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### THREE-DECKER ARTISTRY AT ASHMONT GRILL

A collection of paintings by Dorchester-based urban landscape artist Jodie Baehre— including Dorchester at Night, at right - are currently on display at Ashmont Grill through the end of July. The exhibition features new work from a series titled the "Emerald Era," which heavily features the color green thanks in part to a residency Baehre participated in earlier this year in Epsom, New Hampshire.

Baehre's art has been featured in several exhibitions in Boston including **Ambassadors 2 at Boston** City Hall and The Big Picture at Atlantic Wharf Gallery. Her work is on permanent reserve at the Boston Public Library, Factory 63, Harvard University, and Mass General Hospital. Last year, Baehre was honored by The City of Boston as a Fay Chandler Emerging Artist. Learn more about the artist at jodiebaehre.



# 'It Is Erasing Our History'

### Critics say new development blurs neighborhood boundaries

### By Miranda Suarez WBUR REPORTER

When Boston City Councillor Kim Janey stands outside the Marriott Residence Inn on Washington Street, she knows exactly where she is.

"We are standing here — in the heart of the city, in the heart of Roxbury, in Dudley Square," she says.

And she's right. The hotel lists its official address in Roxbury.

To Janey, who represents both neighborhoods, the name causes more than just confusion in a city where neighborhood boundaries are notoriously fuzzy. She sees it as an attempt to sidestep Roxbury – a primarily black neighborhood - and embrace the whiter, wealthier South End.

"Roxbury has been home to the black community in the city of Boston now for generations. And to try to claim that it is the South End is very problematic because it



A woman looks up at the old dilapidated Alexandria Hotel on Washington Street. City officials classified the redevelopment as a South End project, but the building is actually in Roxbury.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

is erasing our history, it's erasing people of color from that history, from our neighborhood," Janey

But not everyone agrees, includ-

ing Joe DiGangi, a developer who lives and works near the Residence Inn.

"It's 02118 — I mean, that's

### (Continued on page 16) Irish Pastoral Centre plans move to Adams Village

By Ed Forry ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

The Irish Pastoral Centre, based for many years in a former convent next to St. Brendan church, will relocate to new rented space in Adams Village next month, according to current executive director

Peggy Davis Mullen. Founded in 1987 at St. Mark's parish in Dorchester with a missiontohelpnewly-arrived immigrants transition to American life, the non-profit is funded in part by grants from the Irish government and its own fundraising efforts.

Its new quarters will be on the second floor of a commercial building at the corner of Adams Street and Gallivan, above the Irish Butcher Shop and overlooking Greenhills Bakery.

Davis Mullen, who took charge at the IPC last April, said her first task was to find a long term home for the program.

"That is a number one issue," she told the *Reporter*. "We just need space, (to) give the people some dignity and privacy, and we want to expand some of the things we do" she said.

# Mixed response to condo project near Codman Square

By Jennifer Smith **News Editor** 

A proposed 34-unit condominium project was the subject of an at-times contentious public meeting Monday night in Codman Square. Some residents worried that the project sited near the corner of Washington Street and Aspinwall Road was out of step with the surrounding area and could contribute to displacement and gentrification. But, others said they liked the project and that overarching policy issues like affordability standards were a citywide

Shanti Acquisition LLC — the developer— hopes to build a 34,200-square foot building with 29 underground parking spaces at the former site of Nelson Manor nursing home at 3 Aspinwall Rd. The facility has been dormant for decades and was boarded up in 1995.

The project team would demolish the existing building and build a new four-story building with underground parking and 7,800 square feet of landscaped open space around it. The new building's exterior structure is designed to look like a collection of individual houses, though it will be connected with common space in the center like a normal condo complex.

Above ground floors would have a combination of studios, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, and duplex residential units. Four would be designated affordable units under the city's Inclusionary Development

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# Report underscores housing pressures

### By Jennifer Smith News Editor

Exclusionary zoning practices and a tightening housing market are contributing to regional pressures on vulnerable populations in Greater Boston, a new Boston Foundation report lays out. Historically affordable neighborhoods like Dorchester and Roxbury are quickly becoming more expensive, though they still include higher proportions of the city's foreclosures and greater concentrations of poverty.

The Boston Foundation released its 16th annual Greater Boston Housing Report Card in late June, a collaboration with Northeastern's Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy, the Massachusetts Housing Partnership Center for Housing Data, and UMass' Donahue Institute. It grades all 147 cities and towns in Massachusetts.

Greater Boston as a whole is riding a period of strong post-recession recovery and growth, the report's authors note.

"Yet to some extent Greater Boston has become-not for the first time—the victim of its own success," they say. "Having failed to produce an adequate supply of housing for decades, the region is not prepared to accommodate the population growth that is being propelled by the current economic boom."

It is resulting in increased demographic and economic segrega-(Continued on page 11)



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A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Thursday (11th) - U2 cover band The Joshua Tree performs in a free concert at the city's Hemenway Park on Adams Street in Dorchester at 7 p.m.

Friday (12th) - Bats in the Blue Hills program on July 12. The DCR will sponsor an evening of "bat appreciation at the Blue Hills Reservation, 695 Hillside St., Milton from 7:30- 9p.m. Free. Email Maggi.Brown@mass.gov for registration and meeting location. Space is limited. For ages 8 and up.

Tuesday (16th) - The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Boston Red Sox, and Highland Street Foundation team up once again to present the Fenway Challenge featuring the Red Sox Showcase at 10:30 a.m. at Doherty Playground (Town Field), 1545 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester; For more information, contact Cheryl Brown at 617-961-3085 or cheryl. brown@boston.gov. To register please go to mlb.com/ redsox/forms/fenway-challenge.



Saturday (20th) - Neponset River Fest will be held at DCR Neponset Park, Dorchester (at the corner of Granite Ave. and Hilltop St.). Hosted by Neponset River Watershed Association. This is a family-friendly, public event. The public is encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic, and spend the day. Activities include: free canoeing/kayaking, biking, rock wall climbing, soccer demonstrations, bouncy house, and casting clinic. Multiple food trucks, live musical performances, environmental and science exhibits, kid's activities, and more. See Neponset.org for info.

• The second annual Pear Square Art Fair will be held in Richardson Park (near intersection of Mass Ave. and Columbia Rd.) Over a dozen art vendors including handcrafted leather, pottery, fused glass, painting and more! Artists will be making art and selling their work in the shade of Richardson Parks trees. There will be food vendors and light entertainment all afternoon from local folk, pop and soul artist on the lawn of Boston's oldest house, The James Blake House! Free tours available. Vending hours 12-5 p.m.

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The Boston Police Department welcomed 115 new recruits into the force on June 16 during a swearing-in ceremony at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. The class had completed six months of training and education at the Boston Police Academy.

Mayor's Office photo by Jeremiah Robinson



### Attride to lead Dorchester YMCA

Anthony Attride will be the new executive director for the Dorchester YMCA on Washington Street. Attride, who lives in Sudbury, will relocate back to Boston from Richmond, CA, where he has been serving as associate director of the East Bay YMCA.



**Anthony Attride** 

Attride, who worked as the operations director at the Dorchester Y earlier in his eight-year career.

return to Dorchester YMCA, to serve a community that I hold near and dear to my heart," says Attride, who holds

It's a homecoming for a bachelor's degree in communications from Emerson College. "There have been some amazing and impactful things happening here, and I hope to enhance the Y's current partnerships and community impact for the people of

### Police, Courts & Fire

Girl, man shot in Mary Hannon Park

An 8-year-old girl and a man in his 30s were shot at Mary Hannon Park on Dudley Street around 11 p.m. on the Fourth of July. The man was taken to the hospital in critical condition, according to Boston Police Commissioner William Gross. The girl was shot in the foot and is expected to survive, he said. No arrests were announced and Gross urged residents with information to contact police. He called the shootings" unacceptable." (AP)

State Police arrested three people early Sunday morning in connec- investigation.

tion with a reported shooting in the area of Washington Street and Gallivan Boulevard. Police were called to the intersection around 2:50 a.m. and found a single bullet hole in the trunk of a car that had been fired upon. The occupant of the car said the assailants were in a gray BMW with Rhode Island plates. About 40 minutes later, State Police pulled over the suspect vehicle as it was traveling southbound on Ret. 95 in Attleboro. No weapon was found inside, but State Police say they did recover a large capacity 9mm magazine. The incident remains under

### Man sought for Milton Avenue murder

Boston Police have appealed to the public to help them find a 24-yearold Roxbury man "wanted in connection" to the murder of 24-year-old Donell Davis on Milton Avenue in May. Police want to locate Ricardo Jamesy Washington, whom they say is wanted on a warrant for murder and illegal possession of a firearm. Davis was found shot to death shortly after 10 a.m. on Wed., May 8 outside of 66 Milton Ave. Anyone with information is urged to



Ricardo Jamesy Washington contact Boston Police **Homicide Detectives at** 617-343-4470 or the Bosat 617-343-4468.

"I am so excited to

Dorchester."



Boston firefighters say that illegal fireworks were to blame for a four-alarm fire on Fri., July 5 that left two buildings on Mt Everett Street with heavy damage. Twenty residents were displaced by the fire, but no injuries were reported. The blaze caused an estimated \$1 million in damage. "This is why [fireworks] are illegal," the BFD tweeted. Photo courtesy Boston Fire Dept.

State Police arrested a 36-year-old Boston man on the afternoon of July 4 after finding a loaded handgun in his car. Christion Mohoney was allegedly driving on a revoked registration when a State Trooper pulled him over on Freeport Street. The revolver that was found in his car was not licensed. He was ordered to be held on \$25,000 bail at his arraignment the next day in Dorchester District Court.

A 52 year-old Brockton man died after a lifeguard pulled him from the water off Carson Beach on July 5. William Morant was unresponsive when State Troopers and EMTs arrived on the scene and was pronounced dead at Boston Medical Center. The incident remains under investigation by troopers assigned to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Troop H detectives, and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

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July 18 from 6-8p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 River St., Mattapan. Members of the public are welcome to attend. for renovations on Fri., July 12. The project will enlarge and modernize the branch, which is expected to re-open in early 2021. The Lower Mills branch on Richmond Street, which was closed for several weeks for minor renovations, will re-open on Sat., July 13. See bpl.org for more details. First Responders Day at Franklin Park Zoo - Franklin or 617-825-2797. Park Zoo will honor those who risk their lives to keep our community safe on Sat., August 3, as first responders will receive free admission to the Zoo. Accompanying family This would include personnel such as firefighters, EMTs, and writeupcoaching.com/register. police officers. In order to receive free admission, please Free Healthy Cooking Classes in Neponset – Daniel Driscoll present a valid ID that identifies you as a first responder. For ticket information, please visit zoonewengland.com.

Boston State Hospital meeting on July 18 – The next meeting Dorchester Multicultural Day on Sat., July 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. take place at the health center, located at 398 Neponset Ave. of the Boston State Hospital CAC will be held on Thurs., at Codman Park & Second Church in Dorchester parking lot, corner of Washington St. & Talbot Ave., Codman Square. Live Entertainment, music, dance and fashion. Local vendors, Adams Street BPL branch to close for renovations – The food for sale, community choir, arts for kids and more. Adams Street branch of the Boston Public Library will close Bring a folding chair and relax all day or stay for as long as Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports, will host the you can. No cost to attend.

Vendors may register for a table at this outdoor event (indoors in case of rain) by July 6. Includes: One 6-foot table, 1 chair. You may bring your own tent.

For further information contact: secondchnaz@gmail.com

College essay workshop at Project D.E.E.P. – Project D.E.E.P. will host a college essay workshop on Wed., Aug. 7 at 5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. for the class of 2020 featuring coach Anita members will receive \$5 off admission, up to five people. Doar. \$50 fee advance registration required by July 24. See

- Neponset Health Center will offer a free four-week healthy cooking class for 5th and 6th graders in the community over Multicultural Day in Codman Square on July 13 – Celebrate four Wednesdays starting on July 10. The class sessions will the variety of cultures that make up our neighborhood at take place 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. through July 31. All classes will

in Dorchester. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit http://bit.ly/DDNHCsummercooking to register.

MR8K- A Run for Gratitude set for Sept. 2 – The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins second annual MR8K - A Run for Gratitude on Labor Day. Monday, Sept. 2 at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing

Registration is \$45, with proceeds benefiting the Martin Richard Foundation. Participants who choose to fundraise and commit to raise a minimum of \$300 for the Foundation will receive free entry into the race and a limited edition 2019 MR8K Team MR8 race shirt. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children. Register now at BostonBruins. com/MR8K

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# Officers sue Boston Police over post-leave Psych exams

### WBUR REPORTER

Two Boston police officers and three police unions are suing Boston police over the department's policy of forcing officers returning to duty  $to\,complete\,a\,psychologi$ cal evaluation.

According to the lawsuit, any officer on leave from work for six months or more is required to have a mental health evaluation with the  $department\,psychiatrist$ - regardless of why the officer was off the job. They are also required to receive a physical examination for any leaves longer than three months.

The suit alleges this violates the Americans with Disabilities Act, which says employers can't require exams unless it's "job-related and consistent with business



Boston Police Department headquarters in 2018. Joe Difazio photo for WBUR

necessity."

"We think it's important that obviously officers be fit, but that it's an overreach for the department to subject them to psychological examinations or physical examinations unrelated to injuries," said attorney Bryan Decker, who is representing one of the officers, James LaCroix, and the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association.

LaCroix, who says he injured his back and hip during a foot chase of a suspect, was

out on injury leave for 21 months. When he sought to return to light duty, he was ordered to receive a mental health evaluation as a condition of returning to work. He completed the evaluation and was approved for duty.

Renee Payne-Callender, a detective who broke a bone in her heel while on the job last year, says she was also required to receive an evaluation from the department psychiatrist when she was cleared to return to work almost a year later.

In addition to the two officers and the patrolmen's association, the unions representing detectives and superior officers are also jointly suing.

The suit alleges the department previously only required officers to undergo a psychological evaluation if they were returning from military leave. But to avoid violating a federal law protecting service members' rights, the requirement was expanded to all officers returning from leave longer than six months. Decker said he believes that's been the policy for a few years.

"Rather than just stop the practice, which we think they should have, instead they expanded it to everyone so that they wouldn't be accused of just targeting veterans," Decker said.

The suit is asking for unspecified damages, and that the court order BPD to stop requiring medical and psychologicalexaminations "absent a business necessity or to determine the officer's ability to perform jobrelated functions."

Boston police declined comment because of the pending litigation.

This story was first published by WBUR 90.9FM on July 5. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

# Woods elevated to city's Parks Commissioner

Dorchester's Ryan T. Woods has been promoted to the role of Commissioner of Boston Parks and Recreation by Mayor Martin J. Walsh. Woods has served in the department since 2007 and replaces former Parks Commissioner Christopher Cook, who joined Walsh's cabinet last year as Chief of Environment, Energy

and Open Space.

"Boston is a great parks city, and Ryan brings a wealth of internal and external experience to the role of Parks Commissioner," Mayor Walsh said in a statement issued on July 5. "I am confident he is the right person to build on the department's mission of access, equity, and excellence,

and look forward to his continuing leadership."

"I am very grateful for this opportunity to continue to work with the men and women of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to create fun, safe and well maintained open spaces for Boston's residents and visitors to enjoy," said Woods.

During his tenure

with the Boston Parks and Recreation department, Woods has held roles as the Public-Private Partnerships Coordinator, Program Manager, and Director of External Affairs. Recently, Woods served as Deputy Commissioner where he oversaw more than 800 free annual programs for residents, department

communications, and parks operations.

A graduate of St. Michael's College, Woods also holds a Master Degree in Public Administration from Suffolk University. He is a lifelong resident of Dorchester, where he lives with his wife Lauren, a Boston Police Officer, and their two boys.



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# Attorney: T safety chief fired after raising 'critical' issues

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE **News Service** 

A day after allegations surfaced that the MBTA fired a senior employee because he raised safety concerns, Gov. Charlie Baker said he stood by the agency's decision but declined to discuss the matter in detail.

The Boston Globe reported Sunday that former MBTA Chief Safety Officer Ron Nickle filed a federal complaint alleging officials at the agency attempted to "undermine" his enforcement of safety regulations and sought to suppress findings to avoid public scrutiny.

Baker stood by the March firing.

"It's complicated to talk about personnel issues, but I will say this: I was briefed by port the decision they made to terminate him, Baker told reporters at an unrelated event at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Baker declined to elaborate on reasons for the firing, saying that Nickle's allegations would likely "end up involving some sort of legal dispute." He said the MBTA is still safe. though, pointing to investments in federally mandated anti-collision technology and other infrastructure improvements.

The Globe reported that Nickle had filed a 97-page complaint with the Federal Transit Administration over his termination, claiming the decision was retaliation for highlighting hazards at the MBTA.

Asked about the al-

the T on this decision, legations, a T spokes-and based on that, I sup- woman said Nickle's account is "replete with mischaracterizations and falsehoods" but that officials would still review his complaint.

In the wake of the Globe's report, attorney Charles Goetsch, who is representing Nickle in a related Occupational Safety and Health Administration whistleblower complaint, wrote in a blog post that the former chief safety officer was fired just one day after raising concerns to federal authorities.

"On the morning of March 21st Ron Nickle met with the Federal Transit Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, and State DPU to report on the results of his safety audits and inspections. He highlighted critical safety issues and

discussed corrective actions to be taken," Goetsch wrote. "The next morning the MBTA called him into a meeting and abruptly terminated him, giving no reason other than a desire 'to move in a different direction."

Nickle's allegations are the latest controversy at an agency already facing criticism for its management, train derailments, and frequent service delays and disruptions.

A June 11 derailment on the Red Line, the fifth this year and the 24th on an MBTA passenger train since the beginning of 2015, caused such significant damage that delays will persist at least through the summer. While investigators are looking closely at the 50-year-old train itself, they still have not announced a cause of the incident.

Meanwhile, greater Boston commuters largely appear to be fed up with the state of public transit. Only 14 percent of respondents in a poll last month said they believe MBTA service has improved since widespread shutdowns in the winter of 2015 prompted reforms.

Massachusetts Democratic Party Chair Gus Bickford, who has slammed Baker's handling of the T in the past, said Monday that reporting about Nickle's complaints "suggests that the Baker administration knew about serious safety concerns and engaged in a coverup to hide these issues from public view."

"Instead of taking steps to actually correct the problems identified by one of the top MBTA

officials, the Baker administration used intimidation tactics to silence the employee from speaking out," Bickford said in a press release. "Unfortunately, as we have seen with the situation involving the firing of the former head of the Environmental Police, silencing those who bring inconvenient information forward appears to be a page right out of the Baker/ Polito Playbook."

Shannon Liss-Riordan, a labor attorney challenging U.S. Sen. Ed Markey in a Democratic primary, called for a congressional hearing to investigate the allegations "as well as the general management failures and safety practices at the MBTA.

Goetsch could not provide a copy of Nickle's complaint with the FTA, but according to the Globe's story, Nickle alleged that MBTA officials — including Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville — pressured him to tone down his safety reports to avoid drawing public criticism.

His complaint also alleges that MBTA officials wanted to prioritize on-time performance over safety on the commuter rail and was instructed to avoid putting internal communications in writing to avoid them becoming public, the Globe reported.

The MBTA said Nickle did not raise safety concerns in questions in his quarterly reports to the Fiscal and Management Control Board and that, if he noticed any problems, he should have notified the general manager.

Spokeswoman Lisa Battison said the T will consult federal overseers to investigate

Nickle's allegations.

"As part of the MBTA's unyielding commitment to safety. the Authority has made a number of changes, including hiring a new Chief Safety Officer, to ensure the T's Safety Department remains focused on its mission with the highest level of professionalism, expertise, thoroughness, and accuracy that its customers and employ-ees expect," she said in a statement. "While the former employee's statement is replete with mischaracterizations and falsehoods, the MBTA, nonetheless, will review the former employee's unsubstantiated claims with its regulatory partners.



# Sat., July 2

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# Farmer's Markets open for season in Dorchester, Mattapan

By Jasmine Braswell Reporter Correspondent

The summer farmer's market season is in full-swing in Dorchester and Mattapan with six weekly opportunities to buy fresh produce, meats, and specialty products, often at reduced cost. The markets are up and running at Ashmont-Peabody Square, Bowdoin Street Health Center, Mattapan Square, Norfolk Street, Codman Square, and Dorchester House.

The Peabody Square-Ashmont Farmer's Market launched their annual farmer's market on June 28. Located on the Ashmont MBTA plaza, the market is open every Friday afternoon from 3 p.m. to 7p.m.

Launched in 2008, the Ashmont sale on Friday afternoons has been growing ever since. In 2018 over 480 people interacted with market vendors each week, according to organizers. The market usually has five regular vendors two farms, a bakery, a healthy meal plan and a taco truck. Along with live music, the outdoor market provides families with access to fresh, local food and creating spaces for friends to come together and enjoy Peabody Square.

"It was just born



A sampling of the produce on offer at the Ashmont-Peabody Square Farmer's Market, which is staged every Friday afternoon outside the Ashmont MBTA station.

Greater Ashmont Main Street image

out of members of the community who were really passionate about food and about helping local farmers," explains organizer Joy Gary, 34, of Dorchester. "They created an opportunity for people to gather and play games and come together in the middle of the summer."

Market-goers can expect to see more diversity in vendors this season, Gary said.

"We are trying to diversify the market in a few different ways. Allowing smaller businesses, startup businesses to have an opportunity to come through," said Gary. "So, there are going to be a few business owners of color that will be coming through. In terms of our entertainment,

we've sort of diversified it so that we're having varied types of music and providing opportunities for young musicians to be on stage."

Payment is accepted by cash, credit and debit cards and SNAP/EBT, HIP and some vendors accept WIC coupons.

Another longstanding market is set up in the parking lot of Bowdoin Street Health Center (230 Bowdoin St.) every Thursday afternoon from 1-5 p.m. through October. The Bowdoin Street organizers plan special events like Family Fun Day, a senior celebration and the seafood-oriented, "Fruits of Our Ocean."

Catalina Lopez-Opsina, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Food Access (OFA,) said that

the city has noticed that the markets in Dorchester and Mattapan have grown more robust in recent years.

"For the past five years, I've seen markets getting more into programs for the youth, which is a great component," said Lopez-Opsina. "It is a very vibrant community. The Dorchester/ Mattapan region is doing a great job."

Mattapan Square's 13<sup>th</sup> annual market opens on Sat., July 13 from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. The market is set up in the parking lot of the Church of the Holy Spirit at the corner of Cummins Highway. Organizers say it serves more than 4,000 residents from the Mattapan and Hyde Park area each season. The

Mattapan market also has programs set up like Summer Eats which is a Project Bread initiative for kids and teens 18 and under.

There are two additional markets operating in Mattapan. The Fowler Clark Epstein will be the site of a Friday farm stand starting on July 19 and running through Oct. 18. The farm's market will be open from 3-7 p.m. each week. On Thursdays, there will be a farm stand operating in front of 1575 Blue Hill Ave. from 1-4 p.m.

On Saturdays, the focus shifts to Codman Square, where a farmer's market is set up in the parking lot of the Codman Square Health Center (637 Washington St.) from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. This year's summer season launched in June 29. Launched in 2008, the farmer's market was started because residents were troubled by the lack of healthy food options in the community. The market works in tandem with the health center, which continues to "prescribe" fruits and vegetables to patients as a part of their care plan. Patients can use vouchers at the market as part of the Vegetable Prescription Program, which launched in 2010.

Lopez-Opsina added:

"We are granting some of the farmer's markets money to make summer meals there, so all kids (in the BPS system) can go in and get free lunches." Some youngsters, she noted, "lack real food because they rely on the schools to get the meals. Now we are tackling that at the farmer's market and the market is sponsoring meals there. We have 5 to 7 markets that have agreed to do this." On July 16, the Dot-

House Health will open their Tuesday farmer's market at 1353 Dorchester Ave., which is behind the Dorchester House Health Center's WIC office. Partnering with Revision House Urban Farm, they will sell a great variety of produce including many Asian vegetables that are used in many cultures. They will accept card, cash and coupons. It runs through October 8.

Finally, on Wednesdays, shoppers can stop by the ReVision Urban Farm at 1062 Blue Hill Ave. from 2-6 p.m. The stand, which opened in June, will stay open on Wednesdays through Oct. 2.

More information about farmer's markets across the city may be found online at boston. gov/food.













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# What are those Bamboo teepees in Ryan Playground?

Visitors to Ryan Playground in Mattapan this past week might have noticed that a pair of new structures have appeared in the field near 315 River St.

Two 14-foottall bamboo teepee-like structures were installed last weekend by a team helmed by a pair of Wentworth Institute of Technology (WIT) alumni who first assembled the buildings for an art installation near the Museum of Fine Arts last year. Those students, Collin Sabin and Vrajesh Patel, learned about bamboo construction and architecture through Bamboo Bali Studio, a WIT independent study program set in Bali.

Wentworth professor Robert Cowherd established Green School Bali in 2012, giving birth to a bamboo designbuild program that has since graduated over 200 Master Builders, including 32 Wentworth Architecture students. In a press release, Cowherd

provided some background on the history of bamboo construction as an important cultural legacy in Indonesia:

"During the 18th and 19th centuries, Dutch colonial officials banned bamboo buildings throughout the Southeast Asian archipelago as 'unsanitary.' Today a dedicated network of self-proclaimed 'Bamboo Revolutionaries' in Indonesia, the fourth most populous country in the world, is working to create bamboo forest economies as an alternative to short-sighted extractive projects driving climate change."

Now reincarnated in a new home on the Neponset Greenway as a donation from Wentworth, the bamboo structures will be showcased as a fixture of Mattapan Love events throughout the summer.

Additional information about the bamboo structures and their installation, including small scale models and



Spencer Powers, shown on ladder, helped Leon David and CJ Valerus assemble a bamboo structure at Ryan Playground in Mattapan last week.

Dave Mareira photo

about the program, is available at Ideal Mixer

Wentworth literature at 1518 Blue Hill Ave. -DANIELSHEEHAN

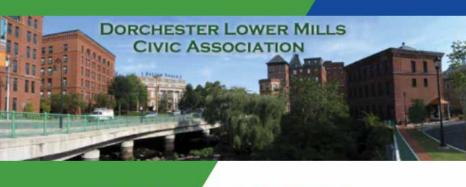
# Jazz Fest set for Hannon Park on July 27

The fourth annual **Dudley Jazz Festival** will take place on Sat., July 27 from 12-6 p.m. at Mary Hannon Park, 613 Dudley St. in Dorchester. The yearly festival, which was founded by local veteran musician Fred Woodard in 2016, presents some of the area's top jazz talent in an outdoor, familyfriendly setting.

Fred Woodard, right, is the organizer of the **Dudley Jazz Festival at** Mary Hannon Park and is also a performer.

This year's lineup will include The Fred Woodard Collective, The Lance Martin Trio, Gabrielle Goodman, Salim Washington with special guest Jason Palmer, and The George Russell Trio. All shows are free and





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Fri., July 12, 10:30 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories. Sat., July 13, 3 p.m. - USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. **Tues.**, **July 16**, 10:30 a.m. – Historic New England - Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon; 11 a.m. -Stories, Stories, Stories; 11:15 a.m. – ReadBoston; 1 p.m. – Dominican Art by Marvin. Fri., July 19, 10:30 a.m. - Stories, Stories, Stories. Tues., July **23**, 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; 11:15 a.m. – ReadBoston.

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Thurs., July 11, 10:30 a.m. – Films and Fun; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Films and Fun; 3 p.m. -Drop-In Tech Help. Fri., July 12, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Storytime. Sat., July 13, 9 a.m. - USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. Tues., July 16, 6:30 p.m. - Hatha Yoga. Thurs., July 18, 10:30 a.m. - Bilingual Haitian Kreyol Storytime; 10:30 a.m. - Films and Fun; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Films and Fun; 3 p.m. - Drop-In Tech Help. Fri., July 19, 9:30 a.m. - Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. -Preschool Story Time. Tues., July 23, 6:30 p.m. - Hatha Yoga. **Thurs., July 25**, 10:30 a.m. - Films and Fun; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Drop-In Tech Help. **Fri., July 26**, 9:30 a.m. - Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Films and Fun. Tues., July 30, 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga.

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Sat., July 13, 1 p.m. – Family Yoga. Tues., July 16, 10:30 a.m. - Reading Readiness. Wed., July 17, 11:15 a.m. – ReadBoston; 3 p.m. – Anime Club. Thurs., July 18, 3 p.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. Sat., July 20, 2 p.m. -Teen Resume Building. Tues., July 23, 10:30 a.m. - Reading Readiness. Wed., July 24, 11:15 a.m. -Read Boston. Thurs., July 25. 3 p.m. - Cooking wiht Miss Debbie - Cupcake Wars. Sat., July 27, 1 p.m. - Family Yoga.

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The Lower Mills branch will be closed for an interior refresh through mid-summer 2019.

### **MATTAPAN BRANCH**

Thurs., July 11, 5 p.m. – Evening Movies; 6:30 p.m. - Free Gentle Yoga. Fri., July 12, 1:15 p.m. - ReadBoston. Sat., July 13, 9 a.m. - USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library. Tues., July 16, 3 p.m. – Tinker Tuesdays; 6 p.m. – Hip Hop Dance with Tyh. Wed., July 17, 3 p.m. – Crafternoons. Thurs., July 18, 3 p.m. – Cooking with Miss Debbie - Cupcake Wars; 5 p.m. - Evening Movies; 6:30 p.m. – Free Gentle Yoga. Fri., July 19, 1:15 p.m. – ReadBoston. Tues., July 23, 3 p.m. – Tinker Tuesdays; 6 p.m. – JeoparDMC; Hip Hop Dance with Tyh. Wed., July 24, 3 p.m. - Crafternoons. **Thurs.**, **July 25**, 6 p.m. - Ziploc Bag Ice Cream with Miss Sherry; Evening Movies; 6:30 p.m. - Gentle Yoga. Fri., July 26, 1:15 p.m. - Read Boston. Sat., July 27,11 a.m. - Rockabye Beats Concert. Tues., July 30, 3 p.m. - Tinker Tuesdays; 6 p.m. – Hip Hop Dance with Tyh.

**ÚPHAMS CORNER BRANCH** 

**Thurs., July 11**, All Day - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. Fri., July 12, All Day - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. Sat., July 13, 2 p.m. – ll Day - Communicate Like a Champion Drop In Activities. Mon., July 15, All Day - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt; 10:30 a.m. - Baby and Toddler Lapsit. Tues., July 16, All Day - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt; 2 p.m. – Historic New England - Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon; 3 p.m. - Cover Letter Tips. Wed., July 17, All Day - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt. Thurs., July 18, All Day - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt; 6:30 p.m. – Pajama Story Time. Fri., July 19, All Day - Explore the Library Scavenger Hunt; 10:30 a.m. - Story Craft Hour.

Reporter's

# People

News about people in & around our Neighborhoods

# BU Summer Dance program includes Dot teens

Kyre Ambrose and Brayan Reyes Castro of Dorchester will serve as emissaries of the arts this summer along with twelve other teens from the greater Boston area as *Reach*: Summer Outreach Dance/Teen Apprenticeship Dance Program celebrates its 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since 1990, Reach has been providing training and mentorship to teen apprentices and bringing dance performances and workshops to Greater Boston neighborhood centers.

The Reach program was founded by the artistic co-directors of Dance Collective, a former contemporary dance troupe based in Boston. It was Martha Armstrong Gray and Dawn Kramer's vision to select teen



Dorchester residents Kyre Ambrose (left, standing) and Brayan Reyes Castro (right, standing) along with teens Cynthia Fu and Anna Tils (seated, left to

apprentices who would experience the artistry and discipline associated with dance, acquire

skills for future jobs, and provide thousands of urban youth with a quality art experience.

In 2006, Micki Taylor-Pinney, then artistic director of Dance Collective, moved the program

to Boston University, where she is the director of dance.

On Wed., July 24, Reach's intergenerational dance company will present a free performance at the Cambridge Municipal Lot #5 at Bishop Allen Drive and Essex Street. The performance will showcase the diversity of the individual teen apprentices' training as well as their personal and cultural backgrounds.

Reach's 13-18 year-old teen apprentices are mentored by professional choreographers and college-age interns. This year's professionals include Wendy O'Byrne, Brian Washburn, Kseniya Melyukhina, and Mcebisi Xotveni, along with two college interns, Hanna Cyr and Brandon McCrory-Joseph.

During three weeks of intense daily class and rehearsal with Reach staff, the teens prepare for the company's summer tour. The tour, which begins July 22 and lasts two weeks, includes 11 performances and 25 workshops, serving over 1.200 kids and adults at nearly two dozen local camps and community centers in the Greater Boston area.

"We all benefit from Reach's success -- the teens, the community and those who strive to bring the power and beauty of dance to a wider audience,"Taylor-Pinney said. Reach is primarily funded by charitable grants and through private donations. For more information, visit bu.edu/ fitrec/dance/reach/or call 617-353-1597.

### Peace Institute earns Boston Foundation grant

The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute has received a \$30,000 grant from the Boston Foundation's Open Door Grants program. The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute was founded in 1994 and today serves 90 percent of homicide victims' families annually in Boston, delivering consistent and coordinated services to families impacted. "This grant will allow us to increase our capacity as an organization and lead us down a path of sustainability as we plan for the future," said Clementina M. Chéry, who is the CEO of the Peace Institute.

Thayer Academy in Braintree — an independent, co-ed day school for grades 5-12 — recently announced its Middle School(grades 5-8)honor rolls for the third term. Dorchester students who made the honor roll included: Tatiana Allen, Maxine Baker. Daniel DiBlasi, Isabelle Loschiavo, and Michael Scully.

"We look forward to building upon our record of transforming society's response to homicide over the last 25 years. Open Door Grants are competitive, one-year



Josephine Hugo

Dorchester's Josephine Hugo graduated from the German International School of Boston last month and was accepted to several international universities. She will begin her neuroscience studies at the renowned University of St Andrews in Scotland this fall.

'My years at GISB have made me much more open-minded. Without this experience, grants designed for organizations whose proposal is focused on Greater Boston and whose values align with those of the Boston Foundation. the whole world would be significantly smaller for me," said Huge, who

speaks perfect German after 12 years at the bilingual school, located on Holton Street in Boston. It is one of only seven German schools abroad in North America that meet the strict accreditation requirements of the Federal Republic of Germany. It follows the Thuringian curriculum and also adheres to the requirements of the Massachusetts curriculum. Students have the opportunity to receive both a High School Diploma and the German International Abitur at the end of their school careers. This gives them the opportunity to continue their education at both American and German universities.



Nathaly Mateo Pena of Dorchester was one of 48 Massachusetts students to receive a 2019 Leaders and Achievers Scholarship funded by the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation. The one-time, \$2,500 scholarship is to be used toward undergraduate education-related expenses. Shown (l-r): Comcast SVP of Government and Regulatory Relations Mark Reilly, Nathaly Mateo Pena of Dorchester, Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, and NBC **Boston Anchor Latoya Edwards.** 

### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

At the Dorchester Historical Society, we continue to commemorate the service of Dorchester residents who served in World War I.

This edition features Robert Hogg  $Johnson. Following\ are\ excerpts\ from$ a biographical sketch authored by Camille Arbogast.

Robert Hogg Johnson was born at 39 Robinson St. on Meetinghouse Hill on Sept. 15, 1892. His parents, Mabel and Wells H. Johnson, were both from New Hampshire.

Wells was a lawyer and stenographer. In the 1880s, hewas the private secretary of New Hampshire US Sen. Edward Rollins. He spent two seasons in Washington, D.C with the senator and later had a long career as a stenographer in the Suffolk Superior Court. Prior to her marriage, Mabel worked as a housekeeper in Boscawen, New Hampshire.



Robert Hogg Johnson

Robert had three younger sisters, Ruth, Rita, and Mildred. In 1900, the family lived at 118 Lonsdale St. By 1910, they had moved one block over, to 70 Shepton St.

During the 1913-1914 school year, Robert was a special student at Boston University. On his World War I draft registration he gave his profession as actor and listed the "Bostock Brothers" theatrical agency of Times Square, New York, run by Claude and Gordon Bostock, as his employers.

Robert was drafted and inducted into the army on June 25, 1918. He initially served with Company E of the 346th Infantry of the 87th Division. He joined Company L of the 346th shortly before shipping overseas on the USS Stephen Castle on Aug. 26.

He was made a Private First Class on Oct. 7 and in December, he began serving with the 302nd Infantry Military Police Company. He returned to the United States in

September 1919 and went back to live on Shepton Street.

The 1928 Boston directory shows Robert living at 25 Wheatland Ave. and working as an artist. By 1929, Robert was no longer listed in the directory and details about Robert's life after this time are sparse and problematic.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Editorial

# Free summer fun right outside our doors

The summer season is in full swing and there's no shortage of outdoor fun in our own backyard. Whether its live music or hitting the water, there's lots of fun and free activities to plan for.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Dept. and Mayor Walsh sponsor a series of free live concerts in neighborhood parks every summer. Dorchester's Hemenway Park gets a turn this week as the popular U2 cover band The Joshua Tree performs Thurs., July 11. The show starts at 7 p.m. This particular group is spot-on in its recreation of the Irish super-group's distinctive rock sound and it has a big following in these parts already. They've played the Dorchester Irish Fest and rocked Dot Park a few years back. Bring along your favorite beach chair or blanket and check it out.

There's more live music on the schedule for next Saturday in two different locations. The second annual Pear Square Art Fair will take place on July 20 from 12-8 p.m. at Richardson Park near Edward Everett Square. There's an array of live performances planned throughout the day starting at 12 p.m., including a focus on youth acts starting at 5 p.m. (The fair will also include food and vendors, a bouncy house and more.)

If you want a waterfront view - and the chance to actually get out on the Neponset River—the 2019 RiverFest is also on Sat., July 20 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the DCR Neponset Park on Granite Ave. Sponsored by the Neponset Watershed Association, it will also have a stage for live music and a line-up that includes American Idol Season 13 finalist Sam Woolf, award-winning Indie folk soul vocalist Morgan Minsk, the Boston ILL Harmonic, and other local groups. Nearby, you can sign-up for free kayaking and canoe rides, play soccer or pick out a fresh meal from one of several food trucks that will be on scene. (The *Reporter* is pleased to be a co-sponsor of RiverFest.) Visit neponset.org/ riverfest to learn more.

If jazz is more your speed, the fourth annual Dudley Jazz Festival is planned for the following weekend—on Sat., July 27 from 12-6 p.m. at Mary Hannon Park, 613 Dudley St. Now in its fourth year, the festival is organized by local musician Fred Woodard, who assembles other jazz players from the Boston area for the free concert. In addition to Woodard and his group, this year's lineup will include The Lance Martin Trio, Gabrielle Goodman, Salim Washington with special guest Jason Palmer, and The George Russell Trio.

Mattapan is gearing up for its annual bike-riding event, Mattapan on Wheels, which will pedal from Walker Playground on Norfolk Street next Sat., July 20. The event features three different rides— each aimed at different ability levels trekking out across the Neponset Greenway. It's a family-friendly event that is also youth-led. More about this event on page 12.

The city of Boston's Community Centers will pitch in by hosting free "block parties" at centers across the city starting this month. The Dorchester party will take place at the Marshall Community Center on Westville Street on Aug. 8 from 5-7 p.m. The event includes music, a cookout, swimming

For more ideas on getting out and about in page at DotNews.com. See you out there!

-Bill Forry

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The new graduating class from the Boston Police Academy includes more people of color than any class in recent memory, and the largest group of former cadets to graduate from the academy since the cadet Mayor Walsh Office photo program was re-instated in 2015.

# Police Academy's newest recruits mirror how the BPD reflects and serves our neighborhoods

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Last month, we welcomed the Boston Police Academy's newest recruits. These men and women had spent the last six months learning to serve and protect the people of Boston with the highest standards of excellence and professionalism. As the recruits crossed the stage, they stopped to shake hands with me and Commissioner Gross. It was a powerful experience meeting each and every new member of our city's police department, which is the oldest—and the best—in the nation.

Among these recruits are veterans, former teachers, and youth sports coaches. Many of them brought their families, friends, and loved ones up on stage with them. It was a powerful reminder of the deep connections our police officers share with our community.

This graduating class also reflects Boston's rich diversity of languages, cultures, backgrounds, and religions. It includes more people of color than any class in recent memory, and the largest group of former cadets to graduate from the academy since we reinstated the cadet program in 2015.

The cadet program is a paid on-the-job training program for young people in Boston's neighborhoods. It prepares them for the rigors of the Police Academy, and connects a more diverse pool of candidates with local careers in law enforcement.

When I was elected mayor, I made it a priority to reinstate the cadet program. I saw it as a powerful way to make our police department more representative of the people it serves. In the four years since we brought the cadet program back, the results have spoken for themselves.

Sixty-three percent of cadets have been people of color, representing Boston's Black, Latinx, Asian, and Native American communities. The percentage of female cadets has steadily increased, and the 2019 cohort of cadets is exactly fifty percent female.

To see how significant these numbers are, take a look at the national landscape. Throughout the

United States, about 25 percent of police officers are people of color, and about 15 percent are women. The Boston Cadet program is pushing doors wide open for a much more diverse, more inclusive police department in Boston.

Such a force is crucial to our public safety strategy. It helps ensure that our men and women in uniform deeply understand the challenges people are facing in our neighborhoods. It also helps build trust between our police and the people they serve, so that residents feel safe coming forward and asking for help.

Our police officers are trusted and familiar faces in our neighborhoods. They are an important part of a support system for our communities - working with public health, social service, and youth work

This is what community policing looks like, and it has helped make Boston one of the safest cities in America. Our crime rate has fallen by roughly 25 percent over the last 5 years. This year alone, major crime is down by about 10 percent. Our motto is that we keep Boston safe by "lifting people up, not locking people up."

Diversifying and strengthening the Boston Police Department is part of a broader, citywide commitment. We're working with the state to create a cadet program for the Boston Fire Department. And through our CityAcademy hiring initiative and improved outreach, we're drawing from a more diverse candidate pool for EMTs and paramedics. This commitment extends beyond public safety and first responders—it's about every part of city government. My cabinet is the most diverse in the history of our city, and nearly half of all full-time city employees hired over the last five years have been people of color.

Together, we'll continue building a culture of trust and resilience across all our neighborhoods, replicating the success of the cadet program, and continuing to push doors wide open for everyone in Boston.

# The back-story to the 'This Old House' pilot

By Lew Finfer SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The public television's show "This Old House" turned 40 this year. The first house featured in the program's pilot — a beautiful, stately home at the corner of Bowdoin and Percival Streets near St. Peter's Church— was vacant at the time. The home was beautifully restored and it remains a jewel in the neighborhood under the care of its current owners.

But, there's much more to the story of how it became vacant in the first place. Before it was acquired by WGBH-TV, it was the home of Earl Perkins, a Korean War veteran who led the Meeting House Hill Civic Association that met monthly nearby at the First Parish Church. Like civic leaders across the city, Earl devoted his time to lead these groups, get residents together, react to problems they see, and try to get city agencies and elected officials to

But when Earl lost his job unexpectedly, he faced mounting problems that so many of his neighbors also encountered in that era. In the 1970s, Dorchester was plagued by hundreds and hundreds of abandoned buildings. Bank redlining schemes meant it was harder to get financing for many. It was impossible to get loans in parts of Dorchester because lenders said parts of the neighborhood were deteriorating, which was often due in part to banks refusing to offer loans for home-improvements.

At the time, I was an organizer for Dorchester Community Action Council, which then became Dorchester Fair Share.

Abandoned buildings were a big issue for us, because they were frequent targets for arsonists. The fires endangered nearby buildings and the people who lived there. They were also targets

for vandals and thieves. And, the results lowered property values for everyone.

In 1974, we convened a public meeting with Mavor Kevin White on the topic of abandoned buildings in Meeting House Hill/Bowdoin-Geneva. In front of 300 people, we showed him a slide show. The mayor who said he used to "date a girl on Barry Street" — was taken aback at the blight. We gave him a list of over 60 abandoned buildings and asked the city to tear them down. He agreed to do that. We had a similar meeting in 1975 with federal HUD officials asking them to tear down houses they owned through foreclosure.

In 1976, we asked Boston Housing Court Chief Justice Paul Garitty (not the federal Judge Arthur Garitty, who is known for the 1974 desegregation and busing decision) to hold an unprecedented, evening session to hear cases against owners of abandoned buildings that were not secured. The court session was held at St. Ambrose Church in Fields Corner. Earl Perkins owned one of these houses, a three decker in Codman Square. He made efforts to keep it secured, but people broke into it repeatedly.

Earl faced foreclosure on his Meeting House Hill home when he lost his job. His wife called me to see if anything could be done. I understood it must have been very hard to call someone like me, but she was so concerned about her home.

I checked with Legal Services, but the Perkins' did not have an FHA insured mortgage so there was not a forbearance policy option available that might have saved them. Sadly, they had to leave their beautiful home on the hill.

Lew Finfer is a community organizer and Dorchester resident. He's with the Dorchester based Massachusetts Communities Action Network.

# I fought to keep my school from closing. But at what cost?

By Neema Avashia

My gloves came off the day representatives of my school district told us they would be closing our school, the McCormack Middle on Columbia Point. Our students would be sent to a turnaround high school that had never taught middle school students.

Recently arrived immigrant students in language-specific programs, which the high school did not offer, would be dispersed across the city. As for our staff, the representative from Human Capital glibly told us, "We have no plan for you."

What does it mean when the school system that you've poured your heart into doesn't have the decency to consider a thoughtful transition plan before making the decision to close your school?

It means they never saw you as human in the first place.

It means that your job, then, is to make it impossible for them to look away from your humanity.

I went home from work that afternoon and opened a Twitter account. Opponents of other district proposals had successfully used Twitter to shame city leadership into changing course.

"I am a@McCormack-Middle teacher," my first tweet read. "Today the district announced they will be closing my school, and I am left full of questions."

Once I began, there was no stopping. I knew that if the McCormack closed, I would not be a teacher anymore. That



Eighth grader Bianka Bautista, left, and other students discuss the planned closure of the McCormack Middle School during a circle in one of their classrooms.

Jesse Costa/WBUR photo

the work it took to build these relationships, and this community, was not something I could take up a second time under the scepter of further closures.

On Twitter, I relentlessly poked holes in the plan: BuildBPS was founded on the premise of renovating pre-WWII buildings, yet our building was constructed in 1968. Multiple schools have failing heat systems and leaking roofs, but our building had received a new boiler, windows and roof within the last ten years. BuildBPS purported to prioritize the most vulnerable students, yet disrupted the education of our English Language Learners.

My recklessness knew no bounds.

I went before the Boston School Committee and announced, "I'm here to give you a history lesson," then reminded them that our students had merged with a turn-

around previously — the elementary school next door — and that doing so had placed the elementary school under even higher scrutiny from the state. I delivered annotated copies of Eve Ewing's book, «Ghosts in the Schoolyard» — which analyzes school closure decisions in Chicago — to over 15 district leaders.

In her book, Ewing writes, "A fight for a school is never just about a school. A school means the potential for stability in an unstable world, the potential for agency in the face of powerlessness, the enactment of one's own dreams and visions for one's own children. Because ... you want to feel that your school is your school.

"... You want to feel that the rules are fair, not that you're playing a shell game. You want to feel like a citizen. So you fight."

And fight we did.
Our students lobbied

city councilors and our newly elected congress-woman, Ayanna Pressley. They did interviews with local journalists, from WBUR to the Boston Globe. They were featured on a nationally-distributed podcast. They created online petitions and their own Twitter accounts. "Somos panteras de la corazon" became their tagline. "We are panthers by heart."

During the day, I taught my lessons, communicated with families, provided feedback on student work, as expected. But at night, I began my second job: community organizer. I worked with colleagues to plan school committee testimony, disrupt district meetings and lobby elected officials. I talked for hours with advocates. I leveraged relationships with journalists, with politicians, with non-profit partners.

And all of it, I will admit, was completely out-of-bounds.

But how do you stay within the bounds of professionalism when you are not treated as a professional? Does being professional mean accepting a terrible plan simply because it comes from your superiors? Or is there a higher kind of professionalism --one rooted in equity, rather than obedience, that drives us to fight for a better plan?

This year, both Ellen Gallagher, the whistleblower who publicized the use of solitary confinement in detention centers, and Rachael Rollins, the new Suffolk County District Attorney, visited my students. Both women work within the justice system but refuse to be complicit in the harm that the justice system enacts, and actively speak out about reform.

I once thought professionalism got you a seat at the decision-makers table. Now I wonder if the highest form of professionalism is not about obedience or compliance, but actually behaving ethically. It's a question that many of us, from Wayfair employees to whistleblowing Border Patrol agents, seem to be weighing these days.

The district reversed course on their plan and granted our three asks: Our school community will be kept together during the renovation. We will be the co-architects of a merger with a high school and will return to the building after it is renovated. But it's hard not to wonder about the potential personal costs of this victory moving forward.

And yet, a week before school ended, I received a thank you letter from a former student. In the last paragraph of her letter, she wrote, "You've always been an amazing, strong fighter and you taught me to be like that, too. Thank you for fighting both for and with me."

If that's the lesson that young people have learned from this experience, then every expense I have incurred over the past year — the loss of time, the loss of sleep, the damage to my professional reputation — has been profoundly worthit.

This commentary first appeared on the website of WBUR 90.9FM on July 3. The Reporter and WBUR share content as part of an ongoing partnership between the two news organizations.

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# Pear Square Art Fair set for July 20



At last year's inaugural Pear Square Art Fair, a band performed in front of the James Blake house.

Cara Gillis photo

The second annual Pear Square Art Fair will take place Sat., July 20 from 12-8 p.m. at Richardson Park in Dorchester.

After a successful inaugural event last summer, this year's fair will feature an expanded lineup of activities and performances, including

local art exhibits, food and drink, a bouncy house, face painting, live folk and pop performances, and poetry readings from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. The fair will conclude with a youth theatre performance and a concert with R&B, Neo-Soul, and hip-hop artists from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Pear Square Art Fair is free and open to all ages. It is sponsored by the Dorchester North Neighborhood Association, the Dorchester Historical Society, the Oleana Foundation & the Networking Organization for Vietnamese-Americans.

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### ADAMS STREET BPL BRANCH TO CLOSE FOR **RENOVATIONS**

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

### **FARMERS MARKET IN PEABODY SQUARE**

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

### **RIVERFEST AT NEPONSET PARK ON JULY 20**

Neponset RiverFest will be held on Sat. July 20, at DCR Neponset Park, Dorchester (at the corner of Granite Ave. and Hilltop St.) Join Neponset River Watershed Association as they celebrate the Neponset River and the beautiful parks and pedestrian paths along the shore, along with the natural salt marshes and wetlands that support more than 200 species of birds, fish and other wildlife.

This is a family-friendly, public event. The public is encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic, and spend the day. Activities include: free canoeing/kayaking, biking, rock wall climbing, soccer demonstrations, bouncy house, and casting clinic. Multiple food trucks, live musical performances, environmental and science exhibits, kid's activities, and more. See Neponset.org for more info.

### **MATTAPAN ON WHEELS BIKE-A-THON ON JULY 20**

The 9th annual Mattapan on Wheels Bike-a-Thon, a youth-led event., will be held on Sat., July 20 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 8 and up, 12 and under accompanied with an adult. All routes will begin at George H. Walker Playground, 528 Norfolk St., Mattapan. There are three courses based on skill level: Family Ride, 9 miles to destination Pope John Paul II Park, Dorchester; Intermediate Ride, 17 miles to destination Carson Beach, South Boston; and Advanced/Expert Ride, 23 miles to destination Castle Island, South Boston. Contact mattapanonwheels@gmail.com or



Dorchester Little League's 10-and-Under All Starteam defeated Charlestown on July 3 to win the District 9 Championship for the second consecutive year. The victory earned the team a slot in the next round of the Little League tournament, which starts Friday (July 12) at 8 at the Ryan Playground in Charlestown. The players shown above include (front row, left to right): Raymond Nunez, Brayden Buckley, Quinn Taylor, Michael Quinlan, Jayson Damas, Matthew O'Loughlin. Second row (l-r): Andrew O'Malley, Thomas Quinlan, James Janulewicz, Colin Yandle, Christian Noto, Brandon Clark. Coaches: Neil Janulewicz, Pat Ryan, Marty O'Malley. Not pictured: Dan Cotter.

call 617-433-7050 if you have any questions or want to volunteer. For further information, please visit mattapanonwheels9.eventbrite.com.

### **MULTICULTURAL DAY IN CODMAN SQUARE ON JULY 13**

Celebrate the variety of cultures that make up our neighborhood at Dorchester Multicultural Day on Sat., July 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Codman Park & Second Church in Dorchester parking lot, corner of Washington St. & Talbot Ave., Codman Square. Live Entertainment, music, dance and fashion. Local vendors, food for sale, community choir, arts for

kids and more. Bring a folding chair and relax all day or stay for as long as you can. No cost to attend. Vendors may register for a table at this outdoor event (indoors in case of rain) by July 6. Includes: One 6-foot table, 1 chair. You may bring your own tent. For further information contact: secondchnaz@ gmail.com or 617-825-2797. Sponsors are: Second Church in Dorchester, Codman Square Neighborhood Council, Codman Farmers Market, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corp.



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# Report underscores regional housing pressures

(Continued from page 1) tion and housing strains, made worse by a strong history of local control over zoning, which can stymie efforts to boost affordable housing supply depending on the particular municipality. Metropolitan Boston is now the fourth most expensive homeownership market of the 25 largest metropolitan areas in the U.S. and the third highest rental market in the country, higher even than Metropolitan New York.

"What might be surprising is just how expensive some historically affordable neighborhoods have become," the report's authors write. Median two-bedroom rents in neighborhoods like Chinatown and Back Bay are predictably expensive—around or over \$4,000—but Dorchester and Roxbury are now at \$2,000 a month.

Boston in particular is carrying a heavy housing load for the region, the report notes. More than 43 percent of the multifamily housing permitted in the state over the last five years was in the city of Boston.

Even if the permitting stays on pace, the report states, Gov. Charlie Baker's 135,000 unit goal will be insufficient for projected growth.

The number of homeless families in Greater Boston increased by 27 percent and the number of homeless individuals by 45 percent in the last decade, according to the report, with a spike in 2018 driven by displaced residents of Puerto Rico.

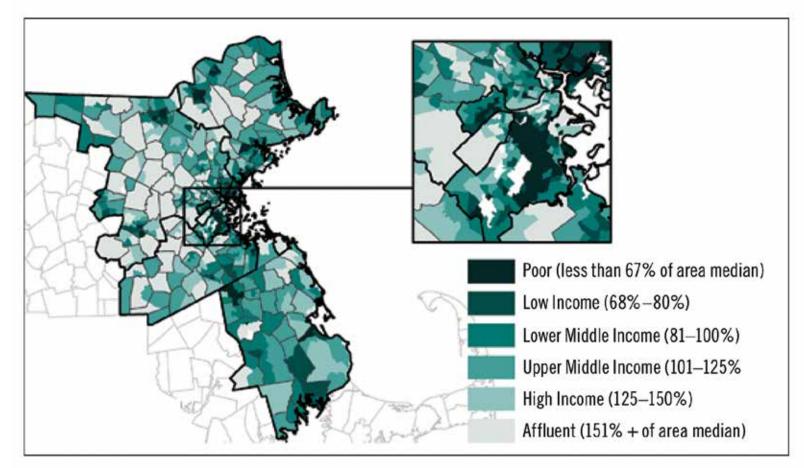
Displacement concerns haunt the region, though foreclosures have dropped by two-thirds in Greater Boston since the recession. Foreclosures and tenant evictions, however, are still concentrated in some Gateway Cities including Lawrence, Lowell, Haverhill, and Brockton, and in Boston neighborhoods including Dorchester, Roxbury, and Mattapan.

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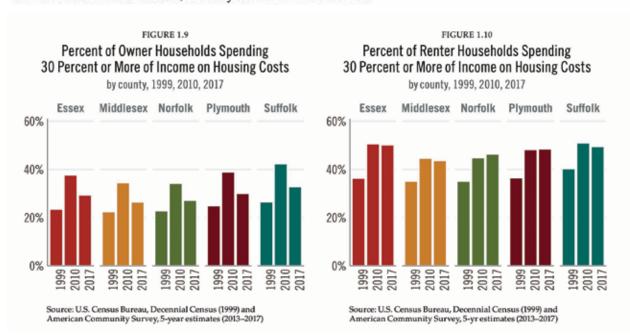
"Multifamily development is increasingly concentrated in cities and towns served by the MBTA subway system but not in communities served by MBTA commuter rail, where stations are typically surrounded by low density housing," according to the report.

Communities with rapid transit access, like the MBTA subway, account for 35.8 percent of the population but 46.2 percent of housing permits between 2013 and 2017. Communities with only commuter rail access or no public transit access are permitting

The Spatial Distribution of Income

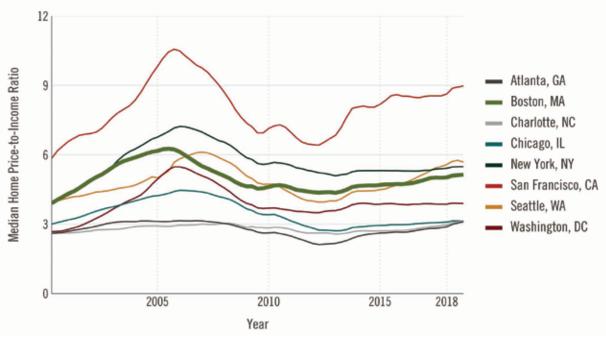


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, ACS 5-year Estimates 2013-2017



Ratio of Median Home Price to Median Household Income

Boston versus comparison metros, 2000–2018



significantly below their share of the populations

"Generally, this shift in housing development patterns appears aligned with state and regional policy goals," the report notes. "While new housing and a diverse mix of housing is needed in all Greater Boston communities, an emphasis on transit-oriented locations is more sustainable, takes better advantage of existing transit infrastructure, reduces traffic impacts, and lowers transportation costs for new residents."

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More communities have adopted what the report describes as "best practices" that are "thought to lead to increased housing production, more diverse housing stock, and more

affordable housing" over the past few decades. These practices include multifamily permitting, accessory dwelling unit (ADU) bylaws, inclusionary zoning bylaws, mixed-use development districts, adoption of the state Community Preservation Act (CPA), and creation of a local affordable housing trust (AHT).

Boston checks off all six. Some are relatively new moves, like expanding a pilot ADU program that ran from 2017 to spring 2019 in Jamaica Plain, Greater Mattapan and East Boston Neighborhood Districts. The majority of pilot applicants for ADUs, which let homeowners build out additional smaller units on their

property, were for basement conversions.

More than one third of all "racially and ethnically-concentrated areas of poverty" are in Suffolk County, primarily in neighborhoods like Dorchester and Roxbury. Reducing segregation goes hand in hand with permitting more housing units, the report states, but the right mix of housing types is critical.

"Simply building more units without considering the type or affordability is unlikely to reduce segregation," the authors write.

The report recommended steps for the state legislature, such as requiring multi-family zoning for areas suited for high-density housing like transit hubs or neighborhood centers and allowing multifamily housing types in all single-family zones.

It also recommends laws "penalizing frivolous appeals of local approvals to build new housing where the appeals are simply a delay tactic that raise no significant issues of law or fact."

Outside of legislation, the Greater Boston report recommends increasing resources for pro-housing groups and education about the value of building denser housing supply.

"For most of the last century Greater Boston has been a national leader in addressing the housing needs of its residents," the report concludes. "As much as has been accomplished, this Report Card illustrates that serious challenges remain and that new ones have emerged. The need for strong civic leadership on housing is as great as ever."

# Mixed response to condo project near Codman Square

(Continued from page 1)

On Monday, dozens of people sat in the Great Hall operated by the Codman Square Health Center for a short presentation from RODĒ Architects on changes made to the project over the course of five prior community meetings, including a one-story reduction in overall height and drop of six units. The meeting was the second hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency and the public comment period has been extended until July 19.

Marilyn Chase, who managed the meeting and represented Shanti Acquisition, said as a 15year Dorchester resident that she is confident this development team chose homeownership units and this project because they are "interested in building equity and stabilizing neighborhoods."

The issue of neighborhood stability emerged almost immediately in the question-and-answer portion.

"My concern is with gentrification," said Rev. Joseph Rocha, a sentiment echoed by others. Rocha said, "Even when I was at [Grace Church of All Nations], brothers and sisters are saying they can't even live in the neighborhood. They don't have that money to pay one of the prices that these developers are asking."

He wants the proponents to think about "how are you displacing



At top: a rendering of the proposed 3 Aspinwall Rd. project from RODE Architects.

At right: the current condition of the long boarded-up Nelson Manor Nursing Home.

Google Maps image

people? How are communities changing in complexion?"

Much of the pushback focused on the scale of the lot itself and potential traffic and parking impacts. The 29 spots under the building, with the garage accessible near the intersection with Washington Street, would be designated to residents parking on a "first-come first-serve" basis.

Melissa Manley, a neighbor on Aspinwall Road, said that the number of units is simply "way too much for that spot - we don't have parking as it is already." She noted the forthcoming Popeyes restaurant



nearby that she expects will drive up traffic as well.

Another woman who declined to give her name said, "I'm for something, just not all of that," and asked about the soil and detritus removal process for the site on behalf of other neighbors. The development team said it would all be removed in the construction process.

Some attendees pushed for a unit count that reflected the zoning of the area, insisting that only nine units would be appropriate. Others asked for more affordable housing units.

Not all comments were in opposition.

Elaine James, a longtime homeowner a few blocks away, said she had spoken to local business owners and "the business community was enthusiastic."

"They wanted the kind of people who would help build businesses, who would shop in the neighborhood, being able to afford some of the things that are around so the community could grow together like other areas of the, like the Roslindales and JPs," said James.

The building is "an opportunity," James said. "Is it perfect? No, but it fits parts that are important to me and that's homeownership."

Affordability and neighborhood character are valid concerns, said Cheryi Antoine, but the criticism in the meeting was misplaced. The local business owner and longtime advocate noted she has worked with groups like Dorchester Not For

Sale and Reclaim Roxbury and is very familiar with the gentrification

"We are having the wrong conversation with the wrong set of people,' she said in the meeting. "I look at the adjustments that was made [to the design], and it's a beautiful thing. The folks that will be living in those units are going to look like me. There are people that can afford it."

She and Chase noted that there is a demand for smaller homeownership units in the area.

"I know how this works because I've been there, but tonight I'm in support of this," Antoine said. "I'm tired of our neighborhood looking a certain way. The 10,000 cars are already here. What we need to do is take our argument and fight to the mayor, not to a developer such as this individual, because he's working to help us."

Another woman in the middle of the room began yeiling over Antoine in disagreement, cutting her off several more times. When Chase offered the woman the microphone after the exchange, she said she

did not want to say anything.

Jeff Durham, a candidate for city council in District 4 who lives on Talbot Avenue in Codman Square, took his turn at the microphone to share his desire to see the site turned into a nursing home again.

He identified himself as a candidate for public office and read the entirety of a press release to the assembled crowd, though BPDA project manager John Campbell protested that it was not a political event and later apologized to the group for the political nature of Durham's comment.

"I think that a better use of the former nursing home is in finding ways to increase job opportunities and not expensive housing," Durham read. "I believe we can find economic development for the site that brings jobs and nurtures the existing community with sustainable jobs that creates stability."

Chase said they did examine the possibility of running a nursing home at the site, but determined it was not a financially viable move. She cited news reports on the decline of the nursing home industry due to lack of supports and decreasing demand.

"Nursing home care is a dying industry," Chase said, "not just in Massachusetts but everywhere."

Durham also criticized his opponent— City Council President Andrea Campbell, whom Durham claimed supports the Aspinwall Road project. Councillor Campbell's office said she has taken no position on the project and will not until the community process runs its course.

BPDA staff will review feedback from the meeting and determine whether there should be additional community meetings, project manager John Campbell said. He encouraged attendees to submit comments to him directly or through the project page on the BPDA's website.

"Your feedback will go a long way to helping us understand how public feels about it," he said.

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# Community Health News

# New regulations would allow for cafes and pot home delivery

By Colin A. Young State House News Service

After unanimously agreeing to them last month, cannabis regulators last Tuesday released rewritten rules that would govern both sides of the legal marijuana world, proposing regulations to eliminate an annual fee for medical patients and set the stage for home delivery of recreational marijuana and marijuana vaping lounges.

The Cannabis Control Commission set out to revise and republish its slate of regulation after assuming control of the medical marijuana program from the Department of Public Health in December and as regulators rolled out the first licensed pot stores in Massachusetts. The product of months of policy discussions and hearings, the new draft regulations for the medi-<u>cal marijuana</u> world as well as the <u>adult-use</u> or recreational industry will be open for public input until Aug. 16.

"This has been painstaking, this has been hard," CCC Chairman Steven Hoffman said last Thursday, thanking staff members for their work on the draft regulations. The CCC voted 5-0 on Thursday to approve the draft regulations but they were not released publicly until Tuesday.

In addition to eliminating the \$50 annual registration fee for medical marijuana patients, the draft regulations spell out the proposed rules for two areas that have been topics of much discussion since the early days of legal marijuana and the CCC: authorized social or public use of marijuana and home delivery of non-medical marijuana.

Before a pilot program for on-site consumption could start, the CCC says lawmakers have to act. In a press release, the agency said the recommended pilot program "would not be able to begin without a change in state law or the passage of legislation that will first allow cities and towns to authorize social consumption in their communities."

The CCC in May approved, on a 3-2 vote, a policy allowing for a social consumption pilot program in a limited number of communities.

Mirroring the policy, the draft regulations would permit a social consumption pilot program to operate in up to 12 municipalities. Towns that participated in a CCC-led working group on social consumption -- including North Adams, Amherst, Springfield, Provincetown and Somerville -- would be among those able to opt into the pilot, the CCC said.

For the first two years they are available, licenses for cannabis cafes - officially referred to as primary-use locations — will be held aside exclusively for microbusinesses, craft marijuana cooperatives, applicants with priority status through the CCC's economic empowerment system and participants in the CCC's social equity program as a way of trying to level the playing field between big companies and smaller operators.

Before the licenses are made available to general applicants, the CCC will collect and report data "measuring certain criteria to determine whether goals of the exclusivity period are met."

The CCC's Cannabis Advisory Board had previously recommended allowing social consumption and suggested that it could reduce the risk of children getting a hold of the drug and may limit how much legal marijuana is illegally transported out of state by tourists. The CAB also suggested that the CCC develop state limits on the "serving size" for social consumption, establish a maximum number of servings allowed per "immediate use package" that cities and towns could adjust, and set a maximum daily exposure limit at which point a budtender could decide to stop serving a consumer.

The commission had drafted regulations in 2018 to allow so-called social consumption but put the issue on the back burner after pushback from Gov. Charlie Baker. The governor this year indicated he could support the idea of starting social consumption as a pilot program before rolling it out more widely.

"I think the issue around sort of enforcing the general rules of the game associated with how recreational marijuana is going to work when you get into the social consumption sites and all that comes with it are really hard

and really complicated," Baker said in May. "And I think doing it on a pilot basis would make a lot of sense."

Baker proposed a change to the state's marijuana law in 2018 that would have spelled out a local initiative petition process for towns considering onpremise consumption of marijuana, but it was not taken up in the Legislature.

The draft regulations also set the table for delivery-only licenses, a license type that advocates have said would help level the playing field between large corporations and small businesses because the barriers to entry for delivery would be far less burdensome than those for retail licenses.

Delivery companies would be required to obtain their marijuana from other licensed operators in the state and consumers will have to pre-verify their age and identity with the retailer prior to placing an order for delivery. Deliveries for non-medical marijuana will only be made to residential addresses in cities or towns that allow marijuana retail sales.

To get to this point, the CCC worked through five specific policy issues at a meeting last Tuesday -- ownership and control, home delivery of marijuana, public marijuana consumption at certain licensed establishments, suitability and the removal of product.

Those five issues were all that remained to be ironed out; the bulk of the regulations were prepared by commissioners and CCC staff after holding public hearings and policy debates in recent months.

The CCC plans to hold public hearings on the draft regulations in August and will take public input through Aug. 16.

"Now the public has the opportunity to grapple with some of the complex issues we have considered as we continue working together to build a safer, more equitable, and more effective industry in Massachusetts," Hoffman said in a statement.

Hoffman has previously said he expects the CCC to vote to finalize the rules "right after Labor Day, maybe mid-September."

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**PEAR SQUARE ART FAIR ON JULY 20** 

The second annual Pear Square Art Fair will be held in Richardson Park (near intersection of Mass Ave. and Columbia Rd.) Over a dozen art vendors including handcrafted leather, pottery, fused glass, painting and more! Artists will be making art and selling their work in the shade of Richardson Parks trees. There will be food vendors and light entertainment all afternoon from local folk, pop and soul artist on the lawn of Boston's oldest house, The James Blake House!.Free tours available. Vending hours 12-5 p.m.

**COLLEGE ESSAY WORKSHOP AT** 

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Project D.E.E.P. will host a college essay workshop on Wed., Aug. 7 at 5:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. for the class of 2020 featuring coach nAnita Doar. \$50 fee advance registration required by July 24. See writeupcoaching. com/register.

**ADSL T-BALL SIGN-UPS UNDERWAY** 

Sign-up for the ADSL t-ball league (\$40) at alldorchestersports.org. Program fee: \$40. **AUDITIONS ONGOING FOR BOSTON CITY SINGERS** 

New programs for the Boston City Singers start in September. Auditions are happening by appointment at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dorchester. More audition sessions are planned on Sept. 6 and 7 or by appointment. See bostoncitysingers.org or call 617-825-0674.

FREE HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES IN NEPONSET

Daniel Driscoll - Neponset Health Center will offer a free four-week healthy cooking class for 5th and 6th graders in the community over four Wednesdays starting on July 10. The class sessions will take place 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. through July 31. All classes will take place at the health center, located at 398 Neponset Ave. in Dorchester. Space is limited and registration is required. Visit http://bit.ly/DDNHCsummercooking to register or contact Harbor Health's prevention programs team at 617-533-2228 or prevention@hhsi. us with questions about the class.

**BNBL SIGN-UPS NOW UNDERWAY** 

Registration is now open for the 50th annual season of Boston's favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL),



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kicking off on Monday, July 8. BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under.BNBL is played at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August. BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Pee Wee BNBL is done on-site at the Pee Wee locations. For more information, please email Charlie Conners at Charles.Conners@boston. gov or call 617-961-3093.

### FENWAY CHALLENGE COMES TO TOWN FIELD **IN JULY**

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Boston Red Sox, and Highland Street Foundation team up once again to present the Fenway Challenge featuring the Red Sox Showcase in local parks on three Tuesdays in July and August. The free series gives children ages 7 to 14 the opportunity to test their pitching accuracy, swing in a batting cage, and practice base stealing. Food and entertainment including virtual reality, a replica Green Monster, and Red Sox mascots Wally and Tessie will provide participants with an unforgettable field day. Participants will also have the opportunity to win Red Sox tickets. The Fenway Challenge will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The dates are July 16 at Doherty Playground (Town Field), 1545 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester; July 30 at Lee Playground, 775 East First S., South Boston; and August 6 at Carter Playground, 709 Columbus Ave., South End. For more information, contact Cheryl Brown at 617-961-3085 or cheryl.brown@boston.gov. To register please go to mlb.com/redsox/forms/fenway-challenge.

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### BATS IN THE BLUE HILLS PROGRAM ON JULY 12

The DCR will sponsor an evening of "bat appreciationat the Blue Hills Reservation, 695 Hillside St., Milton on Friday, July 12, 7:30- 9p.m. Free. Email Maggi.Brown@mass.gov for registration and meeting location. Space is limited. For ages 8 and up. MR8K- A RUN FOR GRATITUDE SET FOR SEPT. 2

The Martin Richard Foundation, in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, New Balance and DMSE Sports, will host the second annual MR8K - A Run for Gratitude on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 2 at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing in Brighton. Produced by DMSE Sports, Inc., the 5-mile course will take place at Warrior Ice Arena at Boston Landing. More than 2,000 people participated in last year's inaugural event at TD Garden, which resulted in a \$100,000 donation to McLean Hospital's LEADER program to support first responders. Registration is \$45, with proceeds benefiting the Martin Richard Foundation. Participants who choose to fundraise and commit to raise a minimum of \$300 for the Foundation will receive free entry into the race and a limited edition 2019 MR8K Team MR8 race shirt. The event is open to runners, walkers and para-athletes of all abilities, as well as families with small children. Register now at BostonBruins.com/MR8K

**PARKS SUMMER FITNESS SERIES** 

Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield is a four-month-long series that will offer 30 free classes per week from June 3 to September 28 in 19 neighborhoods across the city. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for kids and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes. For a full schedule please visit bphc.org/summerfitness. For updates, follow@HealthyBoston and @BostonParksDept on Twitter, or call 617-534-2355.

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# ZBA hearing set for Neighborhood House Charter expansion

### By Jennifer Smith **News Editor**

Some neighbors are expressing irritation at the timing of a late July zoning board hearing for the proposed Neighborhood House Charter School expansion at 21 Queen St. The school filed plans in February with the Boston Planning and Development Agency to add 12 classrooms and a gym in a three-story extension. It is scheduled to be discussed at a Zoning Board of Appeal hearing on July 30 in City Hall that begins at 9:30 a.m.

Opponents to the plan have been vocal. The increase in scale would "necessarily create a greater nuisance to the neighborhood mainly as a result of the additional traffic and parking,' wrote Henry Wessmann in a public comment.

Wessmann sent out an email on behalf of the Pope's Hill Neighborhood Association in early July, expressing displeasure with the Zoning Board hearing schedule.

"The timing of this hearing is indeed unfortunate as many neighborhood residents are on vacation, but the fact that the timing of this hearing precludes the normal pre Zoning



A view of the existing Neighborhood House Charter School campus on Queen Street. The school plans to expand its physical plant in a project set for review by the Zoning Board this month. Google image

Board hearing presentation to the neighborhood association from happening is disingenuous to the integrity of fairness and openness which the school claims to be committed to," he wrote.

A public meeting took place on March 6 and a public comment period closed on March 11. Some comments and a petition at the time objected to the expansion process and the final designs.

Several complaints were directed at the school itself, claiming that NHCS officials were not being forthright about their plans.

"This increase would create many additional hazards and safety issues that the school is failing to address," wrote

Queen Street resident Brad Watkins. "Furthermore, affecting the neighbors quality of life while creating additional nuisances. The school was never upfront and honest with neighbors about their intention to petition the Dept. of Education for additional 400 seats and expanding to a high school as well."

Other comments supported the proposal, like that of Pope's Hill resident and NHCS parent Asia Poles.

"I can tell you that this project will be good for the neighborhood," Poles wrote. "NHCS has been a strong, steady and positive force in the neighborhood and I am excited to see it expand in this way. Please approve the project."

Poles was joined in support by other parents. Jay and Karen Richards wrote, "As a parent of three NHCS students I can tell you that this project would be a very welcoming addition to our neighborhood. Creating a much-needed gym and bringing the 8th grade back to Queen St would make a positive impact on the future of my children and the students of NHCS!

Cases are sent before the Zoning Board of Appeal in the earliest available hearing slot

after they receive approval from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board, which the charter school proposal received on March 16.

City Councillor Frank Baker and the mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services spoke in favor of the project at the BPDA meeting.

"Through the neighborhood process I believe we have come up with a better design," Baker told the board. "And also have identified multiple transportation issues that we will be dealing with as the time comes.

The BPDA board decision includes a mitigation plan to deal with pick-up and drop-off areas within the new expansion, which is available on the agency's website.

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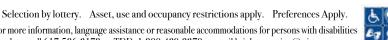
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# Page 16 THE REPORTER July 11, 2019 Critics say new development blurs neighborhood boundaries

(Continued from page 1) still the South End," says DiGangi, referring to the zip code for three of his properties nearby. (The Residence Inn's zip code is 02119, which encompasses much of Roxbury.)

DiGangi's company referred to the area as Lower Roxbury in <u>documents</u> submitted to the city — but its website describes the area like this: "Located along the Washington Street corridor, this once forgotten stretch of the South End lies between Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard and serves as the gateway to historic Dudley Square."

According to DiGangi, the documents were writ-



A sign indicates the last remaining tenant in the Alexandra Hotel building has moved.

ten by attorneys, and he doesn't know why they called the area Roxbury.

"If you go to City Hall, and you apply for a resident parking sticker, you get a South End sticker," he says.

DeShawn Riley grew up nearby and doesn't see any need to clarify the boundary between the two neighborhoods.

"You cross over one street, it's considered Roxbury; one street, it's considered South End, so I mean, does it really matter?" he says, laughing.

It matters to realtors and developers with properties in Roxbury, explains real estate researcher Constantine



The Alexandra Hotel on Washington St. Boston officials classified the redevelopment as a South End project, but the building is actually in Roxbury. Jesse Costa/WBUR photos

Valhouli, because they may prefer to fudge the neighborhood border and market their properties in the trendy South End instead.

"For the most part, everyone is making it up,' he says.

Valhouli points to Mass. Ave., which many people define as the border between the South End and Roxbury. A look at the real estate website Trulia's price map shows that median list prices can be up to \$100,000 higher on the South End side of Mass. Ave.

Valhouli says this demonstrates that the area includes some of Roxbury's highest real estate prices and some of the South End's lowest. For a realtor, that means marketing a property as a cheap buy in the South End might be easier than marketing it as an expensive choice in Roxbury.

"The developers are probably thinking, I'd just like to sell this for more than we thought we could, and if we're gonna leverage a bit of the South End's cachet? Great," Valhouli says.

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city agencies may also be contributing to the blurring of neighborhood boundaries. Recently, the Boston Planning & Development Agency incorrectly listed the nearby Alexandra Hotel project in the South End, even though it falls on the Roxbury side of Mass. Ave. by the agency s own definition. The BPDA has since re-designated the Alexandra Hotel as a Roxbury project.

But the property still falls within the South End Landmark District. And then there are those South End parking stickers that DiGangi mentioned.

DiGangi's office is in Roxbury, and his company D2 Development has other properties on its website advertised in Roxbury. DiGangi says he's happy to work in the neighborhood. He adds that he has had no problems selling or renting out units to the students and young professionals in his Roxbury buildings.

"If it's in the South End, it's in the South End. If it's in Roxbury, it's in Roxbury. The best way to change the perception or erase a negative connotation is to do good things in that community," he says. "You shouldn't run away from where it is."

But what DiGangi calls 'a negative connotation" bothers City Councilor Janev.

She says the neighborhood is already a great place. And while she welcomes new residents, Janey worries that marketing this area as the South End will speed up gentrification, which is already making it difficult for some Roxbury residents to live there.

"We've got to call out when people are doing things or marketing things in a way, if in fact it is rooted in racism, because they think it will appeal to, perhaps, white residents in our neighborhood as opposed to, you know, communities of color," Janey says.

Tunney Lee, Boston's former chief of planning and design, says the South End is fashionable today only after undergoing its own gentrification.

Lee remembers a time when some residents claimed their South End homes were in the Back

"You know, in the last 50, 60 years, South End has completely transformed," he says. "It slowly grew from the north side all the way downtown to Mass. Avenue and started encroaching onto Roxbury."

New development, like the upscale Alexandra Hotel project, has already crossed Mass. Ave. to the Roxbury side of Washing ton Street.

Valhouli, the real estate researcher, predicts other luxury amenities will start moving into Roxbury soon.

And he says the new probably won't coexist with the old forever.

"That point of equilibrium rarely lasts," he says. "Often it goes right from there into a place that's all \$15-a-glass wine bars."

In other words, a place that looks a lot more like the South End.

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A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kathleen M. Prince of Weymouth, MA and Andrea Karisof Glendale, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Kathleen M. Prince of Weymouth, MA and Andrea Karisof Glendale, CA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

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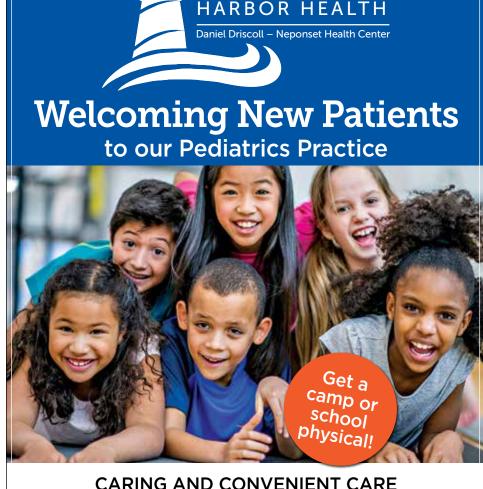
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**BLUTHARDT**, Marguerite R. (Callahan), 87, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Robert Edward Bluthardt. Mother of Robert F. Bluthardt and his wife Valerie of San Angelo, TX, Tom Bluthardt of South Boston and John Bluthardt and his wife

Dina Siegal of Jamaica Plain. Grandmother of Carolyn, Anna and the late Natalie Bluthardt. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and extended family members. Preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Maude Agnes (Lutes) Callahan, and her sister, Ethel. Please consider sending a donation in Marguerite's name to any animal welfare organization of your choice.

CARNEY, John "Jack" J. of Marstons Mills, formerly of Quincy. Husband of Delia (Lyons) Carney for 52 years. Born in Dorchester in 1939 to John J. and Ellen (Waters) Carney, Jack was

College and a United States Marine. In addition to his wife Delia, Jack will be missed by daughter Colleen Connelly of Quincy and her children Caitlin and Caroline; daughter Cathleen and husband Ralph Delorie of Hingham and their children, Delia, Catherine, and Sean; daughter Carolyn and husband Sean Dinneen of Plymouth  $_{
m their}$ children Nora, Bridget, and Celia; son John Carney Jr. of Yarmouth; son Michael and wife Veronica Carney of Norwell and their children Nola Mae and Brennan; and son Paul Carney and fiancé Lina of Brooklyn, NY. Jack was predeceased by his sisters Mary Collins (Milton) and Catherine "Bunnie" Durkan (Dorchester). Donations may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Miami, FL 33131, Parkinson.

a graduate of Boston

FORCUCCI, Marie, M., 91, born in 1928 to William Winthrop Monafo (born in Winthrop as Gaetano Marenghi) and Edith Monafo Katherine

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(born in Boston as Eda Caterina Rugo). Marie was the oldest of four children growing up in Dorchester. She graduated from Girls Latin School and went on to graduate from Regis College. Upon graduating college, she traveled overseas to teach grade school at the Kaiserslautern US Army base in Germany. There she met Corporal Augustino T. Forcucci who would become her husband of 50 plus years. Marie taught school in Boston for several years before starting a family. She taught yoga at the Marshfield Senior Center. Marie served on the board of the Dorchester YMCA for many years, and taught yoga classes there well before the yoga craze. Marie is survived by her children: John Forcucci and his wife Lisa Sama of Westford; David Forcucci of Kenmore, WA, Maria A. Cue and her husband Jonathan Cue of Lexington. Grandchildren: Alessandra B. Forcucci, Forcucci, Anastasia Jessica L. Forcucci, Natalie G. Forcucci, Mirabella M. Cue, Da-

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Cue, Richard Callahan "Cal" Cue. Her sisters Janet Monafo Rahilly of Lexington, MA and Virginia Canti of Milan, Italy. Marie was predeceased by her husband Augustino T. Forcucci, her son Richard Forcucci and her brother William W. Monafo. The family requests donations to the Boston inner city yoga center: http://www.handstoheartcenter.org/donate/ GOODMAN, Ida B.

(Jones) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Guernsey L. Goodman. Ida and Guernsey were the proud parents of four beautiful children, Patrick (Monica), Guernsey, Jr. (Lolita), Janene, and Jeanette

Goodman-James. McDONOUGH, Marjorie A. (Sullivan) of Dorchester, Humarock, and Ft. Pierce, FL. Daughter of the late Cornelius and Marjorie Sullivan. Wife of David McDonough. Mother of Sheila McDonagh and her husband John of Scituate and Joseph McDonough of Atlanta, GA. Grandmother of Shea Patrick, Stella Rose, and Finn Kevin McDonagh of Scituate. Sister of Thomas Sullivan of Dorchester, Maureen Cellucci and her late husband Stephen of Dorchester, Rita Alvarado and her husband Peter of Quincy, AnneMarie Daly and her husband Stephen of Plymouth, and the late John Sullivan, William Sullivan, and Patricia Sullivan. Aunt to many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews. and Marjorie was born and raised in Dorchester. She graduated from Dorchester High School and Catherine Laboure Nursing School. She went on to be head Nurse at the Carney Hospital and volunteered at the Marshfield Senior Center and

in the St. Lucie County, Florida public school system. Contributions can be made in Marjorie's memory to The H.O.W. House, 41 Van Winkle St., Dorchester, MA 02124. MELANSON, Paul

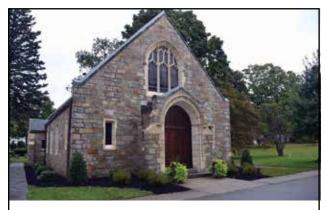
W. in Dorchester, 88. Paul was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Army. He was past Commander of the James J. Rice Amvets Post # 28. He was a retired machinist for the MBTA for 22 years. Paul also was a member of the Dedham Health and Racket Club and the Striped Bass Association. Husband of Patricia A. (Stanton) Melanson for over 66 years. Father of Paula and her husband Kevin O'Brien of Braintree, William Melanson of West Roxbury, Linda and her husband Walter Burke of West Roxbury, Geraldine and her husband Wayne Partello of Norwood, and Beth and her husband Michael Lehane of Bridgewater. Brother of Mary Schools of Norwood and the late Edward Melanson. Survived by 10 grandchildren and the late Ronald Harris and Daniel Melanson, 11 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Donations in Paul's memory may be made to Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan St., Danvers, MA 01923.

PETRAS, Karen A. longtime resident of West Roxbury, formerly of Jamaica Plain and Mattapan. Daughter of the late Francis and Al $ice (Baker) Petras. \, Sister \,$ of Edward Petras, Stephen Petras and his wife Ann, and Janet Cavanaugh and her husband John. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Karen attended Emmanuel College. She was a longtime employee of the City of Boston, Housing Inspection Department.

MOLLON, David **D.** of Avon, formerly of Dorchester, 66. He was the husband of 46 years to Pauline A. (Lewis) Mollon. Also survived by 4 children.

REARDON, John **M.** of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Father of Michael of Haverhill, Christopher and his wife Jillian of Dorchester, Kathleen A. Reardon and her fiancé Christopher McEvoy of Dorchester. Grandfather of Emma Rose and Sean Thomas. Brother of Edward F. of Braintree, James F. of FL, Rev. Francis H. Reardon of FL and the late Rosemarie Monahan. Loving companion of Donna Cantalupo of Watertown. Former spouse of Maureen (Gaughan) Reardon of Haverhill. Former lineman for New England Telephone Co. Associate member of the John J. McKeon Post

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by John

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THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
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NOTICE AND ORDER:
BETITION EOR ADBORDMENT PETITION FOR APPOINTMEN
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU19P0910GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
AMAY AVERY BARNETT
OF DORCHESTER, MA MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties

1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Mino
filed on 04/19/2019 by Renee T. Shepherd of Dorchester, MA will be held 07/30/2019 10:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA. 02114,

AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing, Located 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA. 02114, 3rd Floor Probation

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented you are thought of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented you are tindigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

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THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand his notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: May 16, 2019

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# Unity Cup soccer tourney kicks off Friday at Moakley Park

By Daniel Sheehan ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Fans who are still hungry for soccer following the conclusion of the FIFA Women's World Cup can find plenty of action at the second annual Boston Unity Cup, a tournament set to take place this weekend, July 12-14, in South Boston's Moakley Park.

The Unity Cup, which originated in Philadelphia in 2016 and enjoyed its inaugural Boston event last year, is a citywide adult soccer tournament meant to capture the spirit of the World Cup by bringing together Boston's diverse community around a mutual love for soccer. Last year, 16 teams representing 16 countries participated in the tournament. This year, the field has expanded to 28 teams,



Players from the Irish and Haitian teams posed together for a photo during last year's Boston Unity Cup. Brazil defeated El Salvador to be crowned inaugural champions of the tournament. Warren O'Reilly photo

with players representing several countries with notable cultural

and Mattapan, including Vietnam, Haiti, Cape Verde, Ireland, and enclaves in Dorchester Jamaica, among others.

This year, a women's tournament bracket has been added along with

FFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION

TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU19C0299CA

IN THE MATTER OF: THEODORE ALEXANDER STOCKER

**Adult** has been filed by Theodore Alexander Stocker of Dorchester

MA requesting that the court ente

Decree changing their name to Theodore Alexander Stories

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for ourposes of objecting to the petition

by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before

10:00 a.m. on the return day of **08/01/2019**. This is not a hearing date, but a deadline by which you

must file a written appearance if you

object to this proceeding. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN

Felix D. Arroyo

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First Justice of this Court. Date: July 05, 2019

A Petition to Change Name of

the men's bracket.

The Unity Cup will

begin Friday afternoon at 5:45 p.m. with opening ceremonies featuring performances by local artists, followed by kick-off at 6:30 p.m. Play will continue all day Saturday beginning at 9 a.m., followed by a knock-out round on Sunday.

The tournament will conclude with a "Parade of Nations" at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, after which a champion will be crowned in the finals. This year's event will also feature a Kids Tournament, as well as Revolution Soccer Events, food trucks, and a festival atmosphere. To view the tournament schedule, or to sign up as a volunteer, visit bostonunitycup.com.

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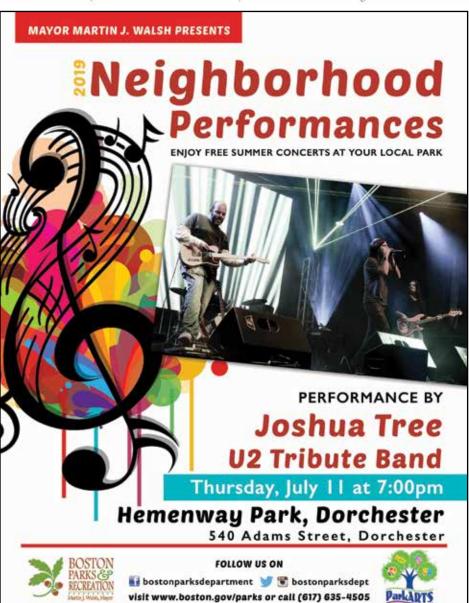


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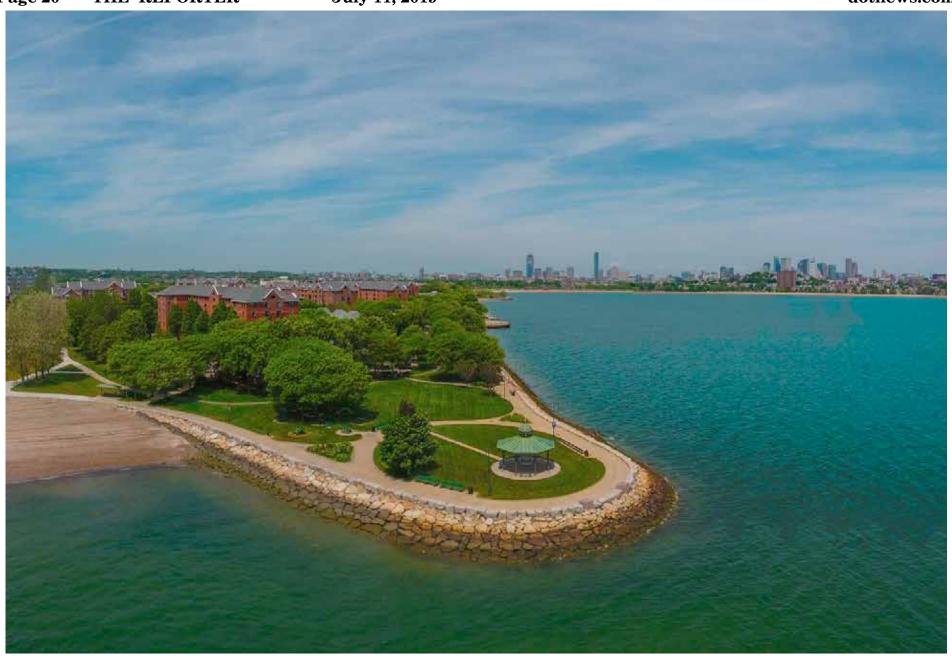
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