Silvana Sanchez was walking along Dorchester Avenue last Friday when she heard crying from trash bag in a barrel and alerted EMTs who were near the scene in Lower Mills. Katie Trojano photo

Ms. Merisier's leather bag and asked if she required an ambulance.

She allegedly declined. The individual called 911

after Ms. Merisier left." Prosecutors say that security footage captured Merisier "as she removed something from her bag and placed it in a trash barrel" in front of Pat's Pizza.

Soon after, a passer-by, Silvana Sanchez, heard crying as she passed the barrel and initially thought it might have been "puppies." She quickly alerted a Boston EMT who was responding to an emergency call at the nearby Boston Housing Authority building at 2262 Dorchester Ave.

Sanchez told reporters at the scene that the infant was inside a plastic bag-like one that might be from "a convenience store, tied up." She said she watched "in shock" as the EMT opened the bag to reveal an infant that was covered in blood and appeared "purple" signs that Sanchez took to mean that the baby had just recently been born.

"I saw the baby come out of the bag. It literally happened in seconds. They took the baby right to the hospital," she said. "The baby was alive and crying."

On Friday afternoon, Merisier was located by police at a residence on

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**Defendant Marie Meri**sier in Dorchester division of Boston Municipal Court on Monday. Courtesy WCVB-TV

Cheevers Street in Milton and taken to a local hospital. At her arraignment, her defense attorney Cristina Rodrigues said Merisier thought the baby was dead.

"This case involves an impossibly complicated set of questions about mental health," Rodrigues added.

DA Rollins hailed the actions of EMTs, Sanchez, and the resident of the apartment complex who called 911.

"I want to offer my deepest thanks to the two individuals who sought immediate help for this baby at the first sign of crisis and to the first responders who rushed into action to assist and protect the child," she said. "It is because of all of these swift actions that this beautiful newborn is alive and now hopefully able to thrive."

Rollins visited the baby on Saturday and "was so happy to see nurses pampering, spoiling, and

singing to, feeding, and generally pouring love and affection into this beautiful child."

She added that she could understand the "the amount of pain, fear, disassociation, or mental anguish one must be experiencing to engage in the behavior we alleged she did," but said women in a similar situation should know there is help available - in this case, the trash barrel sits just a long block away from Carney Hospital.

State law - known as the Safe Haven Act allows a parent to "legally surrender newborn infants seven days old or younger at any hospital, police station, or manned fire station without fear of facing criminal prosecution," Rollins noted, saying that parents under stress can call 1-800-632-8188 if they need help.

"This situation did not have to happen," the district attorney said. "But we need to make sure that parents of newborns know they have options if they feel hopeless, depressed, an inability to bond, or are having thoughts of harm to themselves or the child. Nobody should ever suffer in silence, but no harm should ever come to any child, either."

Katie Trojano and Daniel Sheehan of the Reporter and Adam Gaf $fin \, of \, Universal \, Hub \, con$ tributed to this article.

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## Dot, Mattapan non-profits get share of Resiliency Fund grants

By Reporter Staff

Mayor Walsh and the Boston Resiliency Fund Steering Committee last week announced the Boston Resiliency Fund's 28th and final funding round, totaling \$3.85 million for 62 nonprofits across Boston, including 14 based in Dorchester and Mattapan.

The organizations in this round of funding work to ensure access to food and other basic needs for Boston residents and to promote public health in the city through community-based outreach and engagement.

Since its launch in March of 2020, \$34.5 million has been donated to the Boston Resiliency Fund (BRF), and 377 Boston-based organizations have received more than \$34.1 million in funding.

The following Dorchester/Mattapan-based organizations have received grants:

- Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, Inc., to support the production and delivery of weekly grocery boxes to families;
- Daily Table, to subsidize the delivery fees for customers and others who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.
  - Family Nurturing Cen-

ter of Massachusetts will use a third grant from the BRF to direct aid to families in Dorchester, Roslindale, and Hyde Park in the form of gift cards for groceries and other basic needs.

- Fair Foods Inc. will use its grant to sustain weekly efforts at food distribution sites across the city.
- Freedom House will address food insecurity and provide PPE and COVID information to the community.
- Greater Love Community Cares provides periodic food distribution and food deliveries to certain seniors and residents who are home-bound.
- Grove Hall Neighborhood Development Corporation cleans local church buildings and non-profit locations that are open for essential services and provide hand sanitizer for residents.
- The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute will use its grant for its Live in Peace Fund through gift cards and vouchers.
- Prince Hall Grand Lodge continues to partner with community health centers to provide free Covid testing each week and to distribute other critical supplies like face masks and hand sanitizer.
- The Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center will provide Covid education and vaccine education targeted for the community.
- St. Mary's Center for Women and Children will

provide three meals per day to those in their residential programs across Boston and those visiting their food pantry in East Boston. Additionally, funds will be used to purchase cleaning supplies to continue sanitizing their campus and to support the acquisition of items needed for the babies and children in their care as well as their mothers (for example, diapers, feminine hygiene products, formula and toiletries).

- Urban Guild, Inc. will carry on its pandemic relief work through the pantry, delivery services, virtual wellness sessions. and health-related travel vouchers.
- Fields Corner Crossroads, led by VietAID, will coordinate service referral, increase capacity for food distribution, and coordinated outreach on vaccine and testing. Funds will be used to purchase bulk food and supplies for distribution, bring on staff to increase the availability of food at new sites, and create/distribute materials on vaccination and testing.
- Voice of Tabernacle Multi-Service Center, Inc. will use BRF funding to provide emergency food to Haitian immigrants and refugees impacted by the pandemic in Mattapan and Dorchester.

"The Boston Resiliencv Fund has been an invaluable resource in our efforts to support

the critical services that Boston's nonprofits have continued to provide throughout the pandemic," said Mayor Walsh.

"This latest round of grants is our biggest yet, and serves as our way to support these organizations for all the work that they do and for providing essential resources to our community year-round. I also want to thank the Steering Committee for their steadfast commitment to, and oversight of, the Fund."

For more information and a full list of recipients, visit boston.gov/ resiliency-fund.

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1-bedroom	1	No	\$44,800	\$41.133	\$53,760	\$40,670	\$58,350	\$52,920	\$75,000
	2	minimum	\$51,200	\$41,133	\$61,440		\$66,650		\$85,700
2-bedroom	3	No	\$57,600	\$49,371	\$69,120	\$46,039	\$75,000	\$60,048	\$96,400
	4	minimum	\$63,950		\$76,740		\$83,300		\$107,100
3-bedroom	5	No	\$69,100	\$57,024	\$82,920	\$51,593	\$90,000	\$67,330	\$115,700
	6	minimum	\$74,200		\$89,040		\$96,650		\$124,250

Minimum Incomes Apply. Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH)

Applications are available from March 22, 2021 through May 3, 2021

To request an application be sent by e-mail contact us at indigoblockapartments@winnco.com or call 617-316-6755

After careful consideration and an abundance of caution, the City of Boston has decided to cancel the in-person application distribution period. If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at 617-316-6755, to request that we mail you one and to ask us for any guidance you might need to complete

We will be holding two (2) virtual informational meetings on February 27, 2021 at 1:00 pm and March 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Using Safari, Firefox, or Google Chrome, join using the following link: t.ly/jMVI

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than Monday, May 3, 2021 Mailed to: Indigo Block Lottery c/o HousingWorks P.O. BOX 231104, Boston, MA 02123-1104

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#### **HELP WANTED**

#### APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED THE HEAT & FROST INSULATORS UNION LOCAL 6, **BOSTON, JOINT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM** IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY.

Applications will be accepted from March 1 to March 31st. They will be available on our website, www.insulators6.org beginning March 1st. Print and complete an application. Mail the application to the address listed in the instructions. To apply you must meet the following requirements:

Be 18 years of age or older by June 1, 2021. Be a high school graduate. Possess a current, valid driver's license. Reside within the jurisdiction of Local 6. Own a reliable vehicle.

Copies of the following documents must be submitted with your application:

Valid, current driver's license (No photo ID's)

High school diploma, GED certificate or a certified, sealed transcript showing your graduation date.

You must also submit a non-refundable aptitude testing fee of \$25.00. Only checks or money orders accepted, made payable to "Local 6, J.A.C."

TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION/JOB SITES: Mass., Maine, New Hampshire & Rhode Island (Driver's License and Reliable Vehicle Necessary & Required).

TERM OF APPRENTICESHIP: Four (4) years. 160 classroom hours and 1800 job site hours per year.

TESTS: General Aptitude Test and Interview; Mandatory Pre-employment Physical Exam and Drug Test.

The Heat and Frost Insulators Apprenticeship Program will not discriminate against apprenticeship applicants or apprentices based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex (including pregnancy and gender identity), sexual orientation, genetic information, or because they are an individual with a disability or a person 40 years old or older. The Heat and Frost Insulators Apprenticeship Program will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunity in apprenticeship and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30," 29 CFR § 30.3(c).

## Ocean Edge offers a fun respite on Cape

best destinations-Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club— continues to offer its guests some unique get-away options pandemic blues.

Nestled along the coast in the town of Brewster, the 337-room resort has weathered the Covid

One of Cape Cod's to help them fight off the storm well, with strong bookings throughout the holiday season, thanks in part to safety-conscious innovations. One of them is the The Frost Bar, a

new wintertime food and beverage destination set up on the terrace of the Mansion, the complex's main building. The terrace has been transformed into a popup culinary experience with an artic setting, complete with private

> Located behind The Mansion overlooking Cape Cod Bay, guests and patrons alike can book a table inside the restaurant for traditional a-la-carte dining or a private igloo with exclusive dining packages that include wintry cocktails with an assortment of delicious hors d'oeuvres and seasonal entrees. From a gouda and caramelized onion fondue to lobster poutine and butternut squash risotto, the Ocean Edge culinary team aims to tantalize your taste buds and keep you warm this Cape Cod winter.

> The resort is also offering an Igloo Package through March 25, which will include 10-20 percent discount on an overnight stay. In addition to the Frost Bar, the resort has its Beach House Spa open for guests, including services like massages, manicures and pedicures, waxings, and facials, along with bridal



Ocean Edge Frost Bar and igloos have been a huge hit in the winter season. The venue remains open through mid-April.

services. A "girls getaway" package offered this season includes multi-bedroom villas and 25 percent discounts on spa treatments through May 27.

The Frost Bar active will remain open until mid-April, at which point the terrace will be switched over to a different, spring season identity as The Front Lawn. The Front Lawn experience at Ocean Edge transforms the five-acre Mansion lawn into an open-air hangout, with brews, bites, and live music on the weekends. Adults and kids alike can space out and enjoy quality time together while enjoying the cool Cape air. Exclusively for this popup, the sprawling green space is decked out with lawn games, a wood-fired oven with an eclectic menu of light bites, such as wood-fired chicken wings, white clam pizza, and s'mores nachos. It will also feature craft cocktails, wines, and buckets of beers featuring local Cape Cod breweries, like Devil's Purse and Hog Island.

For more information, check out the website oceanedge.com or call 1-508-896-9000. Rates start at \$119 per night.

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## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER**

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**BGCD Member Wins 2020 Holiday Card Contest & Meets Mayor Walsh:** See details below.

#### CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Member Wins 2020 Holiday

Card Contest & Meets Mayor Walsh: BGCD member An V. is a very talented artist. We are so proud that his delightful painting of a snowman was chosen to be displayed on Mayor Martin J. Walsh's 2020 Holiday Card!

In addition to having his beautiful work admired by thousands of people across the City of Boston, An had the chance to meet with Mayor Walsh and receive some special gifts. After learning of An's interest in Law Enforcement, Mayor Walsh was kind enough to "pin" him with a very special Boston Police Department badge!

After the visit, An thanked Mayor Walsh and wished him all the best in his new role as Labor Secretary in Washington D.C. Thank you to Mayor Walsh for making such a memorable experience for An.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
Boston 25 Meteorologist Vicki
Graf Hosts BGCD Members for
Virtual Tour: Last week, Boys & Girls
Clubs of Dorchester Learning Hub
members were able to attend a special
meteorology session with Boston 25
meteorologist Vicki Graf. Vicki was
kind enough to spend time with our
members via Zoom. Vicki gave our
Club members a virtual tour of the
studio and talked about her job as a

A huge thank you to Boston 25 and Vicki for this amazing opportunity. Our members loved being able to be behind the scenes and have the opportunity to ask questions and learn more.

Meteorologist.

For information on programming, please contact Vice President of Programming Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org.



Boston 25 News Partners with BGCD for Virtual Meteorology Session with Members: See details below.

#### **DID YOU KNOW:**

Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Partners with BGCD Keystone Club for Virtual Cooking Class Series: Last week we had 12 members of our Keystone Club participate in a virtual cooking class with Christopher Kimball's Milk Street Cooking School. This was the first in a series of four classes creating cuisine from around the world. Our members picked up a take home bag with all the necessary ingredients to prepare delicious Honduran coconut-milk flour tortillas.

Thank you to our partners and friends at Christopher Kimball's Milk Street for providing these amazing opportunities to our teen members for the past four years and helping to encourage a love of cooking and encouraging healthy lifestyles. For more information on the Keystone Club, please contact BGCD Teen Director Ariana Nazario at anazario@bgcdorchester.org.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Let's Get Ready SAT Prep February 23 - April 29

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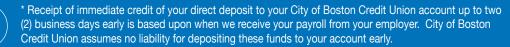
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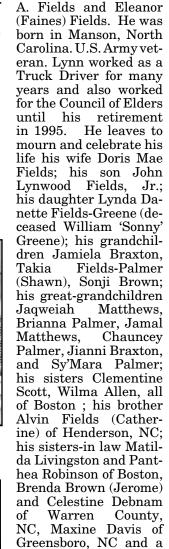
DAVIS, Arnita, 61 of Dorchester. Wife of Richard Davis. Mother of Latoyia, Colisha, Henry, Arnita, William, Riva and Ari. Sister of Thelbert, Elbert, Rufus, Guy, Charlene, the late Adell, and doting grandmother of twelve.

EBBS, Bernard Joseph, 54 of Abington, formerly of Dorchester. Father to Joseph Ebbs of Abington. He was employed at at Lucky Strikes, B.F.I. and a member of the Teamsters Local 25. In addition to his son, Bernard is survived by his brothers

Christopher Ebbs of ter. Son of the late John Ireland; Brian Ebbs of Dorchester, Ruthanne Ebbs; niece's Jennifer Ebbs and Isabella St. Martin; nephews Christopher Ebbs, Jonathan Ebbs, Michael Ebbs, Brian Ebbs, Anthony Carter, Alexander St. Martin and William St. Martin, great-niece's Lilvana. Madilyn and FrayaMoon and great-nephew Jason; his step siblings, Tara Scraggs, Brandon Ebbs, Ryan Ebbs and Devin Ebbs.



FIELDS, John Lynwood, 90, of Dorches-



son, NC. GARVEY, Kathleen E. of Weymouth, 71. Daughter to Frank and Anne (Cifrino) Garvey. Kathy is survived by her husband, Douglas Walton; her son, Matthew Walton, his wife Gina, and grandchildren, Emma and Liam, of Weymouth; and her daughter, Victoria

host of nieces, nephews,

family and friends. He

was preceded in death

by three sisters, Cleo Perry of Norlina, NC,

Alice Faye Hart and

Edna 'Flossie" Davis of Boston and one brother,

Milton Fields of Man-



Walton of Seattle WA. She is also survived by her sister, Nancy and brother-in-law, George Oliveira of Portsmouth, RI; her sister, Janet Garvey of Boston; her nephew, David Oliveira, his wife Nicole, and their 3 children of Portsmouth, RI; as well as her niece, Laurie Oliveira of Portsmouth, RI. A scholarship fund has set up in Kathy's memory. Donations to The Kathleen E. Garvey Scholarship Fund can be mailed to South Shore Bank, 1530 Main Wey-Street, South mouth, MA 02190.



GOODWIN, Rita M. (Daily) f Falmouth, formerly of Waltham. Wife of the late Clarence Cooper Goodwin. Mother of Philip Goodwin (Shelby Allen) of Boston and Falmouth and Stephen Goodwin (Marcia) of Waltham. Grand-mother of Stephen Goodwin, Jr. (Teri Condon) of Arlington, Amy

livan) of Atlanta, GA, Jean Goodwin (Andrew Zucker) and Elizabeth Sturges (Richard), all of Waltham. Great-grandmother of Katherine and Cecilia Goodwin, Gerard and Nora Sullivan, Hailey and Will Hunt and Harry and Maggie Sturges. Memorial donations may be made to Waltham High School National Honor Society/Student Santa Program, 617 Lexington St., Waltham, MA 02452.



HOLLAND, Edward J., lifelong resident of Dorchester, 87. U.S. Navy Korean War veteran. He worked as a Boston Police Officer for many years and was past president of the Boston Police Retirement Association. Ed also worked as a union carpenter. Brother of Barbara Sullivan of Pembroke; Joseph Holland, BFD and his wife Debra of Weymouth; Thomas Holland and and his wife Barbara of FL; Nancy Fossa of Dorchester; Michael Holland and and his wife Sheila of Brockton; Kathleen Brodney and and her husband David of Stoughton; the late Marilyn Beaman and the late James Holland. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Ed may be made to the Boston Police Relief

Goodwin (Patrick Sul- Assoc., 1249 Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park, MA 02136.



KELLEY, Diane Marie, 56, of Dorchester, formerly of Everett and Randolph. Diane enjoyed a 27-year career working for the Massachusetts Parole Board. Diane is survived by her parents Paul H. and Juanita H. (Denton) Kelley of Randolph; siblings Daryl P. Kelley of Washington, DC and Debra (Kelley) Tynes and husband Julian T. of Springfield, nephews Julian "Corey" Tynes of Boston, Mitchell E.K. Tynes, Owen C. Tynes, Eric W. Tynes, all of Springfield, and a host of family, colleagues, co-workers and dear friends



JACKSON, Jean Edith (Hoyt), 90, of Dorchester. Daughter to the late William Hoyt and Daisy Mae (Nash) Hoyt. Jean was preceded in death by one sister Mildred (Hoyt) Hudlin. Four brothers

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

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BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,
\$5-304 & \$5-405
Docket No. SU20P2157PM
IN THE MATTER OF:
DEMILADE AKIN OLUGBADE
of DORCHESTER, MA of DORCHESTER, MA

(Person to be Protected/Minor) (Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA; Brian J. McLaughlin, Esq. of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Demilade Akin Olugbade is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Brian J. McLaughlin, Esq. of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/01/2021. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which wou have to file the written appearance.

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The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

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

Register of Probate Date: February 19, 2021 Published: March 4, 2021

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MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET

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BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU21P0284GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
GHISLAINE LUXAMAR
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA i by Boston Medical Center of Boston, Ma If the above captioned mater alleging that Ghislaine Luxamar is in need of a Guardiar and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you o your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the eturn date of 03/24/2021. This day is NO return date of 03/24/2021. Inis day is NO
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Register of Probate Date: February 10, 2021 Published: March 4, 2021

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P0344EA
ESTATE OF:
HOANG THAI NGUYEN
DATE OF DEATH: 11/22/2020
all interested persons:

A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dzung T. Nguyen of Randolph, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Dzung T. Nguyen of Randolph, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate. as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/07/2021.

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Under The Massachusetts Uniform
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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First stice of this Court.
Date: February 25, 2021

Register of Probat Published: March 4, 2021

COMMONWEALTH OF
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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU21P0290EA
ESTATE OF:
BITA MARIE HOW! AND RITA MARIE HOWLAND DATE OF DEATH: 09/17/2016

Intestacy and Appointment of Persona Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Rori G. Edwards of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Rori G. Edwards of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate. as Personal Representative(s) of said estate o serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First lustice of this Court. Date: February 18, 2021

Felix D. Arroyo

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Garent Hoyt, Frederick Hoyt, Percy Hoyt, and Judy Hoyt. all of New Brunswick Canada. Jean was married to the late John Jackson Sr. Jean leaves to cherish her memories, 6 children. William D. Jackson-(Effie (Stone) Jackson) of Brockton, Linda Jean Jackson-Taylor of Boston, John R. Jackson Jr. of Boston, Shelia M. Jackson of Norwood, Timothy L. Jackson of Norfolk VA, and Janet C. Jackson of Boston. along with 15 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends...



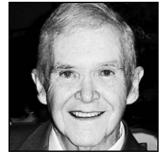
JACKSON, Maurice A. "Moe," 34 of Dorchester. Born in New Britain, Connecticut he ws the son of Elizabeth Medina. He was a long time employee of Boston Medical Center in Boston. He leaves to mourn and celebrate his life mother Elizabeth Medina, sister Latiesha Medina, brothers; Anthony Jackson and Richie Freeman, four nephews, three nieces and many cousins, friends and

family. Predeceased by his Grandmother Francis Medina



**KELTON.** Corinne F. "Co," affectionately known as "Co," 68, to the late Andrew E. and Hattie F. (Branch) Kelton. Her proudest accomplishment was her son Damen E. Kelton, for whom she had endless love. His wife Jillian also brought her great joy, along with her three grandchildren, Logan, Henry and Katie Mae. She was preceded in death by her daughter Renecia, and her parents. She leaves one uncle Robert Branch, seven siblings Andrew E. and his wife Emma, James L. and his wife Carla, Thomas K. and his wife Patricia, Andrea L. and her husband Bernard, Annie L. and her husband Peter. Phillip B. and his wife Shari and Norman M., and a spiritual sister, First Lady Betty Green. She also leaves a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

LEE, Thomas Francis Sr., 88. Born in South Boston to Michael and Delia "Bridgie" Lee of County



March 4, 2021

Galway, Ireland. U.S. Navy veteran. Tom is survived by his three children: Mary Anne Lee of Spencertown, NY, Denise Holzman of Marstons Mills, and Thomas Lee, Jr. of Bloomfield, CT, his sonin-law Paul Shipman of Bloomfield, CT, and grandchildren Jennifer Lee Holzman of Tampa, FL, and Andrew Lee Holzman of Honolulu, HI. He was predeceased by his wife Cecilia Helen (Doherty) Lee, and cherished son-in-law William Holzman, as well as his brother John Lee, Avon, and his sister Mary (Lee) Kupstis, South Boston.



MacDONALD, John James of Hanover and Clear Springs, Prince Edward Island, Canada, formerly of Dorchester, 93. Son of the late Daniel Joseph and Mary

Elizabeth (MacDonald) MacDonald. Husband of the late Anna (Bacon) MacDonald. Father of Jean Selines and her husband Daniel of Weymouth, John "Jack" and his wife Elise Stevenson of Milton, Peter of Hanover, Annmarie O'Shea of Milton and Mary and her husband Martin Deane of Milton. Brother of the late Eugenia MacDonald, Neil Joseph MacDon-ald, Marie Wessling, and Jerome MacDonald. Devoted grandfather to Matthew Selines, Kevin, Elizabeth, and Austin O'Shea, Anna, Margaret, Abigayle and William Deane, Daniel, Michael and Joseph MacDonald and Claire MacDonald. Great-grandfather to 3. Longtime companion of Claire Garrigan of Hanover. Former retired sergeant Boston Police Department, United States Navy Seamen First Class 1945-1946, United WWII combat veteran and longtime member of the American Legion,

RATTA, Frank O., of Roxbury, 95. Husband of Eleanor S. (Figaratto) Ratta. Father of Douglas and his wife Kathy Ratta of Kingston, Joseph Bavis of Boston, Frederick and his wife Ann Ratta of South Weymouth, and Karen and her husband Phil Yuska of Winchester. "Papa" of 7. Great-Papa of 7. Brother of Samuel

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and his wife Mary Ratta of Everett and the late Rose and her husband James Letterie. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Frank served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Radio Radar Gunner during the Pacific Theatre of WWII. He was a retired Personnel Manager for Deran Confectionary Company for 40 years. Donations in Frank's memory may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research at michaeljfox.org.



SULLIVAN, James **J "Gino,"** suddenly, of Dorchester. Son of the late James M. and Dorothy A. (Hines) Sullivan. Brother of Barbara Sullivan-Murphy and her husband Patrick Murphy of Weymouth,

Ann and her husband William Trojano of Stephen Dorchester, and his wife Peggy Sullivan of Peabody, and the late Sean P. Sullivan. Survived by many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and dear friends. Jimmy was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a former Firefighter for Massport and a member of the Laborer's Union Local #223. Donations in Jimmy's memory may be made to Addiction Recovery Support Services, 68 O'Connell Way, Boston, MA 02114, or ataarpss.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU21P0051
ESTATE OF:
LAWSON FRANKLIN SCANTLEBURY
DATE OF DEATH: September 14, 2020

SUFFOLK DIVISION To all persons interested in the above

captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Barbara G. Owen of Fairhaven, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Barbara G. Owen of Fairhaven, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court, Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained

from the Petitioner.
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## **Notice of Public Hearing** CITY of BOSTON

City of Boston's **Department** Neighborhood Development announces a public hearing seeking citizen input on the housing and community development priorities for the Program Year 2021 (7/1/21 - 6/30/22) Action Plan, in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105(b).

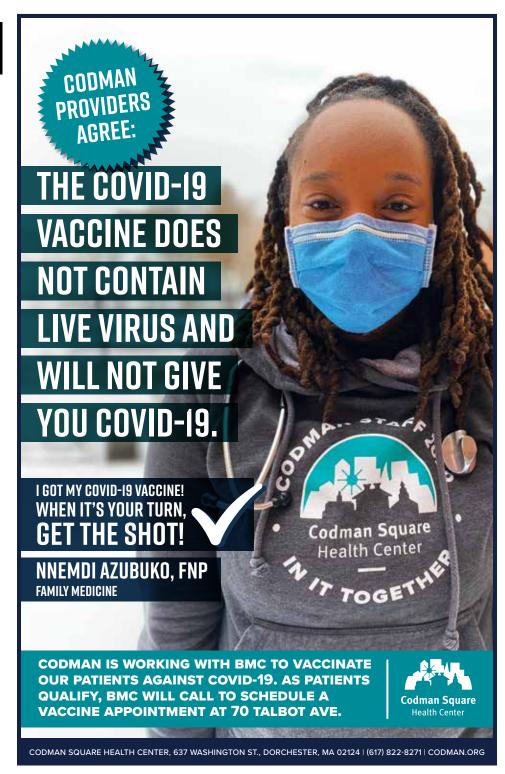
The Action Plan is submitted annually to the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and serves as the City's application and plan for using an estimated \$28 million in HUD resources from: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, this will be a Virtual Hearing held on 3/10/21 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

**Interpretative services** in Spanish and Chinese will be provided. To request another language, including American Sign Language, call 617-635-3880 at least 7 days prior to the hearing date. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

To access the hearing link, go to: https://www.boston.gov/departments/neighbor hood-development/hearings-and-public-comm ent

Tim Davis, Deputy Director (DND)





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