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#### MassDOT issues draft report on Morrissey corridor project

By SETH DANIEL AND BILL FORRY REPORTER STAFF

A state-led commission focused on the reconstruction of the Morrissey Boulevard corridor from South Boston to Neponset has issued a "draft" of its final report for public review. The 181-page document was posted on a staterun website Thursday night.

A public meeting to discuss the report—and next steps—will be held on Thurs., March 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hilton Inn Express Bos-

ton hotel next to South Bay Mall, according to a statement from MassDOT, the state agency that has led the commission's work since Nov. 2023.

The draft offers new images and details about key elements of potential improvements, including proposed flood mitigation efforts between UMass Boston and Freeport Street. It seems to take heed of negative community feedback against the addition of a sea wall—12 feet high in some places—that would have run along the

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#### Rep. Lynch calls Trump a 'clear and present danger to democracy'

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Staff

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch denounced President Trump and his administration during a two-hour virtual town hall meeting for his district held via Zoom last week.

"Let me just say at the outset that President Trump's actions and those of his administration from beginning to end represent a clear and present danger to our democracy," said Lynch, a South Boston Democrat and member of Congress since 2001. "I honestly feel that way. A danger to our basic rights, our basic

"He has seriously undermined our standing in the world."

freedoms. In addition to damaging us internally and domestically, I think he has seriously undermined our standing in the world and that's a full stop right there."

Held about 100 days into

Trump's second presidential term, Lynch's town hall was one of scores conducted across the country by members of Congress from both parties in recent weeks. Many of them have drawn loud protests and sharp rebukes from constituents enraged by Trump policies from immigration crackdowns to tariffs

to widespread cuts to the federal work force.

Lynch says he's alarmed by what he has seen so far and by what's likely to come. House Republicans, he said, have passed a budget resolution that will cut billions of dollars from federal programs overseen by the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

"When they passed the budget resolution, the Republicans' (Continued on page 12)



Two of the Fairlawn Estates buildings along Bismarck Street that are part of the deal in which Related Beal bought out controversial owner DSF Group, with a \$10 million assist from the city's last pandemic funding. Seth Daniel Photo

#### New owner, affordability plan for Mattapan's Fairlawn Estates

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

Fairlawn Estates, a large rental housing development in Mattapan, has been purchased by a Boston company that plans to keep all of its 347 units "affordable" with the help of a \$10 million grant from the city of Boston. The acquisition, which closed last Friday, was announced during a press

conference at the complex off Cummins Highway on Monday morning.

The new owner is Related Beal, which has agreed to buy out the ownership stake in the apartment village from DSF Group for \$90 million in addition to the city's \$10 million, according to Boston housing officials familiar with the deal

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A member of the Boston Police Gaelic Column played the bagpipes as he marched with fellow officers and band members up Broadway in 2022. *Chris Lovett photo* 

#### South Boston parade kick off set for new time – 11:30 a.m. on Sunday

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Staff

South Boston's annual parade, a dual celebration of St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day that will kick off on Sun., March 16, will begin an hour-and-a-half earlier than past years as elected officials and parade organizers attempt to curb the unruly behavior that has marred the event in recent years.

The parade will commence from its customary starting point by Broadway MBTA station at 11:30 a.m., according to state Sen. Nick Collins and City Councillor Ed Flynn, who both called for reforms to the parade after a string of assaults, overcrowding, and other incidents along and near the parade route last year.

In a statement to The Reporter, Collins said, "The parade will be starting earlier this year in an attempt to get a better handle on the tomfoolery. Last year, there were regrettable moments at the parade that we don't want to see repeated this time around."

Flynn will serve as the parade's general chairman and the chief marshal is Allana Devlin Ball, a South Boston native who is a retired US Navy Lt. commander.

"Following last year's unacceptable violence and public drinking at the Evacuation Day Parade," said Flynn, "I convened a monthly meeting and task force with the South Boston elected officials, South Boston Allied War Vet-

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# Wu urges Carney owner to reverse 'misguided' medical building closing

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Mayor Wu is urging the company that owns the Carney Hospital campus to reverse its decision to terminate lease agreements for doctors currently caring for patients in a medical office building behind the closed-down hospital on Dorchester Avenue.

In a letter sent on Tuesday (March 11) to Apollo Global Management and its lawyer, Wu and her top health official —Dr. Bisola Ojikutu—warned that the decision by an Apollo affiliate to order doctors to vacate the Seton Medical Building by May 22, 2025—breached a promise made to city officials that Apollo "would

refrain from taking additional adverse actions that would cause further deterioration of the campus and buildings during this time."

They added: "On behalf of the approximately 10,000 Dorchester area residents who are continuing to receive needed care in the [Seton], we ask that you reverse these misguided terminations immediately and we request a meeting with Apollo to discuss the matter within the wee."

The letter is the latest in a series of public statements on the Carney property from Wu, who has been adamant that the largely shuttered campus be reused for health care purposes in the future. She and Gov. Healey

set up a 33-member "working group" last November that is expected to issue a series of recommendations this month about what should happen next at the Carney site.

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#### Police, Courts & Fire



#### Police seek IDs of 2 men who got into victim's home on Adams St. by posing as 'city workers'

Boston Police detectives have asked for the public's help to identify two men suspected in an armed home invasion on Tuesday afternoon (March 4) at 447 Adams St. in Dorchester. Police say the two suspects 'posed as city workers to gain entry into an elderly victim's residence, where they restrained the victim, placed duct tape over their mouth, and brandished a black firearm.

One suspect is described as "a white male with a heavy build, wearing a high-visibility neon yellow jacket, a black hooded sweatshirt with an American flag print on the front, a white hard-shell helmet, dark-colored jeans, black sneakers with white soles, a black mask, and carrying a black string cinch bag with white drawstrings.

The other is described as a light-skinned male with a thin build, wearing a reversible navy blue, white, and red knit Red Sox winter hat, a matte black puffer jacket, dark blue jeans, black sneakers, and a black

Please call C-11 detectives at 617-343-4742 or 1-800-494-TIPS.

A 21-year-old Georgia man was arrested last week and charged in a 2023 murder on Columbia Road, according to Boston Police. The 33-year-old victim— Daniel Mayers of Haverhill— was shot to death on May 22, 2023, just before 5 p.m. in the 200 block of Columbia Road.

Amar Williams, 21, of Acada, Georgia, was arrested on March 6 at Boston Police headquarters following "an extensive investigation into the murder," police said. He has been charged with murder and carrying a firearm without a license and is expected to be arraigned in Suffolk Superior Court.

BPD says it continues to actively investigate the circumstances surrounding this murder. Anyone with information is strongly encouraged to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at 617-343-4470.

 $The Suffolk County \, District \, Attorney's \, office \, reports$ that Boston Police arrested two suspects for the murder of Mauricio Lawrence on Tennis Road in Mattapan on Feb. 4. Shavon Darby, 29, of East Weymouth, was arrested last Thursday night and was scheduled for arraignment Friday in Dorchester Municipal Court. Roberto Orlando Taylor, 28, who is already being held at the Suffolk County jail on an unrelated matter, was formally arrested March 6 and is scheduled for arraignment on March 10, according to court records.

#### Teen arrested following shooting, wild chase in Erie-Ellington area

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

Police arrested a 16-year-old from Mattapan last Wednesday (March 5) after a brazen shooting incident at Erie and Ellington Streets that upended the neighborhood from Columbia Road to Codman Square for two hours.

ShotSpotter activations went off around 6:34 p.m. and police found 28 shell casings in the street upon arrival. Police say no one was hit by gunfire, but one person was reportedly injured diving for cover behind a car.

On the scene, police say, they found a teenager who was surrounded by several other youths outside 70 Ellington St. They told police that three other teens had approached the teen on scooters and started asking questions. They fired numerous shots at him before fleeing.

A description of the suspects was broadcast, and police blocked off the road around Glenway Street. Officers canvassing the area say they encountered two scooters moving at a high rate of speed on Harvard Street about a half-mile from the scene near Greenwood Street and a railroad bridge. A passenger fell off one of the scooters during the chase and fled on foot onto Norwell Street where he tried to escape by moving onto the commuter rail tracks. He was eventually taken into custody behind a home on Norwell Street with the help of a K-9 officer and a heavy BPD response.

The scooter driver, po-

lice say, drove away from the scene and made good his escape. Police had noted an item discarded near Greenwood Street at the beginning of the chase and circled back to that scene where they located a tan-colored Canik semi-automatic firearm with an empty magazine.

The other suspects also escaped arrest despite a very active search for more than an hour with a helicopter and multiple police units in Codman Square, Talbot Avenue, Norfolk Street, and up Washington Street.

The 16-year-old Mattapan youth arrested on Norwell Street was placed under arrest on numerous firearms charges and trespassing.

#### Coalition presses BPS to halt Dever closure

A coalition of 17 educational and community organizations, including the NAACP Boston Branch, signed on to a letter last week opposing a BPS plan to close schools in Boston, including Dever Elementary on Columbia Point.

The letter comes ahead of a March 20 School Committee meeting in which the appointed board will be asked to approve the closure plan, which includes the Dever, the Roger Clap School, the John Winthrop School, and Excel South Boston High School, among others.

"Our organizations have long demanded a clear, comprehensive plan which would lay out what schools will be built, which will be closed, why, how, when, and who will be affected," read the letter. "If such a plan were in place, the community could judge whether the district's plan would help children and promote equity...Closing the Dever Elementary School is especially difficult to justify."

The letter notes that the Dever — with 444



A group of students and parents rallied in support of the Dever School during a January 13 protest outside the Mount Vernon Street school building. Seth Daniel photo

students—does not fall under the "small school category" outlined in the BPS plan. The advocates say the school's enrollment is growing, not shrinking, and that the building is near capacity.

"State officials seized control of the Dever in 2013 promising to make dramatic improvements," read the letter. "They broke that promise and now they are walking away, saying BPS can close it. We don't know when state officials were told about the closure plan, but we do know that the school communities were informed after the decision was made. School communities must be involved in making decisions that are life-changing for children, not told afterwards."

Those signing on to the letter include Black Advocates for Educational Excellence, Black Educators Alliance of

Massachusetts, Boston Network for Black Student Achievement, Black Teachers Matter, Citizens for Public Schools, Eastie Progressives, Harbor Point Community Task Force, JP Progressives, the O'Bryant High School Parent Council Executive Committee, Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH),  $Mass a chusetts Jobs \, with \,$ Justice, NAACP Boston Branch, Quality Education for Every Student, St. Stephen's Youth Programs, Save the Dever, Showing Up for Racial Justice, and Stories Inspiring Movements.

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

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A virtual public meeting hosted by the Boston Planning Dept. to discuss the proposed re-development of 35-75 Morrissey Blvd. will be held on Wed., March 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. See Page 21 for more details. **Dot Park Cleanup set** – Dorchester Park will participate in the Love Your Block Neighborhood Cleanup on Sat., April 5, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Volunteers should meet at the park's Adams Street entrance to remove litter and also rake leaves from the stone drainage systems throughout the park. Some equipment will be provided but participants are encouraged to bring gloves, rakes, and brooms, if available. Those walking to the park may want to bring



bags to pick up sidewalk trash on the way.

Dorchester's 16th annual St. Patrick's Day

Brunch to benefit the Mary Ann Brett

Food Pantry is this Saturday (March 15,)

from 9:30 to noon at St. Teresa of Calcutta

The Irish Pastoral Centre hosts its annual

St. Patrick's Day celebration at Dorches-

ter's Florian Hall this Friday (March 14)

from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St. The event begins with a Mass and

blessing of shamrocks, followed by a corned

beef dinner and music and dancing by Erin's

Melody. Tickets (\$40) must be reserved.

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bration of **St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation** Day that will kick off on Sun., March 16, will begin at 11:30 a.m, an hour-and-ahalf earlier than past years. The parade will follow its traditional route, up West Broadway from near the T station and onto East Broadway to City Point. Marchers will then turn at P street to East 4th and head back west, ending on Dorchester Street at Andrew Station. The parade will be preceded by the traditional St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, which once again will be hosted by state Sen. Nick Collins, who says the breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. and be televised on NECN, NESN, and BNN-TV and on the radio at 950 AM.

On March 17, the day after the parade, Collins and City Councillor Ed Flynn said they will take part in the Evacuation Day historical exercises at Dorchester Heights. The day begins with a 9:15 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine's chapel.

A "Raise up Our Voices in Joy and Resistance" singalong will be held at First Parish Dorchester, 10 Parish St., Dorchester on Sat., April 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It's free. Music, refreshments and a gathering for young and old. Contact First Parish at 617-436-0527.

SEND IN EVENT NOTICES TO **NEWSEDITOR@DOTNEWS.COM**  dotnews.com March 13, 2025 THE REPORTER Page 3

#### MBTA bridge repairs underway in Fields Corner

# Larger fixes set for April

By Seth Daniel News Editor

A project to repair a section of the bridge that carries the Red Line over Dorchester Avenue in Fields Corner has prompted a sidewalk shutdown that has some neighbors and merchants concerned. The topic was discussed at last week's (March 4) meeting of the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA), where leaders expressed frustration over a lack of communication about the repairs and the bridge's condi-

Responding to an inquiry from The Reporter, an MBTA spokesperson explained that the work now underway on the bridge's substructure is in advance of a project in April that will replace a walkway on the bridge that is used by personnel performing maintenance and for emergency train evacuations.

"The bridge is not structurally deficient,



Repair work is underway on this MBTA bridge in Fields Corner to replace concrete and rotten timbers on a walkway.

Seth Daniel photo

but some concrete repair work is needed to support the walkway replacement project," said Joe Pesaturo, a T spokesman. "The MBTA will also be removing the rotting timbers that will be eventually replaced by a steel structure that

supports the new walkway."

The preliminary work is being done from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., but most of the walkway work to replace the rotting timbers will take place during the announced Red Line's Ashmont branch closure

from April 1 to April 9.

The sidewalk on the west side of Dorchester Avenue was abruptly fenced off three weeks ago, forcing pedestrians to cross farther up the street in what some neighbors deemed a dangerous situation. Pesat-

uro said the T complied with a pedestrian plan approved by the city's Transportation Dept. by placing signage at Faulkner Street and elsewhere that the sidewalk is closed.

Fields Corner Main Street's director Jackey West Devine suggested that a safer crossing should be explored by state and city officials.

"This is a really pedestrian-heavy area, and we wondered if there could be a crosswalk installed at Church Street," said West at the March 4 meeting. "I wonder if the city knows about this at all... That's not something a pedestrian could or should walk around."

THE NOTEBOOK Entertainment per-

mit backed-The FCCA voted to support the Pho Que restaurant on Adams Street in its application for an entertainment license, which it has had under previous owners. Danny Lam, of Arcadia Street, who operates the restaurant, hopes to offer karaoke, variety shows, and some live music in the eatery's large back room. They would operate entertainment from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday only, Lam said.

Police matters -BPD representatives told civic members that a woman coming out of the Santander Bank in Fields Corner on Feb. 12 was approached by two men who demanded her money, or they would shoot her. "Get a job," she allegedly told them before walking away as they fled the area. Officers found one of the men on Lyons Street, and he was identified by the victim. The 22-year-old Dorchester man faces charges.

•A commercial burglary was reported at MetroPCS Store at 1442 Dorchester Ave. overnight on Feb. 6. The suspect gained access to the security grates, got inside and pulled them down for cover. The suspect stole \$10,000 in merchandise, according to a BPD report.

• On Feb. 16, officers responded to 5 Toledo Terrace for a report of a person with a gun who was spotted in a third floor lobby. Police say the man jumped from a window in an attempt to flee, dropping the .22 calibre, loaded firearm in the process. The 19-year-old man was taken to the hospital for evaluation and will face charges for illegal gun possession.

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#### South Boston parade kick off set for new time - 11:30 a.m. on Sunday

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erans Council and city and state agencies, including the Boston Police Department, the Massachusetts State Police, MBTA Transit Police, and the Boston Parks Department, among others.

"This task force and partners in the community have met multiple times since then to prepare and discuss public safety for all and restore a family-friendly environment at this year's parade."

The parade will follow its traditional route, up West Broadway from near the T station and onto East Broadway to City Point. Marchers will then turn at P street to East 4th and head back west, ending on Dorchester Street at Andrew Station.

Flynn added this note about the proceedings on March 16: "I have made it a priority to ensure that the focus of the parade returns to Evacuation Day and honoring our veterans, military families, first responders, as well as our proud immigrant history and families that came to our city in search of a better life.

"As the City of Boston is down approximately 130 officers this year, law enforcement will collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions to ensure that all visitors respect the rule of law and the people of South Boston. I expect all visitors to respect the rule of law and act accordingly. It is critical that we ensure a family-friendly event to honor our veterans and military families."

The parade will be preceded by the traditional St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, which once again will be hosted by Sen. Collins, who says the breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. and be televised on NECN, NESN, and BNN-TV and on the radio at 950 AM. Featured guests will include federal, state, and local elected officials, military officials, and a special guest speaker from the Irish government, Peter Burke, te Minister for Enterprise, Tourism, and Employment. The 42-year-old Doyle is a native of Mullingar who has served as an elected member of the Dail since 2016.

Collins said he expects Boston's still-developing mayoral election will be the center of much attention and jabs at the breakfast. "The mayoral race is on everyone's mind," he said Collins, who noted that "the enthusiasm from volunteers, participants, and sponsors has shone through" as he prepares for this year's breakfast.

The celebrations surrounding the St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day holiday requires months of planning and unfold over several weeks in and around South Boston. The festivities began on March 1 with the annual Jimmy Flaherty Kickoff Breakfast at Seapoint Bar & Grill. The days following included competitions in the boxing ring at Peter Welch's Gym, on the Tynan School basketball court, and at the Murphy Skating Rink.

On Wed., March 12, Councillor Flynn, along with his council colleagues Erin Murphy and John Fitzgerald of Dorchester, hosted an Irish flag-raising ceremony open to the public on City Hall Plaza at 10:30 a.m.

On March 17, the day after the parade, Flynn and Collins said they will take part in the Evacuation Day historical exercises at Dorchester Heights, the National Park site where colonial troops under the command of Gen. George Washington took up a fortified position that prompted British forces to leave Boston under the threat of an artillery bombardment in 1776.



A view of the South Boston St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day parade as seen in March 2022 shows a large group of spectators along East Broadway in front of The Playwright, a popular bar and restaurant.

\*\*Chris Lovett photo\*

#### OFFICIAL ROUTE OF 2025 South Boston Evacuation Day/St. Patrick's Day Parade



Start Broadway Station up West Broadway continue onto East Broadway take a Right on P St then Right onto East 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Follow East 4<sup>th</sup> Street left onto K Street and then right onto East 5<sup>th</sup> St. Continue up East 5<sup>th</sup> and take left onto G Street. Stay to left of South Boston HS onto Thomas Park follow Thomas Park and take a left onto Telegraph St. Down Telegraph Street Left onto Dorchester Street. Follow Dorchester St until you arrive at Parade ending in Andrew Sq

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Collins, along with community members will meet at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club Auditorium and then walk to the base of Dorchester Heights to lay a wreath. The day begins with a 9:15 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine's chapel.

Other events planned in Southie in March include the annual Tom & Eddie Butler St. Patrick's Senior Salute at the Curley Community Center on Sat., March 8, at 11 a.m., which is followed by a boxing tournament at Peter

Welch's Gym (doors open at 11:30 a.m.). On Sun., March 9, from noon to 3 p.m., it's the Pop Lynch Bowl-A-Rama at South Boston Candlepin. (Must be 21 to attend.) On Tues., March 11, a swimming competition at the Edgerley Family Boys & Girls Club will start at 6 p.m. The Murphy Skating Rink will be the scene for an "Ice-O-Rama" event on Wed., March 1,2 at 6 p.m. The James F. Condon School will host an athletic competition on Thurs., March 13, 4 p.m. On Friday, March 14 from 4-8 p.m., it's the Timothy "Doc" Cook Shamrock Showdown at the Murphy Rink. The evening of March 14 is also the time of the South Boston Citizens Association 145th Evacuation Day Banquet at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

On Sun., March 16, the Edgerley Family South Boston Boys & Girls Club St. Patrick's Day 5K Road Race starts at 9:30 a.m.

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#### Stage is set for Dermot Kennedy's 2-day 'Misneach' fest in Boston

Dermot Kennedy's global Irish music festival comes to Boston for a two-day turn on March 18-19. The Co. Dublin native's "emerging artist showcase" at the Brighton Music Hall on March 18 is already sold out. But there are some seats still available for his headlining show the next night at TD Garden. The 32-yearold singer and songwriter

fest a few days before in music and our heri-Sydney, Australia.

Kennedy sat with Boston Irish last fall to talk about the inaugural festival, which he sees as a re-invention of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations that he has seen elsewhere. The name "Misneach," (pronounced mish-nyach) means "courage.'

"I think in Ireland,

tage and our culture," he said, name-checking artists like Van Morrison, Sinead O'Connor, and Thin Lizzy. "And so just on that celebration around St. Patrick Day, I wanted to make sure that's what we're celebrating. I think there's so many artists at home that people might not be aware of that are so talDermot Kennedy discussed his "Misneach" Irish music festival plans with The Reporter last November at The Abbey, the Brookline pub and restaurant owned by Damien Dowling. Seth Daniel photo

just deserve to be heard. So, it's a lovely thing to put together, honestly."

He added: "We're so proud of that culture that still exists and there's still so much excitement in Irish music, but it just seems like a good opporAnd, even if Boston and Sydney is just the beginning, like to have a global celebration of Irish music and culture— there's a big opportunity there."

Tickets for the March 19 TD Garden concert featuring Dermot Ken-



Ye Vagabonds, and Nell Mesca start at \$49.50. Go to misneachfestival.



#### Hundreds gathered at City Hall to support Wu, and immigrants

#### By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Staff

Alarge gathering made its way to City Hall plaza last Wednesday morning (March 5) for a rally organized to support immigrant communities and Mayor Wu as she was beginning a long day of testimony and questioning in front of a Congressional Oversight committee in Washington, D.C.

The event – billed as a "Stand Out in Solidarity with Immigrant Communities" — included remarks from elected officials and advocates who spoke passionately about the fear building among many Bostonians who see the Trump administration's evolving policies aimed at deportation as a menace to the city at large.

Many led chants like: "This is what democracy looks like!" and "Say it loud, say it clear, immigrants are welcome here!"

Said City Councillor-at-Large Julia Mejia, who organized the event: "We are here supporting our mayor who is in DC fighting for our rights. My mother was undocumented. I know what it's like to live in fear. In 2016 when the occupant of the White House was elected, my six-year-old daughter, the first thing she asked



Hundreds of pro-immigrant supporters held signs and led chants in support of Mayor Wu and Boston's law enforcement policies. *Cassidy McNeeley photo* 



A rallier in support of Mayor Wu, left, and an anti-Wu protestor clashed on Boston City Hall Plaza on Wed., March 5, 2025. Sam Drysdale/SHNS photo

me was if we were going to have to leave."

Later, Mejia told The Reporter: "Boston is standing on its values and supporting people who are afraid to even go food shopping or go to church. I think this is the sort of stuff that we need to realize that Boston stands with immigrant communities and we're not afraid."

"This is our city," said City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, echoing a line used by Wu minutes earlier during a five-minute opening statement to a Congressional committee. The daughter of Haitian immigrants, Louijeune told the crowd: "Our city is stronger, and it is safer because of our immigrant residents."



A pro-Wu supporter used a sign to get her point across. Cassidy McNeeley photo

Maroni Minter, political director with the MIRA Coalition and a self-proclaimed proud immigrant, praised Wu's courage and solidarity.

"Mayor Wu, time and time again, you have shown up, you have stood with us, you have shown that you have our back and MIRA wants you to know we have your back," Minter said to the crowd. "We also want to thank the Boston city council for standing on the right side of history."

Ann Philbin of Roslindale said she turned out to show support for immigrant neighbors and the mayor.

"I'm hoping that Mayor Wu can actually state factually and morally the important situation in Boston and that we have with the Boston Trust Act, so people realize things are getting better in terms of criminal activity because of it and that, it's a positive to keep everybody safe, "said Philbin.

City Councillor Liz Breadon, who emigrated to Boston from Northern Ireland and represents Allston-Brighton, said: "It's a very sad reflection on this great country if we have to stand out here and do this today, but we are in solidarity with our immigrant friends, neighbors, and family members."

Luz Zambrano, who emigrated to the United States 34 years ago and now lives in East Boston, said she's

been here "longer than I had lived in my country.

Immigrants need the opportunity to show what they know because a lot of us maybe come for reasons that are out of our control like wars and stufflike that. But a lot of us come with experiences, with knowledge, with energy, with visions and we just want the space to develop those things not just for our good but the good of the whole society," said Zambrano.

Of Mayor Wu, she said: "She has put her face in it, she's there. She comes to the neighborhoods, she came to East Boston where I live, she went to Chelsea, neighborhoods who are primary immigrants and she heard the stories of people and I think that's what she's bringing to Washington now."

"We have rights. We have the right as a human being to be where we feel safe," she said.

Kevin Brown, a member of the labor union SEIU 32BJ, was one of many in the crowd who led a chant of "U-S-A."

"We have to have more American flags at our next rally and I'm going to bring one myself because Ilove this country. Immigrants love this country. Immigrants come here because they want to be here, they want to pursue the American dream."

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#### Savin Hill neighbors oppose MBTA billboard





An existing MBTA-owned static billboard near S. Sydney Street and facing the Savin Hill Station platform has been proposed for a conversion to an illuminated digital board. Neighbors are adamantly against the proposal by Seth Daniel photo

#### By Seth Daniel News Editor

An MBTA plan to convert an existing static billboard at Savin Hill station to an electronic board facing the Southeast Expressway is getting push-back from neighbors.

The sign at S. Sydney Street and Bay Street adjacent to the Savin Hill station platform helps the T generate revenue, with the agency saying it can make four- to five times the revenue by going digital.

"The MBTA has applied to convert the existing static billboard to digital," read a state-ment from the T to The Reporter. "The MBTA also uses digital billboards for MBTA-related content, service information, and public safety messages such as Amber alerts. Revenue from billboards helps fund the MBTA's critical  $maintenance\, and\, service$ 

delivery needs."

A spokesman for the T said a site visit was conducted late last month with the state Office of Outdoor Advertising (OOA), which has oversight in the process of locating and converting billboards. The agency expects to schedule a hearing with the OOA next month.

The Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association (CSHCA) will stand against the switch, according to president Bill Walczak.

"The CSHCA is absolutely opposed to turning that billboard into a digital billboard," he said in an interview. "There are several homes directly across from it and it will be disastrous for those people to deal with that kind of lighting 24-hours a day. In this case, we are taking a very strong stand against this one because it would introduce a very uncomfortable and diffi-

cult situation for those who live across from it. And in general, we are against them building up the corridor with billboards in Dorchester – enough already."

A digital billboard conversion on private property adjacent to Boston Bowl drew the ire of neighbors in Port Norfolk in 2023, and that resulted in a major battle that landed in court. The most recent hearing in Superior Court came last month due to a deadlock between the neighbors, the attorney general's Office, and the applicant.

Meanwhile, a billboard conversion on the exterior of the Polish American Citizen's Club on Boston Street (facing the highway) also played out in a long Zoning Board of Appeal and court battle. That billboard was just installed last month after three years of back and

#### Porpoise sighted in Port Norfolk creek

Passersby captured images of a harbor porpoise swimming and surfacing in Pine Neck Creek next to Tenean Beach in Port Norfolk on Monday of this week. Harbor porpoises have the appearance of a dolphin, but unlike that other sea mammal, they

are more likely to swim into shallow inlets like the creek, which empties into Dorchester Bay. The porpoise was seen leaving the creek and heading into the deeper harbor waters as low tide set in yesterday afternoon.

Photo courtesy Tim Czerwienski



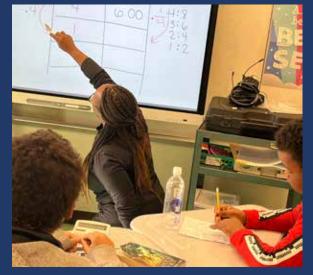


IVERSITY PROGRAMS

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Applications are open for the Bilingual Education/Accelerated Community To Teacher (BE/ACTT) program. BE/ACTT is a free, one-year pre-practicum program designed for career switchers, substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, and others looking to become teachers of record in BPS. There is no requirement to be bilingual to participate. Deadline to apply is April 11, 2025.



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#### Fields Corner Civic hears about plans and progress on 1975 Memorial project

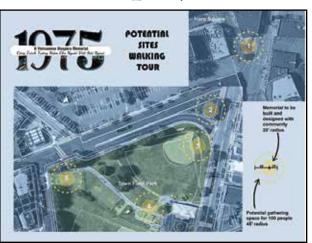
#### By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Members of the "1975: A Vietnamese Diaspora Memorial" project appeared at the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) last month to formally present their plans to the group. Their presentation received rave reviews, and support for locating the memorial somewhere on Town

A community petition started about one month ago already has more than 600 signatures on it to show a wave of support for the memorial and a Town Field site said organizers. Added one of them, Linh-Phong Vu: "We're getting a lot of momentum and support for this. It's not a fun project; it's a

memorial to remember. "The community has been here for 50 years, and we don't have a memorial for the Vietnamese diaspora community here. That's an issue and a need and we're looking forward to making this happen."

The project involves a collaboration of community individuals, including Ngoc-Tran Vu, Linh-Phong Vu, Kathy Le, Debbie Nguyen, Tommy Nguyen, and Loi Huynh. The idea is to locate a memorial to those who came to Dorchester from Vietnam after the fall of Saigon, and those who never made it here as well. A push is on this year to honor the Vietnamese Americans who came here as they get older. Some of them have already passed away, said Linh Vu.



Some of the proposed sites in Town Field for the memorial.

The group noted they are entering Stage 3 of their efforts, which is to permit and choose a site for the memorial – with the preferred site being Town Field and a potential alternate site at Hero Square at the confluence of Adams Street and Dorchester Avenue.

As of now, the group hasn't received definite answers from the city as to whether their memorial will be included in the upcoming redesign of Town Field, and that is a key reason for the petition and the publicity.

"Right now, it's at a standstill," said Ngoc-Tran Vu, the artist who designed the memorial. "There's not much progress...It's not a pushback but a period where things are in flux. The petition is to show our numbers and build us up to where it's known this is a priority." She said specifically

they want the city to know that for the group, the memorial is a priority in the Town Field renovation plans, and that means having the city confirm it will be in the plans for the new park.

Linh-Phong Vu also pointed out that none of the proposed sites on Town Field will eat into any existing recreation areas like the softball field or basketball courts. She also that the All Dorchester Sports League is on board with them.

"I agree that it should be placed in a location that does it most justice - a space that can be shared," said FCCA President Shamia Hicks.

The plan now is to install a temporary memorial this summer in Town Field as a preview of the



A rendering of the proposed "1975: A Vietnamese Diaspora Memorial" that many hope will be sited at Town Field in Fields Corner. Organizers of the effort presented their plans and updates to the FCCA on Feb. 4.

permanent design that they hope will come later with the park renovation. The next big milestone for the 1975 organization will be marking Black Friday on April 26 – the 50th year since the fall of Saigon and the beginning of Vietnamese American diaspora settlements like Dorchester. The event is expected to draw 500 to 700 people.

#### THE NOTEBOOK

 Zeb Boutique cannabis dispensary - The proposal to locate it at the corner of Dorchester Avenue and Park Street remains a contested issue in the neighborhood. Zeb Boutique co-owner Dru Ledbetter reported the operation received unanimous approval from the Boston Cannabis Board in January, and they are waiting on a hearing date from the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA). It is expected they will soon return to the FCCA meeting for more discussion of their proposal, which has opposition from the abutting Buddhist Temple and Vietnamese organizations. FCCA leaders noted that since the proposal, the organization has increased its voting membership by more than 160 people.

 $\bullet$  Elections – The FCCA held an uneventful election process during its February meeting, unanimously agreeing to keep all officers in place. They include President Shamia Hicks, Vice President Judy Collier, Secretary Jim Doyle, and Treasurer Hiep Chu.

• Police matters - Capt. Steve Sweeney reported that a stolen car used in a daytime shooting at the corner of Bowdoin and Geneva in January was found near Fields Corner on Westville Street recently. It had been stolen from Belgrade Avenue in Roslindale and encountered a car from Randolph at the corner around 5 p.m. Each car fired weapons at the other during a very busy time of the day, but no one was hurt, Sweeney said.

Larcenies from area stores have driven up crime stats in C-11 for several months, but Sweeney noted that a new strategic technique he has deployed (specifics being withheld) has cut the numbers of larcenies in half.

 Parking study – Jackev West Devine, director of Fields Corner Main Street, reported that all of the data from last year's requested parking study has been collected, according to the city. A data analysis will help neighbors and businesses understand what can be done to prevent all-day parking by commuters - a long-standing problem in Fields Corner. One solution floated has been to add parking meters. City officials said results of the study would be folded into the Squares + Streets re-zoning effort for Fields Corner, with those efforts already underway.

• Main Streets lighting initiative – The Fields Corner Main Streets will begin its effort to bring more light and more decorative lighting to Fields Corner, like the asphalt mural that was put in place last summer. Things will have to be put on a faster timeline due to the money coming from the federal government with an expiration date near.



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# Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

#### Three Cristo Rey alumnae are hailed as 'outstanding'

Three alumnae of Cristo Rey Boston High School have been named to the 40 Under 40 list by the Cristo Rey Network National Alumni Association, which recognizes outstanding alumni from the Cristo Rey Network's 40 schools nationwide. The women chosen from the Dorchester school

Katiuska (Kati) Fernandez (CRB Class of 2011, College of the Holy Cross 2015, Syracuse



**Kelly Garcia** 

is currently the Senior



Katiuska Fernandez

Development at ESPN; University 2017), She Director and Head of Kelly Garcia (CRB '11,



Yarlennys Villaman

Holy Cross '15, Boston University '17), who is now a councillor at-Large in Chelsea, and the administrator of Excel High School East Boston; and Yarlennys Villaman (CRB '11, Holy Cross '14, Suffolk University '18), the senior director of Community Affairs in the Office of Gov. Maura Healey.

"We are incredibly proud of all our grad-uates," said Rosemary Powers, president of Cristo Rey Boston. "These young women have taken full advantage of the

ed through Cristo Rey Boston's education and Corporate Work Study Program, building professional networks and mentorship connections that have supported them throughout their careers. They embody the very essence of our mission—empowering students to achieve their career goals through academic excellence and professional work experience."

opportunities provid-

#### Unions host city teens at Celtics-Jazz game

Twenty members of the Mayor's Youth Council were special guests at Monday's Celtics-Jazz game at the TD Garden, thanks to IBEW Local 103 and the National Contractors Association (NECA) of Greater Bos-

"After an exciting first year partnering with the Celtics, IBEW Local 103 has seen just how much this program means to kids in our community," said Lou Antonellis, business manager of IBEW Local 103. "It was a night they'll never forget, filled with fun and a chance to watch the reigning NBA champions in action."



Alexis Carvajal Lorenzo, right, of the Mayor's Youth Council with his older brother Kenefy Čarvajal. Photo courtesy IBEW Local 103

The Youth Council is a citywide program that empowers and engages high school students 14-19 years old in civic leadership and community development. Its

voices of Boston's youth, foster civic engagement, and create meaningful opportunities for young people to influence city policies and initiatives.

The teens made their mission is to amplify the way onto the Jumbotron and witnessed history as Sam Hauser, who had a career-best 33-point night, became the first Celtics player to make 7 three-pointers in a single quarter.

"We're thrilled to continue this partnership with the Boston Celtics and proud to provide this opportunity to youth  $across \, the \, greater \, Boston$ area," said Kristen Gowin, executive manager of NECA Greater Boston. "We look forward to hosting more young fans and demonstrating the power of teamwork in their community."

-CASSIDY McÑEELEY

#### Boston immigration official is acting director of ICE

In just a few months, Todd Lyons has risen from running the New England field office of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement to landing the top job at the agency in Washington D.C.

Named acting director of ICE over the weekend, Lyons is taking on the role at a time when President Trump looks to ramp up deportations and has vowed to shut down the southern bor-

Lyons came to work for the ICE New England office in 2017, after

first joining the agency in Dallas in 2007. He later became assistant director of field operations for Enforcement and Removal Operations. He has worked under both Democratic and Republican presidents, navigating their various executive orders to carry out their immigration agendas.

Lyons is an alumnus of Boston College High School and attended New England College of Henniker, N.H., according to his LinkedIn profile.

-DEBORAH BECKER **WBUR** 

#### Peace lanterns line Pope John Paul II Park



Paper peace lanterns created by the students at Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy line the trailways at Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester.



Students from Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy are all smiles as they share their paper peace



Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy Regional Director, Kate Brandley, showcases a student's paper peace lantern. Campaign for Catholic Schools/Jim Scholl photos

Alongside the noise of cars zipping by on the Southeast Expressway, a more tranquil scene could be found at Pope John Paul II Park last Thursday afternoon as "peace lanterns" made by students who attend Dorchester's Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy were lit and installed in a temporary exhibition.

The annual event harnesses the artistic talents of all 1,070 students on three campuses. Each student was tasked to create a paper lantern that helped line the trailways of Pope John Paul II Park.

#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

**DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Charles A. Ufford

Charles Augustus Ufford was born on Aug. 29, 1856, to Samuel N. Ufford and Mary E. Ufford. At that time, his father, Samuel, and his uncle, Hezekiah, were operating a stove and lamp business in Boston. In the late 1870s, both his father and uncle began to operate separate wire-form businesses in Boston. One of Samuel's products was a dress form as pictured in the company's advertisement shown in today's illustration. At 24 years of age, Charles was listed in the Boston Directory as a partner in his father's business for the



first time in 1880. The factory was located in Dorchester.

In the early 1870s, Samuel Ufford built a large double house at 240 Norfolk St. Charles Ufford lived in that house for the rest of his life. He died at 73 in 1929.

Charles Ufford is con-



sidered the father of the legislation that established rapid transit service for Dorchester. Starting in 1900, almost by himself, he promoted the idea for rapid transit for Dorchester. At first, he thought there should be a connection between the Shawmut Branch



(now the T with stops at Fields Corner, Shawmut, Ashmont) and the Midland Division of the New Haven Railroad at

Mattapan (commuter rail). Later, his plan was to bring rapid transit to Dorchester along the line of the Old Colony

Railroad. In 1927, after the successful passage of legislation that brought the red line to Dorchester, he was a passenger on the trial train that rode out of Andrew Square to Fields Corner.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org, from which The Reporter derives, often through editing for space, this weekly feature.

The society's William Clapp House and James Blake House are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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#### **Editorial**

#### Mayoral musings

Afew stray observations while the bumbling fool and Putin tool that some of your cousins elected president last year tanks the economy, fires your cousin, and alienates the last of our remaining allies in Europe:

• Mayor Wu, as expected, was masterful in front of the US House Oversight Committee last week. Not only did she command the room and run circles around her Republican detractors, she did so while juggling a month-old newborn with the help of her husband, Conor. And, she also did so with a freshly smudged Ash Wednesday forehead to boot—getting a whole column of her fellow Boston Catholics in trouble with their pastors. (Thanks a lot, mayor.)

Wu told 'GBH's Margery Eagan on Tuesday that she typically receives ashes along with other Catholic city workers from a priest who comes to City Hall each year on Ash Wednesday. However, as she and her family were in the nation's capitol for the hearing, she was referred to a church near her D.C. hotel by a contact at the Archdiocese of Boston. Wu told Eagan that connecting with her faith that morning helped her stay calm ahead of the Congressional spectacle.

• Fumble on the play—While Michelle Wu stared down hostile Trumpists threatening her with criminal prosecution, her erstwhile challenger—Josh Kraft—paid a perfunctory visit to a City Hall rally organized to support immigrants and, by extension, the mayor herself. A very small group of counter-protesters, the typical crew of anti-Wu dead-enders, were also on hand.

Before peeling off, Kraft offered reporters a few words of pro-immigrant, anti-Trump sentiments, but he couldn't quite bring himself to say a simple supportive word about the city's mayor who was getting grilled under oath at that very hour. Why not say: "Hey, I've got five major policy disagreements with Mayor Wu and that's why I'm challenging her this year. But when it comes to Boston and our immigrant community, we're all on the same team and I'm grateful for her leadership on this day."

I'm grateful for her leadership on this day."
• New entrant in the race? Josh Kraft's performance on the stump — and thus far in media appearances— has been underwhelming. That might help explain why Thomas O'Brien — also a big name and deep-pocketed figure popular in the development community and a former BRA chief under Tom Menino—is seriously considering jumping in.

According to The Globe's Shirley Leung, O'Brien has been fielding calls from friends and allies who are frustrated with elements of the Wu administration – but who aren't at all sold on Kraft's viability. O'Brien has yet to form a political committee, a requisite to run. But he has time and could be a formidable candidate if he does pull the trigger.

• Domingos DaRosa, a frequent critic of Mayor Wu and many on the city council as well, has taken the step of forming an OCPF account to run for mayor, according to Commonwealth Beacon. DaRosa—who has lived in Dorchester but now calls Hyde Park home—has run for council at-large three times and finished well out of the running. But, he has been a persistent voice about woes around Clifford Park, where he's active as a youth football coach and overall advocate. He told The Reporter last month that while he wants Wu unseated, he's not comfortable with the Kraft candidacy either.

• John FitzGerald held a well-attended re-election campaign kick-off and St. Patrick's themed fundraiser at the very popular Neponset Ave. restaurant McGonagle's last week. The first-term District 3 councillor has won fans for his strong, vocal advocacy for Carney Hospital and his collaborative nature on what can sometimes be a divided council. FitzGerald got an extra boost at the McGonagle's party when an unexpected guest turned out and took the stage to introduce him: former Boston mayor and US Labor Secretary Martin J. Walsh, who FitzGerald counts as a constituent in Lower Mills.

—Bill Forry

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A sailboat named the Vinga apparently came untethered from its mooring and was beached last week next to the Beades Bridge that carries Morrissey Boulevard over the Dorchester Bay inlet and Savin Hill Cove. Fierce winds and a recent King Tide may have played a role.

\*\*Lee Toma photo\*\*

#### Realtor commission rules hurt the marginalized home buyers

By MARC SAINT CLAIR

For over half a century, significant strides have been made to increase homeownership among minorities and marginalized communities in the United States. From the Fair Housing Act of 1968 to decades of HUD initiatives and nonprofit efforts, homeownership has been a critical pathway to wealth building. However, recent developments threaten to reverse this progress, particularly for marginalized communities.

The National Association of Realtors (NAR) recently settled a lawsuit challenging the traditional real estate commission structure, where sellers paid both their agent's fee and the buyer's agent's fee. While intended to address antitrust concerns, this settlement introduces unintended consequences that disproportionately harm minority, low-income, and low-income homebuyers.

Previously, buyer agents were incentivized to assist clients from all backgrounds, as sellers covered their fees. Now, shifting this burden to buyers significantly increases upfront costs, making homeownership even more inaccessible for marginalized groups who often rely on down payment assistance. This change effectively doubles the financial barriers they face, turning homeownership into an unattainable goal

Without buyer agents, marginalized buyers may be forced to engage directly with seller agents, exposing them to increased risks of discrimination. Sellers and their agents, now interacting directly with buyers, may use personal information—such as race, gender, religion, medical, or credit history—to favor certain buyers over others, reinforcing discriminatory practices that decades of fair housing efforts sought to eliminate.

Decades of systemic discrimination have limited homeownership opportunities for lower income households. FHA loans, often used by minority buyers, come with narrower margins for error. Without buyer agents to negotiate or guide them, these buyers face greater difficulty securing fair deals. The added burden of paying buyer agent fees upfront undermines the affordability of FHA loans.

Homeownership is one of the most effective ways to build generational wealth. Creating new financial barriers will widen economic disparities and slow progress for lower income families. Direct seller-buyer interactions increase the likelihood of bias, as sellers may prioritize buyers based on personal preferences rather than objective qualifications. With buyers now responsible for agent fees, experienced agents may prioritize wealthier clients, creating a dual-tier system where marginalized buyers receive inferior representation—or none at all.

The primary beneficiaries of this lawsuit are corporations, large real estate firms, and tech-driven platforms that prioritize high-volume, low-service transactions. These entities stand to gain financially, while lower income, minorities, and first-time buyers bear the brunt of the changes.

This is a community issue. Lower homeownership rates among minorities weaken local economies, increase wealth inequality, and destabilize the housing market.

Congress has the power to level the playing field through federal legislation ensuring access to professional representation for all buyers. Requiring sellers to cover both buyer and seller agent fees would eliminate a significant barrier to entry for first-time homebuyers, particularly in historically disadvantaged communities. If legislation is not feasible, an alternative would require a substantial financial commitment—Congress would need to allocate billions annually to first-time homebuyer assistance programs to offset the inequities in the current structure.

States should establish platforms for reporting discrimination, provide educational resources on fair housing laws, and ensure accountability for discriminatory practices. Expanding literacy initiatives, housing workshops, pro bono services, and partnerships with real estate firms can help support underrepresented buyers.

Minorities, lower income, immigrants, and other underrepresented groups are vital contributors to our economy and communities. Ensuring their ability to achieve homeownership is essential not only for their progress but for the shared prosperity of all. Homeownership symbolizes opportunity and stability. We must safeguard this pathway to ensure the American Dream remains accessible for future generations.

Marc Saint Clair is a real estate broker specializing in helping first-time homebuyers, and novice investors.

#### **Letter to the Editor**

#### City should hold firm to 'Vision Zero' mission

To the Editor:

for many.

Is Boston reneging on its commitment to make our streets welcome and safe for all?

Under Mayors Menino, Walsh, Janey, and Wu, Boston has steadily added a few miles of dedicated bus and bike lanes to provide greener and more affordable transportation options and improve safety.

The results are encouraging. Speeding has gone down, especially at the most dangerous excessive speeds, in locations across the city, from Summer Street in South Boston to Centre Street in West Roxbury to Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, and the South End.

Closer to home, my own explorations of the City's Vision Zero dashboard before and after the installation of protected bike lanes on Mass Ave. show a two-thirds reduction in crashes leading to serious injuries in the first half of 2024 (the time period through which data is available for all travel modes) compared to the same period in 2022 (before the project was completed). This is consistent with

findings in other cities.

Meanwhile, there are reports in the *Boston Herald* and on the website Streetblog that the city is now considering undoing a number of these street safety improvements before we even see the results. This is being done with little public input or transparency. I am quite tuned in to what happens in the city and only found out about this a few days ago.

This is how the city of Boston's website defines it's "Vision Zero" objective: Vision Zero Boston is our commitment to focus the City's resources on proven strategies to eliminate fatal and severe traffic crashes in the City by 2030.

If this vision is to remain true, let's look closely at the changes in street safety before we start tearing down —at taxpayer expense— any of the recent infrastructure improvements.

> Vivian Girard Dorchester

#### 'I'm proud to be here on behalf of our city'

Following is the opening statement prepared for delivery by Mayor Wu before the Republican-led US House Oversight Committee in Washington on March 5:

Thank you, Chairman Comer [US Rep. James Comer, R-Kentucky] and Ranking Member Connolly [U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Virginia], and members of the committee. My name is Michelle Wu. I am the daughter of immigrants, and since November of 2021, I have had the honor of serving as mayor of Boston.

I'm proud to be here on behalf of our city, the police officers, first responders, city workers, the faith leaders, teachers, parents and neighbors who partner every day to make Boston the safest major city in the nation. And I'm proud every day to work alongside the greatest police commissioner in the nation, Commissioner Michael Cox.

Every year since I took office, we've set a new record low for gun violence in Boston. Last year, Boston saw the fewest homicides on record in the last 70 years. Those are the facts. And behind these record lows are historic highs. The most ever young people working paid summer jobs, the most pre-K seats at no cost to families, the most affordable housing built in a generation.

We have invested in the kinds of opportunities that cultivate prosperity and eradicate crime. And the laws on our books promote the kind of community trust that keeps all of us safe. In Boston, our police department resources and taxpayer dollars go toward preventing and solving crimes. And when it comes to criminal matters, the Boston Police partner every day with state and federal law enforcement.

But Massachusetts state law and the Boston Trust Act make clear that immigration is federal law enforcement's responsibility. We are the safest major city in the country because our gun laws are the strongest in the nation. Because our officers have built relationships over decades, and because all of our residents can trust that when they call 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency or to report a crime, help will come.

This federal administration's approach is undermining that trust. In the past month, I've met with residents and faith leaders in community centers and places of worship, asking my constituents what they want Congress to know.

And what I heard over and over again was fear and frustration. I spoke with pastors whose pews are half empty on Sundays, doctors whose patients are missing appointments, teachers whose students aren't coming to class, neighbors afraid to report crimes in their communities, and victims of violence who won't call the police. This federal administration is making hard-working, tax-paying God fearing residents afraid to live their lives.

A city that's scared is not a city that's safe. A land ruled by fear is not the land of the free.

Next month, Boston will celebrate 250 years of our nation's freedom. And in every one of those years, Boston has welcomed the world to our shores. From the English immigrants fleeing religious persecution to the Irish, forced out by famine, to the families from Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Cabo Verde, Vietnam, and so many more who call Boston home.

Today, we are the safest major city in the nation. We are home to the greatest health care, the greatest colleges and universities, the most advanced innovators and the 2024 world champion Boston Celtics. We are the cradle of democracy and the city of champions. We are all of these things, not in spite of our immigrants, but because of them. One in seven signers of the Declaration of Independence were immigrants; on the last four Red Sox rosters to win a World Series, one in five were immigrants; of all the faculty at Boston University to have earned a Nobel Prize, all but one were immigrants.

Today, one in four Boston residents was born somewhere else. Most have jobs, many have kids. All of them chose this country as their home because, like my mom and dad, they believe that here where you've been doesn't limit where you're going. The strength of your character has nothing to do with

the color of your passport and how hard you work matters more than where you were born. That wherever you're from, if you pitch in, look out for your neighbors, and cheer for the home team, you can build a better future here for the people you love.

So, to every one of my neighbors back in Boston, know this, you belong here. This is your home. Boston. This is our city. We are the safest major city in the nation because we are safe for everyone. Thank you. Thank you.



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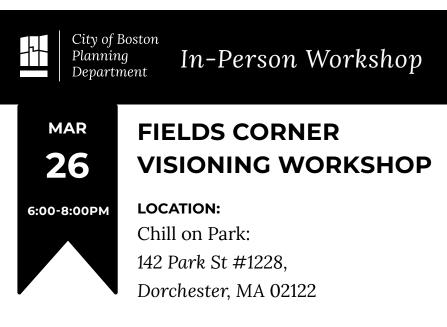
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MAR. 14: St. Patrick's Day Event at

Florian Hall, 11AM-3PM

MAR. 24: Traditional Music Session,

3pm-5pm



#### **DESCRIPTION:**

At this workshop community members will participate in a visioning activity to describe their goals for the future of Fields Corner. Participants will engage with a series of mapped focus areas to express their ideas and experiences. Within the focus areas, people will consider a number of topics related to the development of the Fields Corner Squares + Street Plan, including transportation, housing, open space & resiliency, arts & culture, and small businesses. Kids are welcome and there will be free ice cream! Translation will be provided upon request.

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#### St. Mary's Center by the Numbers

Fueled by an overburdened shelter system and lack of affordable housing, Massachusetts has hit a breaking point, with the numbers of families requiring shelter doubling over the past two years, while Boston has the second highest rental market in the country, creating an unaffordable, unlivable environment for so many. According to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2024 Annual Homelessness Assessment Report, 76% of those in Massachusetts experiencing homelessness are doing so in families with children.

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# Wu urges Carney owner to reverse 'misguided' medical building closing

(Continued from page 1) more than two dozen phy-

Wu and Ojikutu— who co-chairs the working group—note the group's efforts in their letter to Apollo today.

The Reporter wrote last month that tenants in the 35,865-square-foot office building had received "lease termination" notices in the mail starting on Feb. 21— giving the sician practices roughly 90 days to find new office space. Those working in the building include doctors and staff who were displaced when the main Carney hospital building was closed last Aug. 31.

Not addressed in the mayor's letter to Apollo is another wrinkle in the Carney story that The Reporter revealed last week: Apollo — through a subsidiary entity—has submitted a proposal to the city to build a new school building on the Carney site to house the Edward M. Kennedy Health Career Academy.

The proposal is one of five bids submitted to the city through a Request for Proposal process initiated last December. Four other sites from other proponents are also under consideration by the city for consideration, all of them in existing, underused office buildings in Boston. The Apollo-Carney proposal calls for the existing Carney buildings on the site to be razed to make room for a new high school.

#### Congressman Lynch calls the president a 'clear and present danger to democracy'

(Continued from page 1) It could blow a hole in blueprint said we're going to cut \$880 billion from that account," said Lynch. "The only fund big enough to get \$880 billion out of that committee account would be Medicaid.'

In Massachusetts, the state pays 50 cents for every Medicaid dollar spent while the other half is funded by the federal government. Other states, like Mississippi, are responsible for funding much less, Lynch noted.

"Any cuts to Medicaid will hurt Massachusetts far greater than a lot of other states because we've expanded it and we do so much with it. Because of the suddenness of this change, it would not give Gov. Healey the ability to respond to that.

our budget that could be in the billions because of the number of families we take care of on Medicaid."

Lynch warned that the cuts could eliminate health care services to about 62,000 children and nearly 30,000 seniors in his district.

"We're only six weeks, seven weeks into the Trump administration and we continue to experience a barrage of executive orders and administration actions," said Lynch. "If they were left unchallenged, it would have a tremendously corrosive effect on our constitutional framework and the structure of our representative democracy itself, and the whole fabric of our basic rights and freedoms that are granted and protected

under our continuation and the rule of law.'

He added: "The keywords in there are if left unchallenged and all of these actions are being challenged by rapid response teams."

Through a collaboration with the Litigation Working Group, the Congressional Labor Caucus, partners from pro-democracy groups, and attorneys from ACLU, there are more than 80 lawsuits ongoing against various actions and executive orders issued by the president.

According to Lynch, many of these have been successful so far resulting in court-ordered pauses to Trump directives, including the prevention of USAID direct hires from being placed on administrative leave,

and mass layoffs of many probationary employees.

"We need to do more to make people understand what these cuts are and what these mass firings mean to average families," said Lynch. "We need to communicate what it means for people waiting for life-saving therapies for cancer or Alzheimer's when researchers are fired. We need to explain what it means to veterans who are seeking treatment."

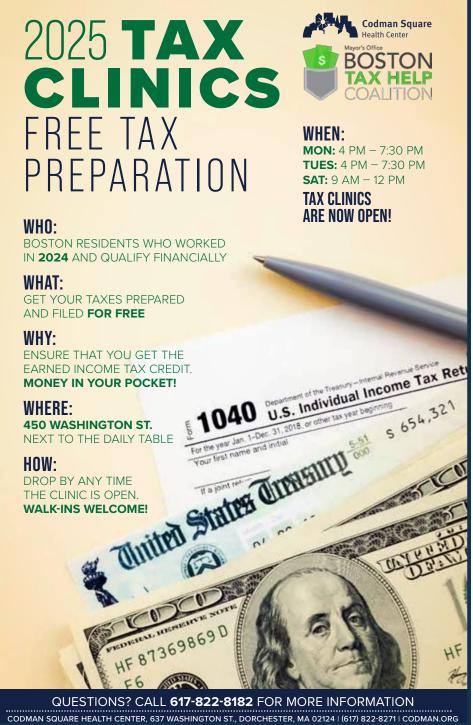
Many of Lynch's constituents on the call will be personally impacted, they noted. Kim Brooks of Norwood spoke about her late husband, Lt. Col. Timothy Brooks, and said she is frightened by what Trump's cuts will do to the Veteran's Administration and the health care services it provides to veterans and their families.

Lynch said that not enough people understand or fully grasp the gravity or scope of the Trump agenda.

"We got this problem in our country where we don't have a shared reality. There are some people who are never going to get [it], 'cause they're too far gone," said Lynch. "[But] there are some people who voted for Trump [for] other reasons. They might be independents; they might have been fearful, or they didn't want to go Democrat for whatever reason. We need to persuade those people. We need to teach them. educate them, help them understand what this means and what's going on here."

He added: "Trump has been masterful in terms of using fear and anger and punching down on groups that are most vulnerable. We have to push back, we have to fight every moment, and every time you hear an untruth, call it out. This is something we're going to have to win one person at a time.

"I do think in the past five or six weeks a lot of people are having second thoughts. They're having buyer's remorse in terms of what they got at the White House, but that needs to happen more quickly and in a much more thoughtful way."



# Holmes School Science Fair affirms major improvements, principal says

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The Holmes Innovation School Science Fair that took place in the school's gymnasium last Thursday (March 6) marked a major improvement in science application, student confidence, and completed projects at the school, said Principal Lianne Hughes-Odom

This was the third in

a series held since the Holmes revived its science fair and came just a few days prior to the citywide fair held at Reggie Lewis Center, where one of the Holmes projects was featured.

Kindergartnersthrough fourth graders presented informational projects that they have worked on, while fifth and sixth graders put together projects for competition with other students. All were judged on Thursday morning by several district officials and community members – including guest judge Dariela Villon-Maga, a Mattapan developer now constructing three buildings on Blue Hill Avenue dubbed "Blume on the Ave."

Villon-Maga said judging the projects was certainly a break from overseeing engineering, designing, and constructing new buildings, and that it was invigorating to see the energy and capabilities of the young people.

Theresa Lee, of the Boston Public Schools STEM Department, noted that a Holmes project by Miguel Gonzalez and Tyrah Reid looking to improve NASA's lunar lander using



Shakeyah Scroggins, Holmes student and culture coordinator, with Faye Jackson-Levy.

different computer coding did progress to the citywide fair on Saturday. The project was presented and, if invited, it will move on to the state competition.



How to get soda cool in the fastest way? Ask these ladies, Dazia Williams De-Pina, Mia McKenzie, Angelica Chevalier, and Brooklyn Mair.



Teacher Moneysha Washington with students Braishely Cordova, Asena Yitabarek, Myla Wornum, Maliyah Daise, Principal Lianne Hughes-Odom, and Teacher Chimere Bell.



Presenting their solar powered car of the future were Trace Austin, Derrick Gonzalez, Danny Correia, and Jhubwandel Hall.



Yannari Barros, Torian Spence, and Araiyah Johnson with community guest judge Dariela Villon-Maga.

Seth Daniel photos



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#### Madison Park opens up new career paths for students

#### By Zenobia Pellissier Lloyd SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A new program at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School is exposing students to potential career paths through school-wide programming connecting high schoolers to the professional world.

The Career Exploration Initiative, run by the school's Career Champions Network, hosted three career days in February, has guest speakers slated in March, and field trips scheduled in April. The program also includes a "Cardinal of the Month" award to incentivize perfect attendance and good academic standing. The prize: a \$150 pair of sneakers.

The network is a nonprofit formed four years ago by retired Northeastern professor Barry Bluestone as a partner and support system for Boston's only vocational high school. The organization, conceived as an antidote to the school's low graduation rate and sinking enrollment, is made up of a coalition of local leaders from more than 40 civic, business, and labor organizations striving to support Madison Park students in entering the workforce after graduation.

Bluestone's goal: Make



Students at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School in Roxbury took a selfie with Mayor Wu during her visit to the school on Feb. 11, 2025 for a Photo courtesy Mayor's Office/Isabel Leon career day event.

the Roxbury school the hub of career technical education in Boston.

"When we first started working here, quite honestly, we were con-cerned," he said while sitting on a concrete bench by the school's entrance. "The attendance rate could have been much better, and the graduation rate was not what we wanted it to be."

Since the launch of CCN, the Madison Park graduation rate has risen and is now on par with the city average, Bluestone said, while enrollment is up 7.5 percent since 2021. The school has 20 vocational programs ranging from carpentry and automotive technology to culinary arts and TV broadcasting.

Network co-founder Shailah Stewart said the missing puzzle piece in student success is often the ability to envision themselves in a professional role. The mantra she often uses at CCN is: "You've got to see it to be it."

Stewart, who spent her career working in education consulting,

established CCN with Bluestone and Joshua Ash, the CEO of the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership. The nonprofit works directly with Paul Neal, the head of the school, to design programming that best serves students.

"I think sometimes Black and Brown kids are not confident learners, and I think it's because of the world we live in and how people portray them," said Neal, who graduated from a vocational high school in Andover.

At Madison Park, 53

percent of students are Hispanic, and 41 percent are Black, with over 85 percent of students coming from low-income households.

"So, the idea is to bring folks in that can speak to the students, so they can understand that there are possibilities," Neal said. "That's the biggest piece, giving students what it is to dream about.'

On an icy Tuesday morning in February, a dozen bleary-eyed high schoolers in sky blue scrubs fidgeted in their classroom, waiting. Mayor Wu and her team arrived first, followed by Sophia Bellegarde, a Roxbury native and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center intern.

Bellegarde introduced herself and described her journey from arriving in the US from Haiti as a child to working in a clinical lab to landing the Beth Israel internship.

"When you look for mentors, get somebody that looks like you," she said. "That can really get you."

After the first day of the career fair, Bluestone said he was thrilled to see students engaging with the guest speakers. He said he hoped the conversations left students thinking: "My god, I could really do that.'

While the students are at the heart of the initiative, Boston's economy is a catalyst.

Bluestone, who has studied labor economics since 1986 and was the founding dean of Northeastern's School of Public Policy & Urban Affairs, said the job outlook for young people in Boston is staggering.

"There are a lot of baby boomers like myself who are now retiring," he said. "We have an enormous need to fill that gap. We're going to literally need hundreds and hundreds of thousands of people to learn all the trades here to meet that need."

For her part, Wu, who sent a letter to the city council on Feb. 10 requesting its approval to seek \$750 million in state funding to renovate the Madison Park campus, remarked in front of the snow-covered school that Madison Park's potential could not be underestimated.

"This school represents the gem of how we're going to connect Boston to the economy of the future and all of the talent," she said.

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#### New owner and affordability plan for Mattapan's Fairlawn Estates

(Continued from page 1) by which DSF terminated its ownership position in the property.

The sale is being hailed by many as good news for tenants, who have raised alarms about rental increases and eviction proceedings by DSF since 2018.

Said Boston's Housing Chief Sheila Dillon: "The long-term affordability on this number of units is wonderful, especially along an area where there is new rapid transit and gentrification pressures."

Some residents who have been fighting back evictions and rent increases for several yearsincluding holding several vigils and rallies – said the acquisition brought peace of mind.

 $\hbox{``The constant stress of'}\\$ facing huge rent increases and eviction weighed on us every day over the past six years, and it wasn't right – but we want people to know that housing is a human right, and we can win the homes we deserve,' said Betty Lewis, of Fairlawn Tenant Association. "This is a community victory won by neighbors working together, and it's not just for us: we hope it inspires organizing for housing stability all across Boston and across the state."

Dillon said the city also provided a \$900,000 loan from the Boston Acquisition Fund for renovations, with a commitment from Related Beal to commence \$7 million worth of immediate upgrades to the property, including roofs, balconies, and appliances.

"We heard in early November that DSF had selected Related Beal's affordable arm out of a sales process and so we made the \$10 million commitment of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds in December," said Adam Goldstein of the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH). "We've been working with them ever since...Our \$10 million commitment leveraged about nine times that in private market financing.

Mayor Wu said the community has organized towards this goal for years, and it's a big win to finally get affordability guarantees.

"Today's acquisition is a major step toward protecting our communities and preventing displacement in Mattapan," she said. "By securing these homes as permanently affordable, [we are] ensuring that families can continue to live and thrive in their neighborhood without the fear of being priced out.'

Fairlawn had been an affordable option for tenants for decades with market rate rents remaining low for years. But after a new commuter



Annie Gordon, a 50-year resident of Fairlawn, said she was "over the moon" at the news on Monday. Seth Daniel photo

will remain affordable at

60 percent AMI, and 173

units will remain afford-

able at 80 percent AMI.

from here on out," he

said. "If someone moves

out next week, the next

person coming in would

have to qualify under

income restrictions at

There are also special

protections for existing

tenants who might be

above those income lev-

els, so that no one gets

kicked out of their home

because of the changes,

he said. Those existing

tenants will have their

rent increased by 2 per-

cent every year for as long

as they want to stay at

using is an anti-displace-

ment program, so our

intention is to make sure

the existing folks aren't

displaced either," Gold-

The final piece of the

deal is to wipe the slate

clean for existing tenants

who are fighting eviction

cases in court with DSF.

Dillon said Related Beal

isn't likely to continue

those cases brought for

active eviction cases...

and Related Beal is very

anxious to work with

residents and to reduce

as many of those cases

as possible," she said.

"We are hopeful as a city

that these situations will

get worked out with the

owner and residents can

finally relax and enjoy

life again in their homes.

They will be paying what

they can afford, and they

won't have an owner

pursuing eviction cases

against them."

"We know there are

non-payment of rent.

"The program we're

those rates."

Fairlawn.

stein said.

"That's the structure

rail stop opened across the street, it became a pressure point in the gentrification and rent increase battle after it sold to DSF in 2018 and renamed "SoMa at the T."

Long-time tenants have organized protests against large rent increases and one tenant, Annie Gordon, 75, fought her eviction case for "unwarranted conduct" in Housing Court. Gordon won her case last November after a jury trial.

Dillon said the deal began last summer when they heard DSF Group might be interested in selling Fairlawn, and at the same time the mayor had just started a program with significant money from ARPA to purchase and preserve affordable housing.

"We thought that would induce them to take action because ARPA dollars had to be spent quickly – by December," said Dillon. "We talked with them and said if they wanted our help, they had to move quickly."

After that meeting in September, DSF put the property on the market with the stipulation of it being in the city's program, and eventually chose Related Beal for the opportunity.

"Affordable housing is core to Related's DNA, and we are thrilled to provide a more sustainable living solution in such an important, transit-oriented location in Mattapan," said Kimberly Sherman Stamler, president of Related Beal. Goldstein said 174 units

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

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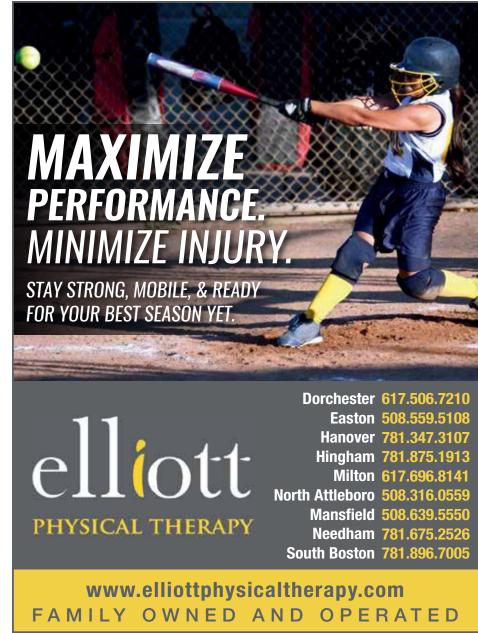
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City Life's Mattapan organizer, "Mattapan and all of our communities deserve to have both public transit and stable, affordable housing: we shouldn't have to choose."

According to the SoMa Apartments website,

Added Gabrielle Rene, apartments range in price, with a two-bedroom, one bath, 805 square-foot unit going for around \$2,650 a month.

Fairlawn/Soma Apartments consists of a single-story leasing office/maintenance shop and twelve 4-story apartment buildings completed between 1965 and 1968 by the Flatley Companies. The unit mix comprises 14 studios, 143 one-bedroom apartments, 75 two-bedroom/one bath apartments, and 115 two-bedroom/one & a half bath apartments with an average unit size of 829 square feet.



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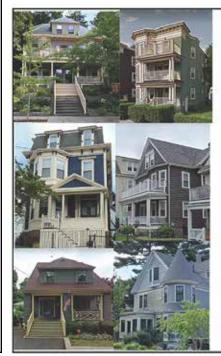
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#### MassDOT issues draft report on Morrissey rehab project

(Continued from page 1) roadway along Savin Hill and Malibu beaches.

Instead, the report includes a raised berm with a pathway running on top of it, which would serve a dual purpose as flood protection and an amenity for pedestrians and cyclists. This hybrid suggestion looks to connect the Neponset Greenway to a series of paths on top of the buried flood wall, a suggestion put forward by Councillor John FitzGerald last November.

While leaving the matter open for further discussion, another option put forward is a buried structural floodwall topped with a nature walk including a multi-use greenway and a bicycle and pedestrian facility on the west side.'

Offered as a way to enhance neighborhood access to the new wa-

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by Boston Medical Center of Boston, Ma in the above captioned matter alleging that Milagros Morales is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/02/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney

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terfront would be a signalized crosswalk on Morrissey, with one alternative a pedestrian bridge over the Boulevard. That would be bolstered by a tide gate that is opened less frequently, a new living shoreline and dune placement extending into the harbor, and a built-up beach area on the bayside.

"With community involvement and the anticipated future severity of climate change flooding, it is crucial that decision makers coordinate with the community to make decisions on flood mitigation measures (on this section of Morrissey)," the report notes.

"Such measures may need to balance the potential severe flooding, environmental assets, and placemaking opportunities, which include the potential for expanding recreation and transportation assets and

34 years service in town

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enter a tormal Decree and order and orsucor other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Deborah A Donahue of Weymouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised controlleration.

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enhancing existing ones."

On Friday, FitzGerald said he was still carefully reviewing the report, but was encouraged that MassDOT planners had used the suggestion of making the wall more of an amenity for walking and biking. His only pause was that the roadway had been pared down to two lanes in each direction with bike paths alongside them. He suggested that maybe the bike paths should connect to the new Neponset Greenway atop the new buried flood wall.

"I still question the need for installing bike lanes on Morrissey if we have a beautiful path to connect to on the multi-modal resilience piece," he said. "Let's put them on the resilience piece and see how that goes. If need be, we can add them back. Adding is always easier

than removing, and more cost-effective.

The report also suggested the flooding solution could be a boon for ecology along the waterfront using "nature-based solutions" to curb flooding and lead to a healthier coastal ecosystem.

That said, much of the commission's work focused on engineering fixes to key intersections along the corridor to promote better driving conditions, but also to create more east-west connections for Savin Hill-with the draft identifying plan alternatives that they believe will best serve the corridor into the years 2050 to 2070.

Though the preferred alternatives for the five key intersections had been hinted at in previous meetings, the report made it clear which option the state preferred after weighing multiple computer-tested models. on-site observations, and community input.

The preferred designs were as follows:

- Neponset Circle Modified DCR Design
- Freeport Street Modified DCR Design
- Bianculli Boulevard DCR Design
- First Street Signalized Control
- Preble Street Signalized Control

Some interesting things noted in the report include:

 State leaders left several things open for further study between the end of the Commission and actual construction. One of those was the issue of what neighbors have called "comprehensive planning" that went beyond roadways and delved into utilities and infrastructure.

"Multiple themes pertinent to future potential project development arose during this study," read the report. "These included evaluating the changes that could be necessary to existing utility systems on and adjacent to Morrissey Boulevard, such as electrical lines and drainage systems, potential additional wayfin-

ding signage to navigate key corridor connections, and planting treatments (increased tree cover and planting native species)."

• The U-turn at Pope's Hill near the Dunkin Donuts is proposed to be eliminated, and future study is called for in to look into making Conley Street a fully signalized intersection to improve access to Port Norfolk.

·Many have long assumed the Morrissey corridor served those commuting from the South Shore, but analysis done within the report revealed that most of those using the corridor are Boston residents from adjacent neighborhoods looking to get downtown while avoiding the inter-

Data showed that 48 percent of vehicles in the morning peak originated in Boston neighborhoods south of the study area. Those from Quincy accounted for 16 percent and Braintree came in at 4 percent. Some 73 percent were destined for downtown or the Back Bay.

After the March 20 meeting, MassDOT will release a final report, schedule another public meeting within the mandated 60-day comment

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Figure 4-18: Buried Floodwall with Pedestrian Bridge Option in the Central Section





Figure 4-10: Service Roads Option at First Street



period, and eventually turn the study over to the Legislature.

The initial reaction to the report from some in the community was confusion because they thought the report would be issued after the March 20 meeting,

"It's disappointing that they are looking for reaction to the report rather than to craft it with the community," said Bill Walczak, the president of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, which logged a vote of "no confidence" in the state's effort last October.

"The way to get around disappointment is not to foist a plan on us and try to get us to react to it," he added. "It's just not a good way to talk to a community."

Last year, the commission extended its own deadline to offer a report to the Legislature by Dec. 31, 2024, and later moved that date into 2025.

"The work of the Morrissey Boulevard Commission and the Morrissey Boulevard Corridor Study represents key foundational steps for future potential improvements to the Morrisey Boulevard corridor," read the report. "With continued interagency coordination and community collaboration, changes to the corridor could be advanced to improve current and future transportation conditions, mitigate flooding, address environmental challenges, and enhance quality of life for Boston residents."

Officials have previously projected that a full modernization of the state road system along Morrissey could cost between \$273 million to \$352 million over a five-year period, but the draft report identified lower cost estimates that are now between \$235 million and \$304 million.

That cost range does not include repairs or replacements of the Beades drawbridge or the Kosciuszko Circle (K-Circle) rotary. Actual construction would not likely begin until five years from now, in 2029 or 2030, and there are a variety of funding sources identified in the draft

Most prominent was the traditional federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) administered by the regional Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). However, other ideas were floated as well, including a District Improvement Financing (DIF), which is a way of planning for an area and designating future tax revenues from private investment projects to pay for public infrastructure

programs. "While this report outlines potential improvements for the entirety of the corridor, the alternatives could be advanced in stages," read the report. "Phased construction stages could also allow for funding to be secured as applicable to respective corridor sections, as well as designating sections that could have additional permitting challenges. Corridor improvements that could align with mitigation for future development projects could also be identified by project proponents."



Priority Application Deadline: February 15

## Financial considerations for multigenerational households



or many Black, Hispanic and Latino families, as well as other cultures, multigenerational living is a cherished aspect of home life. It can also be good for your family's overall wellbeing.

Research indicates there can be financial benefits to multigenerational living, and when executed intentionally, having multiple family members under the same roof can potentially help improve health outcomes, reduce loneliness for older adults and bolster educational outcomes for children.

While multigenerational living has many positives, it also comes with a unique set of financial matters and planning needs. From saving and budgeting to dividing costs and estate planning, navigating the financial landscape of a multigenerational home calls for foresight and strategy.

Below are some financial considerations for people living in multigenerational households and those considering moving in with family members.

#### Helping to build family wealth

In a 2022 study, the Pew Research Center found people in multigenerational households were less likely to live in poverty, and some multigenerational households had more earners than the non-multigenerational households, which can help provide a safety net in case someone loses a job. It can also encourage homeownership -- 14% percent of all home buyers in the study said their purchase was motivated by a desire to accommodate multiple generations in their family.

#### Having diverse financial needs

Savings and budgeting plans can be more complicated because of the wide range of ages among family members. Seniors might require more for health care and retirement, for example, while children can bring daycare and tuition costs. Be flexible with your planning to accommodate different saving and budgeting needs and set short- and long-term goals for your savings with all generations in

#### Expenses should be handled with fairness and equity

Multigenerational households have to ensure fairness by dividing costs such as mortgage or rent, utilities, groceries and household expenses based on each member's financial capacity and usage. A sense of transparency can be maintained among family members by openly discussing financial contributions and expenses.

#### Find balance between cultural values and financial health

Cultural traditions and familial structures can also play a significant role in money management, and it's important to consider how multigenerational living can impact family wealth. Cultural heritage can shape financial attitudes and practices within multigenerational households, including saving habits, investment strategies and perceptions of wealth. Understanding how your cultural values connect to your beliefs and practices related to money can be essential for effective financial management within diverse family structures.

#### Communication is key to managing conflict and disagreement

The more people living in a home, the more likely they'll face conflicting financial priorities. Navigating disagreements over spending habits and adapting to changing income levels or unexpected expenses are necessary to maintain financial stability in multigenerational households.

#### Future planning is vital

Estate plans should be tailored to accommodate the financial needs and goals of each generation within the household and strategies should be developed for transferring ownership of businesses or properties to ensure continuity and preserve the family's legacy. Make sure to compile essential legal documents -- including wills, trusts, powers of attorney and health care directives -- to outline the distribution of assets and clarify end-oflife wishes.

#### The bottom line

Multigenerational households can foster financial harmony and wellbeing by accounting for their individual financial goals and their shared responsibilities. Family members should be clear about plans, needs and expectations to promote financial stability and satisfaction for all. Communicating about these issues early can help avoid tension later on.

By addressing these considerations holistically and prioritizing open discussion and collaboration, multigenerational households can build a solid financial foundation, helping them achieve prosperity and security for their family members now and in the future.

Read more about financial considerations for multigenerational households here on chase.com/theknow.

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#### THE US REVOLUTION REVISITED

#### Washington took fateful gamble atop Dorchester Heights in 1776

By Peter F. Stevens SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

On the night of March 4, 1776, Patriot officers gave the order to their 2,000 or so men: No one was to speak above a whisper. As American batteries opened up on British positions in and around Boston to cloak the long file of Continental troops in "blue and buff" greatcoats or other hues, they lugged timber and cannons as silently as possible through the darkened streets of Roxbury and into Dorchester.

Wincing from the blustery blasts off the Atlantic and from the heft of their ordnance, they pushed ever closer to their objective — Dorchester Heights. If spotted by the Redcoat batteries, disaster loomed; if the procession reached the hills, the British regiments in Boston below and the British warships in the harbor and the Charles River would lay wide open to lethal blasts of Colonial artillery from the Heights.

George Washington, the American commander, was rolling the dice in

The general had the wherewithal to destroy Boston if necessary, "notwithstanding the property and friends within it." Since his arrival in Cambridge in late June 1775, the Virginian had been grimly determined to drive Sir William Howe's regiments, over 9,000 strong, from the region and break the stalemate. With the eye of the surveyor and soldier, Washington soon grasped that emplacing batteries atop Dorchester Heights could put the British at his mercy.

The problem he faced in doing so was two-fold: where to come up with the heavy cannons necessary to pour metal upon the Redcoats, and how to take the Heights before the British could respond with sea and land bombardments of exposed American troops approaching the hills or, maybe, seize the Heights before Washington.

On Jan. 24, 1776, Henry Knox, a bold, portly bookseller and former Bostonian, solved the first problem. Having seized Fort Ticonderoga, in upstate New York, he and his men dragged the garrison's ponderous cannons through dense snow and icy gusts all the way to Cambridge. Now, Washington turned his attention



Gen. Washington at Dorchester Heights, 1776.

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in earnest to Dorchester Heights.

His counterpart, Howe, also had his sights on Dorchester Neck and the Heights. As "The History of Dorchester" notes, "For a long time, the English officers had their attention fixed on what they denominated, on their plan, the twin hills, with the intention of fortifying them; but while they were awaiting reinforcements enough to hazard it, the good judgment of General Washington prompted him to secure the hills, and he improved the opportunity.'

In early March 1776, Washington and his staff rode out to Dorchester, and reined in at the farm of Captain John Homans, who lived in "the upper end

Because the "ground [was] so much frozen that earth could not be used, even had there been time for it," for any potential forts, embrasures, and gun emplacements on the Heights, the Patriot commanders were combing the region for "fascines," bundles of wood used to erect defenses.

"Homan's acreage was full of white birch. Washington ordered a lieutenant and thirty men to cut down the birches and make the fascines. Then he sent out dispatches summoning "the citizens of this and the neighboring towns...to cart them [the fascines] on the night of the 4th, to the Heights."

The ground upon which Washington intended to gamble his force was inhabited by "nine dwelling houses on the Neck, now South Boston." Proof of the importance that the British attached to the Heights was Howe's map that detailed each home's location, as well as "the road and principal trees.'

The war was about to arrive at the front doors of those nine Dorchester households, those of "Mrs. Foster, Mr. Bird, Mr. Deluce, Mr. Williams, Mr. Farrington, Mr. Harrington, John Wiswall, Deacon Blake, and Oliver Wiswall." Since Mrs. Foster's home "was one of the best in the neighborhood...it was difficult to convince the continentallers [sic] that it did not belong to a Tory, as some of the rooms were even papered, which was considered very luxurious in those days.

This house was the most westerly, and Dea. Blake's the most easterly, of any on the peninsula, and these were both burnt by the British, who now had possession of Boston."

As American cannons opened up on British positions on March 4 in a gambit to divert Howe's attention from the Patriots' move against the Heights, teams of some 300 wagons and carts piled high with fascines creaked toward the slopes. So, too, did approximately 2.000 of Washington's troops, cannons in tow, the entire procession snaking forward with as much silence as possible. Washington, anticipating that once his men climbed onto the Heights, the British would mount a bombardment and assault, had ordered the men moving through Dorchester to pack 2,000 bandages "prepared to dress the wounded."

Many residents of Dorchester hauled timber toward the Heights on that icy, blustery night."The History of Dorchester records:

The late Mr. William Sumner, of Dorchester, so well-remembered by many of those now living [in the 1850s], drove one team. He carried five loads before daylight and remembered it with great satisfaction to his last days.'

With each step along the frozen track to the Heights, the men's collective tension swelled: "No man was allowed to speak above a whisper, and thus the work went on silently, and unknown to the enemy, whose attention was in the meantime attracted elsewhere by a constant cannonading kept up from the American camp at Cambridge and Dorchester Reporter in 2001.

The troops went right to work on the hills' summits, erecting gun emplacements and bastions with a "bird's-eve" and deadly view of Boston and the water below. Once the Patriots had secured the position, they dug in mortars and large-bore cannons.

Howe, who was stunned to wake up on March 5 and find the Patriots on the high ground of the Heights, wrote to Lord Dartmouth that the capture of the Heights "must have been the employment of twelve thousand men." Reportedly, the British general added: "The rebels have done more in one night than my whole army would have done in a month.'

As the Americans solidified their perch, their labors did not come without a price. A group of soldiers who "were so imprudent as to build a fire for their comfort" gave British gunners a vivid target. The Redcoats' cannons erupted in "a severe fire upon them" from a battery at the corner of latter-day Washington and Dover Streets. Four Patriot soldiers and a surgeon named Dole died in the hail of shot.

On March 10, 1776, Abigail Adams wrote: "Sunday evening...A most terrible and incessant cannonade [against the Heights] from half after eight till six this morning. I hear we lost four men killed and some wounded in attempting to take the hill nearest the town, called

The Americans' fortification of the Heights placed the Redcoats in peril and Howe knew it from the moment he first spied the "breastwork this morning [March 5th] ... on Dorchester peninsula, which from its proximity had an entire command of Boston Neck and the south end of the town - a work which the king's troops had most fearfully dreaded.'

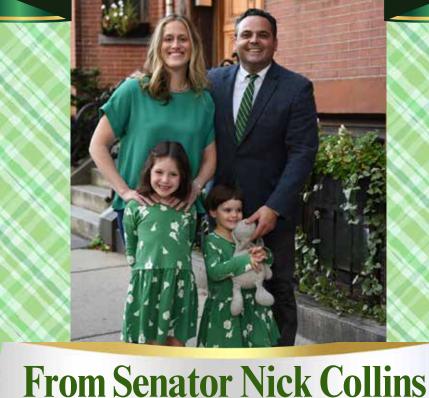
Outmaneuvered by Washington and his "ragtag band" of Patriots, Howe had no choice but to abandon Boston. His nearly 10,000 Redcoats boarded the 125 transports and warships in Boston Harbor, with Washington's guarantee that the British could leave unmolested if they did not burn Boston.

When the victorious Americans entered Boston on March 17, 1776, the town had not been torched, but the Redcoats had vandalized churches, homes, warehouses, and other structures.

The day of Boston's liberation is today's Evacuation Day in the city, a remembrance that would never have been possible unless the Patriots had taken and fortified Dorchester Heights.

Peter F. Stevens is the author of "The Rogue's March: John Riley and the St. Patrick's Battalion, 1846-48"; "Brassey's"; and "Notorious and Notable New Englanders"; Down East Books. This article originally appeared in The





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#### open next Tuesday at the Commonwealth Museum on Dorchester's Columbia Point peninsula. "This exhibit is a celebration of the unique

A new exhibit display-

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treasures from the Mas-

sachusetts Archives will

and pivotal role that Massachusetts had in the founding of our country," said Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin, who will host a private reception on Evacuation Day, March 17. "It all began here, so it is appropriate that the 250th Anniversary celebrations also begin here.'

Galvin, who chairs the Massachusetts Historical Commission and oversees the Massachusetts State Archives, will unveil the special exhibit, "Upon Such Ground: Massachusetts and the Birth of the Revolution." It will open to the public on the following day, March 18, and run through Bunker Hill Day, June 17.

'Revolutionary Treasures' exhibit

to open at state museum next week

The exhibit features original archival documents and artifacts owned by the Commonwealth, as well as contributions from some of the nation's premier Colonial and Revolutionary period scholars. Among other treasures, the exhibit

will include a drum used at the Battle of Bunker Hill; a bill from Paul Revere for a series of rides; a sword used by Major John Buttrick, who gave the order to fire on the British at Concord; the Boston Massacre trial papers; and a letter from John Hancock, appointing officers to command Continental forces.

The Commonwealth Museum is located inside the Massachusetts State Archives building at 220 Morrissey Blvd., next to the JFK Library, EMK Institute, and UMass Boston's campus center.

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**BGCD Partners with NE Free Jacks for 2nd Session of Inclusion Rugby Clinic:** See details below.

#### **CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Partners with NE Free Jacks** for 2nd Session of Inclusion Rugby Clinic: Between the conclusion of Basketball and the start of Baseball, the Challenger Sports program at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is offering a 6-week Rugby Clinic program which is being hosted by members of the Free Jacks Professional Rugby Team. This is the 2nd year of the Clinic and our members are having fun learning all the skills the Professionals use. Thanks to our friends at the Free Jacks for taking the time to join us each week and to team member, Thomas Grant, who is also running the Boston Marathon on behalf of Team BGCD! A big thanks to the Martin Richard Foundation for their ongoing support of

For more information on Inclusion Programming, please contact Erin Ferrara at eferrara@bgcdorchester.org.

the Challenger Sports program!

**FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Members Shine in Living Museum to Honor Role Models for Black History Month:** To close out Black History Month, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Walter Denney Youth Center, located in the Harbor Point community celebrated our 5th Annual Living Museum event. With members, parents and staff from all three sites attending, our members and staff brought to life key figures through their words and attire. In character, 20 participants took the stage to share the roles each of these individuals have played in shaping our past and continue to influence our growth as a nation today. The event was a powerful reminder of the impact these figures have had on our lives and our future. Congratulations to all the presenters who took to the stage! For more information on the Denney Center, please contact Queenette Santos at qsantos@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Members Shine in Living Museum to Honor Role Models for Black History Month: See details below.

# DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Young Professionals & McGonagle's to Host "Trivia Night" on March 24th: Join BGCD's Young Professionals Board and McGonagle's Pub for Trivia Night! On March 24th from 7 - 10pm, grab your team for some friendly competition while enjoying a cash bar, raffles and more with proceeds benefiting our Clubs. Th event will take place at McGonagle's at 367 Neponset Ave, Dorchester.

enjoying a cash bar, raffles and more with proceeds benefiting our Clubs. The event will take place at McGonagle's at 367 Neponset Ave, Dorchester. Tickets are \$20 per person with a max team size of 6 and can be purchased at bit.ly/bgcdtrivia25. Can't make it to trivia? No worries! Stop by any time on March 24th, as McGonagle's will be donating 15% of all sales to BGCD from the entire day. A special thank you to our friends at McGonagle's for their support of this event!

To learn more about the Young Professionals, please contact Hailey Cummings at hcummings@

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#### Business owners offer thoughts on Columbia Road 'action plan'

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

City officials met with business leaders along the Columbia Road corridor last month to discuss the ongoing development of an "action plan" focused on a 3.2- mile stretch of the roadway between Franklin Park and South Boston. The Feb. 26 meeting was held at the Dorchester Bay EDC's Pierce Building and was the first held with just merchants at the table along with city planners and consultants who are weighing a range of improvements to give the road system more of a "greenway" feel.

"We have no proposed changes yet. We're not there right now," said Xavier Lopez, Boston Transportation Department (BTD) project manager. "Ultimately, the feedback we get here about the corridor will inform our designs. Later on this year we'll be showing dynamic alternatives of what Columbia Road could look like.

Lopez said one objective is to re-design the roadway "so that it's more of a complete street. If you look at it now, it's more of a pseudo-highway that cuts through Dorchester and only serves drivers."

Surveys conducted for



City work crews were observed dismantling a section of a dedicated bike lane along Massachusetts Avenue in Dorchester between South Bay Mall and Edward Everett Square on Monday, March 10, 2025. The action comes as the Wu administration is reportedly reviewing infrastructure changes — including bike lanes.

Seth Daniel photo

the planning effort show that 36 percent of those living on Columbia Road have no access to a car, and 55 percent do not drive to work, which Lopez said underscores the need to create safer, more robust pedestrian and public transit options.

Beyond that, city planners also seek to create a safer street, and a "greener experience" inspired by an original concept of architect Frederick Law Olmsted, who envisioned a greenway to connect Franklin Park to the waterfront.

Lopez said alternatives will likely be made public in the summer at a public meeting. Officials would then collect more input through the fall with a by December.

Business owners did raise some concerns at the meeting, some informed by other city projects nearby.
Tehudis Salcedo, who

manages Hollywood Liquors, said his customers don't trust the city's motives in adding bike lanes and dedicated bus lanes to nearby Massachusetts Avenue and American Legion Highway and Seaver Street.

"We think your mind is already set," said Salcedo. "That's how the general public feels and this is all a show. When you were doing Mass Ave., they came and asked us about it. People didn't think it was a good idea

final design on the boards but they implemented it...Many wonder what is the purpose of coming and asking because they just move forward and the people that it's supposed to help don't ever

come anyway.' Alita Warn of the Conservatory Lab Charter School on Columbia Road is also wary of adding bike lanes.

"With all due respect, no one is going to ride a bike through that area (Mass Ave.) with all that's going on there. It makes no sense there and I like to ride my bike. You wonder how did that get

through," she said. Estella Rosario, the owner of Dahlia's Garden flower shop on Dudley Street, noted that customers come by car mostly and the city cannot push people to public transit without addressing safety concerns.

"I made the decision not to drive to my business, but safety was a problem," she said. "People were camped at the

station in Four Corners and the 23 bus has issues. If the city wants us to take public transportation, there needs to be more support. I don't think people feel comfortable taking public transportation."

Owners from Consuela Beauty Salon on Dudley Street noted, along with others, that many parking spots have been eliminated on Columbia Road over the years. Speaking in Spanish, they said it has caused a rift as customers and employees park in residential areas frustrating neighbors.

But Lopez and Jeff Rosenblum, principal planner from Toole Design working on the project, said this approach is different.

"If a bike lane doesn't work for Columbia Road, it won't be implemented," said Lopez. "That's why we're here now. I can say with 100 percent certainty we don't have any plans now for what Columbia Road could look like."

Added Rosenblum: "In the past the city came up with designs internally and came up with stuff and forget to tell (key people) in the community and they just did what they wanted. That's how it used to be. That has changed. But I see people's remembrances of that remains...A lot of people have immediately thought the city is going to make Columbia Road like Blue Hill Avenue or Columbus Avenue. The answer is absolutely not, but it's a reasonable thing to think because that's how the city has done business.'

Added Salcedo, "You need to get the trust back from the community. Maybe starting to fix the things they already brought up. I'm just trying to help."

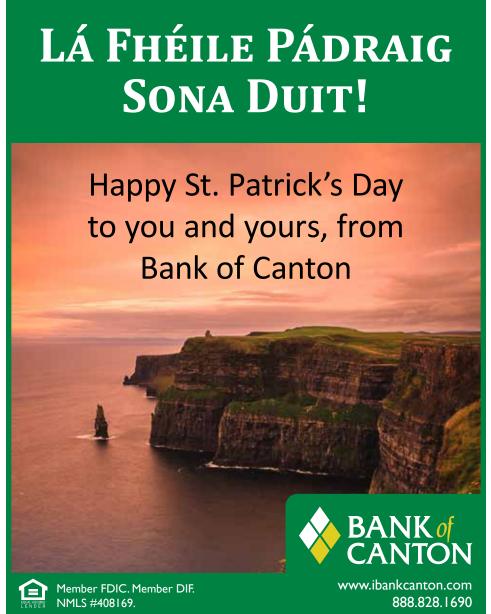
One thing that is on the  $table \, for \, businesses \, is \, the \,$ idea of parking meters in certain stretches an idea also being considered for Dorchester Avenue in Fields Corner. Like other places, commuter parking and longterm parkers frequently gobble up needed business parking, prompting planners to indicate that meters are "on the table for discussion.'

"The last thing we want to do is impede any business operations on Columbia Road, but at the same time we want to find creative solutions to increase turnover and reduce the number of people parking on the curb when they shouldn't be," said Rosenblum.

Val Daley, director of Uphams Corner Main Streets, said the meeting was a good first step.

"No one wanted to talk to me when I started here," she said. "They had decades of experience where the city never followed through on things. It was a deep-rooted history but trust in me broadened over time when seeing small changes...That's one thing you really have to dive into and rebuild that trust... The city really wants feedback from business owners because they are now trying to change that history."





#### Deal reached on next 10 acres of development at state hospital site

#### By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

A developer who is proposing to build another phase of housing on 10 acres of undeveloped land at the former Boston State Hospital site in Mattapan has signed an agreement with state officials and said he intends to buy the land by June.

Anna Schuessler of 2Life Communities, one of the partners developing the Olmsted Village project, told members of the State Hospital's Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) about the agreement during the group's Feb. 20 meeting.

"I'm excited to have a big milestone to report on the acquisition front as we were able to execute a [Land Disposition Agreement] on Jan. 31," she said. "That was a big win, and we're excited to forge ahead to prepare for a land acquisition in June."

The Olmsted Village project, which will include six new buildings in three housing communities, was approved by city planners in February 2023. 2Life Communities has partnered with Lena New Boston, a community development corporation, to build out the 269-units of housing.

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

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> vs. JARED M. GUTO, Defendant

To the above-named Defendant: Jared M. Guto,

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Suziean C. Montaque, seeking Custody, Support, Parenting Time filed on 02/10/2025.

You are required to serve upon: Suziean C. Montague of 116 Ballou Ave., Apt. 2, Boston, MA 02124, you answer on or before June 10th. 2025.

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 24 New Chardon St., 3rd Floor,

Boston, MA 02114.

Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 26th day of February 2025. Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

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**COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** FOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COUR 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU25C0159CA IN THE MATTER OF: **EDDIE ANCRUM WALKER** 

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Eddie Ancrum Walker of Boston MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to

#### Eddie Ancrum Brantley IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for ourposes of objecting to the peition by filing an appearance at Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/27/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 4, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Published: March 13, 2025



Dorchester's Carla B. Monteiro was voted in as a new member for the Mattapan State Hospital CAC at the February meeting.

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Sean Fontes, a lawyer representing Lena Park Lena Park CDC, called the development 'good news," but wondered why his client did not know about it until the announcement by Schuessler.

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DEFENDANTS ANNETTE P. GAINES, LINDA OS-BORNE, and PATSY L. OWENS

Please take notice that an Order for Service by Publication dated January 9, 2025 was entered by the Clerk in

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You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Dudley Newman Feuerzeig LLP, plaintiff's attorney, whose address is shown below, an answer to the complaint, which is herewith served upon you, within 21 days after service of this summons against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Alex M. Moskowitz, Esq. (Attorney

Address: DUDLEY NEWMAN FEUERZEIG LLP, Law House, PO Box 756, St. Thomas, USVI 0804-0756 Telephone: (340) 774-4422

NOTE: The defendant, if served personally s required to file his/her answer or othe is required to tile his/her answer or other defense with the Administrator/Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty-one (21) days after service of this summons, exluding the date of service. If served by publication or by personal service outside the jurisdiction the defendant is required to file his/her answer or other defense with the jurisdiction the detendant is required to file his/her answer or other defense with the Clerk of this Court, and to serve a copy thereof upon the attorney for the plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the completion of the period of publication or personal service

outside of the jurisdiction. Witness my manu ..... Court this day of 2025. Tamara Charles

Clerk of the Court Published: March 13, March 20 March 27, and April 3, 2025

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU23D1504DR DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
ESTHELA ALICIA TERRERO

#### vs. Bashir najjar

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would you norm taking any action winch would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Esthela Alicia Terrero, 92 Walnut St., Dedham, MA 02026 your answer, if any, on or before **04/24/2025**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudica-tion of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court.

Date: February 3, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Published: March 13, 2025

"We are surprised because an operating agreement partnership between Lena Park...has not been executed yet," he said. "We still have a couple of matters. We were under the impression the LDA wouldn't be signed until the operating agreement was signed.

A representative from Lena New Boston said they would look into the matter in the coming weeks. A call by The Reporter for further comment from Lena New Boston was not returned.

Steve Andrews, of the state Department of Capital Assets Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), who was very happy about the signing of the LDA, had no comment on the operations agreement.

'Where we are right now is fantastic," he said. "To think we have added another 10 acres

**LEGAL NOTICES** 

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PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
Docket No. SU23P2340PM
INTHE MATTER OF:
CAROLYN JONES
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Protected Person/Disabled Person/
Respondent
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, you are hereby notified
pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental
Rules of the Probate & Family Court,
that the 1st Annual account(s) of Jewish
Family & Children's Services of Waltham,
MA as Conservator of the property of said
Respondent has or have been presented to

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You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or you

attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M

objection atthis court on or before 10:00A.M. on the return date of 03/27/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s) If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

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Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the specific facts and grounds upon when account of the conservator pursuant to Rula 2 of this Supplemental Rules of the

be served upon une Conservator pursuan to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.
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The outcome of this proceeding may limi or completely take away the above-named

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on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer

one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Date: February 27, 2025

COMMONWEALTH OF

MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT

THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU24D0699DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
EMMA GABRIANNA CYRUS
VS

vs. CLERFFNOLD CYRUS

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02125 your answer, if any, on or before 05/22/2025. If you fail to do so, the cour

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to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First

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Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate

stice of this Court.

Date: February 26, 2025

You are hereby summoned and re uired to serve upon: Emma Gabrianna Cyrus, 31 Alexander St., #3, Boston, MA

Automatic Restraining Order has

JEAN-BAPTISTE
To the Defendant:

account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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for housing construction and affordability - everyone should be proud."

Lena New Boston and Lena Park have been at odds in the past at the CAC meetings. Jerry Rappaport, Jr., of Lena New Boston, and state Rep. Russell Holmes criticized Lena Park CDC last year for its frequent turnover of employees and lack of activities and programming – as well as its absence at CAC meetings.

Lena Park CDC has gone through upheaval on their board over the past few years with several chairs and executive directors resigning after short stints. Attorney Fontes and new board Chair Veronica Williams attended the February meeting.

Within the development, the Brooke House, with 127 senior affordable apartments, was awarded \$12 million in state funding last month, which puts it on track to start construction next year. "That really puts us on a path to be completely funded in early 2026 when we hope to start construction also,"

said Schuessler. Meanwhile, another element of the proj $ect\\-Tree\ House\\--was$ not funded in the latest round of state grants, and so its advocates will have to re-submit and hope for funding in the next round. The Russell House, with 52 units of mixed income homeownership opportunities, received \$6 million in city funding last month.

"That allows us to go after the remaining funding we need; our goal is to get that by the second quarter of 2025... and kick off construction activities in 2026," said Schuessler.

• New member approved - Dorchester's Carla B. Monteiro was voted in as a new member of the CAC at the February meeting. She is the first new member in many years. Monteiro lives on Harvard Street abutting the state hospital property and is a social worker and licensed drug and alcohol counselor. She also ran for City Council at-large in 2021. "Carla will be a great addition to the CAC," said Chair Donna Young.

• Sales continue at The Preserve – Marie Morissette of Lena New Boston reported that The Preserve project, with 80 units of homeownership, is progressing with construction, completions, and sales. She said they have had four closings recently on West Main Street, and four more units are scheduled for closing. Several of the market rate units are also getting offers and responses as well.

#### The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

is seeking bids for the following:

BID NO. DESCRIPTION **DATE** TIME 03/25/25 2:00 p.m. WRA-5619 Water Metering Flow Testing WRA-5618 Stainless Steel Storage Tank Access Hatches 03/27/25 3:00 p.m.

> To access and bid on Event(s) please go to the MWRA Supplier Portal at https://supplier.mwra.com



City of Boston Planning Department

Virtual Public Meeting

**MAR** 6:00-8:00PM

#### **35-75 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD PHASE 1**

#### Register:

bosplans.org/35-75MB0326

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

**Meeting ID:** 160 291 6656



#### **DESCRIPTION:**

The Planning Department is hosting a Virtual Public Meeting for the proposed project located at 35-75 Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Project Notification Form that was filed on February 28th, 2025 and its potential impacts. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public.

The 35-75 Morrissey Boulevard Project proposes the redevelopment of 75 Morrissey Boulevard as Phase 1 of the 35-75 Morrissey Boulevard Master PDA. The project proposes redeveloping the approximately 2.24-acre 75 Morrissey site with two residential buildings, a new approximately 23,900 sf community park, and new on- and off-site roadway improvements including new bicycle and pedestrian pathways.

Mail to: Zoe Schutte

Planning Department One City Hall Square, 9th Floor Boston, MA 02201

Phone: 617.918.4311 Email: zoe.schutte@boston.gov Website: bit.ly/43dLWu9

Close of Public Comment Period: 3/31/2025

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

#### RECENT OBITUARIES

#### Joseph A. Thomas, 3rd

Joseph A. Thomas, 3rd passed away at Boston Medical Center on 2/21/2025 following a stroke.



Born at Boston City Hospital in 1944, Joe was raised with his brother Eric in Roxbury on Carlisle Street, attending Ebenezer Baptist Church and graduating from Brighton High School. In

the early 1960s, Joe moved to New York City where he worked in a variety of jobs, and enjoyed exploring the cultural offerings in Manhattan.

Joe loved travelling - to Los Angeles, the Caribbean and Montreal - and sharing stories of his travels and the people he met along the way. When his friends traveled he always enjoyed the souvenirs they brought back to him and lived vicariously through their stories.

Returning to Boston in the late 1970s, Joe worked for many years in customer service at Aetna Insurance, until their office moved to Hartford. He then worked briefly for American Student Assistance before arriving at NTI, whose mission is to help disabled Americans work from home. Joe was

BEALE, Sister Maureen SC, Sister Edward Maureen, a Sister of Charity, Halifax for 60

years. Daughter of the late Mildred (Miller) Beale and Edward Alfred Beale. Sister Maureen was born in

a jack of all trades - helping thousands to find work - on an individual basis. His co-workers at NTI have described him as funny and thoughtful, taking his role in helping people seriously. In 2003 Joe moved to a new apart-

ment on Pleasant Street in Dorchester, where his good friend Tom Reardon was his upstairs neighbor, and he immediately became a fixture in the local community.

In 2024, as his health declined, Joe received support from PACE/Uphams Elder Services, helping him to navigate his health concerns. After several stints at Laurel Ridge Rehabilitation, Joe moved to Ruggles Assisted Living in Nubian Square, where he was happy to return to the stomping ground of his youth. Joe appreciated and enjoyed the community of people he met at Ruggles and the concern everyone there had for each other.

Joe is survived by his sister-in-law Gladys Thomas of Ğaithersburg, MD, and her children, Eric Thomas II of Gaithersburg, MD, Andrew Thomas of Towson, MD, and Kia Sesay of Laurel, MD. Joe is also survived by a host of family members and friends.

Joe's life will be celebrated with a memorial gathering on Thursday March 27th at Ruggles Assisted Living, 25 Ruggles Street, Nubian Square. All are welcome to attend.

leaves her brother, Richard Beale; her nephews, Christopher Beale, Timothy Beale, Thomas Beale and Patrick Russell; as well as her Sisters throughout the Congregation. She began teaching at Saint Joseph School, Needham. From there, she spent her entire life in ministry at Saint Peter School, Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School, both in Dorchester, and Saint Patrick Grammar and High Schools in Roxbury, as a teacher and Vice Principal and Principal. Donations in memory of Sister Maureen Beale may be made to the Sisters of Charity, 125 Oakland Street, Wellesley, MA 02481.



LAWRENCE. Hilda Maud (Scott), 95, of Dorchester. Daughter to Samual and Matilda Scott. She was employed as a Home Health Aid until her retirement. Hilda is survived by her five children, Violet Denton (husband Lacy) of Stoughton, MA, Sylvia Kelly (husband Donald) of Kingston, Jamaica, Ivan Lawrence (wife Anna) of Stoughton, MA, Keith Lawrence (wife Marlene) of Toronto, Canada, Abraham Lawrence of Kingston, Jamaica; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren and her sister Deloris Lloyd. Hilda is also survived by several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her husband Ivan I. Lawrence, parents, four sisters and three brothers.



MULLEN, Jean D. (**DuMoulin**), 97, of Milton, originally of Dorchester. Wife of the late Walter J. Mullen. She was the daughter of Ralph and Rose (Shanney) DuMoulin and sister of the late Rita Graham of Quincy. Before retirement, Jean worked in the Milton High School Guidance office. Jean is survived by her daughter

Dianne Barber of Quincy. Grandmother to 1, and great grandmother to 1. Dear friend of Karin Comproni and her Fitness Unlimited "First Friday" Lunch Girls. Please make donations to the Milton Animal Shelter, 100 Access Road Milton MA 02186 (miltonanimalleague.org) or charity of your choice.



NEE, Paula, 57, of Bridgewater, originally of Dorchester. During her career, she worked with families at Boston City Hospital to spending 30 years at H&R Block. She ultimately fulfilled her lifelong dream of becoming an EMT. Daughter to the late Robert and Patricia (Ingemi) Nee, Paula was the mother of Michael and Kathleen Sweeney, both of Bridgewater, and Michael Sweeney, the cherished former partner of many years. She leaves behindher sister, Deborah Nee, and her fiancé David Turner of Dorchester; her brothers, Brian Nee of Dorchester and Jason Nee of Bridgewater; as well as many loving uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She also shared a special bond with her dear friend Christine. Donation's on Paula's name may be sent to the M.S.P.C.A.



NEWELL, Robert, 56, of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Son to the late Patrick and Rose Newell. Husband of Karen (Lane) Newell and the father of Michael Lane, Cailyn and Bobby Newell. Bobby was the brother of Kathy Bickford, Patrick Newell, Aiden Newell, Brendan Newell, Barry Newell, and Erin Newell. He worked for RJ Devereaux Corp. for the past 25 years. Bobby also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

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and grew up in Dorchester. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Edward Beale, Charles Beale, Reverend Robert Beale; her nephew, Terrance Beale; and her niece, Elizabeth Beale. Sister Maureen

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
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24 NEW CHARDON STREET

24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR TERMINATION
OF A CONSERVATOR
Docket No. SU24P2685PM
INTHE INTERESTS OF:
JIMMIE L. ANDERSON
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all othe
terested persons, a petition has beer

nterested persons, a petition has beer filed by Latonia Anderson of Boston, MA n the above captioned matter requesting

The petition asks the court to make determination that the Guardian and/or conservator should be allowed to resign; or

should be removed for good cause; or tha the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is

no longer necessary and therefore should

pe terminated. The original petition is on file

with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/26/2025. This day is NOT

return date of 03/26/2025. Inis day is NO1 a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written afficiavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within

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The above-named person has the right to asl for a lawyer. Anyone may make this reques on behalf of the above-named person. If the

above-named person cannot afford a lawyer

one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Date: February 26, 2025

Published: March 13, 2025

of this Court.

Terminate the Conservatorship

at the court:

#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU25P0474EA
ESTATE OF:
LUCY CHINAENYEZE
DATE OF DEATH: 08/30/2024

LUCY CHINAENYEZE
DATE OF DEATH: 08/30/2024

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Maxwilliams Iwuala of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Maxwilliams Iwuala of Boston, MA be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.

Petition from the Petitioner 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 the return day of 04/02/2025.

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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under

s not required to file an inventory or annua counts with the Court Persons interested accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Persona Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON, BRIAN J. DUNN, Firs Justice of this Court.
Date: March 5, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq Register of Probate Published: March 13, 2025

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU25P0478EA
ESTATE OF:
IRIS M. VICENTE a/k/a: IRIS MARISOL VICENTE RODRIGUEZ

DATE OF DEATH: 06/23/2024
To all interseted persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy
and Appointment of Personal Representative
has been filed by Iris S. Lara of Boston, MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal
Decree and Order and for such other relief
as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner
requests that: Iris S. Lara of Boston, MA be
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DATE OF DEATH: 06/23/2024

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a 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 the return day of 04/03/2025. 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, you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First lustice of this Court.

Date: March 6, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Published: March 13, 2025

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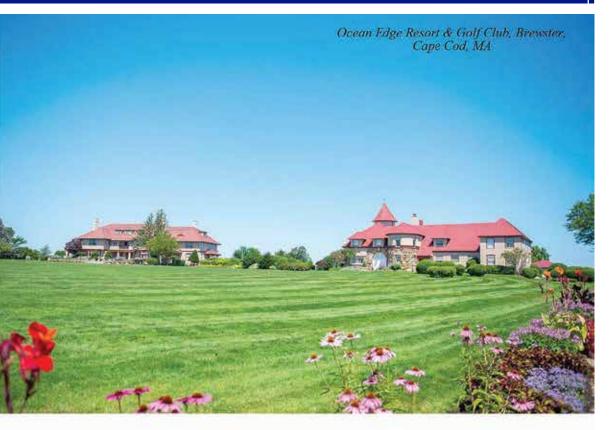
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