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THE AVE OPENS UP



Cleared of cars, welcome to people

The first-ever Open Streets on Dorchester Avenue took place on Saturday, Sept. 24, from Freeport Street to Gallivan Boulevard – more than two miles of a car-free Dot Ave. The thoroughfare was brimming with activities like music, car smashing, bike riding, food, and games.

The event was the last of three official Open Streets festivals in the neighborhoods, with the others being on Blue Hill Avenue and Centre Street in Jamaica Plain. Full page of photos, Page 12

Redistrict plan splits Cedar Grove, unites Dot's Vietnamese community

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

As the 13-member City Council is grappling with redrawing the boundaries of the nine council districts, a process that plays out every ten years, Hyde Park Councillor Ricardo Arroyo has proposed a map that would put parts of Dorchester and the South End in a single Council district while uniting the Vietnamese community under one councillor.

The panel faces a tight timeline, as the boundaries must be set by Nov. 7, a year ahead of the next municipal election cycle, when councillors will be on the ballot. By this time during the last redistricting go-around, in 2012, councillors had sent two maps

to Mayor Thomas Menino's desk, and he had vetoed both before approving one sent to him at the end of October.

Each district must have, roughly, an equal number of people, a mandate that forces councillors to re-balance the population since the city's Seaport neighborhood has seen a residential boom over the last decade.

Arroyo's proposed map puts each district at roughly 75,000 people. Any councillor can propose an alternative to his plan.

The redistricting process comes at a fraught time inside City Hall, with tensions still high among the (Continued on page 5)

Friends rally to help workingman's family

A victim of violence

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

A year ago, Ciarán Moore was a man on the go - a construction foreman who loved Irish hurling and the 12 Bens Tavern and was living in Lower Mills with his wife and fully involved in raising three active children.

A violent incident in the early morning hours of Dec. 27, 2021, changed the family's life forever – a fight in the Old Dorchester Post in Adams Village that resulted in Ciarán having a traumatic brain injury for which recovery is still a long way into

For all the frustrating days and tough battles on his road to recovery, the shining light helping to lead the way has been a community that has wrapped its generous arms around the family and hasn't let go since early January.

"Whoever said it takes a village was talking about (Continued on page 7)



Ciarán Moore, his wife Shauna, and their children, Eve, 12, Emme, 9, and Micheál, 6. Photo courtesy the Moore family

How Wu's urban forest can succeed

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

Mayor Michelle Wu's "Vision for Boston's Urban Forest" is an impressive document. The plan, at 237 pages, has specific goals, cites best practices from other cities,

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and has a system of evaluation toward the goal of increasing the city's tree canopy.

Mayors Menino and Walsh also had ambitious plans to increase the canopy, neither of which came to fruition. In fact, it has decreased over the past 30 years. But given the level of detail and excitement behind it, the Wu plan might succeed.



A spindly tree grows in the median of Columbia Road. Bill Walczak photo

The document, which refers to trees as "critical city infrastructure," calls attention to why we need to increase the canopy - the public health impact in filtering pollution; mitigating heat in the summer (there can be a ten-degree difference between neighborhoods with tree cover and those without it); reducing the need for air conditioning; lessening flooding after storms; and its overall impact on physical and mental health.

The plan points out that most of the tree canopy is on privately owned land and suggests an ordinance that would preserve and increase shade trees on private property. It describes the inequity of some neighborhoods having

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Wu plans revamp of ZBA's roster

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

As a city councillor, Michelle Wu clashed with Mayor Marty Walsh over Boston's Zoning Board of Appeal, a powerful city entity that is able to, as she put it in 2019, "interpret the rules for development and decide who can get around them.'

Almost a year after winning the mayoral race. Wu is moving to oust most previous mayoral appointees to the ZBA, as the entity is known. The 14-member panel is made up of seven primary members and seven alternates who serve at meetings when the primary ones (Continued on page 4)



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Teens with guns keep BPD on alert

A 16-year-old boy was arrested by Boston Police last Friday night (Sept. 23) after he allegedly tossed a loaded gun from his scooter as officers chased him outside near Codman Square. In a separate incident, police arrested a 16-year-old with a gun loaded with 11 rounds at Glenway and Harlem Streets on Thursday morning (Sept. 22) - along with two pals, one a 16-year-old with a warrant for $possession\, of\, a\, loaded\, gun\, and\, firing\, a\, gun, the\, other$ another 16-year-old with a warrant charging him with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Police say that around 9:20 p.m. on Friday, officers who already had their eye on one teen spotted "two scooters traveling the wrong way on Helen Street and also observed them fail to stop for a stop sign at Kerwin Street and Talbot Avenue." When officers attempted a traffic stop, a 16-year-old suspect fled on foot, but was located - along with a loaded 9mm— in a nearby driveway.

Around 10:55 a.m. on Thursday, officers arrested three teens "as a result of an ongoing firearm investigation." After recovering "a loaded Mossberg MC2 with one round in the chamber and eleven rounds in the magazine," police charged one of the three, a Dorchester 16-year-old, with being delinquent for unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition and possession of a high-capacity feeding device.

The second, also from Dorchester, was arrested on a warrant out of Suffolk juvenile court charging him with being delinquent for discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building, unlawful possession of a loaded firearm, and unlawful possession of ammunition, police say. The third, from Hyde Park, police say, was arrested on a warrant out of Norfolk juvenile court charging him with being delinquent for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Boston man held after gunfire hits police cruiser

A Boston man was ordered held without bail on Monday pending a Sept. 29 dangerousness hearing after he was arrested Sunday evening for a shooting on Waumbeck Street in Roxbury. An unmarked Boston Police vehicle was struck by gunfire, but the officer in the vehicle was unharmed. The officer was able to broadcast a description of the suspect, who was later identified as Alberto Olanco, 20. Police seized a Glock .22-cal pistol and ammunition from his apartment. Polanco has a pending case involving a May 2022 shooting in Providence, RI, according to Suffolk County DA Kevin Hayden.

"This could have easily ended up being a far more tragic situation, with the officer or bystanders hit by bullets so carelessly and dangerously fired on an early Sunday evening," Hayden said. "Luckily that didn't happen, but this is another reminder of how our neighborhoods are threatened by illegal guns and the people who use them."

BGCB hails Josh Kraft's legacy

Boston CEO Robert Lew-

is, Jr. Originally opened

in May 2014 in the for-

mer Mattapan library

on Hazelton Street, the

Teen Center was built

with special thanks to a

grant from the Richard

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more about Boys & Girls

Clubs of Boston, go to

The Boys & Girls Clubs Kraft, and from current of Boston (BGCB) hon- Boys & Girls Clubs of ored former president and CEO Josh Kraft for his nearly 30 years with the organization with a special dedication ceremony on Sept. 20 in Mattapan, where club leaders, donors, members and guests gathered to re-name the Mattapan Teen Center on Hazelton Street in his honor. The event included remarks bgcb.org. from his father, Robert



Former CEO Josh Kraft, Robert Kraft and current CEO Robert Lewis, Jr. during the dedication ceremony on Hazelton Street.

Dot gang member given 7 years on RICO charges

By Reporter Staff

Joshua Teixeira was only two years old when Nardo Lopes fatally stabbed Bobby Mendes in the Uphams Corner neighborhood in 1995, setting off years of violence in Dorchester's Cape Verdean community. That chaos and the lure of profits from trafficking drugs, guns, and women eventually swept Teixeira into the criminal side of life.

Last week, a judge in US District Court in Boston sentenced him to seven years in federal prison on Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act (RICO) charges for his activities in the Norton/Olney/ Barry Gang, which had begun to expand beyond

Dorchester. The group, which styled itself the Head Shot Mafia in rap videos posted to YouTube, used lyrics and props meant to scare people in other gangs, in particular Cameron Street.

Prosecutors say the criminal enterprise was expanding into other cities in eastern Massachusetts and even other states until federal agents and the Boston Police rounded up its members in June 2020.

Teixeira, now 27, and Defendant fired at least with a street name of Trouble, had pleaded guilty last April to one count of RICO conspiracy and one count of conspiracy to distribute and to possess with intent to distribute controlled of gunfire occurred at substances – marijuana. approximately 9 p.m. in a residential neighbor-Other gang members who were arrested in that hood." sweep have also pleaded guilty and are now await-

Prosecutors cited a gun battle on Winter Street in Dorchester in 2018 that Teixeira was involved in – he was shot in the back in the sort of violence that made him and other NOB members a menace not just to other gangs but to the public at large:

ing their own sentencing.

This is what the prosecutors said about that:

"Defendant, along with two other NOB members/ associates (including Anthony 'Ant' Depina), drove into rival Cameron street gang territory in Dorchester during ongoing hostilities between the gangs - these hostilities resulted in numerous shootings and murders which both predated and postdated this shooting. ... Defendant was armed with a 9mm handgun. After Defendant and his two cohorts pulled up near a group of people,

six shots at the group. At least two individuals from the group returned fire and wounded both Defendant and NOB member/associate Anthony Depina. This exchange

According to an FBI affidavit filed earlier in the case, police retrieved surveillance video of the exchange:

Per the video footage, Teixeira got out of the vehicle. He and at least two individuals in the group almost simultaneously began shooting at each other. Teixeira then fled

the area in the vehicle. Ballistics recovered from the scene established that Teixeira was firing a 9mm pistol - multiple shots were fired by Teix-

Federal officials say gun violence followed Teixeira. A party he attended in Quincy was raked by gunfire, and a couple weeks before his arrest in June 2020, rival gang members opened fire on his Dorchester home - leading to another gun battle. That affidavit provid-

ed additional evidence that Teixeira was part of a criminal conspiracy, including talking with a NOB member in jail about taking out a drug dealer - and taking his stuff, and rushing to Boston Municipal Court one day to assault members of a rival gang.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mobley for concert on Oct. 2 — Reginald Music. Now in its sixth season, the The Pfizer-BioNTech monovalent booster events. Mobley, a renowned vocalist, will Bach Project exists to bring the music approved for children ages 5-11 will be A virtual public meeting hosted by BPDA perform with the Ashmont Hill Chamber of Bach to audiences in Dorchester available, as well. For a full list of clinics on Monday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. will discuss Music's Bach Project on Sun., Oct. 2, at 4 through live performances at All Saints' in and around the city, visit boston.gov/ a proposal to build 45 rental units in a



Parish of All demand as a soloist in the US and Europe. music at the

concert was written by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), and includes a wide variety of his musical creations, both instrumental and vocal. Mobley will be or boosted with them at the event, while **The MBTA will host a virtual public** who suffered a traumatic brain injury featured in two works for solo alto voice supplies last. First and second doses of meeting on Tues., Oct. 18, at 6:30 when he was assaulted in Dec. 2021. The and instrumental ensemble: Bekennen will ich seinen Namen (BWV 200), and be available for everyone ages 6-months Transformation Program. The purpose t-shirts and more. To donate, please a cantata for solo alto, oboe d'amore, and older at Saturday's clinic. Booster of this Program is to make improvements and strings entitled Vergnügte Ruh, doses will also be available, including on the Mattapan Line to ensure beliebte Seelenlust (BWV 170). The Bach the new bivalent booster, which provide accessible, reliable, and modern service Ave., 02124. Project, directed by Andrew Sheranian, the broadest level of protection from for Dorchester, Mattapan, and Milton. is a collaborative endeavor between the COVID-19 and the Omicron variant. Additional details regarding the virtual music program at the Parish of All Saints, Bivalent boosters are only available for public meeting, including a Zoom link to

Bach Project welcomes singer Reginald Ashmont and Ashmont Hill Chamber eligible individuals ages 12 and older. register, will be available at mbta.com/ p.m. Mobley is a former choir member at Church in Ashmont. For tickets (adults covid19-vaccine. Ashmont's \$25, students \$18, EBT card holder The state's Department of Conservation \$3, children under 13 free) and more and Recreation (DCR) is hosting a virtu- will be held via Zoom See bostonpland. information please visit the website: al meeting on Wed., Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. to org for more info. ahchambermusic.org.The Boston Public discuss the agency's plans to convert the The 25th annual Men of Boston Cook Health Commission will hold a large existing wading pool at Ryan Playground for Women's Health gala will be held scale COVID-19 vaccination clinic on Sat. on River Street in Mattapan to a splash live and in-person under a tent next Oct. 1 at White Stadium in Franklin Park pad. The goal of the project, DCR says, "is to Codman Square Health Center on from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. As an incentive to to expand the operating season and dai- Thurs., Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. See Codman. encourage residents to stay up to date on ly operating schedule of the recreation their COVID-19 vaccinations, BPHC will be giving out \$75 gift cards to individuals 18 and under who get vaccinated or boosted and to one caregiver who gets vaccinated com for the meeting Zoom link. the primary COVID-19 vaccine series will

area. At the meeting DCR will present the more info. plans for the splashpad, schedule and impacts during construction." See DotNews.

p.m. to discuss the Mattapan Line

multi-family residential building at 9-19 Vaughan Ave. in Dorchester. The meeting

org/menofbostoncook for tickets and

A fundraiser will be held at Florian Hall on Sun., Oct. 2 beginning at 3 p.m. to benefit the family of Ciaran Moore, event will include a silent auction, raffles, make checks payable to Moore Family Benefit, Rockland Trust, 2250 Dorchester

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Skipper steps aboard for her first full day as BPS chief

WBUR REPORTER

Mary Skipper started her job as the new Boston Public Schools superintendent on Monday. As the sixth person to hold this role in just the last decade, all eyes will be on how the Boston native and veteran school administrator will address longstanding challenges in Massachusetts' largest school district - and whether she will have staying power.

"I am excited that Monday is finally here," said Boston School Committee chair Jeri Robinson. "Mary has been very involved behind the scenes ever since she signed her contract."

Skipper, most recently the leader of Somerville Public Schools who agreed to a four-year contract with a \$300,000 annual starting salary in her new role, was not available for an interview for this story. In recent public remarks at the Boston Globe Summit, though, she has emphasized her intention to continue the work done under acting superintendent Drew Echelson.

"It's wonderful to be back," Skipper, a Dorchester resident and former Boston Public Schools teacher, principal, and administra-



Incoming BPS Supt. Mary Skipper greeted residents at Mayor Wu's Coffee Hour in Mattapan in early Seth Daniel photo

families

dio Boston in an bytransportationissues, August interview. "It's wonderful to reconnect with so many colleagues here in BPS doing great work. It's also wonderful to be welcoming back some who have left and who are coming back to join the fun as we build BPS back,» she added.

The Boston School Committee, by a 4-3 vote in June, chose Skipper for the role over BPS regional superintendent Tommy Welch. Though Boston students' first day back was Sept. 8, Skipper's own start date was delayed so she could wind down her role in

The start of the new

tor, told WBUR's Ra- students was challenged including a month-long shutdown of the Orange Line that complicated transportation options for thousands of BPS students and

> On-time school bus arrivals will be an ongoing focus this year, as will be making significant improvements in services for English-language learners and students with disabilities, per a school improvement plan the district negotiated with the state education board over the summer to avoid receivership. Though Skipper is

entering the BPS system school year for Boston at a time of significant for how she will lead the district to success.

She said back in August that she wants to develop "healthy student-centered schools" that includes "prioritiz- I am someone who has ing and acceleration of academic performance" and "building back and improving access to social and emotional learning for our students." "I think Mary Skip-

per is coming in with such incredible experience and talent. So, I'm excited about moving principal, and finally forward and taking this opportunity to support her in this work but also continue to ask the hard questions to make sure we're doing right by our kids," said school committee member Brandon Cardet-Hernandez.

Skipper comes to Boston with a record of school improvement at Somerville Public Schools. During her seven-year tenure, Somerville schools continued on a positive trend of improving graduation rates, attendance and MCAS performance. bring a sense of stability Dropout rates fell during to the district — her time her time there, according to data collected by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Skipper recently told in late August that she WBZ-TV that she feels considers the school

from Somerville Public Schools, which serves around 4,600 students, to the BPS system, which

is about ten times larger. "I am a practitioner, come up from the field, I've been a teacher, a principal, I've managed network of schools," she said.

Much of Skipper's career was spent at BPS. She put in 15 years working in Boston first as a teacher, then an administrator in the district's central office. She also helped launch TechBoston Academy, a technology-focused school in Dorchester, in

The parent of three is the fourth permanent superintendent to lead Boston schools in a decade — sixth if you count the interims. Her predecessor, Brenda Cassellius, left after Skipperacknowledges

the transience of this role and said she hopes to at BPS spanned an era that she says was more stable than it is now. She told Radio Bos-

scrutiny, she hasn't confident about her improvement plan to released detailed plans ability to transition be the baseline for the district's goals and said the school system should aim higher than what has been laid out.

Filling the district's open positions with diverse educators is also a high priority. One example she has cited is helping paraprofessionals earn their teaching licenses and encouraging current teachers to become certified in additional skills.

Robinson, the school panel's, said success in the Boston Public Schools is going to take more than just the energy and ideas of a new leader. It needs to be a team effort. "This is not the magic of one individual," she said.

"My question is, is Boston ready to support its superintendent?" Robinson added. "We've got 10,000 employees, 50,000 families, a City Council, more resources than any other part of the country. Do we want the Boston Public Schools to succeed as a city? And if so, what are we willing to do to make sure that happens?"

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Wu plans revamp of ZBA with a new slate of members

(Continued from page 1) cannot. All members of the current board are holdovers from earlier administrations

On Monday, the mayor she announced her 10 picks for the board, as well as four reappointments, one of them being Kerry Walsh Logue, a South Boston resident who represents the Building Trades Employers Association as an alternate member. Her current term runs

out in November. Wu is also seeking reappointments for Sherry Dong, a Dorchester resident who works for Tufts Medical Center, Roslindale architect Hansy Better Barraza, and Jeanne Pinado, a strategic brokerage adviser with the real estate company Colliers who lives in Jamaica Plain.

All the new nominees need City Council ap-

Wu's slate of 10 new members includes one Wu's chief of planning, individual from Dorches- Arthur Jemison, the ter and one from Mat-



Shavel'le Olivier

tapan. Alan Langham, a lifelong Dorchester resident and a member of the Laborers Local 22 executive board, would be a primary member if approved. Shavel'le Olivier, a 17-year Mattapan resident who is executive director of the Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition and co-founder of Mattapan on Wheels, an advocacy group, would get an alternate seat if

The new members will be working work with administration said in a

release, "on "rebuilding seat); Thea Massouh new restrictions on what and read Araujo's resigtrust with communities through planning-led development while advancing equity, affordability, and resilience Roslindale (alternate across all functions of the City's development review process.'

Jemison is also director of the Boston Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), a city agency that Wu pledged to abolish when she was campaigning for mayor.

"These ZBA appointees have a variety of experiences in development and community advocacy work in Boston's neighborhoods, and they represent the diversity of our City," Jemison said in a statement.

The other members of Wu's slate are: Giovanni Valencia of West Roxbury(primary seat); Alaa Mukahaal of Mission Hill (alternate seat); Norm Stembridge of Roxbury (primary seat); tigate, and it said there David Aiken of East Boston (alternate seat); doing by ZBA members. Katie Whewell of the He later signed an ex-West End (alternate ecutive order putting

of Brighton (alternate seat); Raheem Shepard do. of Hyde Park (primary seat); and Dave Collins,

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According to the city's website, ZBA members and alternate members receive a stipend of \$200 per day, up to a cap of \$24,000 a year. In 2020, Wu led a

majority of City Council

members in voting to in which they have an block the appointment of three ZBA members after a federal corruption scandal that resulted in a City Hall official being convicted of accepting \$50,000 from a developer who wanted the official to influence the ZBA on permits. A Dorchester real estate broker resigned from the ZBA after the City Hall official's indictment.

asked a law firm to inves-

was no apparent wrong-

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Longtime ZBA chair Christine Araujo resigned on Sunday ahead of Wu announcing her proposed shakeup. At the panel's Tuesday morning meeting, Mark Erlich stepped in as acting chair Then-Mayor Walsh

members can and cannot

now required to submit

annual statements of

financial interests and

undergo ethics and zon-

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Board members are

nation letter, which said she was stepping down with "mixed emotions." She cited "new opportunities" that conflict with board-related matters.

A Roslindale resident, she is a managing partner at Zuaria Partners, according to her LinkedIn profile. Jamaica Plain resident Erlich is retired, having worked as executive secretary-treasurer of the New England Regional Council of Carpenters and served as former Vice President of the Mass. AFL-CIO.

Both Erlich and Araujo were first appointed by the late Mayor Thomas

Material from previous Reporter articles was used in this report.

Region looking to DC for energy aid

Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE News Service

Massachusetts is waiting to hear back from the Biden administration about what the federal government can do "to enhance our ability to get through the winter, both in terms of having the power available to heat homes, but also hoping to deal with some of the price issues," Gov. Charlie Baker said on Sept. 22.

A top energy official in the Baker administration last week put residents on notice that the cost of heating their homes and keeping the lights on is likely to skyrocket here this winter as the price of natural gas soars. Judy Chang, undersecretary of energy and climate solutions in the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, said that the Baker administration has "been working with our federal partners in developing a plan for New England's winter."

On Thursday, the governor gave more detail on his team's work with the mation we have gathered federal government and other states to prepare for an expensive winter.

"Ever since the war in the Ukraine broke out, this has been a high concern for every cold weather place in the world, basically. The governors in New England got together and started talking about this in the summer. We actually wrote a letter to the federal government, we wrote to the Biden administration and said we are very worried about both price and availability of thermal, which is basically heat, whatever the source of it is this winter," Baker

Baker said the governors asked the White House to do a number of things as winter nears

and have been "involved in some pretty active discussions" about what the federal government might be able to do to

"We're still waiting for their response on that," the governor said. "But this is something that literally all of the New England governors have been both talking about and pushing the feds on since July."

Pressure is mounting for state lawmakers to do something about the situation as well. MASS-CAP, the Massachusetts Association for Community Action, sent a letter last Wednesday to legislative leaders, members of the conference committee working on the stalled-out economic development bill and the House Ways and Means Committee, which is reviewing a supplemental budget bill, to ask that lawmakers include at least \$20 million to supplement federal fuel assistance in whichever bill advances.

"In light of the inforfrom our member Community Action Agencies in the past 24 hours that provide fuel assistance to thousands of households in need, we are hopeful that the Legislature will allocate at least \$20 million and up to \$50 million which would help vulnerable people [avoid] the terrible choices between heating and eating or between heating and medicine," Executive Director Joe Diamond said.

The economic development bill has been in limbo since the House and Senate ended formal sessions Aug. 1 without agreeing on a bill. Top legislators have said they plan to tackle at least some of the topics covered by the economic development bill without proposing a timeline.

tricting committee after a Boston Globe story outlined sexual assault allegations against him when he was teenager and while Arroyo was running ran for Suffolk County district attorney, drawing outcries from some of their colleagues. Arroyo was never

charged and has denied the accusations.

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councillors. In August,

City Council President

Ed Flynn removed Ar-

royo as chair of the redis-

A public hearing on the redistricting process is set for Thursday (Sept. 29) at 3 p.m. inside City Hall's Iannella Chamber. The session will be live-streamed on the city's website, with Allston-Brighton Councillor Liz Breadon stepping in as redistricting chair.

While Mayor Wu's press office did not respond to a request for comment on Arroyo's proposal, the councillor said he spoke with Wu when he was still chair of the redistricting committee, and she expressed hope that neighborhoods would be strengthened under a map that would reach her desk as well as the unification of the Vietnamese community.

Arroyo said he worked on the map both while he was chair and after his removal by Flynn. His proposal, which was currently represented

cosponsored by Roxbury by Dorchester's Frank lose the South End. Baker, already has two precincts in the South area around Moakley first reported by GBH End, a neighborhood currently split between several councillors.

"I think this is a very strong map," he said.

District 3, anchored in Dorchester, needs to pick up population, according to Arroyo, while District 2, which includes South Boston and the Seaport, must shed numbers. He noted that District 3,

Councillor Tania Fer-

nandes Anderson, was

would then pick up the Park from District 3 under Arroyo's map, which, in uniting the Vietnamese community within Redrawing boundaries so that the district absorbs more of the South

extension," according to

End and touches Boyl-

ston Street, by the Boston

Public Library in Copley

Square, is a "natural

District 3, combines them with the South End's Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. The Vietnamese community, clustered in

Dorchester's Fields Cor-

represented by Council-

lor Brian Worrell. Arroyo contended the city's Cape Verdean population, currently split between Districts 3 and 4, is also more united in District 7 on his map, placing the area around the Strand Theater in-

side that grouping. Arroyo said he would continue to represent roughly the same amount of Mattapan, with the dividing line for his district (No. 5) and District 4 falling mostly along Blue Hill Avenue.

His map shows District 4 picking up parts of the Cedar Grove area from District 3, a move that local groups are likely to protest.

Steve Bickerton, the chair of Cedar Grove Civic Association, said Arroyo's map came as a "big surprise" in its effort to split Cedar Grove, which also doubles as St. Brendan's Parish, between District 3 and District 4.

"I would say that Cedar Grove/Adams Village is very much a core of District 3." he told the Reporter. "It just seems to fly in the face of reason or logic or those principles of redistricting. It's a matter of keeping the district united, keeping these communities and District 2, which would ner neighborhood, is now neighborhoods united

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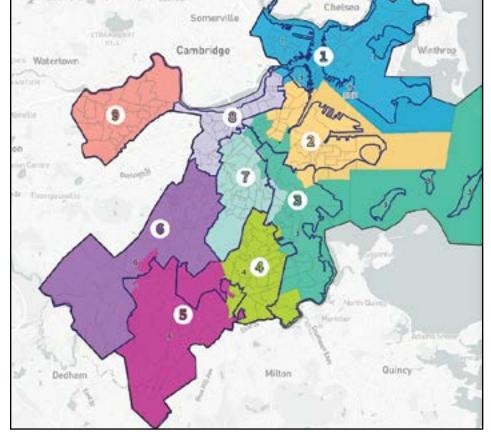
Bickerton said he expects local groups to oppose the map, similar to their efforts to block a state-level redistricting effort last year.

Senators ended up dropping a plan to break up Dorchester's Ward 16 between the Senate district represented by Nick Collins of South Boston and by Walter Timilty of Milton. The ward's precincts stayed in Collins's district. Labor unions representing MBTA workers and Boston firefighters had voiced opposition to the breakup, and state Rep. Dan Hunt had threatened to sue if the change went through.

Bickerton said his group would support a lawsuit opposing the Arroyo map.

District 3's Councillor Baker was not immediately available for comment, while District 4's Worrell, who is the vice chair of the redistricting committee, said he is "committed to a robust and thorough community process that prioritizes community input," as well as transparency.

"We will continue to meet with community stakeholders, and most importantly listen to ensure the final map is fair and equitable," he



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Redistrict plan unites Dot's Vietnamese community

Arroyo's map for redistricting plan.

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September 29, 2022 As Pine Street pushes Comfort Inn bid, Wu calls the non-profit a city 'partner'

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Mayor Michelle Wu put in a good word for the Pine Street Inn, a nonprofit that serves as the largest homelessness program provider in the region, as it weighs turning Morrissey Boulevard's Comfort Inn into permanent, supportive housing for formerly homeless

Pine Street is working with The Community Builders, a nonprofit development company, on a proposal that would convert the Inn, which has 130 rooms, into 105 to 110 units for formerly homeless people. The proposal also calls for lounge and office space for Pine Street's social workers.

In an interview with the Reporter, Wu called Pine Street a "national leader" in providing economic stability

and supportive housing. The Inn, which is located at 900 nonprofit has had a "real impact" on chronic homelessness in Boston, even as the city still struggles with a housing market that "leaves a lot of people behind," she added.

City officials conduct an annual homeless census and this year's occurred the night of Feb. 23. The results, released in June, showed that there was a 2.4 percent decrease from last year, to 1,545 people from 1,659 in 2021. Pine Street operates 34 permanent supportive housing buildings in the Boston and Brookline area.

"We have great feedback from the properties that they currently run and they work very closely with community members to ensure this is a benefit for everyone," Wu said.

Asked about the particular proposal for the Comfort the Strazzula family, with the Inn site assessed at \$13.2 million, according to city records.

Pine Street Inn has said it hopes to buy the property in early 2023. Renovation would follow during the summer, with tenants moving into the

matically for them," Lyndia Street to a new location. Downie, president and executive director of Pine Street young men and women who Inn, told the Reporter in Au- are affected by gun violence that works. We know it helps Mattapan, Roxbury, Hyde end homelessness. There's a Park, and Roslindale. There misperception of what Pine are 179 people in the Roca that there's going to be a lot of loitering. Once people be- from Mattapan. come tenants in this building, They have a place to go."

Morrissey, Wu said, "We're still very early in this particular process." The proposal, if it moves ahead, would need zoning approvals, as it would switch from a hotel to residential use, and a sign-off from the Boston Planning and Developbuilding in 2024. ment Agency. But, she added, "Once people are no longer homeless, life changes dra-"we need more supportive housing in the city and there

> gust. "We know this is a model Street Inn does and a worry they're no longer homeless.

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Roca calls its new space in Newmarket 'neutral, safe'

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By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS Managing Editor

Roca, the Chelsea-based nonprofit focused on violence intervention, had spent years planning to move its Boston headquarters on Albany

The agency works with and hail from Dorchester, program; 49 percent come from Dorchester, and 16 percent "We needed to find a space

that was neutral for them, that was safe for them," said Carl Miranda, director of Roca Boston, which first came to the

They found it at 60 Newmarket, the former home of a Citizens Bank, located across from the Newmarket commuter rail station and a few steps away from Victoria's Diner.

A renovation of the 3,300-square-foot space added multimedia classrooms as well as a room where young men and women, some of whom have dropped out of school, can work on their resumes or workforce readiness curriculums.

"Now they have a space to engage in those services," Miranda said.

Roca is leasing the space from the Lewis Family Foundation. An investment firm tied to the Lewis family bought 60 Newmarket in 2019 for \$2

Roca also has locations in Lynn, Springfield, and Holy-

The formal opening of the new space in June drew Mayor Michelle Wu; Jay Ash, president and CEO of the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership; and Robert Lewis Jr., president and CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of

The nonprofit, which also has operations in Hartford and Baltimore, focuses on 16- to 24-year-olds who are involved in the criminal justice system, or guns and gangs, and seeks to create relationship to build safety and stability in their lives, teaching them skills and partnering with other institutions to pull the young men and women out of a cycle of violence.

It operates with help from private grants and contributions, as well as federal and state aid and income from investments

In Newmarket, Adrian Major, a manager for Roca Boston, pointed to the butcher shops, fish markets, and distribution centers around the new office in the industrial area. "We can tap into different resources," he said. "We want to give our guys the opportunity to get back into the workforce."

Jocyline Semedo, a youth worker with Roca, said the office is also close to the state Department of Transitional Assistance. "It is a safe space, it is accessible," she added, pointing to the commuter rail station across the street.

Friends rally to help a workingman's family

(Continued from page 1) Adams Village," said Ciarán's

wife, Shauna Moore, in an interview this month. "The community has been so wonderful to us and the St. Brendan's community and school. There are so many others as well. We want to express our gratitude in so many ways. Each effort for us has not gone unnoticed and we can never thank everyone enough for how they've rallied to support us in this time."

The climax of that support will unfold this Sunday (Oct. 2) as friends, family and acquaintances gather at Florian Hall from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a fundraiser to support the Moores with a substantial purse to help them with day-to-day expenses. Declan Cronin has led the effort, with key help from Kerrie Tobin, Jan McCarthy, Angie Dowling, Mary McDermott, Jamesie O'Donohue, Dan O'Connor, Fran Keenan, and Dermot Fox.

"It's such a sad story and the outpouring of goodwill from everyone in the community was an inspiration to our committee," Cronin said. "Even people who were helping quietly behind the scenes were amazing. Ciarán was a good friend to everyone and supported anyone in need. He was always there for others, and if this were any one of us, he would be there. We felt it important to be there for him and his family at this

The Moores are both from

Ireland. Shauna, 42, from to the attack. County Antrim and Ciarán, 43, from County Laois. They came to Boston separately and met here in the United States more than two decades ago. They settled in Lower Mills and now have three children: Eve, 13, a student at Archbishop Williams in Braintree, and Emme, 9, and Micheál, 6, both at the St. Brendan's School in

Dorchester.

On the night of Dec. 26, they had been out to dinner with company. Later in the night, a Quincy man allegedly hit Ciarán as he was headed to the bathroom at the ODP. The incident prompted an April hearing before the city's Licensing Board, which found that the bar itself bore no responsibility for the attack. Ciarán and his family are left with far more pieces to pick up following that shocking night while the alleged assailant, Ryan McEleney-Lynch, faces charges of aggravated assault with the case still pending.

"That night they brought me to the hospital I thought he had hurt his head and bumped it a bit," his wife said. "I thought he was only unconscious. Then the police brought me to the Homicide Unit, and I thought, 'Oh, my God, this is more serious than I expected."

Ciarán was taken to Boston Medical Center (BMC) and was in and out of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) from Dec. 27 to Feb. 24, when he had brain surgery. He later went under chair. He still needs someone the knife for injuries connected to monitor him at all times.

"He has made good progress," said Shauna. "Unfortunately, it's not linear progress with traumatic brain injuries... There's been a lot of ups and downs. You're not always going upwards. There are lots of setbacks. Whoever said, 'two steps forward and one step back' was definitely talking about brain injuries."

After BMC, Ciarán was transferred to Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Charlestown for continuing therapy while friends and family-and sometimes strangers - showed up in Lower Mills to renovate their home. The result: a new yard, a wheelchair ramp, an extension onto the home that includes a full bathroom that's wheelchair accessible, and many other tweaks to make the home more comfortable for Ciarán's return.

"Every single thing was taken care of," Shauna said. "It was just a constant stream of carpenters and local companies sending people over on Saturdays or whenever they had free time. They got it up in record time because he was going to be returning from Spaulding.' Ciarán came home on June

14 and has been reporting to Spaulding a few times a week for continued treatment. His eyesight, short-term memory, and left hand are still on the mend, and he is using a wheel-

and new responsibilities on her plate, Shauna said they were worried about the return to school – dropping off

With three kids in school

the kids and picking them up seemed impossible. Families like the nearby Porter family have stepped up with others to transport the kids to and from Archbishop Williams and St. Brendan's School. "We've been there for years,

and the families and children really have been beyond wonderful," she said. "The summer wasn't as busy, but I was a little nervous about school runs. Everyone in the community has pulled together for us."

The same can be said of Mother Olga of the Sisters of Nazarene in Quincy, who specialize in supporting families going through massive changes in their lives. Being able to attend small-scale Masses there with Mother Olga and the children has been a backbone of support spiritually, Shauna said.

Additionally, Shauna said, she cannot forget the folks at the 12 Bens Tavern on Adams Street in Fields Corner, where Ciarán used to gather regularly before the assault. She described their support as being both welcome and

For all that, however, the fundraiser on Oct. 2 is the big news, though Shauna said the family was a little bit bashful at the idea initially. Because time soon, Cronin and the MA 02124.



Ciarán Moore with his son Micheál at a recent soccer game in Dorchester.

Photo courtesy the Moore family

fundraising committee insisted that this fall would be a good time to host a benefit.

The generosity has flowed with prizes like a British Open golf champ Shane Lowry's signed shirt and photo, a hurling stick from Limerick, a 1994 World Cup Ireland special soccer jersev – as well as gift baskets, restaurant gift cards, and a whole lot more. There is also a \$10,000 cash prize, with tickets being sold ahead of the benefit.

"They have a lot of excellent prizes and people came to us with prizes," said Shauna. "In some cases, we didn't have to really go looking at all."

Those who would like to donate by check to the fund can send checks payable to The Moore Family Benefit c/o Rockland Trust; 2250 Ciarán won't be working any Dorchester Ave.; Dorchester,

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Hicks Auto Body hailed as a 'legacy business' after 52 years on Talbot Avenue

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

When he was growing up in 1950s South Carolina, a young man named Willie Hicks Sr. wanted to be a doctor, but being a Black man there in those days, he found that few colleges were interested in training him, and that society had no interest in allowing him to practice medicine.

So he headed north, to Syracuse, NY, where he did what he was good at: fixing cars, and racing them, too. In the mid-1950s, he left New York state and settled in Boston, where he married his wife Barbara, raised a family, and bought into a repair shop on Terrace Street in Mission Hill.

When the planned I-95 highway project was scheduled to plow through the location of their shop (it eventually did not), he left for Dorchester in 1970 and settled in the current location.

The Hicks family has now been doing business under the Hicks Auto Body name for more than 50 years at the nexus of Blue Hill Avenue, Talbot Avenue, and Harvard Street. They even have kept the phone number they received in 1970.

"I'm nervous, excited, and happy," said Hicks Sr., 85, last Saturday afternoon when more than 100 friends, family, and business associates joined elected officials to honor the legacy business and name the square in Hicks

Nowadays, the business is in the hands of Willie Hicks Jr. who is continuing the tradition. A standout football player at Concord-Carlisle High School and then at Boston College,

Hicks Jr. said his father was the best mentor and boss he could wish for.

"His dream was to become a doctor, but times were different then; let's just say the Ivies might not have been pursuing the best talent in the South." he said. "He had to change his course… He had to do what most of us do in life because it's not perfect; he had to deal with the cards dealt to him.

"At the young age of 31, he purchased this place, and since then we have been blessed to have the same name, the same ownership, and the same phone number and address," said Hicks Jr.

City Councillor Brian Worrell, who hosted the event, said" it's amazing to have a Black-owned family business thriving into the 21st century on Blue Hill Avenue and an honor to be able to celebrate a strong, legacy business in our community.

Mayor Wu and Economic Development and Inclusion Chief Segun Idowu noted that Hicks Auto Body is the second company on Blue Hill Avenue to earn a new "legacy business" designation, the city having honored Allan's Formal Wear earlier this year.

"For a business to have been here since 1970 and having passed this on to the next generation and to show up day in and day out...this is a blessing do everything we can to keep businesses in our community that serve and decades to come."

Said Hicks Jr. of his father today: "It's amazing because I get to see him from sunup to sundown.... I go to work



for all of us," said Wu. "We're going to Councillor Brian Worrell and Willie Hicks Sr. unveil the new corner sign proclaiming the area Willie E. Hicks Sr. Path.' Seth Daniel photo

support families in our community for I would literally die for my boss. As the unveiled the new corner memorial saying goes, 'If you don't seize your moment in time, history will record that you never lived at all."

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Following the presentations, the Street meet. every day unlike everyone else because Hicks family and elected officials

sign that reads, 'Willie E. Hicks Sr. Path.' It is located on the traffic island where Talbot Avenue and Harvard



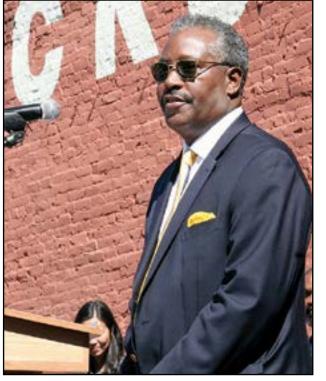
Willie Hicks Sr. said he was "nervous, excited, and happy" to be honored as a "legacy business" and to have with a corner memorial in his name.



Willie Hicks Jr., Barbara Hicks, and Willie Hicks Sr. join Mayor Wu on Saturday at Hicks Auto Body's



Mattapan's Aisha Miller takes a photo with Willie Hicks Sr. under the new memorial sign as hundreds gathered on Saturday to congratulate him on going strong for 52 years in the same location.



Willie Hicks Jr. said his father wanted to be a doctor, but times were different during his youth in South Carolina, so instead, found a path to success in fixing cars better than anyone else.

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News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Wu appoints 40 members to 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council



Mayor Michelle Wu announced the newly selected 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council last week. The diverse, 40-member group will spend the next 12 months working to connect young adults to leaders in city government, city services, and one another.

The panel will also advise Mayor Wu on city policies and programs affecting 20-to 35-year-olds.

SPARK Boston captains from Dorchester include Anthony Nguyen and Kristyn Berr. Members from Dorchester and Mattapan include Abby Jamiel, Brenna Galvin, Alexa Monfort, Yakeisha L. Gray Sinclair, Tania Jaime Lopez, Taufiq Dhanani, and Emmy Carragher. Mattapan's Lendsey Thicklin also a member.

Arts Academy to honor Dot's Latoyia Edwards at 25th anniversary gala



Latoyia Edwards

Dorchester native Latoyia Edwards, Emmy Award-winning anchor on NBC 10 Boston and NECN, will be one or seven prominent Boston leaders honored for their contributions to the city on Oct. 8, when Bosits annual BAA Honors commemorating the school's 25 anniversary.

A native of Columbia Point, Edwards joined the NBC Boston and NECN family as a morning reporter in 2005.

Other BAA Honors honorees include: Lee Pelton, CEO & Presidation; Lee Michael

Carole Mooney contributed to this

In the Southeast corner of the Clap compound, at 195 Boston Street,

rests a reminder of when a young

country encouraged manufacturing

to bolster its economy to become less

dependent on foreign nations for essential supplies (In 1767 Dorchester

voted to "encourage manufacturers of the country and less the use of

foreign superfluities."). The giant

bark, crushing it for use in tanning

hides. A flier located nearby describes

the leather-making process with

illustrations. A collection of notes by

Daniel Dunn donated by Joe Langis

provides information on the political

importance of leather manufacturing.

On March 31, 1788, an act passed by

Kennedy, President & CEO of Lee Kennedy Co., Inc.; Bryan Rafanelli, chief

creative officer at Rafanelli Events; Kobi Halperin, creative director of Kobi Halperin and Ungaro Paris; Terri Lynn Carrington, Grammy award-winning drummer, composer, producer, and educator; and Michaela dePrince, premier ballerina and second soloist at Boston

Modeled after the professional and civic famed Kennedy Honors in Washington, the event will be held in the brandton Arts Academy host new state-of the art building which opened at the beginning of the new school year and was named for Roxbury-born education and arts Icon, the late Dr. Elma Lewis.

The BAA Honors, which are sponsored by the Boston Arts Academy Foundation, serves as the largest single source dent of the Boston Foun- of funding for Boston Arts Academy.



From left, Boston Uncornered co-founder Mark Culliton, state Rep. Liz Miranda, Boston Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison, Boston Uncornered co-founder Michelle Caldeira, Boston Uncornered Board Chair Jerrell Engermann, NFL Hall of Fame Announcer Andrea Kremer, Boston Uncornered Director of Development Debbie Mahase, New England Patriots captain Devin McCourty.

Boston Uncornered raises \$500k toward ending gang violence and urban poverty

and political world gath- have the charisma and ered in the Boston Sea- intelligence to lead othport on Sept. 19 for its ers and are willing to ing mental health counannual Celebration of change their lives. "Un-seling, and educational Milestones event and cornered is about believ- guidance. The students raised \$500,000 for Boston Uncornered, an the challenges in our mentors who understand organization with an communities are the their struggle. This apinnovative approach to ones that we should turn proach is working to end ending gang violence to and support to make a and generational urban

The organization sets high expectations for

ing that those closest to difference," said Boston Uncornered co-founder Boston and beyond.

Mark Culliton. Uncornered supports gang members who are students with a weekly BPDA Arthur Jemison

education while providwork with trusted peer gang violence and generational urban poverty in

Boston Chief of Planning and director of the

Leaders of the sports its Core Influencers and \$400 stipend and em- was named Uncornered powers them to earn an Champion of the Year. "I'm honored and thrilled to be part of what Boston Uncornered is doing, Jemison said. "They have the courage to be available to these young people and have a track record of being there for them."

> The honorary chair of the event, Gov. Charlie Baker. gave Jemison a special citation to mark

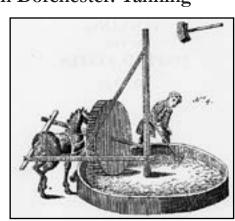
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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Early Manufacturing in Dorchester: Tanning



stone biscuit with fluted edge and a the Massachusetts House and Senate hole carved through its center was prevented the exportation of green once tipped on its side and rolled over or unmanufactured calf skins out of this Commonwealth by land or water. The legislators wrote, "Whereas the exporting of greener unmanufactured calf skins, will occasion a scarcity thereof, and be attended with disto the Dorchester Historical Society agreeable consequences..."

Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of Treasury, in a 1791 report, said tanners were active in numerous parts of



the country and the government had been asked to prohibit the import of leather and export of bark. "Not only the wealth; but the independence and security of a Country, appear to be materially connected with the prosperity of manufactures. Every nation, with a view to those great objects, ought to endeavor to possess within

itself all the essentials of national supply," he said.

Leather was manufactured for a variety of items, according to Daniel Dunn's notes. Shoes were made with cow hide with calfskins for uppers. Sheepskin was considered cheap leather, lambskin was used for gloves, horsehide for harnesses and pigskin for the seat of saddles. Donkey and mule hides, a rough or shagreen leather, was used to create a good grip for scabbards. Oil and lampblack were rubbed in to color the leather. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society.org.

The Society's historic houses are closed at this time due to the pandemic. For now, our in-person programming has been suspended, and we are using Zoom instead. Watch for announcements.

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Editorial

THE REPORTER

Bits & pieces from my notepad

A few stray thoughts while waiting for the first

• By most accounts, Saturday's 'Open Streets' event on Dorchester Avenue was a success. The event shut down Dot Ave to vehicular traffic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and required even more parking restrictions for those who live along the route. But the net outcome was a positive experience, according to those who journeyed out to the avenue.

One constructive critique heard often in the days since: If it's staged again next year, city planners might condense the route some. Two miles is a lot of ground to cover and there were scant programming options and light foot traffic between Peabody Square and Gallivan Boulevard, for example. As $evidenced\,by\,the\,huge\,turnout\,for\,the\,Night\,Market$ in Fields Corner last July, there's an appetite for these sorts of street festival/block party events in Dorchester.

Saturday's Open Streets suggests that with a tighter route and a bit more engagement, there's a strong audience for a repeat next year. We'd also like to see the Open Street concept tried out on the Mattapan Square end of Blue Hill Avenue. And with all these fresh takes on seasonal street festivals, here's a pitch to resurrect the Adams Corner Irish Festival, which was a huge hit a few years back.

Dorchester's villages really shine when we have a chance to bring in crowds for a day of fun without cars in the way. We should have more of them.

• The state's Dept. of Conservation and Recreation needs to do a better job explaining what it's up to at Ryan Playground in Mattapan. There's been a fair amount of confusion and misinformation flying around over the last couple of months regarding construction supposedly starting up next year that could dramatically change the way families use the popular spot near the Neponset River. Specifically, there's a plan in the works to remove a popular water feature that helps neighborhood kids cool off in the summer.

As we reported last month, state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley told constituents in a public meeting that the feature is going to be repaired and upgraded, not eliminated. Now, the state agency has set a meeting for next Wednesday (Oct. 5) at 6 p.m. to "inform the public of the agency's plans to convert the existing wading pool to a splash pad." A pad is not a pool— and families have been quite vocal about their desire to keep this amenity intact. The DCR should come to the meeting prepared to hear them out and make changes accordingly. Planners, please: Listen to the people who use the park.

• Mattapan, Dorchester, and Milton residents alike should pay close attention over the coming weeks to new details about the MBTA's Mattapan Hi-Speed Trolley Line. The T will convene a virtual meeting on Tues., Oct. 18, for the public to "learn more about the status" of the "transformation program" to "ensure accessible, reliable, and modern service" for "years to come.'

The orange-colored PCC cars that run on the line's eight stations are getting near-term upgrades, but the longer-term plan is to replace the popular but aging fleet with Green Line-styled vehicles over the next decade. That will require more work on the tracks, platforms, bridges, and other infrastructure. Make sure to tune into the Zoom meeting on the 18th. Bill Forry

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Commentary

Will political violence be America's 'new normal'?

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By Paul G. Kirk, Jr.
Congratulations to the Biden Administration, several major social media services, the US Conference of Mayors, the Anti-Defamation League, and other organizations for joining forces to combat the spread of extremist verbal and political violence in

The stakes for our democracy could not be higher. and all of us as citizens will have a critical role to play in this effort in the coming months. Sadly, our recent track record begs critical examination.

The erosion of society's respected norms, left unchecked, has taken on gravity's accelerating downward force. We've witnessed the fall from civility to hate speech; from bipartisan compromise to polarized obstruction; from public trust in truth to "fake news" to "alternative facts" to denial to deliberate disinformation; from respectful disagreement to spiteful division.

For the most part, these unsettling national trends have been met with an "it is what it is" shrug of resignation, indifference, or a sense of helplessness. None of these passive reactions comes close to what's needed from us to confront our most clear and present danger.

The once unimaginable armed mob attack on our nation's Capitol and on our system's peaceful transfer of power on January 6, 2021, remains an unforgettable stain on democracy's public trust. More recently, news and intelligence surveys report that threats of political violence and physical attacks on public servants and processes have grown at an alarming rate in American life. This dangerous rhetoric is being sparked by violent online and TV-host vitriol as well as by inflammatory threats from shameless elected officials - past and present.

As a former member of the Senate's Homeland Security Committee, I associate myself with President Biden's warning call and that of Jan.6 committee Chairman Bennie Thompson (D-MS) and Vice-Chair Liz Cheney (R-WY) of the House January 6 committee. They put perilous extremist rhetoric in blunt, clear-eyed perspective: "These threats of violence and even civil war.... are not only un-American but are a threat to our democracy and the rule of law.

None of us should ignore the possibility of America's worst nightmare. We're a country now awash with weapons of war. Left unchecked, extremists enraged by hateful disinformation and false conspiracy theories have the potential to ignite a violent political civil war in our upcoming elections.

What, then, is our responsibility? Our Founders told us in timeless words written at Independence Hall where both the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution were signed almost 250 years ago. The Constitution 's preamble speaks to --- "WE THE PEOPLE" and to our purpose---IN ORDER -- TO ENSURE DOMESTIC TRÂNQUIL-ITY......do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

In a system founded on "consent of the governed", a silent America in the face of potential political violence will be deemed a consenting America.

A citizens' pre-emptive collective national call to reason is the only alternative. Political violence, real or potential, must be condemned in every conversation at every kitchen table, on every street corner and in every online chat room in America. Moral thought leaders -rural and urban, religious, political, legal, medical, media, public policy institutes, corporations and unions, educators at every level, community organizations, concerned citizens and parents - All of us must take the high ground and do our part to call America back to its senses and back from the potential for a violent political

In sports, the team that controls the ball controls the game. In debate, the voices that control the dialogue can lead the audience toward a reasoned result. To return to a safe and civil society, each of us must help create the momentum to drown out verbal violence and denounce political violence by making them the ultimate litmus tests for every party platform and every candidate in every debate in every campaign at every level in our 2022 and 2024 elections.

The fundamental premise of a functional democracy is the vote and vigilant civic engagement of its citizens. The fundamental promise of America is that each generation will leave to the next a democracy better than they themselves inherited.

Will political violence be America's "new normal"? Not if "WE THE PEOPLE" of America heed our duty "TO ENSURE DOMESTIC TRANQUILITY" by defying the current destructive voices of violence and lifting our own voices in patriotic support of our republic on an upward, forward, and peaceful path.

Paul G. Kirk, Jr. is a former US senator from Massachusetts. A version of this article ran in the Boston Globe on Sept. 3.

labor market conditions." A recent commentary

put that into plain English: "Here's the idea behind

why boosting the nation's unemployment could

cool inflation. With an additional million or two

people out of work, the newly unemployed and

their families would sharply cut back on spending,

while for most people who are still working, wage

How can wages be the main driver of inflation

Of course, not everyone is suffering equally from

inflation. Corporate profits and executive salaries

are at record levels. Real estate listings show a

staggering number of multi-million-dollar resi-

dences for sale in Boston, Cape Cod, and Rhode Island. Mega yachts are selling briskly. Massa-

chusetts plutocrats are so flush with cash – and

so determined to keep as much as possible - that

they are donating millions to defeat the Fair Share

Amendment (Question 1) on the November ballot

Working people should not have to bear the sole

burden of inflation. In the long run, their best option

is to join a union, which can negotiate pay raises

and automatic cost-of-living increases. Against this

right, corporate America has always mobilized all

its wealth and power, including in elections, to

so that they can avoid paying more taxes.

when living costs have been increasing much faster

growth would flatline".

Question: Who should pay for inflation? Answer: Not just the working population

By Jeff Klein SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The hard-working people of Massachusetts don't have to be reminded about the pain of inflation. A trip to the supermarket demonstrates the sharply rising price of food, which is forcing most of us to tighten belts and even change our eating habits. Rents in Boston have also soared, as have the cost of many other daily necessities.

The latest blow is the recent announcement that gas and electricity prices are expected to rise than paychecks? sharply just as the winter heating season begins. Families already suffering from the increasing cost of living will face more pain when they struggle to pay their utility bills.

But news reports leave out crucial information about the causes and the cure for the surge in prices. Starting with energy, the rising costs are blamed on the war in Ukraine. But the reality is that the US is wholly self-sufficient in oil and gas. In fact, our country is a net exporter natural gas and oil. In theory, we should be insulated from the rising cost of energy, unlike Europeans whose self-defeating boycott of Russian gas is leading to sky-high spikes in the cost fuel and electricity. When US utilities

any justification from increased costs, the reason is because they can. This is nothing more than corporate greed and monopoly price gauging. What is the cure for inflation and who should pay the price? The unelected directors of the Federal Reserve bank have an answer: Working people

take advantage of this to raise their prices without

should lose their jobs and pay more for mortgages. That is the intended effect of the recent announcements of sharp rises in interest.

that "there will very likely be some softening of

Workers should begin to fight inflation by voting in their own interests and electing public officials who represent their interests, not those of the already wealthy. We are many, they are few.

make it harder for workers to organize.

Jeff Klein is a retired machinist and former local union president who lives in Dorchester. Fed Chair Jerome Powell was frank in stating



Shrubs grow off the Southeast Expressway.

Bill Walczak photo

How the mayor's plan for an urban forest can succeed

• The plan

(Continued from page 1)

much greater tree coverage than other neighborhoods, and how those inequities will be addressed. It's a far-reaching, comprehensive plan, but its success will be determined by what actually happens. In that vein, I have a list of suggestions for consideration:



Bill Walczak

calls for reorganizing urban forest management and moving to pro-active maintenance. This needs to start with the Parks Department. As a 50-year

resident of Boston, I've seen parks get major capital improvements, with little maintenance afterward, with the result that the parks deteriorate until the next capital improvement 20-30 years later. Every park in the city needs a pro-active, publicly accessible maintenance plan beyond trash pickup.

- My experience with Savin Hill Park is that whatever maintenance occurs in the upper five acres, including removal of dead trees, is from the neighborhood cleanup. Simple things, like getting the grass cut, seem difficult to impossible to sustain regularly. We should do an assessment of what every park needs, and staff accordingly. The Parks Department has been starved of sufficient staffing for many years.
- Parks Department changes should also include how the Parks Commission approves developments next to parks. The work along Alpine Way in Savin Hill went right up to the edge of the park and it included cutting tree roots and a big chunk of the puddingstone that makes up the hill. Yet the Parks Commission did not require the developers to improve the adjacent section of the park, which is filled with dead trees, overgrown vegetation, and glass.
- Street trees are another major part of the plan. How we add street trees needs to be re-conceptualized if we're going to see a significant increase in the city's supply. Dorchester Avenue comes to mind. The Dorchester Avenue Vision Committee came up with a plan to add 42 trees along Dorchester Avenue between Columbia Road and Freeport Street, which would require the addition of about 30 tree pits.

The plan had nearly 900 signatories

on the petition that called on city government to plant the trees. One Wu administration official told me a month ago that Dorchester Avenue could not have additional tree pits because "Public Works won't allow it." Our main streets should have trees on both public and private property that make them both beautiful and shady. As stated in the "Urban Forest Plan," all departments need to cooperate in improving the canopy.

- Another opportunity for tree placement would be to complete the Emerald Necklace, originally intended to go from Franklin Park to Boston Harbor via Columbia Road. Columbia Road was supposed to be a parkway like the Arborway in Jamaica Plain, but the city never finished the plan. It's time.
- The Wu administration also needs to take on the state's highway department. The nearly always-jammed Southeast Expressway is a major source of pollution, which affects brain development in children, and the health of adults and elders. Studies have shown that planting evergreens along highways filters out pollution. State officials need to add public health to the highway department's mission and come up with a plan to plant a wall of evergreen trees along the highways that go through Boston's
- The administration should also prevail on the new governor to ensure that the rebuilding of the parkways that go through the city — such as Morrissey Boulevard and Soldiers' Field Road — are reclaimed as parkways, which were intended to have trees and other foliage, and be for pedestrians and bicycles as well as cars.

• Finally, the "Urban Forest Plan" calls for the creation of new space for trees. There are opportunities to return lost tree space to Franklin Park and preserve tree space in Hyde Park. Franklin Park lost 13 acres in creating the Shattuck Hospital in 1949; that precious green space will become available when the hospital is demolished in 2024. In Hyde Park, 24 acres of trees known as Crane's Ledge need protection from development.

The heat experienced this past summer should result in support for the "Vision for Boston's Urban Forest." This is just one part, but a major part, of what Boston needs to do to ensure that the city is livable for future generations.

Bill Walczak lives in Dorchester. His column appears regularly in the

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Freeport Street and Gallivan Boulevard—

down Back Bay's Newbury Street, first piloted in work so well." 2016. Earlier events were held this summer in Ja-

A 2.1 mile stretch of Dorchester Avenue was maica Plain and on Blue Hill Avenue. And, Fields "open to people" but not cars on Saturday morning Corner's Little Saigon cultural district also hosted as thousands turned out for the last in a series of a shorter-duration 'Night Market' event that closed Open Street Boston events organized by the city of off the avenue to vehicles in July. Mayor Wu has Boston this year. The pedestrian zone—between said her administration will "carefully analyze" the response and feedback from community members, is an expansion of a similar effort that shuts and "download on what went well and what didn't Photos by Seth Daniel



Jessica Carvalho and Michael Cawley in front of the Open Streets balloon sculpture. Cawley, incidentally, was once a Dorchester Reporter delivery boy



Logan Nguyen took charge of slowing down cars on Adams Street.



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Steven Diaz took his time making a chicken on a sunny day.



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Pedestrians, scooters, and subways. What's missing? Cars. Dorchester Avenue went car-free on Saturday, Sept. 24, for the first-ever Open Streets festival.



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blast going up and down Dorchester Avenue in



Vivian Ortiz, the Bike Mayor of Mattapan.



Photographer Mike Ritter (right) and assistant Diuene Novembre took photos all day for the Beautiful



Sarah Riddel promoted the Fields Corner Business Lab, noting that it has expanded to the second and third floor of the Lenane Building.



Ryan Nguyen heads south on his bike along **Dorchester Avenue.**



Tam Le, of Pho Hoa, and Victoria Nguyen, of Anh Hong at Pho Hoa, line up drink specialties as they prepared to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Pho

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Discarded needles, drug use draw police to Neponset park

By SETH DANIEL

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An uptick in reports of open-air drug use in and around a stateowned park in Neponset has prompted increased State Police patrols at the site, according to state Rep. Dan Hunt. The park, which includes Mc-Morrow Playground, is located across the street from the Armory on Victory Road and adjacent to the Richard J. Murphy School and Leahy-Holloran Community Center.

"The neighbors have seen a couple of individuals over the last few weeks doing drugs in the playground itself," said Hunt. "Throughout the city and Dorchester, we find needles more and more every day, especially over the last eight vears as Mass & Cass has expanded...I've seen an increase of homeless and encampments in the neighborhood, in city and state parks and in the woods around the MBTA property. I've asked State Police to increase patrols of the area."

One concerned citizen who operates a day care center near the park posted her frustrations on social media last week.

"There are needles everywhere," she wrote. "I can't take my daycare kids here to play anymore, and I don't even feel comfortable walking by...This is so not okay.'

Hunt told the Reporter

in the woods adjacent to ground and other nearby McMorrow Playground last spring. That was quickly handled, he said. "Over my lifetime, panhandling and homelessness has increased every year," he added. "As a society, including city and state government, we can't get a handle on it."

Concerns about discarded needles and drug

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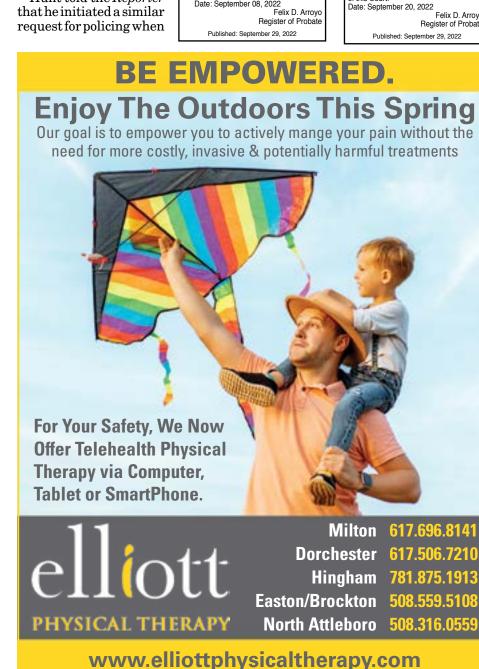
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For banks, Covid time saw closing of some 230 branches in the state

By BETH HEALY AND LAURA KRAEGEL

The pandemic was an opportunity for Bank of Amer-customers equitably. ica, the region's largest bank, and others to speed up closures and consolidations—shuttering branches in a slew of neighborhoods. All told, banks have closed at least 230 branches across the state since the start of the Covid infection, one quarter of those in low- and out of sheer necessity. moderate-income areas, according to Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. data and a WBUR analysis.

They have permanently closed not only 39 locations in Boston, but dozens of others, including in cities like New Bedford, Springfield, Brockton, and Worcester, places where large swaths of residents live on less than the state median income.

of America branch at 740 Gallivan Boulevard, the Rockland Trust branch at 960 Morrissey Boulevard, and the Santander branch at 2 Morrissey. There were no closures in Mattapan.

Branch closures have an outsized impact on some customers: small businesses that deal in cash; city dwellers reliant on public transit; older customers who've long done business in person; as well as people with low or moderate incomes and those for whom English is a second language.

"Whether it was intentional or not, given who does online banking, very likely it will have a disproportionate effect on lower-income people in neighbor-



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hoods," said former Congressman Barney Frank, a longtime advocate for fair lending and banks treating

Bankers acknowledge that the pandemic accelerated branch closures. They say more customers than ever took to banking online during the pandemic. Even technology holdouts changed their habits, often

But as the economy reopened, many people across the income spectrum expected their local bank branch to be there for them if they needed it. In numerous cases, that didn't happen.

A WBUR analysis of branch closures tracked by the FDIC found that Citizens Bank and Santander Bank — the second- and third-largest bank systems Bank closures in Dorchester included the Bank in the state — each has shut down 36 branches in Massachusetts since the start of the pandemic. Of those, 33 percent of the Citizens branches were located in low- and moderate-income areas, as classified by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council. Many of those were in supermarkets, where the bank says they've been replaced by ATMs. For Santander, about 22 percent of the closures were in low- and moderate-income areas.

Bank of America, which reported profits of \$32 billion last year, has permanently closed 39 branches in Massachusetts, one quarter of those in low- or moderate-income areas. But the overall impact has been greater because the bank also kept more than 20 branches "temporarily" closed during Covid time

— some for over two years as of early September. Together, the shuttered Bank of America branches represent 30 percent of its pre-Covid branches here, and some \$12 billion in customer deposits. No other banking company kept branches out of service for



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The protracted limbo has stung in many quarters, particularly in neighborhoods that historically have had to fight for banking services.

Small businesses and restaurants dot the streets of Nubian Square in Roxbury, and many commuters pass through daily at a large city bus station. This neighborhood, formerly known as Dudley Square, is historically diverse, and home to low- and moderate-income residents.

Robert George, executive director of Roxbury Main Streets, a community nonprofit that supports local businesses, said Bank of America's multiple closures at the Roxbury branch during Covid, and reduced service as recently as this summer, were frustrating as the neighborhood worked to emerge from the pandemic slump.

"The in-person service was totally closed, and [they] were directing customers to the lobby for the ATMs, George said. He experienced that himself, while trying to make deposits for his group, and had to explain to a bank staffer that as a small enterprise, he didn't have an ATM card.

"Here in Nubian Square, Roxbury itself, it's a hub," George said. "I don't think they can show me any statistics claiming it's not heavily utilized. The bank is always busy. So, it's an important, integral part, especially for a number of the businesses that

Customers had entrusted the branch with nearly \$240 million in deposits, according to the FDIC. During a July visit to the branch by WBUR, a security guard said the ATMs were open, but branch visits were by appointment only.

"It's about [banks] providing appropriate equity in services," he said. "When you see that history and you see this type of behavior, antennas go up again." According to the bank, normal service was restored

at the Roxbury branch in mid-August. Most of the its remaining temporary closures are slated to reopen in October, with renovations. Nationally, the bank still has 6 percent of its branches temporarily closed, and expects most to reopen by year end.

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the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint f ivorce requesting that the Court gran divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown vorce requesting that the Court gran divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown ne Complaint is on file at the Cour he Complaint is on file at the Court n Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing een entered in this matter preventin you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financia you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financia atus of either party. SEE Supplement status of either party. SEE Supplemental obate Court Rulé 411. robate Court Rulé 411. You are hereby summoned and

You are hereby summoned and equired to serve upon:Jose Fernande Monteiro, 95 Greenwood St., Apt. Porchester, MA 02121 your answer, ny, on or before 12/01/2022. If you fa do so, the court will proceed to the earing and adjudication of this action You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the gister of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Felix D. Arroyc

Register of Probate

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. ustice of this Court. Date: September 12, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Percent Paid &/or requested

Docket No. SU22C0457CA IN THE MATTER OF: NATALIE MARIANNA GAIDA A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Natalie Marianna Gajda of Boston, MA equesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Natalie Marianna Gaida

IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for urposes of objecting to the peition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court pefore 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/13/2022. This is NOT hearing date, but a deadline ov which you must file a written appearance if you object to this roceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. UNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 15, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate mber 29, 2022

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU22P1609EA ESTATE OF: MARY KATHRYN SEDOR a/k/a: MARY SEDOR and/or KATHY SEDOR DATE OF DEATH: July 4, 2021

all persons interested in the above cap oned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Joh V. Sedor of LaVerne, CA. John W. Sedor o aVerne. CA has been informally appointe serve without surety on the bond.

SUFFOLK DIVISION

under informal procedure by the Persona Jniform Probate Code without supervisio not required to be filed with the Court, but egarding the administration from the rsonal Representative and can petitio the Court in any matter relating to the and expenses of administration. Intereste parties are entitled to petition the Court t nstitute formal proceedings and to obtai orders terminating or restricting the power of Personal Representatives appointed Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained

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Judge's ruling seen as clearing the way for Morrissey digital board

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

dotnews.com

The long fight over a sion in the parking lot of Boston Bowl on Morrissey Boulevard looks to have cleared the lane and the pins are falling in the direction of the project's proponents.

While MassDOT officials said on Tuesday that no decision had been made on the permitting of the digital billboard conversion, Administrative Law Judge Al

on Tenean Street will be removed.

to take it down.

Caldarelli ruled last week that the conversion should be approved, giv- of those permits will digital billboard conver- en that another billboard resolve the spacing viola-In January, the switch

was denied by the state Office of Outdoor Advertising (OOA) due to the board being too close to the one on Tenean Street. Boston Bowlowners appealed the ruling, and in the interim, the owner of the Tenean Street billboard agreed

ruling "The surrender tion that currently exists with respect to the sign at 820 Morrissey Blvd., thereby removing its

non-conforming status. "Assuming no other issues of non-compliance have been identified, upon surrender of Tenean Street, there will no longer be any

Said Caldarelli in his the permits to convert an electronic sign."

> decision, which is expected to be an approval any day now. Port Norfolk's Maria

The issue was remanded to OOA for the final A billboard in the parking lot of the Boston Bowl property that is being proposed for a digital con-

Lyons led a group of residents from Dorchester who tried unsuccessfully to intervene in the case permits and removal of and had concerns about the sign located at 65 the billboard's proximity to Tenean Beach and the forthcoming Neponset impediment to granting Greenway. She said

The late Julia Child,

a Cambridge resident,

and star of the WG-

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version is at the heart of a major neighborhood controversy. they were discouraged those arguments were

Massachusetts contin-

ues to draw movie pro-

duction crews. Several

not reconsidered. The judge "would not even consider the factual evidence in the Mass-DOT file that it is in within 300 feet of Neponset River Reservation...or

the Greenway, making it against state regulations," she said. "Bay Colony was allowed to update their digital billboard request, with no public input, but we were not allowed to add any evidence or updates."

der case, was filmed in

Cohasset and the South

End, and is now in the-

aters. "Black Panther:

Wakanda Forever" was

filmed in the MIT neigh-

borhood last year and is

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due out Nov. 11.

Seth Daniel photo

HBO's 'Julia' film crews are back in Adams Village

Corner Cafe and Butcher



Parking restrictions go into effect later this week for the filming of the second season of "Julia." Ed Forry photo

cused on Julia Child, as the show films part the famous chef, is of its second season in back again with film Adams Village. The first crews in Dorchester this season aired earlier this week. Parking restric- year on HBO Max. tions went into effect on Last year, the show Wednesday and were ex-filmed inside the Adams

The HBO series fo- pected to end on Friday

Shop. It has previously filmed in Fields Corner, Smith College graduate, on Adams Street, and inside the Hall Space BH-TV cooking show films are either coming to gallery at 950 Dorchester Ave. in Savin Hill. It also has filmed in cashire. Her husband with Jon Hamm playing

Framingham, Brookline

resident Joyce Linehan, ties" to the city and who worked as a top aide to former mayor, and neighbor, Marty Walsh, has joined the Massachusetts College of Art and Design as assistant to

state's creative sectors porting the college's 150th anniversary celebration. MassArt, as the college

President Mary Grant called Linehan a "cre- college first opened in songwriter Joe Pernice

the president for special

Longtime Dorchester ative thinker with deep 1873 as the Massachusetts Normal Art School. Linehan, who lives in who will focus on sup- Lower Mills, worked as chief of policy and planning under Walsh.

"The French Chef, is theaters or just released.

played by Sara Lan- "Confess Fletch," a movie

Paul is played by David a former investigative

Hyde-Pierce of "Frasier" reporter solving a mur-

Before joining City Hall in 2014, she ran is known, has 1,635 un-Ashmont Media, a pubdergraduates and 115 lic relations company. graduate students. The She also worked with

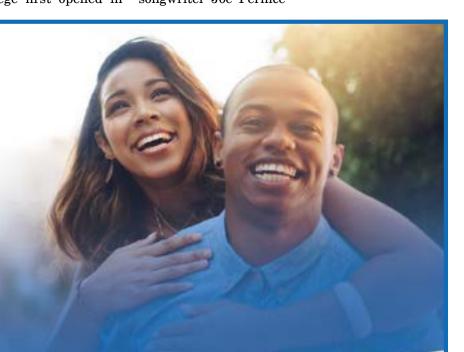
MassArt signs up Dot's Linehan on an independent record label, was the vice president at Sub Pop records, and managed the Lemonheads and Smithereens.

She holds degrees from UMass Boston and is the founder of the Dorchester Arts Collaborative.

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urton Training Village Partners with BGCD for Family Retreat Day:

CONNECT THE DOT: Ron Burton Training Village **Partners with BGCD for Family** Retreat Day: Recently, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester partnered with our friends at the Ron Burton Training Village (RBTV) for our 1st Family Retreat Day in Hubbardston at the **RBTV Campus.**

The fun filled day included a variety of teamwork activities, reflection time for both parents and children, and many more exciting actvities for all.

We would like to thank the Ron Burton Training Village for their generosity and hospitality, and for their ongoing partnership which has included separate retreats for both our girl and boy members this past Fall and Spring.

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

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: Team BGCD Takes Part in 32nd Annual Rodman Ride for Kids: On Saturday, September 24th, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester participated in the 32nd Annual Rodman Ride for Kids in Foxborough, MA. Rodman Ride for Kids is the #1 athletic event in the country that helps support at risk youth. This year we had a team of 53 participants, some who did the 25 or 50 mile route in Foxboro, as well as others who participated in the "Choose Your Own Adventure" virtual Ride. Our team was made up of staff, board members, alumni and friends, all of whom showed up to help support programming at BGCD.

It's not too late to support Team BGCD - help us reach our goal! To donate to Team BGCD, please visit https:// do.nr/ybjeav. Thanks to all of our riders who participated and worked hard to fundraise for our Clubs!



DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Partners with Fresh Films Program for Teens This School Year: This school year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is excited to partner once again with our friends at Fresh Films to provide a year-round program focusing on Film & Media for teens. Members will meet on Thursdays beginning October 27th and will learn the skills to create: music videos, competition shows, documentaries, and narrative short films thanks to Hollywood pros from Sony, Roku, Paramount, Discovery and more. The program is offered at no cost and all equipment is

Classes will be held from October 27th to May 25th on Thursdays at our McLaughlin Building located at 1135 Dorchester Ave. For information or to register, please contact Chad Hassey at chassey@bgcdorchester.org.

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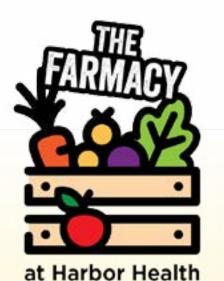
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8:30 am - 5:00 pm





The storefront on River Street where The POT proposes to locate.

Being a Black-owned ups were," she said. business from a group "Besides the religious already known to the component, the biggest community was seen as a major positive for issue was the existing problem there with the group. However, people lingering and existing loitering and loitering...We agreed congestion problems at to add an extra camera. the site drew concerns and with our presence from long-time resiin a [onetime] vacant dents and members of the Church of the Holy storefront, maybe that Spirit, which is located will deter the things that are going on."

She added, "We hope After the meeting, we can be the one to Ledbetter said they drive that change and believe the store's openmake (the liquor store) ing would help make address its issues." conditions better in the

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The meeting was no business district. slam dunk for the couple. "It wasn't hard to Concerns from several engage the community church members were but really it was about front and center, but finding out what the they were buttressed church's biggest hang-

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By SETH DANIEL

News Editor

touted their own roots in

Mattapan.

across the street.

Cannabis team makes pitch

by enthusiastic support from a younger crowd of Mattapan residents.

"I must say I am in opposition not to them, but of the location...It's such a congested area where The POT would be located," said Sheila

Many detailed the conditions where people drink, smoke, park and disrespect the church parking lot and property. They feel The POT would only make that worse, and they would like the situation addressed and resolved before the cannabis shop

Rev. Zenetta Arm-(Continued next page)



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strong, of the church, said she is trying to work with Ledbetter, but she says, "I don't think people are hearing the concerns. They are not against Dru but issues we've experienced before Dru came into the picture. It has nothing to do with The POT store, but I think the issues should be taken seriously."

On the flip side, many at the online meeting were enthusiastic in their support of The

"We don't have any problem with toddlers at ABCD or teens at the bus stop going over to everyone to voice their the liquor store and they have less security," said

little more realistic, even though it's reasonable, and maybe a little less emotional."

Said Farah Benoit: "This is a Black-owned company, and we need more Black-owned businesses in the community...Our biggest critic is ourselves as a Black community. We should support her without the buts, the ands, and the

Elected officials have vet to sound off on the proposal, but State Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley said she encouraged

"I appreciate that Ms.

City of Westwood Income-Restricted Rental Opportunit

256 Washington Street

256 Washington Street

2 Income-Restricted Units

1-Bedroom

2-Bedroom

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\$60,390

Minimum Incomes

(set by owner + based on # of bedrooms

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+ Area Median Income (AMI))

Westwood, MA 02090

1,070

dot, dot, dots."

Yionel Jean. "Let's be a Ledbetter appears to be taking the community feedback process seriously, and that this is a proposal from a Black-

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owned business," she wrote in a statement. "I want to encourage anyone who lives near the area to express their opinions about the proposal to the owners and the City's Office of Neighborhood Services."

After the meeting, Ledbetter said she is frustrated that the church is carrying so much weight in the discussion as "only 10 percent of the church are Mattapan residents," but said she would continue meeting with them.

Maximum Incomes

(set by HUD + based on household size +

Area Median Income (AMI))

\$78,300

\$89,500

\$100,700

\$111.850

\$120,800

The proposal at 558

The group previously

proposed a shop at 1187

Blue Hill Ave. next to

Morningstar Baptist

Church. Ledbetter said

ship with that church,

and it took a non-op-

position stance. BCB

approved it in Oct. 2021,

and they received a Host

Community Agreement

in November 2021. They

were to have a hearing

at the Zoning Board of

Appeals on Jan. 22, but

a sudden change by their

landlord threw a wrench

in the process that could

not be resolved.

River St. was a result of

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members of the community and Mattapan Main Streets helping them to find a spot in the fallthey had a good relation- out. Another cannabis

attempted to locate at 558 River St., but abandoned the attempt.

Ledbetter and Cohen expect to have a date in front of the BCB in operation, Pure Oasis, October.

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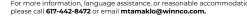
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 $\textbf{Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 6:00pm} \ \underline{\text{https://zoom.us/j/97987013061?pwd=SnlyN0t4K1kzU3JhV0NmTWNYTU41dz09}}$ ode bwM5f1. Dial In 1-929-205-6099 Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:00pm https://us05web.zoom.us/i/836 Meeting ID 836 5591 1386, Passcode xHkRb0, Dial In 1-929-205-6099

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death by her siblings

Gloria Mason, Dorothy

Harvey and Jameison

Harvey. She is survived

by her twin sister Elaine

Harvey (Boston), brother

Stephen Elcock (London

England). She leaves to

mourn nephew's Kenrick,

Carlos, Kevin of (Boston)

Mark of California) and

Jimerson Jones of (Bar-

bados) nieces Wendy,

Myrna, Quinta, Rhonda,

Andrea Belus of (Boston)

and Ernesta Forde of

(Barbados). She is also

survived by a host of other

relatives and dear friends

too numerous to mention.

HERRINGTON, El-

F. Herrington. Mother of

of Charlestown and Jes-

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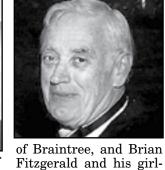
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BAKER, Karen D. of Dorchester. Daughter of Monroe and Frances Baker. She leaves her mother and only son Ronald D. Baker and his wife Shamika D. Baker. late Katherine Kofnovec Grandmother of 5 and one and her husband Bill of great-grand child.Sister Debra L. Baker, cousin Pamela Williams, one and his wife Jacqueline niece and a host of other relatives and friends to cherish her memories.

DEWAR, Paula M. (**Johnson**) of Brighton and Osterville. Wife of the late Donald Dewar. Mother of Diane Dewar of West Roxbury and Debra Dewar of Dorchester. at Campion Center, 319 Sister of Joan O'Connell and her late husband, Vincent, Lois Cohan and her late husband, Joseph. Sister-in-law of the late Joan Sheppard and her late husband, John. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cherished friends. Donations in memory of Paula may be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA

FITZGERALD, John **F. "Jack,"** 85, of Braintree, formerly of So. Yarmouth and Dorchester. US Marine Corps veteran. Husband of the late Eileen F. (Higgins) Fitzgerald. Father of Carol Fitzgerald of Plymouth, Jack Fitzgerald, III and his wife Sharon of Braintree, Laurie Hannigan na Flynn. Also survived and her husband Paul



friend Linda Cugini of Rehobeth. Brother of the late Suzanne Madden and her husband Thomas Madden of NH and the CA. "Papa" to 7. Brotherin-law of Thomas Higgins of Marstons Mills, James Higgins and his wife Carol of Hanover and the late Fr. John Higgins, S.J. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made in Jack's name to the Jesuit community Concord Rd., Weston, MA 02493.



FLYNN, Kathleen A. of Mattapan. Daughter of the late Lucia (Birolini) and Francis X. Flynn, Sr. Sister of Daniel Flynn of Mattapan, Paul Flynn and his wife Theresa of Dedham, and the late Francis X. Flynn, Jr. and his wife Virginia Flynn of Marshfield. Aunt of Rachel, Benjamin, and Alaby many loving cousins.



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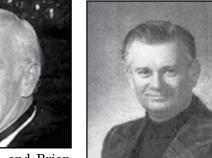
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HALL, Ralph Leo, 91, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Ralph N. and Irene (Fogel) Hall. He was predeceased by his sister Lois. He served in the Navy from during the Korean War. Ralph is a member of the Local 103 Electrical Union and was an instructor in the Apprentice Program. Ralph owned and operated his own TV repair shop in Neponset. Ralph was a Past Commander of the American Legion Post 78. He was also a Past Commander and lifetime member of the United States Power Squadron. For many years, he taught boating safety classes and is a lifetime member of the Old Colony Yacht Club. Husband of Rita (Avon). Father of Donna Morris and her husband, Ed (Avon); Stephen Hall (Avon); David Hall and his wife, Kerry (Weymouth); and Christopher Hall and the



late Adrienne (Dorches-

ter). Grandfather of 10.

HARVEY, Maria Matilda, 72, of Dorchester. Daughter of Hyacinth Harvey and Clairmont Ford. Maria worked for more than thirty years as a teacher in the Boston Public School where

pursuing a nursing career she touched the lives of many young children. @ mhsfund.org Maria is preceded in HUDSON, Donna

M. (**Reardon**) of Coral Springs, Florida, formerly of Dorchester. She was the daughter of the late William J. and Alice Reardon, wife to the late William F. "Bill" Hudson, mother to William E. Hudson and his wife, Melissa of Coconut Creek, FL, Elizabeth F. Hudson of Quincy, David M. Hudson of Palm Coast, FL, Sheila A. Hughes and her husband, Brendan, of Groton, and Christine L. Hudson of Hyannis Nana of 6. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.



KEARNEY, Eliza-Lisa E. Herrington and her husband, John Sutich beth "Betty" (MacCurtain) Of Foxborough, MA, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of Michael E. sica A. Sullivan and her husband, Neil of Melrose. Kearney and mother of Grandmother of 6. Sister Michael W. and Brian P. of Robert Adomunes of Kearney. Daughter of the late Pearse J. and Mary C. MacCurtain also known Ruth of Milton, and the as "Mac and Molly." Sister of Mary "Claire" Sullivan and her late husband, John L., John MacCurtain and his wife, Jane, Chief of Boston Fire Dept. (Ret.) Kevin MacCurtain and his wife, Maureen, Robert Mac-Curtain and his late wife, Judith "Judy," Thomas MacCurtain and his wife, Gail. Also survived by many in-laws, cousins, nephews, and friends. nieces and nephews, and Contributions may be numerous friends. Donamade in Ellen's name to tions in Elizabeth's name The Ellen Adomunes Hermay be made on behalf of the Melanoma Research Foundation, 1420 K Street NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20005 info@melanoma.org or Massachusetts General Hospital, c/o Dr. Barbara J. Kane, 125 Nashua St.,



O'CONNOR, Anne T. (McGrath) of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter to late Brigid and Malachy McGrath. She was predeceased by her sister, Mary, who passed away at age 4.

Wife of the late Gerard P. O'Connor. Mother of Paul O'Connor and his wife Mary Anne of Mobile, AL, Beth Tevenan and her husband Michael of S. Weymouth and the 209 Ashmont Street,

formerly of Dorchester. She was the daughter of the late Charles and Susan Sullivan, and she is predeceased by her brother James. Marylynn is survived by her niece Pamela Sullivan of Manlius, NY and her nephew Stuart Sullivan of Porter Corners, NY. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Marylynn's memory to

Kathleen Gordon. Mother-in-law of Helene Coner of Lighthouse Point. FL and Mamie Ross of Abington. Grandmother of 5. Great Grandmother of 3.



B. (Walsh) of Murrells Inlet, SC, formerly of Dorchester, Milton and Scituate. Wife of the late John F. Mother of John J. Salmon and his fiancé Kerry Renzi of Murrells Inlet, SC. Grandmother of 2. Sister of Matthew Walsh of Hingham, Jeanne Kelly of Murrels Inlet, SC and the late Marie Willis and James Walsh. Donations may be made in her memory to Boston Children's Hospital at childrenshospital.org



SULLIVAN, Kathleen "Kathy" M. (Kelly) of Plymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Mother of Molly A. Sullivan, and Thomas M. Sullivan, both of Plymouth. Grandmother of 2. Fiancé of Jeffrey Nason. Sister of Theresa Fahey and her late husband Stephen of Braintree, Michael Kelly and Debbie of Braintree, Karen Healy and her husband Lawrence of West Roxbury, Daniel Kelly and his wife Sheila of Dorchester, Patrick Kelly and his wife Claire of Dorchester. John Kelly and his wife Tara of Dorchester, and Sarah Kelly of Braintree. Kathy is also survived by many Suite 540, Boston, MA cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.



SULLIVAN, Marylynn A., 91, of Quincy, The Parish of All Saints,



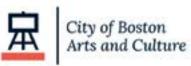
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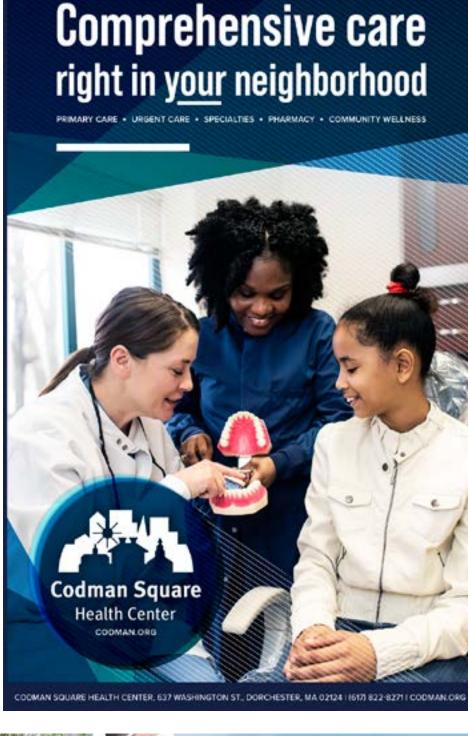
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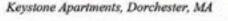




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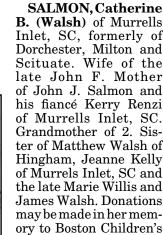
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