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Mapping frenzy: Councillors weigh pros, cons of district changes



Dorchester Councillor Frank Baker eyes four historical maps, laying out City Council boundaries over the decades. Baker has railed against some of the proposals redrawing the boundaries, with one pushing his northern border into Copley Square.

Gintautas Dumcius photo

Citing concerns, Baker to file his own map

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Unhappy with his city council colleagues' efforts to redraw the political boundaries of the nine City Council district seats, Dorchester Councillor Frank Baker said he plans to file his own map.

The councillors and their four at-large colleagues are facing a Nov. 7 deadline to get a map in place a year before the 2023 municipal election. Three maps have already been proposed – by district members Liz Breadon and Brian Worrell, district members Ricardo Arroyo and Tania Fernandes Anderson, and Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy.

Each map takes a slightly different approach to the redistricting effort, which occurs every ten years, driven by the US Census. A population boom is driving councillors to move precincts out of South Boston-based District 2, which has to shed people, while Dorchester-based District 3 needs to gain some.

The Boston branch of the NAACP indicated on Tuesday it plans to present a map drawn with the help of other local advocacy groups.

Baker, elected in 2011, was present for the last round of redistricting, an exercise that left a bad taste in his mouth because his Dorchester-based district lost precincts, he said last Friday.

With Dorchester Avenue as the district's spine,

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Making gold out of chopsticks Dot entrepreneur fashions custom tables, wood creations from millions of used utensils

By Seth Daniel News Editor

That pile of chopsticks in your kitchen drawer and the trash bags full of used chopsticks at any of the Asian restaurants in Dorchester would typically end up in the waste stream. But if Savin Hill's Elaine Chow has anything to say about that situation, those utensils could become your next kitchen table.

Chow, her husband and their two children call Dorchester home, but these days she has been busier than ever at her Charlestown micro-factory converting recycled chopsticks into all kinds of wood products – custom coasters,



Savin Hill's Elaine Chow shows off the raw wooden tiles that are made from recycled chopsticks at her micro-factory in Charlestown. The company, ChopValue, recycles chopsticks from 100 Asian restaurants throughout Greater Boston and converts them into wooden products through a proprietary process.

Seth Daniel photo

architectural wall features, tables, and furniture, among other items.

With so many chopsticks being thrown into the trash, Chow said, she had a "gut feeling" there was opportunity in Boston for this kind of sustainable manufacturing.

"This is something you use for 20 minutes and then throw away," she said, but "they'll probably live on for 10 or more years as a table or furniture or something else... To know just in six months that we could divert six tons of chopsticks from landfills is significant and amazing. For me, it's about Boston (Continued on page 16)

City, its businesses looking at how to add to public use of Newmarket area

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

Newmarket, the area between the South Bay shopping plaza and Roxbury at the Melnea Cass Blvd. intersection with Massachusetts Avenue, came into existence in the 1950s, as the city's food processing and meatpacking sector moved out of downtown Boston.

Now, 70 years later, property owners and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) are, as one planner put it, "looking very closely at how to improve the public realm [in Newmarket] and making a neighborhood that feels safe and welcoming to everyone who's using it."

The properties there are still heavily industrial, but over time a variety of companies have set up shop within its boundaries, from construction firms to anti-violence nonprofits. The space is also occupied by a large number of public employees at places like 1010 Mass. Ave., the headquarters of the city's Inspectional Services Dept. and its Fire Protection Service.

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A new hum marks Fields Corner's commercial spaces

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Fields Corner is experiencing a bit of a boom these days as a number of new restaurants and businesses have moved in to set up shop, with everything from sushi to southern friend chicken to mixed martial arts now on the neighborhood docket.

Meanwhile, the leadership of the Fields

Civic group mergers?

Corner Civic Association (FCCA) has been discussing whether neighboring civic associations might be interested in merging with their organization, according to FCCA's Hiep Chu.

One of the new prospects is Mama's Chicken, which recently sought support

from the FCCA for a 25-seat restaurant operated by Cammy Hoang in a new building now under construction at 1403 Dorchester Ave. The eatery would feature southern-style fried chicken, as well as Vietnamese sandwiches and drinks.

"All of our cousins worked for them down there in Dallas for many years," said Hoang.

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Police, Courts & Fire

Gun charges for Dot man in Charlestown High fracas

A21-year-old Dorchester man was arrested last Friday on charges connected to a shooting incident last summer that disrupted the graduation at Charlestown High School. Austilino Pereira was taken into custody by officers attached to the BPD's Youth Violence Strike Force and later arraigned for several gun violations, including "discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling." Pereira is the fourth person arrested since the June 13 incident, in which gunfire erupted outside the ceremony held at the school. No one was injured, Detectives say they have recovered three firearms during their investigation.

Boston Police arrested an 18-year-old Dorchester man for armed robbery after he was alleged to have tried to steal a backpack from a group from UMass playing cricket in Harambee Park on Monday afternoon. The players say that when they gave chase to the suspect— Kenneth Velasquez Garcia- he pulled a knife on them. Police say they found a knife on

him when they made an arrest a short time later on Standish Street. He is due to be arraigned this week in Dorchester District Court.

The annual Boston Firefighters Local 718 Memorial 10k road race will



take place this Sun., Oct. 16, at 9 a.m. from Florian Hall. The course follows a route through Dorchester, including Morrissey Boulevard and the Neponset Greenway. It will be followed by a party at Florian Hall, including a live band. Go to bfdrelief.org/events for more information on registration and sponsorships.

The event is billed as a "celebration of their lives while raising money for the Boston Fire Department Relief Fund. Over the past decade, heart disease and cancer have accounted for most on-duty firefighter deaths." All proceeds from the race will benefit the fund's Cardiovascular and Cancer Screening Initiative.

Citizens Bank branch will occupy former KFC space on Blue Hill Ave.

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Oct. 5 approved plans by Citizens Bank to refit a long-closed Kentucky Fried Chicken property across from the B-3 police station on Blue Hill Avenue into a branch with a drive-up ATM and a night-deposit door that will be open from 9 to 4 on weekdays and 9 to noon on Saturday. The exterior will remain basically the same, but with green Citizens piping and logos instead of the current blank walls.

The bank's plans called for an exit lane onto Blue Hill Avenue, but the BPDA suggested that drivers instead exit onto Frontenac Street, a one-way street leading away from Blue Hill Avenue. The zoning board's approval calls for the city's Transportation Department to determine how the exit will be set up.

Zoning Board Chairman Mark



The old KFC building will be retained but festooned with the colors of Citizens Bank.

Erlich praised the plans to fill the neighbors, it's very nice to see that derelict site with a bank. "Given that a number of banks, including, unfortunately, my own, are eliminating branches in minority

Citizens is moving in the opposite direction," he said. He did not name his bank.

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Mattapan native Scott-Chandler will take over the helm at ABCD

By Reporter Staff

The region's top anti-poverty agency has selected a Mattapan native to take charge as its next president and CEO. The Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) Board of Directors said this week that Sharon Scott-Chandler, Esq., the agency's longtime executive vice president/ COO will replace John J. Drew, who retired last June after 51 years at ABCD.

Scott-Chandler joined ABCD in 1999 as the director of its early education, care resource and referral program. She went on to become vice president of ABCD Head Start & Children's Services, during which time she was appointed chair of the Massachusetts Board of Early Education and Care, before



Sharon Scott-Chandler moving to the executive

"I am both humbled and inspired by the faith that the ABCD board of directors has shown in passing the torch to me," Scott-Chandler said in a statement. "I am grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from Bob Coard and to have worked so closely with John Drew for the last 13 years.

"We evolved and innovated our way through years of economic crises, social and political upheaval, and a global pandemic that devastated the communities we serve."

Born and raised in Mattapan, Scott-Chandler participated in the METCO program throughout her K-12 schooling. She has a JD from Northeastern Uni $versity School \, of \, Law \, and \,$ a political science degree from Tufts University.

She began her career in the political arena first as a staff member on the Dukakis for President Campaign, and then as a legislative aide to Congressman Sidney Yates in Washington.

After law school, Scott-Chandler joined the then-Boston law firm of Morrison, Mahoney and Miller before moving on to serve as Assistant Attorney General under Scott Harshbarger.

She plans to launch her new role with a series of conversations with board members, visits to ABCD's many neighborhood centers and 31 Head Start early education facilities, and outreach to stakeholders in the community.

The organization offers some 75 programs and services to assist and uplift under-resourced people and families through proven and innovative programs, including Head Start and Early Head Start, youth development and career training, food security, housing and homelessness prevention, ESOL and immigration services, fuel assistance and climate equity and impact, elder services, and more.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. to discuss the PLAN: Mattapan draft. See bit.ly/PlanMattapan for more information.

The MBTA will host a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, October 18, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Mattapan Line Transformation Program. The purpose of this Program is to make improvements on the Mattapan Line to ensure accessible, reliable, and modern service for Dorchester, Mattapan, and Milton. Additional details regarding the virtual public meeting, including a Zoom link to register, will be available at mbta. com/events.

Join the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) for the 2022 inaugural yard sale at the Mildred Avenue Community School on Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be in the school parking lot and will be hosted by GMNC staff and members. If you're trying to downsize, get rid of clutter, learn more about the neighborhood, or grab some bargains, make sure to attend. Those wishing to register as sellers should contact Matt Skelly at mwskelly@gmail.com.

Music in the Park on Sunday, October **16th from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.** in Savin Hill Park at the bottom of the hill near 90 Grampian Way. Come listen to local musicians and enjoy some light refreshments. Bring a

blanket or chair to sit on. For more information, email savinhill@outlook.com

The BPDA hosts a virtual public meeting on Wed., Oct. 19 to discuss the latest plans for the Uphams Corner Arts and Innovation district specific to 555-559 Columbia Rd. Contact Natalie Deduck with any questions: 848-200-8892.



A Pumpkin Parade will be held on Thurs., Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Pope John Paul II Park on Hallet Street. (Rain date is Oct. 28). Costumes and carved pumpkins are welcome. Candles provided, no pre-registration is needed. For more info email ripley@neponset.org.

Zoo Howl, Franklin Park Zoo, October **29-30**: Join the fun at Franklin Park Zoo this Hallo-weekend while trick-or-treating among the animals. There will be plenty of haunted happenings from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. including costume contests and opportunities to learn about all the creepy crawly critters found at the Zoo. Don't worry, the animals will be joining in on the fun too – you might even get a chance to see them enjoy pumpkin treats of their own. For ticket information, go to franklinparkzoo.org. Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department host the second annual Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets on Friday, Oct. 21, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of free, fun, and spooky family-friendly activities. Go to boston. gov/falloween for more info.

A virtual meeting will be held online, via Zoom, on Thurs., Oct. 13, at 6 p.m. to discuss the upcoming Codman Yard expan**sion project** next to Ashmont MBTA station. The improvements made at Codman Yard will allow operators to move trains throughout the yard more efficiently and create additional vehicle storage for the future expanded Red Line fleet. The project team will begin the meeting with a presentation at 6 p.m., followed by time for questions. During this project, six additional storage tracks will be built to accommodate the new Red Line fleet. In addition, existing yard components will be replaced to improve service, reliability, and safety, reduce maintenance costs, and achieve a state of good repair. Mobilization for construction is scheduled to begin in November 2022. Go to mbta.com/projects/codman-yard-expansion-and-improvements for more info. The 25th annual Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health gala will be held live and in-person under a tent next to Codman Square Health Center on Thurs., Oct. 20, at 6 p.m. See Codman.org/menofbostoncook

Deatrich Wise hosts its annual block party at the Mattapan Teen Center on Sat., Oct. 22 from 12-4 p.m. featuring food trucks, pop up barbershop and braiding for teens and youth, live performances and more. Contact Rick Aggeler at 617-533-9051 or raggeler@bgcb.org for info.

for tickets and more info.

The annual 'Carry It On' fundraiser to benefit Mass Communities Action Network will be held on Sat., Oct. 22, 5-9 p.m. at IBEW Hall, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. The event will include a tribute to MCAN founder and leader Lew Finfer. Contact helena@mcan.us for more info.

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DCR seen pausing plans for Ryan Playground pool situation

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
MANAGING EDITOR

The state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is considering backing offits plan to convert a wading pool off River Street into a spray deck, according to a state lawmaker, days after community members, calling the plan short-sighted, lit into the agency for leaving them out of the loop.

At a public meeting

At a public meeting last week, DCR officials said the decision to remake the wading pool at Mattapan's Ryan Playground as a spray deck had already been made, citing \$600,000 in state funding that became available over the summer. Contractors had already been hired, and construction was due to start Oct. 15.

State Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley, who criticized DCR at the public meeting, said on Tuesday that DCR is considering a pause. There is often a feeling of things being "done to" the Mattapan community, she said, rather than "with the community. It feels like we weren't brought along,"

DCR officials billed the plan as part of a larger statewide effort to switch old wading pools to new spray decks, since decks require less



State officials say work will start this month to convert a wading pool off River Street into a spray deck, illustrated above in this image from a presentation shown during an Oct. 5 virtual meeting. Residents have urged the DCR to keep the pool intact.

DCR image

maintenance, do not require chemical treatment or a recirculation system, and are set by a timer. The agency also says it does not need to staff spray decks with lifeguards as they do the wading pools.

"In this particular case, the judgment was that we could serve far more kids, far more citizens by converting it to a spray deck versus continuing to struggle with the limitations of such a small wading pool," said Raul Silva, a DCR engineer, during the public meeting on Oct. 5

Overall, a spray deck would double the operating season to 18 weeks from the wading pool's 9 weeks.

Dorchester resident Jasen Lambright, a supporter of the wading pool who attended the public meeting, said he was pleasantly surprised by the potential for a reversal. "It's wild they didn't discuss what it would mean for us" before they first moved ahead with the project, he said.

"For me, personally, it's the first steps for any small kid trying to build confidence in swimming," Lambright said. "I have three kids, all my kids have gone into the wading pool. It was the first step for me to say, 'See, water isn't scary."

Two dozen people attended last week's virtual meeting, with many voicing opposition to the removal of the wading pool. Ruth Georges said DCR's poor communication about the project is typical of the agency. "It has to stop," she said. "We're all taxpayers here."

She noted that the presentation offered by DCR noted that community members would have an opportunity to weigh in on additional changes to Ryan Playground, such as a reconfiguration of the parking lot. That's offensive, she said.

Ryan Playground, located at 350 River St. and steps away from the Neponset River Trail, also has a playground, restrooms and shaded benches.

Coneco Engineers & Scientists INC and Traverse Landscape Architects are the contractors hired for the project.

If DCR's proposal stands, the Ryan wading pool would be the sixth converted by DCR into a spray deck, and the second or third in Boston, according to Silva. Cambridge, Belmont and Fall River have also seen conversions. "This is not an isolated project," he said.

Fatima Ali-Salaam, chair of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, said if there were lines at the wading pool, that may have been due to another Mattapan pool being closed. She said the agency appears to have a "great disconnect" from the neighborhood, and its decision to remove the wading pool is an example.

"This is not a community engagement process," she said. "It really isn't."

Silva said the funding becoming available over the summer accelerated the project to get it done by next summer. "We could always do better, and I guess what I'd like to say, give us the opportunity to do better in the remaining phase," he said.

But even before the end of the virtual meeting, which lasted about 90 minutes, Silva acknowledged the opposition to the move. "I think what we're hearing loud and clear. We're going to take it back to our agency," he said.

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Councillors weigh changes — big and small— to district seats

(Continued from page 1) to Copley Square and Baker said he plans to add to District 3 in his map the Fields Corner precincts that have a large Vietnamese population while keeping the Cedar Grove area, which other maps have proposed splitting between his district and District 4. Baker's map also seeks to unite the South End within District 2.

The proposed maps already on the table move parts of Fields Corner into District 3, but split the precincts along Dorchester's southern border between Districts 3 and 4.

At a redistricting hearing at City Hall on Tuesday evening, a State Rep. Dan Hunt, a Dorchester lawmaker, and the heads of local Dorchester civic groups asked for councillors to keep the Neponset neighborhood together in one district, while Maureen Feeney, the former city clerk and Baker's predecessor who served for 17 years in the District 3 seat, made similar comments.

Mayor Wu, who would be faced with signing or vetoing any map that reaches her desk, has not publicly weighed in, but she has indicated interest in uniting the Vietnamese population in Fields Corner within one district.

Baker has previously called the map proposed by Arroyo and Fernandes Anderson a "non-starter" for him, because he disagrees with a District 3 plan that runs from the Neponset River up

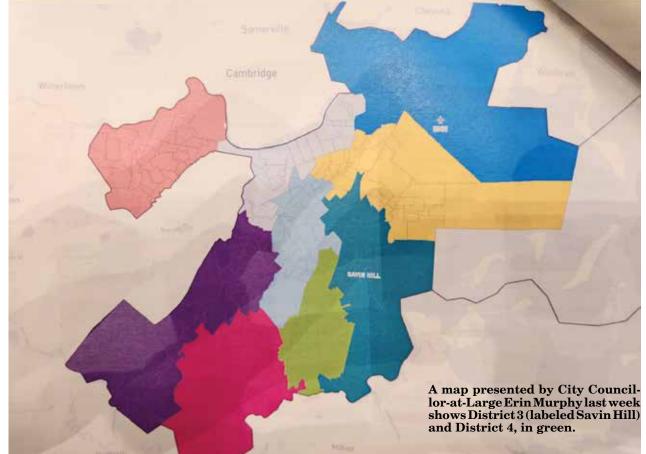
seeks to pull together the Vietnamese community in Fields Corner with the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) population in the South End.

Baker said that the redistricting in 2012 broke up Dorchester's parishes and he wants to reunite them under one District 3, referencing the geographic boundaries established by the neighborhood's heavily Catholic population in the 20th century. Over the last 20 years, the archdiocese of Boston, rocked by the child sex abuse scandal and shrinking funds, has closed churches and merged others.

"We have very clear parish boundaries that I believe should be respected," said Baker, who grew up in St. Margaret's Parish in the Columbia/Savin Hill area.

Councillor At-Large Julia Mejia said she is from St. Ambrose's Parish, which is in Fields Corner, but "a lot has changed." Black and brown residents don't identify themselves to her as saying they're from "such-and-such parish," she said.

Jamaica Plain Councillor Kendra Lara said parishes can be considered communities of interest for the purposes of redistricting, both from a cultural and religious perspective, but they are "secondary and tertiary" to what the council is tasked with doing under the federal Voting Rights Act: Empowering racial minorities by creating



electoral opportunities.

Lara also asserted that none of the maps seek to break up the South Boston neighborhood. Murphy said that was incorrect; her map takes two South Boston precincts out of District $ar{2}$ and gives them to District 3.

Murphy also pushed back on another claim from Lara, made during a previous redistricting hearing, that the Murphy map would lead to the City Council getting sued if passed, arguing that it "packed" too many people of color into one district.

Murphy said her map,

which attempts to unite Mattapan under one district, is legal because it does not weaken Black voting power, as voters there have for decades elected people of color,

to Andrea Campbell, to Brian Worrell, who took office this year.

Arroyo said District 4 has to add white people, and they can't go into his District 5, which from Charles Yancey includes parts of Mattapan, because the precincts on the border are made up mostly of people of color.

We have to accept as a body that nobody's going to love all of the lines of the district," he said.

Wu raises prospect of veto after Council okays pay hikes

Mayor Michelle Wu indicated she may veto the pay raises that the City Council last week unanimously approved for themselves and the mayor.

Under the proposal, starting after the 2023 council election, councillors would make \$125,000, up from the current \$103,500, while the mayor will get a bump up to \$250,000 from the current \$207,000 after the 2025 election.

The council also approved increases for the police and fire commissioners and other top appointed officials, with those raises going into effect immediately.

Appearing on GBH's "Boston Public Radio" on Tuesday, Wu said the proposal she first proposed to the 13-member council had an 11 percent increase for elected officials. The council is seeking a 20 percent increase, which is "too high," Wu said.

The pay raises would come as city workers, including first responders, are working under expired contracts. "The timing of it is concerning to me, and the scale of it, she said of the council's proposal, while acknowledging that overriding a mayoral veto takes nine votes.

For their part, councillors said they were only doing what they must to ensure that Boston stays in line with "peer cities" like Washington D.C., Seattle, and Minneapolis. Currently, Washington and Seattle councillors make more than their Boston coun-

terparts while Minneapolis legislators make the same. Councillor Ruthzee Louijeune used the occasion to note that housing is so much cheaper in Minneapolis than in Boston.

Council President Ed Flynn acknowledged that rank-and-file city employees mostly make less than councilors, but added, "they, too, deserve a pay raise. We work best when we work together."

Among those supporting the raises at a hearing on Monday: Former Councilor Tito Jackson, who, in an earlier debate about council wages, said he almost lost his house to foreclosure when he ran for the District 7 seat the first time.

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Healey sticks to her themes in visit to UMass Boston

By Sam Drysdale State House News Service

As November's state election quickly approaches, the apparent frontrunners are sticking to their major talking points – affordability, housing, mental and reproductive health care, and education.

The Democratic candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, Maura Healey and Kim Driscoll, toured UMass Boston's Center for Clinical Education and Research last Thursday afternoon, stopping to talk to nursing students and watch demonstrations of new technology that the university is using. They were joined by major UMass donors and graduates Rob and Donna Manning - the namesake of UMass Boston's Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

"Do you plan to stay in Massachusetts and work at a hospital in Boston after graduation?" Healey asked one student. "Yeah, of course!" the student responded.

When asked later by a reporter what "specific" policy Healey could pursue, if elected, to address shortages in the health care workforce, the candidate responded that the state needs to make investments in vocational training and education, areas that are already the focus of public outlays.

Healey said addressing the workforce shortage was one of her top health care priorities, though she first listed health



Kim Driscoll (left) and Maura Healey (center), candidates for lieutenant governor and governor, tour UMass Boston's Center for Clinical Education and Research on Oct. 6.

State House News Service photo

care affordability. The candidate swiftly tied this area of questioning into her and Driscoll's housing plan, which the pair released three weeks ago aimed at "dramatically [increasing] housing stock across the state in order to drive down costs for all."

"Housing is just one of any number of examples of the things that really comprise social determinants of health," Healey said.

Mental and behavioral health, substance use disorder, reproductive health, and abortion access are also among her top health care priorities, she said.

After discussing health care and education, Healey dodged a line of questioning on what the biggest difference between her administration and Gov. Baker's administration would be

"I have a lot of regard and respect for Gov Baker," she said. "We've worked together on a number of issues over the years. I think the cart is before the horse on this; we've got five weeks to go. We're out there working incredibly hard to win this election, then get to work on behalf of the people in this state."

When pressed for a more concrete answer on major differences between policy priorities or operations of the current administration and Healey's vision for her years in the corner office, she was again noncommittal.

"I guess I'll leave that to others to judge; I can just be myself and who I am," she said. "I'm proud of running and of having run an office that's about collaboration and communication, transparency and really trying to work, getting everybody working together as a team."

She said a Healey administration would "look to learn from and build on" what the Baker-Polito administration has done.

New O'Neill play reading to benefit Eileen's House

The playwright and Dorchester native Catherine O'Neill will bring a new reading of her play, "Sister Anonymous," to the stage on Tues., Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. at IBEW Local 103's Hall at 256 Freeport St., Dorchester.

The reading will support

The Gavin Foundation's first substance abuse facility exclusively for women, Eileen's House, located in Lower Mills.

Written by O'Neill and directed by Kelly Smith, "Sister Anonymous" is a two-act play dramatizing the lasting, revolutionary contributions made by a Sister of Charity of Saint Augustine to modern day worldwide society. It sheds light on the origins of the most successful self-help movement of the modern world, Alcoholics Anonymous.

What if the dynamic founding duo of Alcoholics Anony-

mous, Dr. Bob and Bill Wilson, were actually compelled by an unrecognized third person? Sister Anonymous is her story.

Tickets are \$25, on sale now at bit.ly/sisteranonymous. For more info, see facebook.com/SisterAnonymous.



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NEW ENGLAND

City sets GrowBoston advisory panel, awards grants for Grassroots Program

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

On Oct. 1, Mayor Michelle Wu and community gardening and farm activists from around the city gathered at the Boston Housing Authority's Franklin Field Elderly development on Ames Street in Dorchester to celebrate the announcement of the GrowBoston: Office of Urban Agriculture's Advisory Board.

The mayor used the occasion to also announce \$600,000 in Grassroots Program funding to support non-profit organizations in developing and renovating urban farms, community gardens, and other open spaces in Boston.

"Boston needs a food system that supports our local economy, uplifts our communities, and promotes health, racial equity, and climate justice," said Wu. "As we continue to invest in urban agriculture, I'm thrilled to celebrate our non-profit grantees and grateful for our Grow-Boston advisory board's service to ensure that our residents and communities are connected to healthy food across the city."

Attendees at the also celebrated the pilot



Members of the new GrowBoston: Office of Urban Agriculture Advisory Board gather with Mayor Wu and GrowBoston Director Shani Fletcher.

Seth Daniel photos



Shani Fletcher, director of GrowBoston, speaks about the city's initiatives for gardening and urban farming as Mayor Wu looks on.

round of a raised-bed garden program, with additional funding for raised beds to be distributed by the GrowBoston office in collaboration with the Office of Food Justice utilizing Amer-

ican Rescue Plan Act funds.

Those appointed to the advisory include:

•Apolo Catala, OASIS on Ballou Farm Manager, Codman Square Neighborhood Develop-



Apolo Catala, farm manager for OASIS on Ballou, greets Mayor Wu at Franklin Field at the GrowBoston announcements on Oct. 1.

ment Corporation;

•Vivien Morris, Chairperson, Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition and Chairperson, Edgewater Neighborhood Association;

•Elnora Tompson,

Nightingale Community Garden Coordinator;

•Danielle Andrews, The Food Project's Boston Farms and Greenhouse Manager.

Said Morris: "As a nutritionist, gardener,

and community activist, I'm so excited to see the depth at which the City of Boston is working to improve access to healthy, affordable food through the actual growing of food in Boston.

"GrowBoston's support for community gardens, food forests, urban farms, and much more will help residents of all ages and all cultural groups live longer healthier lives."

Grant awards through the Grassroots Program were awarded to Boston Food Forest Coalition; Codman Academy; Boston Green Academy; and Boston Medical Center

Thabiti Brown, head of School at Codman Academy, expressed her appreciation of the grants, saying, "Once a vacant lot, the Codman Academy Healing Microforest is now a community space dedicated to environmental health and learning. Thank you to the City of Boston's GrowBoston: Office of Urban Agriculture and Mayor Wu for their dedication to greening our city. We are grateful for the funding and support to bring this vision to life as it yields more nature and beauty in Codman Square."



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MBTA schedules an update on trolley line work Online public meeting set for next Tuesday at 6:30

By Gintautas Dumcius Managing Editor

The MBTA has scheduled an online meeting next Tuesday (Oct. 18) at 6:30 p.m. – the first since last April, when the agency sought feedback on its plans for its Mattapan Line - to provide an update on the future of the trolleys that roll through Dorchester, Mattapan, and Milton. Officials are expected to discuss the refurbishment of the aging vehicles as well as its plans to overhaul and upgrade the system, which began operating in 1929 and runs from Ashmont Station through Milton and on to Mattapan Square.

The agenda also includes a report on the stairs at the Milton Station in Lower Mills, which have been closed for three years. Milton town officials are suing the MBTA over the extended closure.

The transformation of the Mattapan trolley line runs on two tracks: There is the behind-schedule refurbishment aimed, at a cost of \$12.2 million, at getting another decade of service out of the current trolleys, which are more than 75 years old.

Then there is the larger overhaul of the entire



The Milton station on the Mattapan trolley line will be part of the overhaul of the high-speed system. The stairs have been closed for three years.

line, which includes modernizing the stations and power infrastructure, along with installing new at-grade crossings. That project, budgeted at \$114.5 million, also involves station upgrades that will bring them into line with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. The agency has hired HNTB, an engineering firm, to handle the project's design.

The biggest change in the modernization of the trolley line would eventually lead to the MBTA deploying "Type 9" trolleys, in use now on the Green Line, on the Mattapan Line. Other proposals that the MBTA opted against involved continuing the constant repairs of the old trolleys, or putting in an electric bus fleet.

At the April meeting,

MBTA project manager AJ Tanner said there will be "wholesale changes" to Mattapan Station, the line's terminus, and the reorganization of the yard to accommodate the new Green Line-type trolleys. "You'll also see wholesale upgrades to every station along the line," he said, noting that

several concept designs

will be available for each

station.

The delays to the project have frustrated residents who depend on the trolleys. "There were assumptions that it was due to Covid, but even after the beginning of the pandemic, there were portions of time where no work was done," said Dorchester state Rep. Dan Hunt. "It's a complete mismanagement of that process."

State Rep. Russell Holmes, who attended the April meeting, said he is looking forward to learning the timeline for the upgrades. He said he had stressed to MBTA officials that they stay in communication with residents and others interested in the project. Eventually shifting to the deployment of Green Line trolleys is a "good solution," he said.

Holmes also floated the idea of expanding the trolley line up Blue Hill Avenue, which before cars took over the space, once accommodated trolleys taking riders into Roxbury. City officials and residents are now debating whether to put a center lane dedicated to a bus along the avenue.

But if the Mattapan trolley line overhaul is done the right way over the next 10 to 15 years, Holmes said, it could lead to something better than a busway. "We have to have a bigger vision," he said. "People want light rail more than they want the bus." But, he added, officials have to build trust before any talk about an extension. "You have to develop that trust in the neighborhood because it doesn't exist," he said.

The Boston Planning and Development Agency recently released a draft plan for the Mattapan area with zoning changes to make it more of a "10-minute neighborhood" that also touched on the trolley line. The BPDA's plan mentioned extending the line to "Readville and beyond," with planners noting that "the MBTA should evaluate opportunities and feasibility of extending the Mattapan Line along excess Fairmount Line right-of-way.'

Hunt said his priority is "safe, reliable, frequent service on existing lines and bus routes." "I'm not in favor of expansion in a time where they're cutting services," he said, referring to the trimming driven by safety concerns raised by federal transit authorities.



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'ComiXscape' homes in on familiar Dorchester scenes Artist LJ-Baptiste knows well what his comic reflects

By Mina Rose Morales Special to the Reporter

The setting is the fictional town of Woodland, Massachusetts. But go through a copy of "ComiXscape," which focuses on a young boy and his raccoon sidekick, and you'll see hints of the streets and homes of Dorchester.

That's because the artist, Ludgy Jean-Baptiste, a 29-year-old cartoonist and first-generation Haitian American, based the series on the neighborhood.

"I wanted the environment that the characters are in to just feel like it's real and to feel like it aligns with the Boston and the Dorchester that we are familiar with," said Baptiste, who goes by "LJ-Baptiste."

Two of the places in Dorchester that inspired Woodland are Lower Mills and Savin Hill's onetime Blessed Mother Teresa School, which he attended and now goes by Cristo Rey High School.

"A lot of it can be pretty mundane stuff like a street, and showing the houses on the street, or showing the block of Dorchester when you're in the Lower Mills area where you see the barbershop, and you see the café that's right next to it, and you see corner stores, and The Ice Creamsmith," said Baptiste. "These places I bring to the comic itself. I like that because I like that people who have been to these places can pick out what's being adapted."

Baptiste graduated from UMass Boston in 2018 with a major in design and visual communications, which helped familiarize him with the business aspect of the art industry. He taught himself how to draw with the help of mentors, videos, and books.

His career choice perplexed his family in the beginning. "In Haitian





A first-generation Haitian-American artist is drawing on Dorchester to inspire parts of a comic centered on a boy who meets and befriends a raccoon.

Screenshot

culture, people are raised a certain way and they're made to feel that they should all be doing the same thing to achieve maximum success, and stability, and reach what is seen as their highest potential," he said. "And in Haitian culture that tends to be either a doctor or an engineer; being an artist is very far from being either of those things."

But Baptiste remembers drawing since he was four or five years old. He recalls stapling his first comic book together when he was in first grade. "It wasn't really understood by my family, and they didn't know how to take it, especially when I would draw on assignments or on classwork and stufflike that," he said. "So, there was definitely conflict there, but it wouldn't



Ludgy Jean-Baptiste, who goes by LJ-Baptiste, a Dorchester comic creator. Mina Rose Morales photo

be something that I could stop myself from doing."

While in high school, he took a break from drawing comics, beginning again when a high school teacher told him about Artists for Humanity. The organization pays under-resourced teens to learn about art from mentors and different art departments while working on art projects for the city, according to their website.

Baptiste credits the South Boston-based organization with keeping him on the comic book track. "That was

part of what helped me continue with the path that I was on with creating artwork, and carving my own path, and getting back to making comics as well, because at that point I was not doing comics like I was when I was a kid," said Baptiste.

He went on to create the "ComiXscape" main character, Tyler Wesley, and started compiling the series, which now stands at three volumes, with a fourth he hopes to release this year.

The series centers on Wesley and his raccoon Rocky, the friends and enemies they make, and the mysteries they uncover in Woodland.

One of his mentors was comic artist and former art director of *DigBoston*, Tak Toyoshima, which Baptiste used to read. One day he went to Toyoshima's office to meet with him, to show him his comic, and to see if he could get his series running in the alternative newspaper. Toyoshima told him about the paper's online efforts to feature comics from local artists on Sundays and "ComiXscape" went on to regularly appear in *DigBoston*.

After he amassed a portfolio, Baptiste was able to snag the inaugural teen artist-in-residence position at the Boston Public Library, which ran from February to June this year. During his time there, he facilitated workshops where he taught young people how to draw.

"I was very happy to inherit him," said Chris Jacobs, the former assistant manager of youth services at the Boston Public Library. "His cartooning speaks to the younger artist. It's not something a 15-year-old or a 10-year-old would say, 'I can't do that."

While Baptiste's comic is mostly inspired by Dorchester, there are other places, like Harvard Square's Million Year Picnic comic shop, as well as his imagination.

Said Cagen Luse, one of the founders of Comics in Color, about Baptiste: "We're all influenced by what's around us, you know what I mean, you write what you know, or you draw what you know. He's got three books and he's young. He's accomplished a lot already."



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News about people in and around our Neighborhoods



Volunteers from Regis College marked their Founders' Day celebration by volunteering in Dorchester at various non-profits related to Catholic Charities of Boston. The students shown here are at St. Mary's Center on Jones Hill, where they helped to clean up the grounds.

Regis College volunteers assisting several non-profits in Dorchester

More than 800 Regis College students, faculty, and staff participated in a day of service on Thurs., Sept. 29 across greater Boston, with some 20 volunteers reporting to St. Mary's Center for Women and Children in Dorchester.

The community service day celebrates Regis College Founders' Day, which marks the anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Boston on Oct. 2, 1873.

"At Regis, we encourage our students to live out the mission of the Sisters of Saint Joseph

need," said Regis College President Antoinette M. Hays, PhD, RN. "Now more than ever the world needs the compassion and values instilled in Regis students by the Sisters of welcoming all without distinction, peaceful resolution of conflict, and care for the Earth.

"We are proud to partner with Catholic Charities Boston and St. Mary's Center who are on the front lines of providing for those in the greatest of need," she

At St. Mary's, a by serving others in multi-service organiza-

tion supporting women and families, volunteers cleaned and repainted the campus parking garage. Regis volunteers also conducted site cleanup and general maintenance at Catholic Charities programs, including the Yawkey Pantry and St. Ambrose Shelter in Dorchester.

'We are so grateful for the hardworking service day participants from Regis College helping to make St. Mary's Center a beautiful home for our residents," said Alexis Steel, the center's president.

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Dot's Juan Sanchez takes role in student program at Life Sciences Pavilion

Juan Sanchez is heading up the team at the new South Boston Waterfront Life Sciences Pavilion, which aims to be a "gateway to the innovation economy for diverse students from underserved neighborhoods across Boston."

The Pavilion -a15,000-square-foot facility located in the Seaport— was launched by the Lincoln Property Company (LPC), which will work with other local non-profits and training centers.

Sanchez, the former diversity director for the Boston Fire Department, will act as a bridge between Boston's schools and non-profits, and the STEM training partners.

The Pavilion will be

open to residents from around Boston to gain access to training," said Sanchez in a statement. "The community room will be available to area residents, workers and trainees and provide space for small events; the training lab will be utilized by nonprofit partners for biotech training programs, and the conference spaces will provide user groups with much needed space in this area of the Seaport."

Carl Nagy-Koechlin, a Dorchester resident and executive director of Just A Start, is one of the Pavilion partners.

"This partnership will not only enable life-changing opportunities for people and families who previously lacked access, it estab-



Juan Sanchez

lishes a standard for how other developers should do business in Boston," said Nagy-Koechlin.

Seaport Circle, which LPC is building, will create approximately 2,500 permanent jobs, 1,159 construction jobs, and train approximately 2,000 students per year for life sciences and related careers.

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3Point Foundation to honor four at a gala on Oct. 27

The 3Point Foundation will honor four people at an Oct. 27 gala event at the Fairmont Copley Hotel in Boston. US Labor Secretary Martin J. Walsh, Boston Police Superintendent Nora Baston, original founding board member Peter Palandjian, and

Charlie Cofield, longtime union organizer for the New England Regional Council of Carpenters will all be presented with awards from the group.

All proceeds from the event will go to the 3Point Foundation to support the ongoing programming with Boston Public Schools to provide programming to thousands of underserved youth in city neighborhoods

Individual tickets and sponsorships are available. For more information, please visit go3point.org.

Malibu beach gets a spiff-up, courtesy of a volunteer team

On Thurs., Sept. 29, twenty-five employees from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and volunteers came together on Malibu Beach in Dorchester to clean up along the shoreline.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay hosted the event during which the group walked the entire length of Malibu Beach to pick up any trash they could find. While Malibu Beach scored 88 percent on the water quality listing from 2016-2021, according to Save the Harbor's water quality report, there are still thousands of small plastics and cigarette butts in the sand, items that marine animals commonly mistake harbor.org for more information.

"Malibu Beach is one of Dorchester's hidden gems," said Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay Executive Director Chris Mancini. "Hundreds of people rely on the beach and waterfront for recreation, exercise, or just enjoying the incredible view of the sea and skyline. W

"We're grateful to our partners at Blue Cross Blue Shield who volunteer every year to help keep this and other sites clean and ready for the thousands of residents and visitors who come out all summer long to enjoy this spectacular urban natural resource."

For those who want to be involved in future beach cleanups, go to save



Twenty-five employees from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and volunteers cleaned up Malibu Beach on Sept. 29. Seth Daniel photo

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Elisha B. Worrell

Elisha B. Worrell was a wholesale fruit merchant in Boston and lived on Trull Street in Dorchester until 1897, when he moved to 98 Melville Avenue. In 1910, he and his wife, Helen, moved to 16 Stockton Street. Worrell's entries in the Boston Directory state that he was working as a lecturer, but the notation in the 1900 US Census provides his occupation as 'wholesale fruit."

On Jan., 28, 1901, a pro-



Elisha B. Worrell

spectus appeared in The Boston Globe for shares in a new company, the Sherman-

Worrell Fruit Company. It read, in part, "A totally new product and with no competitor in the market. Years of experimenting ended. Ripe fruit concentrated into permanent form within two hours after taking from tree. Without expense of tin or glass, the product-solid blocks of pure fruit, made without preservatives, acids, or adulterants of any kindcan be packed in pasteboard cartons and in boxes and

shipped through the world. Ready to use by simply adding boiling water." The company seems to have been a success.

Worrell's lecturing career seems to have involved the topic of household management. In 1897, he published "The Housekeepers' Educator and Guide." He was also active in the activities of Second Church in Dorchester. In 1912, he participated as a chairman in an eightday campaign, titled "Men and Religion Campaign," which involved hundreds of churches in the Boston area.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

 $The Society's \, historic \, hous$ es 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.

Editorial

Parish cohesion is a relic of the past

The debate over how to redraw district lines for Boston's nine city council seats is reaching its climax this month. It's never an easy process and this year's work has been complicated by an intense political season. Ricardo Arroyo, the original chairman overseeing the decennial shuffle, was busy running for district attorney. Then, he was stripped of his duties amid a pre-primary scandal that led his one-time ally, Council President Ed Flynn, to suspend him from leadership with just six weeks left to figure out a compromise map.

It has fallen to his vice chair, Liz Breadon of Brighton, to carry on the work over objections of councillors of color, who contend that Arroyo should be restored to this seat.

This week, there are four competing maps in front of a deeply fractured council. There may, in fact, be a fifth in play if Dorchester's Frank Baker follows through on his pledge to offer his own.

Baker's District 3 is the seat most likely to see significant change, in part because the 2020 Census showed a loss of thousands of residents in D-3, necessitating a shift in precincts to pick up population. Each district, ideally, should average about 75,000 residents. Flynn's Southie-based seat— D2— for example has gained many thousands more.

Baker is understandably unhappy that one map—offered by Arroyo and Tania Fernandes Anderson—would stretch D-3 from the Neponset River to Copley Square. It's an unwieldly, unsatisfactory proposal that lumps together disparate communities with often-unaligned interests.

However, Baker's own logic around how to organize District 3 is also seriously flawed. "We have very clear parish boundaries that I believe should be respected," he argued at a hearing last week.

There are many reasons why the parish dynamic has no place in a present-day discussion about political redistricting. For one, most residents who live in 2022 Dorchester aren't Catholic churchgoers, including, by the way, many Catholics.

The archdiocese itself has closed or merged multiple parishes and churches in the last decade while others — specifically St. Brendan—are fighting to just stay alive. St. Gregory parish—while centered at the church building in Lower Mills—includes large sections of Milton in its catchment area. And Baker himself hails from Columbia/Savin Hill area and was a parishioner at St. Margaret's, which no longer exists as a parish. (The church building remains open under a new parish name, Blessed Mother Teresa.) St. William parish, which many people in his neighborhood attended decades ago, closed in 2004 and is now a Seventh Day Adventist congregation.

Are there still people who, when asked where they are from, will respond with a parish identity? For example: "I'm from St. Mark's. She's from St. Peter's." Sure, but it's a dwindling slice of what is now a multicultural stew of people from many different faith traditions. Many more people relate to the neighborhoods by villages or even T stops than by church sanctuaries that may or may not still exist.

Figuring out how to align communities of interest into coherent districts is difficult enough. Dorchester's villages have urgent common concerns that argue for keeping many of its precincts intact under District 3 or District 4, now represented by Brian Worrell. That exercise is hindered, not helped by leaning into decades-old parish "lines" that have little context or meaning in 2022 Boston.

– Bill Forry

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Commentary

The way forward out of the crisis in Haiti

BY RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The current state of things in Haiti is as unacceptable as it is heartbreaking. Armed, feuding gangs rule the day. If you are experiencing "Haiti fatigue" from reading about the bad things happening on the island, I promise you the actual people of Haiti are much more fatigued.

Kids are unable to go to school, families cannot go to the market, banks are closed, and fuel is pretty much nowhere to be found. When it is found, price-gouging is the norm. Protests have been growing larger. Tens of thousands of people recently marched in the capital city of Port-au-Prince and beyond, including the communities of Gonaives and Cap-Haitien in the north, against the astronomical hike in fuel prices, which are doubling overnight at the hands of the government.

Cholera, introduced after the 2010 earthquake by United Nations troops, is making a vengeful comeback and claiming lives, particularly in an overpopulated national penitentiary. The humanitarian issues are many, and people do not feel safe. We must hear the clarion call of Haiti's civil society on the way best way forward.

Last Thursday, Methuen City Councillor Eunice Zeigler and I held a press conference at Boston City Hall in coordination with the National Haitian American Elected Officials Network ("NHAEON"), where members in states across the country called on the Biden Administration to partner with the Haitian people to confront this burgeoning political and economic crisis. Since July 20, 2021, Haiti has been led by a de facto prime minister, Dr. Ariel Henry, who assumed this position after Jovenel Moïse's assassination. Since then, civil unrest and gang-related violence have rocked the nation.

Henry does not have a constitutional or popular mandate to lead, and it shows. US Sen. Ed Markey joined us at the press conference, where he read his letter to the Biden Administration urging it to stop propping up the mandate-less Henry administration, calling for an end to all deportations, and voicing support for the Montana Accord, a Haitian proposal from civil society that is the most viable solution to get the country back on track.

Many of the demands in his bicameral letter, co-written by Massachusetts Congressman Jim McGovern with signatories such as US Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Congresswoman Ayana Pressley align with the policy demands of NHAEON and civil society, which include a call for the President Biden to:

• Follow the leadership of Haitian civil society. As Sen. Markey stated in his letter, the Montana Accord provides a good foundation for how Hai-

tian-led mechanisms to solve the crisis do not include supporting the Henry Administration. The Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti ("IJDH"), led by Brian Concannon, who was also at the press conference, is pushing the same request, leading a campaign for the US to take its "hands off Haiti" and no longer support Henry.

• Appoint a new US Haitian-American special envoy. Ambassador Daniel Foote, the previous special envoy, resigned over the inhumane continuation of the Trump-era Title 42 policy that led to expeditious deportations of Haitian refugees without due process and without regard for the current dangerous conditions in Haiti. A new envoy must be charged with partnering with Haitian civil society on the way forward instead of supporting politicians without a governing mandate.

• In that same vein, halt any and all deportations to Haiti. The US State Department currently lists Haiti as "Level 4 - Do Not Travel" because of kidnappings, crime, and civil unrest. Earlier this month, on Oct. 7, the Stae Department authorized the departure of family members of US government employees and non-emergency US government employees. It is urging US citizens to leave Haiti immediately because of the current security and health situation and infrastructure challenges. Accordingly, we should not be sending *anyone* to Haiti - American or not - to be put squarely in harm's way.

• Impose economic sanctions on bad actors. The US has the intelligence and legal means necessary to impose sanctions on high-profile individuals, particularly government officials, involved in corruption who are facilitating the gang violence in Haiti,

• Assign terrorist designation to bad actors. Again, the US has the intelligence necessary to identify those wreaking havoc on the country and engaging in weapons trafficking, many of whom are hiding in plain sight with frequent news articles identifying them and the reality that many of the weapons are coming from the US.

The Haitian people deserve to know peace and safety. They deserve to live normal lives, where kids go to school, families eat, and people are able to go to work and run errands. Haitian people also deserve to know a partner in the US that is not interested in continued military interventions or meddling in Haitian affairs for economic gain, as some, like US Sen. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana has shortsightedly proposed. It is high time that US foreign policy in Haiti is guided by nothing other than a desire to follow the lead of civil society and create a foundation for democracy. Lives depend on it.

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Looking Up Longfellow

Govs. DeSantis, Abbott revive coffin ships

By Edward M. Cook Special to the Reporter

When I was a child living at 55 Homes Ave., one block over from our present home on Longfellow Street, my family were members of St. Peter's parish, which had a congregation of about 22,000, almost all of them Irish Catholics like us.

The Irish have long memories. Many of us are descended from those who left the Emerald Isle during and after the Great Hunger, aka the Potato Famine, which began in 1845. That horror was the result of the English conquest and domination of Ireland after which the Irish were forced off the most productive land to the rocky edges of the island where almost nothing grew, except the potato.

The potato's ability to grow in otherwise inhospitable soil, its nutritional combination of carbohydrates and protein, made it the salvation of the native Irish, especially in the west and south. During the famine years (1845-1849), when a blight caused the failure of the potato crop across Europe, the British overlords profitably shipped abundant wheat harvests from Ireland oversees to their imperial subjects in India instead of feeding the starving "[N-word]s of Europe," as they dubbed the Irish.

After the conquest of Ireland, the British government handed over to English landlords many enormous estates that were made up of small villages. During the famine, it was cheaper to ship entire villages of Irish peasants oversees rather than feed them. These starving, desperate people formed the majority of the 2.1 million who left Ireland between 1845 and 1855. The troublesome poor were shipped off in what were called "coffin ships" because of the enormous number of passengers who, in packed

conditions, perished from disease and starvation on the voyages to destinations like Boston.

Gov. DeSantis of Florida and Gov. Abbott of Texas have revived the practice of shipping people off to unsuspecting destinations, much as the British did to the Irish 170 or so years ago. These modern human traffickers don't use "coffin ships," but the intent is the same and Boston is once again a destination. The passengers from Texas are being removed and sent to distant places with no regard for the damage to their families, their lives, their aspirations, their plans, or their rights to due process.

The British in the mid-nineteenth century did not choose the obvious solution to starvation: Feed the Irish with the plentiful harvests on the island. The Republican governors of 2022 do not choose the obvious solution for their states: Reform US immigration policies.

The British traffickers used Adam Smith's "invisible hand" economic theory to explain their refusal to act humanely. For the governors of Texas and Florida, "cruelty is the point," as Adam Serwer explained recently in *The Atlantic*.:

As early as 1729, Jonathan Swift's "A Modest Proposal (For preventing the Children of Poor People From being a Burthen to Their Parents or Country, and For making them Beneficial to the Publick) offered the solution to hunger among the Irish: "A young healthy child well nursed, is, at a year old, a most delicious nourishing and wholesome food, whether stewed, roasted, baked, or boiled; and I make no doubt that it will equally serve in a fricassee, or a ragout."

Let's hope that neither DeSantis nor Abbott has read Swift.

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The cases for voting 'yes' on Questions 1 and 4

By Lew Finfer REPORTER CONTRIBUTOR

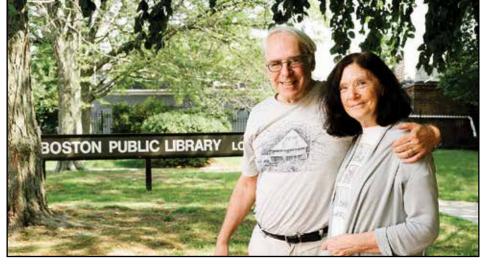
Next month, we get to vote to raise a huge amount of new funding for education and transportation through Question 1, the Fair Share Amendment. And we get a chance to make our roads safer and help immigrants come in from the shadows by voting yes on Question 4.

 $Question\,1\,is\,a\,once\mbox{-in-a-generation}$ opportunity to make our tax system fairer — and to invest in our public schools and colleges while making our roads and bridges safer. It would create a 4 percent tax on annual income above \$1 million and constitutionally dedicate the funds to transportation and public education. Only people who earn more than \$1 million annually will pay more; 99 percent of us won't pay an additional penny.

Think about all these Dorchester schools that would get more funding for helping students do better in English, Math, Social Studies, Science, the Arts, and support services: the McCormack, Newcomers Academy, Burke High, the Clapp School, Community Academy of Science and Health, the Dever, Edward Everett, Lila G. Frederick, the Greenwood, Henderson, Holmes, Kenny, King, Lee, Mather, Murphy, Russell, Shaw, Tech Boston Academy, UP Academy, Codman Academy, Conservatory Lab Charter School, Neighborhood House Charter School, Boston Collegiate Charter School.

Question 1 will also help to fix neglected and structurally dangerous bridges, such as those over Dorchester Ave., Columbia Road, Woodrow Ave, Talbot Ave., Morton Street, and Washington Street. And it will help immensely in fixing the MBTA.

Billionaire-backed opponents of Question 1 are trying to confuse voters to avoid paying their fair share. But



don't fall for their misinformation. Question 1 isn't a tax on businesses. And only one percent of homes in Massachusetts sell for enough to be affected by Question 1; just 895 of the roughly 100,000 homes (per Zillow) sold last year would trigger the tax!

The bottom line: Only those who earn more than \$1 million in personal income in a single year will pay more. And the tax only applies to the amount of their income over \$1 million. The top one percent of taxpayers, who currently pay less of their income in taxes than the rest of us, can afford to pay a little more to improve our schools, colleges, roads and bridges.

And because Question 1 would be written into the state Constitution, the Legislature would be constitutionally required to spend this new money an estimated \$2 billion every year only on transportation and public education.

Voting yes on Question 4 keeps in effect the Work and Family Mobility Act passed by the Legislature last June. It will mean safer roads as all drivers will have to pass road tests and have insurance. It has been endorsed by numerous police chiefs, district attorneys, and sheriffs. It will help immigrants get driver's licenses to get to jobs, medical appointments, and their kids' schools. It will bring in millions in new revenue from tens of thousand of newly eligible drivers paying license and registration fees.

Lew Finfer and his wife Judy Shea were photographed by Mike Ritter outside of the Lower Mills branch of the Boston Public Library on Sept. 10 as part of Ritter's ongoing "Beautiful Dot" project, in which he makes portraits of Dorchester residents free-ofcharge. Ritter has another round of photo shoots coming up on Sat., Oct. 15 from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the Grove Hall branch of the BPL. There will also be free portrait days at the Codman Square branch (Oct. 22) and Uphams Corner (Nov. 5). Got to mikeritterphoto.com for more info. This series is co-sponsored by the Boston Public Library and the Dorchester Reporter. Photo courtesv

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Sixteen other states have passed this kind of law.

Please consider voting yes on both Questions 1 and Questions 4.

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Red Line riders could be waiting a good while for brand new cars

By Chris Lisinski STATE HOUSE News Service

The outlook for the already-delayed transition to entirely new Orange and Red Line fleets continues to grow worse. After previously delaying the project's targeted end date by at least a year, the Chinese firm CRRC now expects it will need several more months to finish manufacturing subway cars for the MBTA's Red and Orange Lines as a result of nagging pandemic-related supply and labor issues.

Massachusetts transportation officials emphasized when they announced the latest hiccup Thursday that they have not endorsed CRRC's revised schedule and would explore several options to mitigate another slowdown, including triggering a contract clause that would require the company to pay hefty damages for late completion.

"It's important to make sure that the schedule that's presented is what they are telling us. There's a lot to be determined if they can achieve that given past performance, but most importantly, that," Transportation Secretary Jamey Tesler told the MBTA's board of directors. "Your and everybody's comments so far underscore that as a board, we expect better."

The pair of contracts between the MBTA and CRRC, together worth more than \$880 million, seek to replace the entire Red and Orange Line subway fleets with brand-new vehicles, a transformative project that officials have long pledged will increase the system's capacity and allow them to run trains more frequently.

CRRC was originally expected to deliver all 152 Orange Line cars by January 2022 and all 252 Red Line cars by September 2023. Two years ago, the MBTA announced the target completion dates were delayed until April 2023 for the Orange Line and September 2024 for the Red Line.

Now, MBTA Deputy General Manager Jeff Gonneville said last Thursday, the Chinese locomotive giant projects it will deliver the last batch of Orange Line cars to the T in summer 2023 and the final Red Line cars in summer

we have not accepted 2025. That would represent 17 months past the contract's due date for the Orange Line and 21 months late for the Red Line.

> **MBTA** overseers voiced worry about the latest update from CRRC.

'We can't go on like this. We desperately need cars," said board member Mary Beth Mello. Board Chair Betsy Taylor asked to be included in the next quarterly meeting between MBTA senior leadership and CRRC executives, stressing to Gonneville that "they need to understand how deeply the board is concerned with the progress as you describe it.'

CRRC is much further along on the Orange Line. The shells for all 152 cars have already been produced, and 78 are already in the MBTA's Wellington car house or actively providing passenger service, Gonneville said. For the Red Line, only 32 of the 252 car shells have been produced, 12 of which are complete and available for MBTA use.

"The position that CRRC has taken is they are focusing right now predominantly on the Orange Line fleet," Gonneville said.

Gonneville said most of the delays stem from production issues at CRRC's facility in Springfield, where final assembly takes place after initial manufacturing overseas. The western Massachusetts site has been grappling with low supplies of materials and with employee retention, both of which were exacerbated by the pandemic.

Quality assurance is another factor that has slowed progress, Gonneville said, and one that might require a change in approach to hit even the revised timeline from CRRC.

'We are finding that we are identifying issues through inspection, and those issues then disrupt the efficiency of the production flow, because CRRC has to go back, fix or correct those quality issues, which then disrupts the flow of production in the Springfield

facility itself," he said.
"It's really because of this that we, the project team, the MBTA, feel as though CRRC does need to make some changes to their manufacturing in Springfield really to be able to even meet these dates they're projecting."

Gonneville detailed several steps the T has

A new Red Line train awaits move to the tracks.

taken or will take to manage the situation. MBTA representatives and staff are embedded at the Springfield facility, and the agency has also audited each production station to highlight possible improvements CRRC can make.

Under the contract, CRRC could face damages of \$500 per car per day delivered past the due date. It's not yet clear exactly how that would get calculated. but the clause looms as a possible major charge to recoup some of what the T spent or as a powerful stick to usher CRRC toward faster work.

"We have strong con-

tractual language that does protect the agency, at least from a financial standpoint. That is financial leverage to ensure that we in the end will get the cars that we need," Gonneville said.

Still, he stressed that the MBTA's leadership team "want(s) to continue our partnership with CRRC. Certainly, Ithink all of us can agree that the impacts of Covid and other things potentially could be out of the control of CRRC, and those are the things we will engage in a conversation with CRRC when the time does come," Gonneville said.

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City and businesses looking at how to add to public use of Newmarket area

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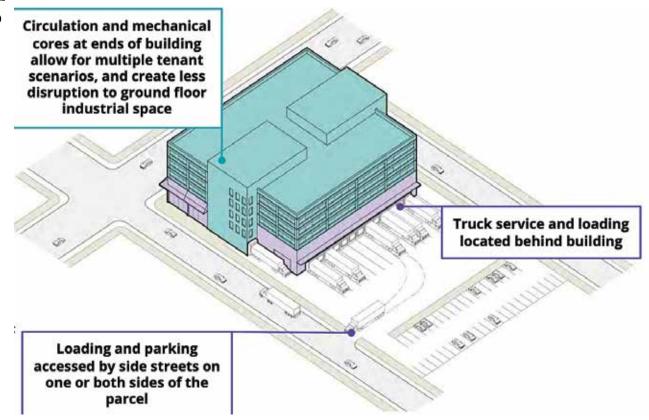
Newmarket's workforce is considered more racially and ethnically diverse than the city's overall numbers, and a majority of the area's workers live within 10 miles of their jobs.

The property owners recently put together a Business Improvement District, financed and controlled by them, that was signed off by City Hall. The BPDA is in the midst of refining and finalizing documents, along with expected zoning changes, that will propel the area into its next phase, with a proposal due by the end of the year.

A series of planning meetings, formal and informal, has been ongoing, with more slated for November.

Arthur Jemison, Mayor Wu's chief of planning and the head of the BPDA, called Newmarket a "fascinating place," citing its wide range of different businesses and its role as a center for jobs.

"When a community has that range of different kind of uses, it's a careful balance of trying to preserve critical uses that may not be in other parts of the city and have a hard time finding a home, but also having that balanced with the uses that would like to come and be present and



City planners are laying out scenarios for the future of Newmarket, such as a hybrid of industrial and commercial space: Creating an industrial ground floor, with lab and research and development space BPDA rendering on the floors above.

area," he said.

Planners have raised the prospect of improving the pedestrian experience and adding bike-sharing locations to encourage sharing the public street with the heavy-duty vehicles that come and go from the loading zones, docks, and garages in the area.

The heavily industrial sections of Newmarket, in particular, lack sidewalks, while the overall area is served

increase values in the by nine bus routes, has a commuter rail station on the Fairmount Line. and is close to the Red Line's Andrew Station.

In one presentation, city planners identified Newmarket as "particularly problematic" for mobility and safety. The problem areas include Massachusetts Avenue and Newmarket Square; Southampton Street and Allstate Road; Theodore Glynn Way; and Melnea Cass Boulevard and Mass. Ave., where city officials have been working to deal with a steady influx of people struggling with addiction and homelessness.

With its hard surfaces and lack of a tree canopy exacerbating what's known as the "heat island" effect, the area also is affected by rising temperatures due to climate change City planners have floated adding trees, and looking at other ways to reduce the heat effect, such as social spaces

that involve misters and hammocks under tents, as well as solar canopies on roofs.

Ted Schwartzberg, one of BPDA's planners, said the recommendations to improve bike-riding and walking are "low-hanging fruit."

"Just because it's an industrial neighborhood, doesn't mean it has to be an unpleasant space to occupy," he said.

During a May 2022 presentation that laid out possible land use

scenarios, planners showed one map with a mix of traditional industrial space, a hybrid of industrial and commercial space, room for creative makers and manufacturers, lab and commercial, and a small quadrant between Andrew Square and the Newmarket commuter rail station as lab, commercial, and residential.

Asked if Newmarket could absorb some of the demand for life science space, which is spilling into Dorchester along the Morrissey Boulevard corridor, Jemison said they are trying the gauge the impact of encouraging more life sciences companies in the area.

City planners must also take into account the future of publicly owned land, such as 1010 Massachusetts Avenue.

"We're obviously looking at what role do our buildings, streets, other things we own in the area, rights of way, what role they have to play," Jemison said, noting that 1010 Mass. Ave is the Inspectional Service Department's home, and that it also houses the Fire Department's Protection Service. "Nothing to report yet, but definitely part of our plan is to consult with them about their buildings," Jemison added.



A new hum marks Fields Corner's commercial spaces

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"The recipes come from their place down there and we're going to bring it up here. We are adding more Vietnamese sandwiches here, though. In Texas we don't serve those at all."

Meanwhile, on the fine dining front, Thai Oishi has opened its doors at 203 Adams St., a location that has housed several restaurants since the departure of Chan O'Malley's more than a decade ago.

Purichaya Tawinno of Thai Oishi talked about his plans with the Reporter. "I think the area doesn't have sushi yet and doesn't have a Thai restaurant for dining. The only Thai restaurant is for take-out only. That's one reason we've chosen this location...I am so excited to be in this area."

The restaurant features a large dining room and a sushi bar, all well-appointed and newly constructed. Tawinno said he's working to get a liquor license for the establishment.

For those looking to hone their mixed martial arts (MMA) skills,



 $\label{lem:continuous} \textbf{A new southern-style fried chicken restaurant with a Vietnamese twist hopes}$ to open soon in the new building at 1403 Dorchester Ave. Seth Daniel photos

Level Ground MMA Studio has moved into 1490 Dorchester Ave., the former short-term home of the Dorchester Art Project store. Alexandra Fuller, a Fields Corner resident, said the studio moved to Fields Corner in late summer after almost six years in Uphams Corner. They expect to be fully up to speed in the new space by the end of October.

"We had kind of a rushed experience in

finding a new location because of something along the lines of a bad landlord situation in our previous location," said Fuller.

Level Ground, which operates under membership plans, offers adult and teen classes at the studio, specializing in combat, MMA, boxing, kickboxing, Brazilian ju-jitsu, and Muay Thai. "We're looking forward to being a good neighbor and we're excited to partner with local non-profits and schools," Fuller said

A merging of the civics?

It was at a meeting of the FCCA on Oct. 4 that the notion of neighborhood association mergers came up, a discussion prompted in part, said FCCA's Hiep Chu, because some of the nearby civic groups were not responding to city inquiries about development and licensure. Several civic



Formerly in Uphams Corner, Level Ground Mixed Martial Arts studio has moved to Fields Corner gradually over the last several months and plans to be fully up and running at 1490 Dorchester Ave. by the end of October.

director of Fields Corner

Main Streets, said the

group is working with

the WalkBoston orga-

nization to brainstorm

about a better design

for pedestrians in Hero

Square (at the inter-

section of Adams Street

and Dorchester Avenue).

The square is the nexus

of two very busy streets

with multiple crossings

required to get from one

side to the other in the

business district. The

situation has become

quite dangerous, and the

hope is there are ideas

that would make life

easier for pedestrians

and motorists in what is

a difficult navigational

Supply at 1530 Dorchester Ave. – well-known

in the neighborhood

for having scantily clad

mannequins displayed

in the front windows -

is looking to become a

salon and retail outlet.

The plan is to put seven

hair stations and other

accessory stations where

the retail floor is cur-

rently – minimizing the

retail and maximizing the salon. The FCCA was

generally in support of

the measure but did have

a few questions. Owner

Nadege Marcelin would

operate six days a week

at first, but prefers to be

neighborhood leaders,

arts organizations, and

the Little Saigon Cul-

tural District about cre-

ating a 'Graffiti Alley'

art project on the wall

abutting the MBTA sta-

tion and the VietAID development. The idea

is to commission a pro-

fessional graffiti artist to

start the effort and invite

community artists to add

to the wall over time. One

exists now in Cambridge.

ported that an armed

robbery took place on

Sept. 14 in the early

morning hours at the

7/11 in Fields Corner

when a Black male in his

50s came into the store

and produced a firearm.

He made off with \$200 in

cash. There are no leads

in the case, police said.

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associations, like the FCCA, pivoted successfully to online meetings during the pandemic and expanded membership. Others did not engage online, and don't seem to have re-emerged actively since then.

While the Five Streets Civic Association (encompassing Charles Street and surroundings) merged with FCCA in 2019, chief on the non-active list is the Freeport-Adams Civic Association, which has not met since before the pandemic struck, leaders said. There are also questions as to the status of the Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association.

Inquiries from the Reporter to Freeport-Adams and Meetinghouse Hill were not returned by press time.

Clam Point Civic leaders Paul and Denise Doherty said they no longer have standing monthly meetings; they meet when the need arises, such as the contentious construction project at the corner of Freeport and Mill

"We worked together as a neighborhood on these concerns and were very happy with the support and turnout of the Clam Point neighbors," they said. "This is the first time we have heard about civic groups merging together with Fields Corner and I do not think our neighborhood would be interested in that."

Civic associations were very powerful in the past but that strength may not have carried through Covid, said Chu, though, he added, they remain the go-to organizations for city inquires and detailed neighborhood information.

"We are not sure what is going on, and maybe some long-time residents moved on," he said. "Things happen. Merging can be a good thing or a bad thing. We'd like to talk about it."

Fields Corner Notebook Jacky West Devine,

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Dot woman is making gold out of chopsticks

(Continued from page 1) being at a turning point for sustainability. We need more ideas about what to do with our garbage...We can't just keep generating garbage and doing nothing with it."

Chow's business is based on the franchise model ChopValue out of Vancouver, British Columbia, and her location is only the second one in the United States – the other being Las Vegas. ChopValue was founded by Felix Böck, who saw the feasibility of creating new material and a viable business model that relies 100 percent on a certain under-utilized wooden resource.

Chow had built a 20-year career at the non-profit Year Up, which focuses on workforce development for urban young people. However, getting into the executive levels took her far away from the front lines of the operation, and she wanted something more handson. Having picked up woodworking during the pandemic, and having a passion for sustainability and recycling, she discovered ChopValue where those two interests collided.

"I took the plunge and



Elaine Chow in her Charlestown micro-factory. She said their current space would allow them to triple production without having to acquire more space. Seth Daniel photos

left my job in late September 2021," she said, noting that the risk was real for her family. "I doubled down on my due diligence and by Thanksgiving, I had purchased the franchise. By fall, I secured all my funding. I thought I could be open

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by June but there's no industrial space available. I really wanted to be in Dorchester, but that didn't work.

After investigating properties in the Freeport Street area unsuccessfully, she found a location in the industrial area of Charlestown, and a small-business friendly landlord in Greg Berberian, who is well-known for giving new ideas a chance at his properties.

Chow signed up 100 restaurants in the Boston area to recycle their wooden chopsticks and began collecting them last spring. While she has more than 3 million chopsticks collected (that's about 15,000 pounds) and a six-month backlog, the search for space held her up from starting production for some time.

Now, however, they are up and running.



Dorchester's Taivon Bruitt-Jamison sorts chopsticks to prepare them for the heat steam press.

"We went into production just after Labor Day," she said. "It's been over a month, and we struggle with worker shortages like everyone else, but it's going well. We want it to be a place where all of us are pitch-

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ing in."

One of the restaurants that signed up immediately was Pho Hoa Anh Hong Restaurant on Dorchester Avenue near Fields Corner.

"ChopValue is making it easy for restaurants to make sustainable choices" said Tam Le, co-owner of Pho Hoa Anh Hong. "Not only are they recycling a large portion of our waste at no cost, but they are also providing locally made,

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recycled products at a reasonable price."

Other establishments recycling chopsticks with Chow include China Pearl, Wagamama, Koreana, Shabu Zen, and Blue Ribbon Sushi.

Once delivered to the micro-factory, chopsticks by the hundreds are loaded in a sorting machine that divvies them up into portions that can be loaded into a square rack about the size of a dinner plate. Once all the racks are loaded, the chopsticks are heavily coated with a safe, water-based resin and left to dry overnight. The next day, they are broken apart into individual sticks and put into a heat steam press, which delivers 2,000 psi of pressure to create a one-inch block of what Chow calls a "raw tile."

"Raw tiles are the building blocks for everything we produce," she said.

The tiles can be planed, sanded, and cut down to size. To make tables or furniture, the tiles are assembled in pieces, or to make custom coasters, they are planed down and cut to size. In addition to using recycled materials and preventing virgin materials from being used, the process cuts down on carbon emissions by reducing shipping and keeping a tight, circular economy.

Anything made in the factory is carbon negative, and, she said, they can even ship products to the West Coast, and they will be at least carbon neutral.

Currently, the factory has room to triple production, add three shifts, and a second hot press, and still not run out of room. There is, she said, ample room for expansion. Even the excess sawdust, she added, is collected by an outfit in Gardner, Mass., and used for compost.

"Even though we're a small operation, I believe we can have a significant impact," said Chow.

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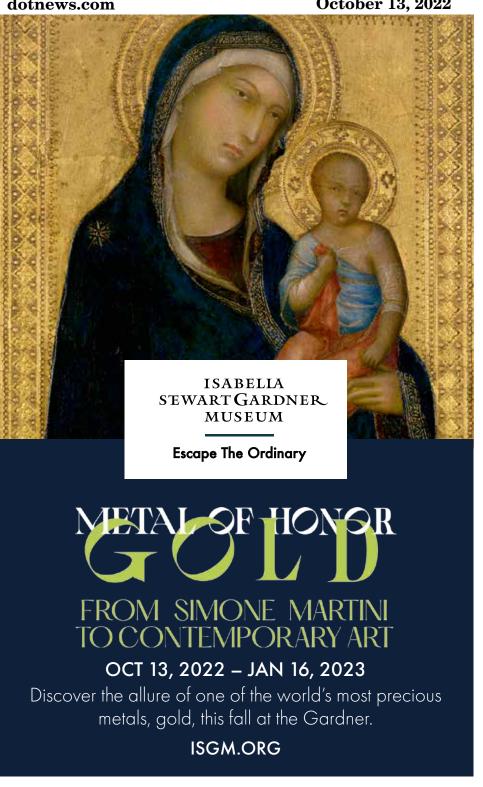
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New admissions policy brings more diversity – and challenges – to the Boston Latin School

By Max Larkin WBUR Reporter

A new and more diverse group of students entered the Boston Latin School this fall. While the change is evident in state and district enrollment data, it's just as visible in the school's dining hall, in its hallways, and in the classrooms kept by the school's student-support staff during a recent visit.

It's the second year of a new admissions policy at all three of Boston's selective exam schools that is designed to make the student body more reflective of the city at large. That policy now seeks top-performing students according to tiers based on census tracts, rather than plucking them off the top of citywide rankings of high grades and test scores.

At the Latin School, in particular, the result has been an increase of Black and Latino students among the incoming seventh grade class — more than there have been in at least a generation. The two groups combined made up 43 percent of students invited to the school this fall, compared to 18 percent two years ago.

It's a major shift for the nation's oldest public school, which is a feeder school for Harvard College, and whose notable attendees include Benjamin Franklin and John Hancock. Students are still expected to deliver speeches (called 'declamations') in Latin and English, homework still takes three hours a night — and, historically, white students have occupied about half of the seats.

But as the new policy takes effect, challenges remain. This fall, under a new leader, the Latin School must steer between an ongoing backlash from families and alumni opposed to the admissions change, as well as calls from within to make its changing student body feel at home.

A 'stark difference'

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A year ago, Emmanuelle Bogomolni was a Latin School senior. She said she noticed a "stark difference" in the way last year's seventh graders — known as "Sixies" within the school — were perceived by upperclassmen admitted under the old system.

"There was a lot of sentiment of, 'Oh, these Sixies do not deserve to be here," she said.

"It was really upsetting to me, because it felt like people were making excuses to be racist and classist," Bogomolni added. (The district also invited in more students who were classified as "economically disadvantaged," around 45 percent, compared to 26 percent in the school at large.)

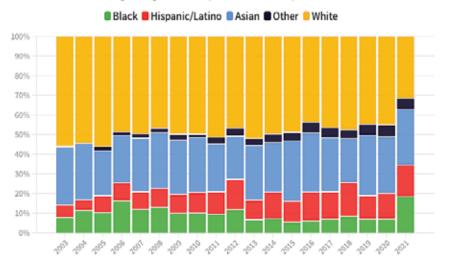
The Boston School Committee voted unanimously to change the exam schools' admissions policy in July 2021. The change, which took effect for incoming classes in the 2021-22 school year, applies to the Latin School, Boston Latin Academy and the O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science.

On paper, the new policy may not seem like a radical departure. The district is still looking to identify students who are capable of handling the exam schools' rigorous curriculums. Admission is still going to be based on an assessment and at least a B average in middle school. (The exam was suspended during the pandemic; testing will resume next year.)

But the new policy also considers an applicant's home address and gives priority to qualified students from the

The new admissions policy has quickly fostered diversity in new Boston Latin School classes

Percent of incoming 7th graders, by race/ethnicity



Source: Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education. "Enrollment by School/Grade/Race", Boston Public Schools,
"SY22-23 Exam School Invitation Summary" - The "Other" category comprises multiracial, Native American and

A Flourish data visualization

city's lower-income precincts. It also assigns "bonus points" to students of certain backgrounds, like those experiencing homelessness or those attending majority low-income schools.

The policy has had a rapid and dramatic effect on the Latin School.

In fall 2020, 45 percent of Latin School's incoming students were white. By the following year, that share dropped to 31 percent. (In comparison, the school's second-largest cohort of Asian students claimed around 28 percent of seats in each of the past three years.)

The largest share of new seventh-grade seats last school year went to Black students: rising from 7 percent to 18 percent. That's a percentage unseen in a class of BLS seventh graders since 2003, the earliest year state demographic data is available.

While official enrollment data for 2022-23 is not yet available, the share of Black and Latino students this school could climb as high as 22 percent and 21 percent respectively, according to a district memo from May.

A history of turmoil

It wasn't that long ago that the Latin School was the subject of a federal civil rights investigation due to allegations of discrimination by students of color at the school.

In 2016, two Black students raised concerns about racist incidents, using the hashtag #BlackAtBLS. On the heels of that social media firestorm, the US Department of Justice opened an investigation and found that students had used slurs against Black students and made reference to lynching. Then-US Attorney for Massachusetts Carmen Ortizrecommended sensitivity training and other corrective measures.

In the wake of that investigation, the Latin School hired Rachel Skerritt, a Black alumna who graduated in 1995, to be the first person of color to lead the school. Skerritt stepped down this summer, citing a desire to spend more time with her family. To many, Skerritt's five-year tenure represented real progress.

Lisa Green, former co-chair of the school's parent council, said it felt like the school was becoming "a much more welcoming, in many ways actively anti-racist, place" during Skerritt's tenure. "It really felt like we were heading in a different direction," she said.

Meanwhile, some parents are still fighting the admissions policy change in federal court, alleging that it discriminates against white and Asian students.

Last year, a federal judge upheld the legality of the admissions policy change. But a group called the Boston Parent Coalition for Academic Excellence quickly appealed to the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. The school district filed its brief in defense of the policy on Sep. 9.

The coalition did not respond to requests for comment.

Marie Mercurio of Jamaica Plain is not a party to the lawsuit, but she

shares the plaintiffs' concerns about the admissions policy's fairness.

And with two sons at the school, Mercurio said she and some other parents feel a "little concerned" that the school might be losing its way. "It's in the top 10 [best-] performing schools in the state — is it going to be like that in a couple of years?"

The new head of school, Jason Gallagher, is also a Latin School alum. And he reminds the community that, in its nearly 400-year history, the school has survived, and thrived, through changes of this scale, including the court orders for and against racial "set-asides" between 1974 and 1998.

"Fifty years ago was the first time that [the school] had girls, right?" Gallagher said. "And I'm sure if you went back and looked at things back then, I'm sure that people thought inviting girls to Boston Latin was controversial.

"Now, you know, they're more than half of our population."

Gallagher inherits both the increasing diversity that began under Skerritt — and the work of welcoming students in. He said the school further stepped up its supports for English learners this summer and remains determined to help out students who might need help adjusting.

Tenth grader Jadon Berkson is a resident of the South End, and he's resolutely in favor of the admissions change. "I've always thought that the way it was wasn't working ... There was a lot of privilege being overrepresented," he said.

Helping to guide the transition for many Black and Latino students is Rose Delorme Metayer, known to the students as "R.D."

Metayer runs the school's alumni-funded center for "transition and support," which serves students during study halls and after school. She jokes that she's somewhere between an older sister and a mom.

She said she's glad to see last year's seventh graders returning to school this fall — better accustomed to the place and determined to prove any doubters wrong. For a start, they're getting earlier starts on those piles of homework.

"They've all been showing me their grades. 'R.D., look! I've got straight hundreds right now,' " she said. "And I say, 'That's what I expect, because you can do it."

As a Black alumna of the Latin School who graduated in 2007, Metayer said she remembers how it feels to stand out in that crowd of 2,400 students.

"There were times, in the years that I was here until 2007, where I said, 'I don't really feel connected to this place'," Metayer said. "Now, when a young black girl walks into my room, she sees somebody that looks like her, who isn't teaching her in terms of a class, but who is just here to hold her hand through the whole journey."

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BGCD Hosts DotoberFest Event for Fall Power Forward Program Kickoff:See details below

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BGCD Hosts DotoberFest Event
for Fall Power Forward Program
Kickoff: Boys & Girls Clubs of
Dorchester kicked off the Fall session
of our Power Forward Programming
last week with a special Dotoberfest
Celebration. A little rain didn't stop
us from making sure our teens had
an amazing night. The celebration
included sausages from the grill,
cornhole tournaments, musical chairs,
raffles, tons of dancing and an overall
fabulous night with friends.

Upcoming events for our Power Forward program include our Destination U College & Career Fair on November 3rd and our "1st Generation" Celebration on November 8th.

For more information on our Teen Programming, please contact Education Strategist Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org. FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Program Highlight - Music
Clubhouse Supported by Music
& Youth Initiative: Our state of the
art Music Clubhouse at Boys & Girls
Clubs of Dorchester offers a variety
of lessons and small group classes
throughout the year for members ages
10 & up.

Our current lessons include, guitar, drums, bass, saxophone, piano and acoustic strings. A new program being held this Fall is an Electronic Instrument Lab class being offered on Monday and Thursday evenings.

A huge thanks to our program partner Music & Youth Initiative for their ongoing support to bring the joy of music to our members.

For more information please contact Music Director Carleton Burke at cburke@bgcdorchester.org.



<u>DID YOU KNOW:</u> 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 provided.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAFSA Night for Teens October 19

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Fall Fun at St. Mary's Center for Women and Children

St. Mary's Center for Women and Children, located on Jones Hill in Dorchester, is a multi-service organization offering innovative, family-centered programs for women and children experiencing homelessness. Each year, over 500 women, children, and families receive the critical, wraparound support services they need to reach a place of stability and, ultimately, self-sufficiency.

An important aspect to helping St. Mary's Center families feel welcome, comforted, and supported during their time living at the Center are community events that bring the entire campus together.

On October 26, 2022 we're thrilled to host our popular, annual **Trunk or Treat** event.

Our youngest residents will have the opportunity to dress up in costume and "trick or treat" on St. Mary's Center's campus while enjoying food, drinks, music, and festive fun to celebrate Halloween.

We would love the community's help in providing our young residents with new costumes to participate in this beloved St. Mary's Center tradition. We are accepting costumes of all sizes!

We also welcome any community members who wish to decorate their car trunks and pass out candy to our residents on the 26th to join us! Please reach out for more detail.

If you are interested in supporting, please email donations@stmaryscenterma.org or call 617-436-8600 ex. 319 to speak to a member of our team.

Change comes from the Center



90 Cushing Avenue Dorchester, MA 02125

A year overdue, Morton Street highway project is wrapping up

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

More than one year after the project was supposed to conclude, the Morton Street state highway project has finally wrapped up. The work, small by state standards on a \$2.5 million budget, was meant to address pedestrian safety issues like sidewalks, crosswalks, new curbing, and other ame-

Though it started on time in 2020, the project, which runs along Morton Street from Blue Hill Avenue to Harvard Street, lingered month after month in 2021 and 2022 and the worksite was often left in shambles.

State Rep. Russell Holmes said the project had its beginning in 2011 when the group New England United for Justice rallied on Morton Street calling for upgrades and a road safety audit. When construction kicked off two years ago, he thought a community-led upgrade would soon blossom, but that didn't turn out to be the case.

"I was initially told this this would be completed on July 4, 2021 - more than one year ago," he said. "Then we were told it was going to be 2022, and then it was going to be July 4, 2022, and into September, it was still lingering.'

A Massachusetts Department of Transportation spokesperson said the delays were due to three main issues, including the state contractor encountering unforeseen underground obstructions. That slowed down electrical and drainage installation because of an unmarked conduit, duct banks, and rock ledge.

Another delay came when they discovered underground railroad tracks on Blue Hill Avenue, and that necessitated remediation for asbestos. Finally, the milling and paving contractor's schedule changed several times.

City Councillor Brian Worrell, who represents Dorchester and Mattapan, agreed with Holmes that the project took too long.

"When improving walkability and increasing access to transportation, our state agencies should be operating with urgency in our neighborhood given the fact that we have one of the highest car-traffic regions and highest transit

ridership," he said.

"Increasing walkability is a quality-of-life issue and has dragged on for too long in our community. I look forward to seeing this project completed and continuing the discussion to improve urgency for future projects in District 4."

Said Holmes: "It was a project small in scale, but large because it sits in the largest Black community in the state," he said. "It just didn't have the project management and other resources allocated to it."

Mattapan Notebook

 Join the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) for the 2022 inaugural yard sale at the Mildred Avenue Community School on Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will be in the school parking lot and will be hosted by GMNC staff and members. If you're trying to downsize, get rid of clutter, learn more about the neighborhood, or grab some bargains, make sure to attend. Those wishing to register

as sellers should contact Matt Skelly at mwskelly@gmail.com.

•The GMNC Public Services Committee continues to talk about getting the Slow Streets program in at the Itasca Street area, a major cut-through for those looking to avoid Mattapan Square. Residents are trying to position themselves high on the list for the program when it starts back up again.

•The GMNC asked backers of the cannabis proposal at 1379 Blue Hill Ave., Underground Legacy, located across from the Mattapan Branch Library, to go back and shore up support letters, mostly for the Mattapan Neighborhood Health Center and the Library. There are also concerns from the community about the entrance and exit plans for the dispensary.

•Another dispensary called The POT on River Street adjacent to Mattapan Square received approval from the GMNC Zoning Committee, with a recommendation to look at the turning radius into their parking lot behind the store. The full GMNC voted to go forward as recommended.

Taylor Elementary is in the running for EdVestors 'School on the Move' award

The EdVestors non-profit school improvement organization announced last week that Mattapan's Charles H. Taylor Elementary School is one of three finalists citywide for the annual 'School on the Move' award. The other two are the William E. Channing Elementary School in Hyde Park and the Gardner Pilot Academy in Allston.

Now in its 17th year, the 'School on the Move' award comes with a \$100,000 prize and highlights notable school-wide improvement efforts happening in the schools. The other two schools will receive \$10,000 each.

The winner will be announced on Wed., Oct. 26, at the Westin Copley Hotel, where business, civic, philanthropic, and education leaders will gather to give notice to the finalists and the winner. EdVestors will highlight how these three schools adapted their programming to meet the unique challenges their communities faced and accelerated learning during the Covid pandemic.

The Taylor pairs welcoming warmth with high expectations for their 298 students, three-quarters of whom are Black, EdVestors said. Teachers continually improve instruction through peer feedback, data-informed planning, and implementing curriculum with fidelity. The school focuses on encouraging academic conversation between students, particularly for students learning English in the school's Haitian Creole-specific programs.

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The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the court grant a divorce for: Irretrievable Breakdown

The Complaint is on file at the Court An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemen-

tal Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Bathsalda M. Horton, 136 Seaver St., Apt. 41B, Boston, MA 02121 your answer, if any, on or before **11/22/2022**. If you fail to do so, before 11/22/22. If your aim to up sy, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 22, 2022

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jessica Malcolm
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court. Date: October 3, 2022

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Everyone's House Has a History Curious to know about yours?

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Our volunteer researchers use extensive online resources to look for information about the original owner, year of construction, previous occupants, and more, for houses in Dorchester and Mattapan. A written report documents their findings for you.

Go to www.dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org and click House History dropdown to request individual house research and see completed histories.

Lynch, Pressley in strong push for a digital US dollar

By Yasmin Amer WBUR REPORTER

We live in an increasingly cashless society. A year into the pandemic, thenumber of businesses that accept only electronic payments doubled, according to data from the digital payment company Square.

But the digital shift in the economy is leaving some people out — mainly those who don't have a bank account, or a credit or debit card to use for payments. Federal estimates suggest that 5.4 percent of American households don't have a bank account. In Boston, city officials put that number at 10 percent. Experts say those who are "unbanked" are more likely to be low-income or people of color.

Two members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation, Reps. Stephen Lynch and Ayanna Pressley, are among the co-sponsors of a bill aimed at bridging the financial digital divide through the creation of a digital US dollar. The Electronic Currency and Secure Hardware Act, or ECASH Act, would direct the treasury department to "develop and pilot" an electronic currency.

"ECASH Act would promote financial inclusion and empower these communities so that they don't get left behind in a cashless world," Pressley said during an event at Boston University on Oct. 4.

While the technology still has to be finalized,

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Personal Representative has been filed by Yolanda Bynum of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as reques

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceed. ing. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/03/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline

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stice of this Court. Date: September 30, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate the bill proposes some parameters for an electronic federal currency. The digital dollars would be loaded on a payment card or cellphone to use in place of cash. The government would not require users to have a bank account to use the currency.

Lynch, who also attended the Boston University event, emphasized the proposed digital currency would not use blockchain technology or anything that would allow individual payments to be tracked by the federal government or an outside party.

"If we do not maintain a cash equivalent or anonymous method of payment, then by default every transaction we make will be tracked and traced," he said.

The Federal Reserve is working on its own version of a digital currency, known as the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). However, the central bank would not be able to implement such a currency without approval from Congress.

According to the Atlantic Council, a think tank that has been tracking digital currencies, ten nations have already launched official digital currencies, including China, Nigeria, and The Bahamas.

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To the named Respondent and all other by MA Dept. of Mental Health of Westbor ough, MA in the above captioned matte alleging that Hazel Clayborn is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Robert Hortor of Dorchester, MA and Mellisa Coury Cote. of Londonderry, NH (or some otherable person) be appointed as Guardian

Esq. of Londonderry, NH (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardiar to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this ocut and may contain a rewest for certain specific authority.

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MOTHER CAROLINE ACADEMY & EDUCATION CENTER

Mother Caroline Academy & Education Center will be participating in the National School Lunch, Breakfast and Snack Program. As part of this program, Mother Caroline Academy & Education Center implementing Special Assistance Programs will offer healthy meals every school day at NO COST to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Provision for school year 2022-2023. Students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a household application

Qualifications for children to receive free or reduced price meals include: belonging to a household whose income is at or below the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, belonging to a household that receives public assistance, or if the child is homeless, migrant, runaway, foster, or participates in a Head Start or Even Start pre-K program

Household size and income criteria are used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits if the household does not receive assistance or the children are not in the other categories mentioned above. Children can get free or reduced-price meals if the household's gross income falls at or below the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guideline chart.

FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART For School Year 2022-2023						
	Maximum Household Income Eligible for Free Meals			Maximum Household Income Eligible for Reduced Price Meals		
Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$17,667	\$1,473	\$340	\$25,142	\$2,096	\$484
2	\$23,803	\$1,984	\$458	\$33,874	\$2,823	\$652
3	\$29,939	\$2,495	\$576	\$42,606	\$3,551	\$820
4	\$36,075	\$3,007	\$694	\$51,338	\$4,279	\$988
5	\$42,211	\$3,518	\$812	\$60,070	\$5,006	\$1,156
6	\$48,347	\$4,029	\$930	\$68,802	\$5,734	\$1,324
7	\$54,483	\$4,541	\$1,048	\$77,534	\$6,462	\$1,492
8	\$60,619	\$5,052	\$1,166	\$86,266	\$7,189	\$1,659
Each additional person:	+6,136	+512	+118	+8,732	+728	+168

To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households can fill out the application and return it to the school unless the household has already received notification that their children are approved for free meals this year. Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children and what is required to complete on the application.

Only one application is required for all children in the household and the information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. Applications may be verified at any time during the school year by the school or other program officials. An application for free or reduced-price benefits cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information as indicated on the application and instructions. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, or disability.

Families can apply for benefits at any time. If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the Federal Guidelines. Contact Raymonde Alcindor at ralcindor@mcaec.org at any time to request an

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, Raymonde Alcindor will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Annmarie Quezada, 515 Blue Hill Ave. Dorchester, MA 02121, 617-427-1177.

When known to Mother Caroline Academy & Education Center households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals if they are members of households receiving assistance from the

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR); or
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), if the State program meets Federal standards.

An application is not required for free meal benefits for Assistance Program participants and all of the children in the household are eligible for free meal benefits. If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, or if a household does not receive a notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school to have free meal benefits extended to them. Participants in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals, but they will need to turn in an application including household size and total income.

When known to Mother Caroline Academy & Education Center households will also be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals if the individual child is considered "Other Source Categorically Eligible", because the child is categorized, as defined by law as:

- Homeless,
- Migrant,
- Runaway,
- Enrolled in an eligible Head Start, or
- Enrolled in an eligible pre-kindergarten class.

If any children were not listed on the notice of eligibility, the household should contact the school about their eligibility through the list above, or should submit an income application.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the benefits.

For more information, you may call Raymonde Alcindor at 617-427-1177 Ext. 201 or e-mail at ralcindor@mcaec.org.

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CARDARELLI, Christopher D., age 60, of Stoughton, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Theresa W. Cardarelli and Leo P. Cardarelli, Sr. Brother of Peter Cardarelli and his wife Katarina of Dorchester, twins Michael Cardarelli and his wife Samm of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Mark Cardarelli of Dorchester, Regina Cameron of Weymouth,

Andrew Cardarelli of Quincy, Joseph Cardarelli of Quincy, and pre-deceased by Gerard Cardarelli, Dennis P. Cardarelli, Leo Cardarelli, Jr. and his surviving wife Edith of Haverhill, Scott DeMarco, and Pamela DeMarco. "Uncle Chris" is also survived by his many much-loved nieces, nephews, and their families.For those who wish, donations in Christopher's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

CHARLTON, Anne Margaret (McInnis), 87, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of Thomas A. Charlton. Mother of Scott T. Charlton and his wife Janice of Salem, Heidi A. Tobin and her husband James of Newton, Aimee M. McIn-



tyre and her husband Paul of Cary, NC, Erik T. Charlton and his wife Diana of Hermosa Beach, CA., and Kurt T. Charlton and his wife Loriann of Braintree. "Nani" of 12. Great-grandmother to 5. Daughter of the late Anna (McRae) and Charles McInnis. The youngest and last of six children, Anne was predeceased by Charles McInnis, DMD and his surviving wife Theresa of Amesbury, Estelle Miller and her husband John Miller, DMD, John McInnis and his wife

Delores, Robert McInnis, and Bernard McInnis. Anne is survived by her in-laws Mary Petruccelli of South Yarmouth, and Dorothy Lovett of Milton. Donations in Anne's memory may be made to, Archbishop Williams High School, 40 Independence Avenue, Braintree, MA 02184.



FITZPATRICK, William "Billy", 69, of Needham, formerly of Mattapan and Las Vegas. Son of the late Joseph P. and Anne L. Fitzpatrick, brother of the late Edward T. and Joseph P. Fitzpatrick. Brother of Regina M. of North Smithfield, Rhode Island. Brother-in-law of Joanne Fitzpatrick of North Attleboro; Survived by many grand nieces and nephews. Friend of Bill.

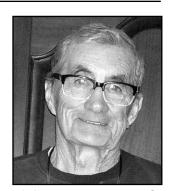


FORD, Melviena Mesada Phillips, of Mattapan, formerly of Camaguey Cuba. Daughter to Charles Phillips and Agnes Roberts. Melviena is predeceased by Exeme, Wilfred James, Geraldine, Gertrude and Alfonso Phillips. She survived by her two sisters, Christina Phillips and Gracella Springer (Phillips), her four children Carlos Leonardo, Daniel, Reinaldo and Rafeal Ford, daughter-in laws Darlene Pezanetti and Donna Green-Ford, 6 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Melviena also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and her Church family.

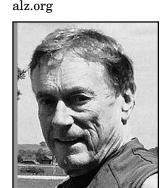


LAMERE, R. Kent, Jr., 66, of Milton. Hus-band of Jean (Shea) Lamere. Father of Kelsey Lamere and her husband Adam Witpen of Milton, Dan Lamere and his wife Brianna of Dorchester, and Kevin Lamere of Dorchester. Grandfather of 1. Son of Margaret Melgard and stepfather Richard Melgard of Lake Mary, FL, and stepmother Ruth Lamere and the late Robert Lamere of Kingston. Brother of David Lamere and his wife Sandy of Altamonte Springs, FL, and Elizabeth Lamere and her late husband Alan Vega of New York, NY. Kent is also survived by his many loving brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and step-sib-lings. Please consider a donation in support of brain cancer research at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Donations can be made to: MGH Development Office, Attn: Heidi Bergmeyer, Brain Cancer Research Fund of Dr. Jorg Dietrich, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114-1101.

NEE, Joseph W. "Joe" "Lefty", 92, of Dorchester, formerly



of So. Boston. Joseph joined the United States Army serving during the Korean War. Husband of the late Joan L. (Potts). Father of Daniel Nee and his wife Michele of Enfield, CT, Theodore Nee and his wife Carol of Albuquerque, NM, Marilyn Lovely and her husband John of Palm Harbor, FL, Carolyn Nee of Brockton, Joseph Nee of Dorchester, Linda Dallas and her husband Jonathan of Medford, and Lawrence Nee and his wife Amy of Norwood. Brother of John "Jack," Dennis, Francis and the late Thomas, James and Paul Nee. Grandfather of 7. Great-grandfather of 3. Brother-in-law of Dianne, Carol, Karen, Patricia Nee, Elizabeth Connors and Joseph Potts. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations in memory of Joseph may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Ave., Boston, MA 02215, dana-farber. org/how-you-can-help or Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452,



THOMAS, John C. "Jack" Husband of Geraldine Denterlein. Father of Faith Tracy and her husband Joseph Tracy, Jennifer Rando and her husband Robert Rando, John Patrick Thomas and his fiance, Gloria Dabek, 7 grandchildren, former husband of Emy. Brother of Ramona Egan $(Edward\,Egan)\,and\,Char$ lotte Lorandeau and nieces and nephews. 50 years as reporter, editor, columnist, TV Critic and ombudsman, at The Boston Globe. Donations in his memory may be made to The Tom Winship scholarship Fund, Northeastern Univeristy, https://giving. northeastern.edu/live/ profiles/1184-tom-winship-scholar-in-journalism, a fund he co-created to honor his mentor, the late editor of The Boston Globe or Brantwood Camp https://brantwood. org/donate/, a non profit camp for youngsters who otherwise would not have the opportunity, where Jack spent many happy summers as a camper and

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304, & §5-405
Docket No. SU22P2241PM
IN THE MATTER OF
ELOISE J. MATHEW
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filled
by St. Jopseh Rebabilitation and Nursing of
Boston, MA in the above captioned matter

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by St. Jopseh Rebabilitation and Nursing of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Eloise J. Mathew is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Velma J. Brinson of Hyde Park, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this

proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE
POWERS OF A GUARDIAN
DOCKET NO. SU17P2693GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF:
MARIE CALIXTE
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other to the harried nespondent and all online interested persons, a petition has been filed by the Department of Mental Health c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.

The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the powers of the

a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

on hile with the court.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First
Justice of this Court.

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
Date: September 22, 2022
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P2216EA ESTATE OF:
NIJE JOHN RIBOTTO DATE OF DEATH: 08/03/2022
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Mancy Scola of Peabody

has been filed by Nancy Scola of Peabody MA requesting that the Court enter a forma Decree and Order and for such other relie as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner equests that: Nancy Scola of Peabody, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the ond in unsupervised administration.

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n the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Persona Representative and may petition the Court n any matter relating to the estate, including he distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 04, 2022 Felix D. Arroye Register of Probat Published: October 13, 2022

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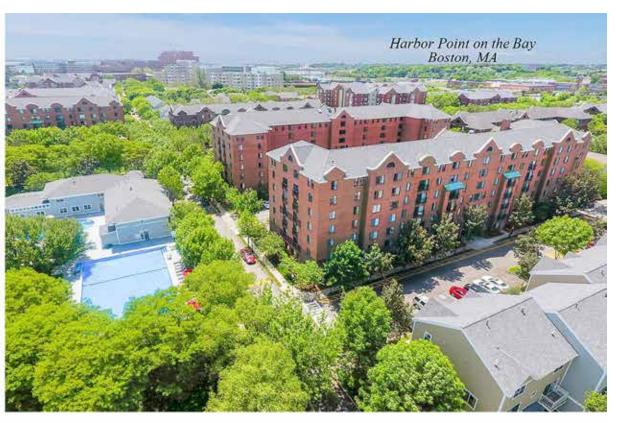
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