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## Landlords and tenants are at odds, but agree on need for rent bailout

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Carolina lives in East Boston with her husband and four kids, the newest of whom was born at the start of the pandemic in March.

The couple lost their cleaning jobs shortly after their baby's birth, and the family has almost no income. Because Carolina and her husband are undocumented immigrants, the family can't get the kind of federal benefits that have helped others in the state keep up with their rent.

We've agreed to use only Carolina's first name because she and her family fear legal repercussions due to the couple's immigration status.

"As a mother, I am very concerned about not having money to pay the rent," she said, looking worried as she sits on a couch in her living room. "My kids have watched me crying, and they've asked if we'll have to live on the street."

The family now owes \$6,000 for three months in back rent, and their landlord has threatened to take legal action.

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Carline Chery stands outside of the rental property that she owns on Capen Street in Dorchester.  
Jesse Costa/WBUR photo



The Ashmont Farmers Market, shown in a photo taken in 2019, re-opens for the summer season on Friday, July 10 from 3 to 7 p.m.  
Photo courtesy Greater Ashmont Main Street

## Streamlined for pandemic considerations, Ashmont Farmers Market returns on Friday

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF

For the first time since last fall, the Ashmont Farmers Market will be open for business in Ashmont-Peabody Square this Friday afternoon from 3 to 7, providing residents the chance to buy fresh, locally-sourced produce, meats, and other foods.

This summer's market will look a little different due to COVID-related precautions, which will make for a more streamlined shopping experience, said Greater Ashmont Main Street executive director Jenn Cartee.

"We're following CDC and Massachusetts Department of Agriculture guidelines, so we're only operating on preorder and grab and go," she said. "All the produce will be pre-packaged, so there will be no browsing or 'pick and choose' sales like there have been in the past."

As such, customers can either select pre-packaged products in person at the market or preorder online.

This week's vendors will include the Boston Food Project, a nonprofit that provides fresh produce sourced from urban and suburban farms in and

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## Senate police reform plan targets racism, tactical approaches

By KATIE LANNAN  
STATE HOUSE  
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The Massachusetts Senate plans to vote this week on a wide-ranging police reform bill that would create a process for certifying and decertifying officers and impose new limits on the use of force, including a ban on chokeholds and restrictions on the use of tear gas.

The bill, outlined at a Monday morning press conference outside the State House, would also temporarily ban the use of facial recognition technology in Massachusetts, officially prohibit racial profiling, and include language aimed at expanding access to expungement for young adult offenses. In addition, it would strike the requirement that police officers be present in schools, leaving the decision instead to a superintendent's discretion.

"Today's bill represents the first step in rethinking what public safety should look like," said Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz. "It prioritizes de-



Rep. Pressley:  
'Transit justice  
is racial justice'

"As we work to stop this pandemic and fundamentally reimagine our criminal legal system, we must also demand changes that address the systemic inequities and injustices we encounter elsewhere in community—such as those in transportation and housing." See Page 9. Related story, Page 10.

escalation, prevention and care, and rejects — anywhere that it exists — a culture of aggressive force and impunity in law enforcement, and it begins to transfer power to the community."

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## For 12th Suffolk hopefults, campaigning a moveable mode

By KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

The candidates vying for the 12th Suffolk District Massachusetts House seat are experimenting with new methods of campaigning across a difficult political landscape this summer as they host virtual events, take part in online civic association meetings, and text and call constituents asking for their support.

There are two women and two men — Stephanie Everett, Brandy Fluker-Oakley, Cam-

eron Charbonnier, and Jovan Lacet, all Democrats — on the ballot in the Sept. 1 primary election to choose a successor to state Rep. Dan Cullinane, who announced earlier in the year that he would not seek another term in office.

Fluker-Oakley, a former teacher and public defender in the Boston Municipal and Chelsea District Courts, said campaigning has "changed drastically in the last three months. What's been really great is that we're still run-

ning a strong grassroots campaign even during this environment, particularly with calling voters and our organizing outreach is all being done remotely."

She notched an endorsement last week

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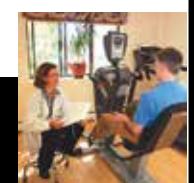
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# Four murdered in Dot, Mattapan over violent holiday weekend

## 'Deeply troubled' Rollins credits police work with her office

BY REPORTER STAFF

A 15-year-old Dorchester boy was killed in Roxbury and four people were murdered in Dorchester and Mattapan over the long, noisy, holiday weekend in Boston.

On Thursday, police responded to a shooting around 10 p.m. outside 39 Mt. Pleasant Ave. in Roxbury, where Xhavier Rico, 15, was found suffering from a gunshot wound. He later died at a local hospital.

Two other individuals — both adult men — were also apparently shot during the same incident,

according to police, who said the men walked into a Boston hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Earlier that night, just after 8 p.m., police responded to Woolson Street in Mattapan after receiving calls about a man with a gun. Officers say they arrested on a murder charge 35-year-old Rafael Santiago, who was holding a gun they allege he had used to shoot 22-year-old Justin Cannady, who was declared dead at the scene.

On Friday night (July 3), a fight outside a home at 42 Theodore St. led to

the death of a man who had walked into Carney Hospital with a gunshot wound and later died. The victim in that case has not been named by police.

Later that night, just after 11 p.m., Boston Police say they were called to Adams Street near Ronan Park for a reported stabbing. Officers reported finding a victim in the area of 205 Adams St. suffering from "an apparent stab wound." The male victim, also not yet named publicly, was taken to a local hospital where "he later succumbed to

his injuries," according to BPD.

On Monday, a 22-year-old Dorchester man was charged with murder for allegedly firing into a crowd gathered on Stonehurst Street early Sunday morning, July 5. One of the people in the crowd, 34-year-old Felicity Coleman, was struck and killed. Police arrested Kristian Maraj, who was ordered to be held without bail at Dorchester Court.

Prosecutors said Maraj had argued with men at the scene and brandished a weapon before returning a short time

later and firing the fatal shots. In 2016, Maraj was arrested across the street from the murder scene on charges of unlawful possession of ammunition and possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.

Describing herself as "deeply troubled" by a recent spike in homicides and non-fatal shootings, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins said Monday that the violence carries additional impacts because of its concentration in communities already strained by the pandemic.

Rollins commended

"the excellent work done by the Boston Police Department in concert with my office regarding the arrests made in these most recent homicides."

"Those arrests are a direct result of the community placing its trust in law enforcement by calling 911 and speaking to investigators," Rollins said. "That trust allows us to ultimately get answers and accountability for the victim, their families, and the community. When communities trust law enforcement, we are all safer."

## State kicks in Phase 3 reopenings; Boston's date is next Monday

BY KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

Massachusetts moved into Phase 3 of its reopening plan on Monday, but businesses and patrons in Boston will have to wait until next Monday to kick things off.

Gov. Baker and Mayor Walsh discussed the developments during a press event at Fenway Park last Thursday, in which the Red Sox announced their plans to begin a truncated, 60-game season later this

### Red Sox in tune-up mode

month without fans in the seats.

Earlier in the day, Baker announced that statewide re-openings in "Part 1" of "Phase 3" will authorize gyms, museums, and movie theaters to again open their doors. Along with that, professional sports teams are now authorized to play games without spectators across the commonwealth.

Baker also said that

starting July 6, limits on indoor gatherings would rise to 25 and those outdoors to 100.

The Walsh administration did not give any rationale for the delay. When asked about his comfort level with regard to the reopenings on July 13, the mayor said that Boston is in a "strong position," but will continue to monitor Covid-19 trends in partnership with state leadership and adjust accordingly.

"I think that all of the information and data we're looking at right now is moving in the right direction," he said. "We've worked very closely with the governor ... but I think that we've all acknowledged that if we see something going higher, we'll take the appropriate action."

He added: "We see here that people wearing masks is having a positive impact on keeping the rates down; Phase 3

really depends on all of us being really responsible."

Sam Kennedy, president and CEO of the Red Sox, said the team looks forward to giving Bostonians a pleasant distraction at a time when it is most needed. The team

plans an opening day later in July. A firm date has not yet been set.

Baker was asked when he thought fans might be allowed to watch their favorite sports teams in person.

"I hesitate to speculate on things too far down

the road," he said. "We continue to learn about coronavirus, and because it's a new virus... I try to say we make the best decisions we can based on the experts we talk to and the data we have at the time."



**Marcy Reed**, president of National Grid Massachusetts, and her daughter Hailey (left) made a surprise visit to the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry last week and gave a very generous donation. They are pictured here with Jim Brett, the president and CEO of the New England Council and the son of the food pantry's namesake, Mrs. Brett. The food pantry is housed at Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta church on Columbia Road in Dorchester. It serves hundreds of individuals and families in need each week and has continued to serve clients throughout the Covid-19 crisis. *Photo courtesy Brett Food Pantry*

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**Mayor's Garden Contest** — The 24th annual Mayor's Garden Contest will take place this year keeping within current social distancing guidelines. Boston's green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 10, to register. The contest provides the perfect opportunity to recognize those who have taken advantage of the "safer at home" guidelines to hone their gardening skills. Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may find printable and online nomination forms at boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. For more information please call 617-635-4505.

**On July 6, 97 youth meal sites opened through the City of Boston's Summer Eats 2020** program in partnership with Boston Children's Hospital. It provides nutritious breakfast and lunch at no cost to Boston youth 18 and under during the summer months. No ID or registration is required. Unlike previous years where many youth meal sites were limited to participants in summer programming, this year all sites are open to all youth in the City of Boston. For locations and times, go to boston.gov/departments/food-access/summer-eats. Locations starting on July 6 include: BCYF Gallivan, 61 Woodruff Way, Mattapan, 10 a.m.-2p.m.; BHA Franklin Field, 91 Ames St., Dorchester 10a.m.-2p.m.; Boston Latin Academt, 205 Townsend St.,

Dorchester, 8:30-11:30 a.m.; Bowdoin St. Health Center, 230 Bowdoin St., 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Burke High, 60 Washington St., 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Starting on July 11: Codman Square Farmers Market, corner of Washington and Talbot, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Travel guidance from Baker-Polito Administration** — Effective Wed., July 1, all travelers arriving to Massachusetts, including residents returning home, are instructed to self-quarantine for 14-days.

This guidance does not apply to travelers from Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York or New Jersey. Additionally, workers designated by the federal government as essential critical infrastructure workers are also exempt from this directive. Travelers who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 are instructed to not travel to Massachusetts. All visitors and residents of Massachusetts are also reminded that the use of masks or face coverings in public places where individuals cannot socially distance from others remains required.

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Planners from Boston Parks & Recreation and the Franklin Park Coalition are seeking community feedback during two virtual Zoom workshops on July 14, at 12 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., kicking off a month of virtual engagement sessions. Organizers will present updates on the Franklin Park investment and partner with a large team of landscape architects, planners, ecologists, and community engagement experts to gather input during a community-driven process. In June, city planners conducted a round of "mini-polls."

The city will host two additional virtual planning sessions in July, during the

week of the 20th and the 27th; followed by a report in early August summarizing community feedback.

The goal of the Franklin Park Master Plan process, launched in February, is to understand previous planning efforts, hone in on what is and isn't working in the park, and look at the best ways to create connectivity to surrounding neighborhoods. For meeting details and login information, visit franklinparkactionplan.com.

**Farmers Markets to re-open** — A number of local Farmers Markets are slated to reopen in the coming days in Dorchester and Mattapan, including: Ashmont Farmers Market at Droser Plaza next to Ashmont Station on Friday, July 10, 3-7 p.m.; Codman Sq. Farmers Market, Sat., July 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Mattapan Square, Sat., July 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., corner Cummins Highway and Fairway St.; Mattapan Farm Stand, Thurs., July 9, 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at Mattapan Community Health Center; DotHouse Health Center on Wed., July 8, 10a.m.-12p.m.; ReVision Urban Farm, Wed., July 8, 2-6 p.m. at 1062 Blue Hill Ave.; Fowler Clark Epstein Farmstand, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan, Fri., July 10, 2p.m.-6 p.m. For more locations, see boston.gov.

**Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC)** plans to host a virtual Town Hall featuring the candidates for the 12th Suffolk House district on Sat., Aug. 1 from

# For gym-goers, re-opening anything but routine matter

BY ADRIAN MA  
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If you've missed hitting the gym or your Pilates class since the pandemic shut down the state in mid-March, there's good news — starting next Monday (July 13), your gym in Boston, can reopen. But heading to the gym is going to look a lot different: Class sizes will be strictly limited, equipment will be spaced out more, and staff must follow explicit cleaning and sanitizing protocols.

Gym owners are happy, but cautious.

"Now that we have the opportunity to reopen, there's a level of excitement," said Andre Thomas, owner of The F.I.T.T. PIT in Hyde Park. He closed in mid-March as part of the state's early coronavirus response. "But at the same time because all the questions haven't been answered around COVID, there's a level of apprehension."

If you walked into a F.I.T.T. PIT boot camp class few months ago, you'd be greeted with a busy scene of frenzied fitness: 30 or so people sweating to thumping music, running circuits around the room, huffing and puffing on machines, lifting weights, and pulling giant ropes.

By next week, when customers show up for



Courtney Nowicki from Brookline was back to her workout at Healthworks in Coolidge Corner this week. *Robin Lubbock/WBUR photo*

the class, there will be some very obvious changes.

After walking in the door, they'll have to sanitize their shoes, wash their hands, and get their temperature checked. And those crazy boot camp classes? For one thing, they'll be way smaller — maybe 10 people instead of 35.

"And we're not going to be moving around like we did before. Everybody's going to have a specific spot in the gym where they're working out. They're going to get the equipment that's assigned to them," said Thomas.

It's not ideal, but Thomas, like many other gym owners, is just relieved to be able to accept *any* customers.

"We've had zero revenue," said Rob Shapiro, founder of BodyScapes Fitness, which has four locations in Greater

Boston, three of which will open on Monday. "When the order came on March 16 for us to close, we froze everybody's membership."

Under the new rules, customers at BodyScapes Fitness will have to book an appointment to work out. And although Shapiro doesn't plan on requiring customers to wear face masks while exercising, he's open to changing that policy.

"If we get pushback and everybody is saying, 'We're not going in there unless everyone is wearing a mask,' guess what? Everyone is wearing a mask. That's the new normal," he said.

The state has put out some guidance for fitness centers and health clubs but certain provisions appear contradictory. One provision says that face coverings are required "for all workers and visitors, except

where unsafe due to medical condition or disability." But the next provision states, "If customers cannot wear a face covering during strenuous fitness activities, physical distancing must be at least 14 feet. If customers are wearing face coverings during fitness activities, physical distancing must be at least 6 feet."

In any case, there are some sports where social distancing isn't really an option, especially if that sport involves putting, say, your foot or your fist in someone else's face.

"That is something that all of us in the martial arts community are really bummed out about," said Ali Fuller, executive director of Level Ground Mixed Martial Arts in Dorchester. While she is preparing to reopen soon, she isn't exactly sure when that will happen.

"With sparring in kickboxing or rolling in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, it is literally impossible to do those things 14 or 6 feet apart," she said.

What she does know is that heads-up sparring is out. That does take

some of the fun out of the sport, Fuller said, but she added, better to be cautious than risk her students getting sick. And if they feel the need to hit something, they still have punching bags.

Until health officials say otherwise, or there's a vaccine for coronavirus, Fuller said, "all of us are going to have to rethink the very nature of the classes we provide."

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# Boys and Girls Clubs to reopen with limited indoor access

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF

When the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD) convened a safety advisory task force last month to begin preparations for re-opening, Mary Kinsella, vice president of education at the organization, knew they had their work cut out for them.

The task force — comprised of BGCD staff, parents, medical professionals, consultants, teachers, nurses, and police officers — solicited feedback from a wide range of experts and residents through virtual “family town halls” and surveys.

“We wanted to make sure we had input from the community,” explained Kinsella. “We listened to a lot of different voices and I think the steps we’ve taken



Mike Joyce (right), vice president of programming for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, led a training session with summer employees outside of the Marr Clubhouse building on Deer Street on Tuesday.

go above and beyond the minimum requirements.”

This week, Dot kids will see the results of the weeks of prepara-

tion. On Monday, BGCD will reopen with one of the most thorough and comprehensive pandemic-era strategies to be implemented by any organization in the city.

“It was a lot of work. But, of course it will be worth it,” said Kinsella as she listed the numerous changes to life at the Boys and Girls Clubs, explaining how the atmosphere at the club will be a bit different this summer.

The majority of programming will be outside, with 25 percent, limited indoor capacity — meaning kids will spend less time in classrooms and more in bigger spaces like the gym and pool.

Kinsella said the HVAC system in the building has also been overhauled to allow for more outside air flow.

The club’s plan for social distancing will be based on the “Denmark model,” taking cues from the Scandinavian country that has seen relative success in safely reopening schools in the wake of COVID-19.

Under this approach, club-goers will be in groups of no more than

twelve — ten kids and two staff members — at all times. In academic settings, students will remain in their own “individual learning pods” and work independently with their own materials. The cost of providing each student his or her own supplies was “exorbitant,” admitted Kinsella.

Children and staff will be screened for symptoms upon arrival each day, after which they will switch their “at home” masks for club ones before proceeding to participate in activities. After that, sanitizing and hand-washing will be encouraged regularly throughout the day.

Burgeoning relationships between the club and neighborhood health centers will also play a role going forward. DotHouse Health will perform onsite testing in July, and a new collaboration with Uphams Corner Health Center means that any club member, parent, or employee who fears they are falling ill can get tested within 24 hours.

BGCD will also provide masks and gloves to those who need them: “We have enough PPE to last us six months,” said Kinsella.

Curriculum-wise, club staff plans to focus on “socio-emotional wellness” for its younger age groups in particular, placing an emphasis on “supporting happiness.” Other lessons will be aimed at battling learning loss, promoting health and fitness, and teaching about social justice.

A pediatric health consultant will remain in an advisory role at the club for the rest of the year as leadership anticipates an ongoing need to adapt to what is a “fluid situation.” A certified therapist will also lead a daily session with staff to focus on mental health, create a safe space, and incorporate mindfulness and

meditation into everyday programming.

BGCD has hired 110 employees for the summer in efforts to maintain its tradition of providing summer jobs to neighborhood young adults. Among those on staff will be a small cadre of social justice-oriented educators, who will “create curriculum for younger kids as well as signage and messaging. We wanted to make sure their voices are heard,” said Kinsella, who pointed to the club’s tremendous diversity.

In light of recent high-profile cases of police brutality, Kinsella said the club decided to maintain its police officer-involved programming, meant to ensure that every kid’s first interaction with law enforcement is a positive one.

BGCD’s virtual programming, an initiative that has been successful since the organization pivoted to digital during the pandemic, will continue. The club’s regular weekend grocery distribution program and “grab-and-go” meals will also proceed indefinitely.

And despite “devastating” financial losses wrought by the pandemic and cancellation of fundraisers, the club has not raised its rates.

One of the toughest changes, noted Kinsella, will be the fact that no visitors will be allowed into the clubhouse — not even parents.

“It feels like everything we do is the opposite,” she said. “Usually we’re all about sticking together and depending on each other and hugging each other and hanging out, and now everyone will be on their own. But at the same time, I know we’ve trained and prepared as much as possible. We’re going to do the best we can. I feel very confident in our reopening plan.”

Based on feedback she has received so far, the kids are excited to be coming back and the parents are grateful to the club for being there for them. The first morning of early education care on Tuesday went smoother than expected, said Kinsella, who added she’s also looking forward to the club being filled with life once again.

“The buildings felt so cold and empty the last few months. I miss the little things: the kids’ smiles, their laughter, little conversations with parents, goofing off with staff members, and just the overall energy...I missed being able to tap into children for that energy.”

To learn more about programming and membership at Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, visit [bgcdorchester.org](http://bgcdorchester.org).

## Notice of Public Hearing & Request for Comments

### CITY of BOSTON

The City of Boston’s **Department of Neighborhood Development** announces a public hearing seeking citizen feedback on the draft Program Year 2020 (7/1/20-6/30/21) Action Plan, in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105(b).

The Action Plan is submitted annually to the US Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD), and serves as the City’s application and plan for using \$27.9 million in HUD housing and community development resources from: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).

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# Study finds race and income bias in regional housing

By MATT MURPHY  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

Discriminating against people of color or anyone who relies on a voucher to pay their rent is illegal in Massachusetts, but new research suggests the practice is pervasive in the Greater Boston real estate market.

The study done by Suffolk University Law School and The Boston Foundation found unexpectedly "high levels" of discrimination based on race and source of income, researchers said, prompting calls from fair housing experts for greater enforcement.

The research was published at a moment in Massachusetts when communities of color and low-income neighborhoods have been disproportionately impacted by the deadly spread of the coronavirus, and a debate is heating up over whether to extend a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures past mid-August.

Orlando Watkins, the vice president of programming at The Boston Foundation, said housing discrimination can take many forms and is "one example of how systemic structural racism is perpetuated."

The Boston Foundation on June 30 convened

a panel of housing experts from the region and around the country to discuss the findings of the research project, and explore possible policy solutions.

The Housing Discrimination Testing Program at Suffolk Law sent undercover Black and white testers into the field to try to rent 50 different rental properties across 9 cities and 11 Boston neighborhoods. At each property, four testers were used to gauge the response from landlords or real estate brokers based on whether the interested renter was white, Black or had a Section 8 voucher.

The study, researchers said, uncovered more discrimination than they had expected to find, including biases in whether renters were shown properties, offered applications, or asked about their credit scores. For example, 93 percent of white people who inquired about an apartment received a follow-up from the housing provider, compared to 82 percent of Black renters.

The research also found that white renters were twice as likely to be told positive things about the size of the unit or its proximity to public transit as Black renters.

Stella Adams, a national housing fairness expert from North Carolina, said that Massachusetts and Boston were "blessed" to not only have laws banning discrimination based on race, but to be one of 17 states to protect people from discrimination based on their source of income.

"If not necessarily a policy change, what we need is enforcement of existing policies and enforcement of existing laws," Adams said.

William Berman, director of the Housing Discrimination Testing Program at Suffolk Law School, said government agencies also need more "teeth" to penalize realtors who discriminate.

"Real estate brokers are playing a significant role in purveying this discrimination so that needs to stop. There needs to be incentives for them to be shepherds in the process rather than helping their clients discriminate," said Berman, who led the research effort.

"We need to have more teeth in terms of the brokers who discriminate - the ability to suspend their licenses so their livelihoods will be impacted so the incentive will be not to discriminate," he said.

In April, the Legisla-

ture and Gov. Charlie Baker partnered to put in place a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures to protect renters and homeowners who might not be able to meet their monthly payment obligations due to COVID-19 as the economy cratered and shed tens of thousands of jobs.

But as the state has begun to reopen and some of those jobs are coming back, there's a question over whether to continue the protection or modify it in any way. Baker has the authority to extend the moratorium for 90 days at a time, but said Tuesday he had not decided.

Meanwhile, Reps. Mike Connolly of Cambridge and Kevin Honan of Boston have filed a bill to prohibit evictions and foreclosures for year beyond when Baker lifts the COVID-19 public health emergency. A coalition of community groups is rallying behind the bill, warning that without action as many as 20,000 people — many of whom will be people of color — could be evicted in late August.

Ivan Espinoza-Madrigal, of Lawyers for Civil Rights, said preventing discrimination in housing can be complicated.

"This issue of enforcement is really key," he

said. "Testing is really complex and resource intensive so in an ideal world we would have federal oversight from (Housing and Urban Development) and the Department of Justice, but that hasn't been our lived reality for the past four years."

Espinoza-Madrigal also said that another problem is that Black and low-income residents often don't know they're being discriminated against because they don't know how interested white renters are being treated differently.

"If I go and I'm told

the apartment is not available or I get ghosted or they just tell me they're not doing any more showings because of COVID-19, while the white renters are getting virtual tours, that's not necessarily something I would know," Espinoza-Madrigal said.

"And as people of color, we have normalized that rejection," he added.

Olivia Winslow, who spearheaded an investigation into discriminatory housing practices on Long Island for Newsday, concurred with that assessment.

"It's not like in the 1960s and 1970s when real estate agents said we don't service Black

people or you can only get a house in this part of town. That's not the way it's done," she said.

The Newsday investigation prompted investigation by local and state legislative bodies, as well as the New York attorney general, and led to promises from local housing officials to put more money into enforcement and from the real estate industry to improve training. But that was before COVID-19 and the economic toll the pandemic has taken on state and local government to invest in things like fair housing enforcement.

"The only way to get at this is through testing and through enforcement," Winslow said, adding, "What we're hearing is that random testing should be done all the time."

Attorney General Maura Healey said her office was committed to fair access to housing for everyone, and "will not tolerate bias

or discrimination of any kind, adding, "the results of this study are deeply troubling and further reinforce the immediate need to address the longstanding injustices Black people face in every aspect of their lives – including in their access to housing."

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# New name, same mission for Dot-led environmental group

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF

Toxics Action Center, a non-profit organization led by Ashmont resident Sylvia Broude, has changed its name to Community Action Works. The new branding comes after 33 years of working with residents across Massachusetts and New England to stop pollution and confront environmental threats.

"We believe that environmental threats are big, but the power of well-organized community groups is bigger," said Broude. "Our old name made it seem like we only work on toxics,



Sylvia Broude leads Community Action Works, formerly known as Toxics Action Center.

an issue that was at the top of the environmental

agenda when we were founded in 1987.

"The name Community Action Works gets at the core of what we do now. We work side by side with everyday people who are taking action to stop pollution and build solutions on any environmental issue in their community."

Community Action Works has partnered with community leaders over three decades to win dozens of victories in Massachusetts, including convincing the city of Boston to expand recycling and commit to Zero Waste.

The group was inspired by mothers from

Woburn, who took action to protect the health of their children when the chemical company W.R. Grace contaminated their drinking water. The Woburn leukemia cluster eventually claimed the lives of 14 children.

This isn't the first time the organization has changed its name. In 1987, MASSPIRG organized public health and environmental advocates into the "Massachusetts Campaign to Clean Up Hazardous

Waste" to help people who faced their own Woburn-like situations. Its first major accomplishment was passing a statewide citizen initiative to establish the Massachusetts Superfund law. The group adopted the Toxics Action Center name in 1997.

Since those early days, it has expanded to include six northeastern states, including Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The mission of Com-

munity Action Works is staying the same, said Broude.

"When neighbors know how to make change, they can build the power to transform our world," she said. "Many people reach out to us because they are facing a pollution problem so personal that they have no choice but to take action. In taking action, they realize that they have the power to make change, and they don't stop there. And that is the kind of transformation we need."

## 13 Dot schools included in EdVestors arts grants

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF

The BPS Arts Expansion initiative announced in late June that a new round of grants committed by the education improvement organization EdVestors will dedicate more than \$360,000 to some 60 Boston schools, including 13 located in Dorchester.

The Dorchester schools to benefit from arts expansion grants include Boston International Newcomers Academy, Henderson K-12, Mather Elementary, Everett Elementary, Dever Elementary, Community Academy of Science and Health, Lee Pilot Academy, McCormack Middle, Henderson K-12 Inclusion School, Kennedy Elementary, Boston Latin Academy, and Frederick Pilot Middle School.

Said Marinell Rousmaniere, president & CEO of EdVestors: "Arts education is an integral part of students' social emotional well-being and engagement, whether schooling is in person or remote. The pandemic coupled with the heightened attention to racial injustice has been tremendously difficult for students, and arts education is a powerful and effective tool in helping them to process and share complex emotions."

"Schools everywhere should be moving mountains to provide access to quality arts education, as so many BPS leaders, teachers, and arts partners have done in the last three months. We are proud to work with all our partners in keeping this commitment to ensure BPS students have access to high quality

arts education."

In a statement, Dr. Brenda Cassellius, superintendent of the Boston Public Schools, said, "For over a decade, the BPS Arts Expansion initiative has built an incredible legacy in our schools, and the latest round of grants will help support a variety of arts education programs that are essential to meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of students."

"Arts education and student expression contribute to a student's sense of self and confidence, which is critical now more than ever during these extraordinary and challenging times," she said. "We are grateful for these grants and programs, which support our commitment to ensuring access to arts education programs for all students."

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bars, and doesn't do enough to help people before or after they're incarcerated.

Markey and Kennedy, who are running against each other in a Democratic primary for the US Senate seat now held by Markey, visited the Suffolk County House of Correction in Boston to answer inmates' questions.

Invited by Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, the candidates answered questions about everything from post-release housing and transportation to reparations for slavery. Tompkins, who has endorsed Kennedy, moderated the discussion.

"We are an over-incarcerated society. We have too many people behind bars who shouldn't be there," Markey said.

Kennedy has criticized Markey for his vote for the 1994 crime bill signed by President Bill Clinton that has been blamed for the disproportionate incarceration of people of color through mandatory sentencing for drug crimes and other offenses.

"Let's make sure fewer people come into jails and prisons in the first place," Kennedy told the inmates about his approach to recidivism and rehabilitation.

Kennedy and Markey also said mandatory minimum sentencing guidelines must be revisited. They also discussed the need to refocus the criminal justice system to better support people with mental health and substance abuse disorders, and to provide more housing and career placement services after their release.

Voters will decide the Democratic contest between Kennedy and Markey on Sept. 1, and Tompkins called it "asininely stupid" that people with felony convictions cannot vote.

Both Kennedy and Markey said it was still important to hear from those involved in the criminal justice system even if they can't vote.

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Happy farmers at the Urban Farming Institute.

## Foundation grant boosts senior programming at Mattapan farm

The Urban Farming Institute in Mattapan has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from Boston Foundation's Open Door Grants to support UFI's program "Fit Around the Farm," which offers gentle aerobics, chair yoga, and cooking lessons for seniors.

Residents of Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan ranging in age from 63 to 93 can sign up to incorporate more fresh vegetables into their diets and to add exercise

to their daily routines. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the sessions are now being conducted virtually.

"UFI started "Fit Around the Farm" as a pilot program in April 2018 and by the sixth week we realized our seniors were never leaving us," said UFI President/CEO Patricia Spence. "Our elders were moving, making new friends, volunteering at the farm, and in general having a great time."

UFI was founded in 2011 to convert neglected city lots into productive farm sites. Its six farms grew over 19,000 pounds of food in 2019. In addition to growing and distributing produce, UFI offers an Urban Farmer Training Program and numerous workshops teaching people how to grow their own food in the city.

*More information about UFI can be found at [urbanfarminginstitute.org](http://urbanfarminginstitute.org).*

## METCO graduates celebrate in virtual ceremony

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF

On June 27, students participated in a virtual graduation ceremony for the METCO program, which since 1966 has brought and supported students of color from Boston's neighborhoods to suburban, mostly white schools. These 264 students were lauded by special guests, including Patriot Devin McCourty, Red Sox outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr., Governor Baker, Mayor Walsh, and keynote speaker, Boston City Council President Kim Janey.

A Roxbury native and METCO graduate herself from the class of 1983, Janey congratulated the class and shared her experiences in the 1970s.

"Our buses were stoned, we were called racial slurs," Janey said. "It was a very traumatic experience. Oftentimes we needed police escorts. But my parents stepped in again--they wanted better for me--so they enrolled me in METCO. I faced my own challenges and I was able to overcome. None, I'm sure, were as great as the ones you have faced. You guys have persevered... you are not leaders to-

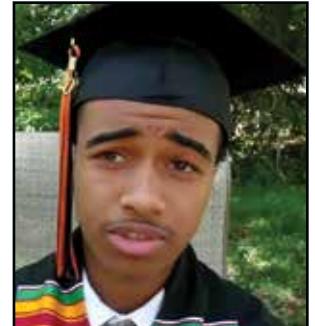
morrow, you are leaders right now. You have demonstrated that."

"METCO students are not only making a daily journey from city to suburbs, but they are also on a journey to change people's minds and hearts about race, equity and inclusion," said METCO President & CEO Milly Arbane-Thomas.

Gov. Baker recalled how as a kid, his family would host METCO students at his house. Today, his own children are affected by the program in a similar way.

"My own kids in Swampscott have developed deep and meaningful relationships with the kids who have come through the METCO program," said Baker. "it's a truly special program, it provides significant opportunity and a chance for learning in so many different ways."

Shawn Bernier, a Haitian-American senior from Hyde Park who became student council president at Wayland High School, addressed his fellow graduates in a recorded video clip. Bernier, the first transgender student in METCO program history, described how his



Hyde Park resident and student council president at Wayland High School, Shawn Bernier, delivered a video address to his fellow METCO graduates.

journey of "unveiling" his true self mirrored the obligation his fellow classmates have to seek justice and truth and be true to themselves:

"I'm sharing all of this because it is important to remember where we once began," Bernier said. "Imagine if we stopped at the moment when we faced the most adversity? Imagine if we never took the steps to fight for our liberty? Imagine if we never took the steps to organize protests of abominable justice, or even strive for historic greatness? We have been forced to step into a place of courage and resilience, a place that none of us could have ever perceived or imagined four years ago."

## Drive-in Movie series set for next three Wednesdays

Mayor Martin Walsh has announced that the City of Boston Drive-In Movie Series, an initiative open to Boston residents, will screen movies at outdoor locations in South Boston and Roxbury on the remaining Wednesday nights in July.

Double-feature showings will take place on each of those evenings, in addition to a special matinee viewing with the Age Strong Commission.

All event attendees must pre-register by car through an RSVP on Eventbrite, which can be

accessed through [boston.gov/drive-in-movies](http://boston.gov/drive-in-movies).

"We are proud to offer free, family-friendly entertainment for the people of Boston through the July Drive-in Movie Series," said Walsh. "We are thankful for the Highland Street Foundation's support to make

this happen, and to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center and Wentworth Institute of Technology for hosting. Our hope is that these movie nights can provide a safe, fun summer respite for Boston residents of all ages."

The remaining screen-

ings are scheduled as follows:

**Wed., July 15** – "Frozen II" at 6 p.m.; "Jurassic Park" at 8:30 p.m. at Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (Rear parking lot). Enter via Cypher Street.

**Wed., July 22** – "Coco" at 6 p.m.; TBD

at 8:30 p.m. at 121 Halleck St. (Parker Street parking lot). Enter via Halleck Street.

**Wed., July 29** – "Trolls" at 6 p.m.; "Harriet" at 8:30 p.m. at 121 Halleck St. (Parker Street parking lot). Enter via Halleck Street.

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Englewood Diner



**to Hollywood (sort of):** Long a Peabody Square landmark, the 1941 Englewood Diner was relocated when the elderly housing was built in the square, and it has been moved from place to place as it has changed ownership

over the years. Its current owner purchased it intending to add it onto his home in Holden, MA. But the diner was destined for greatness: After long negotiations with Dreamworks SKG, the diner is being hauled to Chicago,

where it will be used for one day of filming in a Tom Hanks movie (still untitled). The diner will then go back to Holden. Cost to Dreamworks: \$40,000 to the owner and \$16,000 to the hauling company. (as reported in the Boston Globe, Feb. 4, 2001.)"

A September 2002 online article from the American Diner Museum says, among many other things about the diner's travels to movie fame: "The Englewood has been called the "most moved non-lunch wagon type diner in history." It originally operated in Dorchester, a suburb of Boston, and closed in the late 1970s. It operated once again in Dorchester for about five years in the late '80s, but in the interim, traveled in Massachusetts to storage spots in Cambridge, Boston,

Fitchburg, Framingham, Natick, and Ashburnham. Since diners were originally made to be moved, the Englewood's most recent journey to Chicago and back to New England gives it the proud honor of the title."

The movie, which starred Tom Hanks and Paul Newman, was ultimately titled "The Road to Perdition," contained a scene in the Englewood where Hanks, on the run from the mobster (Newman) he worked for, escaped from an assassin.

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## Editorial

## Commentary

# Making the case for Keith Love Field

In May, TechBoston Academy lost Keith Love, its longtime leader, to cancer at age 52. The school is now on summer break, but the students and teachers are taking action to memorialize their beloved administrator, who was a fixture at the former Dorchester High complex for 16 years.



Keith Love

His death hit the student body, which was already coping with the pandemic, the hardest. He was a father figure to hundreds of kids during his tenure.

In a story published in the *Reporter* just after Mr. Love's death, graduating senior Dominique Hart described him this way:

"He wasn't just one of the headmasters to us. He was our smile in the morning, our dance for the day. He was an amazing man with an amazing personality."

In the last few weeks, the TechBoston community has launched an effort to rename a playing field next to the school's campus Keith Love Field. The space currently shares its name with Roberts Playground, the 10-acre city-owned park on Dunbar Avenue that serves not only the school but also the surrounding communities of Codman Square, Codman Hill, and Ashmont Hill.

In an online petition, the school community makes this case for the name change for the green space: "Keith was an integral part of the culture at TechBoston, serving as a mentor and father figure. He was best known for the connections and relationships he forged every day while he productively improved the school's quality and resources.

"He took the time to get to know the local residents and included them in school celebrations. A friend to the Ashmont Hill Association, it was not uncommon for community members to attend our school performances and athletic events, a testament to Keith's good will in the neighborhood. "Collectively, our community cannot think of a more appropriate legacy for Keith than the renaming of the green space outside of TechBoston Academy to Keith Love Field. It is where students and residents gather in the same spirit that Keith exhibited during his tenure in the Boston Public Schools."

The petition, which is directed to the Boston Parks Commission, which must approve the proposal, can be read online at dotnews.com. — Bill Forry

## Watch out: COVID transmissions 'creeping up'

Do you think that Massachusetts might be getting too far out ahead of the curve in terms of "re-opening" while COVID-19 continues its rampage around the country? If the latest data released this week are any indication, you may have grounds for skepticism, if not alarm.

On June 22, Massachusetts was leading the nation in terms of flattening the curve, registering the lowest "Rt," or transmission rate in the nation. That is no longer the case.

"The current Rt for the coronavirus in Massachusetts," according to the State House News Service, "is estimated at 0.96, according to the website Rt.live, just below the 1.0 threshold that signifies rapid spread." The commonwealth is now behind Connecticut (0.79), followed by Washington, D.C. (0.88), and Maine at 0.89. New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Maryland are all tied at an estimated Rt of 0.96, according to Rt.live.

It's something to be mindful of as Boston prepares for the "Phase 3" re-opening on Monday, which includes museums, fitness centers, and movie theatres. The virus is still very much a threat in our neighborhoods and when we travel to our favorite summertime destinations.

Do us all a favor: Keep those masks on and secured properly whether you are at work or at play. This is far from over. — BF

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# Inaction on fireworks prompts many questions

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The July 4 illegal fireworks fizzled out at about 4 a.m. on July 5. Prior to that, residents in Dorchester, especially those, like many veterans, who are sensitive to loud noises that sound like bombs, continued to deal with a two-month trauma that kept babies awake; pets constantly alarmed; and many, like me, up until the wee hours making sure that their houses wouldn't catch on fire.

It was like listening to the soundtrack of a war movie.

Although I agree that dealing with fireworks displays could be addressed under the purview of another city department, the police are currently all we have to confront the fireworks, which outside of events like the Esplanade concert and fireworks, are illegal in Massachusetts. But, almost to prove the point that fireworks should be the responsibility of another department, the police were unable to control the uncountable explosions on the holiday.

The only sighting of police in my area of Savin Hill, a hotbed of fireworks, was a police car that drove to the end of Caspian Way at about 8:30 p.m., as fireworks were being set off in the park, and flashed its blue lights while slowly backing down the street. It didn't seem to work, as the fireworks in the park continued to midnight.

What makes me the angriest, though, is that this wasn't a surprise. For two months, fireworks have plagued the Boston neighborhoods and many other parts of the country. Boston 911 calls on fireworks were up by 5,543 percent in June. Social media had hundreds of exasperated comments, mostly sounding like, "Why isn't anybody doing anything about the fireworks!"

It gets worse. The New Hampshire fireworks industry had oversize billboards in Massachusetts advertising the purchasing of illegal-in-Massachusetts fireworks, and in some parts of Boston, Phantom Fireworks went door to door, leaving door knob hangers advertising how to obtain illegal fireworks. The young people we asked about the source of their fireworks as they walked into Savin Hill Park to set them off, told us they had just driven down from New Hampshire with them.

At 2 a.m., I learned that nearly all fireworks come from China, but the main supplier in this part of the country is Phantom Fireworks, a \$100 million company headquartered in Youngstown, Ohio, and owned by Bruce Zoldan. The company has a connection to the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and an attempted bombing in Times Square. Tamerlan Tsarnaev, one of the Boston bombers, purchased "Lock and Load" mortar kits from the Phantom Fireworks facility in Seabrook NH, the explosives of which were likely used in creating bombs for the Marathon. Failed Times Square bomber Faisal

Shahzad purchased his fireworks from a Phantom Fireworks store in Pennsylvania.

On May 22, 2019, Zoldan met with President Trump to discuss his proposed \$300 billion in tariffs on Chinese goods, which included fireworks that are overwhelmingly imported from China. On June 25, it was announced that Phantom had agreed to donate \$750,000 worth of fireworks to Trump's 2019 Fourth of July celebration, which was followed by his decision to hold off his threatened tariffs. Jordan Libowitz from Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics commented: "This is another example of how private companies attempt to use their money to influence the government by stroking the president's ego." Zoldan's political contributions are on both sides of the aisle.

On Saturday, dialing 911 for hours was an exercise in frustration. After being put on hold in a couple of languages, the next thing I heard was loud computer noises, followed by a request to stay on the line. At 10 p.m., I finally got an operator, who told me that there were 1,500 calls pending. At midnight, as all hell was breaking loose, the 911 system seemed to fail. It didn't shut down, but you couldn't get anyone; you just got the same loop asking that I stay on the line, and ultimately cutting me off.

Maybe we can excuse the lack of action in May, but after several houses burned down, and a chunk of Savin Hill Park burned after being hit by fireworks, I thought that leaders at the state and city would take action quickly.

But it was too little, too late. Considering that May saw historic numbers of complaints about fireworks in Boston, a 2,300 percent increase over the previous year, (as noted, June's calls were up almost twice that number) why did Attorney General Maura Healey wait until July 1 to issue a cease and desist order to Phantom Fireworks to stop advertising in Massachusetts?

Why were Massachusetts state troopers not deployed at the border to seize illegal fireworks flooding into the state? Did Gov. Baker contact New Hampshire's elected officials to ask for help in curtailing sales to Massachusetts residents? Any-one could have predicted that July 4 would have a historic level of fireworks, yet the Boston Police did not have adequate staffing to deal with skyrocketing levels of 911 calls. And why did Mayor Walsh wait until June 26 to create a task force to address illegal fireworks?

Neighborhood folks are disgusted and should be demanding answers. And brace yourselves – those New Hampshire fireworks typically sell at deep discounts after July 4.

## Letter to the Editor

# Wu should speak up about Roxbury Prep

## To the Editor:

In February, I had a private meeting with City Councillor Michelle Wu in her office along with my former principal and current staff member at Roxbury Prep High School. We were there to ask that my school, Roxbury Prep, be treated fairly. For 400 days, my school has waited to be placed on the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) agenda for a vote on a project for a new high school at 361 Belgrade Ave. in Roslindale, a site that is already zoned for a school.

For the past several years, my peers in 11th and 12th grade have been separated from 9th and 10th graders. We didn't have a cafeteria or updated science labs. We ate lunch at our desks and walked a mile to the Y for gym. Meanwhile, 361 Belgrade continues to stand as an unused automotive service center instead of a beautiful public high school for beautiful Black and Latinx children.

I am grateful that many elected officials of color have already taken a position of support for our cause. I wanted Councillor Wu to do so as well. She lives in Roslindale, where our proposed school would be. We appealed to her for help. I was surprised by what she told me in that meeting in February.

She told us: You have been mistreated. You have been made to go on a wild goose chase. The reason you have not been placed on the agenda stems from racism. And then she told us that she would remain silent on this injustice.

She doesn't want to see a school at that site, even though it is zoned for a school. This is fine. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. What is disheartening is

that the councillor declined to call out the injustice in her own community, in her own back yard.

I just graduated from high school. I'm headed to Brown University on a full scholarship to study biochemistry, despite the fact that our inadequate school building didn't have the type of lab that my new peers at Brown would have had. But my siblings are in middle school at Roxbury Prep. They deserve the new high school that my peers and I deserved and didn't get.

The world is different today than it was in February. Many people are recognizing that silence from good people is a tool of oppressors, allowing people to easily ignore the problem at hand. Councillor Wu wrote in her email to supporters recently: "Black Lives Matter. And we must all use every platform and lever of power to confront racism in our lives, laws, and institutions."

She added: "To move forward, the question for every elected official should not be whether we can point to some work to address racism, but whether we are taking all possible action within our power to implement anti-racist policies, from legislation to budgets and oversight. Hold us accountable to get it done."

I am hopeful in reading those words. Perhaps Councillor Wu now recognizes what that means to the students and families of Roxbury Prep and that she will finally make a public statement about 361 Belgrade.

Vinessa Baez  
Roxbury Prep Class of 2020



Bill Walczak

# The reality is that transit justice is racial justice

**By US REP. AYANNA PRESSLEY**

Over the past several months, communities nationwide have seen many of the deeply entrenched inequities and injustices in our society laid bare. The dual public health and economic crises caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have disproportionately impacted low-income families and communities of color in the Massachusetts 7th and nationwide, while the tragic and unjust murders of unarmed Black people at the hands of police officers have underscored the constant threat to Black lives in America, and spurred righteous rage across our country and around the globe.

As we work to stop this pandemic and fundamentally reimagine our criminal legal system, we must also demand changes that address the systemic inequities and injustices we encounter elsewhere in community—such as those in transportation and housing.

Everyone has a right to live and travel safely in community, but that right is denied to far too many in our communities. From subpar and overpriced housing in our neighborhoods to bus and train routes that force communities of color to spend hours more on transit every year, our basic infrastructure is exacerbating and reinforcing systemic racism in our

community.

It's time to eliminate these injustices once and for all, and that's what I'm fighting to do.

In Boston, Black commuters spend an average of 64 more hours per year on the bus than white riders, and the data show that low-income families pay the most out of pocket for public transportation. To address these inequities and improve community mobility, I introduced the Freedom to Move Act with US Sen. Ed Markey, which would invest in public transit as a public good and ensure that everyone in community is able to get to school, work, and critical services without breaking the bank or spending hours on a bus or train.

Following calls from transit activists and leaders like Boston City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu to "Free the T," our bill would provide new federal funding to transit agencies like the MBTA in exchange for those agencies agreeing to eliminate or reduce fares for riding and incentivize those agencies to make investments that center equity, like redesigning inefficient bus routes in low-income and underserved communities.

Key tenets of this legislation were included in the Moving Forward Act passed by the US House just last week, specifically a demonstration program

that will support free and reduced-priced transit fare programs. This landmark legislation would invest \$1.5 trillion in our infrastructure and transportation systems and I was proud to see several key provisions included to ensure our infrastructure investments finally center equity and justice for all communities.

The Moving Forward Act also includes the Housing as Infrastructure Act, legislation introduced by Chairwoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) and supported by several of my colleagues and me on the House Financial Services Committee. The bill would invest \$100 billion in our nation's affordable housing stock, including \$70 billion for the construction of new affordable housing. With housing costs skyrocketing and communities of color disproportionately impacted, it's time we invest in housing as a critical component of our nation's infrastructure.

This bill is a bold step toward rejecting the legacy of redlining—a racist practice used by banks to deny financial services to people of color—and finally affirming housing as the human right that it is and ensuring that everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home.

We cannot talk about public transportation in our communities without acknowledging the environmental

racism and resulting health disparities caused by increased pollution in our neighborhoods. When cars and buses sit in traffic in our communities, the greenhouse gas emissions and exhaust they release directly harms us all. One way to reduce these emissions is to better support our bicycle commuters and encourage more folks to get out of their cars and onto their bikes, something I've championed as co-chair of the Congressional Bike Caucus. Cycling is cost effective, environmentally friendly, and will help keep our communities moving and healthy. This is why I advocated for provisions to be included in the Moving Forward Act to support more bike friendly infrastructure investments, expand bikeshare programs like Blue-Bikes here in the Massachusetts 7th and incentivize employers to establish bicycle commuting benefits.

Transit justice is racial justice, a reality we can no longer ignore. As we do the hard work of undoing generations of systemic racism, we must keep transportation and infrastructure front of mind so that we can finally affirm the right of all to live and move safely, accessibly, and affordably in community.

Ayanna Pressley represents the Massachusetts 7th district in Congress.

## Letters to the Editor

### To the Editor:

Don't keep telling me that what is happening in my part of the city—Bowdoin-Geneva—is probably happening elsewhere. It is hard to believe the degree of dysfunctional behavior could possibly be worse. It defies credibility of what we are forced to endure on a daily basis.

Now, mind you, there is still no other place I would rather be, but I feel as though I am being tested.

Doubtless, you don't want to hear about fireworks. Yeah, I get it. But, just let me give you a little taste of the war-zone-like feel in my neighborhood over the past six weeks.

The bombardment can last anywhere from 6 to 10 hours a day. On Saturday, (July 4), it went for 9.5 hours stopping at 4:30 Sunday morning. I

## Explosives create

tried oh so hard to not call 911. But when we felt like bombs were going off overhead and the house shook, I did.

The 911 operator could only reply, "We are doing the best we can and some of us are working 18-hour days, going home to sleep, and returning back to start over again."

Now entering Week 7 and two days after the Fourth, are we going to continue living in a war zone or return to normal living? Any bets?

As some of my fellow Dorchester folks might have said in this paper a few weeks ago: "Welcome to urban living. If you can't take it, move back where you came from."

Well, guess what? I am from here! My family and I have been more involved in our community and this city than most other people living in Boston. By

## Police were too aggressive at protest in Franklin Park

### To the Editor:

The photos of police officers and protesters taking a knee and hugging have been very moving but the hostile and provocative police actions at the large Not One More Demonstration in Franklin Park action on Tuesday, June 2 clearly reflected an extremely different approach.

After a peaceful march and rally, in response to the deaths of Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and other Black lives lost, as the protesters began to march out of the park, a phalanx of motorcycle police came roaring down the road toward Shattuck Hospital where the speakers had been and the protestors were exiting the park. The police's sirens screaming and the lights flashing scattered the demonstrators. The police motorcycles were followed by two police cars and a police wagon which were also speeding as if there was an extremely dangerous action taking place. Again, with sirens and lights flashing.

It was a provocative show of hostile force. People were yelling at the police and the feeling was tense and threatening.

Dan Luker, a 70-year-old, Vietnam Veteran and an experienced Boston peacekeeper was shoved with a club by one officer and shouldered by another. He told me: "I have never seen the police as aggressive, angry and unfriendly as I did that evening. As

the person who has coordinated Veterans for Peace Peacekeeping missions over the last several years, I have felt there was an element of cooperation with the police in the past, that was replaced at the end of this demonstration by an aggressive, threatening and confrontational stance by the police."

Luckily the organizers of the demonstration had recruited peacekeepers who maneuvered in between the protesters and the police. One must wonder how much the fact that this demonstration was in the Black community motivated the police to come as if they were preparing for combat rather than to maintain order in a large gathering.

It has been very inspiring to see this movement take off. The levels of involvement of young people is extremely encouraging. White allies and activists, especially those of us in positions of privilege, must continue to use that privilege to push you, our leaders, to change.

While you have been saying some of the right things, change must go beyond words. The police need to be demilitarized. I also call on the mayor and the city council to hold hearings about the history of Faneuil Hall to see if the people of Boston want keep it as a monument to a slave trader. Is this not a small gesture toward racial justice with huge meaning for our city?

— Kelley Ready, Dix Street

## 'war zone' feel to neighborhood

the way, our household is made up of two seniors who are retired from work, but not retired from more than doing their part to make this a better place for all.

Yes, a Fireworks Task Force has been created, but only a few days before the Fourth of July. Unbelievable! Why not start to develop some different

strategies at the beginning of the New Year? Why not start addressing the advertising of these illegal, dangerous products when there still might be snow on the ground as opposed to days before the Fourth!

Davida Andelman  
Chair, Greater Bowdoin/Geneva Neighborhood Association



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# Advocates, councillors push senators on ‘transit justice’

BY KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

Transportation advocates and their political allies renewed calls for dramatic reforms to the MBTA system—with a specific emphasis on “unfair fares”—during an event in Roxbury’s Nubian Square on July 1 attended by City Council President Kim Janey, Councillor-at-Large Michelle Wu, state Rep. Nika Elugardo, and leaders from advocacy groups, including the Fairmount-Indigo Transit Coalition.

“Last year we had volunteers come together to cover every single rapid transit station on the MBTA to demand action and change for transit justice,” said Wu. “On the one-year anniversary, we’re coming together as leaders and community activists, and elected officials to renew the call for action for transit justice.”

Specific initiatives outlined by Wu and others include a call to maintain rear-door boarding on buses with no fare collection; the adoption of a “means-tested” MBTA fare system-wide; decriminalization of fare collection; commuter rail electrification and fare

equity; and better bus facilities.

“Since [last year] it is clear that this has grown into a movement,” said Janey, who called it a “racial justice issue and an economic justice issue. I know what it means to take the bus, but I do have options and choices as a city councillor that most of the people in my district don’t,” she added. “What COVID has shown us is we can have free buses. Let me be really clear: I’m not looking for fare reductions, I want to see free buses on certain bus lines. We can’t continue to think about public transit as a way to bring in folks from the suburbs. We have to take care of the residents right here in our city.”

Mela Miles, lead organizer for the Greater Four Corners Action Coalition and chairwoman of the Fairmount-Indigo Transit Coalition, said that impacts from the virus underlined the need for more action.

“A lot of people have lost their jobs and last year the unfair hikes were one issue, but today the issue is exacerbated because of people’s loss of jobs and the issues of crowding that took place during the outbreak,” she said.

Miles said activists have asked MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak to update and enhance the technology for the bus system’s sanitizing air conditioners to promote respiratory health.

She also gave credit to the MBTA for launching a new pilot program on the Fairmount Line. Starting July 22, eight additional trains per weekday will be added to the line, which connects Readville to South Station, increasing frequency and convenience for commuters.

“This speeds up the opportunity for people to have to get from point A to point B without having to sit on crowded busses,” said Miles.

As part of the year-long pilot program, T riders can also now use CharlieCard to ride the Fairmount Line. The T has installed “validators” on all Zone 1A station platforms—which includes all of the ones in Dorchester and Mattapan.

“Advocates have been working for over 15 years to get the MBTA to allow the use of the CharlieCards on the Fairmount Line that runs through the majority of Black and



A group of transit advocates and elected officials gathered after a press conference in Roxbury’s Nubian Square last Thursday, July 2. *Katie Trojano photo*

Brown communities,” said Miles. Still, she said, more investments in transportation need to be made.

“Our transportation system is the lifeline for our community to get to their jobs, to get to everything that they need to do and we don’t have the option to just go find some other way to get around,” she said. “So, we have to have more buses out here, we need cleaner/greener buses for our respiratory health, more affordability and we’re asking for the MBTA to make sure the buses are safe to ride on as people come back in greater numbers.”

Stacy Thompson, executive director of LiveableStreets Alliance, said, “It is our moral obligation to make sure that people have safe, affordable, and reliable access to transportation. My key message today is when you hear things like ‘clean buses’ and ‘better service’ that’s not

crazy or insurmountable. These are reasonable, achievable solutions that both the Legislature and the MBTA have the ability to act on right now.”

She added: “The MBTA could make the choice to just allow all door boarding. That is a choice that doesn’t require technology, doesn’t require a vote. It’s a choice they could make today.”

Thompson noted that legislators have “pushed through a revenue package” that the Senate “must act” on.

Elugardo, who represents the 15th Suffolk/Norfolk District, pointed to two bills passed by the House—a transportation bond bill and transportation revenue bill—that are awaiting Senate approval.

“In urban communities across the state, people of color are taking public transit and buses at a rate 50 percent higher, and getting worse, less frequent, asthma-inducing service,” Elugardo

said. “Free buses is possible fiscally...if we want to increase the revenues in our state we need to make sure that everybody has equal access to work, housing, and to being healthy.”

Jared Johnson, executive director of Transit Matters, said that the pandemic has “turned the world upside down” for essential workers that rely on public transit.

“We need to honor those workers that we’ve been clapping for and waving signs for,” he said. “What would be a disgrace is for us to go back to terrible traffic because we’re not investing in public transit.”

Chris Dempsey, executive director of Transportation for Massachusetts Advocacy Coalition, called for Senate action to invest in transportation immediately.

“My message today is very simple and very clear: the Massachusetts State Senate must act.”

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# Streamlined for pandemic considerations, Ashmont Farmers Market returns on Friday

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around Boston; Sibling Organic Crops, a local farm that grows Asian and Caribbean specialty produce; Stony Creek Farm, which sells grass-fed beef, meat products, eggs, and honey; and Evergreen Delivery, which will distribute fresh fish from Red's Best, available only through preorder with the vendor.

The inaugural will also feature a "roaming greenhouse" vehicle provided by the landscaping business Cityscapes, which will sell herbs and plant arrangements with proceeds benefiting Apprenticed Learning, a career education nonprofit based in Jamaica Plain.

The streamlined market setup will consist of four 10x10-foot tents spaced at least 12 feet apart on the Vince Drosler Memorial Plaza next to the north entrance of Ashmont station. Some of the more interactive elements of the farmers market, including information tables, games and activities, and live music, have been put on hold for this season.

But, Cartee noted, it was important to reopen the market "with a focus on food access." With more families experiencing unemployment, struggling with rent, or otherwise left financially vulnerable by the pandemic, access to healthy, affordable food remains a top priority.

One goal of the farmers market this year will be to connect people who use SNAP/EBT to the Healthy Incentive



Program (HIP), which uses Massachusetts Department of Education and federal money as a two-pronged expansion of food access while supporting local farmers and families in need.

Cartee said that a grant from the city of \$3,000 in food access coupons will help facilitate those connections in the coming weeks. SNAP households are automatically eligible for HIP, and can be reimbursed for \$40-\$80 worth of produce per month based on household size. In other words, qualifying members who spend \$40 on produce at the farmers market will immediately get that \$40 put back on their card.

To learn more about HIP or for more information about the Ashmont Farmers Market, visit [greaterashmont.org/farmers-market](http://greaterashmont.org/farmers-market).

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# To InnerCity Weightlifting, fitness without food a surefire non-starter; owner, nutrition firm work on issue

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN  
REPORTER STAFF

Last Tuesday, Valentino Perrina, the CEO of Nutre Meal Plans, delivered several boxes containing more than 200 pre-prepared meals to InnerCity Weightlifting's Dorchester gym, the second of several deliveries planned as part of a new relationship between the North Shore-based nutrition startup and the Fields Corner-area fitness nonprofit.

For ICW founder Jon Feinman, forging a partnership based on food and fitness "made perfect sense." For Perrina, it also represents an opportunity to actively make a difference in the lives of Black and brown people.

"I'm a white business owner from the North Shore," said Perrina. "So, it's like, do I speak on my social media platforms? What can I do? We're always about 'actions speak louder than words,' so we were trying to look for a local company that's getting involved in the community and trying to help people as much as possible and better people, like we are. So, these guys have a perfect alignment because they're trying to help people become their best selves, and



**CEO of Nutre Meal Plans Valentino Perrina, left, and ICW founder Jon Feinman posed with two of Nutre's prepackaged meals. Nutre is donating around 1,500 meals to the nonprofit gym. Daniel Sheehan photo**

we're trying to do the same thing—that's our mission."

Feinman added that food insecurity is often a real issue among the roughly 200 people in the weightlifting program, many of whom come from impoverished backgrounds and have spent time incarcerated.

"We've got guys who come and work out and

a lot of people that we have at the start of the program, they don't have employment. So, you know, food is not a guarantee the same way it is for me. And other times we also have people come in and want to work out, but they're too hungry and don't. The opportunity to partner with a prepared food company that's nutritious, from

our perspective, it made a ton of sense."

Feinman started ICW in 2010 after an experience with Americorps in which he worked with current and former gang members in East Boston gave him "an incredible opportunity to meet people as individuals, as humans, rather than just statistics."

After "hitting a ceiling" in a brief personal training stint, he decided he wanted to start a program that made an impact on a deeper level.

"It was initially just a weight training program," explained Feinman. "Then you start doing the work and you've got people who are shot and paralyzed, people going in and out of jail."

Feinman's eyes were opened to the "daily life complications" that can make it hard for someone to see a future. "College, education, careers; anyone wants that. But when your struggles of today are so severe that tomorrow might not exist, you can't prioritize things that are off in the future."

As such, the ICW program evolved into a four-stage model built on trust, hope, social capital, and economic mobility. The first two of those values can often be the most important for those who walk through ICW's doors.

"The gym gives us a reason to connect with someone that society tells us otherwise to avoid, to earn their trust. And it gives us a place to deepen that relationship, to put options on the table, to be a partner with someone so that they don't feel like they have to solve any problem alone. And that starts to lead to hope for the future."

ICW provides oppor-

positive advice and support."

Reginald Talbert, a Fields Corner native and Head of Advocacy at ICW, said the program has an ability unlike others to "open doors." Talbert has been with the organization since its inception in 2010 after leaving a tough situation.

"I had just come home from doing 15 years in prison," he explained. "It opened doors for me. It put me in a position to get a job, custody of my grandkids, taking care of my family as well as myself. Before I got to ICW, I hadn't been out of jail for more than 12 months straight my whole life. I got here, they gave me the opportunity, and I haven't been back in jail since."

Talbert says he began the process of transforming himself through weight training while incarcerated, even taking some of his younger peers and leading them through a weightlifting regimen. As such, transitioning to a personal trainer track once out of prison came fairly naturally to him; "what we're doing here, I was already doing in jail," he noted.

But the success rate at ICW is nearly unmatched; for those who stick with the program, recidivism rates drop from 90 percent to 8 percent.

Said Talbert: "This program is one program that pretty much does what it says. I'm 54; I've been around. This is the only one that the CEO still does what he's supposed to do...he's here with us, he's staying on the course. And if he wasn't who he was, I wouldn't still be here, and I would have took all these kids with me. But Jon has done more than the average cat..."

"I live in Fields Corner, I've been here my whole life. If you're gonna come in my neighborhood to do something positive for the youth, I'm gonna be right there with you all along – plus I'm gonna make sure you're doing the right thing for my youth. And he has."

For Talbert, the biggest difference between ICW and other programs for at-risk youth is that the gym never gives up on kids who might make missteps or show up to training drunk or high.

This generation of kids "gets turned down so much, and it's hard for them to put their trust in someone," he said.

"Here, the doors are always open, and that's the best you can do for anybody. If you close the door on me one time, I'm not gonna come back... there's nothing this organization won't try to do for you."



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## Landlords, tenants at odds, but agree on need for rent bailout

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### Renters Can't Pay

Evictions could soar in Massachusetts in the months to come, as housing relief measures and pandemic unemployment benefits expire over the summer. The state could extend its current moratorium on evictions, but critics say any new laws must protect landlords as well.

Carolina said that landlords need to understand the situation tenants are facing: "It's not that we want to live for free. We can't work now — and we've never been short on the rent before."

The other side of the coin is that without income, landlords can't keep up on their payments, either.

In normal times, Carolina and her family might be facing eviction. But renters across the state are protected by the moratorium on evictions that has been in place for the last three months. It's set to expire on Aug. 18, however, and advocates say Massachusetts could see a massive wave of displacement that would hit hardest in Black and brown neighborhoods.

For a sense of how many evictions could be brewing, the state Hous-

ing Court told WBUR that last year saw an average of 7,653 evictions per quarter. Today, the court is already sitting on roughly 5,000 eviction cases, all on hold because of the pandemic.

But the coronavirus crisis could multiply the normal number of evictions, experts say.

"It's going to tremendously increase the number of evictions," said Steve Meacham, an organizer with the tenants' rights group City Life/Vida Urbana. "If you look at people who are on unemployment, or how many renters are expected to be behind on their rent when the moratorium ends ... we're gonna see a huge upswing."

Mass INC estimates that between April and June, nearly a third of renters in the state missed paying at least some rent — and the longer the pandemic continues, the worse the numbers could be.

Meacham also points out that the coronavirus struck while Massachusetts was already in the midst of a housing crisis: "Mass building clearcuts ... it was just awful. We don't want to go back to that normal."

Now housing advocates says something

has to be done, either to guarantee incomes through the epidemic, or to prohibit evictions — or both.

And Meacham's group says if the government is going to come up with vast sums of money to cover rent past and future, it has to be part of a negotiation for "long-term housing stability," meaning some form of rent control.

As advocates seeking to extend the evictions moratorium argue it's a public health necessity, critics say that would be devastating for some small landlords.

### Landlords Can't Pay

Carline Chery walks through the two-family house she owns in Dorchester, complaining about all the lights on in broad daylight, and air conditioners humming in the windows.

She says one of her two tenants stopped paying the rent in March. The tenants cited the evictions moratorium as a justification for not paying — even though they appear to be working, she says.

The moratorium doesn't mean they can live rent free — it's just that Chery can't evict them even though they owe her \$10,000 in back rent.

"It's just like everything I'm trying to do is working against me, because they know the law," she says. "I can't evict them. I'm forced to sell."

Chery says after four months in the red, she wants out of the property. And she has a buyer, only she can't close until the current tenant moves — and there's no indication that's going to happen any time soon.

Chery says if the rent moratorium is extended, legislators should create a mechanism to prevent bad-faith tenants from abusing the law.

And she's not alone, according to Doug Quattrochi, head of the advocacy group Mass Landlords. He says about 5 percent of his members are unable to pay their bills and are ready to sell — and another 20 percent don't know how they're going to make ends meet at the end of this year.

"There's a lot of frustrated landlords who do feel like the eviction moratorium, by being so broad — you don't have to prove you're impacted by COVID — it just enables some people to take advantage," Quattrochi says. "We don't think it's many, but it's enough."

### Proposed Solutions

Clark Ziegler, head of the quasi-public Massachusetts Housing Partnership, says stopping evictions alone won't solve the underlying problem. "It costs money to provide housing," he said. "And in addition to mortgage expenses, there are utilities and

insurance and maintenance and so on. And so unless we sort of replace this lost income at some scale, it's hard to imagine other interventions that can be very effective.

Keeping the rental market afloat, Ziegler says, could require a huge infusion of state or federal aid over the course of a year-long moratorium.

Some of the solution could come with the bill state lawmakers are weighing to extend the moratorium through next August. It would establish a relief fund to help landlords collect rent lost because of the pandemic, freeze rents during the 12-month period and establish a temporary "just cause" rule to limit evictions to certain causes unrelated to the health crisis.

Last month, Democrats in Congress proposed a new stimulus bill that would include \$100

billion in rental assistance for low-income individuals, and ban all evictions for 12 months. But it has made little progress in the Senate.

At the state level, the Baker administration announced this week a new \$20 million rental and mortgage assistance program.

Quattrochi from Mass Landlords says we need to think bigger — far bigger. He wants to see a new tax directed at single-family zoning that would generate enough money to guarantee rents are paid until the pandemic ends.

And that could encourage municipalities to allow more multi-family zoning, addressing one of the biggest underlying problems of the state's housing market: the lack of supply.

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# Senate police reform plan targets racism, tactical approaches

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The bill (S 2800) also contains State Police reforms that Gov. Baker proposed earlier this session, including removal of the requirement that the governor appoint a colonel from within the department.

Sen. William Brownsberger, a Belmont Democrat who, with Chang-Diaz, led the group of senators that crafted the bill, said Baker's proposals were "picked up and implemented without much change."

Broadly speaking, the Senate bill's components fall into three categories, Chang-Diaz said. The Jamaica Plain Democrat said the themes are fighting racism, reducing the risk of police misconduct, and "shifting from force and punishment to escalation and helping."

"Everything that's in this bill is a priority," she said.

Senate President Karen Spilka tasked the working group with developing legislation in response to the wave of protests against systemic racism and police violence sparked by the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis police custody.

Spilka and House



**Sen. Will Brownsberger explained some of the policy details in the Senate's omnibus police reform bill Monday morning. Senators were joined on the State House steps by advocates, a few House members, and Suffolk Sheriff Steve Tompkins.**

Speaker Robert DeLeo have each said they want to pass police reform legislation before the July 31 end of formal sessions, leaving a tight timeline for both branches to act and to reach agreement and send a final bill to Baker.

"In Beacon Hill in July, four weeks is an eternity," Spilka said. The House "may not buy in on this exact legislation," she said, and senators "took the best ideas from

both the House, the Senate, looking across the country."

Spilka said the matter is "too urgent" not to get a bill to the governor.

The bill emerged Monday from the Senate Ways and Means Committee, rather than through a joint House-Senate committee. Similar procedural moves on other legislation have at times sparked discord between the two branches, creating complications for a bill's progress.

On June 17, Baker filed his own police certification bill (H 4794), which is now before the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee and has not been scheduled for a public hearing. House Judiciary Chair Claire Cronin is leading her branch's

efforts to develop a bill.

Juan Cofield, president of the New England Area Conference of the NAACP, said he wanted the House to pass a bill that would "mimic or enhance the work of the Senate."

Three representatives — Liz Miranda, Nika Elugardo, and Russell Holmes, all members of the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus — joined the senators for their press conference. Senate Majority Leader Cindy Creem attended as well.

Some measures in the Senate bill — the chokehold ban and establishment of an officer's duty to intervene if another uses force improperly — align with principles that DeLeo and Black and Latino Caucus Chairman Carlos Gonzalez

announced on June 10 they would address in a House bill.

DeLeo and Gonzalez also agreed to "the immediate creation of an independent Office of Police Standards and Professional Conduct to ensure minimum statewide policies and procedures for all law enforcement in the commonwealth (including procedures on the use of force) as well as statewide oversight and accountability" including police officer certification and enhanced training."

DeLeo said in a statement Monday that the House is working "to finalize our proposal and meet with relevant stakeholders," and plans to release details "in the coming weeks."

"The House remains concentrated on passing a bill that can be signed into law in a timely fashion," DeLeo said. "Additionally, we are committed to the creation of a strong and independent Office of Police Standards and Professional Conduct and believe the legislation should be focused on the priority items identified by the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus."

Under the Senate's proposal, a new Police Officer Standards and Accreditation Committee would be tasked with certifying officers,

and have the ability to revoke or modify that certification, and to investigate complaints of misconduct.

Officers would need to be re-certified every three years, under the bill, and the committee would have to maintain a publicly searchable database of complaints against officers.

The Municipal Police Training Committee

would be required to include "training on the history of slavery, lynching, racist legal institutions and racism in the United States in its in-service training," according to a Senate Ways and Means summary.

According to Spilka's office, the bill would allow police officers to be held civilly liable for excessive use of force, require "transparency and civilian authorization for military equipment acquisition" by a police department, and require the collection of racial and other data when pedestrians or cars are stopped. It would also prohibit school districts from sharing students' personal information with police departments for gang databases.

The bill would limit law enforcement's use of tear gas, other chemical weapons, rubber pellets and dogs and require reports when such tactics are used.

It would also limit the use of deadly force to instances where escalation tactics have failed or are not feasible and "such force is necessary to prevent imminent harm to a person and the amount of force used is proportional to the threat of imminent harm."

"You can't shoot somebody because they're running away," Brownsberger said. "That's a big change in the field. That's an important change."

Along with creating a permanent Commission on the Status of African Americans, the Senate is also seeking to establish a pair of new task forces that would study the use of facial recognition technology and propose regulations around the use of police body cameras.

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## Baker signs law authorizing mail-in, early voting options

By CHRIS LISINSKI

STATE HOUSE

NEWS SERVICE

A dramatic expansion of mail-in and early voting in Massachusetts is now law, and Secretary of State William Galvin is preparing to quickly mail applications to all 4.5 million of the state's registered voters by a deadline next week.

Galvin announced

late Monday afternoon that Gov. Baker had signed into law the reforms drafted during the pandemic and aimed at ensuring maximum participation while allowing people to choose voting options and minimize their COVID-19 risks.

During this year's election season, for the first time in the state's

history all voters who wish to do so will be able to cast a ballot via mail without needing to qualify for an absentee ballot.

Galvin's office must send applications for mail-in primary election ballots to all voters by July 15. His staff will then need to send another round of applications in September

for the general election.

The new law also creates the state's first-ever early voting period before a primary election—Aug. 22 to Aug. 28—and expands general election early voting to run from Oct. 17 to Oct. 30. A six-member legislative conference committee reached a deal last week after each branch passed its

own reform bills.

The House passed the compromise legislation 157-1, with only Dracut Democratic Rep. Colleen Garry voting against it, while the Senate approved the measure unanimously. Baker had until Sunday to decide whether to sign, veto, or return the bill with an amendment.

By signing it Monday,

he gave Galvin more than a week to meet the application-mailing deadline rather than only a few days. Baker had offered few hints about his thinking on the topic. In late May, he questioned the urgency of the issue, arguing that "the elections are a long way away."

## T approach to COVID-19 may worsen traffic, study suggests

By CHRIS LISINSKI

STATE HOUSE

NEWS SERVICE

The MBTA lags behind several peer agencies in its preparedness to minimize COVID-19 risks as public activity resumes, falling short in both long-term planning and mandating safe rider practices despite success in cleaning and workforce management, according to an analysis by a business-backed group.

Authors at A Better City compared the T to public transit systems in New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C. on a range of safety protocols. After assigning point values to represent how each agency fares on about two dozen different actions, they ranked the MBTA second-last among the group, top-

ping only Washington's system.

The group warned in a report last week that the gaps could exacerbate a trend of former public transit commuters turning to single-occupancy cars as they resume traveling for work.

"This anticipated mode shift to single occupancy vehicles will lead to crippling roadway congestion, as well as increased greenhouse gas emissions that will disproportionately impact underserved communities and communities of color," the report read.

The report gave the MBTA a score of 14.5, which trailed New York City's MTA with 21, Chicago's CTA with 20, and both San Francisco's BART and Philadelphia's SEPTA with 15 points each.

Researchers based

scores for transit systems on steps that transit leaders had taken as of June 23, when Massachusetts was still in Phase 2, Step 2 of its reopening plan and the T had just days earlier expanded service beyond the low levels offered during the COVID outbreak's peak.

A Better City rated the MBTA's service restoration at that time as needing improvement compared to the five peer agencies, knocking the T for still not running a top-to-bottom full schedule and for not offering more express routes.

Ridership cratered on the T during the pandemic, dropping as low as 10 percent of standard crowds on subways and 20 percent on buses. Gov. Baker has urged people who can still work from home to continue to do so.

The T has seen more riders come back since late May. With Massachusetts now in the third phase of its plan, even more businesses once again are able to open their doors to customers and crowds could continue to grow.

The largest gaps the study cited between the T and other agencies came in broad planning and in physical distancing. All five peers have a comprehensive reopening plan in place, while the MBTA lost points for not embracing policies to mark distances in stations and on vehicles.

Authors also criticized the T's approach to ensuring passengers are not too close together, which has emerged amid the pandemic as one of the best public health strategies available to limit the spread -- particularly given the

crowded conditions that are normally a feature on public transit.

According to the report, as of June 23, the T only pressed riders to stay a minimum of three feet apart and encouraged greater distance. All other agencies except SEPTA implemented six-feet requirements, while the MBTA lost points for not embracing policies to mark distances in stations and on vehicles.

The T's approach to face covering received a mixed review. MBTA officials said for weeks that they would encourage masks or face coverings for passengers but could not enforce the policy, but as part of the new safety campaign, they have made coverings available in some

stations free of charge.

Amid those issues, ABC rated the MBTA as above average in cleaning and disinfecting and as achieving best practices for its workforce management by requiring rear-door boarding on surface vehicles, providing personal protective equipment to staff, and conducting regular health screenings.

"In terms of equity and economic vitality, the stakes for the commonwealth have never been higher -- and the MBTA must do everything in its power to ensure the health and safety of its operators and passengers and to facilitate the return of riders to the system," ABC authors wrote.

## Rollins's office to form commission on 'truth, justice, and reconciliation'

By DEBORAH BECKER  
WBUR REPORTER

Boston is among the three US cities that will form a so-called "Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission" to review racial inequities, police violence, and misconduct in the legal system. District attorneys in Boston, Philadelphia, and San Francisco will create the commissions with a goal of starting work as early as this fall.

The panels will review the often fractured relationships between law enforcement and communities — many primarily comprised of people of color.

Suffolk County DA Rachael Rollins said the Boston commission will be designed with community input and will address both past misconduct and how to change to legal system.

"We're going to ultimately reimagine what the interaction between law enforcement and certain communities can be and this is one way we're doing that," Rollins said.

For example, Rollins said, she would like such a commission to look at local incidents, such as the fight over busing in Boston and the case of

Charles Stuart. In 1989, Stuart falsely alleged that his pregnant wife Carol was fatally shot by a Black man. Before Stuart's brother confessed that Stuart was the one who killed his wife to collect life insurance, and then Stuart killed himself, Boston police aggressively searched the Black community and made an arrest.

"Charles Stuart knew his audience and made a fake claim against a fictitious black person," Rollins said. "Hell was reigned down upon the Mission Hill community and they were never apologized to. This commission is an opportunity to atone."

Rollins said the Stuart case and others have created mistrust of law enforcement, which she said harms public safety. She envisions a Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission as a way to address that.

"We are going to do the hard work to document. To atone. And I believe that we're going to move forward and be able to solve more homicides or get more involvement from communities because they'll finally feel they've been respected

and acknowledged," Rollins said.

In part, the commissions would be modeled after the Truth and Reconciliation commissions formed when apartheid ended in South Africa in the 1990s.

The Grassroots Law Project is spearheading the commissions. Shaun King, the project's co-founder, said these commissions would be different because they're overseen by district attorneys who could decide to prosecute.

"Because this would function as an endeavor — an effort — within the district attorney's office, there's a straight line to justice and change and policy shifts," King said.

Despite several proposed reforms amid the nationwide protests over police brutality and the murder of George Floyd, King said these commissions are a step toward a new way of dealing with crime and justice.

"It's OK to reform or tinker with the system, but sometimes we have to say we need to build a new system," King said. "Part of why we're doing this now is to say we need to build a new system that considers

all people in Boston, all people in Philadelphia, all people in San Francisco."

The Grassroots Law Project and the DAs announced the plan to create the commissions last week. King said he hopes more cities will follow.

*This story was first aired by WBUR 90.9FM on July 1. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.*

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# For 12th Suffolk hopefuls, campaigning a moveable mode

(Continued from page 1) from state Rep. Chyna Tyler of Roxbury. She has also won support from Sunrise Boston, a progressive group that is focused on "climate change through political action."

Constituent engagement has been very much about conversations concerning systemic racism, the economy, and supporting health care workers, said Fluker-Oakley. "People are talking about racial justice and police reform, tackling systemic issues of racism and inequities, supporting our frontline workers and working with small businesses to ensure equitable access to economic recovery in the midst of this pandemic," she told the *Reporter*.

The pandemic has highlighted racial health and housing disparities, which Fluker-Oakley said constituents are eager to address. "People really want to talk about getting to the root of the racial health disparities we've seen in Boston, particularly with people of color being disproportionately affected by COVID," she said, adding that families have struggled with remote learning, and are anxious about childcare options and school reopenings.

"Parents and grandparents have struggled with distant learning and schools being closed throughout this pandemic. They're very anxious and wanting to know if and when their kids will be back to school in September," she said. "As a former teacher and someone who ran an education nonprofit that's deeply engaged in schools, I definitely understand the stress of waiting to see what schools will do."

Lacet, a Mattapan-based attorney and former Boston Police officer,



**Cam Charbonnier**

waged two unsuccessful campaigns against Cullinane in the last two cycles. He told the *Reporter* last week that the inability to door-knock to reach voters has not hindered his outreach.

"With COVID-19, we can't really canvass, so we've been making a lot of calls. With the progressive movement that's going on, folks are calling us and saying 'It's time.' It's a beautiful political movement," said Lacet.

"The district needs to vote for people they know and it's time for a change. It can't be business as usual; we need to move away from the status quo," he said. "And if we can't do that now, then when are we going to do it? It's time for a district that's 85 percent people of color, that was created for people of color, to be led by a person of color."

Lacet noted for the record his participation in the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council and his regular attendance at various Dorchester and Mattapan civic association meetings.

"I've been out here in the district doing the work. Some of the other candidates haven't been out here at the civic meetings about development," he said. "Some folks want to lead when they haven't actually led," he said.

Lacet said he has the support of Ruth Georges, the former Mattapan neighborhood liaison from the Mayor's office. "There's a major fear



**Stephanie Everett**

out there of things never turning back to normal because of the fact that COVID cases might be back on the rise," he said, "People are also concerned about kids not being able to go to school. There's a major concern out there with families and they're talking about it a lot."

Everett, a practicing attorney and Mattapan resident, ran unsuccessfully for the 12th Suffolk seat in 2013. She spent 12 years as a state employee, including as deputy chief of staff for Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz and chief of staff for the Department of Transitional Assistance.

She told the *Reporter* that "families are making very hard decisions about what going back to work looks like and trying to figure out as a community how we can coalesce together about childcare solutions."

Everett noted that when pandemic unemployment assistance halts, many could be left in difficult positions. "This month is the last month for pandemic unemployment so a lot of extra money that families have been receiving will go away," she said. "They really do have to get back to work. It's going to be a very hard month and summer for a lot of families."

Workforce and childcare issues are not "second to" the Black Lives Matter movement, said Everett. "Obviously, that's not a 'second to' or more important than the Black Lives Matter



**Jovan Lacet**

movement that continues to be a conversation," she said. "It's still something we are very much dealing with and trying to figure out the best approach to policy, working on the relationship between Black Americans and the police department, and moving us away from where we've been and into something better."

Last week, Everett, who said she has recently been endorsed by Katie Forde, who manages Boston's Office of Housing Stability, hosted a virtual town hall with Lew Finfer, co-director of the Massachusetts Communities Action Network (MCAN), that took up unemployment and housing issues. The forum focused on legislation that—if passed—would extend protections for tenants and homeowners.

"We have to make sure that homeowners and tenants get to stay in their homes while we are still trying to navigate," she said.

"We do need more Black leadership, but we don't just need Black leadership," said Everett. "We need to make sure that it's someone who represents our values and what we need to move forward. I know that our district is 85 percent minority-majority,



**Brandy Fluker Oakley**

but we are a district that is diverse and everyone deserves representation regardless of our skin color."

She added: "We have to be very specific about exactly how we are redirecting funds and delving into things that have separated us for so long. We've been able to raise money even in these dire times."

"People are committed to seeing a change and having a voice. We have to stop being at the door of the State House. It's time for us to be in the room and have a seat at the table about decisions that matter to us. And so, I'm ready to go and I'm ready to take my community's voice with me."

Cam Charbonnier, a lifelong Dorchester resident and a longtime aide to Mayor Walsh, has secured endorsements from several labor and union organizations, including IBEW Local 2222, Mass Retirees Association, Teamsters Local 25, Sheet Metal Workers Local 17, The Boston Carmen's Union Local 589, and Massachusetts AFL-CIO. He did not respond to the *Reporter's* request for comment for this story.

During a virtual meeting of the Lower Mills Civic Association membership last month, Charbonnier spoke of

his accessibility in the community and experience working in local government.

"I got involved in politics at a really young age and that gave me the opportunity of working with great local and statewide leaders," said Charbonnier. "What that taught me is how to get stuff done, how to work with elected officials at the state and city level in order to ensure we're delivering real results for residents and the community. I believe that I have the experience to hit the ground running and get to work on Day 1."

Charbonnier said he'd push for reform around policing and the criminal justice system "in order to correct longstanding issues with systemic racial bias and ensure that we have a community police force that works hand in hand with residents, not a militarized one."

He added that he would focus not just on inequities in the criminal justice system, but also on those that exist across the board.

"I want to focus on equitable access when it comes to housing, transportation, community investment, just naming a few. If elected, I want to work every single day to ensure that all of the residents of this district have a voice and someone fighting for them," he said.

The primary will, in effect, pick the next state representative for the 12th Suffolk, which includes parts of Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Milton. The general election is scheduled for Nov. 3, the same day as the presidential election.

## State braces for new viral threat: mosquito driven EEE

By COLIN A. YOUNG  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

While managing the ongoing response to an outbreak of one sometimes-fatal virus, state officials are gearing up for an active summer season for another one, but the messaging to keep residents safe shares many similarities.

Whether it's the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 or the mosquito-borne eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus that appears primed for

an active summer, the main message from Gov. Baker, Public Health Commissioner Monica Bharel and others Tuesday was that it's up to each individual to take appropriate steps to limit the risk of exposure.

"The key to our message is about taking personal protective measures," Bharel said at a press conference in Plymouth. She added, "We've all been spending a lot of time indoors related to COVID-19 and we want the residents of Massachusetts to go outside and enjoy outdoor time with their families. But just like we asked you to take precautions against the other virus that causes COVID, we ask you to take enhanced precautions against EEE so that we can protect ourselves and continue to enjoy the outdoors."

Bharel said people across Massachusetts, not just areas that com-

monly see cases of EEE, should use mosquito repellents with an EPA-registered active ingredient, wear long sleeves and long pants when outdoors to reduce exposed skin, and stay aware of mosquito activity in the community.

And by the end of this week, legislation granting the administration new powers to run a statewide mosquito control response when the threat of EEE or other mosquito-related diseases is high could be one step closer to the governor's desk, House Speaker Robert DeLeo's office said.

The state is launching a public awareness campaign to remind people of the threat of EEE and the ways to stay safe during mosquito season, and will post the messages on digital billboards, on social media and streaming services, and on television.

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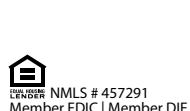


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To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Dan Tran, Esq., Law Office of Dan N. Tran, 1377 Dorchester Ave., 2nd Floor, Dorchester, MA 02122 your answer, if any, on or before 08/06/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 23, 2020

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
SUFFOLK DIVISION  
24 NEW CHARDON STREET  
BOSTON, MA 02114  
Docket No. SU20D0641DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS  
BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
THOA THI KIM TRAN  
vs.  
LONG PHUOC NGUYEN

To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Dan Tran, Esq., Law Office of Dan N. Tran, 1377 Dorchester Ave., 2nd Floor, Dorchester, MA 02122 your answer, if any, on or before 08/24/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 24, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Probate & Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR  
FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU20P0845EA  
ESTATE OF:  
JOSEPH DePALMA  
DATE OF DEATH: 11/02/2015

To all interested persons:  
A petition for S/A - Last and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Denise R. Lewis 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: Denise R. Lewis of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/14/2020. 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**  
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 19, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo  
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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 GUARDIAN  
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON  
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
Docket No. SU20P0909GD  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
CELESTE S. CASTILLO-PINEDA  
of BOSTON, MA  
RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Milvia Castillo-Pineda of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Celeste S. Castillo-Pineda is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Milvia Castillo-Pineda of Boston, MA (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 07/16/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline 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.

Date: June 26, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate

Published: July 9, 2020

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. SU20P1051PM  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
RAFAEL GONZALEZ-SANTOS  
of DORCHESTER, MA  
RESPONDENT

(Person to Be Protected/Minor)  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Rafael Gonzalez-Santos is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Anne Gonzalez-Surita of Dorchester, MA (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 08/11/2020. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline 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.

Date: June 16, 2020

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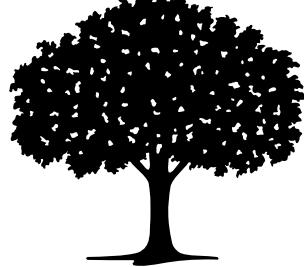
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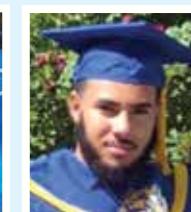
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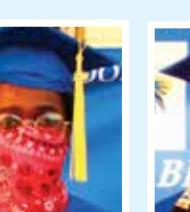
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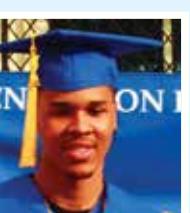
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