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NHL union job aside, what's next for Marty Walsh?

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

Don't call it a farewell tour. Marty Walsh, who is winding down his time as President Biden's labor secretary, was inside the Omni Hotel in Boston's Seaport district on Monday, speaking at the ribbon-cutting of a hospitality training center in front of a crowd that included union members, city councillors, state lawmakers, and hotel managers.

"In a few days, I'm going to step away from an almost 26-year career in politics," he said, referring to his next job as head of the Toronto-based NHL players' union, which comes with a multimillion-dollar salary while allowing him to work from the Lower Mills home that he has repeatedly returned

to, rather than stay in Washington, D.C. Walsh referenced his 16 years as a state representative for Dorchester — he won the seat in a Democratic primary that included future Attorney General Martha Coakley — and his seven years as mayor, but after his remarks, when the crowd had moved to the front doors of the training center, he was less conclusive with reporters in a room located in the concrete bowels of the hotel, its entrance marked by two empty Adirondack chairs and four potted plants.

He was asked if this was the end of his political career? Walsh, who is known to closely follow political developments, texting and calling friends and allies, as he did in the race to succeed him in 2021, left it

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Marty Walsh is set to leave the Biden administration in mid-March. Gintautas Dumcius photo

Scoping out PLAN: Mattapan



Chair of Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, Fatima Ali-Salaam, stands at the corner of Blue Hill Ave. and Woodrow Ave. last Sunday, Feb. 26. Salaam walks from Mattapan Station to Grove Hall every Sunday morning, talking to business owners and residents about community development and initiatives like that of PLAN: Mattapan. Izzy Bryars photo

By IZZY BRYARS
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

While walking along her usual Sunday morning route down Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan, Fatima Ali-Salaam stopped to watch as a group of Family Dollar employees unloaded a semi-truck full of boxes. "That's an entire store on that sidewalk," she remarked to her companion from the Dorchester Reporter, expressing concern for the lack of adequate parking space many businesses in Mattapan have for daily operations.

Salaam is the chair of the Greater Mattapan

Neighborhood Council and six-mile walks every Sunday give her numerous opportunities to talk with residents and owners about what they think their community needs.

Among the issues that those people and the businesses in Mattapan Square have expressed concern about are the needs for increased parking space, security, and commercial diversity that would help improve the economic stability of the area, all of them matters that a city initiative, PLAN: Mattapan, sought to address in a draft released last October.

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Her assignment: Set night life in the city on an upbeat trajectory

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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Thousands of people spent a summer evening in Fields Corner last year flowing through a Dorchester Avenue scene filled with vendors who were selling grilled meat and seafood as part of a "night market" in Boston's "Little Saigon" neighborhood.

The event was "wildly popular," as Segun Idowu, Mayor Wu's chief of economic opportunity, put it. "I think the huge turnout shows the hunger for more events that are happening at night," Idowu said as he introduced reporters to the city's new "director of nightlife economy," Corean Reynolds. Her first day on the job will be next Monday.

She'll be directing an effort to figure out the direction of nightlife the city as the pandemic recedes. Her charge extends beyond Boston proper and into the neighborhoods as city officials seek to make Boston more of a 24-hour city. Working with colleagues in Idowu's department, including new director of tourism John Borders IV, she will also be tasked with

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Corean Reynolds
Czar of the Night

For this Teacher of the Year, wellness is her specialty now



Andrea Livesey
Seth Daniel photo

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Walk into Andrea Livesey's classroom at the Joseph Lee School on Talbot Avenue, take a deep breath, let the soft music melt away anxieties, then exhale. That is what hundreds of Lee School students experience every day in the

Boston Public School's (BPS) first Social Wellness class, which was created and is being taught by Livesey, the district's 2022-23 Teacher of the Year in the Special Education category.

Early this school year, Livesey, who has spent

nine years at the Lee Pre-K-8 school teaching in a traditional special education sub-separate classroom, saw her name highlighted citywide for the work she has done focusing on the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) strand of special education. That award, which

was for her work prior to this year, was the springboard for the new social wellness pathway she has put into the district's teaching discipline.

Down a long corridor at the expansive circa 1971 school building, visitors will find things pretty

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City outreach worker on leave after weapons arrest



A photo of the two firearms allegedly recovered from Calvin Dedrick’s vehicle on Sunday, Feb. 19. Image via Boston Police

City officials last week placed an employee who worked in a violence prevention program on unpaid leave when they learned he had been arrested on firearms charges.

Calvin Dedrick, 53, originally from Dorchester’s Four Corners area, has been employed by the Street Outreach, Advocacy and Response (SOAR) program. He was arraigned in Dorchester District Court on Mon., Feb. 21, and a judge ordered him held without bail, pending a dangerousness hearing.

According to a spokesperson, “the city was made aware of these allegations over the weekend. Mr. Dedrick has been placed on unpaid leave while the court process proceeds or until further information becomes available.”

According to a police account, Dedrick was arrested early on the morning of Sun., Feb. 19 when officers responded to the area of River Street after a call about a person with a gun. As they approached the area, they were told that the suspect was fleeing the scene in a vehicle. Police attempted to pull the car over, but the driver refused to stop and in the ensuing chase, they lost sight of him and the vehicle. They continued to canvass the area, and after a while, they found the car on Blue Hills Parkway in Milton. Later that morning, they spotted Dedrick on foot near Mattapan Square and arrested him without incident.

The report noted that a search of the car had uncovered two firearms inside that were identified as a SCCY CPX-2 with 10 rounds in the magazine, and a Jimenez Arms JA-9 with eight rounds.

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A 44-year-old Dorchester man was charged with attacking a woman during a domestic incident in the South End on Sunday. The accused, Dale Newman, allegedly assaulted the victim as she attempted to leave her apartment with two children.

Newman was ordered held in lieu of \$1,000 bail on Monday and is due back in court on March 24 for a pre-trial hearing. Prosecutors say Newman has a “history of violent offenses, violations of harassment orders and intimidation” dating back to 1998.

TechBoston girls win city basketball title

The TechBoston Academy girls basketball team won the City Championship last Thursday afternoon at the Madison Park gymnasium.

After defeating Fenway High, Coach Malcolm Andrews’s team beat New Mission High, 66-52, to win it all.

The girls finished the regular season at 17-5 and were set to play South Lancaster this week in the Division 4 MIAA tournament.

Pictured here are (Front, L-R) Athletic Director Courtney Leonard, Bamarie Davis, Deborah Dumas, Veronica Saus, Miriam Forbes, Jovanah Coston, Empress Nordeus, Kanisha Delva, Jasmeen Williams-Santiago, Myleece Moten, Dianny



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Felix Roman, Genneysys Medina, Jada Raper, and Nora Baston. (Back, L-R) Rain Twohads, Malia Green, Tuala Curley, and Destinee Ogarro and Coach Malcolm Andrews.

New trial on tap for man convicted of 2010 murder on Rosseter Street

BY REPORTER STAFF

The Supreme Judicial Court last week ordered a new trial for Omay Tavares, who was convicted of a murder on Rosseter Street in 2010, because his attorney, leading his first-ever murder case after serving a suspension for his “gross incompetence” that had put two other clients in prison, failed to act on a document from prosecutors that seemed to point to another man as the killer.

The ruling upholds a Suffolk Superior Court judge’s decision to grant Tavares a new trial against an appeal from the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office. Tavares filed a formal motion for a new trial in 2015. The case then bounced between Suffolk Superior Court and the SJC until the top court finally heard arguments last October.

According to the SJC’s summary of the case, Tavares was initially represented by a public defender following his

arrest for the murder of George Thompson, who was found riddled with bullets on Jan. 7, 2010, but a family friend hired a private attorney, who agreed to represent the suspect for a flat fee of \$5,000. The lawyer did not tell Tavares or his family that he “recently had completed a one-year bar suspension for gross incompetence resulting in his clients’ imprisonment.”

“On September 23, 2011, approximately two weeks before the trial was scheduled to begin, the prosecutor advised counsel that the Boston Police Department was in possession of a proffer [a statement from an interview] from a confidential informant containing information about an alleged third-party shooter involved in the murder. Counsel was not provided with a redacted copy of the proffer until October 4, 2011, one day before trial was to begin.

“According to the proffer, two individuals, ‘H.H.,’ who was armed with a Taurus nine-millimeter handgun, and ‘another man,’ went to the victim’s apartment intending to rob the victim of money and marijuana. When the victim lunged for the gun, he was shot and killed. Trial counsel failed to request a continuance to investigate the information contained in the proffer letter and failed to inform the defendant that it existed.”

A jury found Tavares guilty of first-degree murder, which carries a sentence of life without parole. At trial, his lawyer did argue, unsuccessfully, that police failed to investigate other possible suspects and that Tavares was not the shooter. But he never mentioned the police interview document he had received.

After his conviction, and after learning of the police document and getting a new lawyer, Tavares filed a motion for a mistrial on the grounds of “ineffective assistance of counsel.”

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., March 2 to discuss a proposed four-story building at 150 Centre St., Dorchester by Trinity Financial. The meeting will be held via Zoom. See bostonplans.org for more info.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a virtual public hearing on Thurs., March 2, at 10 a.m. on a request to remove one London Plane tree measuring 15 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) at 15 Talbot Ave. in front of Harambee Park in Dorchester in order for the Boston Water and Sewer Commission to replace a failing drainage structure. Please note that the hearing will be a virtual meeting via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82670474640>. Written comments or questions may be submitted to parks@boston.gov prior to the hearing. A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at 617-635-7275.

The Fields Corner Civic Association meets via Zoom on Tues., March 7 starting at 6:30 p.m. Included on the agenda is a proposed mixed-use project at 1420 Dorchester Ave., presently the site of a 7-Eleven convenience store. The proposed re-development would include a new, four-story building with 41 housing units, a small commercial space and underground parking for 27 vehicles. Email the civic group’s president Jim Doyle at FieldsCornerCivicAssociation@gmail.com.



The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Mon., March 13 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed development project at 247 Hancock St in Dorchester. The proposal from Arx Urban calls for a 47-unit residential building on a 16,564

sq-ft lot. The meeting will be held via Zoom. See page 5 for the link info.

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

The New England Women’s Leadership Awards, hosted by Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, will be held on Monday, May 15, 2023. NEWLA was among the first events of its kind in the Boston area, and so far has recognized 134 outstanding women. To learn more about NEWLA, visit bgcdorchester.org.

The John F. Kennedy Library in Dorchester will host a special St. Patrick’s Day-themed performing arts event for families on Sat., March 11 called Celtic Bells: The Irish in Boston, featuring lively music and storytelling from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free with generous support from the Martin Richard Foundation and Mass Cultural Council. Visit jfklibrary.org.

[org/celebrate](https://www.ipcboston.org) or call 617-516-1644 to reserve space.

The Irish Pastoral Centre will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on March 17 with a Mass and blessing of shamrocks, a corned beef dinner and live music and dancing with Erin’s Melody, 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester. Go to ipcboston.org to reserve a ticket, \$30.

Dorchester’s 14th annual St. Patrick’s Day Brunch to benefit the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry will be held on Sat., March 18, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Hall, 800 Columbia Rd.

First Parish Dorchester on Meetinghouse Hill will host a **Dorchester Community Passover Seder on Sat., April 8 from 5:30 -7:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. The event is family friendly and all are welcome to participate in the Passover story and meal. Potluck food donations are welcome. For more information, call the First Parish office at 617-436-0527.

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Student activists bring demand for jobs, local voting rights to State House

By SAM DRYSDALE
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Carrying colorful signs in contrast with Beacon Hill's snowy backdrop last Thursday (Feb. 23), young Bay Staters demanded more state funds for youth jobs, a lower voting age of 16 for some elections, and the ability to seal eviction records from future housing applications.

More than 200 young people and youth leaders came to the rally, the 15th annual event since they began gathering at the State House in 2008 when the Legislature planned to cut the state-funded youth jobs program YouthWorks from \$8 million to \$4 million in the budget.

After their success that year and subsequent increases to the program year after year, the youth justice coalition "I Have a Future" was up on Beacon Hill again Thursday – less than a week before Gov. Maura Healey unveils her budget – this time demanding \$33 million for the program.

YouthWorks provides summer and part-time school year job opportunities for young people in 31 municipalities across



Boston Latin School freshman Dani Idemudia joins the rally outside the State House for increased state funds toward YouthWorks. SHNS photo

the state. The \$33 million the coalition is asking for represents a 16 percent increase from the \$28.475 million allocated in the current year's budget, and a 37.5 percent increase from the \$24 million the program got the previous year.

Healey was to release her budget Wednesday of this week, and has not yet indicated how much money she is recommending be dedicated to the program.

Kimora Scott, a senior at North High School in Worcester who, through

YouthWorks, worked at an urban farm and now interns at the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission doing community outreach, said her working experience has prepared her for life after graduation.

"Retail and fast-food jobs can cause unnecessary pressure and stress, so funding better jobs will allow us to explore the world in a positive light. Having the opportunity to experience a variety of jobs and build skills with the trades will

make everyone's futures better," Scott said.

The coalition is also advocating for the passage of a Sen. Liz Miranda bill (SD 1050) to allow Boston teens aged 16 and 17 to legally vote in municipal elections.

The City Council passed a petition in November to enfranchise residents aged 16 and up, though City Councillor Julia Mejia warned that the State House (which the petition will also have to pass through to become legal) is where "most things go to die."

In 2019, twin bills (H 720 and S 389) to grant municipal governments the power to lower the voting age in their communities without individually seeking home rule petitions died after a public hearing on the proposals.

To Boston Latin School freshman Dani Idemudia, allowing teens to work but not allowing them to vote is "taxation without representation."

"I work, and I'm 14. A lot of my peers work, and a lot of us pay taxes," Idemudia said. "I believe in no taxation without representation."

Mejia, who attended the rally Thursday, encouraged the young advocates to vote. She told them a story about having only won her race for City Council by a single vote. Mejia was the first Afro-Latina to be elected to the council.

"The only reason why I was elected citywide to represent the city of Boston was because I chose to dedicate my time and energy to people who they expected not to vote. They said Black and brown people in certain neighborhoods don't vote, so why would you waste your time there?" Mejia told the youth advocates,

who were mostly people of color. "And I said 'You know what? I would rather lose and uplift my people than win without them.'"

Other policy priorities for the coalition this session include raising the age of juvenile jurisdiction to include 18-20-year-olds, making schools safer and sealing eviction records.

Chelsea High School student Brian Martinez recalled the experience of receiving an eviction notice and having to help his mother, who is not proficient in English, through the housing court system.

"This year has been really hard," he said. "And I'm afraid of an eviction mark on our record."

A recent report by the ACLU said there is a "growing number" of children being listed on eviction notices in Massachusetts, which can permanently mark their housing records.

The youth advocates knocked on lawmakers' doors after their rally on Thursday afternoon and met with Miranda and her staff.

"Don't let young people be told all the time that they're the future, no — they're the present," Miranda said.

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Special election is set for 9th Suffolk House seat

It includes part of Dorchester

**By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR**

Voters in a part of Dorchester can pencil in a special election for May, as their state representative, Jon Santiago, has resigned to take a job in the Healey administration.

Santiago, a South End Democrat and a major in the US Army Reserve, is set to become Gov. Healey’s veterans’ affairs secretary, a move that creates a vacancy in the 9th Suffolk District, which Santiago won in 2019 after knocking out longtime incumbent Byron Rushing in a primary.

State lawmakers in 2021 redrew the political boundaries of Senate and House districts, and pulled part of Dorchester into the 9th Suffolk, including several streets west of I-93 and north of Columbia Road. The area

around the South Bay shopping plaza is also included in the district.

The primary is set for May 2 and it’s likely to be determinative, since Boston Democrats are unlikely to face serious opposition in the final election. The final election will be on May 30.

So far, just one candidate has publicly thrown a hat into the ring: Brian Kearney, a Dorchester resident who set up a fundraising account. He hasn’t returned a request for comment.

“I haven’t heard too much of anything... but whoever gets the seat will be my state rep, so I’m looking forward to seeing who it is,” Rushing told the State House News Service on Monday.

A parallel special election, for the vacant 10th Suffolk House seat anchored in West Roxbury, is generating more interest at the moment. Multiple candidates have opened fundraising accounts in the last few weeks, including former City Council aide William MacGregor and Senate aide Garrett Casey. The district includes parts of Jamaica Plain

and Brookline.

Rep. Ed Coppinger of West Roxbury resigned in tandem with Santiago this week. Coppinger heads to the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, which has hired him as the head of government affairs. The trade group previously employed former Mattapan state Rep. and House speaker Thomas Finneran as its leader.

Local legislators get committee assignments

State House and Senate lawmakers representing Dorchester and Mattapan have received their committee assignments for the next two years.

Liz Miranda, who won the 2nd Suffolk Senate seat last year after serving in the House, is the co-chair of the Joint Committee on Racial Equity and Civil Rights, and vice chair of the Economic Development committee. Senate leaders also appointed her as a member of the budget-writing Ways and Means Committee.

Nick Collins, who has been in the Senate since 2018, chairs the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight and is the vice chair of the Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Business.

Over in the House, Rep. Dan Hunt was tapped as chair of the Human Resources and Employee Engagement Committee. Rep. Russell Holmes is the vice chair of the Operations, Facilities and Security Committee, and Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley is the vice chair of the Racial Equity and Civil Rights Committee.

Chris Worrell, a freshman representative who won Miranda’s House seat last fall, was appointed as a member of four committees: Consumer protection, education, health care financing, and tourism.



Hospitality training center opens under the Omni Hotel

US Labor Secretary Marty Walsh joined city and state officials, as well as hotel administrators and employees last week in heralding the formal opening of a training center for hospitality workers.

“We are celebrating good wages, good jobs, and really helping bring back an industry and workers,” said Lauren Jones, who worked for Walsh when he was mayor and is now Gov. Healey’s labor chief.

The BEST training center — the letters stand for Boston Education Skills and Training Corp., an independent workforce development nonprofit — was tucked away under the Omni

Hotel in the city’s Seaport District after it moved from its Roxbury location in 2021. The training center is a collaboration between hotels and the Local 26 union representing workers.

Carlos Aramayo, president of the hotel union, said housekeepers make \$27.27 an hour at hotels with Local 26 workers. The salary comes with free family medical coverage, access to a union pension, and, of course, the job training provided by the center. “There are a lot of openings right now,” he told reporters, noting the tight labor market.

Walsh, who is due to depart his Biden administration post for the top



An array of local officials from the hospitality industry and government joined Labor Secretary Walsh for a ribbon-cutting.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

job at the NHL players’ union, praised Local 26 and noted that they backed his first run for mayor in 2013. The union “fought hard for my candidacy for mayor, all over the city of Boston, knocking doors,” Walsh said. Turning to the training center, Walsh said, “I’m also glad the facility’s here in the South Boston waterfront.”

He pushed back on criticism about the Seaport, which has become known for a lack of diversity, and during the 2021 mayor’s race, a “playground for the rich,” saying, “The Seaport has been many things over the years,” Walsh said. “But one thing it’s always been

is a place of work and jobs for people in this city, in this state. Longshoremen workers are working on the docks, people are working in their fishing boats, seafood processing plants. My first job in construction was down here. Hotel workers.”

Labor has shown a divide in opinions of the Seaport. Leaders have defended the area, citing the jobs created during its construction, while rank-and-file members applauded criticism during a Dorchester mayoral forum in July 2021, when all five candidates unanimously panned the Seaport.

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Wu accuses rent plan opponents of ‘fearmongering’

By COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu pushed back Monday as resistance to her rent control plan picks up, arguing that what she has proposed is different from rent control policies of years past and describing some of the opposition as “fearmongering.”

Wu filed a multi-faceted rent control revival measure with the Boston City Council early in February to, in part, cap rent increases across the city at a maximum of 10 percent in high-inflation years. The mayor’s push for a home rule petition that would allow the city to limit how much landlords can increase rent on returning tenants each year is still working its way through the City Council but would also need approval of the Legislature and Gov. Maura Healey to take effect.

Opposition to the idea has

been building in the last week. The Greater Boston Real Estate Board last week launched a \$400,000 campaign against the measure, saying it would stunt the development of new units in the city and the organization’s CEO wrote an op-ed in the *Boston Globe* on Monday arguing that the mayor’s proposal would have the effect of “increasing bureaucratic barriers, discouraging investment, and ultimately worsening the region’s housing crisis by reducing production.”

Also on Monday, the MassLandlords trade association announced that it had filed a lawsuit in Superior Court to get the city to turn over emails and other documents related to the Rent Stabilization Advisory Committee that was part of the development of Wu’s proposal.

The mayor was asked about the MassLandlords lawsuit Monday morning on WBUR’s “Radio Boston” and said she fully stands behind the pro-

cess that went into the plan’s development.

“We know that many of the special interest groups who might be either listening to fearmongering or practicing fearmongering here really are just trying to stop a policy that that people are scared of,” the mayor said. “I just want to remind these groups and everyone that it’s important to just start from the same place of facts and what we’re actually proposing and talking about.”

“We know that the economic situation is uncertain right now. We know that there are burdens on families of all kinds – renters and landlords, especially our smaller property owners. We have taken care to put the specific provisions in the nuanced details that would address the concern and give the protections for specific groups that might be impacted otherwise.”

Wu described some of the exemptions for smaller prop-

erties that are owner-occupied and new construction, but host Tiziana Dearing pushed back and asked Wu why concerns from property owners concerned about their own long-term viability and profitability amount to fearmongering. Wu suggested that many of the opponents are “drawing the analogy” to rent control policies of the past rather than looking at the specifics of what she has proposed.

“Whether it’s a group that is trying to put a lawsuit forward to just add more news and make sure that there’s as much potential delay in the process as possible, to others who are putting money behind an effort to put a message out there that this is taking us backwards, or assert that City Hall can’t do math or this or that,” Wu said, “this is a different proposal that we’re putting forward now compared to what used to exist in Massachusetts and in many places decades ago, or even

in some of the cities that are being brought up as examples of what to avoid.

The mayor added, “So we won’t stop and we will refuse to back down from pushing for every possible change for housing affordability. This is the one issue that is threatening our economy and our families most.”

If the city council and Wu pass the rent control measure on to the state, the Legislature would then have to approve the policy. Top Democrats in the House and Senate have not signaled that the idea is on their priority lists, but if it does pass it would then be sent along to Healey.

Though Healey has not spoken out against rent control in the same way that former Gov. Charlie Baker did, she also has not made clear whether she would sign a measure allowing Boston to revive its own local policy despite a statewide ban.

NHL union job aside, what’s next for Marty Walsh?

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open-ended. “I’ve got two weeks left, so let’s see what happens.”

Incorporating the mantra of recovering alcoholics such as himself, he added: “Listen, I take my life a day at a time.”

Months earlier, he said, the NHL union job “wasn’t even on my radar, so you don’t know

what’s going to happen in life.”

Can he still root for his beloved Bruins, given the new job? He greeted the inquiry with another question mark. “I don’t know. We’ll have to figure that out.”

Walsh, who will turn 56 in April, prefers to keep conjecture about his political future alive. That’s not hard to do

in a city and state that loves its reckless chatter, with people gaming out moves that may never happen, and subjectively tallying who’s on the rise and who’s down and and who’s knocked sideways into a future news cycle. After all, Walsh did briefly consider running for governor when Charlie Baker, a close friend, decided against a third

term.

Having \$4.6 million in a campaign account helps, too. That’s down from the \$5 million that was in there a year ago.

The money has flowed out to a number of different accounts: \$250,000 to the Gavin Foundation in South Boston; \$30,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester; \$25,000 to Massachusetts State

Police union’s “benevolent fund”; \$10,000 to Big Sister Boston; \$10,000 to Camp Harbor View, which focuses on underserved youth; \$5,000 to Boston to Belfast Youth Empowerment; \$5,000 to Cristo Rey Boston, a high school steps from Walsh’s former Savin Hill condo; and \$5,000 to the Children’s Advocacy Center of Suffolk County,

a nonprofit that seeks to “promote safety, healing and justice for child abuse victims and their families.”

What about plans for the rest of the cash he has on hand? Another inquiry, another question-mark response: “We’ll talk about that later,” Walsh said, and the impromptu press conference was over.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The City of Boston Mayor’s Office of Housing (MOH) announces two public hearings seeking citizen input on the housing and community development priorities for the Program Year 2023 (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 United States Department 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 these four programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.


A **VIRTUAL HEARING** will be held on March 16, 2023 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. To access the hearing link, go to bit.ly/hearingandpubliccomment.

An **IN-PERSON HEARING** will be held on March 29, 2023 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Commonwealth Salon at the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, 700 Boylston Street.

Interpretative services in Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin will be provided at both hearings. Closed captioning will be provided at the virtual hearing on March 16, 2023. American Sign Language interpretation has been requested for the March 29, 2023 in-person hearing, but is not confirmed.

To request another language at the hearings email to mohcomments@boston.gov at least seven days prior to the hearing date. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.


Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing, City of Boston

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247 Hancock St, Dorchester

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Arx Urban

Project Description:
The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a City of Boston resident, and stakeholder. Interpreting services are available to communicate the content of these documents at no additional cost to you. If you require translation services, please contact the following: Tyler.C.Ross@boston.gov. The meeting is scheduled for 3/13/2023. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.


Meeting of general public to review the proposed 247 Hancock St, Dorchester development.

This meeting will be focused on the proposed 247 Hancock St, Dorchester project. Please note that this is a Public Meeting. The meeting will begin with a 45-minute presentation of the project by the development team, followed by a 45-minutes of public Q&A.

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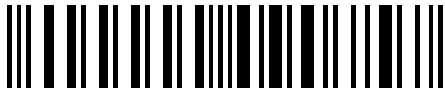
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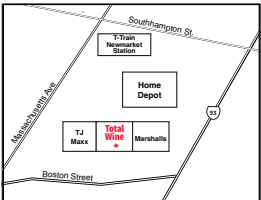


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People

News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Mattapan woman hailed as a ‘Hero Among Us’

The Boston Celtics and Massachusetts State Lottery recently named Mattapan native Allentza Michel as a “Hero Among Us.” Michel has used her 20 years of experience in community development to give back to the communities she grew up in.

She is the founder of Powerful Pathways, a public interest consultancy that drives equitable change in marginalized communities. Having experienced the negative effects of redlining and segregation in her neighborhood as a child, she has fought for better public transportation access to improve the lives of locals. She also leads projects to unlock the full economic potential of local businesses.

To date, Michel has helped more than 30 communities gain essential resources and funding, changing the course of their futures for the better.

For supporting under-resourced communities through her work as a civic designer and intercultural facilitator, Allentza Michel was honored as a Hero Among Us on Feb. 3, when the Boston Celtics played the Phoenix Suns.



Allentza Michel

UMass Amherst Dean’s List Fall 2022

Following are the names of local students who were named to the dean’s list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2022 semester. In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

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Elisabeth Fils-Aime; Zahriana Newson Gadsden; An Dieu Nguyen Jr; Wuraola Peace Ogungbemi; D’Yanna Amelia Pyram Carter; Aliana Ralph.

Emerson Dean’s List Fall 2022

The following students from Dorchester earned Dean’s List honors for Emerson College’s Fall 2022 semester:

Demiah Crawford, a member of the Class of 2023 majoring in Interdisciplinary; Bo Feekins ’23, who is majoring in Sports Communication; May Oo ’24, majoring in Business Creative Enterprises; and Jacque Demesmin ’26, majoring in Media Arts Production.



From left, Melvin Tutiven, Vice President, Jamaica Plain Branch Manager at Rockland Trust; Alastair Ironside, chief marketing officer at Rockland Trust; Andrea Borowiecki, vice president of Charitable Giving & Community Engagement at Rockland Trust; Robert Lewis, Community Mentoring Team Mentor; Bill Moran, founder and CEO of Community Mentoring Team; Christopher Oddleifson, former CEO at Rockland Trust; Greg Burgess, Community Mentoring Team Mentor. Photo courtesy Rockland Trust

Rockland Trust invests \$75k in union trade mentor effort

Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation has awarded a \$75,000 grant to the Roxbury-based Community Mentoring Team (CMT), which will use the funds to grow their union trade apprenticeships and workforce development programs for young people of color in Greater Boston. Through mentorships and community partnerships, CMT aims to close the racial wealth gap and drive economic security by enabling careers in the trade industries.

“Our foundation is honored to support CMT’s work that is so deeply rooted in a passion for giving back and empowering an underserved community,” said Andrea Borowiecki, vice president of Charitable Giving & Community Engagement at Rockland Trust. “Through union trade apprenticeships and workforce development programs, CMT provides the right resources and opportunities for young people of color throughout Greater Boston to pursue meaningful careers and fulfill their tremendous potential.”

“The entire CMT community is most grateful for this generous grant from Rockland Trust,” noted William Moran, founder & CEO of CMT. “These much-needed funds will go a long way in helping to ensure that our apprentices have the support they need to become union certified with good-paying jobs. Getting to the certification finish line is not a sprint, but a marathon and Rockland Trust has demonstrated that they are with us for the long haul in helping to close the wealth gap in Boston’s Black communities.”

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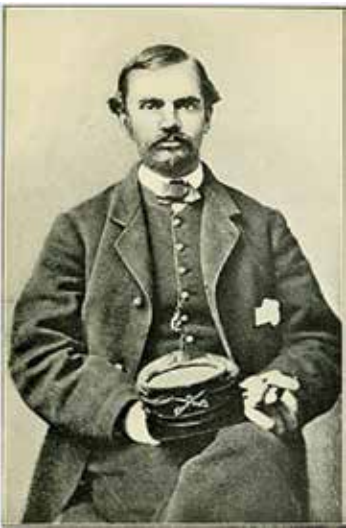
Henry Sturgis Russell

1838-1905

Henry Russell in the Savin Hill section of Dorchester, Mass., to George R. and Sarah Parkinson (Shaw) Russell. His grandfather was ambassador Jonathan Russell and his first cousin was Robert Gould Shaw.

An 1860 graduate of Harvard University, Russell entered the Union Army on May 11, 1861, as a lieutenant in the 2nd Massachusetts Cavalry. He was captured at the Battle of Cedar Mountain (Aug. 9, 1862) and sent to Libby Prison. He was released in a prisoner exchange and returned to duty on November 15, 1862.

On April 5, 1864, he was made a colonel of the 5th Regiment Massachusetts Colored Volunteer Cavalry. On



June 15, Russell was wounded in the Siege of Petersburg. He rejoined his regiment on Sept. 30 at Point Lookout,

ton Police Department was transferred from the board of alderman to an independent police commission. Mayor Henry L. Pierce appointed Russell to chair the new board. Russell was credited with creating the harbor police, reorganizing the force on a semi-military basis (the first reorganization of the department since its founding in 1854), proposing new rules for conduct and definitions of duties, arranging for merit-based promotions, and instituting physical examinations for officers under the rank of captain. He left the board in 1880. In January 1895, he was appointed by Mayor Edwin Upton Curtis to succeed John R. Murphy on the Boston Fire

Henry Sturgis Russell (June 21, 1838 – February 16, 1905) was an American military and government official who served as commander of the 5th Regiment Massachusetts Colored Volunteer Cavalry and as the first commissioner of the Boston Fire Department.

Maryland, where his regiment was guarding Confederate prisoners of war. He resigned his command on Feb. 15, 1865, and was brevetted brigadier general on March 13.

After the war, Russell joined J.M. Forbes & Co., where he sold goods from China and East India. In 1863 he married Mary Hathaway, the daughter of John Murray Forbes. The couple had five children.

In 1878, control of the Bos-

commission. That July, Russell became the first solo commissioner in the department’s history. During his tenure as commissioner, Russell hired and promoted based on merit rather than political considerations and worked to improve living conditions in the city’s firehouses. He remained commissioner until his death on February 16, 1905. He was buried at Milton Cemetery.

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

Editorial

Commentary

Jimmy Carter’s remarkable life



President Carter spoke at the 1979 ceremony dedicating the Kennedy Library in Dorchester.
Photo courtesy JFK Library

Former President Jimmy Carter, 98, is receiving palliative care at his home in Georgia this week. It has been 42 years since he left office, giving him the distinction of being the longest living “ex-president” in our republic’s history. Carter certainly made the best of his post-presidency, speaking out emphatically and courageously on human rights issues and, along with his wife Rosalyn, dedicating himself to building homes for people in need through Habitat for Humanity. He will leave behind a powerful legacy and the good works he undertook will continue on through the Carter Center.

President Carter visited Dorchester once during his time in the White House. In October 1979, he was the featured speaker at the dedication of the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum on Columbia Point.

“This library, this repository of facts and ideas, will feed history with a permanent record of the dreams of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and also the realization of those dreams,” Carter said during his address outside the I.M. Pei- designed building. “In America, the records of a great political leader will not be threatened by succeeding political regimes which might fear them, because we are a nation committed not only to freedom but also to the pursuit of truth.”

While his words were warmly received, the ceremony was not without its awkward moments. The incumbent Democrat was facing an imminent, insurgent challenge in his primary re-election from US Sen. Ted Kennedy, who also offered stirring remarks at the dedication of his late brother’s memorial library. The 1980 campaign season ended bitterly for both men and, eventually, Ronald Reagan unseated the gentleman peanut farmer in an electoral romp.

Carter returned to the Kennedy Library in 2014 for a forum that focused on his book, “A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence and Power.” He spoke graciously and at length about his efforts to extend and preserve democratic elections in 99 countries across the world. He might have found it hard to believe then that just eight years later he would be called on to denounce the conspiracy to overturn the results of our own nation’s presidential election.

In a Jan. 2022 OpEd in the *New York Times* entitled “I Fear for Our Democracy,” Carter castigated those who persist in spreading the great lie that the 2020 election was illegitimate or stolen.

“I now fear that what we have fought so hard to achieve globally – the right to free, fair elections, unhindered by strongmen politicians who seek more than to grow their own power – has become dangerously fragile at home... Our great nation now teeters on the brink of a widening abyss. ... Americans must set aside differences and work together before it is too late.”

Sadly, that will be a far more difficult task without one of our greatest statesmen and moral leaders. Thank you, Mr. President, for your service.

– Bill Forry

Two views on 150 Centre Street

We have to get housing right for us to grow together as a city

By JENN CARTEE

The pages of this newspaper have been full to bursting the last few months with reporting and opinion pieces about the many proposals currently making their way through the city’s permitting process to build much-needed housing in Dorchester.

The few projects large enough to actually have significant impact on housing affordability locally have received some of the loudest opposition – the transformational creation of Dorchester Bay City, which in addition to its commitments to create hundreds of affordable homes on Columbia Point, will also be contributing \$10 million to the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance’s first generation home buyer program; the Pine Street Inn’s conversion of a defunct motel into 104 units of long-term supportive housing for their most vulnerable aging clients; and Trinity Financial’s proposal to build 74 apartments at 150 Centre St., immediately adjacent to Shawmut Station, of which 60+ percent will be income-restricted.

The objections are familiar: concerns regarding whether new neighbors will be disruptive, implications for parking and traffic from increased density, and the ever-present worry about the impact new homes will have on neighborhood character. But these loud voices of opposition are deeply unrepresentative of Dorchester as a whole, with our lived embrace of diversity and history of pragmatic response to the realities of constant urban change.

We have all seen the housing crisis over the last decade. The lack of sufficient housing to meet demand created by our economic growth means the cost of existing houses and apartments is bid up by the wealthiest people trying to live in the city. It also means that singles or couples who might prefer a studio or one bedroom are occupying multi-bedroom units in three-deckers with roommates instead – stock that historically has served families with children – and that empty-nesters, who might want to downsize while staying in the neighborhood where they’ve lived for decades, can’t find anything suitable, so hold onto homes too large for their needs for longer than they would like.

Our current zoning rules, such as those prohibiting building multi-family homes and apartment buildings without variances, have their origin in racial exclusion, classism, segregation, and inequity. Most of Dorchester’s iconic three-deckers would not even be able to get a permit as of right today. We have ample evidence from dozens of studies in dozens of cities that increasing housing supply by relaxing outdated zoning codes is beneficial to people with lower incomes, people of color, and families with young children.

More housing in our urban centers allows all of these groups better access to critical amenities, greater educational and job opportunities, and the ability to avoid displacement. Recent research also establishes that increasing the supply of market rate units does

not drive up the cost of existing homes.

If Boston takes our commitment to becoming a Green City seriously (100 percent reduction in emissions by 2050), the Boston Planning and Development Agency and the Zoning Board of Appeal, and their successors, need to encourage and approve as many high-density infill projects as quickly as possible, particularly transit-oriented developments (TOD), in the months and years ahead.

With the passage of the MBTA Communities Act, 175 cities and towns in Eastern Massachusetts served by the MBTA, other than Boston, are now required to allow more multi-family housing as of right near transit. It’s an excellent mechanism to make sure that all metro Boston communities contribute to solving the housing crisis we face, but Boston must also continue to do its part.

In line with Mayor Wu’s commitment to modernize Boston’s zoning code and launch a new City Planning and Design Department, Dorchester Growing Together calls on the city to eliminate single family zoning entirely, allowing fourplexes & ADUs (accessory dwelling units) as of right everywhere, with much higher density encouraged near transit; shift to parking maximums instead of minimums; engage with our colleges and universities to build more dormitory housing for their students; increase funding for affordable housing efforts citywide; and enact tenant protections to prevent displacements now, while we create more housing to meet current demand.

Members of Dorchester Growing Together believe that getting housing right is essential in order to make significant inroads on inequality, health, education, transit, economic growth, and climate change. A shocking number of residents of Boston, both homeowners and renters, are severely “housing burdened,” meaning they spend more than 30 percent of their household income on housing expenses, leaving them little financial cushion for other day-to-day needs and increasingly at risk of being priced out of the city altogether. It doesn’t have to be this way.

Resident input regarding the needs of the community, the quality of new construction, and mitigations for its impacts is important, especially in communities who have historically experienced disinvestment and destructive “urban renewal” projects. But we cannot allow hyper-local opposition to new developments, voiced by a small percentage of securely established homeowners, to delay a meaningful increase in our housing supply.

Not every new building will be immediately embraced by all of its neighbors, but as a city we can actively work toward implementing Mayor Wu’s goals of “resiliency, affordability, and equity” in housing, without letting the perfect be the enemy of the good. *Jenn Cartee is the chair of the steering committee of Dorchester Growing Together, a civic organization with more than 100 members.*

Families with children don’t fit in a model

By LISA MURPHY

After reading as much as I could about the 150 Centre St. proposal, talking to neighbors, Boston Planning and Development Agency officials, and attending community presentations, one thing is clear. The same facts can touch different chords in different people. My perspective is that of a recently retired professional from the biotech community and as a city mom. My husband studied in Boston. We met, married, and raised our daughter here in Dorchester. As a mother, it’s always been a priority for me to think about families with children.

This proposal is for 74 rental residences: studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom floor plans. All compact in design, 45 of which are designated affordable at 30, 60 and 80 percent Area Median Income. There will be 39 off-street parking spaces available for an additional fee. The structure will be four stories, one story higher than surrounding structures, and built close to the property line, not allowing for any green space for neighbors to congregate. The parcel is ideal for housing and will not displace anyone from the site.

These facts are not in dispute. As to what they mean to each of us, I can only speak for my family. We welcome new neighbors; this is, after all, a residential neighborhood. Yet there are no three-bedroom units of an appropriate size to house a family. Inadequate off-street parking will negatively impact already overcrowded, narrow streets. Many local residents have no access to off-street parking, or the option for paid off-street parking. With 74 additional units, one can expect a significant increase in both rideshare

services and delivery vehicles. Compact units are not ideal for long-term residency.

After the 2015 study showing Greater Boston’s Black families have a median net worth of \$8 went viral, it’s been a constant on my mind that affordable housing needs a home-ownership component. A mortgage with its tax deduction is the only financial tool widely available to base the building of equity in your home and generational wealth.

I received a Tweet from HUD recently. The agency rescued more than two million homeowners from foreclosure during the pandemic with federal grants; tenants didn’t receive that assistance. In recent years, energy increases have been unprecedented. There is financial assistance for homeowners for those increases, but not for tenants. Once you own an asset, condominium, or single-family home, there are financial resources available to keep you in your home.

Wouldn’t it be amazing if 150 Centre St. were such a development? There is absolutely the need here, and it would bring financial resources, as well as long-term neighbors into this community. My parents bought their first home on a federal FHA loan. They were the first in generations to own a home and couldn’t have purchased it without that program. We have a unique opportunity here to build affordable housing that can accommodate families and promote long-term residency. Are any local development firms up for the challenge? For further information on this vision, visit buildtogethershawmut.com

Lisa Murphy is a Moultrie Street resident.

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Epiphany School expands housing for its faculty with Mather St. buy

By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

With the recent purchase of a three-unit home on Mather Street, the Epiphany School in the Melville Park section of Dorchester now owns six residential properties close to its campus next to Shawmut station. The school offers the housing units to faculty members at below-market rate costs as an incentive to keep teachers who might not otherwise be able to afford living close to the school.

The house at 48 Mather St., bought for \$895,000, will give the school three more units of residential space. The other properties are at 154 Centre St., 20-22 Mather Ct., 218 Centre St., 228-230 Centre St., and 232 Centre St.

Some of the properties are shared living spaces and some are apartments.

“It’s great for retention of teachers,” said Dr. Michelle Sanchez, Epiphany’s principal who has lived in faculty housing for 10 years. “That wasn’t the intent when we first did this, but that has been a clear impact. Teachers can live in this housing, save money, and then purchase their own home.

“You’re not going to get rich being a teacher, but you’ll live in a situation here where your housing is significantly reduced and that puts you on a path to creating generational wealth by owning a home.”

Head of School John Finley said the school runs an Early Childhood Education program, then shepherd the children while they attend other elementary schools and bring them back for grades 5-8 at Epiphany. Many of the teaching fellows and some faculty live on campus alongside their students in the neighborhood, and their rents are deducted from their salaries at rates far below current rental costs to pay for the housing.

“We’d love to purchase more housing,” he said. “We wouldn’t normally have bought 48 Mather because it needs a lot of work, but we needed this housing... That’s the first



Epiphany School lead English and Writing teacher Steeve Joazard preparing for a class earlier this week. He and his wife lived in faculty housing early in their relationship, and that allowed them to make solid plans to save up and buy a home in the city.



When 48 Mather St. went on the market, Epiphany was quick to buy it so they could expand their faculty housing program.

home that’s gone on the market in eight years. When it happens, we’re highly motivated to make a purchase happen.”

Finding good teachers is hard and keeping them is harder— with housing costs being a key reason. Finley said the average Boston charter school teacher lasts two years, and the average public school teacher stays about four years. The Epiphany School averages around 14 years for a lead teacher.

A prime example is English and Writing lead teacher Steeve Joazard, who graduated from Epiphany in 2004 and went on to high school and college. He returned to Epiphany as a teaching fellow and met his wife

there. Faculty housing allowed them to make decisions about where they want to live, not where they have to live.

“We didn’t want to be pushed out of the city; that was an important stand we wanted to make — living in the city where we teach was really important,” said Joazard. “So, we set in place a plan to purchase a home and start a family. Living in Mather Court faculty housing was such an influential stop for where we are now because we were able to plan out our future there... There were so many things I didn’t have to worry about — electricity, water, and cable.”

Math teacher Troy Harvey said faculty housing



Teaching fellow and Epiphany alum Oronde Alfred said having faculty housing has allowed him several freedoms, including the ability to advance his career with more classes without having to take a second job.

my own space, but also learning to be mindful of the community.

“I’ve been able to pay off school loans, and... I’ve been able to have the freedom to grow into the teacher that I’ve wanted to be since I was a kid... If you don’t have to think about the housing piece, it makes life so much easier.”

Current teaching fellows Oronde Alfred, Lorra Marseille, Morgan Monteiro, Cirse Mendoza, and Madeline Lawson all live in shared spaces in the teaching fellows’ home, and equate it with dorm life with a more mature setting with co-workers.

“It’s good for bouncing ideas off each other, and for going on social outings together. It’s also good for their students,” said Mendoza, because they get to share school and

community together. Alfred, who graduated from Epiphany in 2014, said not having to worry about rent gives him the flexibility to advance his career. “Rent would be \$2,000 or \$3,000,” he said. “Not having to pay that kind of money for housing allows me to save my money and make real plans for the future. If I wanted to take additional classes, I wouldn’t have to work another job to make that happen.”

Finley said he has talked with other leaders from the charter and BPS worlds about their programs. Meg Campbell, the founder of Codman Academy Charter School and a former Boston School Committee member, has advocated that BPS investigate turning underutilized properties into teacher housing.

Finley said it’s an idea worth exploring and one they’ll continue to expand upon. “It’s hard to know if so much of what we do — including faculty housing — is scalable, but it does show a model that has worked,” he said. “I think it’s a win-win for us... Would it work for BPS or others? I don’t know. But if you talk about what housing costs teachers, if you took half that off the table, it would probably be a fortune. It is an idea.”

Bach Project returns to All Saints March 5

Fans of J.S. Bach won’t want to miss a special performance at the Parish of All Saints on Ashmont Street this Sunday (March 5) at 4 p.m. by the Bach Project at Ashmont Hill Chamber Music, a professional ensemble of instrumentalists and vocalists, specializing in the performance of the music of J.S. Bach.

This performance will also include the boys of the All Saints’ Choir, who will join the ensemble. One major work will



Andrew Sheranian be performed: the St. John Passion (BWV 245), which was premiered in

Leipzig (Germany) in 1724. This will be the first performance of this major work in Dorchester.

Andrew Sheranian, organist and Master of Choristers at All Saints Church, Ashmont, is the artistic director of the Bach Project. Andrew Brown will serve as the narrator. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$18 for students, \$3 for EBT card holders. Kids under 13 are free. More information and tickets at ahchambermusic.org.

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Residential building proposed for Hancock St. car wash site

A developer has filed plans to replace a car wash at 247 Hancock St. with a 6-story, 47-unit residential building. Arx Urban's proposed development would sit next to an apartment building that it completed in 2020 and across the street from the under-construction Dot Block complex.

The filing with the BPDA does not say if the units will be apartments or condos. In either case, Bay Village-based Arx says it will provide more than the seven units required by the city, with the exact number dependent on the outcome of its applications for government credits.

The company is proposing 18 parking spaces - and says the building should reduce traffic and



A rendering of the proposed building at 247 Hancock St. *RODE Architects image*

increase parking on the street because residential units generate less traffic than a car wash and because it will eliminate curb cuts now used by the business. The building would also get an electric ride-share vehicle for use by building residents.

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A rendering shows the look of a proposed mixed-use building at 1420 Dorchester Ave. *Image courtesy RODE Architects, Inc.*



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Mattapan braces for next steps in city planning effort

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The 36-page document released by the BPDA outlines recommendations gleaned from community input and offers strategies for implementing change in transportation, mobility, and economic growth. The proposal, which remains under BPDA review, makes note of the income disparities that exist between Mattapan and Boston as a whole, citing especially a \$17,700 gap in median family income. In terms of its population, 68 percent of Mattapan residents are Black and/or African American, and 34 percent are “foreign-born or non-US citizens.”

Salaam, a Mattapan resident herself, hopes that changes in zoning and on other city policy fronts will foster a greater sense of community in a neighborhood that, she says, many in the city see as “transient.”

“If you ask most residents, they don’t know the businesses,” she said. “They don’t know who owns the buildings. They don’t feel any sort of allegiance or loyalty or familiarity with any of them.”

PLAN: Mattapan emphasizes increasing density, and divides proposed changes into near-term, medium, and large-scale solutions. Near-term solutions of zoning and policy change, it says, “will be required to catalyze the medium- and large-scale developments.” They will “drive economic growth” by increasing local business opportunities and attracting different types



Salaam reports a construction fence near an Exxon Mobile at the corner of Blue Hill Ave. and Morton St. The fence, put up around a building owned by financing institution Norfolk Capital, is blocking a portion of sidewalk along the Ave without visible permits posted. Izzy Bryars photo

of commerce to the neighborhood.

Salaam affirmed the need for a greater variety of businesses in and abutting the Square, where posters plaster the windows of convenience stores with words like “Lottery” “Cigarettes” and “EBT.” The disproportionate number of these, she says, not only present difficulties for higher-level commercial franchises to enter the area, but they also lessen accessibility to healthier foods

“Do we really need another convenience store or hookah shop?” she asked after passing several storefronts on the same block near Mattapan Square. A Google search lists 20 convenience stores on Blue Hill Avenue alone leading up to Grove Hall on the doorstep of Roxbury.

“Quite frankly, a lot of it’s a bunch of junk,” said Denise Fotopoulos,

a Mattapan resident and the owner of Simco’s hot dog stand. “And yep, it’s affordable for someone to go get a pack of Sharpies, but I got a pack the other day and they lasted for like an hour. Yeah, like literally like, like they’re not even legit Sharpies like, you know, it’s like a phone charger. They are cheap but they don’t last. It’s not fair.”

Fotopoulos said that outside developers come into the neighborhood with little more than their own economic interests in mind. “I mean, most people are for the best interest of Mattapan,” she said. “But it’s funny because everybody wants to get into Mattapan and buy property and do this and that but nothing seems to happen.”

Still, many small businesses and residents are wary of zoning changes that may spur the sorts of development that foster gentrification and

displacement. Ben Echevarria, the executive director of Mattapan Main Streets, has been working to “rebrand” the Square as a way to represent what the community wants. He says that any zoning changes must be made holistically to ensure the current community has better economic flexibility.

“We have to look at economic mobility for all residents, not just businesses,” he said. “And we have to look at helping businesses that are here to be able to survive, or to have the flexibility that if rents get too high, they have enough knowledge, enough money in their pockets, that they can relocate if they want to.”

If done properly, the changes outlined in the draft report could help business owners like Sami Salameh of Salameh Jewelers, who wants more parking for his customers and fewer parking tickets

that he says frequently appear on his and other employees’ car windows.

“Let’s say out of ten employees, six of them drive,” he said. “Now you got six parking spaces that you need for employees, before the customers even come to mind. So pretty much if we all came, we would take all the parking spots. And it’s only good for two hours. So, we get hit with a lot of tickets. 40 bucks a whack.”

“We’re business owners,” Salameh said. “I would say, take it easy with us, or maybe have some designated parking.”

Fotopoulos, who owns the building across from Salameh, echoed remarks that tight space around Mattapan Station clogs up the area. But she doesn’t see how zoning could fix the problem. “Where could they put more parking?” she asked.

On her walking tour, Salaam repeatedly pointed out the clusters of double-parked cars that she says routinely clog bus lanes on Blue Hill Ave. The BPDA’s plan proposes a center bus lane that will separate buses from other traffic and increase reliability. Four out of every five Mattapan transit users, according to the document, use the bus line.

Making local ties a consideration in every part of the plan, Salaam says, is a necessity. More specifically, she noted, ensuring that residents and businesses have equitable access to banking services. Fotopoulos confirmed the lack of bank

presence and said that the existing options are sparse and often complicated—again—by parking issues.

Main Street’s Echevarria, although open to the plan’s suggestions, reflected on the history of zoning in Boston and why an area like Mattapan ultimately hesitates to jump on board.

“I’m not even talking about the racial issues of zoning,” he said. “Look at so many communities, like Jackson Square, like Mission Hill, like the South End, where all these promises were made, all the language that the planning departments is using [for PLAN: Mattapan]: If you dig up articles of when they were going through these in the South End when it was mostly Latino in the ‘70s and ‘80s, you’d be hearing basically the same promises from the planning department that this will do this, that this will do that. And you know, what it did was it gentrified the community.”

Echevarria and Salaam say the best way to prevent such an outcome is to require that new developments prioritize current Mattapan residents. “There are a lot of people who don’t want to invest in the people who live here right now,” Salaam said.

As Salaam headed back down the Avenue toward Mattapan station, with the Blue Hills in the distance, the reporter asked her what the next step is for PLAN: Mattapan. “Money,” she said. “Mattapan needs more money for any of this to work.”

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New Sumner Tunnel project timeline called longer and costlier, but ‘more manageable’

By CHRIS LISINSKI
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A megaproject to repair the 88-year-old Sumner Tunnel under Boston Harbor will take place on a newly divided timeline, trading a later end date and higher costs for reduced disruption to motorists.

The state Department of Transportation announced last Thursday (Feb. 23) that it will no longer close the key

thoroughfare from May into early September. Instead, officials will replace the four-month continuous closure with a pair of shorter, roughly eight-week closures, one this summer and one next summer.

The tunnel running from East Boston to the downtown hub will now be shuttered to motorists from July 5 through Aug. 31, then again in July and August 2024, in a bid to concentrate the work

during a time of year when traffic volumes are typically lowest.

“That gets us out of the school year, gets us out of the heaviest travel time period for business, and it really opens up a lot of possibilities with the community as far as reducing those impacts,” Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver said in an interview. “It’s still a very, very difficult project and still very difficult impacts, but much,

much more manageable than what was originally proposed.”

The plan highway officials detailed last year to address “disrepair” in the 88-year-old tunnel envisioned three phases: first, a series of 36 week-end-only closures, then a four-month shutdown from May to September 2023, and finally another batch of weekend closures in the fall and winter of 2023.

Now, Gulliver said, crews will keep doing some weekend work in the coming months, then the pair of roughly two-month summer shutdowns in 2023 and 2024, and a batch of additional weekend closures that will be more spaced out than originally planned.

The shift will push back the completion date from early 2024 into mid-2024, and it will also increase the cost beyond the roughly \$160 million projected last year. Gulliver said he is not yet sure what the final price tag will be, citing ongoing negotiations, but argued that the added costs are worth the benefit for Bay Staters.

“Without putting an actual dollar figure on it, when we look at the impacts and look at the timeframes associated with it, the kind of money that we’re talking about is the equivalent of us doing a pretty good

incentive program,” he said. “We’re happy to pay those kinds of costs to reduce those impacts.”

Gulliver praised the work of the design-build contractor, J.F. White, and the firm’s familiarity with the tunnel as a key reason the shift became viable.

During the two-month shutdowns, crews will effectively be “taking down the ceiling and removing the floor, basically, of the tunnel at the same time,” Gulliver said.

MassDOT also announced last Thursday it will create a “project mitigation working group,” bringing together municipalities, first responders, the MBTA, Massport, ride-hailing companies and other organizations affected by the tunnel work.

Gulliver said that panel will serve in an advisory role as the project unfolds, offering feedback and suggestions to problems that might arise along the way such as where to move affected bus stops.

“This is intended to be a catch-all, to really identify something that our project team may have missed and where we think we might have opportunities that we need to further explore,” he said.

When it first opened to drivers in 1934, the Sumner Tunnel was the first of its kind in Massachusetts. And although it remains a major roadway today, particularly for those getting from Logan International Airport to downtown Boston and

points west of the city, officials have warned its age is showing.

“The Sumner Tunnel is well beyond patches and repairs: the only way to keep it in service is with a top-to-bottom restoration,” MassDOT wrote in a project summary last year. “Corrosion and wear-and-tear have deeply impacted wall panels and gutters. There’s exposed rebar on the ceiling, and even after resurfacing, pavement conditions are poor. This restoration will provide many public benefits including improved tunnel safety, a smoother, more durable roadway surface, new lighting and security systems, and better cell phone, GPS, and radio service inside the tunnel.”

Drivers have already been grappling with some upheaval as a result of the project’s first phase, which so far has involved 26 weekend-only closures of the tunnel. Those weekend shutdowns will continue until the second phase kicks off July 5, with occasional breaks for holidays and planned pauses.

The eastbound Callahan Tunnel, which runs parallel to the Sumner, is not closed as part of the project.

While the Sumner Tunnel is shuttered, motorists will be directed to detours using the Ted Williams Tunnel, which travels both eastbound and westbound, and Route 1 across the Tobin Bridge, increasing traffic on those roadways.

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Health officials warn of an OD surge linked to cocaine laced with fentanyl

By **MARTHA BEBINGER WBUR**

Boston public health officials have alerted health care providers in the city about a “concerning” increase in overdoses that connect the powerful opioid fentanyl to the use of cocaine.

Within 24 hours spanning Feb. 20-21, Boston EMC responded to 11 calls to revive people who had said they were taking the stimulant cocaine. The first calls were in the Nubian Square area of Boston’s Roxbury neighborhood. Boston Public Health Commissioner Dr. Bisola Ojikutu said in a statement that EMS also responded to calls in other parts of Boston.

“Unfortunately, several of the overdoses across the city were fatal,” Ojikutu said.

People who buy what they think is cocaine and don’t have any tolerance for fentanyl are at greater risk for death from even a trace amount of this opioid, which can stop a person’s breathing almost instantly.

“That’s a real concern,” said Stephen Murray, the Harm Reduction Program manager at Boston Medical Center. “People who use cocaine infrequently may not be engaged with harm reduction, have fentanyl test strips, or even be aware that this happens. It can catch people by surprise.”

Murray said these hyperlocal spikes in overdoses and deaths are happening around Massachusetts and the US. It might be a dealer

who packages cocaine on the same table where he or she prepared bags or fentanyl. Or another dealer who sells fentanyl instead of cocaine to stretch the supply. It might be a group of opioid-naïve students who share drugs on Spring Break.

The most recent statewide report shows fentanyl in 12 percent of cocaine samples in Boston. Murray said that is likely an undercount because people who use drugs often only ask to test samples that seemed usual.

A poisoning of the cocaine supply with fentanyl is linked to the increase in drug overdoses among Black people who use drugs, men in particular.

Murray says xylazine, the animal tranquilizer showing up in more than a quarter of the state’s drug supply, complicates the overdose recovery. Xylazine doesn’t respond to naloxone, the drug that can restart breathing after an opioid overdose. So, the person may still be heavily sedated for hours.

People who take drugs alone are more likely to die after an overdose. Murray manages the Massachusetts Overdose Prevention Helpline at 1-800-972-590. If the person stops responding, the hotline staffer calls for help.

The Boston Public Health Commission said it is taking a number of steps to alert providers and people who use drugs about the latest cluster of overdoses and

deaths. They include increased efforts to distribute fentanyl test strips, naloxone and treatment information in Nubian Square. The commission plans more naloxone trainings and a new van stop in Roxbury for people who want transportation to day centers with resources for people managing a substance use disorder.

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P0409GD
IN THE MATTER OF: MANUEL BRANDAO of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Cen of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Samuel Tavares of Brockton, MA is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Samuel Tavares of Brockton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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Docket No. SU22P0434GD
IN THE MATTER OF: BEAREZA DENISE MOORE of BOSTON, MA
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Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Chernita D. Sprinkle of Salem, MA and Mount Sinai Hospital of, in the above captioned matter alleging that Beareza Denise Moore is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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For this Teacher of the Year, wellness is her specialty now

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much status quo for a school building. Outside Livesey’s room are the usual hallway message boards, wall to wall institutional floor tiles, and the typical wooden classroom door. But open that door and things become more remarkable – if not relaxing for everyone.

There are no desks lined up in rows, and no test prep notes scribbled on a marker board. Instead, calming music is in the air and mood lighting is in every corner. There are tables and reading nooks – bean bags and soft “squishy” plush animals – and an air of peacefulness.

It is, Livesey said, a place where positive behaviors can increase, and anxiety and “maladjusted behaviors” can decrease. “I think every school should have a social-emotional program for kids,” she said. “They try to have teachers incorporate it into the classroom and it should be part of that, but it’s hard with data and IEPs and other concerns. Here, kids

come in for 45 minutes every day. It’s separate from the classroom and focused only on social wellness.”

Livesey had shown a lot of promise in the school’s special education classrooms, but said she was burning out. “I knew I needed a change from the classroom, but I didn’t know what,” she said.

Motivated by a social-emotional educational curriculum program called ‘Breathe for Change,’ the former principal at the Lee School gave Livesey the freedom to create a new program to help children struggling to adjust. She said it has become a perfect antidote to the stress and trauma that have accompanied students in their return to classrooms after Covid-19.

She has five to six classes per day, all based on curricula she has tailored to the school, the community, and each grade level. They focus on problem solving, coping skills and being in touch with and checking

one’s emotions. The classes are for general education, special education, and inclusion students, and can include quiet introspection, reading, singing, and developing social strategies.

The 36-year-old Livesey said these are the skills that so many young people missed out on during pandemic, whether in kindergarten or in grade 12. She said they missed chances to learn how better to be with other people, and the social wellness program is focused on reversing that.

“My hope is this will stay,” she said. “I think emerging from the pandemic, it’s such a need. You are here now for a full day and interacting with people in real life. You have third graders who have spent most of their schooling online and hadn’t been in a classroom since kindergarten. A class like this where they can explore themselves and how they feel is so important right now.”

Much of the work in her so-

cial wellness class is building on relationships she already had with families and students over the past decade. In fact, those relationships are what earned her the Special Education Teacher of the Year award in the first place. When she learned last November that she had been chosen, she said she was “utterly surprised.”

“I was so appreciative that someone saw the hard work and felt I deserved to be recognized,” she said. “I was so used to being in my classroom bubble doing my thing with the kids and working on relationships with families. Then it was like, ‘Bam!’...It ended up being a parent from a previous classroom who had nominated me. I taught both of their kids. That definitely made it special. Co-workers see you every day. They see your good days and your bad days, but when it comes from a parent – you realize that you are really making an impact.”

Livesey said that was the

kind of impact she dreamt of when she was won over into special education teaching during a college internship that placed her with an autistic child. After growing up in Newton, she headed to Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina.

“I just fell in love with [ABA] when I was working with that autistic child,” she said. “It hooked me. I was always good with kids, but I went to school for marine science. My idea was to train dolphins...I ended up in psychology and I just loved it.”

After earning a master’s degree at UMass Boston, she landed at the Lee School. Now, though her role there is as a wellness specialist, she can’t see herself teaching anywhere else. “Some days are difficult.... but I come in to see the kids learn and try to change their day in the tiniest way, if I can,” she said. “That’s why I get out of bed. I see them as my own kids. I can’t imagine ever leaving.”

Her assignment: Set night life in the city on an upbeat trajectory

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helping residents build generational wealth, ensure initiatives are family friendly, and help retain workers.

Idowu’s department is working to build up the city’s squares and community corridors; looking at more equitably distributing liquor licenses, which have typically gone to wealthy white establishments, and supporting small businesses.

“All of this is tied together,” Idowu said, adding that the city’s 23 neighborhoods will benefit from Reynolds’s initiatives.

His department also wants to go beyond ac-

commodating the young professionals who typically flood the downtown area at night, and listen to what parents and older residents have to say about their night time lives beyond dinner or swinging by the neighborhood bar.

Reynolds, who grew up on Chicago’s South Side, is leaving the Boston Foundation, where she was the director of economic inclusion and cofounder and manager of the foundation’s business equity fund, which aimed to help finance Black and Latino entrepreneurs. Her resume also includes a stint with the state’s gambling

regulator, where she worked on workforce, supplier, and diversity development.

Reynolds is a Jamaica Plain resident who previously lived in Mattapan, which is “close to my heart,” she said. She wants to put a spotlight on Dorchester and Mattapan, and their LGBT, Asian and Pacific Islander, and Haitian communities. “The culture is what we would highlight,” she said. “That’s an asset that we have.”

Asked about her ideal night on the town, Reynolds name checked The Pearl restaurant in Dorchester’s South Bay area, as well as Mida in the South End.

Idowu noted that her purview isn’t just late night activities like going out to clubs. “You will not be seeing her on a nightly basis to make sure you’re having a good time at restaurants and clubs,” he quipped.

Her focus, Reynolds said, will be on long-term solutions, and meeting officials across the city and the country to work on bringing them about. “A part of my job is to really be a connector and listening ear so we know what those issues are and address them,” she said.

“We just want to think holistically about what nightlife could look like,” Idowu added.

The city prides itself

on its sports and pubs, Reynolds added, “but what else do we have to offer? How can we make Boston’s nightlife more inclusive?”

Reynolds has visited Barcelona and Austin, which have a “unique cultural identity.” Boston has a cultural identity, too, but “we have some growing to do,” she said.

Transportation is a key obstacle to her goals. The MBTA is in crisis mode, with irregular and unreliable service amid federal scrutiny over safety issues.

But even before the pandemic, the T’s schedule wasn’t conducive to a vibrant nightlife, with a 1

a.m. shutdown time that left workers and customers scrambling for other modes of transportation. “That doesn’t necessarily work for a 24-hour city,” Reynolds said.

Public safety is another issue. “We need to ensure that people feel safe when they’re going out,” she said. “That is paramount. We can’t get people on the streets if they feel their safety is at harm.”

Idowu, noting that Wu wants to see the city’s population increase to 800,000 people, up from the current 650,000 number, said that “the city is ready for a more vibrant nightlife. This is the city leaning in.”

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It was ‘Jeopardy’ time for Helen Y. Davis Academy’s Black History Showdown

It came down to “Final Jeopardy” at Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy Charter Public School last month as students vied for the championship of the school’s Black History Showdown. All three teams answered correctly: Mae Carol Jemison was the first Black female astronaut.

but “The Icons” came away with the victory, having earned more points than “The Ninja Turtles” and “The Unnamed.”

The Showdown is an intra-school competition modeled after “Jeopardy,” with questions relevant to the school’s culturally responsive

curriculum, including topics like arts and culture, sports, science, geography, and history. The Fields Corner Academy (DLA) sets itself apart from traditional public middle schools by modeling its academic programming and school culture in the spirit of Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU’s). DLA provides culturally supportive and responsive programs



Uzoamaka (Kate) Osakwe carries her family’s home country’s Nigerian flag to celebrate her team’s victory in the Black History Showdown. Zy’ai Jones follows behind.

designed to help students develop a strong cultural sense of self, and an understanding of the important achievements of people of color.



4 “The Icons” - winners of the Black History Showdown - celebrate success.



“The Unnamed” celebrate a 1,000-point correct answer, while “The Icons” (middle) and “The Ninja Turtles” applaud.

Seth Daniel photos

Vietnamese group wins city grant to promote citizenship

Mayor Wu and the Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) are awarding \$50,000 in mini-grants to five nonprofits for creative initiatives that help green card holders become US citizens. The grants range from \$2,000 to \$12,000 for programs including citizenship classes, education, and outreach, with one grant going to

the Vietnamese American Civic Association (VACA) in Fields Corner.

“We’re grateful for the city’s support on this critical issue,” said Thuan Tran, Executive Director of VACA. “This shows the city’s understanding and recognition of the public issues faced by immigrant communities today. This mini-grant will certainly support our

continuing effort to assist Vietnamese green card holders in performing their citizenship interviews competently.”


“Becoming a US citizen is an important milestone, yet we know for many in our communities that it can be an expensive, intimidating and never-ending process,” said Wu. “I’m grateful to MOIA and these or-

ganizations for their critical work in reducing barriers to citizenship

with creative and community-driven initiatives.”


These grants will sup-

port programming from March through September 2023.




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BRACKETT, George Conrad, 79, of Boston. Co-Founder of Codman Academy. He is survived by his wife, Prilla Smith Brackett; children, Ethan (Dave Demerjian) and Matt (Karley Ausiello) of Boston; 4 grandchildren; two brothers, Lee (Bonnie) and Denis; as well as cousins, nephews and dear friends. Memorial donations can be made in George's name to Codman Academy at codmanacademy.org



BROWNE, Margaret "Peggy" (Mitchell), 92, of Dorchester, originally of Ireland, Daughter of the late Daniel and Cath-

erine (Hoare) Mitchell of Ireland. Wife of the late Jeremiah Brown. Peggy was also predeceased by her six siblings Maura, Michael, Maurice, Sylvester, Daniel and Kathleen. She is survived by her children Kathleen A. Browne of Taunton, John J. Browne and his wife Dina B. Browne of Dedham, Thomas A. Browne of Dorchester, and her daughter in-law Helen Browne of Marshfield; 8 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Margaret may be made to the Irish Pastoral Center, 540 Gallivan Blvd, Dorchester, MA 02124, ipcboston.org



CASTILLO, Luis Antonio, 82, of Dorchester, originally of Colombia. Son of the late Ana Maria Cabezas Escobar and Fernando T. Castillo. He leaves behind his wife, Maria Elena Castillo; his children Walter Castillo, Claudineth Castillo (deceased) and Xiomara Castillo de Paredes. Son-in-law Fernando Paredes; 1 granddaughter and 1 great-grandson. He also leaves his siblings Edilma Castillo, Jose Castillo, Angela Tyree Vivas, Maria Suazo Vivas, Felipe Vivas, Jorge Vivas (deceased) and Simon Lemos. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

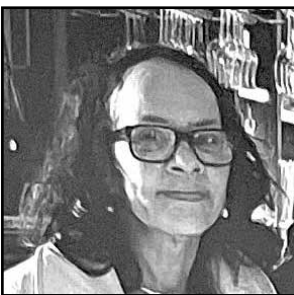
DOHERTY, Mary E. (Beck), 95, of Dorchester. Wife of the late William J.



Doherty. Longtime companion of the late Patrick Doherty. Mother of Arlene F. and her husband John W. Salter of Dorchester, Kathleen M. Hanley and her husband Marvin Wescott of Dorchester, Mary E. Doherty and her fiancé David Reynolds of Dorchester, Deborah A. Doherty of Braintree, and the late William J. Doherty and John J. "Oscar" Doherty. Mother-in-law of Jean Doherty of Dorchester and Susan Doherty of New Hampshire. Sister of Margaret O'Halloran of Charlestown and Edith Brown of Revere. Mary is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and the late John J. Doherty-Carter, 2 great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Donations in Mary's memory may be made to The Pan Mass Challenge using the following link, <https://donate.pmc.org/TR0179>.



GOSS, Katie Mae, 78, of Mattapan. Mother of Christopher L. Goss of Mattapan. Dear grandmother, sister and cousin. She is also survived by a host of other relatives and dear friends.



JONES, Eleanor Escher, 66, of Mattapan. She was the 3rd of 5 children born to the late Byron and Pearl Jones. Ellie was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Stephen Jones and sister, Marie Jones. Ellie leaves her daughter Cherise Jones, two siblings, sisters, Janet, and Merle Jones.



LEONARD, Denise M. "Dede" Tracey, 66, of Dorchester. Mother of Frank G. Leonard III of Providence, RI. Daughter of the late Gloria M. (Pozzi) Ciarmataro and Samuel Joseph Ciarmataro. Sister of Mark and his wife Donna Tracey of Bridgewater, Karen Tracey and David Arce, both of Dorchester, Donna McLaughlin and her late husband Thomas McLaughlin of Stoughton, Joanne and her husband Michael Pendleton of New Hampshire, William Ciarmataro of Braintree, and the late Joseph P. Ciarmataro. Survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Donations in Dede's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society at donate.cancer.org.

LOGUE, Hannah M. (McCarron) of Milton, formerly of Dorchester and Ireland. Wife of Patrick J. Logue of Milton. Mother of Marion McDaid of Milton, Anne Marie Lydon and her husband Kevin of Mansfield, Tricia Haley and her husband Brendan of Bridgewater, and Bernadette McGill-Walsh and her husband Phil Walsh of Mansfield, and Bernadette's late husband Ed McGill. Grandmother of 12. Sister of Tessie, Danny, Liam, Jim, Margaret, Bridie, Michael, Bernadette, and the late Owen, Mary, and Denis. Hannah is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Hannah to the Irish Pastoral Centre, 540 Gallivan Blvd., Dorchester, MA 02124.



McGRATH, Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.) Gerald E. Jr., 65, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, formerly of Wollaston, and originally from Dorchester. Son of Gerald and Virginia (née Dunn) McGrath. Gerry is survived by his wife, Karin (née Craig); his children, Jacqueline, Gerald, Marianne (Travis); his father, Gerald; and his brother, Michael along with many nieces and nephews; and countless friends. He was preceded in passing by three of his brothers, Kevin, Paul and Timothy.

Amalfitano. Survived by 10 grandchildren, and the late Craig T. Hobin, 32 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Donations in Theresa's memory may be made to South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults, P.O. Box 270731, South Boston, MA 02127.

PIETROSKI, Frank Dennis, 85, of Norwell, originally from Dorchester. Husband of Judith; father of, Frank Pietroski, Jr., Sheryl and Rob Churchill, Scott and Kerrilee Pietroski and Eric Pietroski; brother of Pauline Cavanaugh; and grandfather of 5. Frank was predeceased by his



parents, Frank B. and Catherine Shea Pietroski. US Navy veteran. Please consider a donation to Dana Farber Cancer Institute at dana-farber.org

RYAN, Joan M., of Milton, MA, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of Katherine (Lynch) Ryan, Albert J. Ryan, and Margaret (Riley) Ryan. Survived by a friend of over 60 years, Mary C. Fitzpatrick, and several cousins.



STAPLETON, Maryellen E., 64 of Bellingham formerly of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Richard and Gloria (Sherman) Stapleton. Mother of Deanna Fiore and her husband Steven of Westborough, and Joseph Stapleton of Dorchester. Grandmother of 2. Sister of Barbara Connolly and her husband John of Weymouth, Matthew Stapleton of Dorchester, Dennis Stapleton of Randolph, Elizabeth Mahoney of Weymouth, Michelle Murphy and her husband Phillip Sheehan of Tamworth, NH., the late Timothy Stapleton and Richard Stapleton. Sister-in-law of Deborah Stapleton of Holbrook, Irene Stapleton of Roslindale and the late Nancy Stapleton. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Maryellen may be made to American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) ~ www.aspcanet.org or American Heart Association-Massachusetts, 300 5th Ave., Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451, heart.org



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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
EXPAND THE POWERS
OF A GUARDIAN
Docket No. SU20P2346GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF:
DOLLIE HUNT-WILSON
OF DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Expand the powers of a Guardian. The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/22/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

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

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Date: February 15, 2023
Published: March 2, 2023

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OF PETITION FOR
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FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P0403GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
BETTY CRAIG
OF DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham and Women's Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Betty Craig is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Public Guardian Services, LLC of Braintree, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/13/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

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Clam Point native Dennis P. Doherty is dead at 46; critical care nursing was central to his very busy life in medicine

By **PATRICK KENNEDY**
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Nurse, scholar, advocate, mentor, drummer, runner, loyal friend, and loving husband, father, son, and brother, Dennis P. Doherty, PhD, RN, NPDA-BC, passed away on Sun., Feb. 12, while battling pancreatic cancer. He was 46.

Dennis was born in Boston, in what is now Brigham and Women’s Hospital, just a few short blocks from Children’s, his future proving ground as a professional. He grew up in Dorchester, the first son of Paul Doherty, a union carpenter who worked on the Big Dig and other projects, and Denise Doherty, a typesetter for the Dorchester Reporter and then type studio manager at Boston University. Dennis was joined by a brother, Larry – the two were known to practice pro-wrestling moves on each other in the front room – and a sister, Brigid. The extended Doherty family also included two nurses, who by their example planted the seeds for Dennis’s career aspirations.

But first, he was a kid who was into music. Dennis attended Boston Latin Academy, where he played trombone in the school jazz band and bonded with bandmates while learning and performing jazz standards and listening to and going to see favorite rock acts, from Guns ‘n’ Roses to Letters to Cleo.

“He was energetic, enthusiastic, and knew how to have a good time,” wrote classmate Tom Appleman, a bassist in the BLA jazz band. “There was always a realness about him, and you felt like you could talk about anything to him, regardless of how silly or deep you thought it was.”

Dennis switched from trombone to drums, and, along with Appleman and others, started a hip-hop/funk-rock band called Epileptic Disco. (In the future, as a pediatric nurse, Dennis would cringe when asked about that band name. Still, he said, “We were sixteen.”) As teenagers, the band started playing the Rathskeller and the Middle East, eventually opening for popular local and national ska and rap acts such as the Allstonians, Big D & the Kids Table, Shootyz Groove, and the Lordz of Brooklyn. They even performed their hit, “Larry Bird,” live on Mike Adams’s Sports World on NECN.

Dennis continued with the band throughout his first two years at Northeastern University, where he studied for a bachelor’s in nursing science and met Nancy



Dennis P. Doherty

Reardon, who was studying toxicology. At some point, they fell in love.

Another watershed moment came when, through Northeastern’s co-op program, Dennis was hired as a clinical assistant in the Medical-Surgical Intensive Care Unit (MSICU) at Boston Children’s Hospital. “As a student, I was in awe,” he wrote later. “It seemed to me that the nurses ran the show. I could see that they were independent and had autonomy. The nursing staff was proud and intelligent. I knew that I wanted to be this kind of nurse.”

Dennis graduated from Northeastern in 2000. After a year at Franciscan Children’s in Brighton, he returned to the MSICU at Children’s, this time as a registered nurse. Now he provided direct care to critically ill children, from newborns with rare anomalies to teens with cancer.

“Looking back,” he wrote in 2013 as part of an application for a promotion, “all my best experiences – the patients and families for whom I truly made a difference – the key was being myself. . . . Being able to

talk about the Patriots with a teenage boy who had a spinal cord injury was as important in his recovery as his surgical interventions were in his healing. Giving my iPod to a patient’s father for the night after talking about bootleg Grateful Dead tapes provided some normalcy for a man who listened to music daily. Cutting up scrubs to make a stocking cap for myself and a patient’s grandmother provided laughter to a twelve-year-old girl on [a ventilator].”

Dennis also joined the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN), which had started advocating for healthy work environments in hospitals. Dennis brought this initiative to Children’s, surveying his colleagues and bringing the results to management.

“I spent a lot of my 10 years as a staff nurse in the MSICU opening my mouth,” Dennis wrote. When his colleagues complained about the way vacation days were allocated, Dennis took action. “I remember barging into our nursing director’s office, outraged, yelling about how things had to change. This did not help my cause.”

Meanwhile, Dennis and Nancy bought a home in Hyde Park and were married in 2006. They had their first son, Patrick, in 2008; moved to Norwood; and had a second son, Daniel, in 2012.

But even as he began notching personal and professional milestones, Dennis didn’t leave music

behind. In an especially active period from 2005 to 2008, he played drums in the Larkin Brigade, an Irish pub rock band that was nominated for a Boston Music Award. Another outlet for Dennis was long-distance running. The first time he plodded around the Fens as a husky Northeastern student, he vomited afterwards. But within a few years, he was running half marathons, and in 2012, he announced he was running the Boston Marathon to raise funds for the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism.

It was only then that most of the Dohertys’ friends learned that young Patrick had been diagnosed as autistic. “I don’t know why it is so hard to discuss this, but I avoided it,” Dennis later told music journalist Michael O’Connor Marotta. For four years, “People would ask, ‘How’s your son?’ and I would be like ‘Oh great!’ But I would feel sick to my stomach.”

That changed when Dennis made his marathon announcement. “It has been difficult,” he wrote on his Flutie Foundation fundraising page. “On the one hand, we have the sweetest, most loving, beautiful little boy. On the other hand, it is hard not to wonder why this had to happen to Patrick.” Why was he born into a world that wouldn’t fully support his needs as a disabled person? With three- to five-hour therapy sessions five days a week, he added, Patrick was making gains in his speech, cognition, and

behavior. But Dennis was afraid that Patrick wouldn’t be understood or accepted by society at large.

A burden was lifted as friends rallied behind Dennis and his family. Donations and words of support poured in, online and at the fundraisers Dennis threw at the Beachcomber in Quincy and other venues. Folks donned “Team Doherty” T-shirts and joined him on training runs over the Newton hills.

“The whole process [was] cathartic,” Dennis told Marotta. It “helped me work past this sort of self-pity and realize that I have an amazing son who is quirky, but also funny and sweet and happy. He makes me better at all parts of life.”

Dennis signed up to run the marathon once more in 2014, throwing himself into training and fundraising all over again, including with a Larkin Brigade reunion at TT the Bear’s. But this time, on Patriots’ Day, he crossed the finish line.

The following month, he completed his master’s degree in nursing and nursing education from Framingham State University. That summer, he started a new job at Children’s as a professional development specialist. He managed nursing orientation, the healthy work environment program, the mentorship program, and other facets of staff empowerment, which was his passion. And in 2021, he earned a PhD in nursing science from University of Massachusetts Dartmouth.

For Dennis, the social aspect of all these activities over the years was key. By inviting peeps to a concert—or a Patriots or Boston College football

game, or a Northeastern hockey game—he was nudging friends out of their middle-age rut and continuing to make memories.

“Dennis had the rare ability to balance work, family, and friendship at a time of life when far too many of us sacrifice at least one of those things,” said longtime friend Mike Miller.

Then the whirlwind wound down. Dennis was admitted to Brigham and Women’s Hospital in early February, missing Northeastern’s 2023 Beanpot win by one day.

“Most of all,” said Nancy, “Dennis loved the [stuffing] out of me and the kids. In his drugged-up stupor, from his hospital bed, he managed to send the boys and me cupcakes for Valentine’s Day.”

In addition to Nancy, Patrick, Daniel, Paul, Denise, Larry and his wife, Meghan, and Brigid and her husband, Mike, Dennis leaves nieces and nephews Ben, Shannon, Jennifer, and Liam, along with cousins, aunts, and uncles, and countless friends and colleagues.

Services from the Gillooly Funeral Home in Norwood were held privately. A Memorial Service will be held at the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center Amphitheater, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, MA on Sat., March 11, at 11 a.m. Complimentary parking will be available in the parking garage under the venue. In lieu of flowers, the Dohertys ask that donations be made to The Boston Bear Cubs, a Massachusetts Special Hockey Affiliate for which Patrick plays and Dennis was a coach. Donate at paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/1496345.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU23P0328EA

**ESTATE OF:
MONRIUS MARKEHM
RENDON-LOPEZ**

DATE OF DEATH: 05/30/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Erica L. Rendon of Boston, 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: Erica L. Rendon of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **04/07/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 24, 2023

Felix D. Arroyo
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU23P0319EA

**ESTATE OF:
LEORY HAMILTON, JR.**

DATE OF DEATH: 11/22/2022

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robin J. Hamilton of Boston, 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: Robin J. Hamilton of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **03/28/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 24, 2023

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

Published: March 2, 2023

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300**

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU23P0411EA

**ESTATE OF:
MARGARET HELEN DORNHOFFER**

DATE OF DEATH: 01/01/2023

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by James W. Dornhoffer of Westwood, 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: Jason W. Dornhoffer of Westwood, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **04/07/2023**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU23P0416GD**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
TAHA HAMID
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT**

Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Taha Hamid is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Osman Hamid of, (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/28/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

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

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405**

Docket No. SU23P0386PM

**IN THE MATTER OF:
SARAH HODO
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT**

(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Ellen H. Davis of Smyrna, GA in the above captioned matter alleging that Sarah Hodo is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **04/06/2023**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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

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BGCD Hosts Carnival with New Balance Volunteers to Close Out School Vacation Week: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Hosts Carnival with New Balance Volunteers to Close Out School Vacation Week: As a special close out for the February School Vacation Week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted a Carnival for members of all ages who attended vacation week programming.

Members were able to enjoy inflatables to race through, inflatable carnival games, table games, face painting, cotton candy, ice cream, and more exciting activities.

A special thanks to our great group of volunteers from New Balance who joined us on this day to help oversee the activities and also brought apparel for our members.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Sarah Senter at ssenter@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Puts On Living Museum Event To Honor Role Models for Black History Month: As a part of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's school vacation week, our Walter Denney Center at Harbor Point hosted their Annual Living Museum to celebrate Black History Month. We had 12 members who chose to portray a distinguished African American in history, by dressing in character and describing their accomplishments and impact on society today. The event was Emceed by Club Member Noa T. who did an amazing singing performance to open the show and closed it with famous quotes. Congratulations to all of the 12 members who did an outstanding job portraying their respective characters. Thank you to all of those who helped put this special evening together. For more information on the Denney Center, contact Queenie Santos at qsantos@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Puts On Living Museum Event To Honor Role Models for Black History Month: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD to Host 30th Anniversary of New England Women's Leadership Awards: On May 15th, BGCD will host the 2023 New England Women's Leadership Awards (NEWLA) with our 2023 Event Chair, Founder & CEO of eternalHealth, Pooja Ika. NEWLA is one of the first events of its kind in the Boston area that celebrates the accomplishments of women who make a positive difference in their businesses and communities. For 30 years, we have recognized remarkable women who meet the challenges they face with confidence, persistence and compassion and make a priority to give back to others. Our honorees are role models and mentors for our members. Make sure to look out for our 2023 honoree announcement soon! For information on sponsorships, visit www.bgcdorchester.org/newla, or contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester.org.

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March 3

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March 5

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Stk# BH80631A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 95,823 mi.		Stk# BH80661A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 47,399 mi.		Stk# BH80629A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 56,298 mi.		Stk# BH80481A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 12,340 mi.	
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Stk# BH24214XX, 2 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 97,843 mi.		Stk# BH24168, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 11,858 mi.		Stk# BH80615A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 31,702 mi.		Stk# BH80552A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 32,730 mi.	
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Stk# BH80636A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 27,699 mi.						Stk# BH80563A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 41,976 mi.	
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Stk# BH24203XY, 4 dr., 6 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 63,331 mi.						Stk# BH80672A, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 32,240 mi.	
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Stk# BH24224, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 60,673 mi.						Stk# BH24205, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 45,098 mi.	
2015 Honda Accord LX \$17,698						2020 Honda Civic LX \$25,698	
Stk# BH80562C, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 58,528 mi.						Stk# BH24175, 4 dr., 4 cyl., auto, p/s/b, a/c, 28,858 mi.	