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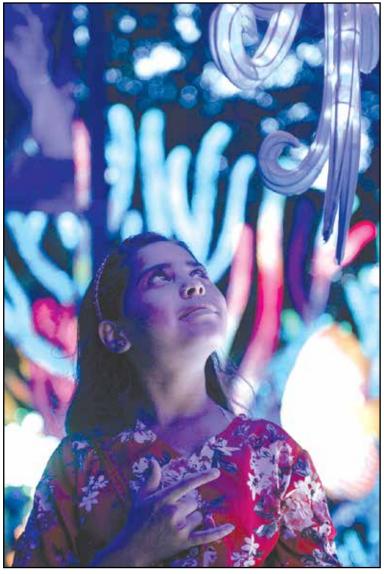
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### **LANTERNS AGLOW**



The 2023 Boston Lights exhibit at Franklin Park Zoo, entitled 'A Lantern Experience,' opened on Aug. 4 and will run through Oct. 29 from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Prior to the opening, on Aug. 2, community members from Dorchester and Mattapan were given the first look at this year's exhibit, which Zoo officials said is their largest and most expansive to date. Here, Dorchester's Khoshi Husain Khil looks up at a glowing jellyfish while other sea creatures maneuver in the background. The exhibit has themes of crystals, wolves, dragons, and even an Egyptian Seth Daniel photo

## In District 5's council race, a key voter makes her choice

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

After they both marched in last Sunday's Dominican Day Parade, Mayor Wu surprised her former aide, Enrique Pepen, by telling him she was endorsing him in the four-way District 5 City Council race.

Candidates for public office often happily greet the backing of the mayor of Boston. While mayors, from Tom Menino to Marty Walsh and Wu, have in recent history racked up an uneven win-lose record when it comes to whom they support, the imprimatur does come with upsides. At the very least, a flood of articles trumpet the news as the city approaches a likely low-turnout election with just the City Council on the ballot. The endorsement was first reported by Politico Massachusetts.

In the case of Wu wading into District 5, her endorsement also includes a vote. The mayor, like Pepen, lives in Roslindale, which along with Hyde Park and part of Mattapan, make up the neighborhoods included within (Continued on page 5)



Ricardo Arroyo



**Enrique Pepen** 





Jean-Claude Sanon

### D3 hopefuls offer views on Mass. and Cass

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Mayor Wu's administration is moving to revamp its approach to Mass. and Cass, the area at the intersection of

Massachusetts Ave-

QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES nue and Melnea Cass

Boulevard known for homelessness and drug issues.

The area sits in District 3, a Dorchester-based City Council seat with boundaries that snake up through the South Bay shopping plaza into part of the South End. A seven-way preliminary for candidates seeking the open seat is set for Tues., Sept. 12.

The Reporter asked the candidates for their

thoughts on Mass. and Cass, as Wu administration officials plan their next steps. City officials met last week with unions whose workers are in and around Mass. and Cass, as well as private sector health care workers, "as we work to adjust our strategy for balancing two goals of getting more people into recovery services and housing placements while guaranteeing that our workers can execute their jobs safely and effectively," a Wu spokesperson said after the meeting.

The city earlier this month also received a major permit as it continues its effort, started under Mayor Marty Walsh, to rebuild the bridge to Long Island and the 35-acre recovery campus

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## Blue Hill Ave. rehab plan leaves street parking for churches still up in the air

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

Sunday mornings make up a fraction of the hours in a week, but along the Blue Hill Avenue corridor, churchgoers make two hours of that time the busiest of the week for vehicular traffic and parking needs. Yet, the issues that such traffic brings to the avenue are still being worked out within the Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan's street layouts being proposed by city officials.

"We're talking about two hours on Sunday, really," said state Rep. Russell Holmes. "That's 2 hours out of 168 hours in a week.... They are an important 2 hours, but we can't set public policy based on those 2 hours."

There are no solutions yet. The issue stems from the potential cen-

 $ter\text{-}lane\,bus\,corridor\,and\,separated$ bicycle lane that would take away parking in most church areas. But elected officials and planners with the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) hope to work out a solution at a town hall meeting in mid-September.

There are no fewer than a dozen churches on Blue Hill Avenue from Mattapan Square to Grove Hall, and many require parking considerations at off-peak times - such as Sunday mornings for services, weekday mornings for funerals, or weekend nights for weddings and other celebrations. Were there a center-lane bus, a new bike lane, and parking removed from near the churches, many predict it could pose a problem for these long-standing congregations.

Chief among the houses of



Under a draft plan of new street layouts on Blue Hill Ave., parking on the street would be eliminated at Morningstar Baptist Church, shown above behind the bus. Rendering courtesy of BTD

worship is the predominantly African American Morningstar Baptist Church on Blue Hill Avenue near Morton Street. With a small parking lot, it relies heavily on street parking. There also are Jubilee Church, though it has a large parking lot that operates efficiently without street parking, and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church (formerly St. An-

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### Swim lessons expand while Dot, Mattapan pools remain closed

By SETH DANIEL

The summer swimming season is winding down, and the city earlier this month expanded its Swim Safe Boston programming, but city-owned pools in Dorchester and Mattapan remain closed and are unlikely to open before fall.

According to a City Hall maintenance and safety survey of all municipal-owned pools published last week, a litany of problems affect the six city pools here, ranging from safety issues to critical leaks to general filtration and cleaning problems.

The Reporter recently noted that despite a focus on summer swimming lessons for kids from Mayor Wu's administration, all six pools were closed for the summer with no detailed explanation. Wu told the

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#### Police, Courts & Fire



A sidewalk gives way – The Boston Fire Department reported a person fell 10 feet through a hollow sidewalk outside the Bethlehem Healing Temple Church at 428 Blue Hill Ave. in Grove Hall around 11 p.m. on Friday (Aug.18). The fire department said the person was transported by Boston EMS with nonlife- threatening injuries. Hollow sidewalks — cement poured atop wooden frames above basement spaces — are more common downtown, or at least warning signs about them are. One once caught fire.

Stacey Sanchez-Mercedes, a 29-year-old Dorchester woman, pleaded guilty in West Roxbury court to stealing more than \$100,000 from Alliance Realty by overcharging tenants. Judge Margaret Albertson sentenced her to a two-year continuance without a finding. She also issued a stay-away order, according to Suffolk DA Kevin Hayden's office. Sanchez-Mercedes is due back in court on Oct. 10 for a restitution hearing.

Prosecutors said that employees with Alliance Realty's management team told Boston police in Dec. 2022 that a former employer had altered rental agreements with tenants. Later identified as Sanchez-Mercedes, who had worked for the company for three years, police said the woman would ask tenants for a \$2,000 security deposit and "then change the amount to \$1,000, keeping the rest for herself." She also charged for fees despite not being a licensed broker.

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VietAID is proposing a new 13-unit building at 35 Faulkner St. steps from the Fields Corner T station on the site of what the nonprofit they said is an underutilized community garden that they own. The building would be 100 percent affordable housing with supportive services included onsite.

Rendering courtesy of VietAID

## VietAID is looking to transform community garden into housing

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

Officials at the Fields Corner nonprofit VietAID are shopping around a proposal for 13 units of affordable housing in a new building on an underutilized community garden at 35 Faulkner St. next to the Red Line station.

Executive Director George Huynh and real estate manager Eric Fellinger have already held one meeting with the community, and plan to have another to present the plan to the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) on Sept. 5. Fellinger said they also are preparing the project for submission to the city's supportive housing funding round that closes on Sept. 22.

Supportive housing is defined as housing that comes with support services, such as childcare, job training, and health care for vulnerable populations.

VietAID does not have

a date at the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) yet, and does not expect to go through the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Article 80 process.

"It was deemed undevelopable around 2003 when we were building out our other property at 19-21 Faulkner St.,' said Fellinger. "It was a yard sale property. That has changed and housing values have changed. There is a major focus on affordable housing now. With this property ... not getting much interest as a garden, we decided to look at it again...We see this as bringing a whole lot of benefit to the city and Dorchester as a whole."

Huynh, who took over the top role at VietAID earlier this year, said the idea was born under former director Lissette Le. It would consist of a new 4.5-story building of single-room occupancy units, with four studios and nine, one-bedroom units with no parking provided. It would be like other properties VietAID runs, like 1460 House at 1460 Dorchester Ave., where they work with Bay Cove Human Services.

"We're in the very early stages of this," said Huynh. "We thought it would be a great opportunity to add transit-oriented development to the area...This property had been underused for so long. Any way we can provide additional affordable housing, especially in this market, we are going to take it."

Both Huynh and Fellinger said they have heard concerns about parking in the early going but felt that the residents – which would be those qualifying at 50 percent or below – probably

wouldn't have cars and would rely on the MBTA station across the street.

"We are confident there will be little or no parking effect and don't expect any residents here would buy or own cars," Fellinger said.

Huynh added they are not discontinuing their community garden program, but are hoping to move gardeners to Town Field, where they have new plots that were started last year.

Of note is a proposal to raze an existing home next door and put up a new building with no parking that had been proposed by developer Hiep Chu last year. That was put on hold due to escalating construction costs and increasing interest rates for borrowing.

**CORRECTION:** The story about the expansion of the Greenhills Bakery building in last week's (Aug. 17) edition misidentified one of the abutters. Ed Brooks is a property owner and a principal of the adjacent Landmark restaurant at 772 Adams St. The *Reporter* regrets the error.

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St. Mark's Community Education Program hosts "Opening Doors: Celebrating Immigrant Success Stories" on Sat., Sept. 16, from 6 p.m. to -9 p.m. with former Boston Mayor and US Labor Secretary Marty Walsh. Tickets are on sale now at stmarkesol.org.

The Boston Triathlon sponsors **Kids Day at Carson Beach on Sat., Aug. 26, at 4 p.m.** Free. Splash and dash kids aquathlon, race experience and medals. See bostontri.com for info.

Mattapan Community Health Center's "Care in the Square" event takes place on Sat., Sept. 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1575 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. Free health and dental screenings, music, free bookbags for kids, food trucks, and more.

See mattapanchc.org or call 617-898-9053 for more info.

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 at 8:45 p.m. on the weekends of Aug. 18- 20 and Aug. 25-27. The Urban Farming Institute of Boston's sixth annual Farm Stand is now open each Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan. On 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

continue through Fri,, Sept. 1. All shows begin at dusk. Dates and locations include "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" On the 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 Tues., Sept. 5, at 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 4,500 nuns in locations, including Quincy St. in Dorchester.

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute kicks off its Fall 2023 school programming for student groups on Sept. 14. Contact stu-

dentgroups@emkinstitute.org for more information on booking a classroom trip. Ashmont Hill Chamber Music plans a concert of Persian classical music on Sun., Sept. 17, at 4 p.m. at Peabody Hall, 209 Ashmont St. Children under 18 are free. Tickets for adults: \$25; students \$18. IC and ConnectorCare holders, \$3.

Franklin Park Jazz and R&B Festival is set for Sat., Sept. 16, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Rollins Ross with Mike Rollins, Angelena and the Unit, Midnight Crew, and headliner Avery Sunshine. See franklinparkcoalition. org for more.

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## Boston city officials say school district fully staffed with drivers

By EMILY PIPER-VALLILLO WBUR

With the start of school less than a month away, Boston city officials said they have a fully-staffed team of school bus drivers for the first time since before the pandemic. District leaders hope this will translate to more on-time arrivals and drop-offs for students.

"Every parent should be able to go to work in the morning knowing that their student will get to and from school safely and on time," said Mayor Michelle Wu during a Wednesday news conference outside Trotter Elementary in Roxbury.

The district has on hand more than 700 bus drivers, with an additional 35 drivers in training. Wu said roughly 600 yellow school buses transport 20,000 city students every day. The first day of Boston Public Schools for most students is Sept. 7.

Boston Public Schools has historically struggled to get students to school on time. Last year was no exception: With a bus driver shortage and a month-long shutdown of the MBTA's Orange Line that overlapped with the start of the school year, just half of all school buses were on time on the first day of school. That rate steadily improved further into the year.

The district is under a state improvement plan that calls for buses to achieve at least a 95% ontime arrival rate. Superintendent Mary Skipper said she's hopeful that with new hires there will be fewer delays.

"We're really excited to be fully staffed on the bus driver side, and

to have additional bus drivers in training that helps to ensure that every bus we have gets out onto the road," Skipper said. "That ensures that there's a better on-time performance."

She added that the first week of school could include adjustments to bus routes.

The district has also hired 100 additional bus monitors, and is still looking to bring in more. An October 2022 complaint filed on behalf of students with disabilities alleged inadequate transportation, including a lack of qualified bus monitors, which led the state education department to order corrective measures.

Skipper said that every bus that transports a student with disabilities will have a bus monitor.



Superintendent Mary Skipper and Mayor Michelle Wu outside Trotter Elementary in Roxbury.

Emily Piper-Vallillo/WBUR photo

As the school year nears, the Boston Public Health Commission has also urged families to stay up to date with vaccines for COVID-19, flu and other diseases. A release on Tuesday advised of a "nationwide uptick in COVID-19 cases" and said "preparation is key when planning for a new school year and the changing of the seasons." This article was first published on Aug. 16 by WBUR 90.9FM. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

## City sets early locations for voting in preliminary

City officials have laid out early voting dates, times, and locations for the City Council preliminary election in four districts on Tues., Sept. 12. As in recent elections, voters can mail in their ballots or go to locations across the city for in-person early voting.

Balloting will be held

in District 3 (Dorchester and part of the South End), District 5 (Hyde Park, Mattapan, and Roslindale), District 6 (Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury), and District 7 (Roxbury, the South End and Dorchester).

District 3 has seven candidates vying to replace Frank Baker, who isn't running for another two-year term. District 5 has four candidates, with three challenging incumbent Councillor Ricardo Arroyo. In District 6, incumbent Kendra Lara faces two challengers. And in District 7, incumbent Tania Fernandes Anderson confronts three challengers.

DATES and TIMES

Sat., Sept. 2, and Sunday, Sept. 3 – 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. at Richard J. Murphy School (cafeteria), 1 Worrell Street, Dorchester; Another Course to College, 612 Metropolitan Avenue, Hyde Park; BCYF Roche Community Center, 1716 Centre St., West Roxbury; BCYF Shelburne Community Center, 2730 Washington St., Roxbury.

Tues., Sept. 5 – 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. at City Hall; noon to 8 p.m. at Salvation Army Boston Kroc Center, 650 Dudley Street, Dorchester, and Margarita Muniz Academy, 20 Child St., Jamaica Plain.

**Wed., Sept. 6** – 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at City Hall.

Thurs., Sept. 7 - 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. at City Hall; noon to 8 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet Street, Dorchester, and St. Nectarios Greek Orthodox Church, 39 Belgrade Ave., Roslindale.

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### Opportunity knocks: Labor lawyer Patton makes own bid for office

#### By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

In between last Friday's downpours, Matt Patton stepped inside Ideal Sub Shop, a cash-only place on Dudley Street known for its steak and cheese—and lines out the door. It was standing room only that afternoon, and people darted in and out with their orders, one of them a young woman carrying out a breadbasket.

Patton flagged down one of the harried employees who had been alerted by a member of the Barros family that Patton would be coming by to ask if he could put a sign in the front window.

The sub shop is owned by an uncle of John Barros, who worked as Mayor Marty Walsh's economic development chief and ran for mayor in 2013 and 2021. Patton had helped on both campaigns, and his resume also includes work for Gov. Deval Patrick and US Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

Now the 41-year-old is running his own race as one of seven candidates for the District 3 City Council seat. After getting the nod from the employee, Patton placed his blue and white sign in the front window, and then got back in his car to head over to Columbia Road for some door-knocking down the side streets.

On Eastman Street, he was joined by his campaign manager, Frank Anthony, who had a few months ago finished a stint



District 3 candidate Matt Patton went door-knocking in Uphams Corner and the Polish Triangle last Friday.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

on John Moran's successful campaign for state representative. The House district and the City Council district have some overlap, as the House district, anchored in the South End, stretches down to Columbia Road, near JFK/UMass MBTA Station. District 3 starts in Adams Village, its southern border at the Neponset River, and follows Dorchester Avenue up to Herald Street, adjacent to the Massachusetts Turnpike.

At the doors in Uphams Corner, where he was making

his second or third go-round depending on the home, Patton, a North Reading native who now lives on Savin Hill with his wife Colleen and two kids, Josephine and Jude, made his pitch. At one door on Elder Street, he connected with a resident who complained about cars blowing down the street. There is a lack of available trash barrels, and as a result, there is plenty of litter, the resident said. A solar compactor is available over on Columbia Road, but

it's almost always overflowing, the resident noted.

"City services, that's what we need to focus on," Patton said, adding education as another. Patton said he had a speech impediment in kindergarten and struggled to read. "From what I remember," he said, "it was the teachers, it was my speech pathologist and folks like who picked me up and got me over those learning disabilities. Without that, I would not be successful, I would not have gone to law school."

He passed the bar exam in 2018, and found his way to the law firm run by Shannon Liss-Riordan and Harold Lichten with labor law is his focus, and while knocking on doors, he sought to draw a line between his work and his education. "Everyone should have the opportunity that I did to resources to overcome a speech impediment," he said. "The way you do that is you provide high-quality education, and you make sure people have access to a job where they are paid what they should be paid and that they're not being exploited."

As storm clouds again loomed, he and Anthony criss-crossed Roseclair Street. Before parting ways with a reporter, the candidate responded to question about his path to victory. He pointed to supporters in the South End, the Cape Verdean community in Uphams Corner, Dorchester's LGBTQ community, and individual backers like Cristo Rey Boston president Rosemary Powers, community activist Isaura Mendes, and firefighter Billy Hayhurst.

"It's building a coalition of people who don't have the same occupation, don't have the same ethnicity or race, maybe come from different levels of affluence, but believe the city of Boston should be a place where everyone can have an opportunity to be successful," Patton said, before turning to knock on another door.

## As City Hall weighs new Mass. and Cass strategy, D3 candidates offer their views on potential solutions

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that once existed there. Long Island is also located within District  $3. \,$ 

Wu is looking to have the bridge rebuilt over the next four to five years, while the city of Quincy has opposed the return of a bridge, which would reconnect Long Island to a road that runs through one of that city's wealthiest enclaves.

The responses of the District 3 candidates are available below in alphabetical order. Housing activist Rosalind Wornum of Ashmont did not respond to requests for comment.

#### John FitzGerald

Boston Planning and Development Agency official Adams Village

"The District 3 city councillor has to be a champion on this issue," FitzGerald said. He has walked along Atkinson Street, which is close to the intersection, and said officials should tackle the problem similar to how schools seek to offer small student-teacher ratios. Break down the people at Mass. and Cass into small groups, 12 or so, and place them in locations throughout the Boston region and New England.

He pointed to a Pine Street Inn home on Tuttle Street in Savin Hill as an example of the types of housing he's talking about as a short-term measure. "You talk to the folks on Tuttle, they say they don't even know it's there. It's not perfect but it's the least intrusive," he said.

In the long term, he added, the "best place" remains Long Island, where people can "get away from the world and focus on recovery. I was happy to hear about the permit but still we have a lot of work to do in the short term."

#### Jennifer Johnson

Community activist and small business owner Meetinghouse Hill

Johnson said she is heartened that long-term solutions like Long Island are "in our sights," but she is also cognizant of the challenges of the short-term solutions and figuring out how to approach people who are at Mass. and Cass and do not want to voluntarily receive services. For some it could be mandated treatment, according to Johnson.

There is some discussion of a warrant sweep, which could be "useful" due to the reports of sex trafficking and drug dealing hidden by the tents, she said. Many of the people at Mass. and Cass have untreated mental

health and trauma issues, she added. "We're usually putting people into detox but what I'm hearing from service providers is we're not making sure people get some of the longer-term mental health support that they need to overcome their addictions. And we have to make sure we are adding that in as well."

#### Barry Lawton

Former schoolteacher and government aide Uphams Corner/Savin Hill

Mayor Wu has "inherited a lot of problems and now she owns them all," including Mass. and Cass, Lawton said. He suggested moving people out to a location along the Massachusetts Turnpike, a quicker trip than by a boat to Long Island. "There's a lot of room out west," he said, beyond Route 128.

"It's a Long Island farther down the Pike," he added. "Boston should not have to house all of these problems."

As for rebuilding the Long Island bridge, "we can't wait four years; we've already waited ten years," he said.

A warrant sweep would be "only part" of the solution for him. He also suggested enforcing Mass. and Cass as a "drug-free zone" and added: "The keys with drug laws, traffic laws, parking laws, are that they have to be enforced."

#### Matt Patton Labor attorney Savin Hill

Patton, who has been to Mass. and Cass multiple times, said there needs to be an "overall strategic vision" that advances public safety, public health, and quality of life. The crisis started when the Walsh administration demolished the Long Island bridge nearly ten years ago after it was deemed an unsafe structure. The bridge must be rebuilt, but the state

The temporary cabins built at the site of Shattuck Hospital are working, he said, and that type of low-threshold housing should be expanded to something like the former state hospital in Medfield, which the town is developing after purchasing much of the property from the state.

must take a larger role in the crisis, he said.

"Parents who want to make sure their kids come home and don't die, they can't wait four or five years [for the bridge]," he said. "The women being trafficked in those tents can't wait four or five years. My son, who almost picked up a needle in Savin Hill, can't wait four or five years. We should build a bridge

absolutely, but we need solutions between now and four or five years from now."

#### Joel Richards

Teacher at Blackstone Elementary Fields Corner

The city should be hiring more social workers, according to Richards, who said he helped fight to get more social workers hired in Boston Public Schools. They can help people stay out of the situations that eventually lead them to Mass. and Cass, he said. Teachers, police officers and nurses can "see the kids heading to that trajectory." He noted.

His wife, Madeligne, who works in human services and housing agencies, has influenced his thinking.

Social workers could be hired as police officers after going to the academy, and they could be the ones who answer the call to Mass. and Cass. "I feel like it's a problem that's going to take time to get rid of, but we have to go at it socially and civilly," he said of the area.

He declined to comment on whether a warrant sweep is appropriate.

#### Ann M. Walsh

Former nonprofit leader Lower Mills

"This is a very complex, multi-layered problem and there are no quick fixes," Walsh said. "And this is going to require a lot of attention and resources and stamina to be able to move to a better place on this."

People have ended up in the area because they've suffered through domestic violence, trauma, and substance abuse disorder. "Understanding their stories and understanding how they ended up there is key to stopping the inflow," she said.

The public health workers know who the bad actors are and the clients who are struggling, and a trusting relationship between public health workers and law enforcement is critical to getting to a place of stability, according to Walsh.

Help is needed from other cities and towns, as well as methadone clinics and treatment beds, she said. "The city of Boston can't do this by ourselves, when folks are flooding in," she said, noting that the methadone clinic at Emerson Hospital in Concord had closed.

"You can't normalize what's happening there. It's human suffering at a ridiculous level," she said. "We have to face it and call others to account."

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## In District 5's council race, a key voter makes her choice

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the district's boundaries.

Her decision also represents a public break with the incumbent councillor, Ricardo Arroyo, whom she backed in the bitter race for Suffolk County District Attorney, won by Kevin Hayden, a prosecutor appointed by former Gov. Charlie Baker. Arroyo supported Wu in the 2021 mayoral race, after his first pick, acting mayor Kim Janey, fell short in the preliminary, and as the chair of the City Council's government operations committee, he has moved along some of her top priorities, including rent control legislation.

But the last year has brought headlines of a \$3,000 ethics violation for representing his brother, former Councillor At-Large Felix Arroyo, in a lawsuit involving City Hall and sexual harassment allegations. In addition, his name was plastered all over two federal investigatory reports into the behavior in office of former US Attorney Rachael Rollins, who was in regular contact with Arroyo and faced accusations that she meddled in the DA's race.

Along with her support for Pepen, Wu has headlined fundraisers and voiced support for Councillor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune; former administration aide Henry Santana, also running for at-large; District 1 Councillor Gabriela Coletta (East Boston); and District 8 Councillor Sharon Durkan (Beacon Hill, Back Bay and Mission Hill), a longtime Wu campaign adviser.

After the Dominican Day Pa-



Enrique Pepen and Mayor Michelle Wu pose for a picture in Roslindale, after Wu endorsed him in the District 5 City Council race.

Image via Pepen campaign

rade, and before Wu attended an annual event in Back Bay honoring gardeners who have landscaped the city's neighborhoods, she and Pepen headed to a Roslindale park, which provided a leafy backdrop when they posed together for a picture.

In a statement sent out the following morning, Wu called Pepen, who served as the mayor's executive director of the Office of Neighborhood Services, "exactly the kind of leader we need in government." She added that Pepen is "thoughtful and kind, creative and tenacious."

The mayor's backing came days after Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale, a local political group, endorsed Arroyo and others on the Council for reelection "by extremely wide margins."

Arroyo said in a statement responding to Wu's rebuff that

he is "the only candidate in this race with a proven independent and progressive record."

The others in the District 5 race are Jose Ruiz, a retired Boston Police officer who served under Mayor Walsh and lives in Readville, and Mattapan's Jean-Claude Sanon, who has previously run for the seat. The preliminary, which will narrow the field to two candidates, is set for Sept. 12.

As-yet unnamed people who oppose Arroyo have formed a super PAC, an outside group that can fundraise and spend money in order to support or oppose a candidate as long as it doesn't coordinate with the candidate. Carrying the name "Enough is Enough," the super PAC's paperwork makes clear its mission: Anyone but Arroyo this fall.

On Tuesday, Pepen told the *Reporter* that he had been knocking on "thousands and

thousands" of doors in the district. "Because of that we've been able to really gather our 1s and 2s and identify them in all three neighborhoods of the district," he said, using campaign parlance for ardent supporters. Pepen has also been endorsed by several labor unions, including UNITE HERE Local 26.

Asked if voters bring up the embattled incumbent, Pepen said the more common theme he hears are complaints about the divided and pugnacious 13-member body and a desire for fresh voices. "They're just unhappy with the City Council," he said.

Ruiz, who has the support of IBEW Local 222, the Dorchester-based firefighters union Local 718, and the MBTA carmen's union, also criticized the infighting in City Hall. "In the last two years, we have seen divisions bring the work of the Boston City Council to a grinding halt, with factions forming and one-sided pitted against the other," he wrote in response to a Reporter questionnaire sent to all candidates. If elected, he'll work to "bring the council together." he said.

Arroyo, asked by the Reporter about the headlines earlier this month, said, "It doesn't not come up, but it's very minimal." Voters he talks to bring up topics like speeding in the streets and public schools, he said. "What has been prevalent are conversations about global warming and climate and how that's impacting our city and the country."

In the questionnaire, the District 5 candidates were also asked to grade their high-profile constituent. All the candidates, with the exception of Sanon, who didn't respond, gave Mayor Wu a passing grade.

Ruiz added that he believes "we still have much work to do. In particular, dealing with the housing crisis, investing more to keep our communities safe, making actual and lasting progress, improving our education system, and more."

Pepen said his former boss is "taking chances and trying out exciting new things we haven't tried before...There's always room for improvement, and no elected official is perfect. As time goes by, I believe Mayor Wu will continue to improve."

Arroyo, who submitted his responses before news of Wu's Pepen endorsement, said he agrees more with what the mayor has done than not. "She has led on rent stabilization, much needed environmental reforms, and is leading on reforming the [Boston Planning and Development Agency], all things I support," he wrote. "We have, however, disagreed on the need for an elected school committee and reallocating funding from the Boston Police Department to social services and programs that help reduce the impacts of poverty, which is the root cause of most crime in our city.

Over the weekend, Wu added another to the list of their disagreements: Who she believes is the best candidate for District 5.



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### For 'America's Got Talent' star Harrell, Dot remains a 'life source'

By Cassidy McNeeley SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Courtney Harrell, a Dorchester native who built a career as an accomplished vocalist, performer, songwriter, and educator, has moved out to the West Coast to work as a casting producer on "America's Got Talent"

Harrell grew up in a Victorian home on Columbia Road, which her

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family has occupied for more than 40 years. She spent her youth playing at Franklin Park, attending the Strand Theatre, and participating in Madison Park's city music program at Berklee College of Music.

She has gone on to become a Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, and Berklee honoree at its Alumni Achievement Awards.

While she now lives in Los Angeles, she still frequently comes back to Boston and Berklee. "Sometimes when you get out of your hometown, and you land in a city like LA you tend to think that you made it and that you can forget where you came from, but I just can't. My life source is my home and the people I love in Boston. Boston is everything to me," said Harrell.

By first grade, Harrel knew her future was in music. By middle school, she was participating in Handel and Haydn programs at the New England Conservatory and the Tanglewood Music Center Fellowship at the Boston Symphony Orchestra. By high school she was taking courses at Berklee.

"At seven years old, I already knew," Harrell said. "There wasn't this epiphany, I just knew



that music was what I was going to do and go to school for, which is why I started at 12 in certain programs."

Juggling her high school curriculum and music programs, Harrell also took on the responsibilities of being a single mother at just 17 years old. "Madison Park had a daycare for students who were having children [and my son] went to school with me," Harrell said. "I was able to accomplish the things that I've accomplished in spite of being a single mother and because of the love,

the dedication, and the commitment of my family and friends in Boston."

After high school, Harrell attended Brandeis University for a year before transferring to Berklee on a full scholarship and a major in music business. The years following Berklee brought many opportunities. She signed with the New York Chapter of American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) and started to write songs for major artists including Ariana Grande, Beyonce, and Mary J. Blige. Harrell's

songs have also been featured on television in shows such as "Grev's Anatomy" and "Think Like a Man."

Despite her success, Harrell took a step back in 2006 to be closer to her son by working as a music teacher at the Lyndon K-8 School in West Roxbury, where, she said, her students' concerts were just as enjoyable for her as working on "AGT."

In 2009, she left the classroom, and by 2010 she was a backup singer on tour with John Legend. Five years later, when she auditioned for season 11 of "The Voice," she made it into the top

Now she takes part in another reality competition show, but this time it's from behind the scenes at "AGT," finding, developing, and producing talent. "Up until like 2017 I've been in front of the camera or the talent holding the mic in a professional capacity. This puts me behind the curtain to kind of see how everything works and how decisions are made and why someone is good for television or for radio and why someone may not be," said Harrell. "That part is really interesting and also restorative for me. As an artist, you get a lot of rejection, and you don't

always know why people are making the choices that they're making. So being on this side allows me to see why something may or may not have happened for me."

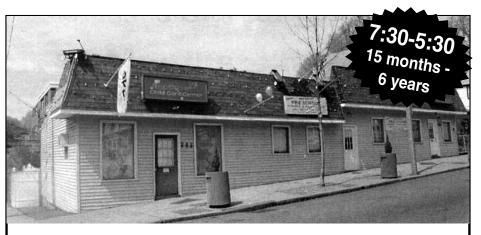
She enjoys getting to provide others with the same opportunities she sought. "I love to help people amplify their point of view, more so than just their talent. 'We've heard it all before, but we haven't heard it through your lens. What is life like for you?' I see something in this person, not just the talent. When you watch moments like that turn into a golden buzzer moment and you work hard as a team to bring that to life, it's just really, really, really rewarding.'

Even as gold confetti pours down from the ceiling of the Pasadena Civic Auditorium's theatre and Harrell witnesses someone's dreams coming true, she remembers the neighborhood that shaped her own. "Some of those skills and that ability to create and to take risks came from my growing up in Dorchester and then applying that kind of heart, determination, and grit to my career," she said. "They have championed me. I feel like my wins are my city's wins. I'm really grateful for that."

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## Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

Three Dorchester residents including the twin brothers of hostess Shellee Mendes enjoyed the **Shellee Mendes White** Party Fundraiser that raised more than \$15,000 for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston on August 13. Shown here (L-R) Kenny Mendes, Edward Robinson, Kevin Mendes. The twin Mendes brothers proudly applaud the achievements of sister Shellee, noting that the event also celebrates the 20th anniversary of her Salon Monet on Newbury Street, the only hair salon on Newbury owned by an African American woman. In addition, guests blew out the candles on Shellee's birthday cake. Shellee



Mendes rose from poverty and homelessness to own two hair salons on Boston's posh Newbury Street. She never stops giving back, receiving

numerous awards for philanthropy, and hosting the August fundraiser that each year benefits a different charity. This year, the charity was the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston.

Photo by Hill Houzz Photography

## Yarbrough takes helm at 826 Boston program

The nonprofit 826 Boston, which provides creative writing, tutoring, and publishing opportunities for students in grades K-12, is now being led by Executive Director Corey Yarbrough, who assumed the role on July 24. He previously was a school leader at Mattapan's Edward Brooke High School.

"I am honored to join 826 Boston as Executive Director," said Yarbrough. "This organization has a remarkable



Former Brooke High School assistant principal Corey Yarbrough has transitioned to the executive directorship of the nonprofit 826 Boston. history of amplifying student voices and empowering young leaders in our community. There are so many exciting things already happening at 826 Boston, and I am excited to collaborate with the talented team to further expand our impact, ensuring that every student's voice is heard and valued."

Yarbrough brings a wealth of experience to the team, most recently serving as the Assistant Principal at Brooke High

School. The founder and executive director of the Hispanic Black Gay Coalition, he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Justice Studies from James Madison University.

Since opening its doors in 2007, 826 Boston has worked with more than 30,000 students and hundreds of teachers and published the works of thousands of Boston students in dozens of collections of professionally designed works.

### Dot native named Latino policy analyst at Gaston Institute

A trio of Latino organizations has appointed Dorchester native Bianca Ortiz-Wythe to fill a newly created position – Latino policy analyst – meant to address key challenges facing Latino families and youth across Massachusetts through research, advocacy, community mobilization, and

Amplify Latinx, the Greater Boston Latino Network (GBLN), and UMass Boston's Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy (Gastón Institute) said that Ortiz-Wythe will work out of the Gastón Institute, a federally designated minority-serving institution in the state.

leadership development.

Ortiz-Wythe, who grew up in a bilingual and intergenerational household, has for more than ten years worked as a community organizer in



Bianca Ortiz-White, new Latino policy analyst at UMass Boston's Gaston Institute.

Photo courtesy UMass Boston's Gaston Institute

Boston on issues such as affordable housing, inclusionary development policy, and tenant rights. "I am excited to deepen and expand our collective work to affirmatively advance the well-being and stability of the Latino community," she said.

Over the next year, the new partnership will be working to create and foster a shared Latinx policy agenda.



Residents of Standish Village in Lower Mills enjoyed a summer trip to Turner's Pond in Milton recently. Here, Standish Village residents Bill Wood and Peter Guild explore Turner's Pond pathways, and get some fresh air. *Photo courtesy Standish Village* 

## KMPG volunteers build first library on Roxbury Prep Dorchester campus

Volunteers from KMPG spent the day on Aug. 1 at Roxbury Prep's Dorchester Campus (Magnolia Street) building shelves, desks, and furniture for the school's fi-ever library, which was also completely stocked with books purchased through KMPG's Family for Literacy fund and by individual KPMG New England employees. Students were also encouraged to submit a book wish list, and KPMG fulfilled each list received.



This is the second library that KPMG New England employees have built for Roxbury Prep

Shot of the new library at Roxbury Prep's Dorchester Campus on Magnolia Street showing the underutilized hallway space in the building. Volunteers from KMPG transformed it with books, bookshelves, carpeting, and furniture. It is the school's first library space.

Drary space.
Photo courtesy KMPG

following last year's successful work at the Mission Hill campus. The volunteers at the new facility converted an underutilized hallway into a reading nook lined with

"I am so proud to be part of a group that is making an impact and giving back to their community," said Mike Desrochers, KPMG partner and project lead. "We were able to build a brand-new library with over 2,500 books for middle school students in Dorchester. It was amazing to see everyone working toward creating a comfortable sanctuary for these kids to read,

learn, and dream big.'

numerous bookshelves.

## YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

Dorchester Historical Society
Mrs. Cochrane's School

In the early 1880s, the Rev. John Codman, a scion of a wealthy family, enlarged what was known as the old Thayer place at the top of Codman Hill, turning the estate, which had acres of sloping fields and looked out over Lower Mills and up at the Blue Hills, into a popular stop-over for ministers on their way from the countryside to theological gatherings in Boston. The Codman mansion was the also scene of heated debates during the Congregational Church's "Great Schism" during that time, when the more liberal Unitarian wing of the church broke away from the more conservative Trinitarians.



Following Rev. Codman's death in 1847, the junction of

Washington Street, Norfolk Street, Centre Street, and

Talbot Avenue, known as Baker's Corners, was renamed Codman Square in honor of the beloved reverend.

The house remained in the Codman Family until the Civil War, when it was leased to a boarding school for young ladies, operated by Miss Hannah Perkins Dodge. In 1868, the Codman heirs sold the estate house and over six acres of land (they retained 39 acres) to Charlotte Cochrane, who used them to operate a school for young women.

In 1870, Charlotte's resident students included Edith Blackler, 18; Lucy Abbott, 18; Lucy Hagar, 18; Eliza Nichols, 19; Alice Waterman, 17; Ella Richardson, 16; and Hattie Jenkins, 12. Giselle Dondist, a French teacher, also lived in the house along with three servants and Charlotte and her children, Arthur, 6; and Agness, 4.

The land from the former Codman estate was subdivided during the late 19th century and the early 20th century. The Codman mansion was destroyed by fire in 1928.

These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety. 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

#### Editorial



### Sandra Cotterell: Our apostle of health, innovation

A changing of the guard is coming at Codman Square Health Center, one of the city's key outposts for health care, education, and civic engagement.

Last week, Sandra Cotterell, who has led Codman since 2011, announced that she plans to retire in the coming months, ending a stellar, four-decade-long career in the field, which includes nearly thirty years in Dorchester.

Cotterell can point to many accomplishments in her tenure, but like many in her profession, leading Codman and the wider community through the Covid crisis will certainly be near the top of the list. During the tense early weeks and months of the pandemic, when many of us were looking to local leaders for calm, steady guidance, Sandra Cotterell stood tall and made Codman a safe harbor in a storm of uncertainty and grief. She was a sought-after source of information for those of us here at the *Reporter* who were trying to make sense of a rapidly evolving crisis. And she led the health center's impressive roll-out of services – including testing and vaccine distribution when it became available.

In addition to her steady hand through Covid, Cotterell can point to other impressive achievements. On her watch, the health center's annual revenue tripled to over \$51 million; she led an \$18 million expansion project that includes the new home of the adjacent Codman Academy Charter Public High School; and she shepherded the opening of the non-profit grocery store The Daily Table, and other assets in Codman Square. She kept Codman innovative and did all of this while serving as a valued board member on eight health and community organizations.

In relaying her retirement news, Cotterell also made it clear that she does not intend to leave Codman and its many programs without a strong succession plan. Just as she took the reins from Codman co-founder Bill Walczak after his long tenure, Cotterell and her exceptionally good board have planned well ahead of time to find a suitable replacement before she steps to the sidelines. They've retained a national search firm to seek candidates – a process that is now underway. She'll stay on until the choice is made.

"The board of directors and staff will be forever grateful to Sandra for her service and leadership as well as positioning the Health Center for its next chapter," said Robert MacEachern, who leads the Codman board. "We are in a strong position...and we are pleased that Sandra will remain to help with a smooth transition to her successor."

We are grateful to Sandra Cotterell and her family for her unwavering dedication to caring for the people of Dorchester. Codman Square and the greater Boston community is better off because she chose to make this neighborhood the singular focus of her long and distinguished career. Thank you – and best of luck in your next chapter.

- Bill Forry

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## Dorchester Bay City is sure to bring many benefits to our neighborhoods

By BILL RICHARD AND BOB SCANNELL

As the city of Boston evolves, new development projects, public spaces, and infrastructure investments are doing more to connect city neighborhoods and to maximize spaces for multiple public benefits. And yet, there are small pockets of high value land that serve little to no public purpose. In its current state, the Bayside Expo Center serves as a giant barrier to the Harbor without much benefit to the Dorchester and South Boston communities in which it sits. It is past time that we maximize the benefit of this area. The Dorchester Bay City (DBC) project will reimagine, reinvest in, and transform this underutilized space.

As residents and non-profit operators in Dorchester, we've seen first-hand the outcomes that major projects can have on a community. Revitalization spurs positive activity in our neighborhoods. It brings us together – to new restaurants, to new businesses, and to open spaces. Smart development like DBC will bring sorely needed affordable housing and services that have lagged in other areas of the city.

DBC will create thousands of new housing units and nearly \$65 million to support first-time home ownership and affordable housing across our city. With nearly \$36.8 million in offsite transportation contributions associated with the project, DBC will accelerate several multi-modal infrastructure projects prioritized by the community. That should mean that long-needed upgrades would finally be made to Kosciuszko Circle, Morrissey Boulevard, and the JFK MBTA Station. We hope DBC serves as a catalyst and that our elected leaders prioritize these long overdue improvements to our roads and public transit.

The shared mission of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Martin Richard Foundation is to support kids and families while ensuring equitable access to the programs we offer. We have our own approved plans to construct a 75,000-square-foot youth center in the heart of Harbor Point and adjacent to DBC. Our vision remains the same as it has been—to bring the Harbor Point Community, the two abutting Boston Public Schools (BCLA/McCormack and Dever), and the surrounding neighborhoods unparalleled youth services in a first-class facility that the city will be proud of and use as a model for future community centers.

As we continue to move ahead with construction



An architect's rendering of the future Dot Bay City. *Image courtesy Accordia Partners* 

of the Dorchester Field House, we see alignment between the goals of our project and the goals of Dorchester Bay City.

Our project sees the power embodied in our city's young people and the clear need for facilities that foster talent, create opportunities, and build for the future. The DBC project further connects kids and families to outdoor programming along the Harbor. With almost 20 acres of land, DBC improves and expands public access, creating a new 3.5-acre new waterside open space that connects the Harbor Walk to Carson Beach and builds a new 6,300-square-foot public pavilion to welcome the community.

Dorchester Bay City and the Dorchester Field House are aligned in our vision of ensuring access to the community and realize that creating space is only the beginning. Programming that is designed to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future with the brightest resource our city has – its people – is most important. We look forward to having DBC as a neighbor and as a partner in creating enriching and active experiences for our young people.

Dorchester's Bill Richard and his family formed the Martin Richard Foundation; Bob Scannell is president and CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

## Upgrading school bus fleets is a critical key to cleaner air

By VEENA DHARMARAJ SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

As summer flies by and kids prepare for the new school year, it's a good time to reflect on how we can build a cleaner, less polluted world for our children. Smoke and high pollution levels from wildfires in the past few months have made us all acutely aware of poor air quality that can affect some of our most vulnerable residents, including our kids. Thankfully, there are new opportunities for Massachusetts to make our children safer and deliver cleaner air for our communities; one of them is the federal funding available to upgrade our school bus fleets.

The EPA's Clean School Bus Program offers both rebate and grant programs that school districts and third-party contractors can apply for to cover the cost of electric school buses and charging infrastructure. This federal funding is a major opportunity for school districts across Massachusetts to electrify school buses, provide students with a clean ride, and improve our air quality.

A number of districts, including Boston, Beverly, Quincy, and Arlington, have already started the transition. Last year, five Bay State districts – New Bedford, Lawrence, Fall River, Lower Pioneer Valley, and Upper Cape Cod – received a \$30 million purse in the first round of EPA funding to purchase 76 zero-emission school buses. This is a great start, but we have a long way to go.

Some 40,000 students are transported by more than 8,000 buses every school day in Massachusetts. A vast majority of the buses are running on old diesel engines that are driving climate change and polluting the air. They pose a significant threat to the health and well-being of our children, our bus drivers, and our communities.

Diesel exhaust is a known carcinogen and poses a significant threat to our children, whose developing brains and respiratory systems are particularly susceptible to its serious impacts on health and cognitive development. Breathing in toxic fumes every day can contribute to respiratory diseases like asthma and its ilk.

These dangerous effects are disproportionately felt by students from low-income families and students from communities of color as they are more likely to rely on school buses and reside in communities near highways and areas with high air pollution from numerous vehicles. The effects can also be more harmful to children with disabilities, who often spend longer time on the bus.

A transition to electric school buses offers an opportunity to greatly improve the health of our children, our communities, and address the impacts of climate change. These buses, with their predictable routes, are ideal candidates for electrification with its zero tailpipe emissions. They are much quieter and can save districts thousands of dollars in operation and maintenance costs. In addition, when not transporting students, electric school buses can use vehicle to grid (V2G) technology to send energy back to the grid during peak demand events and power outages.

There is a growing demand among school districts in Massachusetts and nationally to roll out electric buses, in large part due to the funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which still has close to \$4 billion left for use through 2026. For school districts in the Commonwealth that are still in the early stages of electrification planning, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center offers no-cost technical assistance to get you started and provides additional deployment assistance to school districts that secure federal funding.

As parents, educators, neighbors, and community members, we must come together and urge our local school districts to take advantage of the EPA's Clean School Bus Program, so we can get more zero-emissions school buses on Massachusetts roads. Cleaning up our school bus fleets will help our state to cut down on harmful transportation pollution and give our children the clean, safe commute to school that they deserve.

Veena Dharmaraj is the director of transportation for the Massachusetts Sierra Club Chapter.

## Swim lessons expand while Dot, Mattapan pools remain closed

#### (Continued from page 1)

Boston Municipal Research Bureau (BMRB) in March that two of those pools - the Perkins Community Center pool in Dorchester, and the Mattahunt Community Center pool in Mattapan - would reopen this summer. The Hennigan pool in Jamaica Plain was also marked for a reopening, but it is the only one to do so.

In the maintenance and repair survey published last week, the Perkins appears to have numerous problems that would prevent it from opening anytime soon. Those issues include extreme heat and HVAC issues in the pool area that would need a larger capital budget to

The Mayor's Office gave no explanation as to why the pool was promised to be re-opened by the mayor but was not.

'BCYF Perkins was closed previously due to lifeguard staffing shortages, its statement said. "The city has since hired more lifeguards this summer, but Perkins is now closed because of maintenance issues with the pool. The pool is losing water, many showers are not operational, and the backwash drain is too slow. These issues are actively being worked on. The City will keep community members informed as a reopening timeline solidifies."

At the Mattahunt, the city's survey indicated they were waiting on toxicology reports from the pool, and that there was groundwater penetration there. While the community center is undergoing a capital budget project for renovations, the pool was not included in that assessment; it was drained as part of the work, but not fixed.

The Mayor's Office said the Mattahunt pool is "expected to be operational

The Marshall Community Center pool, and the Leahy-Holloran (Murphy) Community Center pool were also slated to re-open for the fall, according to survey. The city told the Reporter last month that those pools were closed due to maintenance projects in the schools associated with those pools. The Mayor's Office said this week that once those repairs to the school were completed, those two pools would re-open."The current plan is for the Leahy, Marshall, and Mattahunt pools to be back open this fall contingent on construction schedules," the statement said.

But other pools, like the long-shuttered Holland Community Center pool and the recently closed Mildred Avenue Community Center pool, don't appear to have any splashing time in sight.

The survey detailed that the Holland pool cannot be filled until the "anchor' is reinstalled or the "hole is patched." A liner replacement is needed, as are new filter tanks.

"Due to the amount of work a capital project will be needed for these repairs in full," read the survey.

The Mildred Avenue pool has a sewage issue in the building that is affecting the pool, the Mayor's Office said while indicating it is "acting with urgency" to renovate several of the city-owned pools, which it said were built in the 1970s and not adequately maintained.

"Mayor Wu has made an unprecedented commitment to aquatics programming by commissioning a first-ever citywide evaluation of aquatics infrastructure with the goal of expediting the improvements needed to get city pools back open," read a statement from Wu's Office. "In addition to the assessment, this fiscal year Mayor Wu allocated \$34.3 million in the FY24-FY28 capital plan for repairing and renovating the

At the same time, the city announced that it was expanding the summer swimming lessons program into the fall by offering grants of up to \$150,000 to non-profit organizations that would provide free aquatics programming to residents. The grant applications are due by Sept. 15.

"While all city-owned pools in Mattapan and Dorchester are closed this summer, the City is working with partner sites such as the Boys and Girls Club and the YMCA to offer free swim lessons through the Swim Safe initiative," said the statement from the Mayor's Office. "These partner organizations have pool locations around the City, including Dorchester. Additionally, DCR and the City of Boston's splash pads provide opportunities city-wide to cool off.'

A press release about that program also quotes a mother of twin boys who have enjoyed free swimming lessons at the Hennigan pool in JP this summer. There were no swimming lesson programs offered to kids in Dorchester and Mattapan at city-owned pools this summer, as all were closed.

The Paris Street pool in East Boston opened earlier this summer after a \$10.2 million investment over three months to make it usable.

#### What, exactly, is wrong with the city's pools?

Below is a detailed list published by the City of Boston online last week in a spreadsheet format.

#### **Holland Community Center Pool**

- Geneva Avenue, Dorchester • Filter tanks need to be replaced.
- Cannot fill pool until anchor is reinstalled or hole is patched.
- •Liner replacement needed.
- Handicap shower seat in women's shower needs to be replaced.
- Due to the amount of work a capital project will be needed for these repairs

#### Leahy-Holloran **Community Center Pool Worrell Street, Dorchester**

• Pool tiles need replacing. Pool must be emptied to repair.

## Family Day on Sunday to recall victim at 2021 J'Ouvert Parade

Turning her pain into purpose, Tia Sommerville will stage the second Javare Sommerville-Adams Family Fun Day at Madison Park basketball courts this Sunday (Aug. 27) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Her son, Javare Sommerville-Adams, was a bystander at the early morning J'Ouvert Parade in 2021 near Columbia Road and was stabbed to death in a crime that still perplexes his mother.

We still don't have a why and it's two years later," she said. "The case is still ongoing. I get chills every time this time of year comes up. We're Caribbean and used to participate in the festival, but it has become one of the most dangerous weekends in the city of Boston. It went from something fun to something scarv."

Sommerville said mourning her son took on a new light when she realized that if she was this sad, Javare's many friends in the neighborhood must be having even more trouble dealing with his death.

"When Javare passed, a lot of time was spent on grief," she said. "He knew so many kids in the neighborhood from playing basketball and going to the YMCA, and I couldn't imagine how his friends were processing the grief and what they might be using as outlets for that grief.'

Using her pain as a motivation, she started a basketball tournament with food, music, and even back-to-school haircuts. All of it is free and open to the public and meant to be a constructive time for young people during a hectic weekend.

"My pain has kind of turned into my purpose and creating outlets for these children," said Tia.

- Gutter covers are worn, and some are damaged.
- ·Loose paint ceiling paint over shallow and deep end of pool deck.
- •All lane line anchors need to be replaced.
- Ceiling tile missing.
- One of the two pool filters has rust
- •Safety Issue: In pool wall light fixture needs to be securely reinstalled.
- Safety Issue: Gutter missing safety line anchor. This is a hole where pool toys and other things enter filtration system.

#### **Mattahunt Community** Center Pool

#### - Hebron Street, Mattapan

- •Community Center Capital Project. Pool was drained but not part of Capital project.
- Waiting on toxicology report to be analyzed.
- Ground water penetration found that will need assessment and pump work is in progress.

### Marshall Community Center

- Westville Street, Dorchester • Capital Project - awaiting for some FFE items. Planning to open for Fall
- •Two projects taking place in the school building that left this pool offline for the summer.
- · Safety Issue: Pool deck cleaning of ventilation system debris.
- •Women's locker room and office too hot.

#### **Mildred Avenue Community Center Pool**

- Mildred Avenue, Mattapan •Missing tiles in pool shell - slope
- Handicap shower seat needs to be replaced.

- •Slow drains in women's room, damaged drain tiles in family room
- Filters installed in 2003 are nearing 25-year life expectancy. Locker room drain work to take place week ending 8/18/23.
  - Deck rust stains.
  - Window frames and door rust.
- Safety Issue: Remove bench bolts in women's locker room floor.
- •Secure drain clean out cover in women's bathroom.

#### **Perkins Community Center Pool**

- Talbot Avenue, Dorchester Pool deck and stairwell cleaning.
- ·Backwash drain not adequate. Drain cleaning needed.
- Multiple shower heads missing in both locker rooms.
- Missing soap dispensers in girls
- Wire baskets for sprinkler system hanging, needs securing.
- Filter sand was noted by inspector
- when pool was filled in June 2022. • Backwash, water backs up in filter
- room in the works for 8/10/23. • Heat detectors covers, cage hanging
- · Pool empty for caulking and
- •ISD inspection June 15 and rein-
- spection on August 15. •Pool area gets too hot at times. HVAC improvements needed. Work
- here will need capital investment. • Safety Issue: Chlorinator not operational - outlet not working. Electrician has to coordinate to meet onsite with technologist from Fillion
- Associates to discuss issues. •Safety Issue: Weld bend at stairwell railing that was installed this year (2023)
- •Extreme heat issues in pool area



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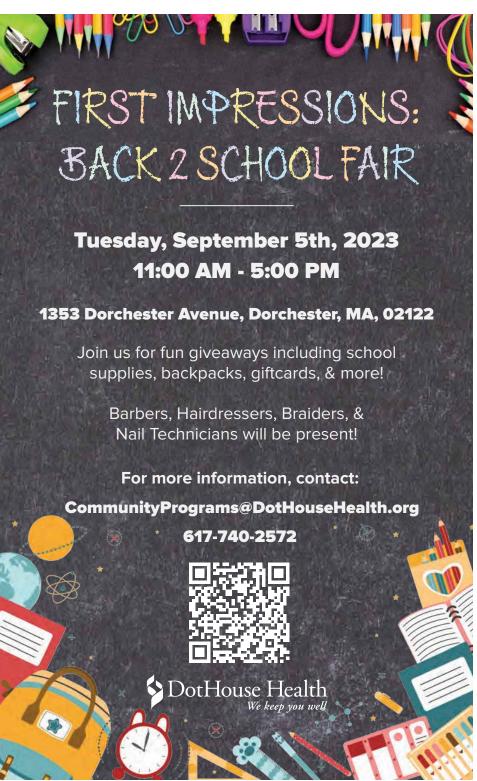


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## Hewins Street celebrates its 51st annual Block Party

The longest-running street gala in the city

#### By SETH DANIEL News Editor

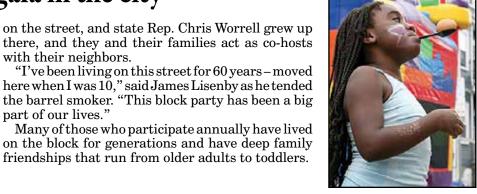
 $Neighbors\, on\, Hewins\, Street\, fired\, up\, the\, barbecues$ and inflated the bounce houses last Saturday (Aug. 19) for the 51st annual Hewins Street Block Party - a tradition that goes back decades and is the city's longest continuous event of its kind.

The street between Columbia Road and Erie Street was host to lots of fun and visits by Mayor Michelle Wu and other elected officials throughout the afternoon. City Councillor Brian Worrell lives

"I've been living on this street for 60 years - moved here when I was 10," said James Lisenby as he tended the barrel smoker. "This block party has been a big part of our lives."

with their neighbors.

Many of those who participate annually have lived on the block for generations and have deep family friendships that run from older adults to toddlers.



Nicole Pierre keeps her egg steady on the spoon during the egg race.



Loretta Paulding played a lively game of cornhole with her neighbors and relatives.



Chester Johnson, a member of the bricklayer's union and former Jeremiah Burke High School state champion football player, pauses from the fun to say 'Hi' with his daughter, Chiyanne Johnson.



Kenneth Lisenby enjoyed a snow cone during at least his 30th party, while Eugene Miller attended his first Hewins Street event.



James Lisenby held court over the barrel smoker and the BBQ on Saturday, visiting with Latasha Sarpy during a break in the cooking.



 ${\bf State\,Rep.\,Chris\,Worrell\,shows\,Michelle\,Wu\,around}$ the block party. The mayor attended the 50th block party last year, endorsing Worrell at the time.



Kayleigh Lisenby takes care with her egg during the children's' egg race. The egg is placed on a spoon, and participants must carry it in their mouth to the finish line without dropping it.



Kendra, Betty, and Francis Lisenby-coordinators ofthe block party-enjoy a snow cone as the fun begins.



Malcolm Chrispin, Register of Probate Stephanie Everett, Councillor Brian Worrell, Boston Police Dept. Supt. Eddy Chrispin, and Carter Worrell.



Mayor Wu visits with David Eastmond on Hewins Seth Daniel photos

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#### \$10,000 Awards



#### Said Barko — Watertown

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#### Olamide Taiwo — Dedham

Olamide provides expert care to the participants and trains other staff, giving them greater confidence in their abilities.

#### \$5,000 Awards



#### Ifeoluwa Alabi — Belmont

Ife loves the participants. He warmly greets each one and engages them with jokes, conversation, and asking about their day.



#### Judithe Vital — Dedham

Judithe is a model for the other staff, and everyone relies on her; she is respectful and supportive of other staff, helping them to improve.



#### Reynissa Prince — MABWorks

Reynissa balances improving operations at MABWorks with providing direct care and ensuring each participant's full engagement in the community and their own lives.



#### Lukman Salami — Roslindale

Lukman makes the residential home a joyous home for the participants. He's fully engaged, making sure that the participants feel loved and happy.

#### \$2,000 Awards



#### Haley Kinnon — Individual Supports

Haley is a great communicator. She builds strong relationships with families and the care team, follows up, coordinates care, and keeps everyone informed.



#### Candice Kunneh — Hopkinton

Candice willingly takes on extra shifts to support short-staffed houses, spreading happiness wherever she works and serving as a positive and motivating leader, inspiring other staff members to strive for more.



#### Choice Omorotionmwan — Belmont

Choice exhibits a wonderful attitude towards her work, entering with boundless energy and a desire to give her best, making her an exceptional team member and a positive role model for other staff.



#### Pearl Osasogie Oni-Edwards — West Roxbury

Pearl's immense passion for the participants makes the home feel like family, as evident from the participants' love for her. They cry when she's not there and eagerly await her return.



#### Jeremiah Veal — Hyde Park

Jeremiah's unwavering dedication to the residents at the house drives him to provide the best care possible, all while treating each individual with the utmost respect and attention they deserve.

#### The Rising Star Award — \$2,000



#### Macdonald Quaye — Shrewsbury

Macdonald's persistence shines through as he tenaciously works with each participant, never giving up after one attempt. His dedication has earned him the respect of his fellow staff members.



### Dot native, Notre Dame fixture, Joseph Dundon dies at 79

Joseph K. Dundon, 79, passed away peacefully on Aug. 16 in his home with his wife Viki by his side. Together they shared 54 years of marriage, filling their



lives with friendships and hospitality. He was a husband, father, grandfather, mentor, and friend, and all will miss his warmth, wit, and charm.

Born October 13, 1943, Mr. Dundon grew up on Vera Street in Dorchester's Codman Hill neighborhood, the only child of the late Joseph Michael and Pauline (Farrell) Dundon. A graduate of Boston Latin School, an usher at Harvard football games, an amateur radio broadcaster, and occasional assistant in the Post Office where his father was a supervisor, he was a consummate Red Sox and Bruins fan,

and rooted for both teams are few places in South through thick and thin to the very end.

While he spent the greater part of his life in Indiana, he never forgot his Boston roots, accent, or driving habits.

Mr. Dundon went to South Bend in 1961 to study medicine at Notre Dame, but later changed majors and graduated with a BA in English and Communications.

After graduation, he dated Viki, the daughter of his landlord who lived in the house next door. They were married on Aug. 16, 1969 and Joe survived long enough to celebrate one last anniversary 54 years to the day with Viki, his best pal and the love of his life. They were blessed with two children, Therese (John) Mellor of South Bend and Kathleen (Liza) Everett of Avon, Indiana and four grandchildren: Paul, Elizabeth, and Grace Mellor, and Kaylor Everett.

Joe spent his entire professional career at the Notre Dame TV station WNDU., first as an advertising copywriter and later as an account executive where he, in his own words, "sold air." There Bend that are unfamiliar with the generosity of Joe Dundon's spirit. He was a fixture at WNDU until 1999 when he retired to care for his father and enjoy life as a grandpa.

While at WNDU, Joe was an advisor for the Junior Achievement Company "Beyond Our Control" - a local television program written, directed by high school students from the area. After retirement, Joe stayed busy with travel across the US and around the world, and spent the winter months in Venice, Florida where Joe volunteered as a docent for the Circus Train Museum between Red Sox spring training games. While in South Bend, Joe spent

acted, produced, and time at both Holy Cross Church and Clay Church in service, men's groups, bible study, and Trivia Night events where his teams finished in second place too many times to count.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated this Saturday (Aug. 26) at Holy Cross Church in South Bend.

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

**COMMONWEALTH OF** PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT PHOBALE 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. SU23P1729EA
ESTATE OE: ESTATE OF: EMANUEL DaCOSTA CABRAL a/k/a EMANUEL LOPES BORJA DaCOSTA CABRAL DATE OF DEATH: 12/22/2017

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Tes tacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Irlanda C. Cabral of Pawtucket, RI requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Irlanda C. Cabral of Pawtucket, RI be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Unknown on the bond in europidand administration. in supervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. Petition from the Petitioner of at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/25/2023.

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by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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

Justice of this Court. Date: August 14, 2023

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P1763GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
WILLIAM LEIGHTON
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filed
by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Cen of
Boston, MA in the above captioned matter
alleging that William Leighton is in need of a

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alleging that William Leighton is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may The petition is on file with this court and may

contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/14/2023. This day is NOT a bearing date but a deadline date by which a bearing date but a deadline date by which a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action nay be taken in this matter without further may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the writter appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days afte the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limi or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the bove-named person cannot afford a lawve one may be appointed at State expense Witness, Hon, Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P1491GD
IN THE MATTER OF: IN THE MATTER OF:
SETH BYRANT JEROME GREEN
Of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filed
by Gwendolyn L. Ford of Brockton, MA in
the above captioned matter alleging that
Seth Byrant Jerome Green is in need of a
Guardian and requesting that Gwendolyn L.
Ford of Brockton, MA (or some other suitable
person) be appointed as Guardian to serve erson) be appointed as Guardian to serve

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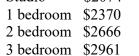
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Pan, James		Adga Realty LLC		16 Dudley Ter	Dorchester	08/04/23	350,000
Foley, Briana E	Dolan, Timothy S	Erin Reissman T	Reissman, Erin	3 Ocean St	Dorchester	08/01/23	1,175,000
Doan, Phuong T	Nguyen, Quang V	Lam, Andy	Bui, Lynn	73-75 Leonard St	Dorchester	08/01/23	500,000
Hossain, Mohammed R	Soultana, Mossmmat A	Edwards Ellen M Est	Edwards, Allan	106 Geneva Ave	Dorchester	08/04/23	900,000
Lonati, Alexandra M	Lonati, Andrew R	Schulman, Manda R	Corr, Anthony D	19 Stonehurst St	Dorchester	08/02/23	710,000
Manifold, Nikia	Dagher, Melissa	Ribble, Mark S	Bell, Catherine	233 Centre St	Dorchester	08/04/23	875,000
Farah Realty LLC	-	Davis, Joseph		12 Hewins St	Dorchester	08/04/23	365,000
Knk LLC		Joint Venture Capital LLC		58 Peacevale Rd	Dorchester	08/04/23	40,000
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Fazio, Irene R		Snyder, Vann J	Snyder, Denise M	9 Fox Point Rd	Dorchester	08/01/23	950,000
Ramos, Jerry	Chen, Helen L	Green, Shawn	Green, Stacey	45 Senator Bolling Cir	Dorchester	08/01/23	825,000
Sanchez, Jorge		Apelgren, Lauren B	Apelgren, Scott	12 Half Moon St #12	Dorchester	08/01/23	1,100,000
Driscoll, Elizabeth	Pollock, Andrew	Grampian Moran LLC		147 Grampian Way #5	Dorchester	08/01/23	1,300,000
Moorman, Evan S	Moorman, Rebecca	Nguyen, Phuong		44 Bowdoin Ave #1	Dorchester	08/02/23	530,000

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v. JAVIER E. CAMINERO LUGO

JAVIER E. CAMINERO LUGO
Complaint for Dependency filed on July
28th, 2023 has been presented to this court
by the plaintiff, Juan J. Caminero Mejia,
against the above-named defendants,
Javier E. Caminero Lugo, seeking a
Judgment of Dependency with determination relative to special immigrant juvenile
status, pursuant to G.L. c. 119, \$39M. The
said defendant cannot be found within the
Commonwealth in his/her present wherea
abouts are unknown: personal service on abouts are unknown; personal service on said defendant is therefore not practicable. The said defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action. The Plaintiff is also seeking an order of special findings stating that he was abused, neglected and abandoned by the Defendant and that their confidence in the providence of the think the control of the providence of the think the control of the providence of the think the providence of t reunification is not viable, and that it is in the child's best interest to remain in the

the child's best interest to remain in the United States.

The defendant is required to serve upon their attorney Stephanie Bonilla, Esq., located at 1257 Worcester Road, 513, Framingham, MA 01701 their answer, if any the control of their answer, if any the control of their states. to the complaint, within 7 days after service of this summons upon them, exclusive of the of his summons upon them, exclusive of his day of service. The defendant is also required to file an answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Suffolk Probate and Family Court, either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff sattorney, if represented by counsel, or within a reasonable time thereafter.

of within a reasonable time interestiet.

This matter shall be scheduled for Administrative Hearing on September 14th, 2023.

Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, Esquire,

First Justice of said Court, this 8th of August 2023.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT PHOBATE & FAMILT COURT
PLYMOUTH PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
52 OBERY STREET, SUITE 1130
PLYMOUTH, MA 02360
Docket No. PL22D1232DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
TANGIAH M. BROWN
VS

vs. BRIAN L. BROWN

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown allow plaintiff to resume the former name of Tangiah Monet Hightower. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and re-

quired to serve upon: Tangiah M. Brown, 165 Carl Ave., Apt. #191 F, Brockton<MA 02302 your answer, if any, on or before 09/25/2023. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. EDWARD G. Boyle,

First Justice of this Court Date: August 2, 2023

Matthew J. McDonough

Register of Probate August 24, 2023

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU23D1445DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING BARBARA PARRA

CARLOS PARRA
To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and

required to serve upon: Barbara Parra 9 Don St., Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 09/27/2023 f you fail to do so, the court will procee o the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court.

Date: August 14, 2023 Vincent Procopio Register of Probate

Published: August 24, 2023

DEPARTAMENTO de SUCESIONES Y TRIBUNALES de FAMILIA Citación por Publicación DIVISIÓN DE SUFFOLK NÚMERO DE EXPEDIENTE: SU23A0550 JUAN J. CAMINERO MEJIA

vs. JAVIER E. CAMINERO LUGO

La Demanda por Dependencia realizada el **28 de julio de 2023** ha sido presentada ante este tribunal por el demandante, **Juan** J. Caminero Mejia, contra el demandado mencionado previamente Javier E. Camin-ero Lugo, el cual busca una Sentencia de Dependencia con determinación relativa al ero Lugo, el cual busca una Sentencia de Dependencia con determinación relativa al estatus especial de immigrante juvenil, de conformidad con G.L. c. 119, §39M. Dicho demandado no puede ser localizado dentro de la Mancomunidad y se desconoce su paradero actual; por lo tanto, resulta imposible notificar a dicho demandado personalmente. Dicho demandado no ha comparecido voluntariamente en esta acción. Asimismo, el demandante está buscando una orden de hallazgos especiales que establezca que él fue abusado, descuidado y abandonado por el demandado y que su reunificación no es viable, y que es en el mejor interés del menor permanecer en los Estados Unidos. Se requiere que el demandado entregue a la abogada Stephanie Bonilla, Esq., en 1257 Worcester Road, 513, Framingham, MA 01701 su respuesta, si corresponde, a la demanda, dentro de los 7 días posteriores a la entrega de esta citación, excluyendo el día de notificación. El demandado también debe presentar una resquesta en la oficina del Registro de esta Tribunal en el Tribunal de Sucesiones y Familia de Suffolk, ya sea antes de la notificación al demandante o al abogado del demandante, si está representado por un abogado, o dentro de un plazo razonable posterior.

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razonapie posterior. Este asunto se programará para la Audien-cia Administrativa el 14 de Septiembre del 2023. Testigo, BRIAN J. DUNN, Escudero, Primer Juez de dicho Tribunal, el 8vo día del mes de Agosto del 2023.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT

PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU23C0421CA

IN THE MATTER OF: **DIANE JEAN PARKER** A Petition to Change Name

of Adult has been filed by Diane Jean Parker of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to

Diane Jean McCambridge

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the peition by filing an appearance at uffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/13/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this oceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court Date: August 16, 2023

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COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU23P1780EA ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM KI

a/k/a: JOHN W. KINSELLA DATE OF DEATH: 12/28/2005 SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Peti-tioner Gary F. Kinsella of Dorchester, MA. Gary F. Kinsella of Dorchester, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Massacriuseris Uniform Probate
Code without supervision by the
Court. Inventory and accounts are
not required to be filed with the Court,
but interested parties are entitled to
notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any can be obtained from the Petitioner

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## Blue Hill Ave. rehab plan leaves parking for churches up in the air

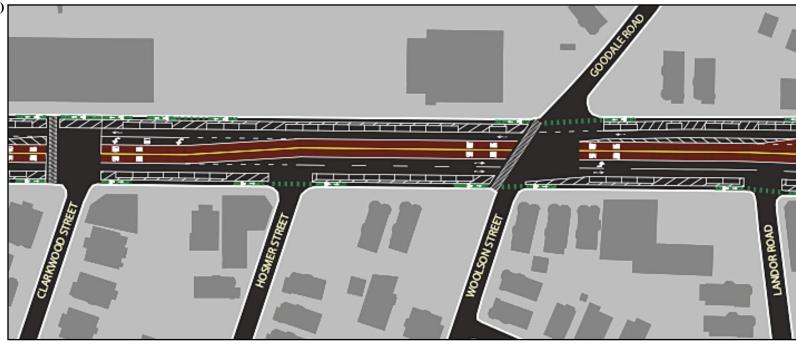
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gela's) that utilizes a fair amount of street parking and has no parking lot.

At all three locations, the current Blue Hill Avenue draft plan calls for vehicle lanes to be narrowed to one lane of traffic on the west side of the street, and two lanes on the east side. The introduction of a dedicated center-lane bus corridor and new bicycle lanes on the edges would take away long-standing parking spots for these churches – particularly at Morningstar. City planners have said they prefer a plan that includes the center-lane bus and bicycle lanes on the edge, though they are still collecting input and no decisions have been

Bishop John Borders of Morningstar told the Reporter through a spokesperson that he had no comment at this time and looks forward to hosting the meeting.

The issue bubbled up to the forefront just as monthly engagement meetings were ending for the Blue Hill Avenue corridor. "Jubilee has a large parking lot; however, Morningstar has very little parking," said resident Gillian Straughan at a public meeting last month. "What is this plan going to do to the members of the churches that



A preliminary draft plan of new street layouts on Blue Hill Avenue from July shows potential new street layout configurations in front of Morningstar Baptist Church on Blue Hill Avenue and Goodale Street. The suggested layouts would eliminate heavily used street parking at the church and reduce vehicle travel lanes to accommodate a center-lane bus corridor and separated bicycle Rendering courtesy of BTD

park on Blue Hill Avenue every Sunday?"

In that same meeting, the city indicated they really didn't have a definite plan for such parking but were proposing to have church members park on top of Wellington Hill at the former Solomon Lewenberg School (now Young Achievers).

"We're still looking at options and one option is to work with the schools because school parking lots are not used," said BTD's Charlotte Fleetwood during a public meeting last month. "We understand there is a very critical need for church parking and especially on Sundays. We're still working on how to accommodate that through this plan."

Many balked at that idea due to the older adults in the congregations, who would likely not be able to make such a walk in good or bad weather. Even Rep. Holmes - a supporter of the plan - balked at the school parking lot plan and said he and others organized the town hall meeting because they felt the plan to use the schools wouldn't work.

"It's no different than the Happy Supermarket further up on Talbot, in that we have parking problems that existed in advance of the bus lane being proposed," he noted. "I am a fan of the bus lane; I think it's the right answer. Let's solve these real problems that exist and not let them

be something to stop the

project."

Holmes suggested that those attending services be allowed to park in the bus lanes on Sundays and approved special occasions, as well as being allowed to park on the sidewalk. There is precedent, he said, for allowing such accommodations at churches in the South End, where parking tem-

porarily on Sundays and for funerals is allowed in the center of the street and on sidewalks.

The date of the town hall meeting has yet to be scheduled, but city and elected notied that it would be a public meeting held in Morningstar.

## bpda

#### **Virtual Public Meeting**

### **PLAN: Newmarket Zoning Implementation**

SEPTEMBER

**Zoom Link:** <u>bit.ly/PLAN-Newmarket-Zoning</u>

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 160 926 4104



#### **Project Description:**

Please join the BPDA for a virtual public meeting on September 6, 2023, to discuss the Draft Article 90 Zoning Amendment resulting from PLAN: Newmarket. BPDA Staff will present the zoning amendment, highlight key takeaways, and be available for questions and comments from meeting attendees. This is a public meeting: all are welcome to join, comment, and discuss the proposed zoning changes.

The Draft Article 90 Zoning Amendment was posted on August 17, 2023. A public comment period on draft amendments will be open until September 8, 2023. Revised text amendments may then go to the BPDA Board on September 14, 2023 and then the Boston Zoning Commission.

mail to: Jack Halverson

Boston Planning & Development Agency One City Hall Square, 9th Floor

Boston, MA 02201

phone: 617.918.4461 email: iack.halverson@boston.gov website: bit.ly/bostonplans-plan-newmarket **Close of Public Comment Period:** 

9/8/2023

BostonPlans.org | (೨) @BostonPlans Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



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4*	2	896	30% HH Income	30%	-	-
1*	3	1,115	30% HH Income	30%	-	-
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2**	2	896	\$1670	50%	1	-
1	3	1,137	\$1929	50%	-	-
4	1	598-637	\$1670	60%	-	1
8**	2	879	\$2004	60%	2	1
1	3	1,137	\$2315	60%	-	-
1	1	644	\$1948	80%	-	-
1	1	680	\$1948	100%	-	-
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Applications are available during the application period for 60 days, from August 10, 2023 - October 9, 2023

Applicati	ons are available in pe	rson on the folk	owing days, dates, times and location:
Day	Date	Time	Location
Thursday	August 10, 2023	3 PM - 7 PM	
Saturday	August 12, 2023	10 AM - 2 PM	
Thursday	August 24, 2023	3 PM - 7 PM	
Saturday	August 26, 2023	10 AM - 2 PM	Cote Village Apartments, 820 Cummins
Thursday	September 14, 2023	3 PM - 7 PM	Highway, Mattapan
Saturday	September 16, 2023	10 AM - 2 PM	
Thursday	September 28, 2023	3 PM - 7 PM	
Saturday	September 30, 2023	10 AM - 2 PM	

We will hold two general informational meetings on August 24, 2023 12 PM - 1 PM and September 14, 2023 4 PM - 5 PM and two artist information meetings on August 24, 2023 1 PM - 2 PM and September 14, 2023 5 PM - 6 PM at Cote Village Apartments, 820 Cummins Hwy, Mattapan, MA 02126. Join virtually by visiting our website at <a href="https://mortonstation.com">https://mortonstation.com</a> for the link.

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**BGCD Members Spend a Week in Maine for Fun at Camp Northbound:** See details below.

#### **CONNECT THE DOT:**

**BGCD Members Spend a Week in** Maine for Fun at Camp Northbound: Our members spent an amazing week at Camp Northbound in Bridgton, Maine. Throughout the week, members were able to experience all that summer camp has to offer. Activities included swimming, hiking, archery, arts & crafts, obstacle courses, kickball and more. There were also special events including a talent show, dances, and camp fires for everyone to relax after a long day. To finish, members were split into two groups for a friendly competition as part of the annual Color War Challenge. The groups were split between the Blue and Green Team and had team challenges to claim the title and bragging rights as champions. Thank you to the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation for supporting, and to Camp Micah for partnering with BGCD, giving our members the experience of a lifetime.

# FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Partners with MA Special Olympics for Challenger Basketball: This Summer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Challenger Basketball program had a partnership with Massachusetts Special Olympics to offer a 6-week summer session.

For the final session, our athletes participated in several drills and had a scrimmage game before heading downstairs for a special awards ceremony. We would like to thank the Boston Police Department's Bureau of Community Engagement for their ongoing support of the Challenger Sports program.

For more information on the Martin Richard Challenger Sports programs (soccer, swim, basketball and baseball) please contact Erin Ferrara at eferrara@bgcdorchester.org.



**BGCD Partners with MA Special Olympics for Challenger Basketball:** See details below.

#### **DID YOU KNOW:**

BGCD Hosts Annual BeachFest with Save the Harbor / Save the Bay: The Summer Camp at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted the Annual BeachFest event at Malibu Beach to help close out another amazing year of our onsite program.

Thanks to our partners - Leahy Holloran Community Center, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) over 200 youth enjoyed taking part in large group activities, had delicious food and played in plenty of interactive games. The BeachFest is part of the larger Better Beaches program which is designed to get residents back to the beaches.

For more information on partnering with BGCD, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

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Rodman Disney for Kids Trip August 27 - September 1 \*Invite only

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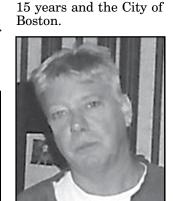
ANZALONE, Dorothy R. (Shea) of South Boston. Daughter of the late John M. and Dorothy (Barry) Shea of South Boston. Sister of Mary Corsaro of Quincy and the late John F. Shea of Dorchester. Mother of Anthony N. Anzalone and the late Michael Anzalone of South Boston. Nana of 3 and great nana of 1, all of Carrigaline, County Cork Ireland. Also, survived by several cousins and close friends. Please donate to the Shriners Hospital, 51 Blossum Street, Boston, MA 02114 or St. Jude Childrens Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105..

DEMPSEY, Joan M. "Joannie" (Winn), 81, of Whitman, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of Stanley Dempsey. Mother of Lucy Calderon and

her husband Matthew of Spencer, TN, Kimberly Ross-Litterio and her husband Roy of Braintree, Nancy Bird and her husband William of Randolph and Maureen Becotte of Hewitt, TX. Sister of Karen Winn and Brian Winn, both of Marshfield. "Gramma" to 10. Also survived by 7 great grandchildren.



DEANE, Christo**pher** of Boston, former-



ly of Dorchester. He is

survived by his siblings,

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rick, and Robert, all

from Dorchester. Chris

worked with the labor-

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DENIEN, Edward R. "Beans" Jr., 67, of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Patricia A. (Murphy) Denien. Stepfather of the late Joseph Murphy and Michael Hayes, both of Quincy. Papa" of 2. Son of the late Edward R. Denien and Ruth T. (Hutchinson) Denien. Brother of Catherine Dacey of Plymouth, Carol Richardson and her husband Dan Clark of South Carolina, John Denien and his late wife Therese Denien of Rockland, Peggy and her husband James Gauss of Weymouth, and the late Dennis Denien and Billy and his wife Linda Denien. Brother-inlaw of Thomas Murphy of Dorchester, and the late Michael and John Murphy. Edward is also survived by many nieces and nephews. US Marine Corps veteran. Donations in Edward's memory may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at support. woundedwarriorprojest.

FITZGERALD, Ma**rie** (**Leary**), 98, of Hingham, originally of Dorchester. She was the wife of the late John T. Fitzgerald, Sr.; and sister to the late William J. Leary of Boca Raton, Florida. She is survived by her daughter Karen Doucette and her husband Paul of Rockland, Janet Lewis and her life



partner Lisa Colombo of East Falmouth, William Fitzgerald and his wife Ellen of Weymouth, Kathleen Fitzgerald and her husband Paul Savoy of Arizona, Beth Fitzgerald and her wife Sandy Blackmon of Arkansas, and Michael Fitzgerald of Boston. She was predeceased by her sons, John Fitzgerald, Jr. (life partner to Anita Carver of Duxbury), and baby Paul Fitzgerald. Marie also had 5 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchil-

dren and 3 nieces.
FITZPATRICK, Regina, 78, of North Smithfield, RI, formerly of Mattapan, and Quincy. Daughter of the late Joseph P. and Anne L. (Kelley) Fitzpatrick. Sister of the late Edward T., William A. and Joseph P. Fitzpatrick. Sister-in-law of Joanne Fitzpatrick of North Attleboro; Aunt of Kath-leen Murphy, Kelly Cinelli, and Joseph Fitzpatrick. Also survived by many grandnieces and nephews.



HALL, Rita (Ber-89, of Avon, tram), originally of Dorchester. Daughter to the late Herman and Cora (Mellor). Wife of the late Ralph Leo Hall. She is survived by her children: Donna Morris and her husband Ed of Avon, Stephen Hall of Avon, David Hall and his wife Kerry of Weymouth, and Christopher Hall and his late wife Adrienne of Easton, formerly of Dorchester. Rita was also the loving Nana of 10, and the great Nana of 3. In addition to her immediate family, Rita leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Please make donations to Old Colony Hospice in Rita's memory.

KEANEY, Elaine, 91, of Milford, formerly of Dorchester and Needham. She was the daughter of the late Ellen and Eugene Keaney. She is survived by her sisters, Joan Rehfield of Duxbury and Rosemarie Mascari of Mashpee. She was preceded in death by her sisters,

Margaret Brennan and Helen Corbett. She is survived by her brother, John. She was also preceded in death by her other brothers, Eugene, William and James. She is survived by several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.



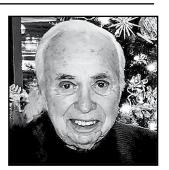
LEAVENS, Merrill **G.**, 99, of Squantum, originally from Dorchester. Son of the late Josephine (Ulrich) and Merrill W. Leavens. WWII Navy veteran. Husband of Pauline Rupprecht Leavens. Together they had six children: Deborah MacAllister of Marshfield, Jane Estabrooks of Hanover, Merrill E. Leavens of Guilford, CT, Nancy Sk-raback of Marshfield, Carole Comeau of Norwell and Christopher Leavens of Squantum. Merrill was predeceased by his brother Robert. He is survived by his sister Barbara Hannah of Madbury, NH and brother Harold Leavens of Monrovia, CA. Merrill is survived by 15 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.



Mary LENT, F. (Bulger), of Dorchester. Wife the late George Lent. Mother of Steven Lent of North Easton, and Nancy Lent and her fiancé James Mahoney of Winthrop; and Nancy's late husband Dario Copia. Grandmother of 3. Sister of Margaret Geary, Joyce Downing, and the late Peter Ronald "Ronnie" Bulger. Mary is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Mary to Old Colony Hospice, 321 Manley St., West Bridgewater, MA 02379. MOREHOUSE, El-

eanor "Ellie" C. of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester and West Yarmouth.

MURPHY, Joseph A., 93, of Dorchester, Westwood, and New Seabury Joseph was the husband of the late Mary C. (Hession) Murphy. Son to his Arthur



Mary (Sullivan) Murphy, and raised in Dorchester, MA. US Marine Corps veteran Joseph is survived by his sons, Michael Murphy, and his wife Mary, of New Seabury, and Patrick Murphy, and his wife Ana, of Sarasota, FL; his daughter, Denise Andrade, and her husband Stephen, of Tampa, FL; his brother, Thomas Murphy of Philadelphia, PA; his four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and over 20 nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his his broth-Charles Murphy. Donations in Joseph's memory may be made to his favorite charity: The Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306 or online at t2t.



MATHIS, Mattie, of Mattapan. She leaves her daughter Shirley ("Willie"); niece, Sheila; nephews, Johnny and Roy; many great-nieces and nephews,



MURRIN, Margaret R. (Caulfield) of Marshfield, Ft. Lauderdale, and Dorchester. Wife of the late James J. Murrin. Mother of James J. Murrin Jr. and his wife, Lorraine of Marshfield, Kathleen Guinee and her husband, Paul of Cohasset, and Helen Tarpey and her husband, Kevin, also of Cohasset. Grandmother of 8; and great-grandmother 1. Margaret was predeceased by her six siblings. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Margaret to St. Ann by the Sea Catholic Church, 587 Ocean St., Marshfield, MA 02050.

ROCHE, James A., **Jr. "Jimmy"**, of Pelham, NC, originally from Dorchester.



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## Boston Carnival celebrates 50 years on Saturday

#### By Seth Daniel News Editor

It was 50 years ago that a group of newly arrived Caribbean immigrants danced and masqueraded along Tremont Street in the city's downtown as part of the first-ever Boston Carnival, an experiment that took off and this year hits a 50-year milestone. Nowadays, the event is centered in Dorchester and Roxbury.

This Saturday (Aug. 26), the 50th version of the Boston Carnival will be celebrated by the Caribbean American Carnival Association of Boston (CACAB) with a stepping off at Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard and trip to Franklin Park.

"I think that those who have passed on are looking down happily and saying they can't believe it's 50 years and it's still going, and they have helped in some way to make it what it is," said Shirley Shillingford, CACAB's longtime president. "I am grateful and blessed personally to have helped orchestrate it for the time that I've been president as well. It is an amazing milestone, 50 years."

The Carnival began in 1973 when Ken Bonaparte Mitchell and Ivy Ponder brought their Caribbean culture to Boston by staging a parade from City Hall to Boston Common.

"There were about



Robert Dunkin, a long-time Carnival costume maker, puts the finishing touches on a Boston Kiddie Carnival costume last week on the porch of a home on Athelwold Street in Dorchester. Dunkin, Patrick Prescott, and Ansyl Niles have made costumes there for decades every summer. Seth Daniel photo

200 people the first year because there weren't any big numbers of Caribbeans at the time, and many Caribbeans thought they were madmen for trying to do a Carnival here," said Shillingford. But then-Mayor Kevin White embraced the idea, she added.

After a few years, the parade of colorful costumes and loud music lost favo among some merchants and downtown residents, and it was moved to a route along Humboldt Avenue that ended at Franklin Park. At the same time, the CA-CAB was officially formed

as a non-profit.

Bonaparte Mitchell was running for elected office at the time and had turned over his duties to Sebastian Joseph, who ran the organization for 16 years with Ponder and Executive Secretary Edward Harry.

Shillingford had been hired by Kevin White to work at City Hall and had a special connection to those in power, so her election as president in 1991 propelled the festival to a new level with corporate sponsors and city and state funding grants. After an interim administration that was

unable to get the same attention from city and state leaders, she was elected again as president, and has been leading CA-CAB ever since.

The route has varied over the years, at one time going all the way from MLK Boulevard in Roxbury to the Milton line on Blue Hill Avenue at Mattapan Square. Shillingford recalled how former Mayor Tom Menino tried to get them to move the Festival downtown to City Hall.

"I fought it and former Councillor Charles Yancey fought to keep it here," she said. "Sometimes I wonder if it was a good thing to keep it here. The merchants on the route benefit but they don't do anything for us. I feel that if it were taken downtown now, they would embrace it where they didn't long ago." Small vendors use the event to sell their goods to make money for their children's school clothes, or for the old folks in nursing homes along the route who watch with smiles, all cementing Shillingford's support of keeping the

festival in Dorchester.

In the past few years, she and a group of Boston Carnival performers and organizers have locked horns over leadership and direction of the festival. This year, CACAB held its Kiddie Carnival on Sun., Aug. 20, while the competing group held its iddie Carnival on Sat., Aug. 19 – their first separate event.

Shillingford calls them "insurrectionists" and said the split has been very painful and unnecessary, but the rupture didn't stop her and her supporters from moving ahead on the 50th installment of CACAB Carnival. "Much as you will hear these insurrectionists say they wanted to work with me, they did not," she said.

"I hoped we could come up with a plan together and cohesively for the 50th," she added. "There are some people that were my friends and are not now."

For the coming weekend, plans are set for the breakfast at City Hall this Friday (Aug. 25) at 9 a.m., with the J'Ouvert gathering the next day at 5:30 a.m. for a "first light" celebration that will begin at Millet Street and Talbot Avenue and end on Blue Hill Avenue near Columbia Road.

The CACAB Carnival procession will begin at 1 p.m. on Warren Street and MLK Boulevard, with Congresswoman Ayan-na Pressley and Mayor Michelle Wu cutting the ribbon. Former Mayor Marty Walsh is the special ambassador to the carnival this year, but he will not be in attendance, said Shillingford. She also gave special thanks to Pressley, Walsh, Mayor Wu, Councillors Frank Baker and Mike Flaherty, state Sen. Nick Collins, former Councillor Matt O'Malley, Tropical Foods, Osiris Family Institute and Sew-Fisticated Fabrics, among others.

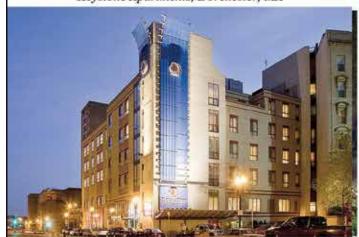
The masquerade groups participating include: D'Horizon, ENP Associates (previously TNT Social Club), Wilma Clouder Productions, Misfit, 4 Star Dance in costume, Zuave on the Road, DJ Smoove, Trinidad's Brass 2 the World band, and Camo Band.



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