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Mayor Michelle Wu and a cadre of administration officials boarded the Route 29 bus at the corner of Blue Hill Avenue and Westview Street on Tuesday morning, March 1, which was the first day for that route becoming part of the free bus pilot program. The City Council approved \$8 million last year to fund the free bus pilot, which covers Routes 23, 28 and 29 - all of which are in Dorchester and Mattapan.

100-plus days in, Wu talks Dorchester development, elected school committee

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Mayor Michelle Wu officially hit the 100-days mark on Thursday, her tenure as the city's chief executive so far shaped by clashes with public safety unions over a coronavirus vaccination mandate, a step-aside deal for the Boston Public Schools superintendent and a blizzard.

Her next 100 days are likely to be just as intense. She continues to fill out her administration, such as the hiring of a new chief of planning. She is also looking for a new police commissioner and

a climate change chief.

Asked what she considered to be her biggest accomplishment out of the mix of things that greeted her when she assumed office Nov. 16, Wu said, "Starting to shift what Boston believes is possible." That's a reference to both the fare-free buses, a pilot program funded through \$8 million in federal dollars, and to the substance use and homelessness crisis at Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.

City officials cleared the encampment earlier this year. Residents who used to live in tents moved

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At Mattapan farm, city plants seeds of new urban agriculture office

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Fresh carrots and ripe tomatoes have been welcome neighbors for Marlon Henry and his son, Malachi, who live just down the street from Mattapan's Fowler Clark Epstein Farm on Norfolk Street.

For them, the farm is a constant in their neighborhood and a weekly source of fresh food over the last seven vears since it opened. At times, Malachi has gone to the Farm to learn about where food comes from – the ground and not from the supermarket shelves.

"I learned how to make apple cider here; and they gave me a plant to take home and we grew



Marlon and Malachi Henry live just down the street from the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm in Mattapan and have made the resource part of their lives and their meals. Seth Daniel photo

it at my house," the son said with a smile.

"We come here every Friday," said Marlon. "It's good to be buying fruits and vegetables locally because many of the times with the stuff in the store, it has a long journey from Mexico or Florida or wherever. It comes in trucks from a long way away and that takes days or weeks, while here they might have just pulled it up two hours ago. They also put wax and chemicals on the stuff in the store to keep it fresh on that journey, and you don't have to worry about that here."

As Malachi described the Friday trips to the farm for fresh food, the smiles were evident on both father and son -(Continued on page 12)

Fare-free bus pilot expands as initial effort sees ridership boost

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

City officials on Tuesday hailed the expansion of a fare-free bus pilot, which runs for the next two years on Routes 23, 28 and 29. The three routes wind their way through Dorchester and Mattapan.

Mayor Michelle Wu highlighted the expansion by taking the Route 29 bus to Jamaica Plain's Jackson Square MBTA station, from the intersection of Blue Hill Avenue and Westview Street in Dorchester.

Efon Elad, who lives on Ames Street, expressed happiness with the pilot.

"I will use the French word 'incroyable' to accurately describe it," he said. "i know I'm going to save a lot of money here because I ride this bus every day. I don't take the 23 much, but the 29 is my bus."
The launch came as MBTA officials reviewed

early results of a pilot program that initially only included the Route 28 bus. The program boosted Route 28 ridership by more than 20 percent, but only about a third of commuters who participated saved money because of costs they faced elsewhere on the MBTA.

Final evaluation of the fare-free test remains underway, but T staff presented an overview Thursday

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Commonwealth Kitchen buys Quincy Street building

Expansion planned for budding businesses to find success

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

More than 50 food-focused small businesses can rest easier this week as their shared facility on Quincy Street - Commonwealth Kitchen - announced its \$7 million acquisition of the building, while also beginning a \$4 million capital campaign for expansion.

Jen Faigel, Commonwealth Kitchen's executive director, told the Bakery from Common-Reporter the purchase of the former Bornstein and Pearl Food Production



Codman Square resident Teresa Maynard launched Sweet Teez wealth Kitchen in 2016.

Center from Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation will cement their operations in Grove Hall. The kitchen has served as an incubator and a place for businesses to succeed or fail since it opened

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Police, Courts & Fire

Quincy man charged in Field Corner T stabbing

MBTA Transit Police arrested a Quincy man they say ended an argument that began on a train heading to Ashmont by stabbing his opponent in the stomach as the train pulled into Fields Corner shortly before 11:45 p.m. on Sunday. Michael Buckley, 40, was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, police say, adding his victim was taken to a local hospital with injuries not considered life threatening.

The Supreme Judicial Court on Monday upheld the first-degree murder conviction of Andrew Robertson for the 2013 shooting death of Romeo McCubbin on Havelock Street in Dorchester. According to the court's summary of the case, Mc-Cubbin was sitting in an $SUV\,on\,around\,1{:}45\,a.m.$ on Dec. 14, 2013 when Robertson walked up to McCubbin's driver's side window and fired multiple shots. McCubbin's vehicle rolled forward, he fell out of the SUV and Robertson jumped back into the passenger side of a waiting vehicle, which sped off. The court concluded that while the prosecutor in Robertson's second trial - the first ended in a mistrial - did make a mistake during closing by referring to some evidence he shouldn't have, it was only a minor error that did not influence the jury's deliberations. And the fact that one of Robertson's three co-defendants lunged at him after the jury announced its verdict was unfortunate, but it also didn't affect the jury's deliberations, given that they had just finished giving their verdict, the court said.

A 28-year-old Dorchester man was arrested on firearm charges on Monday night following a car accident on Cummins Highway. According to a Boston Police account, the driver — identified as Reginald Bly— struck a tree and was seen dropping a firearm as he exited the damaged vehicle. Police reportedly found a loaded Smith and Wesson 9mm gun on the ground and arrested Blv. A 23-year-old woman from Dorchester was also arrested after police say she tried to intervene in Bly's arrest. The suspect— Juraeh Garcia will be charged with assault and battery on a police officer, according to BPD documents. Both were due in Dorchester District Court this week.

Boston Police arrested a 38-year-old Boston man in Dorchester on Monday afternoon in connection to a reported incident involving a gun at the Encore Casiono in Everett earlier in the day. Police say John Monteiro was arrested after they stopped his car near American Legion Highway and found him in "unlawful" possession of a loaded weapon. Police say casino security had detected the weapon and turned him away earlier that morning.

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City ends mask mandate for indoors, with exception for Boston schools

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

City public health officials on Tuesday lifted the mask mandate in place since last year, citing improving coronavirus trends. The mandate ends on Saturday, March 5, though it will still apply in public transportation areas, like trains, taxis and MBTA stations, and in Boston Public Schools.

At the state level, the mask mandate for schools ended on Monday, Feb. 28.

The city has been under a state of emergency since March 2020, when the coronavirus spread ramped up in Massachusetts and the rest of the US. A face covering requirement has been in place for retail establishments, restaurants, bars, performance venues, event spaces, municipal buildings and other venues open to the public.

The decision to lift the mask mandate for certain indoor venues came at a half-hour meeting of the seven-member Boston board of health, after a presentation from Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, commissioner of public health and executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission. The board voted to approve Ojikutu's recommendation to lift the mask mandate. Along with schools and public transportation, masks are also recommended for city-owned buildings that see vulnerable populations come through its doors, such as Boston Public Library branches and community centers.

The board plans to meet on Wednesday, March 9 to discuss masking in schools.

People should still consider masking if they are around young children who do not have access to vaccines and the immunocompromised, according to Ojikutu.

Ojikutu said city health officials have started developing a plan for how to reinstitute the mask mandate, if necessary. Mask-wearing is the "first line of defense" when the risk of COVID infection rises, according to Ojikutu.

Overall, the community positivity rate is currently

at 2.5 percent, down 2.9 percentage points from the last two weeks, according to Ojikutu's presentation. Positive tests results are down 23 percent from the previous week, and COVID hospitalizations for adults are down 28 percent.

Ojikutu also provided updates on the percentage of fully vaccinated individuals by neighborhood. As of Feb. 22, Mattapan continued to have the lowest vaccination rate at 56.8 percent.

The South End had the highest with 83.4 percent. Dorchester was just under 70 percent. The city's overall vaccination rate was at 72.1 percent.

On Friday, Feb. 18, city officials lifted the requirement for people to show proof of vaccination at indoor spaces, due to the downward trend of COVID metrics.

Taken together, the lifting of the proof of vaccination requirement and the mask mandate indicate the end of the coronavirus surge that hit the state hard in the last few months.

A day before the board of health met, City Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy filed a home rule petition calling for the reform of the body. The petition says the board did not meet enough during the pandemic and did not have public hearings when mandates were first instituted.

Murphy said the board should be mandated to meet at least monthly in public when there isn't a public health emergency, and at least weekly when there is one

The home rule petition — which needs the approval of the City Council, mayor, state Legislature and the governor before it becomes law — would also add two people to the seven-member board, including an emergency medical technician or paramedic.

The proposal also allows the City Council to vote on a citywide state of emergency if it goes past 90 days.

Murphy said the 13-member City Council didn't get a say in the board of health's moves. "I am asking to start the conversation," she said of her proposal.

After protests at home, Wu plan would restrict 'targeted residential picketing'

By Michael P. Norton State House News Service

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, who has regularly encountered protesters outside her home, filed a proposed ordinance Monday to put new rules in place restricting demonstrations that target a particular residence. The proposal would address what the mayor's office describes as targeted residential picketing, or "picketing, protesting, or demonstrating, with or without signs or sound amplification, that is specifically directed towards a particular residence or one or more occupants of the residence, and which takes place before or about the targeted residence."

Under her plan, such picketing would be re-

stricted between the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. The proposal would not affect marches or protests that pass through residential areas and are not targeted at a particular home, and would apply to any targeted residence, not just the homes of elected officials.

"Boston has a strong legacy of activism, and it's important to uphold and protect the ability to speak out and advocate fiercely to keep our democracy strong," Wu said in a statement. "But in a moment of divided national politics, we can't normalize the harassment and hate spilling over into our communities. Boston must model not only bold, urgent policies, but also inclusive, empowering politics."

The mayor's office re-

leased statements of support for the proposal from Boston City Council President Ed Flynn and Gregory Long, acting commissioner of the Boston Police Department. Protests of Wu's COVID-19 vaccine policies have drawn demonstrators, and police, to Wu's home on a regular basis in recent months.

"This ordinance will add to our existing laws to stop harassment of residents in their private homes, while respecting the right to protest,' Long said. "People have a right to privacy and peace in their homes.' The mayor's office said that targeted residential picketing that occurs late at night or early in the morning "increases the intrusion on the privacy and sanctity of the home,

and is particularly harassing and detrimental to the sleep and well-being of families, including seniors and families with children."

Wu's office said that the U.S. Supreme Court, in Frisby v. Schultz, upheld a similar local ordinance in Wisconsin created after anti-abortion protesters "consistently targeted doctors who performed abortions, by repeatedly picketing outside their homes."

The order "will complement existing prohibitions against excessive noise, disturbing the peace, and blocking of streets and sidewalks through these clear guidelines around targeted residential picketing," according to the mayor's office.

UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

A free event — Fields Corner Winter Express— will be held at Town Field, 1565 Dorchester Ave. on Sunday, March 6 from 12-3 p.m. Ice skating rink, art activities, games, music, food, Zumba, resource tables and more. Sponsored by City of Boston, ADSL, Fields Corner Crossroads, and Fields Corner Main Streets.

A public meeting is set for Thurs., March 10 at 6p.m. to discuss a plan to expand and improve the Codman Yard, the facility used by the MBTA to service and store Red Line trains next to Ashmont Station. The proposal would expand the yard by six tracks. The meeting will be held online. Register at mbta.com/CodmanYard.

A virtual public meeting to discuss a Forest Hills station improvement project

will be held on Wed., March 9 at 6 p.m. Officials from the MBTA will present an overview of the 30 percent design plans for the improved station. The meeting will be held online, via Zoom. The project team will begin the meeting with a presentation at 6:00 PM, followed by time for questions and answers. Please pre-register for this meeting. See page 17 for more info.

JFK Library will present a program with "Irish Balladeer" Richard Stillman on Sat., March 5 at 11:30 a.m. as part of the library's Celebrate! From Anywhere virtual programming. Register online at jfklibrary. org/Celebrate.

The Mayor's Office of Housing announces a public hearing on Wed., March 16 seeking citizen input on

the housing and community development priorities for the Program Year 2022. 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. Input is requested to shape the program design for \$21.6 million in American Rescue Plan HOME funds to help individuals and families who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. The virtual hearing will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. To access the hearing, go to: boston.gov/ departments/housing/hearings-and-public-comment.

Join the BPDA for a public meeting on Tuesday, March 15 from 6-8 p.m. to discuss plans for three vacant sites owned by the

city at 20R Dacia St., 27-29 Fernboro St., and 626 Warren St. in Grove Hall. Register for the virtual meeting at bit.ly/3p6Ua2g. Association of Haitian Women in Boston (AFAB) host an International Women's Day event on Tues., March 8 via Zoom with special guest Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune beginning at 6:30 p.m. The virtual event will also include Brianna Millor, the Mayor's Chief of Community Engagement. Go to DotNews.com for a link to join.

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After two-year pause, Dot Day celebration is set to return

By Samuele Petruccelli SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Planning is underway for the return of the Dorchester Day parade after pandemic-driven restrictions twice shut down a celebration that dates back to 1904.

Sunday, June 5, will mark the first time festivities run through the city's largest neighborhood since 2019. Coronavirus health precautions restricted large gatherings, but declining infection rates, as well as the return of the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20 gave organizers confidence to proceed with planning.

The parade will kick off at 1 p.m. in Lower Mills and conclude at the intersection of Dorchester Avenue and Columbia Road. Neighborhood after-parties are usually held that afternoon and

"It's going to make us feel back to normal," said John Schneiderman, a Vietnam War veteran who served as the Chief Grand Marshal of the Parade in 2019, "and what we need is to feel normal again."

This will be the 116th $annual\,parade.\,Both\,the$ main event and preparations typically bring together businesses, local elected officials and residents to fundraise.

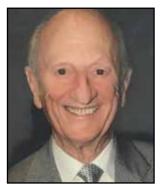


A group of volunteers from VietAID marched in the Dorchester Day Parade in 2018. Chris Lovett photo

"I think we're all very, very excited to be able to get back out there and put the parade on the street," said Kelly Walsh, president of the parade committee.

"It's nice to be able to celebrate our community with all of our friends and neighbors," she added. "I think a lot of people miss that kind of thing."

For each celebration, the parade committee selects a neighborhood veteran to serve as Chief Grand Marshal. This year, the honor goes to Louis Pasquale, a 95-year-old World War II veteran. He has waited patiently since his 2020



Louis Pasquale

selection to preside over a parade.

Pasquale was unanimously chosen to the job and has been a fixture in Dorchester for more than half a century. He ran neighborhood bowling nights, covering the cost for kids who couldn't afford the price of admittance, according to Schneiderman.

"I think it's just going to be awesome to see him in the car going by with the Chief Grand Marshall hat on," Schneiderman said. "You couldn't fit a better person to become the Chief Grand Marshall."

Planning for the day of fun is normally a years-long process. Even though the parade has not happened the last two years, the committee still met for nearly all their scheduled monthly meetings. Walsh said. This time, organizers, who all work voluntarily, will have around four months

before the parade.

"I love parade day, but I always know one of the best times of the day for me as parade committee president is when I get the text that the last group is on the parade route, just because you know that it was another successful day," Walsh

Gretchen Haase has held the ceremonial title of mayor of Dorchester since 2019. Due to the parade cancellations, there has not been an opportunity to designate a new mayor. So with the first Sunday of June just around the corner, she's helping fundraise ahead of the parade kickoff.

"There's no big money pools in the Dorchester Day Parade," Haase said. "It's all about raising funds."

And though it's an honorary position, Haase has participated in some local events. During a 2019 tree-lighting ceremony, Haase said she filled in for then-mayor Marty Walsh, who was away on a trip to Ireland.

With a packed ballot this fall, the parade will also feature local elected officials and candidates looking to shake some hands and ask for votes along the route down Dorchester Avenue.

As mayor of Dorchester, Haase said she loses track of how much effort goes into planning the events. Calling the community a melting pot, she predicts the first Sunday in June will be "insane."

Annissa Essaibi George, the former city councillor at-large, is organizing the Little Miss Dorchester Contest, where young contestants write essays and are interviewed by judges to select a winner.

"It's a time where everyone is out of their home," Essaibi George said. "We live at the end of the parade route, and so we always end up having a post-parade neighborhood barbecue, and everyone's welcome."

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Culpepper jumps into Second Suffolk Senate race

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Miniard Culpepper, the pastor of Roxbury's Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church and a former official with the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), on Tuesday tossed his hat into the ring for the Second Suffolk Senate seat.

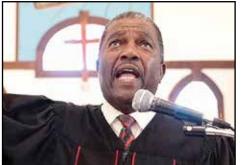
The seat will open this year as Sonia Chang-Diaz, a Jamaica Plain Democrat, seeks to run for governor.

The Second Suffolk already has two candidates: State Reps. Liz Miranda and Nika Elugardo. Dianne Wilkerson, who once held the same seat 14 years ago, previously told the Reporter she was weighing another run, but she has not responded to requests for comment.

Culpepper retired in February from his job as HUD regional counsel. He held his state Senate campaign kickoff in Grove Hall, close to where he worked as a teenager in his grandfather's shoe

"I am a lawyer who follows the law and a minister who follows the Lord," Culpepper said in a campaign launch video. "Now it's time to become a lawmaker who works for the people of the Second Suffolk Senate district.'

Before he was at HUD, he worked for Congresswoman Cardiss Collins of Illinois and was active in Democratic Party politics, helping on voter turnout



Miniard Culpepper, the pastor of Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Roxbury, this week kicked off his campaign for the Second Suffolk Senate seat, which opened up after Sonia Chang-Diaz launched a 2022 run for

Screenshot from campaign video

for the presidential campaigns of Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

The Seaver Street resident lives in the house across the street from Franklin Park and once owned by his grandparents, who fought to become the first Black residents on the block.

Attendees at his campaign launch included former state Rep. Royal Bolling, Jr., whose late father held the seat in the 1980s; Rev. Gregory Groover, pastor of Charles Street AME Church and a former Boston School Committee member; and Andrea Swain, director of the Boys and Girls Club of Roxbury, among others.

Juan Marcelino, a securities lawyer, is serving as the chairman and finance director for Culpepper's Senate run.

"I will offer bold solutions to build affordable housing and expand homeownership," Culpepper said. "Now's the time to take that fight, that leadership, that experience to Beacon Hill."

Chang-Diaz has held the seat since 2009, after she defeated Wilkerson in a Democratic primary. With all the candidates registered as Democrats, the September primary will likely determine who wins the November general election and gets sworn into office in January.

The district includes Dorchester, Mattapan, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park, Mission Hill, Roslindale, Roxbury and the South End, though state lawmakers recently redrew the district as part of the decennial redistricting process. Under the new lines, Black voters in Mattapan and Hyde Park were shifted into the district, while parts of Jamaica Plain and South End were cut out.

Now, nearly half of the population in the district is Black.

City's first Black deputy police superintendent dies at 78

William "Billy" Celester, the city's first Black deputy superintendent who later went on to serve as director of police in the New Jersey city of Newark, died on Monday, Feb. 21, due to heart complications. He was 78.

 $A\,Boston\,native\,who\,grew\,up\,in\,Mad$ ison Park, Celester would go from being part of a gang of teenagers to becoming a top law enforcement official.

In between, he worked as a sandblaster in the Charlestown Navy Yard. He was recruited to join the Boston Police Department in 1965 as part of an effort to diversify the force, which had 30 Black officers out of 2,800 cops.

He was appointed deputy superintendent at Roxbury's Area B-2 station under Mayor Ray Flynn in 1979. He also co-founded the Massachusetts Association

of Minority Law Enforcement Officers (MAMLEO).

Celester left Massachusetts in 1991 to take the police director job in Newark. In 1996, he was sentenced to two years in prison for taking nearly \$30,000 from police accounts, allegedly using the money for vacations and gifts for his girlfriend. He later returned to Massachusetts and unsuccessfully ran for state representative.

Wake and funeral services are scheduled for Sunday, March 6, at Mattapan's Morningstar Baptist Church. His family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to MAMLEO, which is based in Dorchester.

Caucuses underway, Wards 13 and 18 this weekend

Democratic caucuses are underway across the state, both in-person and virtually, to elect delegates and alternates to the 2022 Democratic Convention in Worcester.

Wards 13 and 18 are set for Saturday, March 5. Ward 13 (Columbia Point, Savin Hill and Roxbury) meets at noon, while Ward 18 (Hyde Park, Mattapan and Roslindale) meets at 10 a.m. Ward 13 is virtual, while Ward 18 is in-person at 1179 River St., with a virtual option.

Ward 14, which includes Dorchester and Mattapan, is scheduled for March 12 at 1 p.m. It is in-person with a virtual option at The Guild, located at 260 Washington Street.

Dorchester and Mattapan's other wards have already met and elected their respective delegates. The last day of caucuses, which have been underway since Feb. 2, is March 12.

The convention is set for June 3 to June 4, at Worcester's DCU Center.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Boston's Mayor's Office of Housing announces a public hearing seeking citizen input on the 1) housing and community development priorities for the Program Year 2022 (7/1/22 - 6/30/23) 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.

2) Input is requested to shape the program design for \$21.6 million in American Rescue Plan HOME funds to help individuals and families who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. This Plan will also be submitted to HUD.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, this will be a Virtual Hearing held on 3/16/22 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, go to: https://www.boston.gov/ departments/housing/hearings-and-public-comment

Tim Davis Deputy Director (MOH)



Commonwealth Kitchen buys Quincy Street building

(Continued from page 1) in 2014, and now they hope even more budding entrepreneurs can take a shot at their dreams.

"The businesses we work with have grown and there is a lot of opportunity in our building," she said. "We wanted to get our base stabilized and to be able to do repairs and upgrades. Owning the building and controlling how we grow and support businesses was obvious."

Faigel added: "Light industrial buildings like this are hard to keep, with the push for biotech in Greater Boston. Food manufacturing is going to get decimated in the city if we don't quickly preserve some of it."

Faigel comes from a real estate background and had a big hand in developing Jamaica Plain's Brewery Complex. At the time, there was a shared kitchen that housed now-well known food truck operators like Clover and Roxy's Gourmet Grilled Cheese. When those $businesses\,began\,to\,take$ off, and Faigel moved over to help Dorchester Bay develop the Pearl building-things quickly lined up to launch the city's biggest and most diverse shared kitchen facility. Now, numerous food businesses from Dorchester and Mattapan have been able to try their hand at launching a business – sometimes with success and other times without. But, Faigel said, the new purchase ensures that the shared kitchen and a new shared food manufacturing operation can grow in place.

"The first issue when opening a food business is getting a kitchen," she said. "That start-up cost discourages so many people from starting their business. Restaurants often fail because they get so leveraged on equipment at the start that they can never get out of that hole. We were able to allow people to create those businesses and new jobs just by building a kitchen.

Codman Square resident Teresa Maynard, who started Sweet Teez Bakery, is one such success story. Maynard quit her corporate job in 2016 to try to launch a bakery that specialized in creating sweets that were nutfree and accommodated food allergies.

Despite great input and a well-crafted business plan, she said she had "no clue" until she came to Commonwealth Kitchen for its food business classes.

Five years later, she uses Commonwealth Kitchen from four to seven days a week to fulfill orders. While frosting more than 9,000 cupcakes for a Boston hospital this week, she told



Fresh Food Generation co-owner Cassandria Campbell has taken her food truck and catering business from its beginnings at Commonwealth Kitchen to a new restaurant location in Codman Square.



The food manufacturing line at Commonwealth Kitchen gives some businesses stability and consistency and allows them more time to grow their business and not be in the kitchen.

A WHO'S WHO OF COMMONWEALTH KITCHEN

A short list of former and current users of Commonwealth Kitchen programs or services in Dorchester and Mattapan:

- •Fresh Food Generation
- •Top Shelf Cookies
- •Down Home Catering
- •Smokey Slushes
- •Fresh Truck

(serves a lot of Dorchester locations)

- •50Kitchen (which just closed in February)
- •El Barrio Mexican Grill
- •M & M
- •Reign Drink Lab
- •Cafe JuiceUp
- •Ripple Cafe
- •Oasis Vegan Veggie Parlor

the Reporter that her success wouldn't have happened without a place to figure it all out.

"This place is your trial and error," she said. "Food is hard. Some people come here and don't like the food business and walk away a little wiser, but without losing the huge start-up costs for production equipment...We are confidently at home now (with this purchase). Before you didn't know. It would have been a shame for us not to be here. Owning the building sets us in stone – we're here for good."

Faigel said owning the building has reduced their monthly rent payments to \$12,000 from \$25,000. The savings will go towards addressing deferred maintenance issues and streamlining operations.

They also hope solar panels and maybe solar hot water can reduce their \$100,000 per year energy bills. The hope is the \$4 million capital campaign can help "stabilize operations, reconfigure the space and map out a plan for the future," she said.

"The big vision here is to put an addition to the building, going up one floor for more

duction space," said Faigel. "This part of Grove Hall doesn't have a ton of great food options. Could we bring a retail opportunity where businesses here sell prepared food or other products from Commonwealth Kitchen? We haven't started a process with the neighborhood yet so there's a lot of work to do on that. We are interested in raising the question to see if people are interested in this

Karen Gowen photo training space, or pro-

The list of successful Commonwealth Kitchen users and alums is a list of some of Dorchester and Mattapan's favorite restaurants and eateries - including Fresh Food Generation, Down Home Delivery, Top Shelf Cookies and Reign Drink Lab, to name but a few.

idea."

It's that network and the shared wisdom of others that Maynard said helped take her business successfully from making 20 cupcakes in her home to making 1,400 at a time at the Quincy Street facility.

"It's my watercooler, like you might have at a big company, because being an entrepreneur can be lonely," she said. "I've never been in an environment where everyone wants everyone else around them to win. I never experienced that before until I came here. That support around you from other businesses gets you through the rough times."

Faigel said owning the building gives more access to more dreams dreams that sometimes are just a learning experience and not a success

"There's no question that part of what is good about Commonwealth Kitchen is you can fail fast if you're going to fail and you'll learn great lessons too," she said. "Lots of entrepreneurs have more than one chapter in their business life. What's important is the learning."

The purchase of the building was supported by \$5.7 million in financing from the City of Boston and the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as well as \$2.5 million in financing from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through MassDevelopment. The \$4 million capital campaign is expected to be launched later this year.

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St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn shows are set at 5 venues, with virtual options

Two years after the ill-fated 2020 "A St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn" tour, which had the misfortune to coincide with the beginning of the Covid lockdowns, the show – presented in virtual format last year – is set for an in-person theatrical run.

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Created, produced and hosted by GBH broadcaster
Brian O'Donovan, "A St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn" has performances scheduled for Shalin Liu
Performance Center, Rockport (March 16); Hanover
Theatre, Worcester (March 17); Zeiterion Theatre,
New Bedford (March 18); Somerville Theatre (March
19, two shows); and The Cabot Theatre, Beverly
(March 20). There is also an option to watch performances in virtual format.

"A St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn" has similarities to that other O'Donovan creation, "A Christmas Celtic Sojourn," in that both productions typically feature music, dance, songs, and spoken word associated with Ireland, Scotland, and other Celtic-related traditions. But as O'Donovan explained in a past interview with Boston Irish, the St. Patrick's Day edition has its own identity and purpose.

"St. Patrick's Day is a largely American phenomenon, after all, so that gives the show a different kind of perspective to begin with. For me, 'St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn' is intended as a journey, constantly looking at where the Irish have travelled, how the Irish have influenced others – and in turn, been influenced by others."

Vermont guitarist-pianist-vocalist **Keith Murphy** will once again take on the role as music director, in addition to providing some of the music himself. Also scheduled to appear are:

•Ye Vagabonds, the duo of Carlow brothers Brian and Diarmuid Mac Gloinn, known for their subtle, pastoral take on folk music (both traditional and contemporary, including their own material).

• Harpist and vocalist **Dominique Dodge**, a native New Englander who recently released a gorgeous album of Scottish Gaelic songs.

•Boston-based traditional Irish quartet **Ship in the Clouds**, whose sound is fueled by the melodic chemistry between fiddler Laura Feddersen and accordionist Natasha Sheehy, with spot-on rhythmic



The duo Ye Vagabonds will make its "A St. Patrick's Day Celtic Sojourn" debut this year.

Patrick Glennon photo

accompaniment by guitarist Nathan Gourley and Anna Colliton on bodhran.

•Attleboro native **Torrin Ryan**, an uilleann piper (also plays flute and whistle) who has competed – and won – in the All-Ireland Fleadh.

•Three-time World Irish Step Dancing Cham-

pionships winner **Ashley Smith-Wallace**, from Boston, who brings a theatrical mien to her Irish step dancing.

Tickets and updates are available at celticso-journlive.com.

– SEAN SMITH

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Ice Creamsmith reopens for season in Lower Mills



Chris Skillin, who co-owns The Ice Creamsmith in Lower Mills, is shown in 2019 with the flavor from that year inspired by the Boston Bruins.

Reporter file photo

In a sign of the coming spring, The Ice Creamsmith, a Lower Mills mainstay, reopened on Tues., March 1. The special flavors on the menu include Bailey's, Andes Mint Chip and Oatmeal Raisin Cookie.

The Ice Creamsmith, which first opened in

1976, is typically open between March and November, and closes for the winter months. The ice cream shop was started by Dave and Robyn Mabel. Their daughter Sarah, and her husband Chris Skillin, took over the shop in 2014.

The shop is located at 2295 Dorchester Ave.



Two-year-old Sky Morgado and her mom, Berenis, were among the hundreds of attendees who enjoyed the annual Children's Winter Festival hosted by Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on Boston Common Feb. 24. The family school vacation event was presented in partnership with the Highland Street Foundation and L.L. Bean, with additional support provided by the Boston Globe, Dunkin', Xfinity, and Soxcessful. The free festival featured music, giveaways, various winter attractions, treats, and crafts.

Jon Seamans photo



The Boston Latin Academy girls basketball team won the city league championship on Thursday, Feb. 24 after they defeated the John D. O'Bryant 40-36 in a hard-fought game at Madison Park. Senior Ruth Norton led scoring for the Dragons with 11 points. Pictured above after their victory are players and coaches, including Jasmine Thompson, Majella Cremin, Alison Tracey, Lillian Crowley, Ellie Etemad-Gilbertson, Ruth Norton, Kaylee Flaherty, Petranella Conklin, Grace Whelan, Micayla Davey, Ava Daly, Lauren Dillon, Stephanie Lopez, Yalaine Perez, and Alexa Poremba. Coaches: William Dever and assistant Greg Berry. The Dragons ended their season 12-3.

Patrick O'Connor photo



The Jeremiah E. Burke High boys basketball team celebrated their city league championship on Thursday, Feb. 24, after defeating Latin Academy 60-45 at Madison Park. The Bulldogs, led by head coach Sean Ryan and assistants Kwame Green and Kevin Ross, ended the regular season at 15-3. It is the school's first city title since 1998. Members of the team include: Jasaad Fenton, Takei Galloway, Damani William, Denilson Fanfan, Ramsay Checo, Jaeden Roberts, Kaizha Fitzpatrick, KMarvin Pimental, KyImique Solomon, Rafael Rivera, Jeremy Gonzale, Vic Dos Santos, Shakai Campbell and Nahkeem Singleton.

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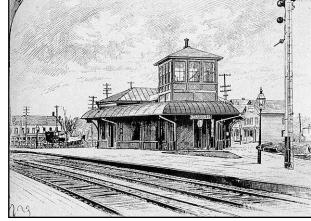
Last week's illustration about Abraham Lincoln and other presidential visits to Dorchester brought in some questions about visits by even more presidents. Today's illustration shows the Walter Baker mansion on Washington Street (top) and the Harrison Square depot on the Old Colony Railroad (Park Street where the road passes underneath the rail line).

Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe visited Colonel Benjamin Hichborn when they came to Boston. He lived on Washington Street in Dorchester in



the mansion that was later owned by Walter Baker. Surely, John Quincy Adams would have at least traveled through Dorchester. The name Harrison Square commemorates William Henry Harrison's visit to Dorchester during the presidential campaign of

1840. John F. Kennedy played tennis at his grandparents' house on Welles Avenue and, in 1962, during his term as President, he came to Dorchester to visit his grandmother, Mary Fitzgerald. George H. W. Bush was born in Milton, so it is likely he visited



Dorchester. Bill Clinton visited the Eire Pub in 1992 among other visits to UMass Boston. George W. Bush debated Al Gore in the presidential debate at UMass Boston,

in October 2000. Joe Biden spoke to striking Stop & Shop Workers at the South Bay shopping center in 2019.

Between last week and this week, the total list

so far includes: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, James Monroe, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, George H. W. Bush, Bill Cinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama There may be others.

Reminder: Order a house history for a house in Dorchester or Mattapan. Did you once live in Dorchester? Order a history for your old home. Check it out on the house history page on the Dorchester Historical Society website. You can view a number of completed reports there.

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Editorial

Ukraine's blood on Trump's hands too

The bloody, ruthless assault on Ukraine by Vladimir Putin and his Russian conscripts over the past week has shocked and horrified the world. But it should also serve to strengthen the commitment to a united front among Americans, our European allies and pro-democracy forces across the globe. It also underlines the urgency for our own nation to confront and defeat Putin's domestic comrades here in the US, led by the disgraced loser of the last presidential election.

It's never been more clear that Trump and his sycophants in the party formerly known as the GOP have been at best stooges and at worst active accomplices in Putin's sustained, years-long campaign to undermine pro-democracy forces in the west. Trump relentlessly ridiculed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and threatened an American withdrawal from the group—the very alliance that has served as a bulwark against Soviet- and now Putin-led aggression.

Trump's threats to withhold military aid to Ukraine unless their young president Volodymyr Zelensky agreed to probe fabricated "misdeeds" by his chief opponent got him impeached, but not convicted. But it's obvious that Trump and his cronies were in cahoots with Zelensky's enemy in the Kremlin and sought to exploit a vulnerable young democracy to advance Trump's narrow political objective. Those obscene overtures failed. Zelensky, in a preview of what the world can now see is a deep vein of courage and leadership, dodged the bully's bluff. And yet, can we ever know for certain how Trump's four years of meddling and sabotage prepped the battleground for Putin to perpetrate his atrocities on the people of Kyiv and Kharkiv and Odessa?

Yes, Putin is a cold-blooded thug and his murderous lunge at his valiant, but less equipped neighbor will relegate him to the lowest rung on history's ladder of ignominy. But, Putin is a former KGB agent turned dictator who imprisons and kills his opponents and seeks to crush neighboring nations into subjugation. He's never been anything other than an adversary to American interests. Only those who have a rooting interest in injuring our American republic and our allies have ever day-dreamed about courting his good graces.

How then, shall we account for the traitors among us who give aid and comfort to Putin, even as he slaughters our allies and callously brandishes the sabre of a nuclear exchange with the West? Will we spend another day, week, month or year turning the other cheek as Trumpist extremists turn their full attention to undermining our elections? Should we pretend not to hear Trump and his sad sack coterie of Congressional turn-coats root on the Russian hordes as they roll slowly into infamy?

One might hope that the horrors of the last week that have befallen the people of Ukraine might give pause to the MAGA voter. How can they watch cluster bombs fall on innocents and think: "I'm sticking with Putin and Trump on this one?"

As we impose strict and swift sanctions on Russia's banks and oligarchs—a necessary device to counter Putin's aggression—should not reasonable people ask aloud: Where are the sanctions for the treasonous actions of America's former commander-in-chief? Just as Putin's criminal assault on Ukraine must be brought to heel, there must be a reckoning in our own land for those who laid the groundwork for this villainous war of aggression.

-Bill Forry

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Thousands of people took to the streets in Boston on Sunday, Feb. 27 in support of Ukraine in its battle against invading Russian forces. The rally started by the Boston Public Garden and the group peacefully made its way to nearby Boston Common. They also marched down Newbury Street chanting "stop the war." Among the crowd was Russia-born Kirill Shklovsky of Dorchester. He said he opposes the war. "Unlike other tragedies that have unfolded around the world, this one particularly hits home, because nobody wants this war except for Putin and his few allies. It's very sad," said Shklovsky, who brought a ukelele to the protest and was playing the Ukrainian national anthem. "It's lovely to see so many people protesting the war," he said.

Pioneering leader in city government Rosemarie Sansone dies at 77

Rosemarie E. Sansone had a warm and winning way with people, and she put that gift to work for the benefit of the City of Boston during a career that encompassed public service, community affairs and business. Each step along her progression from roles in political organization, advertising, city politics, cultural affairs and university administration was brought to bear as she led the successful transformation of downtown Boston into one of the city's most vibrant districts.

Sansone died of cancer at home in Lexington, Mass., on February, 21, 2022.



Rosemarie E. Sansone

Sansone was president and CEO of the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District, or BID, until her retirement on February 15, 2022, her 77th birthday. She had served on the board and later led the Downtown Crossing Partnership, the BID's predecessor organization. In that role she steered the successful campaign to establish Boston's first

business improvement district, which runs from the Financial District through Downtown Crossing and into the Theater District. The BID celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2020, and, under Sansone's leadership, it has transformed downtown Boston. Perhaps the most obvious visual cue for the BID's success would be the contrast between the gaping hole at the former Filene's site when the 2008 recession halted a development project there and the vibrant scene at Summer and Winter streets today.

Sansone's vivacious spirit—evident in her voice and eyes as she connected with family, friends and colleagues—served her well as she worked on behalf of the city and its people. She was able to convene and unify people in pursuit of the common good.

"Whether in her role as Boston city councilor at large or her nearly 12 years as president at Downtown Boston BID, Rosemarie was a trailblazer who never let anything stand in the way of bringing people together," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh, former mayor of Boston. "Her steadfast leadership paved the way for an innovative and vibrant downtown Boston that generations to come will be able to explore and enjoy. It was a privilege to call Rosemarie a friend."

Sansone went straight into politics after graduating from Lexington High School, working first with then-Lt. Gov. Francis X. Bellotti in 1964 and later getting involved in Kevin H. White's 1970 gubernatorial campaign. In 1976, after working for several years in advertising, Sansone became director of the successful campaign to pass the Equal Rights Amendment in Massachusetts.

At a time when few women held elective office, Sansone was elected in 1977 to the Boston City Council, which at the time was a nine-member citywide body. She was the third woman elected to the Council and the only woman councilor for much of her two terms in office.

her two terms in office.
"She was definitely a path breaker in terms of

women in Boston politics," said Carol Hardy-Fanta, senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School, UMass Boston. "We have recently become a bit blasé about women on Boston City Council—including the accomplishments of Ayanna Pressley and Michelle Wu—but let's not forget women like Rosemarie Sansone, who ran and won a seat twice on the City Council in the late 1970s when there was even less support for women in what was definitely a 'man's world."

Then-Councilor Sansone, who wanted to expand opportunities for people interested in municipal service, formed the Committee for Change, which led to an expanded City Council with nine district representatives and four at-large members. She felt that the new configuration would give Boston's neighborhoods a stronger voice in City Hall and make it easier and less expensive for neighborhood-based candidates to seek office. Sansone did not run for a third term.

Mayor Ray Flynn invited Sansone to join his administration as director of the Mayor's Office of Business and Cultural Development, where she played a pivotal role in attracting businesses, tourism and conventions to the city.

"Rosemarie leaves her mark in every Boston neighborhood," said Flynn, who later served as ambassador to the Vatican. "She worked closely with community activists to offer family-friendly neighborhood events, and she expanded the international Sister Cities Program, encouraging residents of paired cities to visit and learn from one another. Her vision for revitalizing Boston's downtown business district—initially during her time at City Hall and later as the BID's leader—led to the area's transformation into a national model. And through her efforts the once-notorious Combat Zone was made over into a thriving center for commerce and culture."

In 1994, she joined Suffolk University as director of public affairs, with responsibilities that included collaborating with public- and private-sector partners on downtown's ongoing revitalization.

She has served on many boards, including Revolution 250, which commemorates the anniversaries of significant events that led to the outbreak of the American Revolution; the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau; and the Economic Development Industrial Board. In 2013-14 she served on Mayor Martin J. Walsh's transition team, and in 2016 she cochaired the commission that oversaw the creation of the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park in Boston's Seaport.

Sansone was the daughter of the late Stephen J. and Rose M. (Picciarelli) Sansone and the sister of the late Michael S. Sansone. In addition to her life partner, David Lancaster of Lexington, Sansone leaves a circle of very close friends.

Her death resulted from a rare clear cell endometrial carcinoma.

Funeral services will be private. Arrangements are by the Douglass Funeral Home in Lexington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Kaji Aso Studio, 40 St. Stephen St, Boston, MA 02115.

How to win a snowstorm standoff

By Seth Daniel News Editor

There was no way I was backin' up.

West Side Stories

And it's because I was right.

Of course, the woman driving the SUV positioned directly in front of me – hood to hood - thought she had the moral high ground.

So, we sat there this past week in the late afternoon on a two-way street that only had room for one lane of passage.

It's what I like to call a Snowstorm Standoff. If you've ever traveled the streets west of Washington, particularly in the winter, then you know going up any street requires a careful glance down the way to make sure no car was barreling up the opposite direction. One gets expertise at knowing how to dip and duck into empty parking spaces to make room for passage – or knowing when to surrender and back up if the other car has you beat on the merits of the situation. It is a delicate dance, and no doubt I've seen fisticuffs result, certainly a lot of screaming and even last summer two middle-aged women brawled it out right on the street as neighbors watched from their porches.

"I can't believe that woman," the losing party screamed to all of us watching as she hurled a flip-flop towards the retreating car. "She's my neighbor."

The old standoff is certainly not exclusive to the west side of Washington in Dorchester.

I think Savin Hill folks know. Parkman Street

and Centre Street are a college-level lesson in how all this works. But the fact is most of the streets on the west side of Dorchester have been left wide open for decades.

Two-way streets with parking on both sides and schools plopped in the middle of it all with zero parking. It's a hallmark here unlike other hamlets in the area. Perhaps the other areas have been more organized and proactive in heading off issues with the city and the Transportation Department. Mostly, over here, people have just left well enough alone. And there's something to be said about that, but as a consequence we get the old standoffs, which are only made worse in the snowy season.

In my standoff this week, I was but one block from my home, and I was about 50 feet from the intersection. My adversary was well in the wrong, having been far closer to the intersection and needing to back up. But she wasn't going anywhere. She just shook her head back and forth to signal to me, "No way I'm goin' anywhere." So, we sat hood to hood for about two or three minutes.

Though she didn't know it, I was at a deficit, as my "passenger" had a desperate need to use the bathroom. If there's one time that you can't need to use the bathroom, it's during a neighborhood traffic standoff.

"Here's what we do," I told my desperate passenger, who was growing more anguished every minute. "We're only about 50 yards from the

house. Take the house key and run to the house. You gotta make a big show of it when you pass by her, or I'll be here all day."

So, the mission was carried out. My passenger ran to the house, made a show of it, and then let herself in the front door – all in complete view of my adversary and her "passengers."

It wasn't more than one minute later that she slammed it into reverse and peeled out backwards about 40 yards and let me by.

In my view, it was a big win for the Dorchester rules of the road.

On the flip side, she probably thought I was just another jerk driver.
But a win is a win.

Tet new year

Last month was unique in that many of our neighbors here on this side of Dorchester celebrated the Tet (Lunar) New Year. That's kind of old hand in most of Dorchester as those celebrations have been going on for years in Fields Corner and up and down Dorchester Avenue. However, it's all new over here - brand new. It was only a few years ago that the first Vietnamese families moved across the Washington Street demarcation line. The area is still predominantly African American and Caribbean of all types, but now there are groupings of Vietnamese also living in the mix of African Americans and Caribbean immigrants. At no time is that more apparent than during the new year celebrations, which happen in the cold days of February when most of

the rest of us don't dare go out the front door.

It's living proof of the turnover and change in this Dorchester neighborhood. It reminds me of when I was remodeling my house 20 years ago and busted through the wall of a strange alcove in the foyer. Behind the wall were the makings of an ancient sink drainpipes and all. I had no idea what it was all about; it didn't make sense to me to have a sink there. Naturally the old-timers around me explained that the area had been a Jewish neighborhood at one time. So, it was probably the case that a Jewish family owned my home and had installed a second sink. Two sinks west of Washington is a hallmark of a former Jewish home, I've learned, as the second sink was needed to keep the kosher diet going separate sinks for meat and dairy and washing of hands. Jewish, Irish,

African American, Caribbean, Indian, and now Vietnamese. What an interesting history of the world that's filtered right through this small enclave or Dorchester, USA.

WOW Park The new West of Washington (WOW) park on Norwell Street is getting moving with its design and such, according to the last WOW meeting in February. Some bad news is that government red tape is holding up some of the design progress, and the MBTA has some sort of easement on this city-owned property preventing basketball and similar recreation. A piece of good news is that a swath of land on the side is being ceded to the effort by the city, with some extra space now for a potential piazza or kiss-and-ride turnaround for the train station. The park isn't even past the design stage and already there's some excitement for the summer on the existing lot – with a Paint Night now planned in July that will potentially run in conjunction with some live music. The Norwell Park is increasingly taking on the identity of an art-focused space even before the ground has been broken. Already, there is some great graffiti art hanging on the fence that was done live during the 2021 summer BBQ, and the Black Lives Matter exhibit that was in Fields Corner has found a home there. Not to also forget that the land was owned at one time by late neighborhood resident and famed painter William Tolman Carlton. I'm sensing a trend here...

All that happening on Norwell Street still kind of gives me a mental double-take. Knowing the area from the past, it doesn't seem possible, but what a blessing that it is possible — and a lesson in not limiting ourselves due to old mindsets.

Seth Daniel's West Side Stories column appears monthly in the Reporter.

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A Petition for Si/A - Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Taos A. Johnson of Worcester, 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: Taos A. Johnson of Worcester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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Fare-free bus pilot expands as initial effort sees ridership boost (Continued from page 1) by 20 percent compared



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(Feb. 24) that showed significant effects from allowing riders to get on and off without paying as the agency prepares to launch an expanded two-year pilot program starting next month.

Between the original pilot's August launch and today, fare-free service led to a 22 percent growth in ridership on the Route 28 bus even when accounting for a system-wide gradual increase in use after a COVID-inflicted drop-

About 5 percent of the boost came from people who would have traveled by car if not for the free bus option, and 2 percent would not have happened at all without the pilot program, according to MBTA Assistant General Manager of Policy and Transit Planning Lynsey Heffernan.

The Route 28 bus, which runs from Ruggles Station through parts of Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan, handled the additional demand with few hiccups, Heffernan said, describing a "pretty minimal impact" on travel times and reliability.

In fact, she said, the pilot cut down the amount of time Route 28 buses lingered at each station to similar routes because riders no longer had to queue up and pay fares to board.

Boston spent about \$500,000 on the pilot program, Heffernan said.

Only about a third of Route 28 commuters $experienced \, cash \, savings$ themselves, according to Heffernan. During the pilot, 21 percent of riders saved more than \$20 per month and another 12 percent saved \$20 or less as a result of not needing to pay for the Route 28 bus.

The remaining 66 percent of riders spent as much on T passes as they would have without a fare-free option, Heffernan said, attributing the breakdown to "behavior" rather than financial need because costs still existed for any transfers onto other parts of the MBTA network.

Expanding the pilot to Route 23, Route 28 and Route 29 bus lines free of fares for two years will mean using \$8 million in federal funding Boston received to cover the costs including lost fare revenue and, if necessary, expanded service to meet demand.

Heffernan said that because the fare price will change for a period

longer than six months, the T will be required to launch an equity analysis at the program's start and again at its end when ticket costs return to normal.

Wu has helped usher in a new focus on reducing or eliminating the costs that riders face to travel by public transit, and Heffernan said several other municipalities including Cambridge, Brookline, Watertown and Salem have approached the T expressing interest in launching their own fare-free bus programs. Somerville, meanwhile, has discussed distributing transit passes.

'We are certainly open to those conversations. We do worry as a staff that if certain municipalities have resources and others don't, what does that look like and what is the MBTA's responsibility in that space?" Heffernan said. "There is a significant amount of staff time to pull these things together, and given some of the data from the evaluation about rider benefits, the staff is curious if this is the best approach here."

Reporter staff Seth Daniel and Gintautas Dumcius contributed to this report.



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Developer designated for five lots that have sat empty for decades

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Cruising down Norwell Street in Dorchester, there are almost as many white picket fences fronting vacant lots as there are existing homes. Last month, it was assured that at least one picket fence on Norwell, and two others on neighboring Elmont Street, will come down and eight families will once again call those addresses their homes.

The areas of the Dorchester on either side of Harvard Street were some of the hardest hit by the frequent fires that gave way to the loss of many residents in the 1970s and led to the emergence of hundreds of vacant lots—many of which are now being filled in with housing and other amenities like parks.

On Feb. 16, city officials in the Mayor's Office of Housing (formerly known as the Department of Neighborhood Development) and Public Facilities Department (PFD) designated Norfolk Design and Construction as the developer for five lots that have been empty for more than 35 years.

"Soon enough, eight families will call those empty lots their home," said Adler Bernadin, owner of Norfolk, which is a minority-owned and veteran-run developer. "We're very excited to be the designated developer of these lots. This is part of our core mission, working with the city to build affordable housing



This double-lot on Norwell Street has been vacant for more than 30 years but was recently put in the hands of affordable housing developer Norfolk Design and Construction for re-development of housing. After a long process with the community, Norfolk – a minority-owned and veteran-owned company with local roots – was chosen for the Norwell lot and three lots on nearby Elmont Street.

Seth Daniel photo

and invest in these inner-city neighborhoods. The name of my company — Norfolk — in and of itself has meaning. I lived most of my childhood and adult life on Norfolk Street in Mattapan and Dorchester. I look at this as a way for me to give back to the community that gave so much to me — to develop housing for the community and build back what was lost so long ago."

Bernadin said after serving in the Marine Corps and a few deployments to Iraq, he came back to the Boston area in 2005 and began to work with the city to develop affordable housing. In this case, after a long process, Norfolk was the only bidder on the RFP and plans to build three townhouses with two units each, and two single-family homes on 143-147 Norfolk St. and 20, 24 and 52 Elmont St. All are homeownership opportunities at 80 to 100 percent area median income. The process of what was to be built on the lots - how many units, what style and affordability ranges - was pre-determined in community meetings between the city and the neighborhood. Once that was determined, a request for proposals (RFP)

was put out for that specific development plan.

"This will bring back to use five underutilized lots to the neighborhood for housing," said Ann Conway, who works for the Mayor's Office of Housing. "These parcels have been in the city inventory for 35 to 40 years."

Housing office spokesman Alexander Sturke said they were pleased to have worked through the process with the community and found a developer with local ties to the area. "They provided a competitive development budget and are a certified MBE and veter-

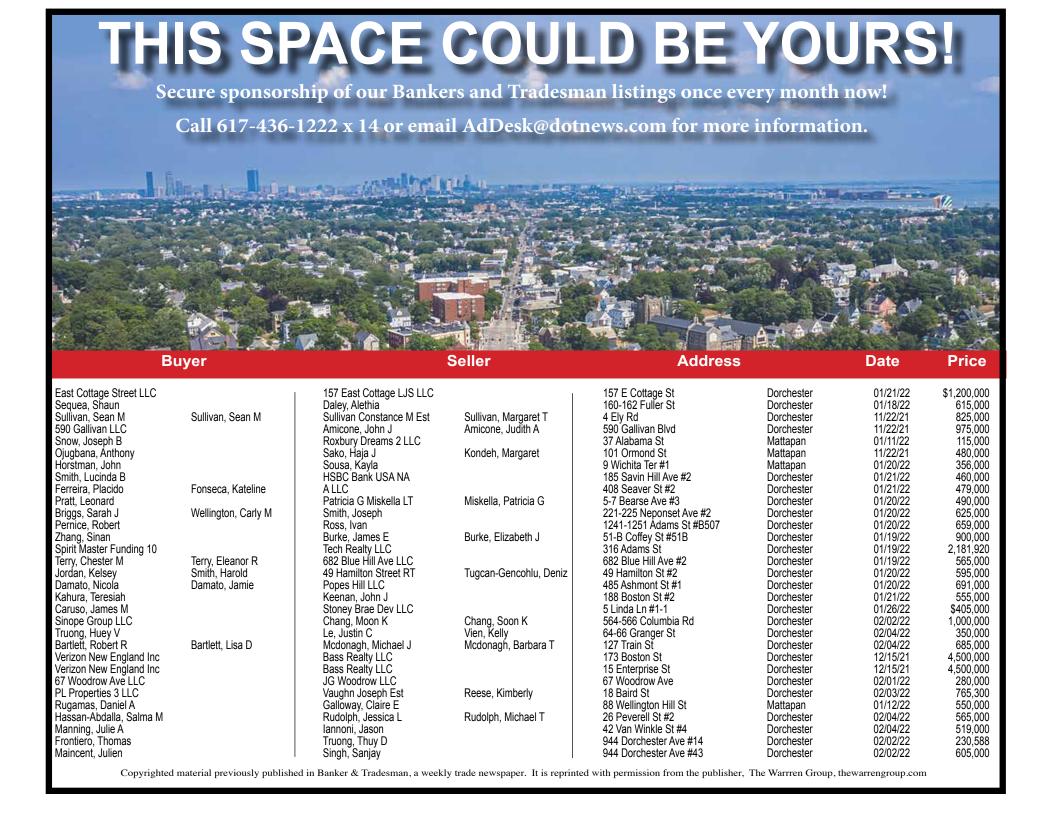
an-owned company," Sturke said. "They meet our goal of diversity and inclusion in their leadership team and have included a plan to promote diversity through engagement with local and minority subcontractors through the hiring process. We are excited to see these parcels developed."

Bernadin said he expected several meetings on the development in the coming months.

According to historic maps, all the lots at one time had homes on them, with 143 Norwell St. once being the home of Charles H. Greenwood, an early 1800s resident of the area and the husband of Sarah Greenwood. The nearby elementary school on Glenway is named after her.

One of the vacant lots on Elmont Street was also owned by Greenwood, who had vast land holdings in the area at the turn of the 20th Century and passed away at his Norwell Street home in 1917.

In addition to the lots won by Norfolk, there are other lots on Norwell Street, Spencer Street, Helen Street and Angell Street that are nearby and further through the process. On those lots the Boston Partnership for Community Reinvestment won designation in 2019 – mostly for one-family homes and a few duplex homes that are a mix of affordable and market-rate units. Construction on those projects started last month.



At Mattapan farm, city plants seeds of new urban agriculture office

(Continued from page 1)

particularly for Marlon who said it was valuable for kids like his son to know where food comes from and how to grow it themselves.

"If they don't learn about this when they are young, it won't matter to them and they won't care about it when they're older," he said.

Both carried a smile last Thursday morning (Feb. 24) that was replicated by city officials and urban gardeners and farmers from across the city—from Dorchester and Mattapan to East Boston—as they walked the grounds of the Fowler Farm.

Mayor Michelle Wu picked the Fowler Farm as the launching pad for an expanded urban agriculture investment and mindset – getting fresh food from local sources in Boston as much as possible. To that end, she announced the initiation of the new Grow Boston office in her administration, and Fields Corner resident Shani Fletcher was announced to head up that new effort.

"This property just sat empty with just weeds growing on it for 75 years, one of the oldest farmhouses in Boston," Wu said. "For the longest time, it sat here waiting for someone to notice... Seven years ago the community leaders, community members and residents came together to build something special. Because of that effort, we see this farm is able to provide food and nourishment to the residents of Mattapan and Dorchester."

To expand on that success — and similar urban farming efforts in other parts of the city — Fletcher will head up the first-ever urban agriculture office for the city, known as "Grow Boston: Office of Urban Agriculture." At the same time, the Office of Food Access was renamed the Mayor's Office of Food Justice and would be under the Environment, Energy and Open Space Cabinet, which is led by Rev. Mariama White-Hammond.

Grow Boston will be within the Housing Cabinet and will work to increase food production throughout Boston; develop and implement innovative



Grow Boston Director Shani Fletcher (second from left) with founding advisory board members Apolo Catala of Codman Square Ballou Farm; Vivien Morris of the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition; and Barbara Knecht of Strategies for Cities.

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food production strategies; provide technical assistance to prospective and existing gardens and farms; develop food production resources for gardeners, farmers, and other residents; and coordinate with other City departments to expand citywide urban agriculture.

Grow Boston will also contribute to Boston's efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change while addressing injustices inherent in the current food system, according to Wu.

"Urban agriculture, including community gardens, urban farms, food forests, and other ways of growing food in the city, can directly strengthen our local food system, mitigate the impacts of the climate crisis and ensure equitable access to healthy food in Boston," Wu added.

For Fletcher, who previously served in the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), coming full circle to something she loves like gardening and farming is very refreshing.

A resident of Fields Corner, she said

she was often "forced" to snap peas on the porch by her community gardener parents, something she hated as a teen.

"It's very funny that something I despised so much as a teen has become my passion and now my life's work," she said – noting that a horticultural lab class in college also enlivened her interests.

Coming out of the affordable housing and open space world, Fletcher said she hopes that they can knit together the worlds of open space, housing, and urban farming.

"Land use is always a hot topic," she said. "I think a lot of cities struggle with a perceived conflict between open space, housing, and food production. I don't think we need to have that conflict. I think they can exist in tandem."

She added working side-by-side under Housing Chief Sheila Dillon's Office of Housing (formerly DND) will help to make those land-use decisions complimentary instead of confrontational. She said she envisions neighborhoods where residents live, play, and grow food together.

State Rep. Russell Holmes said the new investment by the City into urban agriculture took him back to conversations that started years ago about residents growing food in the neighborhoods of Mattapan and Dorchester.

"It makes a difference when we get our own food out of the ground or here at the farm stand," he said. "It's way different than being picked in California, put on a truck and getting to Boston two weeks later. It's way different than getting that same produce here that maybe came out of the ground as recently as two hours before."

Pat Spence, executive director of the Urban Farming Institute at the Fowler Farm, said that children – such as Malachi Henry – need to know where food comes from as there is power in such a thing.

"Children will now know a carrot comes out of the ground and not from a freezer bag with the name 'Birdseye' on it," she said. "That's what we're doing here today."

Wu said the practical implementation of the announcement is already underway, following a 2019 ordinance passed by the City Council that established new rules for how City vendors and departments source food. She said one of the quickest ways to get local food sourced to residents is through places like Boston Public Schools.

Wu said there has been a monthslong process to analyze the ingredients in school meals to find out how to make them more nutritious using locally sourced food coming from urban farming sites like the Fowler Farm. "That implementation is already underway."

"We are looking at ways to get existing vendors to do better on that area or get new vendors who will see the potential of securing local food in Boston," she added.

The mayor's office noted that Boston was one of the first cities to establish a zoning change that allowed for urban framing, and to move towards major food production on urban farms. In the past three years, more than 16 food production sites have been completed or begun construction.1





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Wu pitches 'one-stop shop' to navigate early childhood system

By Katie Lannan STATE HOUSE **News Service**

A new Boston Office of Early Childhood will serve as a streamlined access point for the city's various programs and efforts around child care, Mayor Michelle Wu said $last\,Wednesday(Feb.\,23)$ as she also voiced support for universal child care legislation pending on Beacon Hill.

Wu said families face great need and high costs when it comes to early education and care, and that there is "tremendous opportunity" for the city to act.

"We know this is an urgent issue," she said. "For anyone who has had to go through the pandemic with kids, for anyone who has had to try to find a seat in Boston and navigate the many complicated systems and registrations and applications, this is a time for city leadership to step up and help convene and provide a one-stop shop."

The pandemic rocked the child care and early education industry, which was knocked offline at first and since then has struggled to regain its footing due to workforce challenges, new pandemic-related requirements, and upheaval in the larger workforce where remote working has become the norm for some parents. An infusion of federal relief funds has offered a measure of stability and is enabling policymakers to pursue reforms.

Wu said she envisions the new office helping parents see what seats are available across different early education and care programs, as well as connecting providers with technical assistance.

She said her "ultimate dream" is for Boston families and those looking to start a family "to know that this is a city where it will be convenient, easy and not a question whether you can find the supports to raise a child here."

Wu made her announcement outside the East Boston YMCA. where she was joined by officials including Sen. Lydia Edwards and Rep. Adrian Madaro. The mayor introduced Madaro as the "sponsor of key legislation that we

are hoping to see move up at the State House."

A bill Madaro filed with Rep. Ken Gordon and Sens. Jason Lewis and Susan Moran proposes a five-year rollout of a program that would ultimately allow families $earning \, less \, than \, half \, the$ statewide median income to access early education and child care for free. with families earning above that threshold paying up to 7 percent of their total household income.

It would also create a new direct-to-provider funding allocation, based on capacity rather than attendance.

"This is such an important issue that certainly was needed before the pandemic but the pandemic has only exacerbated the need for universal child care," Madaro said. "I have fielded calls from constituents, particularly single moms in East Boston, who have jobs waiting for them and the only reason why they can't return to the workforce is because they either cannot afford child care or access child care."

Madaro said that his family is on "a number of wait lists for child care" and that he and his wife have been able to return to work after having a baby last year because his mom cares for their nine-month-old son, Matteo.

The bill (H 605, S 362) remains before the Education Committee, which Lewis chairs with Wellesley Rep. Alice Peisch. The panel extended its deadline to vote on that bill and other early childhood legislation until May 1.

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Five potential sites for stand-alone BCYF centers identified

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

The Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) identified five potential city-owned or state-owned sites in Dorchester where a potential stand-alone community center could one day be located.

On Monday night, the BCYF hosted its third meeting in a series that began last fall and discussed five locations where they had "test fit" a stand-alone center using the programming priorities identified so far by residents. "This is a test and only a test," said consultant Brett Bentson. "It's not a design or proposal. At this point, we're just moving around Lego blocks to see what fits together with five city- and stateowned lots."

The sites identified included:

- Frederick Middle School/Brunswick Playground (Normandy Street entrance).
- •40-48 Geneva Ave. across from Burke High School.
- •Doherty Gibson Park/ Town Field.
 - •Victory Road Park.

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Two sites that were eliminated from consideration were Toohig Park, off Gallivan Boulevard, due to it being surrounded by residential homes, and Ronan Park, near Fields Corner as the potential site was too steep.

"Our goal is not to pick sites or to identify one site to proceed with," said Alistair Lucks of the Public Facilities Department (PFD). "We hope to present a clear pro and con of each site. We hope to conclude our study (in May) with a number of sites that have clear advantages and a clear idea of what the challenges will be on each of them."

PFD's Kerrie Griffin said some of the pros for any site would be being near a T Station, providing access to multiple neighborhoods, close to an existing athletic

field, and not in a heavily residential area. The ideal site for the programming needs would be a minimum of about 46,000 sq. ft., Bentson said. Demographic data around a site, and existing facilities near a site would also be considered.

The benefit of the Frederick site was that it could be nestled into an existing hill, as well as co-locate with the newly built playground next door. The lot was also about the ideal size, with an easy entrance onto Normandy Street.

For quite some time, the Geneva Avenue site has been talked about as the best location, and the lot size is just about correct at 43,000 sq. ft. The center would have to be built curb to curb, but its proximity to the Burke High School, the Grove Hall library and a senior center were positives.

The Town Field pro-

posal was lauded for having about 60,000 sq. ft., which allowed a more spread-out location on the existing basketball courts and part of the Park League baseball field. The entrance would be facing Dorchester Avenue and would work in tandem with the existing ADSL building and a newly refurbished playground space. It was also noted that it is the most centrally located facility.

The Victory Road site would include about 115,000 sq. ft. of space and would be on the existing basketball courts and one baseball field would have to shift to the south.

The final proposed site was on a portion of the parking lot at Devine Ice Rink, with a new parking location established on the north side of the rink to replace parking lost due to the center. The 36,000 sq. ft. lot would mean a taller building built on piers to accommodate expected sea level rise. As opposed to a sprawling location at Town Field, the Devine site would be more of a denser and taller option.

Mike Joyce, a member of the community advisory committee, asked about what would

happen to the existing BCYF Centers that are mostly in schools now. Interim BCYF Director Marta Rivera said it was too early to make that decision. But BCYF Facilities Manager Pat McDonough said getting stand-alone centers allows for more flexibility in programming, as they are limited in what they can do when school is in session.

"It's the difference of about 40 hours a week or 70 to 80 hours a week of programming," he said.

Lucks concluded by saying the plan is still to try to build multiple stand-alone community centers in Dorchester.

"We're trying to identify enough sites so multiple centers could be build," he said. "We're not focusing on a particular number but want to identify many sites and then it will be up to a later decision as to how many are built and where."

The next meeting for the stand-alone community center effort will be in late March or April. The final study report is expected in May. It could take up to four years before any new community center is open to the public.



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BOROWA, Pelagia (Waluszko), in Dorchester. Wife of the late Jan Borowa. Mother of Beata Borowa-Kitlas and her husband Mariusz Kitlas of Canton. "Babcia" of 2. Sister of Monika, Lonia, Mietek, and Toni. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.



CUNNINGHAM, Michael F., of Dorchester. Son of the late James P. and Frances (O'Connor) Cunningham. Brother of James P. Cunning-ham Jr. and his wife Judi, Joan Lenihan and her husband Edward, Neil Cunningham and his wife Joan, Lawrence Cunningham and his wife Michelle and the late John Cunningham and Mark Cunningham. Uncle of 6.



GREALISH, Yvonne **A.** (**Hughes**) of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester and Watford, England. Wife of Martin Grealish. Mother of Gerry Grealish and his wife Sarah, Nicola Dillon and her husband Brendan, and Siobhan Grealish. Grandmother of 6. Sister of Kym Timlin, the late Chrystine Henen, and Howard Hughes. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Please consider making a donation to the Boston Firefight-



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EZEDI, Melissa A., 56, of Dorchester. Daughter to Annie Mae Moore and the late Wilbert Moore. Melissa is survived by her husband Egobudike E. Ezedi, Jr., daughter Trin-ity, mother Annie Mae Moore, stepfather Gregory Quarles, sisters Patricia Labitue, Janelle Quarles, Jeanette Mc-Daniel, Toya Wills and Elsie Collier; 3 nieces; brothers-in-law los Labitue, Lawrence White, Ikem Ezedi, and Chuks Ezedi; sistersin-law Patrina White, Shannel Ezedi, Denina Walker; along with a host of cousins, godchildren, sister-friends, and **Empowerment Christian** Church.



KENNEDY, leen M. (Osborne) of Dorchester, formerly of Castlebaldwin, Co. Sligo, Ireland. Wife of the late Christopher J. Kennedy of Boyle, Co. Roscommon. Mother of Eileen Kennedy and her partner Patrick Duggan, Patrick Kennedy and his wife Ginny, and Sean Kennedy and his wife Jean. Grandmother of 4. Great-grandmother of 2. Sister of Patsy Meehan of Ballymote, Co. Sligo, and the late Rita King of Boyle, Co. Roscommon. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.



McCANN, Paul L., 81, of Hull. Husband of Patricia Foley McCann; father of PJ McCann and his wife Julie of Dorchester, and their 2 daughters; and his daughter Joanna McCann Frazier and her husband Jamie of Norwell, and their 2 children. Brother of William McCann of South Boston, Mary O'Brien (late Dr. Edward) of South Easton, Kathleen Neal (General Richard I. Neal) of Washington, D.C., Rita White (Paul) of Hull, and the late Nancy, Leo, Sister Helen (CSJ), Joseph (Anne), Michael (Jeanne), and Frank (Paula). Paul is also survived by his sisters-in-law Kathleen Foley of Hull and Marie White (Charles) of Annapolis, MD; brother-in-law Thomas Foley (Betty) of Hingham; and 25 nieces and nephews. Son of the late William and Anna McCann. He worked at the BRA beginning in 1958, while still a student at BC High, through Boston College, Suffolk Law School and service in the Army Reserves. In

addition to his usual

title as executive assis-

tant to the director, he

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rector of the agency on

four occasions. Memorial

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Ronald MACKIN, E. "Ronnie," 70, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Robert and Annette (Lapointe) Mackin. Ronnie is survived by his wife Audrey Mackin; his three children; Eric R. Mackin of Beverly and his wife Mireille, Patricia M. Ward of Plymouth, and Christina Brown of Quincy. He is the brother of Larry Mackin of North Carolina. He is also survived by his 6 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Ronnie was employed as an inspector for Boston Edison, now NStar, where he worked for 42 years. He was predeceased by his brothers, Dennis Mackin, Richie Mackin, and sister, Patricia Sager. Donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.



RIDDICK, Patricia (Murtha), 77 of Dorchester. Wife of Cleveland Riddick. Mother of Michael A. Riddick. Patricia is also survived by a l host of other relatives and dear friends.

SEALEY, Lucille, 91. of Dorchester. Mother of McLeod Sealey-Hite (Kenneth), Marie Sealey, and Jeannette Sealey of Dorchester, Diana



Sealey of Moore, OK, Josephine Langham (Howard) of Birmingham, AL, Felton Sealey of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, John G. Sealey of Providence, RI and the late Alvin, David, Audrey and Luzell Sealey. She is also survived by a host of other relatives and dear friends.



TELISZEWSKI. Bernard E. "Bernie", 59, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Bernard J. Teliszewski and Mary (Dunn) Teliszewski-Fallon. Stepson of Joseph P. Fallon of Yarmouth Port. Brother of Jennifer Teliszewski of Yarmouth Port, Stephen Teliszewski of Yarmouth Port, Joanne Teliszewski and her husband Neil Nickla of Easton. He was predeceased by Juliana "Julie" Symes and her husband James, and Janet E. Teliszewski. Uncle of 9. Bernie is survived by his best friend of forty years, Kelli Keefe of Edgewater, FL, and is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He worked as a diesel mechanic and was a member of the Machinists Local 264 for thirty-five years. He worked for the MBTA for over twelve years and previously worked for Ryder Truck Company. Donations in Bernie's memory may be made to the Cape Cod Veterans, Inc., P.O. Box 81, Dennis Port, MA

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BGCD Members Black History Artwork Project Displayed at Lower Mills Tavern: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Members Black History
Artwork Project Displayed at Lower
Mills Tavern: As a part of celebrating
Black History Month, members of Boys
& Girls Clubs of Dorchester created
portraits in celebration of influential
men and women, heroes and legends
of Black History who inspire them.

Each portrait is accompanied by the artist's name and age as well as a short narrative, including facts and information about the incredible people that helped to shape their creative inspiration. With a deep commitment to the community, Lower Mills Tavern is consistently seeking meaningful ways to partner with BGCD and support the work we do. Our artists are so excited to have their portraits displayed so that others may have a chance to enjoy and learn from these inspiring and informational works of art that celebrate Black History Month.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Puts On Living Library Event To Honor Role Models of Black History Month: As part of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's February vacation, members of our Walter Denney Youth Center put on a special Living Library event to honor Black History Month. We had nine members chose a figure in history meaningful to them and represent with costumes and speeches. Some of those who were represented were Kamilah Harris, NASA Pioneers from Hidden Figures, Maya Angelo, Martin Luther King Jr., Sidney Poitier, Hank Aaron and Barack O'Bama. The event was attended by over 50 guests who included parents, community members and staff, and also included an amazing singing performance by BGCD member Noa. A special thanks to Rich Fullam of CMJ Management who provided the pizza and to all of those who helped put together this special evening.



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event specifically for a group of our high school senior class members last week. It was a night of food and conversation as they walked through the college choice process, the value of applying for scholarships, carefully reviewing financial aid packages and making plans for our upcoming senior activities and celebrations.

Upcoming College Fellow events for March include a workshop on 3/8 (in-person), 3/15 Career Speaker (via zoom) and 3/22 for teens in grades 11 & 12 (in person). All sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m.

For more information on College Fellows, please contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org

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Forest Hills Station Improvements Project: Virtual Public Meeting Information

Please join us! Virtual Public Information Meeting Wednesday, March 9. 2022 at 6:00 PM

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The meeting will be held online, via Zoom. The project team will begin the meeting with a presentation at 6:00 PM, followed by time for Questions + Answers. Please pre-register for this meeting. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting. The presentation will be posted on the website ahead of the meeting and a recording of the meeting will be posted for those who are unable to attend. You can also email questions to ForestHills@mbta.com. To pre-register for the meeting or to learn more about the Forest Hills Station Improvements Project, please visit https://www.mbta.com/ForestHillsImprovements

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100-plus days in, Wu talks Dot development, and school board

(Continued from page 1) to the nearby Roundhouse Hotel, among other places. During the blizzard weeks ago, Wu was on Atkinson Street as the snow rolled in. "We weren't seeing a blizzard come down on hundreds of tents with residents inside," she said, praising the efforts of city employees and social workers to connect the former residents of "Mass and Cass," as the area is known, with housing and treatment.

Other items on her mayoral to-do list, such as abolishing the Boston Redevelopment Authority, which was rebranded under Mayor Marty Walsh as the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), are not something that will happen as quickly. Translating the campaign pledge into reality first means hiring a chief of planning as project proposals continue to roll in, and neighborhood meetings on projects already underway continue.

At a number of recent community meetings on the "Dorchester Bay City" project — a \$5 billion proposal to remake the 36-acre area once home to the Bayside Expo Center into nearly 2,000 residential units, 15 acres of green space, and 4.3 million square feet of office and research space — attendees have



Mayor Michelle Wu announced the new Grow Boston: Office of Urban Agriculture on Thursday morning in Mattapan, a first-ever office for the City and one that will be under the Housing Cabinet. Seth Daniel photo

wondered aloud what the new mayor thinks. The project, if it moves ahead through the city approval process, could take 20 years to complete.

"We're in a transition period, still, shifting the way the city runs our planning and development processes,' Wu said in an interview, noting that the job of chief of planning, a new cabinet-level post, remains unfilled. "We can't get that person in fast enough because that role will involve overseeing the ongoing pipeline of proposed projects, which are still coming fast and furious, as well as the longer term, deeper reforms to the BPDA and to our development processes,' she said.

The Dorchester Bay

City proposal highlights how so many concerns, from climate change, to housing affordability and what public spaces should look like, are interconnected, according to Wu.

"I'm looking forward to getting our planning piece in place quickly so that we get down to the nitty gritty on so many of these projects that are before us and are quite consequential," she said.

Wu also noted her new chief of staff, comes with a background in planning, architecture and design. Tiffany Chu, a transit technology company executive, is a former commissioner of the San Francisco Department of the Environment, and graduated from MIT's School of Architecture and Planning. "Given how we are building out our organization, managing our team, we'll have an eye to how all these pieces fit together," Wu said.

The timeline for a new chief of planning is "weeks rather than months," the mayor said. A committee has been helping to recruit and vet candidates. Kairos Shen, who Wu describes as a friend and adviser, is helping with the search. He is not a candidate for the job himself, according to Wu.

The chief of planning will enter City Hall as Dorchester undergoes a building boom, with residential units and life science buildings going up across the neighborhood. Savin Hill resident Don Walsh, who has been closely tracking the various projects underway, has estimated that 10,000 new housing units will eventually come to the Columbia-Savin Hill area. That includes developments around South Bay, up and down Morrissey Boulevard, and the "Dot Block" project by Glover's Corner.

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Wu, who has spoken with Walsh several times at various community meetings, said she trusts his math and his desire to make sure city and state planners are readying infrastructure to handle the growth and ensuing density. "There are no better experts than our neighborhood leaders who are at every single one of these abutters meetings and following it very closely," she said.

Reiterating her criticism of the Boston Planning and Development Agency before she became mayor, Wu said, "The truth is we have had a very disjointed planning process. We've had a very disjointed development approvals process where individual parcels are considered and discussed with the surrounding community, and then you look around, one by one by one, we've had all the impacts add up in ways that the city has not accounted for at a neighborhood or citywide level. So, when it comes to affordability, transportation access, where our school seats are located, and where we have to be intentionally preparing for climate impacts, we have to do a better job of tying all those pieces together."

Then there is the search for a new Boston Public Schools superintendent. The mayorally appointed school committee is about to start its hunt in the coming days, though whoever gets the job could end up working for an elected body down the road.

Voters who went to the polls in November backed a nonbinding ballot question to return to an elected school committee. Seventy-nine percent said "yes" to an elected school committee, while also voting in a mayor who prefers a hybrid of elected and mayoral appointed members.

The City Council is working on a measure that reflects voters' wishes, and for it to go into effect, it must also get the approval of the mayor, the state legislature and the governor.

Asked whether the question of an elected school committee would affect the superintendent candidate pool, Wu said, "It's hard to say. I hope that the candidates who will put their hats in the ring for BPS superintendent are doing so because they love the city, they believe in our school community and they share a vision of what's possible for public education in this city."

Wu added: "Regardless of the particular governance structure, Boston is and will remain one of the most exciting places to work in public education in the country.

And I am determined to use every platform I have as mayor to ensure our young people will be a priority across every sector and every institution."

Wu has two boys in the Boston public schools and previously served as her sister's legal guardian in the same system. "So, I know the frustration of families who feel like their voices aren't always heard in the decision making. Building that resource of trust and engagement with our communities, it is the most important ingredient for success in the Boston Public Schools. I know we will choose a superintendent who values that and who will welcome the chance to hear directly from our school communities and work to include this in our decision-making."

She still strongly backs keeping an element of mayoral accountability and said a hybrid is not off the table. "At this point I don't support a fully elected school committee," she said. "It's important to have mayoral accountability in the governance structure."

Asked whether she would veto a City Council proposal for a fully elected school committee, Wu said, "We're not at that point yet."

Whether or not an elected school committee comes to fruition, that change to voters' ballots remains a ways off. This year's ballot, meanwhile. will include statewide offices, such as the governor and attorney general, as well as House and Senate races, and Suffolk County district attorney.

Wu's predecessors, including the late Thomas Menino and Marty Walsh frequently directed their supporters to candidates, with uneven results on Election Day. Wu quickly dove back into politics after her election, working to elect East Boston City Councillor Lydia Edwards, a close friend, to the state Senate.

Wu said that with 100 days under her belt, she's focused on city government operations. "But I also know how important the partnerships of the state legislature and statewide elected officials are as well," she said. "I'm not involved at this point. I've had conversations with candidates."

Boston residents deserve action on rent control, climate change initiatives, housing affordability and fare-free public transit, according to Wu.

"I'm excited to see the issues that residents brought up and raised during the mayoral election continue to be front and center in statewide races, too," she said.



MBTA Codman Yard Expansion and Improvements Project

Thursday March 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Please Join the Capital Transformation Team for a meeting on the Codman Yard Expansion and Improvements Project, which will expand the yard by six tracks, critical to accommodating the new Red Line fleet.

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Virtual Public Meeting

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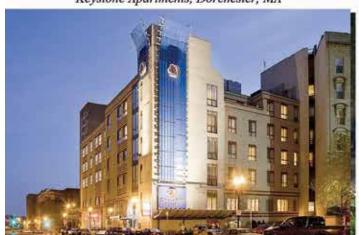
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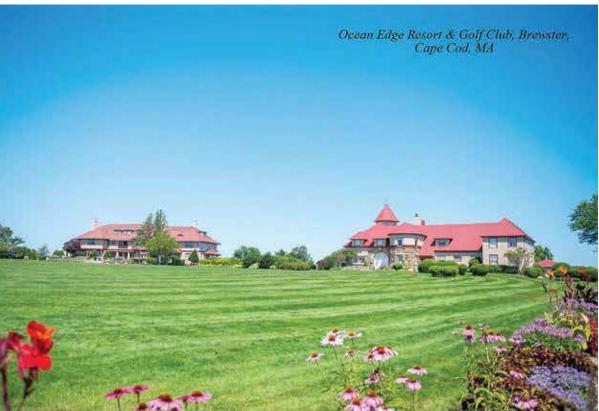
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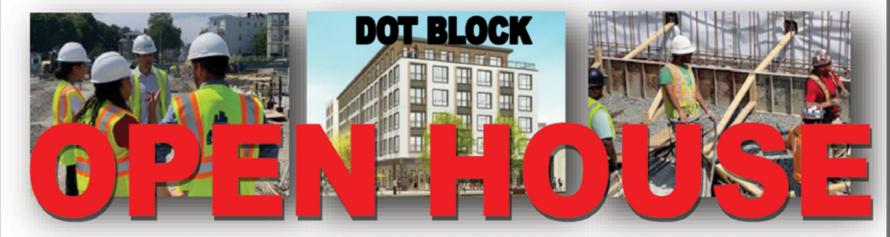
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