$3.49b city budget gets council okay; 3 members critique BPS spending plan

By Jennifer Smith
Editor

The mayor’s full $3.49 billion city budget made it through the city council last week despite sharp critiques on the public schools spending plan from three councillors who voted against adopting the BPS budget.

Andrea Campbell, Lydia Edwards, and Michelle Wu cited issues of equity, school cuts, and stability in the public school system in voting against its spending request.

Up about $50 million from last year – to a total of $1.18 billion – the school budget includes items like funding for a full-time nurse in every school, additional paraprofessionals and mental health professionals, free menstrual products for students, free MBTA passes for 7-12 grade students, and moves toward universal pre-K.

“The educational budget is not a perfect budget, but these are investments that we cannot ignore and say no to,” said Councillor At-Large Annissa Essabbi-George at the council’s meeting last week.

“These are investments that will help improve the services and support the needs of our students. My vote today serves to recognize the importance of those investments, but also the work that still is needed to (Continued on page 5)

Witness speaks of police restraint on Penhallow Street

By Bill Fother
Editor

A neighbor who witnessed last Monday’s police shooting of a 19-year-old suspect on Penhallow Street says that he joined officers in pleading with the young man to drop his weapon — to no avail.

Leonard Lee, a longtime resident of the normally quiet, tree-lined side street off of Melville Avenue and Mather Street, said that he believes that the young man – who has been identified as Jaymil Ellerbe — essentially “committed suicide” by cop.

“Though I thought that I would never say this, but these officers were amazing in trying to save this young man’s life,” Lee wrote in a post on Facebook. “They did not want to shoot him…this young[man] committed suicide.”

The incident that unfolded in front of Lee’s house stemmed from an earlier shooting in Town Field, just two blocks away, according to Boston Police. (Continued on page 15)

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Architect rendering shows what 775 Morton St. would look like when completed. Phase 0 Design voted 5-1 in favor of the project, with member Bruce Bickertast cast one vote opposed. But board chairwoman Christine Araujo then announced that the time was not sufficient and that the project was denied. At the request of Rus— citoy’s attorney, John Pulgini, the board then agreed to withdraw the motion on the project and let Pulgini ask for a deferral on the vote in the hope that by the time the board re—heard the proposal, it would have several members. After a recess—and after residents who had supported the project had left— Araujo announced that due to confusion over the quorum issue, she had incorrectly ruled the project denied. Member Craig Galvin then moved to approve the project, and the vote was once again 5-1. This time Araujo ruled the project had been approved, she asked the mayor’s neighbor—hood liaison to tell the opponents who had left about the approval. Ruscito’s proposal calls for a four-story building on what has long been a vacant lot, with ground-floor retail space and a 29-space garage accessed via Wildwood Street. Four of the units will be sold as affordable. The mayor’s office supported the proposal, but some residents said the building was too tall and too dense and would cause traffic problems. Because of the way the way the busy Morton Street curves near the site. The BPDA board had approved the project in January. 

Condo project on Aspinwall under review 

The public will have a chance Monday to review and comment on the minimum project proposed for 3 Aspinwall Rd. nearCodman Square. Developers Shanti Acquisition LLC hopes to build a 34,200-square-foot building with 29 underground parking spaces at the former site of Nelson Manor Nursing home. A meeting on the project is scheduled for July 8 at the Codman Square Health Center’s Green Room on Washington Street from 6:30 to 8 p.m. In filings with the city, the project team describes a new four-story building with underground parking and 7,000 square feet of landscaped open space surrounding the building. Test that a vote on the floor would have a combination of studio, one—bedroom, two—bedroom and duplex residential units. The proposed project would create a residential development with affordable housing opportunities in a suburban community and was appropriately in scale, massing, and design in keeping with the neighborhood.”

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOC. MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10

Adams Street BPL branch to close for renovations — The Adams Street branch of the Boston Public Library will close for work on July 12. The project will modernize the branch, which is expected to re—open in early 2021. The library is closed for two weeks for minor renovations, will re—open on July 3. The Adams Street branch will open at 9 a.m. on July 12. Fundraiser for Old Morton Street fire victims on July 27 — The Lower Mills Civic Association will host a fundraiser on July 27 for the family of a two—year—old toddler who is an HMA fire—victims. The fundraiser will be held from 5—8 p.m. at the Codman Square Neighborhood Council (CNCD) in Codman Square, Dorchester. The event will feature food, dancing, and a silent auction. All funds will be donated to the Mayor’s Office. CNCD’s Director of Community Relations Michaela Brown will comment on the variety of issues that make up our neighborhood at Downtown Neighborhood Council (DNC) on July 13 in the Codman Park Square and Codman Square parking lot, corner of Washington St. & Taft Ave. Codman Square. Live music featuring the Redneck Romantics will be performed. After the event, a silent auction will be held for 2019 MR8K- A Run for Gratitude set for Sept. 2 – The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports, will host the second annual MR8K – A Run for Dorothy on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2, at Boston’s Warrior Ice Arena on Boston Landing in Brighton. Registration is $45, with proceeds benefiting the Martin Richard Foundation. Participants who choose to fundraise and commit to raise a minimum of $300 for the Foundation will receive free entry to the race and a limited edition 2019 MR8K Team MR8 race shirt. The event is open to runners, walkers and para—athletes of all abilities, as well as non—athletes. The race begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 9 a.m. and will be held in Richardson Park (near intersection of Mass Ave. and Columbus Rd.). Over a dozen art vendors including handcrafted leather, pottery, fused glass, painting and more! Artists will be making art and selling their work in the shade of Richardson Parks trees. There will be food vendors and light entertainment all afternoon from local folk, pop and soul artist on the lawn of Boston’s oldest house, The James Blake House. Free tours available. Vending hours 12-5 p.m.

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Police Courts & Fire

Janvier found guilty in 2011 earrings—murder A Suffolk Superior Court jury last week convicted a 75—year—old man who murdered two sisters inside their Harvard Street apartment in 2011. Jean Weevins Janvier fled to Canada and was eventually captured by US Marshals in 2017. He was sentenced by Judge Jeffrey Locke to two life sentences in prison. Janvier was indicted in 2012 for the murders of Stephanie and Judith Emile in their Harvard Street apartment. The two women were found shot to death with a two—year—old toddler still in the room. Janvier eluded capture and was on the run until May 2015. Most Wanted List prior to his arrest by Haitian police, who offered “exceptional performance” in capturing Janvier, according to a state—ment by US officials.
Fields Corner assembly, rally make case for more affordable housing

By Katherine Martin

About 200 people gathered at VietAID Community Center in Fields Corner last Saturday afternoon to discuss a Boston-wide housing plan catered toward residents facing displacement.

This was the third assembly in a series of five organized by Right to The City Boston, a coalition that includes ten groups whose neighborhoods are being impacted by rising housing costs and evictions.

The event kicked off at 11 a.m. with five residents from various advocacy groups taking turns recounting the “Homes For All” core principles in different languages. Throughout the day, interpreters were available for non-English-speaking community members. In the crowd, many returning activists and some new faces represented a number of Boston’s neighborhoods. Posters that hung on the walls included phrases such as, “Don’t sell out our community to billionaire investors,” and “We have the right to the city.”

These posters were later carried to a rally at the site of the forthcoming mixed-used Dot Block development in Glover’s Corner.

Marchers made their way to Glover’s Corner on Saturday after discussions about housing in Fields Corner.

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Attendees broke off into groups to further discuss the Boston People’s Plan’s three main objectives: establishing anti-displacement zones; ensuring that at least half of new housing is affordable; and empowering neighborhood development.

Under its Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), last updated in 2015, the city mandates that buildings with more than nine units that need zoning approval must designate at least 13 percent of their onsite units and either 15 or 18 percent of off-site units as “affordable.” In some cases, developers are allowed to pay into an IDP fund that goes toward affordable housing production.

The affordability standards are federally determined and include a region larger than just Boston proper, which critics point out includes income levels not reflective of many neighborhoods.

Meetings are under way now to reassess the affordability requirements for Boston. There is also a city-backed effort to apply IDP standards to projects that do not require zoning relief, which would result in more affordable units.

At a Dorchester Not For Sale group meeting in February, advocates asked Mayor Martin Walsh to commit then and there to the 65 percent standard in Glover’s Corner.

Walsh said at the time that practical limitations like precipitously dropping federal funding and tax-dependent city revenue meant he could not honestly make that promise.

“Sixty-five percent affordable a great goal, a brilliant goal,” he said, later adding: “The answer is yes, but the reality isn’t yes. This is where honest conversations have to happen. We’d like to say zero displacement, but there’s no way anyone can commit to that. I can’t commit to 65 percent affordable, because how do you get there?”

Reconvening after an hour of discussion and lunch on Saturday, the groups summarized their conclusions. Community members waved green sheets of paper in the air, signaling their agreement to the demand for a board of community members that will have veto power over developers in the review process. They agreed that they need to be able to say, “We don’t want this if it doesn’t meet community needs and standards.”

Another policy proposal at the meeting was to change the value and definition of AMI.

“We need to align the different neighborhoods because what’s affordable in Roxbury isn’t affordable in Mattapan or East Boston,” said Darnell Johnson, coordinator of Right to The City.

New to the rally to reflect the common needs and demands the communities share. “This is not just an isolated incident to Dorchester. This is a city-wide crisis that nobody has yet to address with real solutions,” said Andres Del Castillo, a resident of East Boston and community organizer for City Life/Vida Urbana.

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On the day that MBTA fare hikes take effect, riders, elected officials lead protests at stops

City Councillor Michelle Wu, at center, talks with MBTA rider and medical technician Hyacinth at JFK/UMass station on Monday. Hyacinth was waiting to see the progress of our riders near the site of last month’s major derailment. Signal clocks between Ashmont and JFK/UMass were still inoperable on Monday, as signal bungalows were heavily damaged in the derailment. "It kind of ruins the day, because you don’t know what’s coming," said Lower Mills resident Jeffrey Drayton as he waited for the train to depart. The senior, and daily Mattapan Trolley and Red Line rider, said the extra 25 minutes he has to book in since the derailment have been "awful, awful," and he opposes the fare hikes, though the commute itself is generally "very good.

Carey Adams, of Roxbury, was only on the Red Line to visit a friend. He and Wu, both typically Orange Line riders, discussed the worst performing T branches. "I was kind of hesitant to take the Red Line because of all the trouble they’ve had," he said, adding that with the transit chaos it can take "hours to get downtown." He told Wu, "the Red Line’s the worst line, if I’m going to be honest."

The fare hikes are ill-advised at this stage, the 19-year city employee said. "Someone should have done something a long time ago. The fares keep going up, but tangible benefits like new Orange Line cars and the re-opening of Wollaston station are around the corner." The MBTA tweeted at JFK/UMass station was slow and halting, with the train sitting for 15 minutes at Ashmont and stopping for a handful of minutes at Savin Hill and JFK/UMass. Each train pulling through JFK/UMass was full and stayed at the platform for around 5 minutes during the morning rush. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who made transit equity a central argument in her 2018 midterm run for office, tweeted that this is "first and foremost an issue of civil rights. It is unconscionable that in [the Massachusetts 7th District] - a district that has the worst rush hour traffic in the nation - residents are forced to struggle to afford their commute. #UnfairHikes.

Pressley’s district office is near the Shawmut stop on the Red Line, where volunteers from her office congregated in support of the protest. City Council president Andrea Campbell spent the morning at Ashmont station. "We need faster service on all of our lines," she said. "The Red Line is very special to me because it’s the heart of my district, which is mostly Dorchester and Mattapan. But most importantly, all of these upgrades and repairs should not fall on the backs of our residents, who are hard-working and coming to the T hoping today it’s working, which sometimes it doesn’t. So the system really needs to get it right, and that means the administration and, of course, the State House."

In 2015, the Legislature voted for the creation of the MBTA control board and authorized fare hikes. Many elected state officials have voiced opposition to the hikes, including State Sen. Nick Collins and state Reps. Liz Miranda and David Biele.

Mayor Martin Walsh, attending a mayors conference in Hawaii, reiterated his objection to the hike on Twitter: "Today the MBTA increased its fares, despite continued delays on the Red Line." He said, "Boston needs a seat on the board to fight for Boston residents to finally have public transit that gets them where they need to go, when they need to get there - a service that they are already paying for."

Wu is calling for a bigger rider presence on the MBTA’s Fiscal Management and Control Board. The Baker-appointed panel approved the fare increases.

In a Boston Globe op-ed article, Wu said the board should "include a rider representative, a permanent seat for the City of Boston, a rotating seat for municipalities in the T’s inner core service area, and a rotating seat to represent communities served by commuter rail."
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provide our kids with the education they deserve."

She added that she is still disappointed by the lack of investments to renovate facilities at Madison Park High School. Other councillors said their neighborhoods were seeing unacceptable cuts. Edwards noted a $2.6 million loss for District 1 schools, the most for any district, with $1.2 million of the cuts coming directly from East Boston High School.

"I'm sorry to say that this budget is not a response in any way shape or form from a BPS that is listening to District 1," Edwards said in voting against it. She added: "If a budget is a reflection of the values of a government, then it's very clear that BPS does not value District 1...we are dealing with a displacement crisis and the weighted student formula does not account for displacement that the community is dealing with."

Council President Andrea Campbell, who last week released a plan that calls for time-sensitive changes to BPS operations, cited concerns about equity in achievement, resources, and system-wide measurable improvements.

"I do not think we are demonstrating the values of equity, transparency, and accountability by merely adding money to our budget and celebrating that this is the highest BPS budget in the history of City of Boston," Campbell said, noting that she cast the sole vote against the school budget last year.

New BPS Superintendent Brenda Casselius agrees that inefficiencies exist in the system, Campbell said, though she is working to figure out just what they are. "So whether it is a transportation budget that is skyrocketing and going up with no end in sight or a central office with positions of four folks and I don't really know what they do and how they actually necessarily serve our schools," Campbell said, she noted

Casselius is “thinking about making some changes in central office, making some cuts that can then redirect those dollars to our schools, to our teachers, of course, to our parents, and to our students.”

Wu was the third voice in welcoming the superintendent with huge arms and tremendous excitement ready for her leadership. All councillors voted in favor of passing the broader city budget.

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English, and who had kids at home instead of an education. So, some of the volunteers started an English language volunteer program in a church basement.”

That initial program gradually evolved to include the holistic range of services offered by MUA today out of their headquarters on Clayton Street in Fields Corner. These services include English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes, Hi-SET (formerly GED) secondary education preparation in Spanish, career counseling, job training, computer skills training, SNAP referrals, onsite child care, transportation costs, and any necessary clothing, books, or materials—all for free.

While MUA’s client base is 95 percent Latino, the organization accepts all English learners into its education programs; native speakers of Cape Verdean creole, Haitian creole, and Vietnamese make up the remaining 5 percent of enrollment. Joel Swets, executive director of the Cummings Foundation, explained that the Dorchester-based organization was chosen from a total of 600 applicants during a competitive review process.

“By having such a local focus, we aim to make a meaningful and positive difference in the communities where our colleagues and leasing clients live and work,” he said in a press release. “We are most grateful for the non-profit organizations that assist and empower our neighbors, and we are proud to support their efforts.”

In most cases, learning English or developing job skills are crucial first steps towards employability. But as Malone explained, MUA sets its sights on measurable, long-lasting change when it works with low-income trainees.

“To learn English or developing job skills, you know, those are deliverable, but our main focus is really on the next steps—employment or entering college,” she said.

Swets plans to put the $100,000 grant towards expanding its “Health Careers for the Future” program over the next two years, which will include the orientation to train more phlebotomists, nursing assistants, and home health aides. Normally, MUA’s course schedule roughly mirrors the BFS schedule, but additional resources could make an evening cycle of classes a reality, or a future session during the summer months. Extra programming could mean more women admitted to the program, and, according to Malone, such growth is needed to meet the demand for the non-professional employment opportunities at Boston’s health centers.

“There’s a massive need,” she said. “There are so many openings that we just refer them, and they get placement.”

To learn more about programming at Mujeres Unidas Avanzando or to support its mission, visit their website at muaboston.org.
Eight from Dorchester earn $10K Red Sox scholarships

BY JASMINE BRASWELL
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Eight Dorchester students are among the 12 Red Sox Scholars selected to receive $10,000 scholarship grants from the Red Sox Foundation this summer. The students — a group of 13 seventh graders attending Martin Luther King Jr. K-8 School and has a passion for dance, tap, and jazz dances. She is interested in modeling and fashion, but after college wants to become a computer hardware engineer.

• Jordan Michel, 13, has perfect attendance and Honors grades at the McKinley South End Academy. He is a member of the Boys and Girls Club where he participates in various social and athletic activities.

• Arianny Romas Ron- don, 13, goes to STEM Academy and is a member of the Boy's and Girls Club where he participates in various social and athletic activities.

Dot drummer a finalist in Blue Man Group contest

Christina Edwards dreams of getting on the road as a touring drummer.
Boston’s own version of the ‘Lost Cause’

Boston’s perennial bogeyman – “forced busing” – has once again surfaced for another shift in the political stock market.

Blame Kannara Harris, if you’d like, for having the audacity to challenge Joe Biden’s record in a presidential candidates’ debate. (Isn’t that the time to do it, by the way? Aren’t debates supposed to give candidates a chance to ding their opponents on different issues?) When one does begin competing for the nomination against the guy who is considered by some to be the favorite?)

Or, you can blame Joe Biden for not having the good sense to step back and acknowledge that the whole sequence of white resistance to desegregation was – and is – political, not merely in every corner of the republic. Instead, perhaps caught off guard, Biden regurgitated some of the old talking points of the Restore Our Alienated Rights (ROAR) – choose to ignore the run-up to the order by US Judge W. Harold Deeds to desegregate and promised to resist attempts to change the system. These politicians then did exactly what they promised. They led us off the cliff. They did it because it was politically expedient to mollify the status quo.

One of the triggers for the crisis came with the opening of the Lee School on Talbot Avenue. Even some otherwise vocal “busing” opponents stood their ground. The object wasn’t to make life cushier for whites or to create a utopia for students of color.

But, obviously, the reader asked the wrong question. The object was to do the hard work on desegregation and promised to resist attempts to change the system. These politicians then did exactly what they promised. They led us off the cliff. They did it because it was politically expedient to mollify the status quo.

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Walter Karp, circa 1988. Jerry Bauer photo

By ROY LINCOLN KARP

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BY CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Standing before a packed room, with tears in their eyes, Maria Teresa Rodriguez and her 16-year-old daughter Sandy recounted abuse at the hands of Sandy’s stepfather and how terrified they were to seek help.

He hit Maria and then Sandy one night, they said, but as their minds raced, they decided not to call the police. For years, Sandy recounted abuse and sexual assault survivors to contact law enforcement without worrying that it will lead to deportation, particularly as the Trump administration ramps up enforcement.

“We need this to be done as soon as possible because I’ve seen so many cases where families are broken up because they’re trying to defend themselves and trying to get help. Those people who are trying to help you put you even more down instead of picking you up.”

Supporters of the legislation rallied before meeting with lawmakers, focusing specifically on how the legislation could protect immigrant survivors and broadcast personal stories of those most affected.

In addition to banning police from asking about immigration, the legislation (H 3573 / S 1401) would also prevent law enforcement from notifying Immigration and Customs Enforcement when a suspect wanted by the federal authorities is set to be released except for cases in which a criminal sentence is pending.

Advocates say the clear firewall between local law enforcement and federal immigration would ensure that increasingly diverse communities maintain trust in police and feel comfortable calling for help — or cooperating in cases — without worrying that it will lead to deportation, particularly as the Trump administration ramps up enforcement.

“A lot of people pay attention to the border, but you don’t have to look just to the border for families to be separated,” said Rep. Liz Miranda, who co-filed the House bill.

“We need Massachusetts residents to wake up and understand that separation and fear is being handed out right here in our commonwealth. That’s an important thing, because we can’t keep patting ourselves on the back for being a liberal state if this is happening in our state.”

Miranda, the daughter of immigrants, shared her own personal story, too. She told the room that she was also a survivor of domestic violence and sexual abuse and that her father and brother had both been deported.

“Most bills take time,” said Maureen Gallagher, policy director of the anti-sexual assault coalition Jane Doe Inc., highlighted the results of a recent national survey that found 76 percent of immigrant domestic violence survivors are hesitant to contact authorities and more than half decide to drop their cases, afraid of drawing ICE attention.

“Their access to justice is blocked when they can’t safely contact law enforcement or seek health care or advocacy without the very real possibility of removal or potential separation from their families,” Gallagher said. “Those who abuse often exploit victims’ immigration status to maintain power and control by reinforcing fears of deportation.”

That fear was the case for Zoila Lopez, too. She recounted one instance after her husband assaulted her when she told him not to take her to the hospital to avoid getting in trouble over their undocumented status.

The abuse continued and Lopez eventually called police, but she told advocates last week that better protections outlined in the Safe Communities Act would have prevented her from waiting so long. “Give us more support,” she said.

“To perpetuate the status quo...”

“Most bills take time,” she told the News Service. “I think for this bill, like all bills, we need to educate. Today, for instance, was part of that education process. I’m not sure that most of my colleagues are aware of the number of people who are afraid to go to police to protect themselves because of the fear of a connection to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.”

Miranda described the issue as one urgent enough to warrant immediate action. “It is a life and death situation in many of our communities,” she said.
ADAMS STREET BPL BRANCH TO CLOSE FOR RENOVATIONS

The Adams Street branch of the Boston Public Library will close for renovations on Fri., July 12. The project will enlarge and modernize the branch, which is expected to re-open in early 2021. The Lower Mills branch on Richmond Street, which was closed for several weeks for minor renovations, will re-open on Sat., July 13. See bpl.org for more details.

FARMERS MARKET IN PEABODY SQUARE

The Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmers Market opened for the season last Fri., June 28 at the Ashmont MBTA plaza. The market will be open every Friday from 3-7 p.m. through Oct. 18. It includes farm-fresh produce, local meats, artisan breads and pastries, live music and more. See the weekly vendor line-up at tinyurl.com/AFMCal.

PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSAL FOR 3 ASPINWALL RD.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency will host a public meeting on Mon., July 8 to discuss a proposal to construct a four-story, residential development at 3 Aspinwall Rd. in Dorchester. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at the Codman Square Health Center’s Great Hall, 637 Washington St., Dorchester. This meeting was originally scheduled for June 24. More info: bostonplans.org or call John Campbell at 617-918-4282.

The close of public comment on this project will be held on Sat., July 20, at 6:30- 8 p.m. for the class of 2020 featuring “Heaven Must Be Missing an Angel” and “More Than a Woman.” For more information, call 617-635-4505 or for more info, call 617-835-4505 or visit boston.gov.

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By KEVIN PERRINGTON-TURNER

Rep. Ayanna Pressley, seated at right, addressed the audience at a forum organized by the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council last Saturday at the Brooke Charter School.

“Mattapan has very often been left behind and forgotten,” Pressley told the crowd. “And so that’s why I wanted to begin as a member of Congress my series of town halls in Mattapan.

“I also want to lift up the fact that my district office is in Dorchester, not downtown. It’s at 1700 Dorchester Avenue. It’s accessible by bus and the ‘T’ when it’s working,” she said.

Pressley addressed a variety of issues at the local and federal level, including concerns raised by seniors about the affordability of medications.

“Companies may say the drugs have this exorbitant cost because of research and development. None of us want to stand in the way of research development. But show us! There’s notransparency. It’s another example of people choosing profit over people,” Pressley said.

Pressley said she is advocating for “incarcerated men and women to be included in the census [according to] where they’re from and not where they’re warehoused.”

“If 1 in 4 people in this district has an incarcerated loved one, and we know that most correctional facilities are private prisons [that] exist in suburban communities, that means,” she said, “that black and brown bodies are being counted, and these communities are getting the benefit of federal dollars.”

The meeting ended with people lining up to have their pictures taken with the congresswoman and her team collecting contact info from attendees. The forum earned strong reviews from attendees who spoke to the Reporter.

“I thought it was excellent. I just wish there were more people,” said Mattapan resident Jeri McNair. “It takes organizations. We have to organize. We have to come out there.”

Pascale Thomason of Mattapan described the event as “inspiring” and said it “makes me want to run. I think the congresswoman was on point with all of the questions that were asked about gun violence, NRA, and housing affordability. And the work that she’s doing, it’s really powerful.”

“I see a change happening,” added Ayana Bean of Mattapan. “I think that my concern for the community is the crime. And also how we move forward with people who have criminal histories. And how we come together as a community and not shun or shame. Let’s move forward and let people be productive and still be able to live and thrive in their communities.”

The Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council will host its next meeting on Mon., July 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mildred Avenue Community Center. State Senators Sonia Chang-Diaz and Nick Collins are scheduled.

For more see, g-mnc.org or email info@gmncouncil@gmail.com.

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Perille recalls a year of many hard choices

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Perille — born and raised in the Dominican Republic — was here, made those changes, established herself in her adoptive hometown’s public-sector management. And for now, Perille said she’s happy to step away from the district completely. "It was a leap of faith — she was a new person," the district’s chief Rahn Dorsey, those participatory programs for students with acute special needs such as those who have "a penchant for highly creative, often illogical, and entirely unintended fireworks."
MULTICULTURAL DAY IN CODMAN SQUARE ON JULY 13

Celebrate the variety of cultures that make up our neighborhood at The Reporter’s Multicultural Day on Sat., July 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Codman Park & Second Church in Dorchester parking lot, corner of Washington St. & Talbot Ave., Codman Square. Live Entertainment, music, dance and fashion. Local vendors, food for sale, family friendly, choirs, arts for kids and more. Bring a folding chair and relax all day or stay for as long as you can. No cost to attend. Vendor may register for a table at this outdoor event (indoors in case of rain) by July 6. Includes: One 6-foot table, 1 chair. You may bring your own tent. For further information contact: secondchnaz@gmail.com or 617-825-2797. Sponsors are: Second Church in Dorchester, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Farmers Market, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp.

FREE HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES IN NEPONSET

A free four-week healthy cooking class for 5th and 6th graders in the community over four Wednesdays starting on July 10. The class will take place 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. through July 31. All classes will take place at the health center, located at 398 Neponset Ave. in Dorchester. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit http://bit.ly/BDHNICSummercooking to register or contact Harbor Health’s prevention programs team at 617-533-2220 or prevention@bhsi.us with questions about the class.

Neponset Square Fair on July 20

The second annual Neponset Square Fair will be held in Richardson Park (near intersection of Mass Ave. and Columbus Ave.) on July 20 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. All vendors including hand crafted leather, pottery, fused glass, painting and more! Artists will be making art and selling their work in the shade of Richardson Parks trees. There will be food vendors and live entertainment all afternoon from local folk, pop and soul artist on the lawn of Boston’s oldest house, The James Blake House. Free to attend. Free raffle drawing. Vendors by 12:30 p.m. - 617-533-9026.

FREE COOKING CLASSES IN NEPONSET

Daniel Driscoll – Neponset Health Center will offer free healthy cooking classes in Neponset. Tuesdays in July and August. The free series gives children ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to test their pitch. The classes are free and led by University of Massachusetts Extension educator, Celeste Himmelfarb. For more information and to register please call 617-343-2228 or prevention@hhsi.org.

FAREWELL CHALLENGE COMES TO TOWN IN FIELD JUNE

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Boston Red Sox, and Highland Street Foundation will bring the Feweal Challenge to Dorchester on Saturday, June 8. The free entry day will kick off on Monday, July 8. BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under. BNBL is open to youth from Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August, and BNBL also offers a Free Fewe Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 that will be offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Free BNBL is done on-site at the Fewe locations. For more information, please email Charlie Connors at Charles.Connors@boston.gov or call 617-961-3093.

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Man who fled scene of Town Field shooting is held on gun charges

BY JENNIFER SMITH

Police arrested a 21-year-old Dorchester man who allegedly fled from an incident in Town Field that is now under investigation. The defendant was located and arrested last Tuesday near Melville Avenue and Dorchester Avenue, Boston Police said.

He was arraigned in Dorchester District Court on charges of assault by means of a dangerous weapon, unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition, and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building, according to the Suffolk District Attorney's office. He is being held on $25,000 bail.

Release terms include wearing a GPS monitor and remaining in home confinement.

The defendant is also charged with a Level 1 armed career criminal, based on his 2015 conviction for voluntary manslaughter in connection with the 2012 homicide of 29-year-old Cherry LaJoie, the DA's office noted. "Prosecutors in 2015 charged that the defendant be sentenced to 12 to 15 years in state prison for his role in LaJoie's stabbing death; Judge Robert Ferland sentenced the defendant to an incarcerated term of that length.

Prosecutors believe Watkins is one of two suspects from the armed, according to Lee. One of the rounds hit his neighbor's car. "The one cop aimed his gun and hit him on his thigh, on his left leg. He went down and was still in the gun smoke and air. And we're screaming at him, and he swings his gun backwards that way," said Lee. "That's when the police fired a new volley at the defendant, Lee said, while he was hit twice.

"One of the cops ran over and tried to tell him to be named — said that Lee's account of the incident was consistent with what they — and other neighbors — saw and heard. Lee said that in looking back he probably should have hit the floor and not leaned out his window to shout at the young man. "I was so close, I easily could have turned and shot me. I could see the hopelessness in his eyes, like he wasn't there to see anything, and was backing up slowly," said Lee, who has worked in social services for decades and at one point ran the Dorchester branch of the ABCD service center.

"All I thought about in that moment is, I saw a kid with a gun and thought, 'he's gonna die,' " said Lee. "These past two days I've been searching to see what could we have done differently. And wondering, why did it happen to me?"

The cops still didn't know where it went, and the other one, I was doing my best to talk to him. "I looked out the window, and there was a young man holding a gun in his right hand, right in front of my car, I saw two cops, they had some kind of call — yelled commands for him to drop the gun. He then leaned out the window and said, "Drop the[expletive] gun." Instead, the man fired two rounds out the window.

"One of the cops ran over and tried to tell him to be named — dead," said Lee. "Lee told the Reporter.

Minutes later, however, one of the people testifying that the young man made it clear that he "was gone.

"I also acknowledge that he was harmless; I loved one; to me, I express my sympathy. As you may know, it is my office that holds exclusive jurisdiction over all criminal matters, including police-involved shootings. I assure that family, members of law enforcement, and this community that there will be a complete, impartial, and transparent review by my Discharge Integrity Team, and we will make our findings available to the public.

All of us must keep our independent investigation into the events that unfolded yesterday, we asked for patience and calm; violence".

Man who fled scene of Town Field shooting is held on gun charges

Witness speaks of police restraint on Penhallown Street

By Tim Gowin

Boston District Attorney Rachael Rollins said yesterday that "the sequence of events last evening that began with a shooting in the community with a loss of life on Penhallow Street has left the city shaken.

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Bayside deal finalized with $235 million long term lease

By Jennifer Smith
News Editor

Developers of the former Bayside Exposition Center site finalized their agreement to lease the 20-acre site, signing a 99-year ground lease for the UMass Boston property with an expected value of $235 million.

Accordia Partners and their capital partner Ares Management Corporation announced the deal on Tuesday morning, planning for up to 3.4 million square feet of mixed-use development.

The team was selected as the winning bid for the prime waterfront land on Columbia Point in February.

"We appreciate the commitment that Accordia and Ares have demonstrated by agreeing to lease terms that maximize the present value return to UMass and for being willing to invest in complementary off-site infrastructure," said Victor Woolridge, Chair of The University of Massachusetts Building Authority, which oversees the planning, financing, construction, and renovation of university facilities.

As to the revenue generated by the university through the long-term ground lease, it is restricted to qualified capital projects approved by the UMass Board of Trustees through its established capital planning process. Officials say this is because the university's acquisition of the property in 2010 used tax-exempt bonds.

University officials praised the agreement in statements Tuesday, with system president Marty Meehan highlighting the windfall of revenue "to fund the long-term goals of the campus," and interim UMass Boston Chancellor Katherine Newman adding that it takes the campus "one giant step closer to bringing new private sector research partners, internship opportunities, and job opportunities in construction, retail and services to Columbia Point."

UMass Boston is embarking on a new permanent chancellorship search, Meehan announced in May.

The team’s winning vision envisioned the area as a mixed-use hub of retail, work and research space, space, housing, or other elements to create a bustling tip of the point. Bayside sits at a critical inflection point for the Dorchester/South Boston border, buttressed by oft-flooded state roadways and with a nearby transit access point in JFK/UMass that was the site of a derailment that caused a system-wide meltdown a few weeks ago.

Accordia’s initial bid included $25 million in “infrastructure commitments.” Sykes said in February that “We view the $25 million as a down-payment on creating a public-private partnership that will source other state funds. There’ll be a lot of focus in coming months.”

With the lease signed, Accordia will begin a robust stakeholder and community input process to refine the vision for the development, according to the release.

“We are excited to have reached this important milestone, which will allow us to begin the next phase and launch a process for listening to the many voices interested in his project, including neighbors, the community, and the faculty and staff at UMass Boston,” said Kirk Sykes and Dick Galvin of Accordia Partners.
BELL, Douglas E., Jr. of Dorchester. Son of Douglas E. and Eunice (McIver) Bell. Husband of Marie T. McIver and father of three. Native of Quincy, he was a retired fireman with the Boston Fire Department. He was a World War II Navy veteran and a former member of the American Legion Post 65. He was a former member of the West Roxbury Citizens Committee and was a past chairman of the Dorchester Fireman’s Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Dorchester. He belonged to the Dorchester Firemen’s Association. In his spare time, he enjoyed bowling. He leaves a son, Douglas E. Bell, Jr. of Dorchester, a daughter, Jennifer L. Bell of Boston, and a sister, Ellen (Bell) McIver of Dorchester. A brother-in-law, a sister-in-law, nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the World Central Craftsmen’s Scholarship Fund, 3750 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124.

BROWN, Joseph D., of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester. Father of Lisa Gagnon and her husband Jeffrey of Weare, NH. Grandfather of Joshua and Jillian Bell. Son of Marie and the late Edward J. Brown. Native of Quincy, he was the husband of Marion Peterson and father of two. Native of Massachusetts, he was the father of two sons and three daughters. Native of the United States, he was the son of two parents and the brother of two. Native of Jamaica, he was the grandson of three. Native of the United States, he was the brother of one. Native of Jamaica, he was the grandson of one. His wife, Marion, is surviving. Memorial contributions may be made to the World Central Craftsmen’s Scholarship Fund, 3750 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124.

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The second annual Pear Square Art Fair will take place Sat., July 20 from 12-8 p.m. at Richardson Park in Dorchester. After a successful inaugural event last summer, this year’s fair will feature an expanded lineup of activities and performances, including local art exhibits, food and drink, a bounce house, face painting, live folk and pop performances, and poetry readings from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The fair will conclude with a youth theatre performance and a concert with R&B, Neo-Soul, and hip-hop artists from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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