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## GRAND REUNION

Lift-off for the new First Parish steeple. The rebuilt lantern section and supporting structure was swung into place on Tuesday morning after a seven-year absence from its longtime home atop Meetinghouse Hill.

Photo by Chris Lovett

## First Parish gets steeple back

By BILL FORRY  
EDITOR

The steeple of the First Parish Church — Dorchester's oldest and most storied congregation — was returned to its proper spot atop the bell tower of the Dorchester landmark on Tuesday morning. The steeple was removed in Novem-

ber 2006 and has sat on a vacant lot across the street from the church ever since. The structure underwent a complete restoration in recent months at the hands of expert carpentry students from the North Bennet School — which has played a critical role in the ongoing renova-

tion of the entire historic church.

Before the steeple's lift-off, Rev. Arthur Lavoie delivered a memorable invocation from the elevated platform of a bucket truck, which hoisted him some 30 feet above a crowd of more than 150 people who gathered along Par-

ish Street to watch the spectacle unfold.

Rev. Lavoie read from Psalm 90 — the same prayer read 116 years before when the church building was dedicated. A church has stood atop Meetinghouse Hill since 1690 and the congregation itself dates back to (Continued on page 19)

## Shining link in the Emerald Necklace

### Devine golf course in Franklin Park

By TOM MULVOY  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

As the sun slowly climbed into the August-blue eastern sky on Tuesday morning, Russell Heller and Dennis Roache sat down in the small patio outside the clubhouse at the William J. Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park to talk a bit about the expanse of fetching greensward in front of them.

"We do what we can when we can with what we have," said Heller, the green superintendent at what is popularly known as the Franklin Park course. "We level, we strip, we re-sod, we



The third green at the Devine Course at Franklin Park beckons from 421 yards away as this free-swinger finishes his tee-shot backswing. Photo by Bill Forry

pay attention to what's in front of us." Roache, the general manager of the Devine layout as well as the city's other golf course, George Wright in

Hyde Park, while noting that in recent years the number of rounds played has averaged 35,000, said that the improvements across the breadth

of the golf course have more or less followed the guidelines of a master plan that was published in 1998. "The plan set out (Continued on page 21)

## Meeting focuses on parking lot fix in Adams Corner

By MIKE DEEHAN  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The Cedar Grove Civic Association held a special meeting on Tuesday evening to review plans for a proposed Boston Sports Club at 540 Gallivan Boulevard — one of the village's most prominent properties that also includes an adjacent, privately-owned parking lot that has long been heavily used by neighborhood residents and other businesses. Neighbors see the proposal for a new fitness center as a chance to upgrade and improve safety in the heart of the busy business district.

Boston Sports Club (BSC) intends to open its 31st location in the first floor of the building most recently occupied by a Rite Aid pharmacy.

Attorney Larry DiCara, a former Boston City Councillor who is representing Supreme Realty Trust — the business entity that owns the building that will lease space to BSC — presented the plans for the renovations and re-use of the site.

The change in the building's use from retail to a fitness center will require approvals from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals, which DiCara expects to seek this fall. Renovations to the parking lot and the building would take place throughout the winter and the fitness center could open by the spring of 2014. Sean Weir, president of the Cedar Grove Civic Association, said that he expects the

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## Landmark status eyed for 'sore spot' on Grampian Way

By TOM MULVOY  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The building, its grandeur as the Kehew-Wright House long faded into the mists of time, is today a model of decrepitude perched atop Savin Hill at 24 Grampian Way.

But the Boston Landmarks Commission is looking past the wreck of its remains to its history as long a place of import in the neighborhood and the city and recommending that the house, which sits on almost three-quarters of an acre accompanied by a dreary-looking one-time stable building, be given



24 Grampian Way

a landmark designation.

To that end, the commission will hold a public hearing for consideration of its recommendation next Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 5:45 p.m. in the Boston Redevelopment Authority boardroom, Room 900, in Boston City Hall.

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Reporter's Notebook

# Menino the 'statesman' puts pundits in pondering modes

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

On a rainy Wednesday, a month before he announced that he wasn't running for another term, Mayor **Thomas Menino** walked, with the help of a cane, through the lobby of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Maverick Square location to meet the press. East Boston Councilor **Sal LaMattina** walked slightly ahead of him, and then quickly veered right when he saw the media horde awaiting the mayor. "Get out of here, Sal," Menino said with a broad smile. "They don't want you; they're looking for blood."

The day before, City Councilor At-Large **John Connolly** had launched his mayoral campaign and that brought on the first question tossed at Menino: What are your thoughts on Connolly's announcement? "Young man. Wants to be mayor," Menino said. "Good luck to him."

Menino continued bantering and answering related questions for several minutes and by the end of the day, various pundits and those who fancied themselves Meninologists seemed convinced that the mayor was going to go for a sixth term four-year term.

"If there is to be any surprise at all in this upcoming mayoral season, it will be that Tom Menino chooses not to make it an even two dozen," a Boston Herald columnist wrote on March 26. Two days later, Menino stood inside grand old Faneuil Hall, surrounded by family and friends, and said he would not run again.

Menino has largely stayed out of the 12-person race to succeed him, every now and then noting that he does not plan to endorse anybody unless the candidates start "trashing" the city he loves. But that hasn't stopped the Menino-watchers from attempting to divine which candidate the longtime mayor is aligning himself with even as his aides have scattered to the different campaigns.

Two tidbits this week offered a potential window for the Meninologists to peer into:

On Monday, during an appearance on Boston Herald Radio, the tabloid's newest venture, Menino brought up **Charlotte Golar Richie's** name. He noted that if she won, it would be "national news," since she is a woman of color.

Asked if that was an endorsement, Menino said no, adding that he's a "statesman" now.

That didn't stop the Herald from a front page splash on Tuesday: "Lady's First!" it blared, a picture of Golar Richie on one side, Menino inside the internet radio station's studio on the other. Asked if she saw it as an endorsement, Golar Richie, who worked for Menino as his chief of housing, said, "I didn't take it that way."

Maybe the mayor was commenting on her being a "good employee," she said, adding that the two of them were often on the "same page" on housing matters.

And, he was "stating the obvious," Golar Richie said, since she is a woman of color who would get national attention if she won on Nov. 5. "I'm getting national attention now," in the form of Emily's List support, she added.

With the mayor's popularity remaining sky-high, however, her campaign has continued to play up their ties. On Facebook, her campaign's main avatar was switched to the Herald front page. And on Tuesday evening, during a forum in Chinatown on housing issues, Golar Richie's campaign blasted out a press release touting an endorsement from Tuskegee Mayor **Johnny Ford**

and his wife, **Joyce London Alexander Ford**: "The co-founder of the highly influential National Conference of Black Mayors and founder of the World Conference of Mayors, Mayor Ford says he agrees with his friend Tom Menino and has been encouraging his network of mayors to support Golar Richie, who if elected mayor of Boston, will make history on two fronts: as the first woman and the first African American to hold the seat."

The second tidbit was even more intriguing. Menino's campaign committee earlier this week sent a \$100 check over to **Rob Consalvo**, the Hyde Park councillor who is also running for mayor.

The Consalvo campaign's deposit, available on the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance's website, also featured \$100 from **Sandra Henriquez**, a former Menino administration official now working for the Obama administration, and \$250 from **Steven Samuels**, CEO of Samuels and Associates.

But take a look at whom the Menino campaign committee has donated to in the past: \$100 to LaMattina, the aforementioned East Boston councillor, earlier this year and again last year, when he unsuccessfully ran for Suffolk County register of probate.

Worth noting: No donations in 2011 to **John O'Toole**, the District 3 candidate Menino strongly backed in Dorchester, enough so that he earned a shout-out from O'Toole after he won the seven-person preliminary. **Frank Baker**, who was supported by childhood friend **Marty Walsh**, a state representative who is now running for mayor, eventually won the seat.

As for the Consalvo donation this month, the *Boston Globe* caught up with Menino on Tuesday. With less than 50 days to go until the Sept. 24 preliminary, the mayor served up a third tidbit for the Meninologists. "I didn't even know about that," Menino told the newspaper. "It was my treasurer."

## Cullinane heads into the Aug. 13 primary with over \$13,000 on hand

With the Aug. 13 primary in the race to replace **Linda Dorcena Forry** slated for next week, **Dan Cullinane's** campaign said it had over \$13,000 cash on hand and had raised a total of \$48,915 over the course of the campaign.

**Stephanie Everett**, a fellow Democrat, had an ending balance of about \$700 in her account, according to the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF). And **Mary Tuitt**, a third Democrat running in the primary, had a negative balance in her account, OCPF's website said.

Tuitt, who works as state Rep. **Gloria Fox's** chief of staff, has received support from several of her boss's colleagues, including state Reps. **Marcos Devers** of Lawrence, **Denise Andrews** of Orange, **Ruth Balsler** of Newton, and **James O'Day** of Worcester.

The Democratic primary will likely be determinative, since the 12th Suffolk House district includes deep blue Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park and two precincts in Milton. The winner of the primary will face off against two independents, **Lincoln Larmond** of Mattapan and **Edmond Romulus** of Milton, in the special general election on Sept. 10.

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# On The Record

## New tot lot dedicated in Mattapan



Mayor Thomas Menino, State Senator Linda Forry and other leaders were on hand to re-dedicate a section of the 18-acre Hunt Almont park in Mattapan last weekend. The new playground area is part of phase one of capital work by the Menino administration, which has committed more than \$796,000 for improvements to the entire property. The new tot lot inside Almont Park is named for Tre'Vaughn Anthony Matthews, a two year-old Mattapan boy who died tragically in 1996 when the drawstring of his sweatshirt became entangled in a slide at the park. Other work to come includes a new turf football field, improved lighting and pathways, a parking lot at the 18 acre site, and outdoor exercise equipment.

Photo by Jeremiah Robinson

## West Nile threat level now 'moderate'

State health officials raised the threat level for West Nile Virus to moderate in Boston this week following positive tests for the illness in mosquito traps located in Jamaica Plain and Hyde Park. There have yet to be any recorded human cases of mosquito-borne illnesses in Boston this season, but the Boston Public Health Commission is advising residents to use insect repellent and, when possible, to wear clothing that includes long sleeves and pants. For more information, call the BPHC at 617-534-5611 or visit [bphc.org](http://bphc.org).

## Uphams Corner center plans free event at Strand

The Upham's Corner Health Center will hold its 8th annual Open House for their Community Connections and Home Health HIV Services Program on Thurs., Aug. 15, from 1-4 p.m. at the Strand Theatre. The free event will feature Charles "Poncho" Brown and colleagues from the health center's HIV Program Services, along with a performance by Gil White's Jazz208, refreshments and more.

## Deadline extended for registering rental units

The city's Inspectional Services Department has extended the deadline for property owners to register their rental units with the city. The deadline, originally set for July 31, is now Aug. 31. A new city ordinance requires the annual registration of all private rental units and inspection of all "non-exempt" rental units to be conducted once every five years. The extension is intended "to accommodate some property owners" who have not yet registered. Property owners can register their rental units online or pick up an application (paper form) from the ISD at 1010 Mass Ave. For more information or questions regarding the ordinance call 617-635-1010.

## Ashmont Market back in business after fire

Ashmont Market, which was damaged in a fire on July 22, is open for business. Manager Jay Patel says that the store re-opened on July 25 for sale of groceries, beer and wine, despite an electrical fire that closed its doors for three days. The store's popular deli, however, remains closed as repairs begin. The market at 630 Adams Street sustained an estimated \$100,000 in damage, according to Boston Fire Department officials.

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# Tot's brave battle against cancer fuels a mother's mission

**BY BRIANNA MACGREGOR  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER**  
For some parents, the biggest hurdles to overcome with a newborn child are diaper changes and sleep-deprived nights. For others, like Kate Audette and Evon Burroughs, the challenges are far more difficult to overcome.

When their son Kaiden was only 8 months old, he was diagnosed with medulloblastoma, an aggressive, cancerous brain tumor.

"Everything went blank," Audette said of the moment they heard the diagnosis. "There is no way to comprehend that your 8 month old has cancer."

Kaiden lost his battle with cancer when he was just 16 months old, but his family continues to fight for a cure. To commemorate what would have been Kaiden's tenth birthday this year, Audette hopes to raise ten thousand dollars for the Jimmy Fund walk this year as a member of Team Kaiden, a group of family and friends walking in Kaiden's memory.

On September 8, Audette and the rest of the team will join an expected 8,500 people on the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk.

To raise funds for the walk, Audette is hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, August 10 from 8-11 p.m. at the Savin Bar and Kitchen on Savin Hill Avenue in Dorchester, with dancing until 1 a.m. Guests who arrive before 10:30 pm will be entered to win door prizes that include

gift cards to local restaurants and spas, and all funds raised will go directly to the Jimmy Fund.

Audette called it the "culminating event" before the walk, and she hopes that it puts Team Kaiden at or near their ten thousand dollar goal. When they first met in early 2013, Beach knew that Audette was something special, and describes her as a person with "the positive aspects of humanity in her every cell."

"She understands how to motivate and move people, and how to share her story without asking for pity," Beach said. "There's a lot about this walk that is forward-looking, and finds hope in difficult situations. Kate is passionately committed to making certain that no other mother has to face what she did."

Though Kaiden's short life was plagued by grueling surgeries and intensive chemotherapy, Audette refuses to let the illness alone define her son's legacy.

She speaks of the friends he made in the hospital, including his best friend Hannah, who is now entering her ninth year in remission from medulloblastoma. Audette keeps in contact with Hannah's family, and is walking in her name, as well as her campers from Camp Sunshine in Casco, Maine, who are battling life-threatening illnesses.

For Audette, it's all about giving back. She mentions the support she received from the doctors and nurses who



**Team Kaiden, shown during the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk in 2009, will step off for the whole route this year.**  
*Photos courtesy Kate Audette*

treated Kaiden - she calls Dana-Farber Cancer Institute "the most amazing place I hope people never have to visit" - as well as the professors who made it possible for her to continue her education through Kaiden's illness.

After obtaining her master's degree in social work from Salem State University, Audette now works as a health policy analyst in Dorchester. "I want to make sure all of our patients at Harbor Health Services get access to care, regardless of their ability to pay. When Kaiden was ill, his father and I were two struggling college students who were able to go to two of the top medical institutes in the world," she said. "It's important to me to make sure everyone has access



**Kaiden Burroughs was just 16 months old when he passed away due to a brain tumor.**

to the same exceptional care we received. Access to health care should be a right, not a privilege."

Audette now lives in Ashmont, and said that Dorchester

"feels like home."

"People have been hearing my story, and they've been incredibly supportive," she said.

For this year's walk, Audette is excited to tackle the full 26.2-mile route for the first time. This walk is important to Audette because she wants other families to have the same access to the world-renowned care offered by Dana-Farber.

"Others came before us to ensure that Dana Farber was there when we needed it. Now, I feel it is my responsibility to help ensure that families who face the same challenges we did have the same support," she said. "This is my way of giving back and carrying on Kaiden's legacy."

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# Librarians reach out to at-risk kids in DYS facilities

By BRIANNA MACGREGOR  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

To bring a greater variety of books to kids in Department of Youth Services (DYS) facilities, the Boston Public Library (BPL) and the DYS have been working together on a book lending program. The program started in 2010 with a single librarian doing teen outreach, and in 2011 expanded to include three teen librarians and eight DYS facilities in the metropolitan area.

Each month, two of the three teen librarians visit DYS schools with book deposits, discuss the books with the kids, and promote various BPL programs.

Jessi Snow, Youth Services Coordinator for the BPL, was the teen librarian who helped start the program. While all

DYS facilities have in-house libraries available, the BPL/DYS partnership provides additional resources that the kids truly appreciate.

"The response from teens has always been really positive," she said. "We're highlighting books that are fun to read."

Snow said that the librarians bring about 10-15 books per facility, and of these books, about 60-80 percent are checked out. Carol Johnson, a literary specialist for the metropolitan region of DYS, said that the program helps to create a culture of reading at the centers, and allows the kids remain aware of things going on in the community. In addition to presenting books, the librarians discuss upcoming events happening at the teen libraries, the BPL college

planning center, and job opportunities at the libraries.

The kids at DYS centers are able to participate in the BPL summer reading program, and Johnson said there are other programs in the works, including author visits and a short story book club. Johnson cited the importance of reading and having access to a variety of books and literacy programs at the DYS centers to encompass the wide range of interests held by the kids.

"Reading expands and broadens their base of knowledge, and their world," she said. "Just like with any other teen, it gives them an outlet that they may not have had before."

Laura Koenig, one of the teen librarians who visits the DYS centers, said the program is one of the most valuable things she does.

"We can't reach [the kids] if they're not in the building," she said, explaining the importance of letting kids know that they are still a part of the community the BPL serves.

Though the librarians focus on literature that kids might find enjoyable to read, Koenig said that the kids have varied interests and have asked for books about subjects as diverse as philosophy, EMT training, and resume writing.

"They're encouraged to find ways to ready themselves for leaving the center," she said.

Koenig recalls leaving one of the centers several months ago after a visit with a particularly enthusiastic crowd of kids.

"We walked out of the room and literally every young man had his head in a book," she said. Koenig added that the teen librarians provide an important link back to the

community.

"They can feel really isolated and not connected - teens in general feel that way," Koenig said. "We can help connect them to the broader community."

Koenig said that reading achievement is a factor in teen success in high school and beyond, and that low reading levels are identified as one of the factors correlated to incarceration and recidivism. Literacy levels improve through reading and remain with the kids in the community, so it's important to make sure that kids consistently have access to a variety of books, she added.

According to Koenig, a local librarian can be a familiar face of support to help the kids reintegrate when they are released.

"We have to show them that we care," she said.

## Sales tax holiday set for this weekend

Gov. Deval Patrick and state lawmakers pushed through a bill last week ensuring that the 6.25 percent tax will be suspended for many purchases made the weekend of Aug. 10 and 11. The tax holiday includes restrictions. It does not apply to tobacco, telecommunications, gas, steam, electricity, motor vehicles or boats, nor does it apply to a single product with a price higher than \$2,500.

According to the Department of Revenue, the tax holiday will forgo \$21.9 million to \$26.7 million this year.

"Continuing the sales tax holiday is good for our recovering economy," said Senate President Therese Murray in a statement. "Not only does it boost sales but it puts extra money in people's pockets, raises consumer confidence and helps families and parents who have to buy electronics for back-to-school. This legislation provides much-needed financial relief to residents while benefiting both large and small retail businesses."

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## Casino opponents to seek ballot repeal next year

With gaming regulators expecting to award the first casino licenses in Massachusetts early next year, opponents of expanded gambling announced Wednesday that they would seek to put a question on the 2014 November ballot essentially repealing the 2011 law that cleared the way for expanded gambling.

John Ribeiro, an anti-casino activist from Winthrop behind the Repeal the Casino Deal group, filed a petition Wednesday with the attorney general to start the initiative petition process and block casino gam-

bling in Massachusetts. The question would essentially gut the 2011 law by making the types of gambling relied on by casinos to lure customers and make money illegal in Massachusetts.

"I think the calculations have changed and they've actually tipped in our favor because when you look around the state and the number of people who will be impacted, you now have more people aware of the problems associated with casino gambling," Ribeiro told the News Service.

Voters in places like Taunton,

Springfield and Everett have embraced the idea of local casinos through votes on different casino developments competing for the three licenses, but some of those votes have been close, while other communities have rejected expanded gambling.

The petition filed Wednesday was signed by Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, former state Sen. Susan Tucker, Massachusetts Family Institute President Kris Mineau, Kathleen Conley Norbut, the president of United to Stop Slots, and others.

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# Meeting focuses on parking lot fix in Adams Corner

(Continued from page 1) group will vote on the proposal sometime in the next two months.

“We think the way it’ll be will be better than what it’s been,” DiCara said. Dating himself, Di-Cara referred to the site as “the Supreme Market building” — a reference to the site’s earlier history as a busy supermarket before its conversion to a pharmacy and health and beauty store in recent years.

BSC will offer cardiovascular and weight training as well as a large studio space for fitness classes such as yoga, pilates and spinning. The company, which operates in Boston, New York, Washington D.C. and Philadelphia, will offer between 20 and 40 jobs for a combination of full and part-time employees for training, managing, greeting, custodial and other roles.

The fitness center would also include an open “field” area for cross-training — a first for the chain — but will not include a pool or athletic court. The main entrance would remain in the rear of the building facing the parking lot.

Under the existing plan, the re-configured parking area will actually consist of two lots: The first is laid out as

a landscaped area of 98 spaces directly behind the building that will feature priority parking for the gym’s members and another lot of 75 spaces for community use. The new lot will be of a standard design, according to engineer Karen Wynne. It will be fully renovated, with new pavement and landscaping and will maintain all the existing access points except for the first Minot Street entrance. With neighborhood approval, work on the lot could begin shortly.

DiCara said that Thomas Cifrino, a principal of the realty trust that owns the building and parking lot, will take over the maintenance and management of the lot — roles that had previously been ceded to anchor tenants, such as Rite AID.

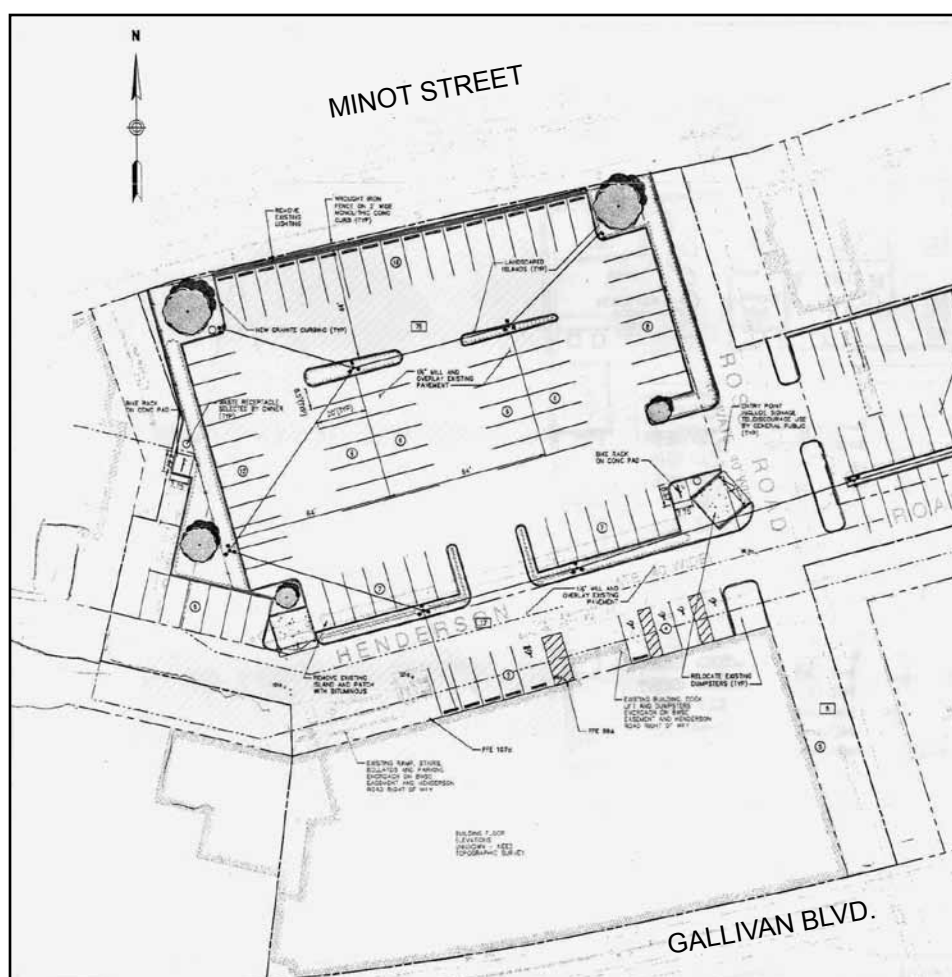
The current condition of the parking lot was a topic of discussion at Tuesday’s meeting. One attendee brought up an incident on Sunday in which a teenager is alleged to have been injured when her foot was punctured by a hypodermic needle as she walked through the lot. (See letter, page 10.) After multiple requests for video surveillance in the revamped lot, the BSC has agreed to

look into the technology. Sean Weir, the Cedar Grove Civic president, cautioned that the issue of discarded needles is not specific to any one property — public or private. Weir plans to focus the next meeting of the civic association — set for Sept. 10 — on the issue of drug abuse, needles and other related problems.

Neighbors attending the meeting Tuesday night to discuss the plan varied on how they referred to the building and adjacent parking lot, with some older residents referring to the site by the names of former supermarkets that occupied the site. Some younger folks called it by the name of one of the several pharmacies which operated there. Rite Aid pharmacy closed in March of this year, leaving the 18,000 square foot first floor space vacant. The three-story building, constructed in 1934, also houses Supreme Liquors, College Hype and other small businesses.

The meeting filled St. Brendan’s Church’s Fr. Lane Hall to standing room only and attracted the attention of several elected officials and political candidates.

After a briefing from the gym’s representatives on the design of the gym,



An architect’s drawing shows proposed changes to the parking lot owned by Supreme Realty Company in Adams Corner. At top left, the north-west corner of the present-day lot would be closed to Minot Street under this plan.

Image courtesy Supreme Realty Company

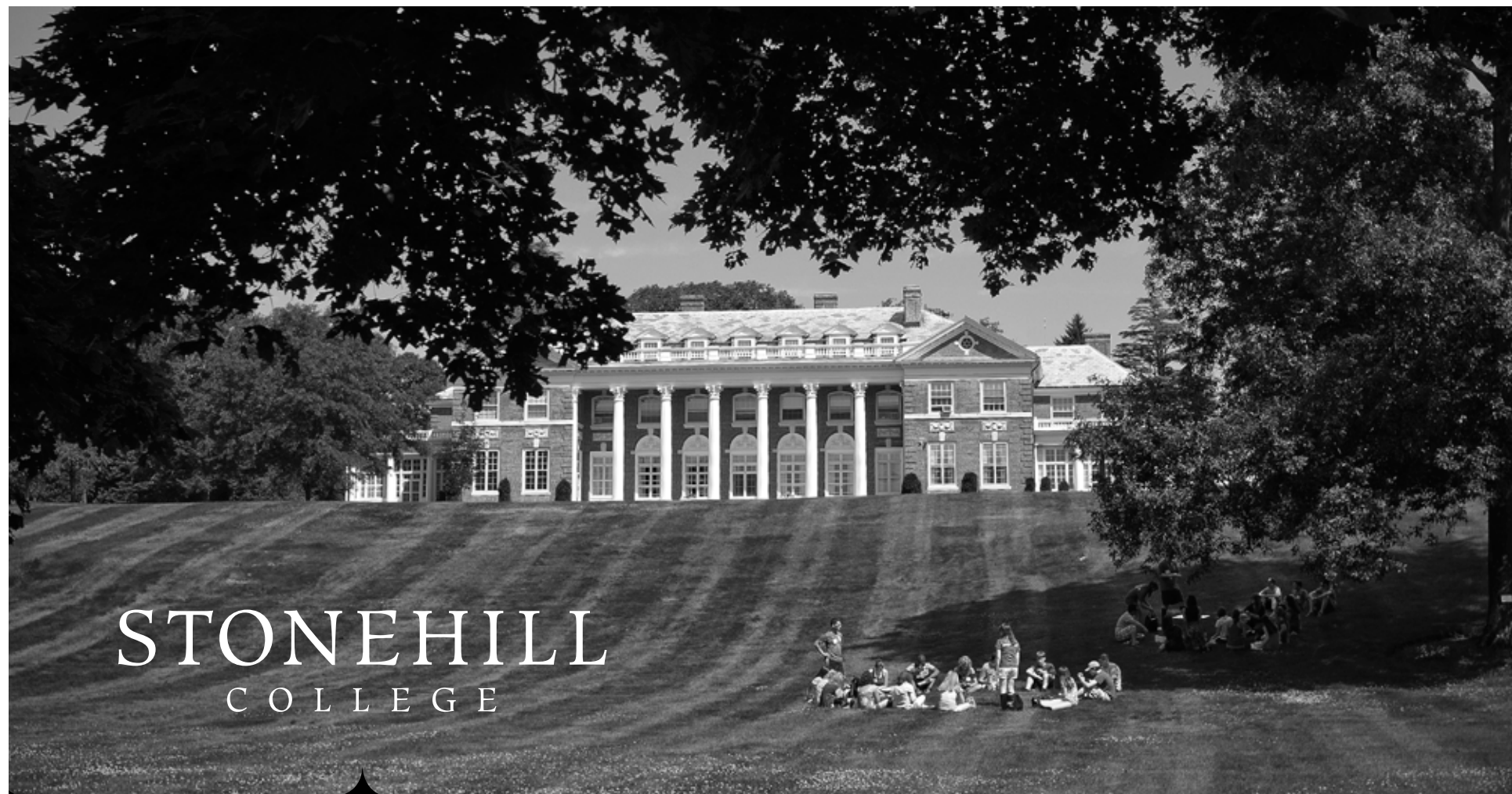
discussion at the meeting centered on the changes to available parking for the neighborhood. Many were concerned that the new restrictions and “members only” spaces would hurt access to other businesses in the

area.

“We’re going to lose business and [our] business was here first,” one woman commented.

However, several proponents of the plan noted that the lot is private property and said

that the renovation will benefit the community. BSC representatives said the gym will be busiest before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. and many spaces may be open during local businesses’ operating hours.



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# In Roxbury rally, Golar Richie touts City Hall experience

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Charlotte Golar Richie shed her sometimes reserved demeanor last Wednesday night, dancing her way to the podium inside Hibernian Hall and pitching her candidacy to a friendly crowd of several hundred supporters.

Before her speech, pictures of her and Mayor Thomas Menino, the man she's hoping to succeed, were projected onto a screen above the podium — featuring candid shots of the pair during her tenure as his housing chief. Members of Team Menino, like Darryl Smith, a top operative for the mayor in Mattapan and Dorchester, circulated through the crowd.

Three months earlier, a small group of neighbors and friends tramped into Golar Richie's home on Meetinghouse Hill, where she quietly announced her run for mayor.

Since then, her campaign has largely flown under the radar as she and eleven others have jockeyed for attention. Political observers — on other campaigns and on the sidelines — have described a lackluster effort and pointed to small fundraising hauls. The campaign's goal was



Charlotte Golar Richie greeted supporters from the stage at Hibernian Hall last Wednesday evening. Several hundred people turned out to hear Richie discuss her candidacy for Mayor of Boston.

Photo courtesy Richie campaign

to raise \$200,000 in July, but the finance chair Clayton Turnbull told the *Reporter* on Wednesday night they had raised around \$80,000. The campaign told the *Boston Globe* that the figure is \$66,000.

The campaign is showing signs of ramping up, with offices opening in Mattapan, Mission Hill, Roxbury, Hyde Park, East Boston and Jamaica Plain.

At Hibernian Hall, Golar Richie made her way to the stage to the

Diana Ross tune of "I'm Coming Out," joined by her husband, Winston, and daughters Leigh and Kara.

"I'm in this race for mayor 'cause I love this city. I have a long history in this city, I've raised my children in this city, and I've helped to build this city," she said to applause.

A former state representative from Dorchester's ward 15, Golar Richie added: "In 2013, Boston is a much more open, accessible,

welcoming city, than it was when I first entered politics in 1994. And I see us as a city united in tackling problems ranging from the complex, seemingly intractable issue of gun violence to the problem of inequity in our schools."

Golar Richie said the 57,000 students in the Boston Public Schools will be her "first priority" and pledged to establish an Office of Youth Affairs in her administration.

She also said she would legally strengthen the

Boston Residents Jobs Policy, which requires that companies hire minorities, women and local residents at publicly-funded construction sites. The guidelines have drawn criticism from neighborhood watchdogs, who say they often see out-of-towners and New Hampshire license plates at sites in minority neighborhoods with high unemployment rates.

Friends, neighbors and supporters like Davida Andelman spoke

before Golar Richie took the stage, outlining why they were backing her.

Pablo Calderon, an MBTA employee, told the crowd he had been asked why he isn't supporting a Latino candidate for mayor, an apparent reference to City Councillor At-Large Felix Arroyo. Calderon said he believes she is the "best" candidate.

"She is the most qualified person to move the city forward and represent all of us," added state Rep. Michael Moran, a Brighton Democrat.

Darnell Williams, the CEO of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, which has its headquarters around the corner from Hibernian Hall, was in the audience. Williams, who has personally donated \$100 to Golar Richie's campaign, said the Urban League, a nonprofit, isn't endorsing anybody in the mayor's race.

Asked if the communities of color will unite behind a single candidate, Williams said, "The key is we've got to put everybody in the same room."

But, he added, it could be too late. "Everybody's name is on the ballot," Williams said.

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# Ross puts focus on public safety at Roxbury event

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Through the leaves on the trees at the intersection of Harold and Holworthy, you can glimpse the John Hancock tower. A symbol of downtown Boston's economic vitality, it often seems farther than three miles away for the residents of this corner of Roxbury.

On one side of the street, an elderly man is shoveling up shattered glass next to his car, the result of another car taking the turn too quickly and flipping on its side. Two vacant grassy lots are situated on the other side of the intersection. And around the corner there is a candle-and-whiskey-bottle memorial for Perris Haynes, a 29-year-old father who was shot and killed on a Saturday morning in July.

Teah Norfleet, 25, who

grew up with Perris, stood a few feet away. He was a "brother from another mother," she said, adding that she lost her actual brother Jamohl after he attempted to broker a truce between rival gangs in 2006.

On a sunny Saturday afternoon, she was back at the intersection, a Ben and Jerry's ice cream truck idling across from the memorial and boxes of Domino's pizza stacked up on a dining room table that had been dragged outside.

Several dozen people mingled as a police car blocked off traffic up the street and George Forman III boxed with a small cadre of elementary school-age children. A podium, borrowed from a nearby church, was placed in between the pizza and the memorial, and Mission Hill Councillor Michael Ross,



City Councillor Mike Ross spoke to a resident during a block party on Roxbury's Harold Street on Saturday. Photo by Gintautas Dumcius

a mayoral candidate, made his way through the crowd, which included members of the

EMS union that has endorsed his bid.

Ross, who chairs the City Council's public safety committee, had helped Norfleet set up the block party, which doubled as a neighborhood remembrance of lost loved ones and an unveiling of Ross's 19-page public safety proposal. Rev. Miniard Culpepper had connected the two several weeks ago, when she was seeking help in getting the street blocked off.

For Norfleet, her main concern is the guns.

"They need to focus on where the gun came from," she said before the event got underway. "They got it from somewhere."

Ross's public safety plan includes strengthening the city's gun-buy-back program and "seeking stronger penalties" for sellers and distributors of illegal guns. Ross also proposes a "safety tax" on all sales of guns and ammunition within city limits. The revenue would go to anti-violence initiatives.

The plan also calls for a "wider range" of after

school sports and arts programs, as well as more police substations and satellite offices and hiring higher numbers of minorities and women as police officers.

"I don't lead with guns. I think it's a huge part. I lead with opportunity," Ross told the Reporter. "That to me is what is a critical part of any public safety plan. So it's jobs, it's education, it's tech voc high school, it's creating pathways for young people whether they are on the right path or slipping off that path, to be able to create opportunities for them, to get into college or get a job in the trades, or in some other job."

In his speech, Ross referenced Haynes's murder and the gang violence the neighborhood has seen. "Until this community is safe, until this community provides opportunity for the people of our city, we will not have succeeded," Ross said. "Success to me looks like this corner being cleaned up. It's not about what is happening downtown alone."

## Casino-vote issue takes the stage; Conley challenges Connolly stance

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Follow the flying statements: Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley, a candidate for mayor, on Sunday raised questions about the legality of an East Boston-only vote on a Suffolk Downs casino, then said that the 13-member City Council should "come to their senses" and move to endorse a city-wide vote.

Conley upped the ante on Tuesday, taking direct aim at John Connolly, a city councillor at-large running for mayor: "While John Connolly — an official elected city-wide, no less — talks about a more open development process, he isn't willing to back up his rhetoric by making this project and this process more transparent and inclusive," Conley said. "Instead, for his own short term political gain, he is willing to disenfranchise 95 percent of the people of Boston he hopes to represent as mayor."

"I've been clear since day one that neighbors should have more input about developments in their community and the same is true here," Connolly had said in a statement on Sunday. "If the casino were proposed for Hyde Park, would the people of Hyde Park want East Boston to decide?"

While saying he does not favor or oppose a casino, Conley has argued that if East Boston votes to reject a casino while the rest of the city votes in favor, the neighborhood should be given the final say.

At a late Sunday afternoon press conference on City Hall Plaza, Conley

said that if the entire city rejects having a casino in East Boston, he would support the decision and file a lawsuit to prevent a resort casino from locating in Everett, as gambling mogul Steve Wynn has proposed. The city of Everett has voted in favor of the Wynn project, but residents of Charlestown and Somerville will bear the burden of it without receiving benefits, Conley said.

His Sunday remarks took aim at several city councillors — five of them are running for mayor, with most of them on-the-record as supporting an East Boston-only vote — and singled out Connolly, who has topped several recent polls. Outgoing Mayor Thomas Menino also supports an East Boston-only vote, saying the neighborhood should have the sign-off because it will be directly affected by the proposed casino.

The state's expanded gambling law allows cities with populations over 100,000 to restrict a vote to just the ward where the gambling facility would be located. "Now I believe — I'm also an attorney, as you know, I'm the district attorney — I believe that's [a] constitutionally flawed argument anyways," Conley said. "So my expectation would be that if there is a referendum here in Boston, we may very well see a challenge on the constitutionality of an East Boston-only vote. For me though, it really is not so much a legalistic argument."

Conley's comments echoed those of Secretary of State Bill Galvin, the state's elections chief,

who raised legal concerns about a ward-only vote during the debate over expanding the state's gambling laws in 2011.

Asked if he would support a lawsuit questioning the constitutionality of a ward-only vote, Conley said, "I believe that I would in light of the fact that I believe that we ought to all have a say in the matter. But this is where I ask — this can all be averted. This can all be averted if the members of the City Council come to their senses and have a vote in the City Council to make it a citywide vote."

Conley noted that councillors in Springfield voted earlier this year to take a casino vote citywide, when they could have limited to just the one ward.

Mission Hill Councillor Michael Ross, who is among the 12 candidates running for mayor, said in his own statement that he doesn't support casino gambling in the state and would have voted against the casino legislation if he was in the Legislature. "But we can't stick our heads in the sand," he said. "State law says casino gambling is coming to Eastern Massachusetts. Every expert I've talked to has said it's going to come down to either Everett or East Boston." And he would rather have it in East Boston in order to get the city's hands on some new tax revenue, and the neighborhood should get the final say, he said.

Menino administration officials are negotiating a mitigation agreement with Suffolk Downs. On Sunday,


while attending a gospel music festival on City Hall Plaza an hour after Conley's press conference, Menino said there would be an announcement on the agreement "shortly."

Conley's aggressive tone comes nearly a week after another mayoral candidate, Codman Square Health Center co-founder Bill Walczak, stepped up his opposition to a casino. Walczak wrote a letter to the state's gambling commission, citing negative social impacts as the reasons behind his resistance.

Dee Dee Edmondson, a Walczak spokeswoman, attended Conley's press conference on Sunday. Afterward, she said, "The only candidate that is 100 percent against the Suffolk Downs and Everett casinos is Bill Walczak. The rest are just dancing around the issue and trying to find wiggle room in the middle ground between for and against."

Walczak was planning on Wednesday to unveil plans for an "innovation district" focused on technology and clean energy in East Boston as a better economic way to spur growth and jobs in the community.

Conley's nuanced stance has cost him the support of a state representative. Carlo Basile, an East Boston Democrat who supports keeping it a neighborhood-only vote, abandoned Conley for City Councillor At-Large Connolly after the district attorney made his case for a city-wide vote on a casino, with the neighborhood getting a preference.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## Boston Greenfest to make its case on City Hall Plaza starting today

BY CHRIS HARDING  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Eco-conscious Dorchester residents are collaborating with organizers of the sprawling Boston Greenfest (BGF) to show how Dot does Green during the annual three-day event on City Hall Plaza. Starting today and running through Saturday, BGF 2013, the region's largest multicultural environmental festival, will promote green urban living through various learning opportunities as well as children's activities (like robots!), healthy food options, and multiple stages of live entertainment.

The free festivities are sponsored by The Foundation for a Green Future, Inc, a Boston-based nonprofit working with local schools, community centers, and neighborhood organizations to educate young and old about the many dimensions of green technologies.

The theme of BGF 2013 is "Water - Let Every Drop Count," emphasizing the value of this finite resource. In addition,



The EcoKids Center at Boston Greenfest includes interactive exhibits and more. The three-day event on City Hall Plaza starts today and runs through Saturday.

there are five other festival focuses: Green Cities, Transportation, Energy, EcoFashion, and Health-Food-Fitness. There will be interactive exhibits, workshops, presentations, eco-games, continuous live entertainment, and much more.

Among the unusual offerings in 2013 will be a Mayoral EcoForum at which twelve of the candidates for mayor of Boston will share their visions of a greener future for the city.

"As we look towards a new era in Boston, it is critical that our next mayor has a vision about sustainability and

environmental progress for our city," said Karen Weber, founder of Boston GreenFest. "This event will allow Boston residents to hear directly from each candidate about their vision and how they plan to implement it."

Also being introduced this year is the Boston EcoPageant International to select one male and one female Ecoambassador. Contestants from 18 to 29 years old will be judged on their capacity to convey their eco-consciousness in public speaking, their sense of eco-fashion, and their ability to make and

model an eco-accessory from recycled or upcycled materials. The winners of the East Coast title will travel to California in the spring to compete there.

Finally, and also new this time around, is the sale of the BGF Discount Button. Though this weekend's events are all free, the \$5 button entitles bearers to discounts on purchases at the event and for weeks afterward. These buttons are available at local Tedeschi's, including those at 1420 and 1886 Dot Avenue. One discount button-holders can take advantage of through the end of the year is \$2 off \$20 or more spent at Blue Hill Avenue's R&S Jamaican Restaurant.

Many of the entertainers on the eclectic international roster (among whom are Mariachi with Veronica Robles, Black Alley, Elektrik Kidd Durden, and Mamadou) will intersperse their songs with green living messages and testimonials.

Dot activists are in the thick of all this BGF programming. Greater Four Corners Action Coalition's Mela Bush, community organizer and transportation specialist, is moderating the Transportation Tomorrow Today Forum sponsored by Massport. Mela's daughter and granddaughter are among the Dorchester models in the Boston EcoFashion show. Also from Four Corners, Jah-Free-I, a reggae group, will perform on Metro Main Stage on Sat., Aug. 17 at 4:30 p.m. And Dot's Freda Battle and the Temple Worshippers will be performing on the Metro Main Stage this evening.

Reverend Garvin Warden, of the Greenwood Memorial United Methodist Church, Dorchester, will be one of three clergy to open the event with words of peace, unity and strength.

For complete schedule details go to [bostongreenfest.org/schedule.html](http://bostongreenfest.org/schedule.html) or find them on Facebook and Twitter.

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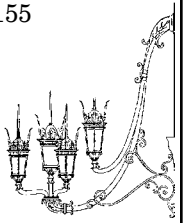
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#### ADAMS STREET BRANCH

**Thursday, August 8, 10:30 a.m.** – Sensory Story Times.

**Monday, August 12, 6 p.m.** – Kindergarten Days.

#### CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH

**Friday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.** Preschool Story Time.

**Tuesday, August 13, 11 a.m.** – Lap Sit Story Time. 11:15 a.m. – ReadBoston Bookmobile.

4 p.m. – Summer Reading Closing Craft Party with Sherry Eskin.

**Friday, August 16, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Story Time.

#### FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

**Friday, August 9, 11 a.m.** – See, Say, Read, Play. 3 p.m. – Infrastructure in Front (and Inside) of You.

**Monday, August 12, 11 a.m.** – Dig Into Dinosaurs.

**Tuesday, August 13, 4 p.m.** – How Does Your Garden Grow?

**Wednesday, August 14, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Films and Fun.

**Friday, August 16, 11 a.m.** – Laptop Workshop: Keyboard Basics; 11 a.m. – See, Say, Read, Play; 3 p.m. – Henna Tattoos with Nimmi.

#### GROVE HALL BRANCH

**Thursday, August 8, 6 p.m.** – Dinosaur Story Time.

**Friday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Films; 2 p.m. – Museum of Science Dig into Dinosaurs; 2:30 p.m. – End of Summer Reading Masquerade Party; 3 p.m. – Gardening Afternoons.

**Monday, August 12, 11 a.m.** – Job Seeker's Workshop.

**Tuesday, August 13, 10:30 a.m.** – Little Wiggles Stories and Songs; 11 a.m. – GED Workshop; 2 p.m. – Family Nurturing Center Baby Playgroup; 4 p.m. – Crafty Kids.

**Wednesday, August 14, 11:15 a.m.** – ReadBoston Storymobile; 3 p.m. – Dig into Dancing Stories and Tutu Craft.

**Thursday, August 15, 6 p.m.** – Countdown to Kindergarten.

**Friday, August 16, 3 p.m.** – Gardening Afternoons.

**Monday, August 19, 11 a.m.** – Job Seeker's Workshop.

**Tuesday, August 20, 10:30 a.m.** – Little Wiggles Stories and Songs; 11 a.m. – GED Workshop.

**Wednesday, August 21, 3 p.m.** – Harvest Picnic Afternoons.

#### LOWER MILLS BRANCH

**Friday, August 9, 10:30 a.m.** – Friday Preschool Films: Fairy Tale Series; 2 p.m. – Summer Reading Pizza Party.

**Tuesday, August 13, 10:30 a.m.** – Dig into Reading Story Time.

**Wednesday, August 14, 11 a.m.** – Internet Basics; 11:15 a.m. ReadBoston Storymobile; 3 p.m. – Board Games Bonanza.

**Thursday, August 15, 6:30 p.m.** – Book Discussion.

**Friday, August 16, 10:30 a.m.** – Friday Preschool Films: Fairy Tale Series; 1 p.m. – Elizabeth Taylor Series: Butterfield 8.

#### MATTAPAN BRANCH

**Thursday, August 8, 6 p.m.** – Summer Laptop Classes.

**Monday, August 12, 11:15 a.m.** – ReadBoston Storymobile.

**Tuesday, August 13, 3 p.m.** – Garden Club; 5 p.m. – Martin Luther King, Jr. 50th Anniversary March on Washington Planning Info Session, and Press Conference; 6 p.m. – Summer Laptop Classes.

**Wednesday, August 14, 3 p.m.** – Action-Packed Summer Films; 3:30 p.m. – Beyond Benign: Ice Melt Experiment.

**Thursday, August 15, 5 p.m.** – Martin Luther King, Jr. 50th Anniversary March on Washington Planning Info Session, and Press Conference.

#### UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

The library will be closed for the summer for building improvements. While Uphams Corner is closed for the summer, all hold request pickups designated for Uphams Corner will be routed to the Grove Hall branch. Visit the Grove Hall branch page for contact information, hours and directions.



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# People

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Sheriff Steve Tompkins gave career advice during an on-air interview with the Dorchester-based GRLZ radio last week. Photo courtesy Sheriff's Office

Suffolk County Sheriff **Steven W. Tompkins** sat with DJ **Ms. C** and the members of GRLZ Radio for an interview and discussion about social responsibility and youth outreach last week. Originating from Dorchester, GRLZ Radio is a nationally recognized radio station and after school program that seeks to empower young women by providing positive messages on air. The station, which is webcasted, reaches an

average of 20,000 listeners worldwide. During his visit, Tompkins toured the facility and discussed the prospect of collaborating with GRLZ Radio for future projects. "I'm really impressed by what you ladies are doing here," Tompkins said to the fourteen young women surrounding him.

Tompkins was interviewed by DJ **Ms. C** (A.K.A. Amarah), a student at Boston Latin Academy. When asked

what advice he would offer to teens looking to follow a similar career path, he said, "I think education is the great equalizer. Beyond that, you either have to be ready for opportunities that come your way or more importantly, create your own opportunities. You have to have some idea of what you want to do with your life and then put yourself in that space so that when that opportunity opens up you'll be ready for it."

## Crime watches combined forces for 'Night Out' on Nahant Ave.



Neighbors turned out in force for a National Night Out celebration on Nahant Ave. on Sunday afternoon.

Photo courtesy Ellen Maneikis

### Bubbles's Birthdays And Special Occasions

BY BARBARA McDONOUGH

Esther Williams would have been 90 on Aug. 8. An atomic bomb ("Fat Man") was dropped on Nagasaki on Aug. 9, 1945, at 11:02 a.m. Whitney Houston would have been 50 on Aug. 9. Pres. Richard Nixon resigned the presidency on Aug. 9, 1974. The Perseid Meteor Showers are at their best from Aug. 9 to 13. (Friday to Tuesday). The Sistine Chapel opened on Aug. 9, 1483. The Smithsonian Institution was founded on Aug. 10, 1846. Aug. 11 (Sunday) is the feast day of St. Clare of Assisi. James Bond's creator, Ian Fleming, died on Aug. 12, 1964. Isaac Singer developed the home sewing machine on Aug. 12, 1851. Tues., Aug. 13, is International Lefthanders' Day. Alfred Hitchcock was born in London on Aug. 13, 1899. Construction of the Berlin Wall was begun on Aug. 13, 1961. Women's Rights pioneer Lucy Stone was born in Mass. on Aug. 13, 1818. Japan surrendered to the Allies on Aug. 14, 1945; it was known as V-J Day. "Felix, the Cat" was "born" on Aug. 14, 1923.

Celebrities having birthdays are: Dustin Hoffman, 76 on Aug. 8; Connie Stevens, 75 on Aug. 8; Bob Cousy, 85 on Aug. 9; Melanie Griffith, 56 on Aug. 9; Antonio Banderas, 53 on Aug. 10; Colin Firth, 53 on Aug. 10; Arlene Dahl, 85 on Aug. 11; George Hamilton, 74 on Aug. 12; Danny Bonaduce, 54 on Aug. 13; Catherine "Jag" Bell, 45 on Aug. 14; Halle Berry, also 45 on Aug. 14; Steve Martin, 68 on Aug. 14; and Tim Tebow, 26 on Aug. 14.

Those celebrating their birthdays are Tony Flaherty Jr., Barbara Walsh, Maureen Crawford, Rosa Silva, Neil Devin, Joseph Bennett, Doug Hurley, Johanna Conley, Patty Darcy, Jane Matheson, Ellen McGough, and Bobby Melchionda,

Also observing their birthdays are sent Leila Morrison, Jimmy Hudson, Don Barry, Nate Sorrell, Lisa Grandovic, David Crowley, Eileen Keohane, Sr. Emily Duchaney, Patty Sullivan, Maureen Boyle, Killian Crosse, Russ Carney, and Jeanette (Guerard) Terrell. Barry Mullen is celebrating a special birthday this week.

Those celebrating their anniversaries are Joe and Margaret Bennett, Dermot and Cindy Quinn, Craig and Pat MacNaught, and Eric and Donna Brugman (30 years).

National Night out was celebrated a few days early by local District C-11 neighborhood watch groups on Sunday, Aug. 4. Citizens on Patrol (COP), Revitalizing Ashmont Village Area (RAVE), and Westglow, Auriga, Ashmont, Garner (WAAG) combined efforts to organize the time.

The event, a pot luck affair, was hosted by **Ed and Suzanne Desrosiers** at the rear of their home and encompassed portions of Nahant Avenue. Over 150 adults and children attended, evidencing the strength and vitality of the community.

While the event was celebratory in nature, attendees briefly reviewed a few parts of the formula for a safe neighborhood: getting to know neighbors; supporting one another's well-being; teaching our children about good decision-making; supporting our local merchants; and most importantly, as the Boston Police advise us, "When you SEE something, SAY something" by calling 911 from either your cell phone or land line.

Special guests included two of Boston's finest community service officers **Dennis Rorie** and **Tim Golden**, BPD Patrolmen **Curley** and **Teixeira**, and the BPD's Neighborhood Watch Unit Director, **Carolyn MacNeil**. Carolyn and CSO **Rorie** presented a plaque to **Ellen Maneikis** of Citizens on Patrol, bestowing the honor of 2013 Neighborhood Crime Fighter for her role in assisting in the formation of COP, as well as working diligently to help sustain it. Ellen accepted the award on behalf of COP, and made special mention of the ever-present leadership of **Corrine Ball**.

Young people enjoyed outdoor activities and face painting



Freda Manning and Ella Hunt. Photo courtesy Ellen Maneikis

(thanks to **Freda Manning, Devin Connolly, and Melissa Graham**), while parents, grandparents, and music by two local teenagers who played cello during the event. The night was topped off when 50 intrepid revelers participated in a Flashlight Neighborhood Walk (Nahant, Adams, Westglow, Train, Ashmont, Neponset Avenue, Garvey Park, Minot, Toohig Park, Gallivan Blvd, Adams and ending on Nahant).

Prior to the walk, a special remembrance and a moment of silence was observed in memory of **Ciaran O Conhaile**, whose murder in October 2011 spurred the organization of Citizens on Patrol. Also remembered was Nahant Avenue neighbor **John**

**Quinn**, one of the first leaders to call this group into action, who died suddenly last year.

Special thanks go out to the Butcher Shop, Lopez Florist, Ashmont Market, Stop and Shop, The Mudhouse, and the Leahy-Holloran Community Center for their generous donations to this event.

Citizens on Patrol welcomes any neighbors who would like to join its weekly walks, "Sundays At Seven," weather-permitting. The group meets in front of the Adams Street Library and walks the neighborhood. The walks are carriage and canine-friendly and are a great way to catch up with neighbors or meet new ones.

Submitted by Ellen Maneikis

## Casino vote should be citywide

The mayor's race has rekindled the debate over whether a resort-style casino belongs in the city of Boston. Like candidate Bill Walczak, we are inherently suspect of such a proposition in the first place because the idea of siting such a venture in the capital city seems desperate and, as Walczak has said, "Boston is better than a casino."

At the very least, such a dramatic shift in our local culture should occasion a robust civic conversation about the merits of such a project among all of our neighborhoods. As we have argued in this space since 2011 — even before the casino bill became law on Beacon Hill — all Boston residents should get a chance to weigh in on an agreement to site a casino within city limits — no matter what neighborhood is most immediately impacted.

Critics of the bill say that it's flawed because it allows a larger municipality to toggle between either a ward-only vote or a citywide plebiscite to ratify any agreement with a casino operator. In fact, the provision in the statute was inserted because lawmakers from Boston — led by Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz — were concerned that Bostonians-at-large might be disenfranchised by a ward-only vote. Chang-Diaz and colleagues eventually settled on a compromise amendment that gives the City Council the authority to take such a vote citywide and not, for example, exclusive to East Boston.

And that is exactly what the Council should do. It should vote to expand a casino referendum beyond East Boston's Ward One to include all 22 wards within the city limits. This will compel casino interests — and their foes — to take their arguments to the city at large before any shovel hits dirt or, on the flip side, a developer is sent packing by parochial interests.

Dan Conley, the district attorney, makes a compelling case for the citywide vote and in doing so he has lost the support of one of his former East Boston stalwarts, Rep. Carlo Basile. But, Conley is right when he argues that the citywide implications of a gambling resort do not "end at the boundary lines of East Boston."

City coffers will be needed to balance out new public safety and transportation concerns that accompany such destination gambling spots. How about the impacts of addiction and usury that will result from expanded access to predatory practices inside casino halls — especially targeting seniors. Will those be limited to just those who live in one neighborhood? And will the over-served gamblers — who will be welcome to drink for free at gaming tables — be set loose on just one neighborhood's streets once they've cashed in their chips?

It can be tough to make citywide decisions, as evidenced by the lengthy process to restructure Boston's student assignment plan. But why should we make it easy in this instance? A dramatic turn into casino culture cannot not be easily undone.

If a casino is such a good idea for our community, let's make the gambling interests put their best foot forward and make the case for why we as a city should embrace it — as One Boston.

— Bill Forry

### Mayoral candidates in video survey

This week the Reporter will begin featuring video interviews with the candidates for Mayor of Boston on our website, DotNews.com. In the videos, produced by Reporter correspondent Mike Deehan, the candidates are asked to speak about their approach to specific topics. The first series — on crime and public safety — is available now at DotNews.com.

—B.F.

## Just words? Not on your life

BY JAMES W. DOLAN  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Words are sometimes used to inflate, demean, soften, distort, or distract us from reality. In our celebrity culture, what we say or do is often defined by those who have an interest in either protecting or promoting themselves.

Take, for example, the word "inappropriate." Have you noticed how often people use that term to describe wrong, even reprehensible, behavior? The offender can usually be found before a microphone apologizing for acting inappropriately, asking for forgiveness, and promising never to do it again.

Never do you hear words like "evil" ... "sinful" ... "outrageous" ... "unforgivable." Defined as unsuitable or improper, "inappropriate" is a much softer term meant to connote an error more of oversight than conscious act.

"Misspoke" is a word used to cover mistakes, false information, or downright lies. The word implies that the accurate information was in the mind but somehow was lost on the way to the mouth, a translation error and not intended to deceive.

We sometimes use words to inflate the importance of people or activities. An example is "artist." I remember when celebrities of another day were content to be called "entertainers."

I may be old fashioned but it seems today that every songwriter, hip-hopper, or rapper refers to himself as an artist. A word that once referred to extraordinary talent and creativity has been diluted by overuse.

Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, and Tony Bennett were content to be singers, entertainers, or performers. Sinatra referred to himself as a "saloon singer." Many actors today prefer to be considered artists practicing their craft. Imagine John Wayne, Gary Cooper, or Henry Fonda strutting about calling themselves artists. They were content to be movie stars or performers.

Shall we start making "artists" of surgeons, athletes, scientists, or lawyers? What about teachers, nurses, politicians, accountants, and plumbers, who are every bit as talented and often more productive

than entertainers? Do you think Mayor Menino, sometimes referred to as the "urban mechanic," would prefer "urban artist" or "political Picasso?"

Being just a "celebrity" or "entertainer" does not satisfy the oversized egos of many performers. They understandably want to attach their popularity to something far more grandiose than their performances. To call it art, and themselves artists, elevates them beyond their talent, which often consists of jumping up and down and yelling unintelligible lyrics accompanied by overpowering music, klieg lights, and fireworks.

Entertainers of my generation were a softer and gentler kind whose songs told a story. They didn't try to beat you into submission or whip you into hysteria.

"Hero" is another word that has been diluted by widespread use. It describes behavior above and beyond the call of duty, an exceptional act of courage or sacrifice. Now it is used to describe persons doing their duty. By performing their sometimes dangerous tasks, first responders are doing what is expected of them. They are doing those jobs they agreed to undertake and for which the rest of us should be both grateful and respectful. But that alone does not make them heroes.

Those in the military also engage in public service that from time to time is hazardous. Persons who perform those tasks honorably are entitled to respect and admiration. But not everyone who has served in the military, or even in combat, is a hero. Most simply did what was expected of them.

Veterans have earned our respect and gratitude for their service. Those who have served with distinction by performing extraordinary acts of bravery have earned the right to be called heroes. Their exceptional acts sets them apart from those who behaved honorably and did what was expected of them under hazardous circumstances.

Words should be used carefully. Their misuse can be a form of hubris.

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.

### Commentary

## Don't return to an elected school board

BY JOSEPH M. CRONIN

Changing Boston's School Committee back from appointed to elected is a dangerous idea. Proponents forget how the old elected school committee usually overspent its budget, handled racial minorities poorly, and used the committee as a political stepping stone to higher office. Even worse, four members were indicted and two convicted of crimes, including one member taking kickback money from bus contractors.

The old elected committee operated as an "employment board" not a board of education. Minutes show that most of their votes were on appointments, transfers, promotions, new positions for which three votes were essential. Committee members held birthday parties and other fundraisers to which ambitious teachers and school staff were invited to attend or sell tickets. The Boston Teachers Union decided against teachers making those sordid payments.

A series of Boston school superintendents left in frustration. Instead, the committees appointed by Mayor Menino attracted experienced city school superintendents whose efforts raised state achievement and SAT scores, graduation rates, expanded athletic and artistic opportunities and restored national respect for city schools. The Eli Broad Foundation recognized Boston schools as the "most improved urban education system" in America in 2006.

City councilors have had to listen to parent complaints about school bus rides and school closings. But the old elected school committee had to close dozens of small schools from the 1950s up to 1990, some of them ordered by a federal judge because the school committee would not let black students into half empty schools.

Since 1991 Mayors Flynn and Menino have made sure that the school committee reflected the majority minority student base and appointed leaders like Paul Parks, former state Secretary of Education, Bill Boyan of John Hancock and Bob Culver, CFO of Northeastern University, men unlikely to run for office.

I have been observing Boston schools for almost fifty years, as a professor, state official, dean and college president. For a while (1970) I thought a mixed appointed/elected school board might make sense, but time has proved me wrong. It could set back Boston schools many decades to change back to a corrupt and ineffectual format. A recent Suffolk University poll revealed that citizens worry about municipal corruption. My book *Reforming Boston Schools* includes stories about payoffs and patronage.

Do not reopen that door.

Joseph M. Cronin, a resident of Lower Mills, has been Associate Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Massachusetts Secretary of Education and president of Bentley College. He has taught at Harvard, Boston College and Boston University. His book *Reforming Boston Schools 1930- The Present: Overcoming Corruption and Racial Segregation analyzes Boston schools before and after major reforms were enacted.*

## Concerned mom: Daughter hurt by discarded needle

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter in hopes of bringing some much needed awareness to our community on the

### Letter to the Editor

growing drug epidemic in our neighborhood. While walking through the Rite Aid parking lot on Gallivan Blvd. this past Sunday my daughter Sydney Charbonnier stepped on a hypodermic needle which pierced her toe. She was rushed to the Milton ER where they started her on a 30 day cycle of HIV meds. We've been advised that she will need to be tested again in 1, 3, 6 and 12 months for AIDS and Hepatitis C.

She's three days into the cycle and the meds have already taken a toll on her. She is nauseous, has chronic headaches and is very weak. This is a very traumatic incident for anyone to go through never mind a 16 year old girl.

Much to our dismay we have come to find out that Sydney's is one of many such incidents that have taken place in our general area over this past summer. Although they may have not all ended with such a dramatic course of action, they are troubling nonetheless.

The Mayor's neighborhood Coordinator Chris English has reached out to the owner of the lot, who has committed to having the lot cleaned up ASAP.

We are overwhelmed with the outpouring of concern that has been shown by our friends and neighbors for Sydney's well being over the last couple of days. I am a proud Dorchester parent who is not only concerned for the safety of my own children but for all children in our community.

— Leah Finn  
Dorchester

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# Landmark status eyed for 'sore spot' on Grampian Way

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1870s as a single-family, the property, currently unoccupied, has had five proprietors, and is owned today by the last of the five, the family of the late Raymond Tomasini, who purchased the house in 1951 and raised his family there. The Landmark Commission's study report notes that the property has a total assessed value of \$395,190, with the land valued at \$278,190 and the building at \$117,000.

The report backs the commission's proposal by citing the house as "notable for several historical and architectural qualities: as an early example of the fashionable, late 19th century suburban development of Savin Hill, retaining its relatively large lot and early stable; for the fanciful, Stick Style influence on the design of both structures; and for its associations with several prominent figures of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, in a wide range of fields: William Prescott Hunt, a wealthy industrialist; John Kehew, a maker of nautical instruments and an oil merchant; and George Wright,



This two-story stable on the property at 24 Grampian Way was built in 1873 and was later used to house a squash court used by sporting goods pioneer George Wright, according to a new report for the Boston Landmarks Commission.

an early baseball celebrity, sporting goods businessman, and sports promoter for whom the municipal golf course in Hyde Park is named.

A story in the *Dorchester Reporter* in October 2009

noted the beginnings of an effort by Savin Hill residents to come to grips with what a next-door neighbor, Peter McNamara, called "a sore spot in the neighborhood." At the time, McNamara said

several area residents had joined his effort to first gain landmark status, and then maybe undertake a restoration of the once-glamorous property. The Tomasini family, meanwhile, was working

through Raymond Tomasini's death in 2007 and had no plans then to do anything with the house and property.

The Landmarks panel's report notes that "a representative of the owners has been in touch with" the commission and "has expressed concern about the impact of Landmarks designation on their ability to sell or otherwise modify the property."

The commission notes that a Landmark Designation "represents the city's highest honor and is therefore restricted to cultural resources of outstanding architectural and/or historical significance." A designation "would require review of physical changes to specified exterior features of the property, in accordance with the standards and criteria adopted as part of the designation."

In addition, a Landmark designation results in listing on the State Register of Historic Places. "Without it, the city would be unable to offer protection to exterior features, or to extend guidance to the owners" under the law.

## Letter to the Editor

# About a photograph with the wrong message

To the Editor:

A recent Martin J. Walsh for mayor campaign brochure that was dropped door-to-door last week showed a picture of Marty and me shaking hands at the Dorchester Day Parade along with the words "Marty believes society should be judged on how it TREATS its seniors."

Let's set the record straight: This circulation was done without my permission. It implies that I am supporting Marty. At this time I have not made up my mind. Marty is a friend,

so is John Connolly, and Felix Arroyo. I know Rob Consalvo, Dan Conley, Bill Walczak, and I admire all the candidates for entering the race for mayor. Marty called and apologized for the picture being in the brochure without my permission. I believe he was sincere, but it should not have happened.

If a candidate wants my support, whether in a brochure or with a house sign, they should call, sit down, and talk about their ideas. Only one

candidate running for elected office has taken the time to do that—Dan Cullinane, a candidate for state representative. He sat with me on my deck for a half hour and we discussed my thoughts and his ideas. As a result there is a Dan Cullinane sign in front of my house.

The race for our next mayor is important. It will determine who will succeed Mayor Thomas Menino, who has had a 20-year run and has worked tirelessly to

bring our great city to where it is today.

I urge everyone to attend one of the many scheduled candidate forums and listen to

the candidates over the next few weeks. They all have ideas on how to take Boston into the future, some similar, some different. Make up

your mind based on their vision for the future. I will. More importantly, get out and vote.

— D. Michael Skillin  
Dorchester

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This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG First Justice of this Court.  
Date: July 25, 2013  
Patricia M. Campatelli  
Register of Probate



## Rental Registration & Inspection Program

The Rental Registration & Inspection Program requires the annual registration of all private rental units and the inspection for all non-exempt rental units to be conducted every five years. This year the registration period begins on May 1, 2013 and ends on August 1, 2013. The initial registration fee is \$25/unit. Failure to register will result in fines and further enforcement actions.



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— Bukia Louis Chalvire, Mattapan Small Business Owner



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## POLICE DISTRICT C-11 NEWS

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## POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

For info, call B-3's Community Service Office at 617-343-4717.

## ASHMONT-ADAMS ASSN.

Meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterers' Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m.

## ASHMONT HILL ASSN.

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

## CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSN.

The monthly meeting, usually the second Tues. of the month, 7 p.m., in Fr. Lane Hall at St. Brendan's Church. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

## CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSN.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on street parking available; at 6:30 p.m. - Info: clampoint.org.

## CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

## COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

## CUMMINS VALLEY ASSN.

Cummins Valley Assn., meeting at the Mattahunt Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan, on Mondays 6:30 p.m., for those living on and near Cummins Highway. For info on dates, call 617-791-7359 or 617-202-1021.

## EASTMAN-ELDER ASSN.

The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Upham's Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

## FIELDS CORNER NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC ASSN.

The FCNCA, which includes 63 streets and eight civic associations in the Fields Corner area, will hold its first meeting on Mon., Sept. 30, 6:30 p.m. at a location TBA. The larger organization hopes to pull resources from city, state, and other entities.

## FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSN.

The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station), 1 Acadia St.

## GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

The GHNA meets on the third Wed. of the month, 7 p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community



For the second year in a row, Partners HealthCare is delivering baby baskets to new parents at area health centers. The baskets are made up of donation from Partners HealthCare employees and then delivered to new parents and babies receiving care at several Partners' licensed and affiliated community health centers - including Codman Square Health Center (CSHC). In total, 74 baskets were delivered to 7 health centers this year. Pictured above: Recipient Anthonia Omo; Melissa Shrestha, Partners HealthCare; and Melissa Ryan, LICSW, Program Manager for Maternal Child Health and Group Visits at Codman Square Community Health Center.

Center, 650 Dudley St., Dor., 02125. For info, call 857-891-1072 or maxboxer@aol.com.

## HANCOCK ST. CIVIC ASSN.

The next meeting, Thurs., Aug. 15, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Pilgrim Church, 540 Columbia Rd, across from the Strand Theatre. Info: hancockcivic@gmail.com (new e-mail address.) The following meetings are Sept. 19, Oct/ 17, and Nov. 21.

## HECLA/LYON/EAST STREETS WATCH

A new neighborhood watch, on Hecla, Lyon, and East Streets will meet at Sussi Auto Body Shop, 79 Freeport St., corner of Linden St. All residents are invited to join.

## LINDEN/ELLSWORTH/LEEDSVILLE WATCH

For info, call 617-593-1037.

## CARNEY HOSPITAL'S PROGRAMS

A Breast-Cancer Support Group, the second Wednesday (only) of each month, 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Carney's adult/child/infant CPR and First Aid: instructions every week for only \$30. Call 617-296-4012, X2093 for schedule. Diabetes support group (free), third Thurs. of every month, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Info: 617-506-4921. Additional support groups at Carney: Family Support, Breast Cancer Support, Al-Anon, AA, and Overeaters Anonymous. The next Senior Supper is Wed., Sept. 11.

## LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSN.

The monthly meetings have ended for the summer. The next meeting is Tues., Sept. 17. The meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month in St. Gregory's Auditorium, 7 p.m. Please bring bottles/ cans and any used sports equipment to the meeting for Officer Ruiz. See the web page: dorchesterlowermills.org.

## MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings the third Tues. of the month at 7 p.m., in Blessed Mother Teresa Parish Hall. Please bring canned goods to the regular meetings for a local food bank. The next meeting is Sept. 17. Info: civic@mccormackcivic.com or 617-710-3793.

## MEETINGHOUSE HILL CIVIC ASSN.

The meetings are held at 7 p.m., at First Parish Church. For info, contact Megan Sonderegger. New e-mail address is: meetinghousehillcivic@gmail.com.

## MELVILLE PARK ASSN.

Meeting at Epiphany School, at 6 p.m. (earlier starting time). Clean-up of the MBTA Tunnel Cap (garden at Shawmut Station), the first Sat. of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon. The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m., at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dor. The MPA's Yard Sale will be held on Sat., Sept. 21. Mark your calendars.

## PEABODY SLOPE ASSN.

The Peabody Slope Neighborhood Assn's meetings, the first Mon. of the month, at Dorchester Academy, 18 Croftland Ave., 7 p.m. For info: peabodyslope.org or 617-533-8123.

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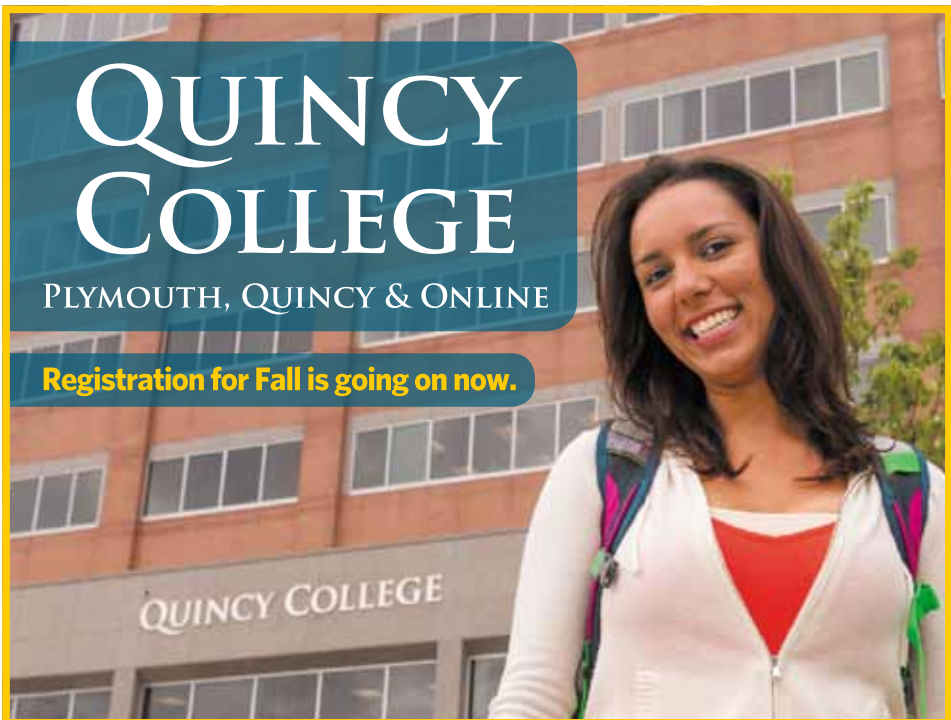
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## Barbara McDonough's

# VIEW FROM POPE'S HILL

Our pansies are the only plants that are not doing well. Hubby thinks it might be from overwatering. He has cut back. The whiskey barrels are beautiful. I finally got out into the yard and snapped off all the spent geraniums in the barrels. This assures that the strength of the plants will be put into making new blossoms. We are trying to do some trimming. The wet spring has made perfect conditions for growing bushes. Hubby took the hedge trimmers to cut some of the spreading yew near the front gate. He trimmed the bush a little so that the gate would stay opened. Last year, when he started to trim the forsythias, he hit a bigger branch than usual and the trimmer jumped, cutting his hand. The emergency room doctor recommended that he do no more work with the hedge trimmer. I still have two pink kalanchoe plants from the Mayor's Breakfast on the front porch. They are as pretty today as when we received them in May. They are now joined by two orange kalanchoes, which will look positively beautiful when fall comes. (I had never seen an orange one until this year.)

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I was so sorry to read of the death of Lorraine (Penney) Slattery on July 30 at age 84. Lorraine, her husband Jim, and their children lived across the street from us when we first moved to our little street 50 years ago. Lorraine's parents, Arthur "Pa" and Bertha "Ma" Penney, lived on the second floor of Lorraine's house. My aunt and uncle, Ethel and "Tip"/Jim Horgan, lived next door to the Slatterys and Penneys. We all got along so well, with everyone watching out for each other. When Lorraine delivered her last child, Tim, he was very ill. This was in September of 1965. (I still have vivid memories of the day she went into the hospital to deliver.) This was just three months after I had delivered our younger daughter Jeanne, who was also very ill because she was an RH baby. She needed five blood exchanges before she even cried. It was a horrendous summer

*"Where'er you tread,  
the blushing flowers shall rise,  
And all things flourish  
Where you turn your eyes.*

*By Alexander Pope*

for almost everyone on our small street. When things finally calmed down, Lorraine and I said to each other, "Do you think that Blue Cross would like to cancel services to the residents of our street because of the expenses incurred by the births of our babies?"

The last time I saw Lorraine was at the wake of her mom, "Ma" Penney. How I loved her also. When my kids were at St. Ann's, she would call me up after lunch when they went back to school and invite me over for a cup of tea. "And while you're here, Barbara, would you help me figure out my latest Blue Cross letter?" I have such fond memories of the Penneys and the Slatterys and I am very sorry to read of Lorraine's death. The sympathy of all our family is sent to her husband Jim, their sons, Jim Jr. and Timmy, and their daughters, Karen, Trisha, Cathy, and Maryann. We also send our sympathy to Lorraine's brother John and her sister Jeannie. The Slatterys and Penneys made our lives so pleasant when we first moved to Neponset.

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On Wed., July 31, Hubby, pal Eileen Burke and I waited outside St. Brendan Church for the school bus to take us into the Mayor's Wednesday Evening Concert on City Hall Plaza. Pal Eileen Collins had arranged with the City of Boston's Elderly Commission to have us picked up in front of the church and taken into town. The bus had already made one stop in Lower Mills and would pick up more seniors at the Keystone Apartments. That night was Disco Night, with the Stardust Band. (I love

disco music!)

Traffic was much lighter than the week before when the Stylistics were the featured attraction. We were quite early getting in town. We were delighted that one of the Elderly Commission's staff who met our bus was our longtime friend Jane Boyer. We chatted with her for a few minutes. Then we saw our friend Eileen O'Connor, the Elderly Commission's ace photographer. I was so happy to hear that she is feeling much better. We walked slowly up the brick ramp to where the folding chairs were already set up for us. It was a gorgeous evening, with temps in the high 70s. The sky was beautiful as we sat looking up at the tall buildings that surround the Plaza. We heard some of the performers rehearsing their songs as we sat near the back of the plaza. Hubby and I like to sit in the rear of the audience. When we are sitting down, he is quite tall and I am quite wide. We want the little ladies up front to be able to see the stage without our blocking their view. Poor pal Eileen! She is fairly short sitting down with us so she does not have an easy time seeing the stage.

It was then announced that the following Wednesday evening's concert, on Aug. 7, would be a "Tribute to Sinatra." The Aug. 21 concert will be Charlie Thomas and the Drifters. The final event, on Aug. 28, is a blockbuster, Roberta Flack.

Then it was time for the music, by the Starlight Band. I didn't have daughter Sue with me that night so I wasn't able to get the correct titles of all the songs that were played. There were songs, such as "YMCA," Gloria Gaynor's wonderful hit "I Will Survive," "Get Down Tonight," "Ain't

No Stopping Us Now," "the Bee Gees' great hit, "How Deep Is Your Love," "Dancing Queen," and "Night Life." Cecilia Collucci, from Canton, sang "Wishing on a Star." Before we left the plaza, we were so happy to see our good friends Tom, Barbara, and Kathy Cheney. Everyone on our bus going home from the Disco concert thought that the music was wonderful. It was a delightful evening – and Hubby came very close to winning one of the door prizes that are given out each week.

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I was so sorry when Eileen Collins told us, on the bus ride into town to the concert, that she had lost her brother John on July 30, at age 77. (John was actually only 19 because he was a "Leap Year" baby.) He was the husband of Joan (Minichiello) and the father of Lisa, John, Linda, and James. A US Postal employee, he was also the brother of our friend Mary Sullivan. Pal Eileen, by the way, is planning a trip to Twin River Casino on Wed., Sept. 26. If you are interested in going, call her at 617-929-1176.

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On Sunday, Aug. 4, Hubby and I attended the annual barbecue and celebration for the birthday of Father George Carrigg, administrator of St. Christopher Parish, in Harbor (Columbia) Point. I will write more about the terrific birthday party in next week's paper. I will, however, tell you of one nice thing that I was told at the party. Sister Elizabeth, who runs the Notre Dame Montessori School in the basement of St. Christopher's Church, told me that the date of the "Seeds Planted; Harvest Begun" fundraiser for her little school is Tuesday, Nov. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Florian Hall. Sister proudly told me that Dr. H. Jack Geiger, founder of the Columbia Point Community Health Center, the first community health center in the US, would be honored at the event. The center is now called the Geiger-Gibson Health Center. How wonderful. Hubby and I will definitely be at Florian Hall.

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## Community Health News

# It's a week to celebrate community healthcare

The 2013 National Health Center Week theme is "Celebrating America's Health Centers: Transforming Health Care in Our Local Communities." According to the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), the theme "acknowledges the innovative ways health centers can alter the lives of people they serve by simply providing access to affordable, quality health care." Ben Franklin once said "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and nothing could be truer when it comes to our health centers and their approach to health care.

Health centers provide comprehensive primary and preventative care that save the US health system \$24 billion a year. However, health centers also do much more – going above and beyond the traditional scope of most private practices to address the needs within their community. They tailor their services to fit the special needs of their patients providing access to care through services such as transportation, translation, health education, and more."

### A Question of Access

This past Tuesday, Mattapan Community Health Center celebrated its one-year anniversary at the new location in Mattapan Square. The new facility, funded in part by the Affordable Care Act, boasts new and improved services and programs such as: extended operating hours (Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.), onsite mammography, extended dental hours for adult and children, completion of a new School-Based Health Center (scheduled to open in the fall) at Young Achievers School, Men's Health, Centering Pregnancy and Insurance Outreach Enrollment Services.

For more than 45 years, community health centers have delivered comprehensive, high-

quality preventive and primary health care to patients regardless of their ability to pay. During that time, community health centers have become the essential primary care medical home for millions of Americans, including some of the nation's most vulnerable populations. Mattapan Community Health Center has been part of this quality network of care for 41 years.

### Delivery of Care

Today, approximately 1,200 health centers operate nearly 9,000 service delivery sites that provided care to approximately 21 million patients in every State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin. This network of community health centers has created one of the largest safety net systems of primary and preventive care in the country with a true national impact.

- Health centers, supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), treated approximately 21 million people in 2012, sixty-two percent of whom are members of ethnic and minority groups. Thirty-six percent have no health insurance; approximately thirty-two percent are children.

- One out of every 15 people living in the U.S. now relies on a HRSA-funded clinic for primary care.

- Health centers are an integral source of local employment and economic growth in many underserved and low-income communities. Total health center employment is more than 148,000 individuals nationwide, and health centers added more than 35,000 jobs over the last four years.

- Health centers employ more than 10,000 physicians and more than 7,500 nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and certified nurse midwives in a multi-disciplinary clinical workforce designed to treat the whole patient

through culturally-competent, accessible, and integrated care.

- Health center quality of care equals and often surpasses that provided by other primary care providers. A programmatic emphasis on quality improvement as well as community-responsive and culturally appropriate care has also translated into impressive reductions in health disparities for community health center patients. Health centers also reduce costs to health systems; the health center model of care has been shown to reduce the use of costlier providers of care, such as emergency departments and hospitals.

Health centers are poised to play an essential role in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Nationwide, health centers are expanding their current outreach and enrollment assistance activities to facilitate the enrollment of millions of eligible health center patients and service area residents into affordable health insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplaces, Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program.

In addition, health centers emphasize coordinated primary and preventive services or a "medical home" that promotes reductions in health disparities for low-income individuals, racial and ethnic minorities, rural communities, and other underserved populations. Health centers place emphasis on the coordination and comprehensiveness of care, the ability to manage patients with multiple health care needs, and the use of key quality improvement practices, including health information technology.

The health center model also overcomes geographic, cultural, linguistic and other barriers through a team-based approach to care that includes physicians, nurse practitioners,

physician assistants, nurses, dental providers, midwives, behavioral health care providers, social workers, health educators, and many others.

Overall, health centers do make a difference that is accomplished by improving the quality of life through: supportive access to primary and preventive care; provid-

ing cost-effective high quality care; reducing health disparities by the effective management of chronic disease; improving birth outcomes and creating jobs that stimulate economic growth.

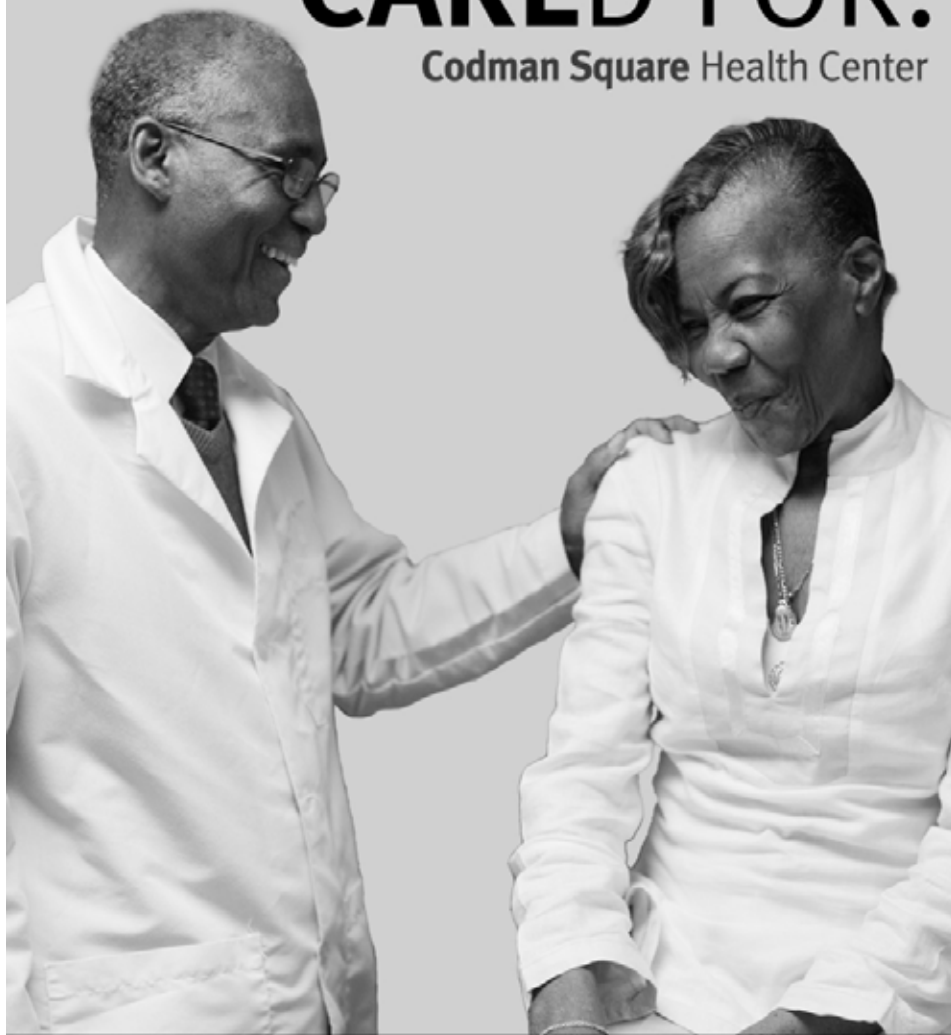
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## Kit Clark Senior Services wins grant funding

Tufts Health Plan Foundation has announced a \$72,000 grant to Dorchester-based Kit Clark Senior Services to support fitness programs for older adults. The grant comes from the \$1.6 million in new funding promised to 34 Massachusetts and Rhode Island-based organizations as part of the Tufts Health Plan

Foundation's first cycle of funding for 2013. The money for Kit Clark Senior Services is the second part of a two-year grant totaling over \$142,000. Kit Clark will use the grant to continue offering its Fit-4-Life program, a physical activity and nutrition counseling program for older Boston adults aiming to help them

reduce severe conditions of chronic disease. The program serves more than 225 seniors, primarily low-income, multi-cultural adults ages 60 and older. The seniors have the opportunity to participate in ongoing classes that help improve their physical health and promote wellness.

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## Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester

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The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted the Curious Creatures program for a workshop with members. This annual visit was made possible through Associated Grantmakers of Massachusetts Cultural Day Fund.



The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted the Annual Safe Summer Streets Career Fair for teens this past week. There were 18 professionals on hand to speak with nearly 100 teens on a variety of careers.

**Safe Summer Streets Basketball** - The 16-team Summer Basketball League for teens is winding down and will begin play-offs today (8/8) with four quarter-final games in the Senior Boys division. The 4-team Girls division has been outstanding with the Girls playing on Monday and Tuesday evenings. This past week the first of two games on Monday saw the Lady Huskies defeat the Lady Cavs 53-30. Lorena Escolero (22) led the Lady Huskies while Fatima St. Hilaire (12) led the Lady Cavs. In the second game it was Markiah Monteiro (24) leading the Lady Zags to a 53-51 win over the Lady Front Runners. Gianni Green

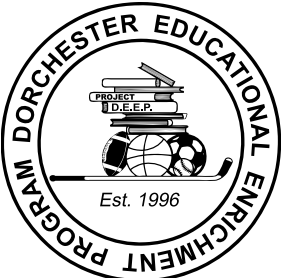
(18) led the Lady Front Runners. On Tuesday, the Girls returned for two more games. In the opener it was the Lady Huskies topping the Lady Front Runners by a score of 48-30. Stephanie Rizzo (13) and Destinee Morris (15) led the Lady Huskies and Lady Front Runners respectively. In the late game it was the Lady Cavs defeating the Lady Zags 48-37. Meghan Lescinskas (16) led the Lady Cavs while Cadejia Matthews (26) led the Lady Zags. Semi-final play-off games for the Girls will take place on 8/12 with the championship game scheduled for 8/14 at 6:45 p.m. That game will be followed by the Intermediate Boys Championship at 8:00 p.m. and

the Senior Boys Championship at 9:15 p.m. For more information on our Athletic programs please contact Bruce Seals (bseals@bgcdorchester.org).

**Summer Swim Team** - The Summer Swim Team, fresh off a meet against Taunton, will host the Malden Y.M.C.A. in a session-ending meet on 8/8. The meet will be followed by an outdoor BBQ for all swimmers and parents. Look for the school-year Marr-lins to return in September with registration, orientation, try-outs for new swimmers and full team practices. For information contact Aquiles Gomes (agomes@bgcdorchester.org).

**Upcoming Special Event:**  
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# Around the horn with, among others, A-Rod, Coach Parcells, and 'The Boomer'

Let's clear the decks of idle thoughts, random musings, and irrelevant asides – not all of them mindless – while awaiting the implosion of our erstwhile National Pastime.

•And would you, too, agree that Shoeless Joe Jackson has a better chance of getting enshrined at Cooperstown than Alex Rodriguez?

•While it's nice to be laudably pay tribute to the crusty likes of Deacon White and Jake Ruppert, this year's annual Hall of Fame weekend up at the Baseball Brigadoon was an undeniable bust. Nor will it be easy for the keepers of the flame to restore it as the controversies that ruined this year's hallowed process will only widen. What a mess! Hopefully the drug cheats are proud of themselves.

•Meanwhile, pro football – somehow enjoying a complete pass in the awful furor over drug abuse in sport – had an edifying induction ceremony at its Canton, Ohio, shrine, highlighted from our perspective by the honoring of Bill Parcells. Foxborough wasn't the happiest chapter in Bill's gridiron odyssey but it was surely crucial to the Patriots. If Boss Belichick is their Messiah, the Tuna was his Precursor.

Don Cherry liked to say if he ever met a man from Mars who wondered what a hockey player was like he'd present Cam Neely. Were the same chap to have the same question about a football coach, there'd be no better example than "The Tuna." He was born for the role, right out of Central Casting; dogged and stubborn, relentless and remorseless, equally arrogant and caring, giving and unforgiving, and, above all, a thousand percent his own man. Parcells was priceless.

•Here's one more note on sports people being honored. Graciously, the Yankees gave Hideki Matsui a hail and farewell moment, perhaps to redeem a touch of guilt in having cut him loose four years ago right after he'd delivered them a memorably heroic World Series performance. Matsui, of course, never complained and ended his career a nomad, commanding still greater respect even as his skills diminished.

The tribute to Matsui at Yankee Stadium was stylish and classy, like the gentleman himself. He was a fine player – near letter perfect in his discipline and attitude – and, if not the fabled "Godzilla" he'd been in Japan, no less the sort

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of player that any great team yearns to have as a terrific example of how to conduct oneself on and off the ball field.

In Matsui, and quite as much in his fellow traveler, Ichiro Suzuki, Japan has given the American game admirable exemplars over this generation. Given all the nonsense that has otherwise afflicted this great game of late, it is a considerable gift.

•Which leads us, regrettably, to another painful A-Rod observation:

Reviewing his road to ruin – a task that could only tempt the idlest minds – you find affirmation of NYC columnist Mike Lupica's pet theory holding that the wretched fellow will go to the wildest extremes to make himself seem "the victim." As strategies go, it's sufficiently pathetic to explain A-Rod's strange motivations. And if in the end it's sympathy he seeks, he'll likely get it. For it's a virtual Elba that awaits him when this fiasco plays out.

•If John Henry's bid to buy *The Boston Globe* holds up, and you rather doubt some wild and crazy press baron from San Diego will be able to upset that appletart, we're in for some new savage amusement as critics avidly scope the *Globe's* sports pages for signs of the Red Sox owners' sly and meddlesome interventions.

It will probably prove a waste of time. Mr. Henry is not stupid and such antics would be all of that, nor are the professionals in command of *Globe Sports* who would have to be complicit in any such conspiracies likely to disappear, let alone capitulate.

On the other hand, few newspaper sports departments are now as irreverent, testy, or voracious as they once were. At the *Globe* for example, there's no longer a Willie McDonough around to regularly terrify the local franchises with his deep and biting reportage, nor a Cliff "Poison Pen" Keane ever ready to turn their follies into objects of derision. They were the best examples, but there were others. The knights of the keyboard aren't as nasty as they used to be.

Under the aegis of Publisher Henry, Owner Henry may succeed in getting more extensive and enlightened soccer coverage, hardly a crime except to the bourgeoisie. Other than that, I wouldn't worry.

•My old friend, the

aforementioned Willie McDonough, once famously branded Roger Clemens "The Texas Con-man" and was eventually proven 100 percent correct in the minds of many. Methinks Willie would have called out David Ortiz, in much the same manner.

It's undeniable that "Big Poppi" – like Clemens before him – has had great moments in Boston and has been, even more than Clemens, engaging and likeable. But it's also true that – unlike Clemens – he has gotten away with big-league outrages. The most important remains the fact he's never responded to those steroid charges – as he sanctimoniously promised – leveled by no less than the New York Times and based on evidence gleaned from the Mitchell Report. They are precisely the same charges that ruined others and that originally bagged A-Rod.

In the latest example of the ridiculous double standard Ortiz enjoys, he got off without a reprimand or even a scolding, let alone the suspension he richly deserved for hammering to smithereens the telephone equipment in a Baltimore dugout punctuating a pointless rage against an umpire. Have you seen a more violent outburst in a ballpark? He was bonkers! Absurd!

•Could it be the Yankees keep pitching Phil Hughes just to lower his potential value on this fall's free agent market? No other plausible reason comes to mind.

•It's not intended as a *mea culpa*, but it may be appropriate to acknowledge this much. Last winter, we snickered when the Red

Sox signed journeyman Johnny Gomes, then rashly declared Shane Victorino to be washed up. Nor were we alone. Is it too early to have to apologize? As the Townies churn through the Dog Days, the talk glibly turns to who deserves the most credit.

It says here it's not the manager, but the general manager. Master Cherington's game plan, which looked rather dubious in December, seems not so dumb in August. It was original, bold, even novel. The kid who was very much on the spot defied the conventional wisdom and had the courage of his convictions.

On the other hand, it is early in August, which is about the only hedge left to us naysayer.

•Lastly, a gentle word on a gentle fellow, George

Scott, who died the other day at 69. I was partial to "The Boomer," maybe because we arrived on the scene at the same time, both thinking our promise was unlimited.

In his way, George was historic, the very first black player of potentially landmark value groomed from the very sandlots by a team that had long been scandalously unwilling to do such a thing. He was the pride and joy of the new order – promulgated by Dick O'Connell – that would lead not only to the revival of this franchise but also to its salvation.

George played earnestly, if awkwardly, a historic role, but he never became what he ought to have been, and there remains great sadness in that fact. The potential was there



but he – so lacking in sophistications – and others – prisoners of their own histories – were lacking in allowing its realization. Racism was a factor. I witnessed it but won't spout names because they are all long gone and their intentions weren't as bad as they may now seem. Still, they should have known better.

George was a good man who wasn't quite equal to the demands made of him, but who might reasonably hold that against him? He came from hard times and never quite escaped them. But he will always be, "The Boomer." Rest in Peace, old Friend!

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# Contest winner put tropical twist on his urban garden hide-away

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For Alex Galan, gardening is more than a hobby. “I’ve been gardening my whole life. I’ve always been considered the crazy gardener in the family,” he said, laughing.

Galan’s grandmother got him started with a climbing rose bush, and ever since, he’s been hooked.

Galan’s Sumner Street garden transforms an average-sized urban backyard into a tropical oasis. He enjoys mixing perennials with tropicals, despite the extra effort; during the winter, he takes many of the tropical plants indoors to ensure their survival.

“It took me awhile to get used to winters here,” said Galan, who moved to Dorchester from the Northwest. “The tropical plants were a kind of remedy for me.”

When Galan first moved to Dorchester about six years ago and started his garden, he experienced trouble with people destroying and stealing his plants. However, he noted that crime has tapered off.

“They’ve accepted me as ‘the gardener’ this year,” he said.

The neighborhood isn’t the only place where Galan is recognized as a superb gardener. This year, he won first place in the Medium Yard Garden division of the Mayor’s 2013 Garden Contest. Galan said he is honored that his hard work is being recognized.

Urban gardeners face many difficulties, but Galan has maximized his planting space with a wooden fence,



Alex Galan says his Sumner Street garden— which has just garnered mayoral honors as Boston’s best in the medium yard division— has helped him to better connect to Dorchester, his home of six years.

Photo by Brianna Macgregor

creative use of materials like concrete blocks and piping units, and columns with hanging plants. “Being an urban gardener, I use every little space I have,” he said. Despite the challenges of urban gardening, Galan said he would rather live in a city, where he can share his garden with neighbors, than a more rural area. “For me, gardening is a way of reaching out,” he said, explaining that he has met many of

his neighbors and fellow urban gardeners through his garden. “Plants have a way of connecting people.” Galan loves showing his garden to neighbors, and now hosts an annual summer garden party for friends, neighbors, and other gardeners. Galan said that his garden has helped him find his place in Dorchester.

“I’m out here in my little corner everyday. I see people going off to work, and they’ll honk and wave,” he said. “It’s good to know your neighbors. It makes you feel like you’re home.”

According to Jacquelyn Goddard, director of marketing, communication, and external affairs for the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department, there were over 130 entries across all of the divisions for this year’s garden contest. Entries were judged by a panel of community activists with an interest in gardening, as well as some people from the Parks and Recreation Department.

The garden contest began 17 years ago as part of Mayor Menino’s citywide beautification initiative, and Goddard said that Parks and Recreation anticipates the continuation of the contest following Menino’s departure from office. She added that the garden contest acts as impetus for more community pride and involvement.

“[The garden contest] encourages people to beautify their property, and it brings neighbors together,” said Goddard. Other winners from the area include: Elizabeth Mullaney of Dorchester, who won third place in the Small Yard Garden division; William Ryan of Dorchester, who won third place in the Medium Yard Garden division; Dale Malone and Mark Landin of Dorchester, who won third place in the Porch, Balcony, Deck or Window Box Garden division; The Boston Home, Inc., which won third place in the Vegetable or Herb Garden division; and Gerald Brown of Dorchester, who won second place in the Senior Garden division.



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# First Parish gets steeple back

(Continued from page 1) Parish site off-and-on for the last seven years. A crane and other equipment from the Marr Companies and Bosco Crane were used to hoist the structure into place.

“We are grateful to our forebears whose silver made this [restoration] possible,” said Lavoie, referring to the colonial-era silver serving ware collection that was sold at auction to help pay for the church’s restoration. The silver fetched just over \$1.8 million. “May we always know that this building is only a tool to carry on the mission of this church since 1630: to serve the people of Dorchester.”

Lavoie said that some 7,000 hours of work went into the job of rebuilding the two sections of the steeple that were re-attached to the bell tower today. It would not have been possible, he stressed, without the donated labor of the carpentry students and their instructors who worked diligently throughout the first half of 2013 to get the job done.

“They saved us hundreds of thousands of dollars,” said Lavoie. “We would not have been able to do this without the North Bennet School.”

There is more work to be done in the days ahead. Now that the steeple has been secured into place with 16 giant bolts fastened into steel plates, workers will replace windows in the lantern section, which will eventually be lit at night. Tuesday’s heavy-lifting was executed by workers from Murphy Specialties, which has been working at the First

Parish site off-and-on for the last seven years. A crane and other equipment from the Marr Companies and Bosco Crane were used to hoist the structure into place.

Before “lift-off”, Lavoie was lifted in the bucket truck to a gold ball just below the steeple’s weathervane. The ball serves as a small “time capsule”— which will now house several items that Lavoie placed inside this morning. The items included letters from Mayor Thomas M. Menino and First Parish Church congregation chairman Tom Cunningham, along with a list of all of the First Parish ministers since 1630 and a current list of members. Lavoie also placed a gold coin emblazoned with the seal of Dorchester into the capsule, which due to its size and vulnerability to weather conditions was a limited vessel. Lavoie said that a second time capsule will be installed elsewhere in the steeple at a future date.

The reunion of steeple and church is a huge milestone and serves as a high-profile triumph for the small Unitarian Universalist congregation which meets inside. However, as Lavoie noted, it is hardly the end of the restoration job, which goes on at a swift pace this summer. Scaffolding still surrounds much of the building— evidence of painting and woodwork that is scheduled to continue through the course of this year. The



Rev. Art Lavoie, minister of First Parish Church, inserted items into a time capsule perched near the top of the steeple.

Photo by Chris Lovett

Minutes later, the steeple was raised by a crane back to its perch atop the church’s bell tower.

Photo by Bill Forry

parish also intends to add an addition to the rear of the building in a subsequent phase of the project.

The existing church building was constructed in 1895-96 to replace an earlier building— the fifth-generation First Parish Church— that was destroyed by fire. The 19th century congregation opted to keep a wooden, classic white clapboard look based on a design by Christopher Wren and executed by the architectural firm Cabot, Everett and Meade. According to Jillian Adams, who has consulted in the reconstruction of First Parish

through her company Building Legacy, the 1896 church project cost about \$60,000— or the modern-day equivalent of \$1.3 million.

The steeple that was taken down from the top of First Parish in November 2006 was so weakened by years of weather and lax maintenance that it looked as though it could topple in a strong gust of wind. In fact, the steeple was in such poor condition that North Bennet students had to replace much of the original and recast moldings and other features from old photos.





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# Neighborhood Notables

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## POPE'S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

Neighborhood E-Mail Alert system; sign up at philip.carver@popeshill.com giving your name, address, and e-mail address. PHNA meetings, usually the fourth Wed. of the month at the Leahy/Holloran Community Center at 7 p.m. The monthly meetings will resume in September.

## PORT NORFOLK CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings the third Thurs. of the month at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 7 p.m. Info: 617-825-5225.

## ST. MARK'S AREA CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings held the last Tues. of the month in the lower hall of St. Mark's Church, at 7 p.m. Info: stmarkscivic.com.

## DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The headquarters of the DHS is the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., 02125, near Edward Everett Square. The DHS seeks volunteers and donations to help preserve the society's artifacts.

## IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE

The IPC, located in St. Brendan Rectory, 15 Rita Road, welcomes seniors to a coffee hour each Wed. morning, from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be a speaker each week. Call 617-265-5300 for info. The Music for Memory group meets on the second Wednesday of the month, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. "Singing can unlock the brain." Suggested donation: \$3 to \$5 per session, with refreshments served, Contact Maureen at: McNally4us@yahoo.com for info.

## CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

## DORCHESTER BOARD OF TRADE

"Meet the Mayoral Candidates," Wed., Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. for networking and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for forum; at Phillips Banquet Facility, 780 Morrissey Blvd. A "Ca\$ino Night," to benefit the

DBOT Scholarship Fund, in October. The DBOT welcomes new members; e-mail the DBOT or call 617-398-DBOT. Visit the website for info: www.dorchesterboardoftrade.com. The mailing address is DBOT, PO Box 020452, Dor. 02122.

## LEAHY/HOLLORAN CENTER

Openings for camp applications, Project DEEP Baseball Camp, Check the Spring Guide for new programs.

## ADAMS ST. LIBRARY

Become a member by sending dues to Friends of the Adams St. Library, c/o M. Cahill, 67 Oakton Ave., Dorchester, 02122. Family membership is \$5; individuals, \$3; seniors, \$1; businesses, \$10; and lifetime, \$50.

## BOWDOIN ST. HEALTH CENTER

Peace Circle, where those affected by violence may speak honestly, the second Tues. of each month, 6 to 8 p.m., sponsored by Beth Israel Deaconess Med. Ctr, the BSHC, and the Louis Brown Peace Institute. Call Janet at 617-296-2075 for info.

## MATTAPAN HEALTH CENTER

Weight Watcher's meetings will be held each Wed. at the Mattapan Community Health Center, at 6 p.m. Arrive 30 minutes early to register. Call 617-898-9052 or 617-898-8026 for info

## IRISH SOCIAL CLUB

The club is located at 119 Park St., West Roxbury. Donation, usually \$10 pp.: Sun., Aug. 11, John Connors and the Irish Express; Fri., Aug. 16, Pub Night with Colm O'Brien; Sun., Aug. 18, Silver Spears; Sun., Aug. 25, Fintan Stanley; and Sat., Aug. 31, Susan McCann.

## JAMAICAN CELEBRATION

At All Saints Church, at Ashmont: Emancipation Celebration, Fri., Aug. 9, 6 to 9 p.m.; and Sun., Aug. 11, 5 p.m., Variety Concert. For info call 781-861-1829.

## TEMPLE SHALOM

The worship services are held at the Great Hall Sanctuary in the First Congregational Church, 495

Canton Ave. The temple has relocated; the office, 38 Truro Lane, Milton; the mailing address, P.O. Box 870275, Milton, MA 02187; and the sanctuary, The Great Hall, 495 Canton Ave., Milton. The phone number remains the same: 617-698-3394 or e-mail: office@TempleShalomOnline.org for info.

## PILGRIM CHURCH

The Worship Service each Sunday at 11 a.m.; all are welcome. Bible Study, each Wed. in the Conference Room, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; the public is invited. Browse the gift shop, which is open weekdays and Saturdays. Call 617-807-0540 for details. Community lunch is served free every Sat. from noon to 1:30 p.m.; the public is welcome. Pilgrim Christian Endeavor Society meeting, second Tues. of each month at 6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Church is a Congregational Christian Church, associated with the United Church of Christ, and is located at 540 Columbia Rd, in Uphams Corner.

## DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

The nuns usually celebrate the Eucharist in honor of Divine Mercy on the third Friday of each month, at St. Ann's in Neponset, with Exposition at 6 p.m., Chaplet of Mercy at 6:30 p.m., and Mass, with Fr. Richard Clancy, at 7 p.m. (This next celebration will be held in Sept., when the 150th anniversary of the Foundation will be celebrated on Sept. 22.) For further info: call the Sisters at 617-288-1202, ext. 114.

## FIRST PARISH CHURCH

The church welcomes donations of food and clothing for the needy each Sunday. Pot-Luck-Family-Fun-Night, the first Fri. of each month, 6 p.m., in the parish hall. The church is located at 10 Parish St., Meetinghouse Hill.

## ALL SAINTS' PARISH

Boys (grades 3 to 6) who like music are being recruited for the choir. Membership is open to boys of all faith, regardless of religious affiliation. Rehearsals, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., with singing at the 10 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Call 617-436-3520 for an audition

## ST. GREGORY'S BOY SCOUTS


Meetings each Tues., 7 p.m., in the white building in the rear of the Grammar School, for boys ages 7 to 14. This is the scouts' 58th year in the parish!

## ST. GREGORY PARISH

The annual Parish Cookout will take place on Wed., Aug. 28, 6 to 9 p.m., in the auditorium. Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. Mark your calendars now. Those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Anointing should sit in one of the front pews on the first Sat. of each month, following the 4 p.m. Mass. The parish welcomes grocery-store gift cards for those less fortunate.

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# Staffing battle between hospitals, nurses may go to voters

By MICHAEL NORTON  
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The trade group representing nurses is pledging to put the “sweat equity” of its 23,000 members behind a push to impose statutory nurse-to-patient ratios, but hospital officials are decrying the proposal as running counter to the trend toward a health care system where providers are reimbursed based on the quality of care they deliver and patient satisfaction.

The Massachusetts Nurses Association on Monday outlined plans to press for passage of a 2014 ballot proposal if the Legislature does not act by the middle of next year to pass nurse staffing legislation, which would apply to acute care hospitals.

The proposal calls for one nurse for every four patients in medical/surgical units. In emergency departments, nurses could care for between one and three patients depending on patient conditions. Nurses in critical care units would

have between one and a maximum of two patients based on the needs of those patients. Hospitals would face a \$25,000 per day fine if they do not meet staffing standards.

According to Massachusetts Hospital Association President Lynn Nicholas, the initiative petition appears to be a “repeat of an arcane idea that has no merit.”

“A law requiring a fixed staffing formula contradicts the very principle of patient-centered care,” Nicholas said in a statement reacting to the ballot plan. “Making patient care decisions on the political stage is never a good idea. Care focused on the needs of each and every patient means making care decisions at the patient’s bedside by nurses, physicians, and other members of a professional caregiving team. Patients want decisions about their care made at the bedside, not at the ballot box.”

The nurses are turning to the ballot box after failing to pass staffing legislation over the past

15 years. They say industry consolidation has led to reductions in staff and claim Massachusetts hospitals were among the most heavily penalized by Medicare last year for preventable readmission of patients.

According to Nicholas, mandated nurse staffing ratios are “antithetical” to the movement towards integrated care models under which payments are based on quality of care and patient satisfaction. That movement was emphasized in the 2012 state law aimed at controlling the growth of health care costs.

“Massachusetts hospitals’ core objection to mandated nurse staffing ratios is that patient care is best determined by the caregiving team at the bedside, not by a government-set fixed formula,” she said. “Patient care staffing decisions should always be based on the best interest of the patient – not a number. Nurses don’t treat numbers, they treat people. Hospitals shouldn’t be required to staff by numbers, either.”

# Mayoral forums coming up

Looking to catch a mayoral candidate in action? Here is a list of upcoming forums and debates taking place over the next two months, as the city edges closer towards the Sept. 24 preliminary. If you want to submit a listing, email [newseditor@dotnews.com](mailto:newseditor@dotnews.com) with the information.

**(August 8)** DotOUT Forum Ledge, 2261 Dorchester Ave., Lower Mills 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**(August 12)** West Roxbury Candidates’ Night St. George Church, 55 Emmonsdale Rd., West Roxbury 7 p.m. Forum includes City Council candidates.

**(August 14)** Boston Globe Lab Debates 135 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester 4 p.m. John Connolly and Dan Conley

**(August 14)** Boston Globe Lab Debates 135 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester 7 p.m. Felix Arroyo, John Barros, Charles Clemons, Charlotte Golar Richie and Bill Walczak

**(August 15)** Boston Park Advocates’ Parks and Open Space Forum Franklin Park Golf Clubhouse, Dorchester 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Boston Architectural College President Ted Landsmark to moderate.

**(August 16)** “EcoForum” City Hall Plaza, Government Center 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**(August 19)** Main Street Coalition forum Strand Theatre, Dorchester 6:30 p.m. to 8:30p.m. WGBH’s Callie Crossley will moderate. More information: <http://www.mymainstreetmyboston.org/#/forum/c21kz>

**(August 22)** Youth Group Forum First Parish Church, Meetinghouse Hill, Dorchester 6 p.m. Teens from the Cape Verdean Community (CVC) UNIDO’s Youth Leadership Academy are planning the event.

**(August 27)** Ward 10 Mayoral Candidates’ Night Parks Community Building,

2 New Whitney St, Mission Park 6 p.m. **(August 29)** South End Business Alliance Forum Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont, South End 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Boston Courant is sponsoring the forum.

**(Sept. 5)** Ward 19 and Ward 5 Democratic Committees First Baptist Church, 633 Centre St 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**(Sept. 9)** Create the Vote’s Mayoral Forum on Arts, Culture, and Creativity Paramount Theatre, 559 Washington St., Boston 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**(Sept. 10)** NAACP, Kroc Center, Urban League and Commonwealth Compact Forum 650 Dudley St., Boston 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**(Sept. 10)** Coalition for Community Forum Roxbury Community College, Media Arts Center, 1234 Columbus Ave 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**(Sept. 11)** Action for Boston Community Development forum 178 Tremont St., Melnea Cass Room 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**(Sept. 11)** Boston Teachers Union Forum 180 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. *Boston* magazine’s David Bernstein to moderate.

**(Sept. 12)** Boston University School of Education Forum Tsai Performance Center, 685 Commonwealth Avenue 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**(Sept. 16)** Back Bay Association Forum Liberty Mutual Conference Center 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**(Sept. 19)** Dorchester Board of Trade Freeport Tavern, 780 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester 6:30 p.m. UMass Boston’s Professor Paul Watanabe to moderate.

**(Sept. 19)** UMass Boston’s McCormack School, The Boston Foundation and WBUR UMass Boston, Dorchester 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

# Shining link in the Emerald Necklace

(Continued from page 1) some specific goals and as time has gone by, many of them have been met, piece by piece, like some of the areas around the tees and greens.”

The marked improvement on several of the teeing grounds, notably the par-three fourth hole and par-four sixth, is one testament to the dedicated work that Heller and his grounds crew of permanent and seasonal workers keep putting into making the course more and more attractive to those who come by for a game.

It was not that long ago that a player approaching the fourth tee, which sits high above the bunker-enclosed green some 190 yards away at the bottom of a steep hill, would be using one of his clubs to hammer his tee into the surface of a small and ragged patch of hard dirt. Today, golfers tee off from a flat section of turf that is mindful of a well-tended front lawn. The same is the case at the sixth hole and several others.

But the Devine course, with a mailing address

in Dorchester, offers more than attractive tees over its 116 acres, which are set inside the 527-acre Franklin Park, a key section of Frederick Law Olmsted’s Emerald Necklace that is a neighbor to five city neighborhoods, Dorchester, Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, and Forest Hills. On Tuesday morning, the layout, a product of the architectural genius of the famed early 20th-century golf course designer Donald Ross, was verdantly clothed as far as the eye could see (“We are lucky for the setting we have” said Heller looking out to large sections of the course that get 100 percent of the sun’s delivery every day). A playing tour of the course a few days earlier was a walk across neatly kept grass-full fairways, playable bunkers, and greens that are tricky but puttable. In short, the Devine course is a treat for the golfing set, a what-you-see-is-what-you-get par 70 of some 6,000 yards in length from the back tees that is an attractive, straight-

forward challenge for golfers of all ages and talents. As for amenities, PGA professional Kevin Frawley offers players a fully stocked golf shop (and opportunities for lessons) and the inside grille makes lunches to order at reasonable prices.

The course at Franklin Park, which was established in 1896 as the second-oldest public track in the country (after Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx), has seen its ups – in the early years, legendary golfers like Bobby Jones and Francis Ouimet logged time on the grounds, which were also favored by the business and political elite – and its downs – from mid-20th century on, especially the decades of the ‘60s, ‘70s,

and ‘80s, the course found itself in the midst of dramatic social changes and a city in crisis over school busing; at one point, only four holes were playable.

But thanks to a small, dedicated group of local golfers, whose members held the fort over the long decline, and the city, which, under Mayors Raymond L. Flynn and, for the past 20 years, Thomas M. Menino, moved to reclaim the course, and its cousin in Hyde Park, for the

common good, golfers in 2013 have for the taking a gem of link in the Emerald Necklace at Franklin Park.

And that “taking” comes at a modest cost for the times: City residents pay a greens fee of \$35 for 18 holes, and \$22 for 9

holes; non-residents pay \$40 and \$25. There are lower rates for seniors and juniors. Golf cart rates are \$20 per person for 18 holes, and \$11 for 9 holes. For more such information, go to [cityofbostongolf.com](http://cityofbostongolf.com).

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon St., PO Box 9667 Boston 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU13P1700EA IN THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE J. LANGWAY DATE OF DEATH: 06/19/2013

To all interested persons: A petition has been filed by: Mary Ellen Hopewell of Easthampton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that: Mary Ellen Hopewell of Easthampton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond. 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 proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 08/22/2013.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG First Justice of this Court. Date: July 19, 2013 Patricia M. Campatelli Register of Probate

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET PO BOX 9667, BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OR PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR Docket No. SU06P1769GM1 IN THE INTERESTS OF IZAIHA A. MARCELINA and SAIHRAN LEON BOTH OF DORCHESTER, MA MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties 1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Joan Baez of Dorchester, MA on 05/02/2013 will be held 09/13/2013 09:00 AM Review Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 – Family Service Office. 2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court, and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. 3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. 4. Presence of the Minor at hearing: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor’s best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. July 30, 2013 Sandra Giovannucci Register of Probate

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# RECENT OBITUARIES

**MILLER, Walter W.** of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester and South Boston. Son of Marguerite A. (Von Shoppe) Miller of Weymouth and the late Robert J. Father of Lisa, Mark, Walter, William, Paul, and Dawn. Proud "Papa" of many, including his precious Jessica, who predeceased him in 1993. Brother of Edward, Debra, Linda, Patrick, Janice, Mary, Thomas, Tina, and the late Gregory and Robert. Survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Walter also leaves the love of his life, Mary W. Daley, and her extended family. Wally was a grateful Friend of Bill W. and retired mem-

ber of Laborers Local #223. Wally's death will be mourned by many. Donations in his memory may be made to South Boston Boys & Girls Club, 230 West 6th St., South Boston, MA 02127.

**MOREAU, Joan M.** of Dorchester and Stoughton, age 85. Sister of the late Elizabeth A. Tobin and her husband the late Edward M. Tobin. Aunt of Patricia Mitchell of RI and Edward M. Tobin of Boston and the great aunt of Brendan Mitchell of RI. Donations in Joan's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 480 Pleasant St., Watertown, MA 02472. She was a longtime employee of Liberty Mutual in Boston and a longtime

volunteer at Children's Hospital.

**SPRINGER, Harold G.** of Dorchester, MA and Antrim, NH. After a courageous fight, he gracefully retired from life but not from the hearts and memories of his family and friends at the age of 64. Born in Boston, Harold graduated from Holbrook High School. A multi-talented man, Harold worked in

Community Relations, Affirmative Action, Contract Compliance, owned his own home improvement services business, and was a MA licensed Lead and Asbestos Inspector and Monitor for the past two decades. Harold enjoyed fixing things, cooking, gardening, arranging flowers, music and being in Antrim, NH. Harold believed

deeply in mentoring, training and passing on his knowledge, in the value of humor, teamwork, living life fully and facing difficult situations courageously, optimistically and with perseverance. Harold is survived by his beloved wife Lee A. McDevitt. Father of Gregory M. Springer of Dorchester. Son of the late Vincent and Ella (Jones)

Springer. Survived by his brothers and their families Philip Springer of Brockton, Vincent Springer of FL, Gerald Springer of Brockton, John Springer of TX and the late Ronald Springer. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 9 Erie Drive, Suite 101, Natick, MA 01760.

## Neighborhood Notables

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### ST. AMBROSE CHURCH

Sovereign Bank is allowing parishioners attending Sunday Mass to park in their parking lot while at Mass. The Hispanic Community of St. Ambrose will move to St. Mark's in Sept. Bible Study meets each Monday, following the noon Mass. Sr. Damien leads the study on the coming week's liturgy readings, with refreshments. All are welcome.

### ST. ANN CHURCH

Feast of the Annunciation (holyday): Mass at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Thurs., Aug. 15. Fr. Sean's temporary replacement will be Fr. Michael Banks, ofm, Cap. Voice, piano, guitar, violin, and viola lessons are now available. See the flyers at the rear door of the church. St. Ann's Knitters will meet in the fall. A selection of children's books is available during Mass. Register online at our website. Reunion of Class of 1964, St. Ann School, scheduled for fall, 2013; contact cfmahoney@cmcast.net or jimnymac1950@aol.com with names of graduates.

### ST. BRENDAN CHURCH

Masses for the Feast of the Annunciation (holyday): on Wed., Aug. 14, 7 p.m. Vigil Mass, and at 9 a.m. on Thurs., Aug. 15. Men's clothing is still

needed for the Long Island Shelter for the Homeless: shirts, pants, sweatshirts, sweaters, coats, jackets, rainwear, footwear, belts, hats, and white sox. The Food Pantry is in great need of non-perishable food. Please be generous.

### ST. CHRISTOPHER PARISH

Small faith groups have resumed on Thursdays, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Contact Celia or call Louise at 617-834-9127. Rosary (in Spanish) each Thurs., from 6 to 8 p.m. Call Jose at 617-541-3402.

### ST. MARK PARISH

A small Food Pantry has been set up by the St. Vincent de Paul Society; come to the rectory on the third Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to receive a bag of groceries. Items needed are toilet tissue, paper towels, cleaners (Ajax, SOS, etc.) and shampoos, soaps, etc. A Holy Hour, each Monday, from 6 to 7 p.m., in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, in the church. A Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, the 13th of each month, May through Oct., in the chapel. All are welcome.


### DOT HOUSE SENIOR GUYS & GALS

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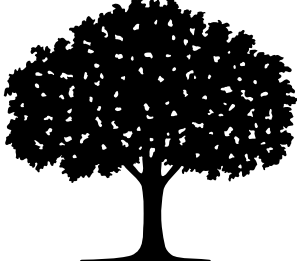


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## LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU13P1781EA IN THE ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER CONNOLLY DATE OF DEATH: JUNE 15, 2011 SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114 617-788-8300

To all persons interested in above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Maryellen Fleming of Braintree, MA. Maryellen Fleming of Braintree, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU13C0297CA IN THE MATTER OF ANDREW THOMAS SMITH of DORCHESTER, MA In the County of SUFFOLK NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Apetition has been presented by Jennifer Callanan requesting that Andrew Thomas Smith be allowed to change his name as follows:

ANDREW THOMAS PRAY

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON October 10, 2013.

Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.  
 August 1, 2013  
 Patricia M. Campatelli  
 Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU13C0296CA IN THE MATTER OF MATTHEW PATRICK SMITH of DORCHESTER, MA In the County of SUFFOLK NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Apetition has been presented by Jennifer Callanan requesting that Matthew Patrick Smith be allowed to change his name as follows:

MATTHEW PATRICK PRAY

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON October 10, 2013.

Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU13D1093DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING JERRICA TEJADA vs. ANGEL TEJADA

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage pursuant to G.L. c. 208, Sec. 1B. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jerrica Tejada, Unknown, Unknown, XX your answer, if any, on or before 08/29/2013. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: June 25, 2013  
 Patricia M. Campatelli  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU09W1267 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION RALPH M. PASQUARELLO, Plaintiff vs. STEPHANIE M. MAYO, Defendant

To the above named Defendant: A Complaint for has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Ralph M. Pasquarello, seeking a Complaint for Modification.

You are required to serve upon: Ralph M. Pasquarello, plaintiff, whose address is 761 Broadway, Apt. 2, Everett, MA 02149 your answer on or before **September 26, 2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, JOHN M. SMOOT, JOAN P. ARMSTRONG Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 24th day of July, 2013.  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION Docket No. SU13W1487 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION ROSA MONTEIRO, Plaintiff vs. ARMINDO OLIVIERA, Defendant

To the above named Defendant: A Complaint for has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Rosa Monteiro, seeking a Complaint for Support-Custody-Visitation pursuant to G.L. c. 209C.

You are required to serve upon: Rosa Monteiro, plaintiff, whose address is 15 Cameron St., #3, Boston, MA 02125 your answer on or before **September 19, 2013**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, JOHN M. SMOOT, JOAN P. ARMSTRONG Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 12th day of July, 2013.  
 Patricia M. Campatelli  
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon St., PO Box 9667 Boston 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON GENERAL PROBATE PETITION Docket No. SU13P1655PO IN THE ESTATE OF IN RE: JOHN BUI TRAN

To all interested persons:

A petition has been filed by: Benjamin Henthorne of Falmouth, MA requesting declare Mr. John Bui Tran Deceased, under M.G.L. ch. 190B s. 1-107, and order a Death Certificate to be issued or the equivalent thereof.

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 proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on **08/29/2013**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG First Justice of this Court.  
 Date: July 24, 2013  
 Patricia M. Campatelli  
 Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT SUFFOLK, ss. CASE NO. SU1380063PP

TO Joseph S. Martell of Boston in the County of Suffolk and to Owen Loan Services, LLC of Fort Washington in the State of Pennsylvania and to all other persons interested.

Apetition has been presented to said Court by Colleen A. Hartnett of 14 Newhall Street, Dorchester, MA, in the County of Suffolk representing that she holds as tenant in common an undivided one half part or share of certain land lying in Dorchester in said Suffolk County, and briefly described as follows: 18 Claymont Terrace, Unit Two (2) a/k/a 16 Claymont Terrace, Unit 2, Dorchester, MA 02122. In condominium known as 16-20 Claymont Terrace Condominium setting forth that she desires that all of said land may be sold at private sale for not less than Three Hundred Twenty Thousand dollars and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 22nd day of August, 2013, the return day of this citation.

Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG First Judge of said Court, this 19th day of July, 2013.  
 Patricia M. Campatelli  
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# REPORTER'S CALENDAR

**Thursday, August 8**

• The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum hosts its Neighborhood Night — free for all neighbors in Dorchester — starting at 5 p.m. at 280, The Fenway. Tickets are free but limited to Museum capacity and can be picked up at the door each free evening. See [gardnermuseum.org](http://gardnermuseum.org)

• The state's Department of Conservation and Recreation and WBZ Radio sponsors free Friday movies for families at Pope John Paul II Park in Neponset on Thursdays in August. For more information and movie titles, call 617-787-7200 or visit [cbsboston.com/flicks](http://cbsboston.com/flicks). Films start at sundown.

• Elder Service Plan hosts a community block party sponsored by Elder Service Plan and the Boston Police Area B-3, Apple Orchard neighborhood group at Elder Service Plan, 1135 Morton St. Mattapan, MA 02126. Food, Music and entertainment from the neighborhood kids. For more info call 617-533-2496.

**Saturday, August 10**

• Come Explore the Dudley Village Campus at this year's Multicultural Festival organized by the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI). The annual Festival starts at noon and is a fun day for neighborhood families, with activities celebrating the rich diversity of the Dudley neighborhood, food, music, games and moon-bounces and it is also the culmination of a summer of hard work on the part of DSNI's youth. The event is free and open to the public.

**Sunday, August 11**

• Harbor Health Service's third annual Community Party in honor of National Health Center Week begins at 1 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. RSVP by 8/8 to [marketing@hhsi.us](mailto:marketing@hhsi.us) Free ice cream, music and games, meet Wally the Green Monster, and much more.

**Wednesday, August 14**

• Dorchester House Multi-Service Center and Boston Medical Center hosts luncheon and talk: "Fall Prevention" with Megan Young, MD, Geriatric Medicine, 11 a.m. Send questions and RSVP to Mary at 617-740-2419 or [mary.truong@dorchesterhouse.org](mailto:mary.truong@dorchesterhouse.org).

**Thursday, August 15**

• The Upham's Corner Health Center will hold its 8th annual Open House for their Community Connections and Home Health HIV Services Program from 1-4 p.m. at the Strand Theatre. The free event will feature Charles "Poncho" Brown and colleagues from health center's HIV Program Services, along with a performance by Gil White's Jazz208, refreshments and more.

• Parks and Open Space Mayoral Forum, Franklin Park Clubhouse. Come join representatives from close to 100 organizations who care about greenspace in Boston. Moderated by Ted Landsmark, President of the Boston Architectural College with confirmations from all but one of the 12 candidates. For more information on the forum and the latest on the election, go to: [www.bostonparks.org](http://www.bostonparks.org) or call 617-442-4141. Sponsored by Boston Park Advocates.

**Saturday, August 17**

• The Upham's Corner Street Festival is from 12-5 p.m. on Stoughton Street. Activities will include live music on a stage, food vendors, local arts vendors, family-friendly activities, information tables, and more! For more information or if you are interested in setting up as a vendor, please email [max@uphamscorner.org](mailto:max@uphamscorner.org) or call 617-265-0363.



Dorchester youngsters Eli Costa, Jacob Roach, Matheo Gomes, and Samantha Weathers drew plants and flowers with the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's Plantmobile at last year's ParkARTS Boston Children's Festival hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. The Festival returns to Franklin Park on Tuesday, August 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call 617-635-4505. Photo courtesy Boston Parks and Recreation Dept.

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#### Quality Education:

- As a Boston School Committee member, John fought for eliminating the achievement and opportunity gaps. He was a member of the Boston Public Schools English Language Learners Task Force and Data Working Group to improve the ability for BPS to serve all students and work with partners during and after school time.

#### Economic Development:

- As Executive Director of Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative John, ensured residents benefited from trade jobs and contracts created by construction projects in the neighborhood. In one project alone over \$14 million in contracts were awarded to local business.

#### Environmental Justice:

- As a neighbor, John worked to close 17 illegal trash transfer stations, clean vacant lots and increase green space in the neighborhood.

### As Mayor John will lead:

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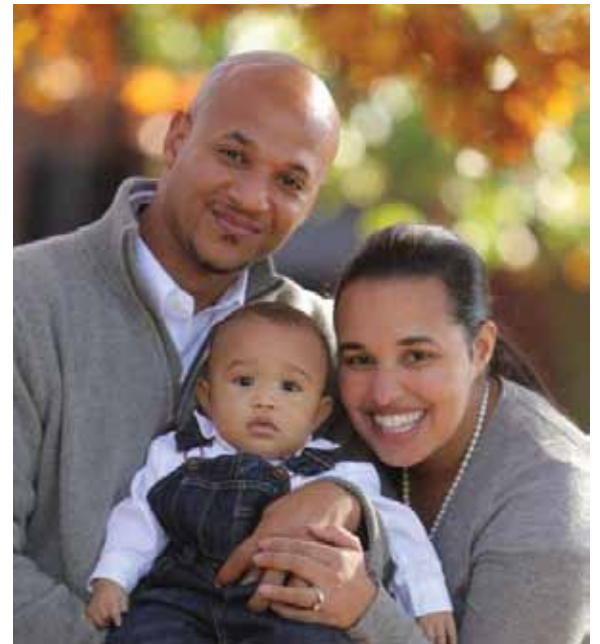
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