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### Greenhills cooks up new Adams Corner space

#### By Seth Daniel News Editor

The owners of Greenhills Bakery in Adams Village unveiled a proposal Monday night that would see the demolition of their existing building and the construction of a four-story building with nine housing units above a new bakery on the ground floor.

During a city-sponsored meeting, abutters

### Condos eyed above iconic bakery; new 4-story building planned

heard the owners, Dermot and Cindy Quinn, say it was a chance for them to pump new life into their 30-plus yearold business at 780 Adams St.

Said Cindy: "We've worked hard on this plan to make something that will add to the neighbor-

hood and that people will accept. We'll see what the city says and abide by the rules, but the units are small and efficient... We put a lot of thought into it."

The meeting was attended by 15 people, including presenters, and lasted 18 minutes. The nine for-sale condo units would be housed in three stories above the new bakery, and would include three two-bedrooms and six one-bedrooms, with no parking provided. The units would be sized at between 600 and 800 square feet.

The project would not include any affordable units as the project currently fits under the (Continued on page 15)



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Greenhills Bakery would be replaced with a four-story building that would house a revamped and updated bakery. *Choo & Company Architects graphic* 

### Bruce Brown makes triumphant return to Deer Street

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Growing up in Dorchester in the early 2000s, future NBA champion Bruce Brown would often listen to adult guest speakers at various Dorchester events. Last Friday, it was the star's turn to take the microphone at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester (BGCD).

Brown, 27, has had a productive career in the NBA, first with the Brooklyn Nets, then this year with the NBA champion Denver Nuggets before he signed up with the Indiana Pacers going forward. He was key for Denver in the final minutes of the last game for the championship this year, hitting a key layup and making two high-pressure free throws to seal the series win.

"I would say the best part [of winning an NBA championship] is coming back and talking to you guys and letting you know you can, too," he told the kids gathered last Friday. "If you have a goal and people say it's too high and too hard to reach, I am (Continued on page 13)

NBA champ Bruce Brown visited the Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester last Friday and talked to kids about basketball, growing up in Dorchester, and trying new things. *Photo by Seth Daniel* 

# *You don't have to be rich to do something'*

Bishop Homicil's Mattapan church a bastion for migrants



### Disabled artist exposes challenges in redesign of Mattapan Square

By Seth Daniel **News Editor** Staring down the zig-zagging crosswalks of Mattapan Square on two legs is enough to make a pedestrian want to give up, but Ellice Patterson did it on two knees, crawling slowly as a form of art and protest to highlight how difficult it can be for the disabled and the elderly - to cross more than a few of the streets of Boston. The "protest crawl" on June 7 was part of Patterson's Artist in Residency (AIR) with the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) and was aimed at opening eyes about the challenges within the ongoing

Mattapan Square Transportation Action Plan by showing planners and community members the real "barriers to public life" that exist for disabled people at a major nexus like Mattapan Square. The results spoke for themselves. It took Patterson 45 minutes to get from the eastern side of Blue Hill Avenue over to Cummins Highway then to River Street heading west, and then back to Mattapan Station. She



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#### By Seth Daniel News Editor

At Bishop Nicolas Homicil's Edgewater Drive church in Mattapan, the clocks on the wall don't work. But time never stands still there, and neither does the 81-year-old Homicil.

He could likely fit his programming into a 20-story building if it were possible, but as it is, he has a few one-stoBishop Nicolas Homicil stands at his church campus on Edgewater Driver in a makeshift room where he has begun temporarily housing Haitian migrants coming from the Texas border. *Seth Daniel photo* 

ry buildings, including a warehouse, where he and several dedicated volunteers provide what they can to those in need. Beyond spreading the gospel and worshiping in the sanctuary, Homicil runs a massive food bank, a Christian media company, a music school for children, a youth anti-violence program, and, (Continued on page 19)



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Ellice Patterson in

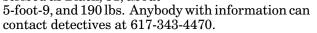
Mattapan Square. Seth Daniel photo

couldn't make a full circle because there is no crosswalk at the southern end of Blue Hill Avenue. (Continued on page 18)

#### Police, Courts & Fire

**Police name suspect** in May '22 fatal stabbing

Boston Police are looking for a suspect in the murder of 39-year-old Earnest Sims, who was stabbed to death on May 31, 2022, on Beauford Way in Dorchester. Police say their suspect is Anthony Chester, 31, (right) of Roxbury, described as Black, 31, about



A man was stabbed on Bloomfield Street in Dorchester, shortly before 11 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 11. Police say the victim injuries were not life threatening. A report of the suspect's car seen fleeing the scene led them to Chau Minh Duong, 54, of Dorchester, who was arrested after officers first spotted his car on Msgr. Lydon Way, about a mile and a half away. Duong is charged with assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon and assault and battery.

A pedestrian was seriously injured last Thursday morning (Aug. 10) near the I-93 exit on Columbia Road near JFK-UMass station around 2:20 a.m. The male victim, about 30, was taken to Boston Medical Center with severe injuries but is expected to survive. State Police said that the victim was "walking across Columbia Road as two vehicles, described as a red sedan and a white SUV, were eastbound on the same road. The red sedan, which is possibly a Honda Accord with dual tail pipes, struck the pedestrian, propelling him through the air further across the road. Immediately after hitting the victim, the driver of the red sedan continued eastbound, fleeing at a high rate of speed. The white SUV also left the scene." Anybody with information can contact detectives at 617-727-8817.

A federal judge on Monday sentenced Kenji Ingram, 45, to 27 months in federal prison after he admitted being a felon in possession of a firearm when police found him sitting on a bench at the South Bay Mall on Aug. 7, 2020. He had a .44 Caliber gun,stolen in Indiana in 1997, loaded with five rounds.

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### Wu names her first appointees to BPDA board

**By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR** 

Mayor Wu has put forward her first appointees to the board of the Boston Planning and Development Agency. In filings with the City Council, Wu submitted the names of three people, including one who is a reappointment:

• Priscilla Rojas, the current BPDA board chair who was first appointed by Mayor Marty Walsh in 2015 and in 2020 became the first woman and Latina to helm the board. She lived in the city's Leather District when first appointed, and now resides on the Dorchester/Mattapan line.

• Raheem Shepard, a Hyde Park resident who grew up in Dorchester's St. Mark's area, would fill the board's organized labor slot if the slate is approved by the 13-member City Council. He would replace Michael Monahan, a top leader with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) who was first appointed by Mayor Thomas Menino in 2013 and reappointed by Mayor Walsh. Monahan's term expires this month.

Shepard is also a member of the city's Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA). Wu appointed him to the body last year as part of a broader overhaul of that board.

• Kate Bennett of Roslindale, Wu's third nominee, just stepped down from her job as Boston Housing Authority administrator, with former District 8 (Back Bay and Mission Hill) Councillor Kenzie Bok tapped to take that role.

Bennett would fill a vacant seat previously held by Carol Downs, a Walsh appointee who was the co-owner of a Jamaica Plain restaurant.

If approved, the nominees would constitute a majority of Wu appointees on the five-member board. The other two are Ted Landsmark, former president of the Boston Architectural College, who lives in Jamaica Plain and whose term expires next

summer, and Brian Miller, a South Boston financial adviser, who was appointed by Gov. Charlie Baker in 2020 and has his term expiring in 2025.

While running for mayor, Wu pledged to abolish the BPDA, and she has steadily moved ahead with an effort to dismantle the agency through the creation of a city planning and design department and a planning advisory council, and a home rule petition reworking the structure of the BPDA, while a new entity would retain the BPDA name.



Raheem Shepard also serves on the city's Zoning Board of Appeals. Seth Daniel photo

"I join the board members in thanking Mike Monahan for his years of service to the City of Boston and working people,' Wu said in a statement. "Raheem Shepherd and Kate Bennett are tremendous additions to the board who will bring experience and focus to make Boston the best city for families- affordable and green, with opportunities connecting every generation.

Arthur Jemison, Wu's chief of planning and director of the BPDA, noted that Monahan had served on the ZBA for 12 years before spending a decade on the BPDA board. "He has been an important voice for the growth of the city," Jemison said. "I look forward to working with Kate and Raheem, who are experts in their own right on building Boston in a thoughtful way. I am confident they will help guide growth that will make our city more resilient, affordable, and equitable.'

### Runway repairs at Logan likely to impact Dot, Mattapan airspace over three months

#### BY SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Dorchester and Mattapan could experience increased airplane traffic over the next three months due to a major runway reconstruction project at Logan Airport that will close the east-west facing  $Runway\,15R\!/\!33L\,for\,approximately\,100\,days\,starting$ on Aug. 14.

All flight paths, take-offs, and approaches are determined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), but it is anticipated that the project will result in more planes using airspace over the two neighborhoods, even at night.

The project has been in the works since 2021, but news about it and what it will mean is just coming out now.

A Logan spokesperson said it was impossible to know how much more air traffic would be directed over the two communities, adding that "the FAA is responsible for runway selection, based primarily on wind and weather. With the closure of R33L..., communities to the north and south of the airport

will likely experience temporary increases in air traffic due to the project," said the spokesperson in a statement. "Areas of Dorchester and Mattapan may see increases in overflight arrivals from Runway 4R."

The spokesperson said that when the FAA directs the use of north-south facing runways 22L/22R, planes will bank over Boston Harbor and not "overfly southwest of the airport. The same is true for flights arriving at night.

Congressman Stephen Lynch's office said the project is "on our radar and we have already been in touch with Massport and the FAA about it."

Runway 15R-33L, the longest stretch at the airport, is primarily used when winds come from the northwest, which drive in cool or cold dry weather, depending on the season. It is the preferred late-night runway over Boston Harbor for noise abatement.

The runway was last rehabilitated in 2012. The project will replace pavement on roads and taxiing intersections, upgrade electrical infrastructure, and convert runway lights to energy efficient LEDs.

### **UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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The MBTA announced service changes in August on the Red Line "to allow crews to perform critical rail and tie replacement work that will alleviate speed restrictions. In addition, shuttle buses will replace trains between JFK/UMass and Braintree beginning at approximately 8:45 p.m.on Friday, Aug. 18- 20, and Aug. 25-27.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Wed., Aug. 23, 6-7:30 p.m.to discuss "additional dwelling units" in Mattapan. See page 23 for more info on joining the meeting.

Celebrate the end of the summer with the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association

at the 2nd annual Community Picnic on Sat., Aug. 19, 12-5 p.m at Patten's Cove. Enjoy food, live music, games, and raffles from local businesses.

Neighbors are encouraged to bring their own chairs and picnic blankets, and even kayaks if they'd like to explore the Cove from the water. Follow @events columbiasavinhillcivic on Instagram for more information, or head to the Civic Association's website columbiasavinhillcivic.org. The Urban Farming Institute of Boston's sixth annual Farm Stand is now open each Friday, 1-5 p.m. at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan. This week

includes live music by Jazz Urbane Band; and Aug. 25 it's Cornell Coly's Afro Latin Jazz Drums. For more info, call 617-989-9920. Or visit urbanfarminginstitute.org.

Mayor Wu's Movie Nights in city parks start on continue through Friday, Sept. 1. All shows begin at dusk. Dates and locations include "The Super Mario Bros. Movie," Boston Common Parade Ground on Sept. 1.

St. Margaret's Church of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish will be the venue for the 26th anniversary Mass in honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta, 800 Columbia Rd. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 6 p.m.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who was an

Albanian sister and ministered to the impoverished on the Indian subcontinent, was also responsible for the founding of the Missionaries of Charity, a congregation with over 4500 nuns in locations, including Quincy St. in Dorchester.

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### Councillor, others warned of city pool closures before summer

By WALTER WUTHMANN **WBUR** 

Months before this summer's record heat descended, Boston city councillors knew they had a problem on their hands. The city planned to close a number of public swimming pools many of which sit on Boston Public School building grounds — for renovations and repairs, depriving families of a prime escape from Councillor Murphy

the area's hazy, hot and humid months.

"I just want to make sure we're working together and we're going to see that this summer is not leaving any communities out," Councillor Erin Murphy said during a March public hearing about the planned pool closures.

In the end, 10 of the city's 18 public pools have been closed all summer — and Dorchester and Mattapan have been hardest hit. Boston has closed all six city-owned pools in the two neighborhoods. That has residents and community activists questioning the city's logic in tackling these projects all at once.

"That doesn't make sense to me. Why close them all?" asked 84-year-old Mary Hamilton on a recent sunny afternoon in Roxbury. "Leave some open, fix those, and then do the others."

Some of the pools also were closed last summer, due to maintenance work and lifeguard shortages. And there will be additional closures next summer, according to plans discussed in the March council hearing.

Murphy grew up in Dorchester and said she learned to swim at the Murphy Community Center there, which is closed this summer. In an interview with WBUR, she said she supports fixing and renovating the city's pools. But she said some of the work has been delayed because of disputes over who is responsible to pay for the repairs.

There's been a history of finger-pointing between the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, which operates the pools, and Boston Public Schools, which owns the buildings, Murphy said.

"This money is city money, tax dollars," she said. Families showing up to closed pools "don't want Open or closed? The status of City of Boston public pools More than half the city's public pools have been closed this summer, due to renovations and other issues

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to know that it's one department squabbling with another. They just want it fixed."

In a statement, the Wu administration blamed the closures on years of neglect at these facilities, many of which were built in the 1970s. For instance, at the closed BCYF Perkins in Dorchester the city said the pool was losing water, many showers weren't working and a drain was slow.

The repairs and upgrades are being done "with a sense of urgency," to make the facilities better and more accessible for the future, a Wu spokesperson said in a statement.

Some of the closures are also due to overhauls being done to make buildings more energy efficient under the city's Renew Boston Trust program, according to the City Council hearing in March. Residents cannot access the pools when the school buildings that house them are being worked on.

Wu has also set aside \$34.3 million in the capital budget for repairing and renovating the city's pools.

But critics are pushing back, arguing that multiple pools should not all be closed at once.

'It does have ramifications," said Lacee Satcher, an assistant professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies at Boston College. She said pools are essential



The pool at the Marshall Community Center in Dorchester is closed for the entire summer while the building is being repaired. WBUR photo

places to cool off, especially for families without air conditioning and with children out of school and in need of activities.

Satcher suggested that by closing the pools, the same low-income and minority communities most affected by heat have even fewer ways to escape it.

"The idea that these pools are being renovated and repaired and renewed is a great thing, but you have to wonder, why all at the same time, in one of the hottest summers Boston has seen," she said.

"I think it's awful," said Rev. Vernon K. Walker, program director at Communities Responding to Extreme Weather, a Cambridge-based nonprofit.

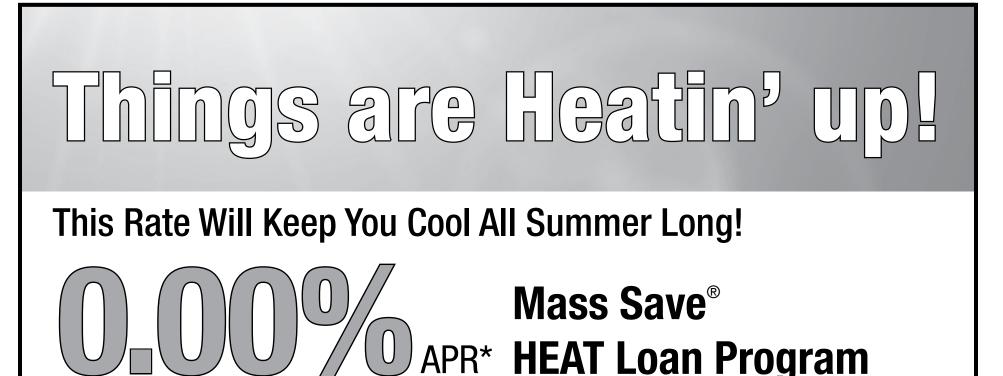
Walker said accessible public pools are even more important in dense neighborhoods with few trees and lots of exposed concrete.

"If the temperature is 90 degrees on a given day, it could feel anywhere between 115 to 120 in places that suffer from the urban heat island effect, such as Dorchester and Mattapan," he said.

These neighborhoods are so-called heat islands, temperatures on the expanses of blacktop and concrete soar above the air temperature. The EPA has said that heat islands are often an equity issue related to decades of public policy that allowed for redlining, concentrating industrial zones in low-income communities, and failing to protect green space.

City officials said they plan to re-open four of the shuttered pools by the fall.

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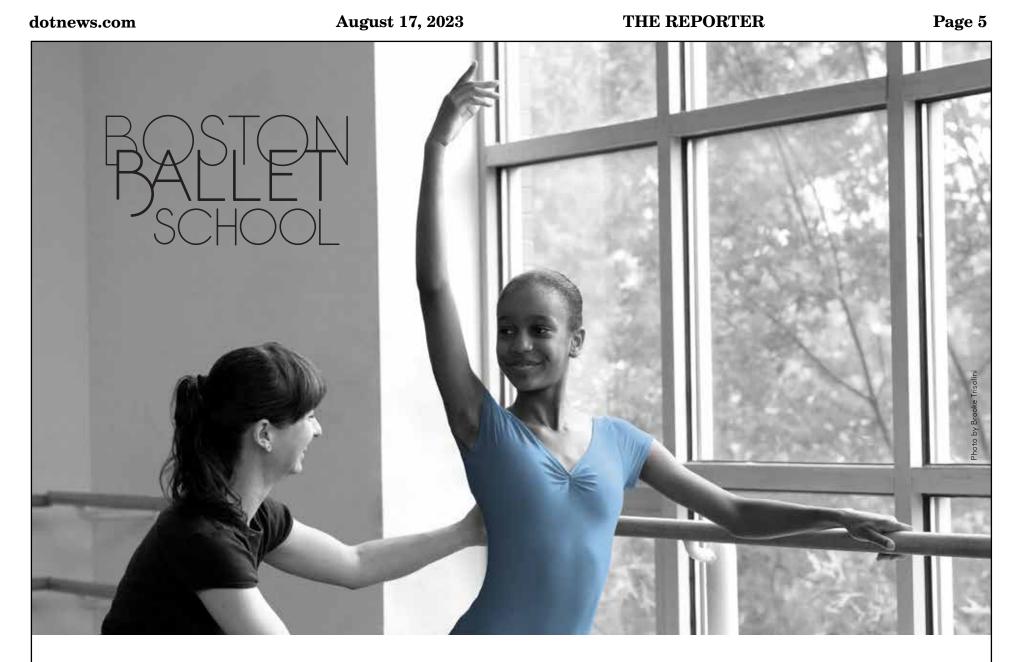


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### Planned Parenthood's political arm endorses in District 3, at-large races

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS **MANAGING EDITOR** 

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Planned Parenthood's Advocacy Fund has weighed in on the race for the open District 3 City Council seat, the latest in a slew of endorsements the candidates are picking up ahead of the Sept. 12 preliminary.

Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts (PPAF) said it is backing Savin Hill labor lawyer Matt Patton in the seven-person field, which will be winnowed to two people seeking to replace Frank Baker, who is leaving in January after 12 years on the council.

The abortion rights organization also said it supports three at-large candidates: Incumbents Ruthzee Louijeune and Julia Mejia, and newcomer Henry Santana, who until earlier this year worked for the Wu administration as director of civic organizing.

"PPAF is proud to endorse a group of candidates for city council that have proven records and clear visions for advancing reproductive health equity in their community," Dr. Nate Horwitz-Willis, the organization's executive director, said

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#### Matt Patton

in a statement. "These candidates will not only be effective, unapologetic champions for reproductive rights but are also committed to taking action to ensure residents have access to medically accurate. unbiased information about sexual and reproductive health care and their options, as well as comprehensive sex education."

Horwitz-Willis added that Patton "understands that reproductive equity means having access to everything one needs to grow and raise their family if and how they choose, including equitable access to resources, quality education, affordable childcare, and the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health care."

Patton, who works for the law firm Lichten and Liss-Riordan, is handling a lawsuit against a Worcester crisis preg-

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nancy center alleging that Patton's client was told by the clinic that her pregnancy was healthy when it was unviable. She later needed emergency surgery and the health clinic, "run by anti-abortion activists,' nearly cost his client her life, according to Patton.

"The issue of protecting a women's right to choose and access to reproductive healthcare is more than politics-it is life and death," Patton said in a statement. "Which is why it baffles me that all the candidates in the race for District 3 City Council have not joined me in signing Reproductive Equity Now's pledge to fight for this and other rights." The statement did not name the candidates.

Separately, other District 3 candidates have picked up their own endorsements.

Afreda Harris, a community activist who served on the mayorally appointed School Committee, is backing John FitzGerald, a Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDÅ) official. "I have come to know him as a true public servant who's always

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available to help those in need. I know he will be a great addition to the City Council, and I am proud to support his campaign," Harris said in a statement.

FitzGerald noted that Harris is known as a basketball mentor in addition to her time on the School Committee. A Roslindale resident, she is considered its longest serving member, having held a seat for nearly 20 years before stepping down in 2013.

Another longtime activist, Dorchester's Lew Finfer, is supporting Ann M. Walsh for District 3. Known as a community organizer, Finfer is the

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former director of the Massachusetts Communities Action Network (MCAN), an umbrella organization for faithbased groups. Finfer and Walsh live near each other in Lower Mills.

"When my dog Emma ran home while we were in Dorchester Park after being spooked by a large dog, she got as far as Ann's yard and Ann got her home to us; that's neighborly constituent

services," Finfer said. "Ann Walsh is a thoughtful, compassionate person with the common sense and commitment to both lead and join with us to help make Dorchester even better

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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for all of us," he added. "I heard of Lew Finfer long before I met him as a neighbor in Boston," Walsh said in her own statement. "As a student of social justice movements, I knew Lew as a leader in moving Boston's communities forward. I am honored to have his support as we work together to bring a fresh start to District 3.

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#### CODMAN SQUARE HEALTH CENTER STANDS WITH OUR COMMUNITY IN FIGHTING RACIAL INJUSTICE





### 'I just want to get in there and do the work,' Richards says of City Hall run

By CASSIDY MCNEELEY SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Joel Richards, the teacher running for the District 3 Council seat, has a platform that consists of working to improve the public schools and provide affordable housing as well as safe and reliable public transportation.

There is a personal element to his campaign, which the Fields Corner resident kicked off last December. His oldest child, JC, doesn't have a gym at school because they turned the one inside the Russell Elementary on Columbia Road into classroom space.

As a father and teacher at the Blackstone School in the South End, **Richards understands** how education impacts a child's identity. Taking his children out of Boston Public Schools isn't an option for the family, financially speaking, but even if it were, Richards, a member of the Boston Teachers Union, feels it would disconnect them from the community. He and his wife, Madeligne,

have a second son, Johan, and celebrated the birth of a third over the weekend.

"I want them to do jujitsu here. I want them to go to the Boys and Girls Club. I want them to be on the swim team at DotHouse so that they love this area just as much as me," he said. "I feel like a lot of time the schools don't service our kids the way they can. I have students who say, 'I want to leave here as soon as I can because the city did not take care of me in that way.""

Richards said the city's issues with the housing crisis, below-standard public transportation, and its schools are indicative of one another and must be worked on simultaneously. He noted that Boston is losing people, especially those who work in education, transportation, and emergency medical care, because they can't afford to live in the city.

"I feel like the city itself should be buying and purchasing run-down houses and vacant houses and fixing them up for our working-class people, for our teachers, our nurses, our police officers, our firefighters so that they can afford to live in the city," he said.

If elected, he said, "Instead of fighting for the right policy, I can actually write the right policy."

Richards moved to Dorchester in 2010, where he has served as a pastor and community advocate, served on the board of Little Saigon, been the president of Fields Corner Main Streets organization, and founded the Dorchester Juneteenth celebration.

He ran for a seat on the Council two years ago, when now-state Attorney General Andrea Campbell ran for mayor instead of reelection in District 4. Richards was one of nine candidates in the District 4 preliminary, coming in third, behind Evandro Carvalho and eventual winner Brian Worrell.

Richards said he learned from that experience and was inspired by his wife and colleagues to run again this year. when his home precinct was shifted from District 4 to



Joel Richards— Fields Corner resident in second bid for council seat. Mike Ritter/Ritterbin.com photo

District 3 in redistricting legislation.

He said he is relying on family, friends, and his faith as he makes his second run for public office. On the personal level, he wants to focus his efforts on housing, education, and transportation to improve the city, but also because he needs these issues resolved for his family's well-being.

"This isn't about pointing fingers or trying to call out people. I just want to get in there and do the work, unite people, talk to people, and get it done," Richards said. "I feel blessed to live in Dorchester and I just want other people to experience the same thing that I have and to also improve."

13-member Council, he said, he'll still have a two-bedroom home and children in schools that need significant upgrades, he said. "The things I am talking about are not political issues or theory. This is where we are."

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#### If he's elected to the

### Listening and learning; Jennifer Johnson makes another bid for office

By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Onone of this summer's few sunny days, Jennifer Johnson walked down Rita Road in Dorchester with a smile on her face, ready to begin one of her favorite activities these days: Door knocking.

Johnson, who is running for the open District 3 Council seat, had parked outside St. Brendan Elementary School and crossed the street to talk with residents who were outside their homes, taking in the breezy afternoon, carrying grocery bags into their homes, washing their cars, and playing in yards with their children.

She spotted a little girl who was, Johnson said, around the age she was when her life in door knocking began. "I've been involved in politics since I was three years old. Not for running for office, but my mother was a Democratic activist in small-town Louisiana, and she was helping [US Sen.] Bennett Johnston Jr. and she took me around with her everywhere. Door knocking, holding signs, all of that. When Election Day came, she brought me to town hall when she was going to vote and I threw a fit in the middle of town hall because I couldn't vote, too." Johnson is all smiles these days. She knows the issues in District 3 are serious, but she aims to be approachable and personable when speaking with voters. It can be easy to associate her demeanor with southern charm, but she moved to

Boston for school when have right now. I will she was just 20 years old and has a particular appreciation for the city.

She has spent the past 34 years as an activist in her community through various roles – president of the Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association, key participant in the Bowdoin Geneva Main Streets, member of the Ward 15 Democratic Committee, involvement with the Healthy Bowdoin Geneva Collaborative, a community nonprofit. She also has run for the Fifth Suffolk House seat.

"I think a lot of times people who have lived here all of their lives don't understand that Boston is the best city to live in and they don't understand how different it is here from where I grew up," said Johnson.

a responsibility to your are because we have peoneighbors, to your com- ple all over this district, munity. People will talk about issues like inequities in public schools and things like that. Where I grew up, there's not that conversation." During her childhood, Louisiana scored very low when it came to providing public education, Johnson noted. Still, she added, each school she attended had a library and offered art, music, and sports, and the same cannot be said for all Boston Public Schools. "It's not enough to just keep looking at Boston Latin and the three exam schools. Every single one of our students, even if they don't get into an exam school, should have good opportunities for a good education." she said. "And that's not what we

really fight for our kids and for our families."

If public schools do not improve soon, more and more residents will leave the district for locations with better academic opportunities, according to Johnson.

Additionally, families are being pushed out due to the lack of affordable housing.

While she has some suggestions of her own, she plans on listening to residents as the way to find the best solutions.

"I think I have some solid ideas about things around education or housing," she said, "but I'm also somebody who is not going to say, 'I already know the answer.' I'm actually out there and I talk to people, and I find out what they know and "In Boston, you have what their experiences and all over the commu nity who have knowledge about things. I listen to them, and I learn. When you're dealing with city issues, which is about really fixing problems, you have to get out of the theoretical."



Next week: More District 3 candidate profiles.

Jennifer Johnson—The Louisiana native seeks to represent her adopted home, Dorchester, as District 3 councillor. Cassidy McNeeley photo

### Council confirms Everett as new Suffolk register of probate

The Governor's Council last Wednesday unanimously confirmed Gov. Maura Healey's pick to serve as register of probate for Suffolk County until a special election is held in  $\overline{2024}$ .

Stephanie Everett, director of Boston's police oversight office for the last two years and a for-

mer Senate aide, is also a former candidate for state representative and register of deeds. The probate register's job was vacated by retiring Register Felix Arroyo earlier this year.

"In 24 years ... I have never seen anyone with personal life experience that she has," veteran

Councilor Marilyn Pettito Devaney said, adding that she had heard words of support for Everett from Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.

Everett was confirmed 6-0 by the eight-seat Council, with Councilor Joseph Ferreira absent from the session and one seat still vacant after

the January departure of Councilor Robert Jubinville.

The Mattapan Democrat made an unusual appearance in the Council Chamber after the vote, popping in to personally thank councilors. She was sworn-in on Wednesday, Aug. 16. - SHNS SERVICE

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS MANAGING EDITOR

After successfully blocking the state Department of Conservation and Recreation from demolishing a Port Norfolk building that was once used by a local lumber company, neighborhood residents and green space advocates are pushing ahead to determine how to best use the property.

The state agency owns the vacant brick building, which is steps away from the Neponset River and the park by the bridge connecting Dorchester and the city of Quincy.

Port Norfolk residents disagreed with a state commission that claimed the demolition of 98 Taylor St. was unlikely to have any historical impact. They argued that the Greek Revival-style building, once the counting house of the Albert T. Stearns Lumber Company, was built before the Civil War and overlooked the city's secondary port, through which came lumber that went on to parts of Dorchester and South Boston.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation's pullback from plans to reduce the building to rubble came in April, after residents and preservation advocates successfully lobbied local lawmakers. DCR had sporadically used the site for vehicle and equipment storage, and had commis-



An aerial image shows the building in question at 98 Taylor St. in Dorchester's Port Norfolk section. The vacant, red-brick building dates to before the 1860s when it was a counting house for a lumber company. Google image

sioned a report from an infrastructure consulting exterior had problems, while inside, the walls

water damage. Repairing and rehabilitation of the firm that said the brick had bowed and sustained building would cost more



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than \$1 million, according to the report. "This was a matter of

weeks before they were going to tear it down," said Michael P. Manning, chair of the Friends of the Boston Harborwalk, which stretches for 43 miles from East Boston to Dorchester, and overlaps with the Neponset Greenway Trail.

Brian Arrigo, who took over as DCR's new commissioner in April, said the agency plans to host a public meeting in September. "We want to listen to folks and we want to make sure we're having a public process,' he said.

The date hasn't been announced yet, but Manning has already pulled together a team to work on a re-use for the property and a funding plan. He believes the rehabilitation could cost under \$2 million. The team includes people in the preservation nonprofit sector, the Port Norfolk Civic Association, neighbors, and the Dorchester Historical Society.

Many of the people, according to Manning, had recently worked on a similar re-use effort on the Speedway, a former DCR property in Brighton. Once a racehorse track, the facility is now home to a taproom built by Salem-based Notch Brewing, a hair salon, and a 45-seat cocktail bar called Birds of Paradise.

Manning, who has a background in engineering, said the former counting house is just one structure, different from the Speedway. "But this group will find a way to fund it and get a worthwhile reuse," he said.

One of the options could be turning part of the building into a yearround restroom. similar to what's available at Castle Island in South Boston. It could also become a community meeting space where the nonprofit Neponset **River Greenway Council** could meet.

Manning said the council meets monthly and does not have its own space. It recently used the Milton Yacht Club. The former counting house could also include a gallery of images, maps and photographs of the lumber company, which at one point boasted 14 buildings across Port Norfolk, he said. Whatever it ends up becoming, its demolition "would have been devastating for the history of Dorchester," Manning said, noting it's the oldest building on the Harbor-walk. "It dates back to 1849. There are very few buildings that date back to that time, prior to the Civil War, that are still in existence."

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### CEO Cotterell stepping down at Codman Sq. Health Center

Sandra Cotterell, who has spent 29 years working for Codman Square Health Center, the last 12 as its CEO, plans to retire once a new CEO is hired, the Washington Street health center announced last Friday.

Cotterell's first job was as a registered nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital and New England Medical Center in 1979. She later worked for Bay State Health Care, a health insurance company, in the 1980s, then started at Codman Health Center in 1994 as its chief operating officer.

The health center, which has a team of 300 professionals, including physicians, nurses, and specialists, was founded in 1979 by Bill Walczak. The health center credited Cotterell with leading the construction of an \$18 million addition to the building, a health and education center named after Walczak, now a Dorchester Reporter columnist.. The center has clinical space and serves as the home of the Codman Academy Charter Public High School.

The center also hosts The Daily Table, a nonprofit grocery store, a community teaching kitchen, and an earned income tax clinic.

According to its 2021 annual report, the center treated 24,723 patients that year, with operating revenue at \$47.9 million. About 75 percent of patients were Black and African American, and 41 percent were women. More than half of the patients lived in Dorchester and Mattapan, with others coming from Hyde Park, Brockton, Roxbury, and Roslindale. An expansion of services is set in Randolph, where there were 1,114 patients in 2021.

Overall, for 2021, the facility saw 77,728 clinic visits and 36,420 virtual visits. More than 12,000 coronavirus vaccines were administered, in addition to 5,364 seasonal flu vaccines, and 4,502 other immunizations. It also provided 4,566 cervical cancer screenings, 1,689 mammograms, and 2,795 colorectal cancer screenings.

"It has been an honor of a lifetime to serve this



wonderful community and our patients, and we could not have accomplished all we have without the support and partnership of our board and staff," Cotterell said in a statement. **REPORTER STAFF** 

### National Night Out fun comes to Fields Corner's Town Field

The National Night Out celebration arrived at Town Field in Dorchester on Aug. 1 to celebrate safe summer activities with the C-11 Police District, Mayor Wu, Police Commissioner Michael Cox, and a number of elected officials. The event was hosted by ADSL at Town Field, where community members enjoyed ice cream and a cookout. It was one of several stops for National Night Out last week at police districts across the city.

Top right: Evaldo Ferreira, of the Cape Verdean Association, and Haris Hardaway, of Bowdoin Geneva Main Streets, accepted the Crime Fighter Group of the Year in C-11 for the work of the Bowdoin Geneva Safety and Mental Health Task Force. The Task Force has been instrumental in supporting businesses, residents, and youth on the corridor since it formed 18 months ago. Also pictured are C-11 Capt. Shawn Burns, Commissioner Michael Cox, Mayor Wu, Councillor Erin Murphy, DA Kevin Hayden, Fire Commissioner Paul Burke, and Boston EMS Director James Hooley.

At right: Capt. Shawn Burns spoke to the crowd gathered for National Night Out at Town Field in Fields Corner on Aug. 1.

Far right: The C-11 Crime Fighter of the Year was awarded to Lawrence 'Mr. Larry' Thornton, center, a Four Corners resident who has been instrumental in helping all in the neighborhood for years. He is also a key member of the United Neighbors Association (UNA). Pictured with him is Mayor Wu.

Photos courtesy Mayor's Office/Jeremiah Robinson

The following is from A Healing Landscape: Environmental and Social history of the







YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE Dorchester Historical Society

ties to the marketing side of the business, they established a sort of family empire combining both production and distribution in one operation." John was called the Father of the Boston Park System. For many years, he lived in a house with the present Franklin Park and owned 21 acres of land there. He broached his plan for the city to purchase the land and induced a committee of the city government to take a look. Mayor Prince wrote to say that posterity would be grateful to him for his service in helping to establish Franklin Park. John, Jr., grew up in Savin Hill and established a prominent seed company downtown in partnership with Schlegel, possibly another German immigrant. The firm of Schlegel & Fottler published an annual seed and plant catalog from the 1880s through the first decade of the 20th century. John, Jr., was a founder of another nationally known seed and plant company, the Fottler Riske Rawson Company. John, Jr, had the house at 389 Washington St. built for his home. These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society.org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m

Site of Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Centre. Second edition (Lincoln, MA 2016) page 54.

"Who were the Fottlers? In 1830, Jacob and Barbara Fottler emigrated from Germany to America with their teenage sons John and Jacob Jr. and four other children. Passing through Boston, they originally intended to settle in the Midwest, but tragedy struck: In a much-publicized incident, a steamer sank in the Ohio River at Cincinnati, with Jacob Sr. and two sisters among the dead. Returning back east, the remaining family settled in Dorchester, where John, the eldest son, soon became breadwinner for the family with a job in Quincy Market.

"In 1838, John married Mary Donald, an English immigrant, and the couple began their own family. Making a career in the growing and selling of plants for the needs of the expanding city, John worked in a number of places around Boston; he helped to deliver and plant some of the first shrubs and flowers used in the new landscaping on Boston Common, worked in a nursery in Cambridge, farmed on Savin Hill in Dorchester, and worked his way up to serving as landscaping and agricultural supervisor for various large estates in the area.

#### John Fottler, Jr. (1841-1929) came from an agricultural family.



"Meanwhile, John's younger brother Jacob Jr. had married a Hannah Williams of Roxbury and settled on a farm just north of the future BNC, on land now occupied by Franklin Park. Not long after, John and Mary settled with their family on another farm nearby. In the 1870 agricultural census, the Fottlers were the only farmers in the area who sold more garden produce, vegetables and flowers, than did their competitor on Walk Hill Street, Joseph Lambert; and, since John Fottler maintained strong

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### In Roxbury, a memorial to General 'Ned' Gourdin

Boston's newest public statue was unveiled earlier this month inside a memorial park near Roxbury's Nubian Square. The dedication ceremony deserved more attention than it received from the larger community, in part because it happened at the height of summer vacation; and perhaps, in part, because there was no whiff of controversy surrounding this particular sculpture.

The figure depicted in the statue is Gen. Edward Orval "Ned" Gourdin, an accomplished Black American who led a remarkable, service-filled life, much of it spent here in and around the city of Boston.

And yet, if not for the volunteer efforts of Black veterans like Roxbury's Haywood Fennell, Sr., his story and memory might be lost to future generations. This new memorial statue, in a park similarly dedicated to African-Americans who have served with great distinction in this nation's defense, was built to prevent that tragedy.

Gourdin was a native of Florida who defied the daunting odds of Jim Crow America and first came to Boston to study law at Harvard University. He was already an acclaimed athlete, having won an Olympic

medal in 1924 in the long jump. In 1958, he became the first Black person appointed as a justice to the Massachusetts Superior Court.

According to an article published by Boston University, where his judicial papers are housed, Gourdin was admitted to the state bar in 1925, but kept his "day job" as a postal clerk because no law firm would hire him.

It is notable that the

new statue in the Roxbury park that also bears his name focuses not on his athleticism or jurisprudence, but on his military service. The intent, according to Fennell, is to honor all of Boston's Black war veterans.

The five-foot-tall, bronze sculpture of Gen. Gourdin, which stands on an 18,000 square foot memorial plaza bordered by Washington Street, Malcolm X Boulevard, and Shawmut Avenue— was created by the late Fern Cunningham-Terry, who also made the RISE statues that stand at the gateway of Mattapan Square.

Gen. Gourdin started his career in service at Harvard in the "student training corps," and enlisted in the National Guard in 1925. He rose to the rank of colonel and served as commanding officer of the 372nd Infantry Regiment, a segregated unit, during World War II. After his honorable discharge in 1947, he rejoined the National Guard and served until 1959 in the 272nd Field Artillery Battalion. He retired as Brigadier General, the first Black soldier to earn this rank in Massachusetts, according to the city of Boston. He was living in Quincy when he died in 1966.

"For far too long, the contributions of Black veterans have gone unrecognized," said Fennell, a Vietnam-era (non-combat) veteran who led the Veterans and Friends of Gourdin Memorial Park Committee. "His memorial stands as a testament to their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering dedication to this nation.'

We are grateful to Mr. Fennell and his fellow veterans and volunteers - and to the city of Boston-for their work to remember Gen. Gourdin and his massive contributions to the Commonwealth and the country. -Bill Forry



Gen. Gourdin



At the Aug. 1 unveiling of the General Edward O. Gourdin Statue in Roxbury: (1-r) retired Judge Milton L. Wright, Jr. (Left) and retired Judge Leslie Harris (Right) with Haywood Fennell, Sr., (center ) president, Veterans and Friends of General Edward O. Gourdin Statue Committee.

### Cheering state's free community college plan

BY BILL WALCZAK **Reporter Columnist** 

Here's a shout-out to the newly funded state program, Mass Reconnect, which starts in less than a month. Mass Reconnect provides free community college for anyone 25 years and older without a degree.

The term refers to an effort to reconnect residents of Massachusetts to higher education, for those who may have started college but dropped out, and residents who did not pursue higher education. During the recently concluded state budget process, the program's \$20 million request was supported by House and Senate leadership, as well as by Gov. Healey, who included it as part of her election platform.

The Massachusetts economy is post-industrial, with the largest number of our jobs in the following categories: health care and hospitals, education, biotech, finance and banking, real estate, government, and the service sector. Our largest single private employer is Mass General Brigham.

These industries need educated and/or credentialed workers to operate, but our state is not providing the number they need. Data from the month of May show that only 105,500 people in our workforce are unemployed, out of a total workforce of 3.7 million, while the state has 290,000 job openings.

Making this much worse is that upwards of 30 percent of our workforce is under-skilled in current and future job needs, leaving tens of thousands of jobs unfilled. Businesses will not locate in Massachusetts if they're unable to find employees.

Demographic studies indicate that the number of working age residents will be reduced by at least 87,000 by 2030 due to the aging of our population. In addition, Massachusetts loses 8,000 working age residents every year due mainly to our high cost of living, while immigration, which used to fill the worker gap, has seen a reduction due to government restrictions. The number of high school graduates has also decreased, due to fewer children being born.

In the health care sector, Massachusetts requires 6,000 new registered nurses per year to accommodate its needs, but our colleges and universities only produce about 5,000 each year. I saw this problem firsthand when I was hospitalized a month ago and found that of the six nurses who covered my unit. five were "travelers" — that is, nurses hired from out of state to deal with the unmet need of hospitals. Travelers make more money than staff nurses, which

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results in higher cost for health care, including the premiums we pay.

Into this gap in job skills and workforce comes the Mass Reconnect program. The state's labor and

workforce agency estimates that there are more than a million Massachusetts residents over the age of 25 who lack degrees or credentials, and, therefore, qualify for Mass Reconnect.

Sixty-five percent of Massachusetts jobs require a college degree or credential, but only 41 percent of people entering the workforce have post-high school training. Mass Reconnect will make Bill Walczak



it easier for those without degrees and/or credentials to get them by making community college free. It covers tuition, fees, books, and supplies for those over 25. Just as important, all those entering community college nursing programs will also have zero expenses via an additional \$12 million fund specifically set up for nursing.

Mass Reconnect uses the economic incentive of cost-free college to help deal with our state's structural workforce problem. My hope is that the state can expand this free community college model for other skills in great need, such as behavioral health, technology, and other STEM skills.

Better yet, the FY24 budget contains \$12 million "for capacity-building efforts.... necessary for the implementation of a free community college system beginning in the fall of calendar year 2024."

While we wait for free community college for all, Mass Reconnect is a good start. Because the Legislature got the budget out a month late, the program has only a few weeks to get the word out for the September start of school. Be sure to tell anyone who could benefit from this program. The best way to get into Mass Reconnect is to apply for admission to a community college, and their admissions departments will do the rest.

Bill Walczak was founding president of the Codman Square Health Center and is the current chair of the board of trustees of Bunker Hill Community College. He also serves on the Board of Higher Education.

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### Port Norfolk residents seek to block billboard

#### To the Editor:

We are writing to ask state officials exercise their authority to file an appeal of the recent court action overturning their denial of the proposed electronic billboard by Boston Bowl. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is the only entity which has legal standing to defend its original decision to deny this harmful proposal which clearly violates the substantive requirements of the Outdoor Advertising regulations by virtue of being within 300 feet of the Dorchester Shores Reservation. We ask for immediate action on this request, due to the limited window of time which remains for MassDOT to file such an appeal.

MassDOT denied the request for the electronic billboard due to its location being within 300 feet of the Dorchester Shores Reservation. Owner Bay Colony Associates appealed the denial to Superior Court Judge Claudine Cloutier, who in July issued her decision and reversed the denial. Basically the ruling states that because there was a mistake on the initial permit application by both the plaintiff and MassDOT's Office of Outdoor Advertising, regarding the distance to Dorchester Shores Reservation, which the state did not mention in their initial denial, the

state has no right to correct the mistake and deny the permit now. This decision ignores regulations that allow MassDOT to amend a permit at any time and allow the Director to correct a mistake.

It should be noted that there have been two other changes in the neighborhood that would cause the billboard to be denied. First is the ongoing construction of the Neponset River Greenway Trail extension, a public recreational multipurpose trail directly adjacent to the offending billboard. Second, due to the approval and ongoing construction of turning the Freeport Tavern and Ramada Inn sites, at 780-800 Morrissey Boulevard, into over 500 units of housing, the immediate area is now mainly residential. These properties are being developed by the Phillips Group, owned primarily by the owners of Boston Bowl.

The billboard will permanently degrade the recreational enjoyment of Tenean Beach, the new section of the Neponset Greenway trail, and the surrounding area.

John Lyons, Ian Cooke, and Frank O'Brien

John Lyons is president of the Port Norfolk Civic Association. Ian Cooke is director of Neponset River Watershed Association; and Frank O'Brien is part of an Intervening Citizen Group.

### Book Review Memories of where they came from, and of their experiences in Dorchester

"North to Boston, Life Histories from the Black Great Migration in New England," by Blake Gumprecht.

#### By Alison Barnet Special to the Reporter

Blake Gumprecht's "North to Boston, Life Histories from the Black Great Migration in New England" focuses on ten men and women who grew up in the South and came to Boston in the 1950s and 1960s. (The years of the Great Migration are generally recognized as 1915 to 1970). Some of the ten came to live in Dorchester and Mattapan, and three are still here.

The personal histories begin with thorough descriptions of their lives in the South and end with thorough descriptions of their lives in Boston. Gumprecht lets people speak out and say it like it is. He goes into great detail and pulls no punches. There is a lot to learn from this book.

Following are a few abbreviated life histories.

Geraldine W. was born in rural Clay County, Alabama. Her family was "very very poor." If Black people went into a store and a white customer came in after them, they had to step aside. In movie theatres, Blacks had to sit downstairs and whites in the balcony. "They'd start throwing stuff on us," says Geraldine. But her worst experience was being raped by a white man in the house where she was a servant. When a sister already in Boston urged her to come and take a job as a live-in servant, Geraldine moved north in 1963. After marrying, she lived on Blue Hill Ave. in Roxbury until rioting after the Grove Hall welfare sitin drove her out. She held a variety of jobs – home health aide for 20 years and lunch monitor at the Sarah Greenwood School in Dorchester for ten years. She lived in the South End until it became too expensive and has now lived happily in Dorchester public housing for the last 30 years.

Elizabeth D. was born in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1929. Her mother, a live-in servant in Brookline since the 1950s, encouraged her to move to Boston, which she said was a better place. Elizabeth came to Boston with her husband and son in 1963. In South Carolina, Elizabeth had lived and worked in an all-Black neighborhood and found that pretty much true in Boston as well, but it didn't bother her. She found Boston provided greater freedom and opportunity. She got a job teaching at the Gibson School, along with Jonathan Kozol. Then she transferred to the Lucy Stone School in Dorchester where she taught for 30 years. She and her husband bought a house in Codman Square and are still here. Her daughter, bused to Wayland with METCO, did well there but when it came to choosing a college, a teacher urged Tougaloo in Mississippi for her, and Williams and Bryn Mawr for the white students.

The way one man from Mississippi put it: "Racism in Boston has diminished over time but still exists, even if it is expressed differently than in the South. "Down there they let you know that they're racist," he says. "Here they hide it. They don't want you to know that they're racist. They do it in a sneaky way. It wasn't as great here as I thought it would be, but I learned to live with it."

Unlike many of the others interviewed by Gumprecht, Elta G., born in Sun, Louisiana, in 1942, didn't leave her hometown because of its racism even though

she taught in a segregated school and, later, in a mostly white high school where the principal had a confederate flag on his office wall.

The Ku Klux Klan was active, and she knew people who had crosses burned in their vards. A teacher, she married a man who had family in Boston and came here in 1969, moving into an apartment on Hansborough Street and, later, Oldfields Road in Dorchester, but she never adjusted to apartment house living; the walls were too thin. She found people in Boston "cold" and "cliquish." She moved to Roxbury after her husband left her and she returned to teaching in the public schools. A singer from early in her life, she co-founded the music center affiliated with the Charles Street AME church.

In the preface to "North to Boston," Gumprecht writes, "When I began conducting interviews in 2015, I was immediately inspired by the lives of the migrants I met and realized the value of what I was doing." Because many of the interviewees were quite old, "I feared that if someone didn't record some of their stories before long, they would be lost forever." Rev. Gregory Groover of Roxbury's Charles Street AME Church helped him enormously, because many of the migrants had found a spiritual home there.

Gumprecht ended "North to Boston" with: "We seldom hear voices like these. The experiences of ordinary people teach us far more about America than any number of histories...These are people like us: Why wouldn't you care about them?" and his last sentence is: "But their importance and the significance of the Great Migration in Boston are undeniable. Isn't it time that Boston and Bostonians, particularly white Bostonians, acknowledged the contributions of its Black citizens to making the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century city, especially Black people born in the South and their kin? It is past time. It's overdue."

After teaching geography at universities for more than 20 years, Gumprecht, an El Paso, Texas, resident, became a journalist. This is his third book. A good place to find a copy of "North to Boston" is Frugal Bookstore, 57 Warren Street, Roxbury. Allan Rohan Crite's 1936 painting "School's Out" graces the cover.

Alison Barnet is a long-time South Ender and has written four books about the South End and one about her great-grandfather, who lived in Ashmont.

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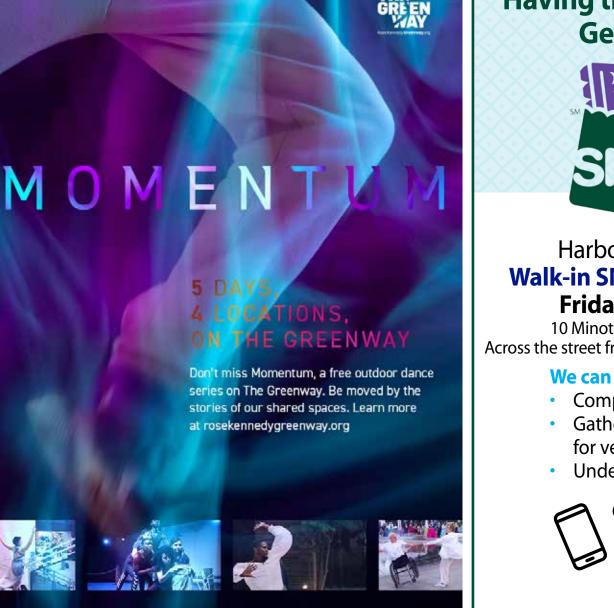
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### NBA champ Bruce Brown comes home to Dot, drops in at BGCD

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sure that you can do it because I've done it." BGCD youth made a video in June after seeing Brown holding up the championship trophy asking him to visit them. According to club staff, his agent saw the video and helped set up the event. In fact, they said, Brown rearranged his flight schedule last Thursday to be able to visit BGCD on Friday.

Brown told the kids he grew up off Woodrow Avenue, near Blue Hill Avenue, and it was "pretty tough. I would say growing up in Dorchester put a chip on my shoulder," he said. "My mom didn't let me go outside much."

He advised the gathering to dig into their studies. He said he attended Wakefield Schools with the MET-CO program and didn't study much. That put him in a position where he couldn't qualify for college. Instead, he went to a prep school in Vermont to raise his grades. "I didn't think, being from Dorchester, I would make it or play at the highest level," he said. "So, I didn't take school seriously... I really wasn't the best kid when it came to the books...School was really tough for me and I had to persevere and get the help I needed."

He eventually played college basketball at the University of Miami. But, he noted, his first love was football and he played Pop Warner early, while starting basketball at age 6.

He urged kids to step out of the "comfort zone," noting that as a youth in Dorchester he mostly wanted to do what everyone else was doing, whatever was cool at the moment.

"Me now, I'm from Dorchester but I love country music and all things country," he said. "It's really experiencing new things and going out and trying new things."

Brown also played a game of knockout with staff and young members – where BGCD Athletic Director Octavius Nunes and he engaged in an epic ending with Brown's shot taking a bad bounce and Nunes knocking him out with a three-pointer.

Brown stuck around afterward signing autographs and speaking with the kids one-on-one.



Bruce spots up from three-point land and sinks the shot to eliminate BGCD staffer Brendan McDonald (front) during a game of knockout.



BGCD Athletic Director Octavius Nunes sunk a climactic jump shot to beat NBA champ Bruce Brown in a raucous game of "knockout" in the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester gymnasium on Deer Street last Friday. *Seth Daniel photos* 



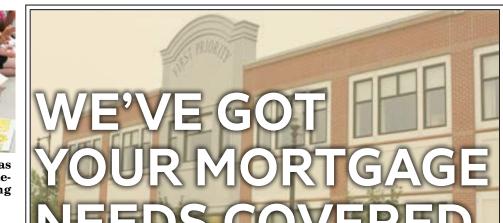
Sophia Mark, BGCD assistant aquatics director, has her shirt signed by Bruce.



BGCD member Lucas Tavares created a homemade sign welcoming his hometown hero.



BGCD Director Bob Scannell introduces Bruce to the kids.





BGCD teens Amadou Camara, Gabby Maynard, Bruce Brown, Willy Alves, Jaylen Lopes, and Taryn Daniel.

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# MBTA up 307 employees so far this year, but still running short for more than a year. 307 workers since the at the end of July, a of the contract, cements light rail motorpersons

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MBTA officials are making some progress in their campaign to staff up, but it's still not clear when the agency will hit the levels needed to fully restore all weekday subway service from the cuts that have persisted

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

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of this Court. Vincent Procopio Register of Probat Date: August 1, 2023

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The T has hired 782 new employees so far in 2023 and lost 475 others

who departed via retirement, resignation, termination, or were hired but never actually started work, Chief Workforce Officer Ahmad Barnes told agency overseers last Thursday (Aug. 10). That nets out to a total headcount increase of

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P1668EA ESTATE OF: VINCENT E. BLAKE a/k/a: VINCENT EZEKIEL BLAKE

AV/A3 VINCENT EZENIEL BLARE DATE OF DEATH-IO/20/2023 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Andria J. Blake of Milton MA requesting that the Court enter a forma Decree and Order and for such other relie Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Andria J. Blake of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to obtain to this proceeding.

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start of the year.

Staff shortages have been one of the most persistent, impactful problems at the MBTA, fueling regular service disruptions that frustrate riders and contributing to safety defects that have drawn federal attention.

Barnes's presentation estimated the T had about 6,600 employees

> COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P1703EA ESTATE OF: IAMES S. OUIDK JAMES S. QUIRK DATE OF DEATH: 07/13/2023

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significant increase over the winter but still well short of the more than 7,600 positions the agency budgeted for in fiscal year 2024.

Since the fiscal year began July 1, the MBTA has increased its headcount by a net 57 new employees. Barnes praised the early hiring as "already off to a great start."

The Healey adminis-tration and MBTA officials are hoping they can significantly ramp up hiring and keep more current employees at the agency with better pay and benefits.

MBTA and organized labor leaders earlier this month unveiled a new four-year, \$55 million collective bargaining agreement with Boston Carmen's ATU Local 589, the largest T worker union, that increases pay 18 percent over the life

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Barnes's presentation signaled that some of the T's most frontline positions are experiencing the most turnover.

Fifty-two bus operators have departed voluntarily in 2023, nearly five times more than any other position. Light rail motorpersons had the second-most voluntary departures with 11. Another 102 bus drivers were terminated this year, nearly twice as many as the second-place category.

In the other direction, the MBTA has hired more bus operators than any other position this year, though the gap is comparatively smaller: 213 drivers followed by 141

in second place.

Barnes presented data to the MBTA Board's Planning, Workforce, Development and Compensation Subcommittee about the 20 most popular communities from which T employees hail, which prompted board member Chanda Smart to suggest an additional breakdown of how many workers rent or own their homes.

That's definitely a retention factor. You can't afford to live in this city," fellow board member Bob Butler interjected. "We all know that.'

MBTA General Manager Phil Eng also pointed to the newly signed state budget for fiscal year 2024 as a way to help attract and retain more employees via funding it makes available.



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### New building eyed for current Greenhills space in Adams Corner

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The proposed building would be 42 feet tall, with the maximum allowed set at 40 feet.

Mark Sullivan of Choo Architecture said the owners plan to use red brick on the ground floor and on the top of the building, which sits on the corner of Adams Street and the narrow Henderson Street entrance and exit to "create a monument piece on the corner." The remainder of the building would be fiber cement siding, as is

buildings these days.

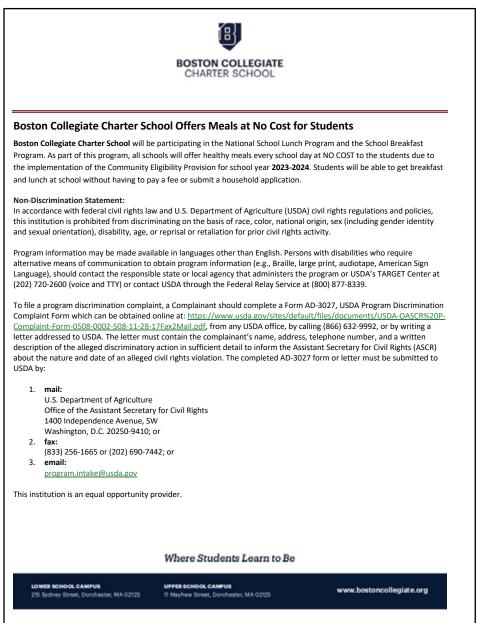
Dermot Quinn said the construction period would last around two years, and added that they have a plan to temporarily relocate Greenhills Bakery within the Adams Village area.

"We have three offers to accommodate our bakery during the time the building is being erected and they are right in the neighborhood," he said. "Neighbors are really out to help us in that respect."

Mary Swanton, the executive director of the nearby Irish Pastoral Centre, said she hopes the community will support the proposal to keep a keystone business in Adams Village, which she called the "Irish center" of Boston. "To ery or block any project or development hinders what we have here." she said. "Just as we have a Chinatown or the North End in Boston, we are very committed to maintaining this area as the Irish center of Boston. I can't see that happening without Dermot and Cindy.'

Abutting property owner Ed Brooks, who lives at 772 Adams St., said he saw no problems with the proposal, but he hoped to work closely during construction to preserve the shared wall and cellar foundations. "I am excited for them and hope everything goes as planned," Brooks said.

An attorney who represents abutting property owners in the 700 block of Adams Street, said his



clients currently have "no position" on the proposal. The project will require Zoning Board variances for maximum floor area ratio (FAR), maximum height, rear setback, and off-street parking (16 spaces required, none provided). The new bakery would also need approval for take-out food.

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At right: Greenhills **Bakery in Adams Vil**lage.



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### National Night Out attracts a crowd to Hunt-Almont Park

The 40th annual National Night Out celebration of anti-crime efforts in the neighborhoods took place last week via a traveling caravan to most every neighborhood and police district. On Monday, July 31, the B-3 (Dorchester and Mattapan) district held its event in Hunt-Almont Park with live music from Conscious Reggae and free food prepared by the NECAT program and ice cream from the Boston Police Ice Cream Truck.

Mayor Wu arrived around 8 p.m. with Police Commissioner Michael Cox and several police superior officers. City Councillors Erin Murphy, Ruthzee Louijeune, DA Kevin Hayden, and Acting US Attorney Josh Levy were also on hand. The B-3 Crimefighting Group of the year went to the Colorado Street Neighborhood Watch, which keeps close tabs on Almont Park. The Crimefighter of the Year award went to Daniyah Archibald, 11, who found a gun in Walker Playground during recess and was able to safely get it into the hands of Boston Police without incident.

– SETH DANIEL

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Catalina Torres enjoys a real Boston Fire truck, one day after celebrating her 4th birthday.



Shirley Shillingford of Boston Carnival with her brother, Duval Hinds. *Photos by Seth Daniel* 



Erroll, lead singer of Conscious Reggae, entertained the crowd.



**Boston Police Commis**sioner Michael Cox.



Sgt. Det. Amy DeVito with Creasy Bear the dog, Almont Park champion Earl Faulk, Officer Nadia Siconolfi, Celina Cruz, and Officer Cynthia Brewington.



Fire Cadets Farah Larinard, left, and Ijanea Figgs, of Mattapan, pose with Mattapan's Zion Daley-Carter and their balloon animals. Larinard and Figgs are part of the first-ever cohort of Fire Cadets that was brought on in April.



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### City wrapping up engagement work on Blue Hill Ave.

#### By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

After months of community meetings and conversations about the Blue Hill Avenue corridor and the redesign of Mattapan Square, final decisions by the Wu administration on what's next are expected by the end of the year.

At stake are key concept designs for the largescale renovation of a corridor that hasn't seen significant change in more than 50 years that include whether to have a center-lane MBTA bus route from Grove Hall to Mattapan Square, whether to keep the angled parking in Mattapan Square, whether to squeeze parts of the avenue into one vehicle lane to accommodate bicycle lanes, and whether to move statues in Mattapan Square.

City officials have their preferences – such as having the center-lane bus that carries a \$15 million federal grant with it – but planners insist that nothing has been decided.

According to Kirstie Hostetter, a planner for the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) who runs the Blue Hill Avenue corridor redesign process, the agency is now working on an engagement report that will be handed over to



An image shows the current city-preferred proposal for a re-design of Blue Hill Avenue that would move existing RISE statues to new spots in front of T-Mobile store and Kuizinn Lakay restaurant. City of Boston image

the administration and the public in the fall after which decisions will be made by the mayor and her administration.

"Fundamentally," said Hostetter, "the decisions will be informed by the many, many conversations we've had with so many about Blue Hill Avenue.'

The process began with widespread outreach and monthly meetings last October and wrapped up in July to allow the BTD team to assemble all they've heard-including arguments for and against various parts of the avenue rehab.

Meanwhile, the Mattapan Square redesign process is on a separate track and officials have been holding monthly Zoom meetings, as well as using consultants and street teams. That process started earlier than the Blue Hill Avenue planning due to work with the city's Age Strong Commission.

BTD Project Director Charlotte Fleetwood noted they will be wrapping up the engagement soon after their Sept. 15 Zoom meeting. The three concepts at play include leaving things as is, keeping the angled parking and  $introducing a \, center-lane$ bus, or introducing parallel parking and a center-lane bus.

While the second alternative allows for keeping more parking, it doesn't include a bike lane and has fewer trees. The third option include the bike lane and more trees but comes with a significant loss of parking.

There is also the issue of the historic "RISE" statues, and whether to move them, and if they're moved - to where. To accommodate a left turn bus lane into the station (instead of circling around into Milton and back), the statues would need to be moved. There

is currently what seems a preferred plan that would move them to plazas in front of the T-Mobile store and the Haitian restaurant.

One thing everyone agrees on, it seems, is the intallation of a crosswalk at the southern end of Mattapan Square going in and out of Milton, as well as more accessible crossings throughout the Square for the disabled and the elderly.

'We'll report what we've seen and heard: that people have common ground on the new crosswalk, the sculptures, and the crosswalk inaccessibility now," said Fleetwood.

Her report will come out along with the Blue Hill Avenue report, after which, Hostetter said, they will begin to merge Blue Hill Avenue and Mattapan Square into one process. Construction in some form is expected in 2024.



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#### **THE REPORTER**

### Disabled artist exposes challenges in redesign of Mattapan Square

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"If there's one thing I hope to see at the end it would be the ability to actually make a complete circle here safely," said the 29-year-old Patterson during an interview in Mattapan Square. "It seems small, but it does have a big impact because when I got to the far side (of River Street) I couldn't just cross four lanes of Blue Hill Avenue. I had to come back and cross countless lanes and that takes a long time and has a big impact on my ability to get to whatever I have to do on this side of the street.'

As she was speaking to the *Reporter*, about a dozen people using Rollators, canes, ability aids, and

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wheelchairs were navigating the crosswalks with difficulty and trepidation. Over an hour's time, the honking of car horns filled the air.

Project manager Charlotte Fleetwood, who has been instrumental in the Mattapan Square process, described the "protest crawl" as "terrifying" during a recent meeting. She said the action opened her eyes and those of others who use the Square and plan for its future.

Some of the things the protesters encountered that day were broken pedestrian signals that worked against safe crossings, drivers who didn't acknowledge them crossing while they made right turns, and lots of obscured sight lines and difficult angles for those in wheelchairs. Additionally, the fact that the Square does not have audible crossing prompts stymied a blind activist who was also on the crawl.

"I hoped it would help others to see the very visceral process that someone goes through in navigating the streets," said Patterson. "The crawl was a representation of how I feel in navigating the streets when I'm out on a day-to-day basis and how coming home I feel more down and inflamed. It was a process to show that and the other challenges that I and others feel when navigating and how it can be a barrier to public life."

It also left her with quite a few injuries, as the

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roadway and sidewalks tore into her knees. "I had bruises for weeks," she said.

She also produced a booklet called the "Manifesto Against Defensive Design," a guide that she left behind that she hopes will inform city planners working on the Mattapan Square project and others around the city. She believes it could be used nationally as a model of how to rebuild complicated transportation networks.

Patterson, an accomplished dancer since the age of 4, has been in the disability community since 2010 when an operation limited her ability to move. She has continued dancing, however, and now is the full-time director and founder of Abilities Dance, which puts on performances and advocates for the arts. Originally from Missis-

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Ellice Patterson in Mattapan Square. Seth Daniel photo

sippi, she came to Boston 11 years ago and has earned a degree from Wellesley College in Biological Sciences, and a master's degree from Boston University's in business management. She is also the former executive director of BalletRox in Roxbury and has her choreography appears on numerous stages in Boston, Chicago, and New York City.

When she came into the AIR program, she said, she took a while to learn what the BTD did, and to figure out what would be appropriate expression. Eventually she decided that a dance piece "didn't feel authentic," so she turned to a popular form of protest used by disability communities in the 1980s-a crawl.

Because transportation planners don't often seek the advice of artists, let alone a disabled one, it was hard for those in City Hall to understand her purpose, Patterson said.

She said that it was challenging at first when she was with people who didn't understand the vision. Because of her background in dance, they were expecting a sit-down dance performance, so they weren't as engaged in the process. Later, when they observed the crawl, she said, people had a better realization of her goals. "It would have been nice to see what impact could have been made if I would have had that support throughout," she noted.

 $Patters on \, said \, she \, hopes \, to \, work \, with \, the \, BTD \, again$ in the future to continue to try to make transportation more accessible from the perspective of an artist and a disabled person. She said the artist-in-residence program allows someone like her to potentially change how simple things like streets are designed.

"I think that with more resources, the program definitely has the potential for even more community





#### THE REPORTER

### Pastor Homicil's Mattapan church a bastion for new arrivals



Bishop Homicil (second from right) also runs a large food pantry from his Mattapan church, with a truck coming once a week that results in food distributions to churches and community organizations all over Greater Boston. Here, he is pictured with volunteer Bob Bouchamp, Kimberly Dawes of the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, and Roberthe Sterlin of Children's Services of Roxbury. *Seth Daniel photo* 

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most recently, a temporary shelter in a large room in his warehouse for migrants arriving in Boston with nowhere to go.

On a recent visit by the *Reporter* to Homicil's campus, formally the Voice of the Gospel Tabernacle Ministry, the *Reporter* talked with Homicil and members of two families living in the makeshift space.

Said the bishop: "Instead of a hospital or police station, I can take some here for a few weeks at a time and then they can go to a hotel [with the state]. Last night I received calls from eight people that wanted me to help. Some were at the airport with nowhere to go. Some were in a shelter where the city put them and with people that are mentally ill, and they are afraid for their family. This is better than those places for a short time."

With space at a premium, the two families were chosen for the shelter because one included a pregnant woman about ready to give birth, and the other had four kids – one of whom was autistic and non-verbal.

As they ate fresh fruit, the pregnant woman and her husband relayed that they had come to Mattapan the previous evening (July 19) from Logan Airport where they had been stuck for a few days after arriving from Reynosa, Mexico.

The husband had been living in Chile, and his wife in Guyana. They were reunited in Brazil and walked for almost two months to Reynosa, which is on the south Texas border. The other family had also been in Reynosa prior to coming to Boston, but had lived in Colombia, Chile, and other countries before the journey.

Homicil introduced the 17-year-old autistic boy, who was playing with a toy, put his arm around him, and said, "This is my special boy. He will not tell you he's hungry. He won't ask for anything. If you put food in front of him, he will eat it very quickly. We need to take special care of him." The boy smiled, shaken but happy for the moment.



Bishop Homicil, 81, reflects in the church's sanctuary on a few scriptures in the Bible – taking a break from his busy day to stay grounded in the gospel, he said. *Seth Daniel photo* 

distribution going on in the parking lot that day – food that comes once a week and is distributed to churches in the area and community organizations like Children's Services of Roxbury or the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen.

"What I do here, it's from the bottom of my heart," he said. "It's a calling. I didn't choose to do this...I was called to walk in this path."

Homicil said he was one of seven boys raised in the north part of Haiti near Cap Haitien. He said his mother taught all of them to serve the community, which they continue to do. He and one of his brothers, who lives in Montreal, chose the ministry of the Gospel.

"Whatever my mother and family had, we always shared it," he said. "My mother, if she saw any kids that had no parent or didn't go to school or were on the streets in Haiti, she took them and cleaned them up, dressed them and took them to school." At the age of 16, Homicil began working with the Wesleyan Church, teaching Sunday School. His passion was noted, and he was sent to train in Brooklyn with the United Methodist Church. After nearly 18 years there, and unable to return to Haiti due to the political climate, he came to Boston in 1989 and served in Wesleyan Churches until founding the Voice of the Gospel on Cummins Highway in 2001. He arrived at Edgewater Drive in 2006 and has conducted church services and worked to meet the direst needs of the community ever since. His church and ministry in Mattapan also serve as the bedrock 30 other churches around the world, including the newest effort in Africa's Benin. Whether it's addressing the migrant emergency right now, or any other crisis that shows up at his Mattapan doorstep in the future, Homicil said he will be ready to offer what he can.



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Homicil said the migrant crisis is a need he could not ignore, just as he couldn't ignore hunger during and after the pandemic, or street violence by young men without direction.

Since the crisis – which was declared a statewide emergency last week by Gov. Healey – ballooned, he has taken in 26 families while they wait for the state to place them in emergency lodgings, which are typically hotels located around the commonwealth.

"It is always very hard for me to tell some that I can't help them because there isn't enough space to help them," he said.

"It is hard to see people — even pregnant women — come in front of the church with no place to go and then you can't just look at them and say, 'Oh well,'" he added. "This is one place where we can temporarily keep people who knock on the door and say they have nowhere else to go. This is just a transition place; but it's better than certain shelters or the streets."

Homicil also directed his attention to the food

"You don't need to be rich to do something," he said. "You wouldn't believe what comes out of Edgewater Drive in Mattapan. If people don't think Mattapan can offer any good things, they are wrong."



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### Crew Love tournament continues strong tradition in Franklin Field

#### By Seth Daniel **News Editor**

If Jay Branch and his friends had hung up their sneakers after one bragging rights basketball game a decade ago, they would never have introduced the magic that the Crew Love Basketball Tournament has come to symbolize for the city's late summer hoops scene set in Dorchester, nor would they have found the lightning in a bottle that has marked the legendary neighborhood vs. neighborhood games between Dorchester and Roxbury since 2017.

Now in its eleventh year, the Crew Love tournament took place last weekend at Harambee Park in Franklin Field, the tournament's home since 2019 when they moved from Garvey Park in Neponset. It was yet another reminder of just how far the tournament has come since a few friends challenged each other to a game, and more and more friends kept coming.

"Our group is very, very competitive, especially when it comes to sports,' said Branch, 36. "It's great to see it come from literally a single game to something that is really known. Crew Love is something people look forward to. We want to go back to having fun and not playing for the mon-

ey. People know they're stars like Marcus Smart going to come and just have fun and it's going to be competitive at the same time."

Crew Love was born in 2013 when Branch, Andrew Angus, Philip Jean, Phil Bell, Gregory Jean, Richard Nichols, and Ceasar Veal made a late-summer, August tournament out of their own rivalry after noticing that many tournaments are front-loaded into June. With several of them having a background playing at Charlestown High School under its legendary coach Jack O'Brien, they had a network of friends from the hevday of the early 2000s Boston Public Schools City League when Charlestown won three state championships in a row, East Boston was a tough out under Coach Mike Rubin, and English High always came stocked with talent.

"Our tournament is more of 'joes' and not 'pros' tournament," said Branch. "Everyone that comes out to play are just real, everyday people. We want the pros to sit back and enjoy watching other people play. There are no cash prizes, just everyone playing for bragging rights."

That experience was on display last weekend with about 1,200 people in attendance, and NBA

and Obi Toppin watching courtside-and long-time host Robert Blue narrating the action on the microphone.

The main single-elimination tournament was on Sunday, but action started the day before with warm-up games known as "Call-Out Saturday" for the 10 teams in the field. The big draw that evening included a series of neighborhood rivalry games, particularly Dorchester versus Roxbury men and women.

Asea of folks showed up on Saturday night for the games at Harambee, with the inclusion of a new Mattapan vs. Hyde Park men's game "exceeding every expectation" in its first year. Mattapan came away as the victor, but the stage was well set by the women in the Dorchester vs. Roxbury rivalry game -where Dorchester came back to win but Roxbury played tough behind the buckets of former Boston Latin star and YouTube giant Jamad Fiin.

The centerpiece was the men's game, which had a history of its own. First added in 2017 at the Mildred Avenue Community Center, when more than 2,000 people unexpectedly showed up, that first game, with two minutes left and Roxbury up by four points, was called due to poor court



Crew Love tournament founders (l-r) Ceasar Veal, Greg Jean, Andrew Angus, Richard Nichols, Phil Bell, Jay Branch, and Philip Jean. At right: Several of the founders are Dot natives. Seth Daniel photos

conditions.

"Dorchester says Roxbury didn't win and it was a 'no contest,'" said Branch. "Roxbury tries to take that win, but really it's 2-1 and not 3-1."

This year's version was also unfinished, but this time to Dorchester's detriment. With Dorchester up five points with four minutes left, the game was called due to a shooting incident several blocks away on Wales Street. The incident sparked a sudden police response that scared the crowds and sent people running off in a "mini stampede." At the same time, for reasons yet known, all the lights went

off in the park, causing further panic.

There were no injuries and Branch said they pride themselves on holding events every year that are about "spreading love" and having a safe environment for families, community, and players.

"It was something that happened several blocks away and had nothing to do with the basketball tournament, which was a safe and fun environment as it is every year," said

Branch. "Our sincerest apologies to everyone that got caught up in that, but it was something we couldn't control."

With the rivalry game unfinished, Roxbury still



leads the series, 2-1. with two "no contest" games.

For the overall Crew Love tournament, which resumed on Sunday, Broz4Lyf - led by Dorchester's Veal and Angus won its third Crew Love championship.

"It was an awesome turnout, and we were very proud of how we handled the crowds," Branch said.

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**SEME, Marie Immacula** passed away on August 2. Born June 14, 1940 to Semeus Seme and Amelie Paule in Croixdes-Bouquets, Haiti. As a young adult, she moved to Port-au-Prince, and established a a full catering business, serving business and private functions to support her family. For a part of her life Immacula lived in the Dominican Republic. In 2001, Immacula emigrated to the US to join her son, Eddy. During her years here, she accrued a large group of friends and knew almost everyone in the neighborhood, despite her inability to speak English. Immacula leaves ther

Immacula leaves ther four children, Marie Beatrice Grandois, Eddy Chrispin, Tamara Lemaine, and Jimmy St. Victor, her nine grandchildren, and siblings, Noel Seme, Jacque Seme, and Andre Seme. A Mass of Christian Burial was be celebrated at Saint Gregory Church on Aug. 12.



CHRISPIN, Montreuil died on July 31, at age 84. Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, he earned a visa to come to the United States as a welder in 1969. Ultimately, he helped bring all his siblings and children to the U.S. He is survived by Pascale Chrispin-Paul and her husband Wensly Paul, Ronald Chrispin and his wife, Sarah Chrispin, Eddy Chrispin and Marthine Chrispin, his grandchildren and great-grandchild; and 11 siblings. A funeral was celebrated at Saint Gregory Church on Aug. 12.



**KEELEY**, Mary E, "Sis," age 94 of Dorchester on August 4, 2023. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Keeley, loving mother of Thomas and his wife Esther of Fair Oaks Ranch Texas, Michael and his wife Ruth of Bentonville Arkansas, and Mary Anne Grace and her husband Leo of Concord Massachusetts. Proud grandmother of 10 grandchildren Meaghan Morneau, Maura Marino, Theresa Frost Maria Smith, Thomas Keeley, Erin Rose, Molly Keeley, Ryan Keeley, John Grace, and Mar-

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garet Grace as well as 28 great grandchildren. Also survived by many nieces and nephews and countless friends. Mary was predeceased by her brothers John and Paul Conlan and by her sister and best friend, Joan Jaehnig.

A life-long member of St. Gregory Parish, Mary also volunteered for over 25 years in the Carney Hospital Chapel and in the Gift Shop. Her children would like to thank Dr. Scott Lutch, Care Dimensions Hospice and her Irish angels, Martina, Katie, and Ciara.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Hydrocephalus Association, hydroassoc.org. A Funeral Mass was held on Aug 10 at Saint Gregory Parish. Interment at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

**BARRY, Maryellen** (Hayes) of Dorchester and Franklin, died un-



expectedly on July 31. Beloved wife of the late Trooper Paul F. Barry. Loving mother of Nicholas, Emily, Alexandra, Colin, Michaela, James, and Elizabeth Barry. Daughter of the late James and Jeanne (De-Lorie) Hayes. Sister of Michael and his wife Judy Hayes of Ohio, Susan Hayes of Brighton, and James and his wife Lori Hayes of North Carolina. Daughter-in-law of Ed and Eleanor Barry of Marshfield. Sister-inlaw of Edward and his wife, Kathleen Barry of Watertown, and Mary-Kate and her husband Bryan Foster of Marshfield. Maryellen is also survived by seven nieces and nephews. Family and friends honored Maryellen's life at a Funeral Mass on Aug. 5 at St. Mark Church.

Maryellen was a graduate of Fontbonne Academy, Class of 1980. She was a longtime volunteer loved husband of 50 years of Joanne (Pembroke) Bryson of Norwood; and the loving father of John and his wife Janet of Scituate, and Joe and his wife Jenn of Medfield. He was the cherished grampy of Riley, Sydney, Cole, Payton, Avery, and Drew. He was the devoted brother of Barbara Bryson of South Boston. Fred was a retired Postmaster for the United States Postal Service. Funeral from the Gillooly Funeral Home,

Norwood, on Aug. 7. CARPENTER, Catherine H. "Kay" (Morgan) of Billerica, formerly of Dorchester, died peacefully on Aug. 3rd, 2023, age 90. Beloved daughter of the late



nie (Bruneau) Morgan. Loving Mother of Kelly Higgins, and her husband John, James Carpenter and his wife Denise, Kathleen Prieskorn, survived by her husband Jeff, and Regina Jensen and her husband, Scott. Loving "Gram" to Leslie, Ryan, and Benjamin all of whom she loved with all her heart. Beloved sister to Dorothy Reed, late husband Paul Reed, Margaret Mitchell, late husband Carl Mitchell, and late sister Jean Blacker and late husband Robert Blacker. Kay proudly served in the United States Women Marine Corps from April 1953, unitll she was honorably discharged in 1958, with the Rank of Sergeant. She served with the 2nd Infantry Battalion. Kay achieved her dream of becoming a Nurse after graduating from Northeastern University in 1973. She worked in many different departments within her 40+ years at Mass General Hospital until she officially retired on July 1, 2006. A funeral Mass was held at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Dorchester, on Aug. 10 followed by burial win Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Toys for Tots at ToysforTots.org. Antho-CATO, ny (Tony) W., 64, of Dorchester, passed away on July 31. Tony was passionate about sports, particularly his beloved New England Patriots. His last years were difficult as he battled cancer but all who loved him will cherish their memories of the vibrant, energetic, loving, and stylish person that he was. Tony is survived by his wife, Linda E. Warren-Cato; and their sons, Jared Chioke Warren Cato, Anthony Jelani Warren Cato, and Jasen

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Arziki Warren Cato. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lois M. Cato



and Roy W. Cato, III; as well as his siblings Cortelle Cato, Roy W. Cato, IV, and Claudia Cato. Tony attended Newton North High School and later dedicated his career to his passion for art. His work with DOT Art was featured in First Night, and he served as an Artist in Residence at various schools, sharing his love for art with young people. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Aug. 5 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Boston. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Anthony's memory to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Scholarship Fund.



**CONNORS**, Charles F. "Charlie," 86, of Attleboro, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, on August 5, at LifeCare Center of Attleboro. He was the beloved husband of Jean M. (Martin) Connors, to whom he was married for 60 years. Born in South Boston, he was the son of the late Francis and Beatrice (McElaney) Connors. Charlie and Jeanne were married in 1963 and started their life together in Dorchester before moving to Jamaica Plain in 1968, and then to Attleboro in 2006. Charlie was proud to be a "Double Eagle" - a graduate of Boston College High School and Boston College. He worked at the former Western Electric in Watertown, alongside his father and some of his siblings, for over 30 years before retiring in 1990. He was involved in many community organizations over the years, including Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, the Brookside Avenue Neighborhood Association, the Greater Boston Chapter of PFLAG, and the Governor's Commission on Gav and Lesbian Youth. He was the loving father of Charlene Joyce and her husband Kevin of North Attleboro, Mary Burns and her husband Michael of North Attleboro, Mark Connors of Jamaica Plain, John Connors and his wife Jennifer of North Attleboro, and Annie Connors of Hull.

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and supporter of Exceptional Citizens Week at Camp Fatima in New Hampshire, as well as the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester for many years. She was the former President of the New England Chapter of C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors Organization). In lieu of flowers, donations in Marvellen's memory may be made to Friends of Camp Fatima EC Week, 32 Fatima Road, Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03837. BRYSON, Wilfred M. "Fred" "Louie," age 83 of Norwood, and formerly of Dorchester, passed away peacefully on July 27. Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Mary A. and John J. Bryson. He was the be-

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### **Virtual Public Meeting**

### **PLAN: MATTAPAN Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs)**



Zoom Link: bit.ly/PLANMattapan0823 Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 841 6438



#### **Project Description:**

Please join the BPDA Planning Team and the Mayor's Office of Housing for a virtual meeting about Additional Dwelling Units in Mattapan.

In this meeting, we'll discuss work that the BPDA and the City have been doing to support the construction of backyard ADUs, including work to analyze and update zoning to make it feasible to build ADUs and financial programs to support homeowners seeking to build an ADU on their property.

#### mail to: Kenya Beaman

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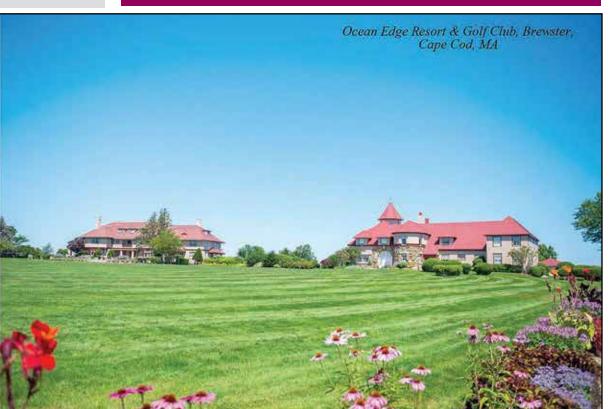
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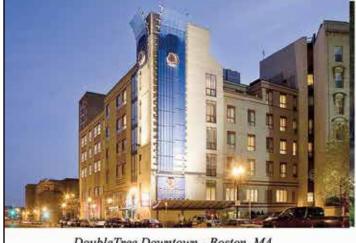








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