



Gathering on June 28 salutes the dedication of Lt. Stephen Minehan Square in Neponset.

Photo courtesy Mayor's Office/John Wilcox

## Memorial square near Florian Hall dedicated to a fallen BFD firefighter

A host of family, friends, and long-time Boston Fire Department jakes gathered with Mayor Wu on June 28 at the corner of Hallet Davis and Milton streets adjacent to Florian Hall to dedicate a memorial square to BFD Lt. Stephen Minehan, who was killed in the line of duty 30 years ago.

A life-long resident of the neighborhood behind Florian Hall, the lieutenant died on June 24, 1994 while trying to save fellow firefighters working to subdue a raging 9-alarm fire at a warehouse in Charlestown.

Serving out of Ladder 15 in the



BFD Lt. Stephen Minehan: Died in the line of duty - June 24, 1994. BFD photo

Back Bay, Lt. Minehan was part of a search-and-rescue operation during the fire that saved two firefighters. He became trapped trying to locate them and died in the blaze. He was posthumously awarded the John E. Fitzgerald Medal for the Most Meritorious Act in 1995.

A third-generation Boston firefighter, Stephen Minehan was 44 when he died, leaving behind a widow, Kathy, and four children. His son, Joe Minehan, today serves as a district chief in the Boston Fire Department.

## Bad Art museum hits milestone at Dot Brewing

By Cassidy McNeely  
Reporter Staff

Beer, barbecue, and distinctive art brought together close to a hundred people at the Dorchester Brewing Company on Monday night, June 24, to celebrate 30 years of the Museum of Bad Art (MOBA), a unique institution that collects, exhibits, and celebrates art that generally can't be found in traditional galleries. The 900 pieces in MOBA's collection are sometimes donated by artists but have also been found at thrift stores, yard sales, and mixed in with refuse.

The museum has its roots in 1993, when a picture in a pile of trash ended up in Scott Wilson's and Jerry Reilly's treasure chest.

"I used to trash pick around the City of Boston pretty regularly, almost every night," said Wilson. "I found Lucy in a trash pile in Jamaica Plain,"



Two young women attempt to make sense of the unique paintings dispersed throughout DBco. at MOBA'S 30th-anniversary celebration last Monday. Cassidy McNeely photo

said Wilson, a reference to the picture that came to be called "Lucy in the Field with Flowers." He was getting ready to do an antique show in his house in Hyde Park and had a garage full of stuff. "Jerry was visiting," said Wilson, "and he saw me taking the picture out of the garage. 'What are you

planning on doing with it?' he asked. 'Do you think I could have it?'"

After hanging Lucy's picture in his home, Reilly asked his friends to bring over any similar oddball creations they ran into. Within a few months his living room itself "started looking very odd."

A few months later, when Reilly moved into a new house, he and his friends "painted the walls white, hung all the paintings, threw a party, and welcomed everyone to the Museum of Bad Art." When the party was over, it was clear to Reilly that his small collection could grow to be much more. When that happened, he and Wilson passed the administrative torch and the artwork to Reilly's sister, Louise Reilly Sacco, who is now "the permanent acting interim executive director." She later asked Michael Frank to join her as the curator-in-chief.

"It was about the year 2000 that these people decided they had enough," Frank told the June 24 gathering. "Louise is Jerry's sister, if you can see the resemblance. They have the same hairstyle. Louise wanted to keep the museum going (Continued on page 16)

## Council rallies for 'partial' overrides; Wu budget proposal remains largely intact Peace Institute funding restored

By Chris Lovett  
Special to the Reporter

It was after almost seven hours of budget grind and a barrage of mostly failed amendments on June 26 when City Councillor Liz Breadon dropped the f-bomb, then defused it with a quick apology. At issue in was an upcoming vote on a "partial override" that would redirect \$500,000 to the Dorchester-based Louis D. Brown Peace Institute for supporting survivors of homicide.

The group's efforts at emotional healing and urgent financial assistance reminded the District 9 (Allston-Brighton) councillor of her native Northern Ireland, with its cycle of violence and multi-generational trauma—and the heroics of women who crossed "peace lines" to bond with fellow survivors. To support the program by shifting money originally from a fund for legal settlements, councillors would have had to muster at least nine votes. That's what it would take to reverse Mayor Wu's veto of the amendments to her budget proposal that were approved by the Council on June 5. And though work of the Peace Institute had been acclaimed for 28 years, some councillors had been repeatedly raising concerns about money being deducted from the fund.

"This whole performance this evening is making me sick to my gut," Breadon told her colleagues. "We should not have to fight for these things."

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Brian Worrell  
Chris Lovett photo

## Wu meets neighbors for coffee at renewed Mother's Rest Park

By Cassidy McNeely  
Reporter Staff

"This is the last coffee hour of our two-month-plus season of going to every single neighborhood. The best for last," said Mayor Wu last Wednesday morning (June 26) at the newly renovated Mother's Rest Park near Four Corners in Dorchester, where she talked about her priorities as constituents sampled donated iced coffee and donuts from Dunkin' and checked out the new look for the city-owned park as kids played in a newly opened splash pad nearby.

"We appreciate all of our city departments helping us make this possible," the mayor said. "There's a lot to celebrate in Boston right now."

A crowd of about 100 people, some stationed between a ping-pong table and work-out equipment, others perched in new stadium seating, attended the session.

Ryan Woods, the city's commissioner of Parks and Recreation, explained that the rehabilitation of the Washington Street park was a community-driven process.

"We heard loud and clear from the community that they wanted water play, they wanted room for spoken word, they wanted table tennis, they wanted areas to work out, and I think this \$1.99 million renovation hit the mark and we were able to have all those features

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Moroccan with a history of violence convicted in '21 murder

A Suffolk Superior Court jury last week convicted Nickoyan Wallace of first-degree murder for gunning down Ivanildo Gomes-Barros on Park Street in Dorchester in 2021, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. The verdict carries a mandatory sentence of life without parole, subject to a review by the Supreme Judicial Court.

According to the DA's office, on May 28, 2021, Gomes-Barros and Wallace's brother engaged in an argument outside of 77 Spencer Street that resulted in Nickoyan Wallace shooting Gomes-Barros multiple times, including two shots to the head. He was pronounced dead on scene.

Wallace represented himself at his trial. Last year, also representing himself, and declaring his name to be "Szyon Nkrumah, Al © All Rights Reserved," Wallace asked the Supreme Judicial Court to throw out the case completely, arguing that as an "Indigenous, Free Sovereign and Private Great Seal Moor, in propria persona, sui juris (not pro se or colorable)," the state had no jurisdiction over free Moors like him are free to do whatever they want on the land they own under a 1786 treaty with Morocco.

The state's highest court saw things differently, and ordered him to stand trial, although it acknowledged it was not ruling on his get-out-of-jail-free argument directly, just that he needed to make that argument on appeal. Other courts, however, have repeatedly rejected the sovereign-Moor argument, most recently last week, when a Middlesex Superior Court jury convicted two Moorish militia members on gun charges for their role in an armed standoff on Rte. 128.

Gomes-Barros's murder was not the first time that Wallace faced murder charges. He and his brother Timi were charged for the 2000 murder of their brother Tasfa, but the SJC threw out that case, not because of Wallace's purported sovereignty, but because prosecutors waited too long to bring him to trial.

Timi Wallace was eventually convicted of second-degree murder; the speedy-trial issue did not apply to him because he fled out of state, and time out of Massachusetts does not count in calculating when somebody should come to trial.

Probe underway of car-crash death of man on Fifield Street

An investigation is underway after Boston Police say a man died on scene when he crashed into a house at 24 Fifield St. in Dorchester around 8:30 p.m. last Friday (June 28). Police said a passenger was taken to the hospital with a broken leg.

WCVB has reported that police are investigating whether 911 calls about gunfire on Fifield Street shortly before the crash were related to the driver's death. Anyone with information about the incident can contact detectives at 617-343-4470 or the anonymous tip line by calling 800-494-TIPS.

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Five-story apartment building will replace Fields Corner store

The Zoning Board of Appeal last week approved a landowner's plans to replace a Richdale convenience store and a parking lot at 1420 Dorchester Ave near Adams Street, with a 5-story, 46-unit apartment building.

The BPDA board approved the project last December.

The Gordon family had originally proposed a four-story building but added an extra floor after some nearby residents said they wanted to see more apartments in the area, the family's attorney, George Morancy, told the board.

Seven of the apart-



Rendering of proposed 1420 Dorchester Ave. by RODE Architects.

ments, or 15 percent of the total, will be rented as affordable to people making no more than 70 percent of the Boston area median income, the attorney said.

The building will have 33 parking spaces in an underground garage as

well as ground-floor commercial space. Residents will have a private green-space in the rear, which will also serve as a buffer for homes in the area - as well as a public plaza with some artwork along Dorchester Avenue.

The building's exterior

is full of "architectural richness," Mike DelleFave of RODE Architects said. "No sides are cheapened."

The proposal needed zoning-board approval because it proposes something taller and bigger than otherwise allowed and does not have as many parking spaces as it otherwise would have needed. It also needed approval because five of the apartments would be on the ground floor, although DelleFave said that because of the topography of the lot, the units are actually several feet above ground level.

-REPORTER STAFF

Ward 15 Dems back Cartwright in race for top court clerk post

The Ward 15 Democratic committee has endorsed Allison Cartwright in the contest for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court, which will be on the ballot in September. The committee also endorsed incumbent state Rep. Dan Hunt, who is running unopposed this year, and Stephanie Everett, the current Register of Probate for Suffolk County.

Cartwright is running to succeed Maura Doyle, who is stepping down from her longtime role at the SJC Clerk in Suffolk County at the end of the year. Also vying for the seat is Boston City Councillor-at-large Erin Murphy.

The Ward 15 group voted unanimously on July 15 to back Cart-

wright after an interview in which the group said she "exhibited a deep and wide understanding of the responsibilities of the office of clerk."

Cartwright is an attorney and currently works as the managing director of the Public Defender Division's Central Region, where she runs offices in Suffolk and Norfolk counties overseeing roughly 75 staff members.

"As a native of Boston, a woman of color, and an attorney with extensive courtroom and management experience, she proved to our Committee in our interview that she is the hands-down best candidate to be the next Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court," Ward 15 Dems said in a statement.

Other candidate endorsements announced earlier this year by the Ward 15 group included US Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, state Sen. Nick Collins, state Rep. Chris Worrell and Ranked Choice Voting.



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Mayor Wu and the Boston Parks Dept. present a Neighborhood Concert Series performance by Living on a Bad Name, a Bon Jovi tribute at McConnell Park in Dorchester on Mon., July 8, at 7 p.m. 30 Denny St., Dorchester. Free! See boston.gov/ParkArts for more info.

The Dudley Jazz Fest returns to Mary Hannon Playground in Dorchester on Sat., July 20, from noon to 6 p.m. and features free performances by the Fred Woodard Collective, Jason Palmer, Jay Hoggard, and Nadia Washington. 621 Dudley St., Dorchester.

Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park - Tuesday evenings 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from July 9 - August 13 (rain date August 20). At Valley Gates next to the Playstead ballfields. Bring a lawn chair and friends to hear local R&B, Jazz, Reggae, and Motown bands outdoors under the setting sun.

Food and craft vendors. MBTA Bus #16 or walk up the hill from Green St Station on the Orange Line. For more information: franklinparkcoalition.org.

The BPDA will host a virtual public meeting on Mon., July 8, to discuss a proposed project change for the Olmsted Village project in Mattapan. The meeting will be held via Zoom. See bostonplans.org for a link. The meeting will include a presentation followed by a conversation with the IAG members, then a Q&A and comments from the public. For more info contact quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov by July 3.

Celebrate summer at White Stadium at a special event on Thurs., July 11, 3-7 p.m. co-sponsored by the city of Boston and the NWSL Boston. Ice cream, face painting, soccer, and more. From July 1 to July 7, the JFK Presiden-

tial Library will join the City of Boston in celebrating Boston Navy Week, an event that will culminate in an all-day celebration at the library on Navy Day, Fri., July 5, for which there will be free admission for all guests and performances from two Navy bands. US veterans will receive free admission during the entire week. Special collection items will be on display throughout the week, including a US flag that flew on Lieutenant John F. Kennedy's PT-109 torpedo boat during his command in the South Pacific in 1943. The Navy Week schedule at the Library is as follows: Mon., July 1-Sun., July 7: Special collection items will be on display, and maritime-related maker activities will be available. Visitors can receive \$2 off admission with the promo code "Harborfest." Friday, July 5 - "Navy Day at the JFK Library." Admission will be free for all

visitors from noon to 5 p.m. Celebrate the US Navy and those who serve by joining us for a day of fun and educational activities, including two performances by members of the US Navy Band: The Northeast's Brass Quintet at noon and the Northeast's Crosswinds Woodwind Quintet at 6 p.m. The Northeast Brass Quintets' performances are appreciated by audiences of all ages and include a wide range of musical styles encompassing traditional and modern brass literature, from jazz to patriotic marches. Naval officers will be on site throughout the Library offering historic, scientific, and other educational presentations in the Museum galleries during the day.

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# Blue Hill Ave. plans get closer looks via 'pop-up' workshops

**BY HARRIET GAYE**  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The MBTA and the City of Boston hosted the latest in a series of public meetings to seek feedback to their \$44 million public works project along Blue Hill Avenue last Thursday (June 27) at the Franklin Park Clubhouse in Dorchester. City planners engaged one-on-one with attendees at the open house, which featured large-format maps and renderings depicting proposed changes to the road system, including a controversial center bus lane aimed at improving service on the Route 28 route between Warren Street in Grove Hall and River Street in Mattapan Square.

The proposed changes, which have been in the works for several years, were unveiled last February to mixed reviews. Supporters say the center-running bus lane with raised platforms and new shelters for waiting passengers will dramatically improve the experience for the more than 40,000 people who use buses on Blue Hill Ave every weekday. But opponents say the reconfigured road system will make it worse for motorists and business owners.

Mayor Wu and political



**Transit planner Maya Mudgal at last week's meeting at the Franklin Park Clubhouse.**

allies like US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, US Sen. Ed Markey, and state Rep. Russell Holmes have praised the concept—and the infusion of federal funding that will make it possible—but they also promised more public meeting to solicit block-by-block fine-tuning of the engineering plans.

Last week's meeting was one of several along the route over the last two months aimed at fulfilling that pledge. Several stations were set up inside the William J. Devine Golf Course Clubhouse with different means of participation. Residents placed suggestion notes on an elongated street map that

depicted the avenue. City of Boston transit planner Maya Mudgal was one of the officials on hand to work directly with people who attended.

"This is kind of the culmination of a month long really big engagement push," she said. "We've had a lot of pop-up workshops. People are very excited to sit down at the map and get into specifics."

Mudgal, 24, started working full-time on this transit project after she completed a co-op program at Northeastern University. The feedback that she and others take away from the workshops will factor into later design iterations, she said, with a new and more



**Jamaica Plain resident Michelle White is "all for it."**



**Joshua Ricketts of Mattapan sees pros and cons to the Blue Hill Avenue re-design.**

*Harriet Gaye photos*

detailed layout expected to be presented to the community in the fall.

Ursula Vaughn, an attendee at the event, does not live in Boston, but she has been a part of running Lawson's Barbershop and Beauty Salon at 1541 Blue Hill Ave. just north of Mattapan Square for more than 20 years. She worries that

traffic flow will worsen if the current plan is implemented.

"My problem is that the businesses in Mattapan Square already cannot accommodate parking," she told The Reporter. "From what I understand from being at meetings prior to this, basically parking will be cut in half once regulated. So, I'm not sure how that's going to work. It's going to put a lot of the small businesses in Mattapan Square out of business."

Vaughn also expressed concerns about not being heard either as a small business worker or as a driver. "They're not really listening to drivers," she said. "They're really gearing toward transit riders but not drivers. I feel like Mattapan is a gateway into the city. You have some of the best hospitals, some of the best schools in Boston. A lot of the times that's a way of getting into Boston."

Linda Freeman, a senior citizen who lives in Roxbury, shares Vaughn's concerns.

"Idealistically, yes, it looks great when you're putting it in, Freeman said. "But on the practical side of it, you're forgetting about the residents and the businesses and the churches and the libraries. How are they

impacted? Did you bother to ask is this better or is this worse?"

Others, like Jamaica Plain resident Michelle White, see the transit plan as a much-needed improvement over the current system.

"I'm all for it. It's progress. We can't keep doing things the way we've always done it," White said. "I want people to have our input so we can tell them listen, 'That's not going to work on that corner' or such."

Joshua Ricketts finds himself between Vaughn and White's stances. A Mattapan native and a student at Roxbury Community College, he uses a variety of transportation options to get to and from campus most days.

"I think it could use a few more improvements from local residents," Ricketts, 21, said. "If I'm going to be honest, I'm also a new-time driver so I'm going to miss the second lane, but at the end of the day it's going to benefit me because I'm not always going to have my car."

*The MBTA and city of Boston are continuing to solicit input through a survey that can be completed online at [mbta.com/projects/blue-hill-avenue-transportation-action-plan](https://mbta.com/projects/blue-hill-avenue-transportation-action-plan).*

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# Secretary Galvin addresses 'unease in our democracy'

**BY COLIN A. YOUNG**  
**STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE**  
Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin diagnosed the issues he sees repelling some voters from the two major political parties and gave his outlook on the health of American democracy in a televised interview that aired last Sunday.



**Secretary Bill Galvin hands out miniature American flags to 7th graders from Wilbraham Middle School after leading them in the Pledge of Allegiance at a Flag Day ceremony in Nurses Hall on Fri., June 14. State House News Service photo**

Talking with Jon Keller on WBZ-TV, the state's top elections official of three decades said Sunday that he's now the senior-most state elections official in the country. And he said many of his counterparts from both parties "share the same concerns - that we have citizens who are distrustful of the process [and] we have anxiety about the accuracy of the process - none of which are factually justified."

"Nevertheless, it's contributing to an unease in our democracy, that we're very concerned. And there's no ignoring the realities of January 6 of 2021; there's just no ignoring it. We have to get beyond that. We have to make sure that the laws are clear. I think the Congress

has done something positive there regarding presidential elections. And we have to have transparency in the election process at every level to make people confident of it," Galvin, a Brighton Democrat, said.

Democrats around the country have framed the 2024 presidential election as one about "the fate of our democracy," as Gov. Healey put it last fall. When Donald Trump lost the presidency to Joe Biden four years ago, he and his sup-

porters pushed back against the election results and some attempted on Jan. 6, 2021 to interfere as Congress certified Biden's victory. The Biden-Trump rematch on tap for this November has kept issues of election integrity, political campaign norms and democratic traditions on the front burner.

Galvin said he thinks Massachusetts has "had a very good record of" maintaining public confidence in elections, citing his refusal to allow digital bal-

lots, the fact that voters here can place their paper ballots directly into ballot boxes, and the state's laws around recounts.

When Keller asked if he is more or less confident in the health of the American democracy than when he took office in 1995, Galvin responded by saying that he is "confident in people's interest in making sure democracy is protected."

"I'm concerned about the twists and turns that many recent developments - such as social media, misinformation, AI, all these things that we've seen develop - the effect that can have, and the reluctance of people to accept an election result," he said. "That's the concern. As Americans, we should join in accepting the concept that we all vote, we always don't win, but we all have to agree that the elections, provided they're properly run, should be accommodated and approved as a result."

Galvin also talked about the slate of questions that appear on track to go before voters on the Nov. 5 statewide ballot, including measures related to

the auditor's ability to audit the Legislature, union rights of gig economy drivers, the role of MCAS exam, and more.

The longtime Democrat told Keller that he sees issues with both parties and offered his take on their direction.

"I think the Democratic Party and the Republican Party both have - its manifest all the time - significant internal discussions about policy and various groups within both parties have strong opinions about policy. We just saw in the New York state primary for congressional races, where these fault lines are very much on display," Galvin said, referring to last week's primary in which a moderate Democrat unseated progressive US Rep. Jamaal Bowman.

"Obviously, on the Republican side, I guess pick your poison, if you will. If you want a lockstep party that, ideologically, seems to be out of touch with many people, they seem to be going in that direction. Many moderate Republicans are somewhat alienated by some of their views as well."

# AG Campbell: Biden's 'going to have to step it up'

Count Attorney General Andrea Campbell among the Democrats still backing President Joe Biden's campaign after his performance in last week's presidential debate against Donald Trump, although the Mattapan Democrat says the president needs to "step it up."

While some Democrats have privately or publicly called for another candidate to replace Biden as their nominee this fall, Campbell did not hesitate to signal that she still backs the incumbent president.

"Absolutely not," she replied on

WCVB's "On the Record" when asked if Biden should step aside. "That's a question for him, if he wanted to step aside."

Democrats quickly began to voice concerns about their prospects in November after Biden rambled, misspoke, and gave unconvincing answers during his debate with Trump - who himself made multiple false claims - on Thursday night.

Co-host Sharman Sacchetti asked if Biden is up for the campaign, and Campbell said, "Absolutely. It was obviously not his best performance.

Given the stakes in this election and what's on the table, he's going to have to bring not only more energy, but also just step it up and bring it to the level of infusing more enthusiasm. People need to know that this is a critical election."

"But what's crystal clear to me is if I'm going to continue to deliver for residents in Massachusetts on junk fees, on student loan relief, on access

to reproductive health care, on making sure there is no political violence in this country, protecting the rule of law, protecting our democratic institutions, the only partner that's going to help me and every other elected official across this country deliver on those things is President Biden," she added.

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# Ships Ahoy! It's Navy Week in Boston

The US Navy dropped anchor in Boston on Monday, bringing Navy Week – and 50 to 75 sailors from across the country – to the city through next Sunday, when it will be anchors aweigh. The sailors have volunteered to talk with area and community residents about why the Navy matters to Boston. This will be the first Navy Week hosted by Boston and the surrounding cities and


towns communities since 2012. Events will feature in-person demonstrations, performances, and engagements throughout the week that will include: Flag officer and senior civilian Navy leaders with ties to Boston and the surrounding areas; sailors who are serving aboard PCU Massachusetts (SSN-798), a Virginia-class nuclear-powered

fast attack submarine and the USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship still afloat, now anchored in the Charlestown Navy Yard; Navy Band Northeast performances and masterclasses with Navy musicians; and educational presentations and lesson plans about the deep ties between Boston and the Navy. "We are thrilled to bring


the Navy to Boston," said NAVCO's director, Cmdr. Anthony Falvo. "Though our Navy is deployed around-the-world and around-the-clock, the Navy Week program allows us to showcase our service in places that don't enjoy an everyday naval presence. Most importantly, it affords us the opportunity to highlight our most important asset – the highly skilled

men and women of the United States Navy who ensure our warfighting advantage to preserve our American way of life." **The Schedule by Day**  
**July 1** – Naval History & Heritage at USS Constitution Museum: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (through July 4); Harborfest Opening Ceremony: Noon; Macy's Fashion Show: 2 p.m.  
**July 2** – Hope and Comfort Volunteer Opportunity, 10 a.m.; Harborfest Arts and Crafts:

11 a.m.; Music and activities at Columbus Park, 1 p.m.; Chowderfest, 2 p.m.; Navy Band Harborfest Fireworks Concert, 6 p.m.  
**July 3** – Navy Dive Tank at Constitution Museum, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Museum of Science Presentations, 10:30 to 2 p.m.; Harborfest Arts and Crafts, 11 to 6:30 p.m.; Columbus Park activities, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Meet Navy sailors, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Movie Night at the JFK Library and Museum in Dorchester, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
**July 4** – Navy Dive Tank at USS Constitution Museum, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Ancient & Honorable Artillery Parade from City Hall, 9 to 11 a.m.; Navy Band Constitution Turn-around performance, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; USS Constitution underway 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**July 5** – Boston Parks Cleanup, 9 to 11 a.m.; Navy Day at the JFK Library in Dorchester, noon to 8 p.m. See separate Library schedule for July 5 in Civic Notices on Page 2.  
**July 6** – Navy Expo, 1 to 3:30 p.m.; City of Boston's Military Music at the Park.  
**July 7** – Concerts at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, 12:30 p.m.; New England Aquarium, 1 p.m.; Brewer Fountain Plaza, 1:15 p.m.; Dive in the New England Aquarium's Giant Ocean Tank, 4 p.m.



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# Reporter's People **People** News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

## The Bullpen Buddies make sure Dot kids enjoy a night at Fenway



Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester youth and Daniel Daly, Local 103 Executive Board member posing with Local 103 IBEW gear.

Teams from Detroit, Atlanta, Philadelphia, and New York came to play in iconic Fenway Park last month but it's likely that those who had the shortest commute appreciated their visit the most.

On Wed., June 12, children from the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester went on a trip to the oldest major league ballpark in America. Thanks to the sponsorship of Local 103 IBEW and the National Electrical Association of Greater Boston, the Bullpen Buddies charity initiative brought the kids to the park – and then onto the field. Upon arrival, they got to watch batting practice and then chat with their favorite players.

"We're incredibly proud to team up with the Boston Red Sox to give back to our community and create lasting memories for our local youth through experiences like Bullpen Buddies," said Lou Antonellis, Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Local 103 IBEW.



Boston Red Sox pitcher, Justin Slaten, signing autographs for Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester kids and teens. Photos courtesy IBEW Local 103

"This opportunity for the kids to meet their favorite baseball players and walk on the historic Fenway Park is a memory they'll cherish for a lifetime."

NECA Greater Boston Executive Manager Kristen Gowin added: "IBEW and NECA have a long-standing partnership with Fenway Park, working on its electrical work. We align closely with the Red Sox, sharing values and priorities. It

feels natural. We are all committed to creating community initiatives like Bullpen Buddies and are excited about what's next."

As 7:10 approached and the Green Monster filled, the Dorchester youth contingent was invited to stay and watch the game against the Phillies. The only thing that made a night filled with Fenway Franks and Sweet Caroline even

sweeter, was seeing the Sox clinch an 8-6 win.

At the end of the night, each kid left with a smile and a signed baseball or a shirt. It may have been just another day for the Sox, but as they look to take on the Toronto Blue Jays and San Diego Padres this week, they can expect to have a few more fans cheering them on from Dorchester.

—CASSIDY MCNEELEY



Dr. Steve Perlman, DDS, left, co-founder of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, and New England Council President & CEO James T. Brett attended the AADMD One Voice Conference in Chicago in June. Brett, of Dorchester, was honored with the organization's Robert E. Cooke Lifetime Achievement Award for his longtime advocacy for people with disabilities. In addition to his role at The New England Council, the nation's oldest regional business association, Brett is a lifelong advocate for improving the lives of people with disabilities. A former state lawmaker, he currently serves as Chair of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities and has previously served on the Committee under several administrations. NE Council phot

## Epiphany School 8th graders earn \$2m in high school scholarships

Members of the eighth grade graduating class at Dorchester's Epiphany School have been awarded \$2 million in scholarships to continue their educational journey in high school.

The 22 students who make up Epiphany's Class of 2024 will go on to attend more than a dozen independent, parochial, charter and pilot schools, and elite exam schools, such as Boston University Academy, Milton Academy, and Fontbonne Academy.

"With an extended school day and an extended school year, our students put in long hours; their parents and their teachers work hard, too," said founder and Head of School the Rev. John Finley. "The results are extraordinary, sometimes more than two years of academic progress in a single year. We are all wildly proud of their success."

In addition to the resources and support at the high schools the students will attend, they will also be part of the Graduate Support Program providing lifelong educational, personal, and career guidance and assistance to Epiphany graduates.

—REPORTER STAFF

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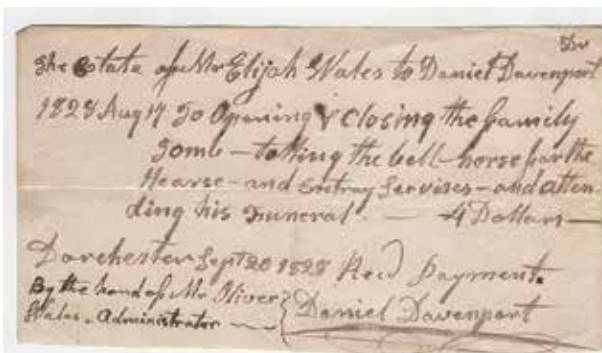
DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Daniel Davenport, sexton and grave digger - (1773-1860)

On Aug. 17, 1828, Daniel Davenport, the sexton and grave digger for the First Parish Church, charged the estate of Elijah Wales \$4 to open and close his tomb, toll the bell, and provide a horse for the hearse that day. There is one service that Davenport provided that we at the Society haven't figured out. If anyone knows what the "ecstray services" noted in his invoice means, please let us know.

Davenport published at least three editions of "The Sexton's Monitor and Dorchester Cemetery Memorial" in 1826, 1837, and 1845. He is said to have written his own epitaph. The inscription is given in "Epitaphs from the Old Burying Ground in Dorchester, Massachusetts" (Boston Highlands, 1869). Harlow Elliott Woodward was a main contributor to this work:

*This grave was dug and finished in the year 1833, by Daniel Davenport, when he had been Sexton*



*In Dorchester, twenty seven years, had attended 1135 funerals and dug 734 graves.*

*As Sexton, with my spade I learned, To delve beneath the sod, Where body to the earth returned, But spirit to its God.*

*Years twenty-seven this toil I bore, And midst deaths oft was spared; Seven hundred graves and thirty-four I dug, then mine prepared.*

*And when, at last, I too must die, Some else the bell will toll; As here my mortal relics lie, May heaven receive my soul.*

*He died December 24, 1860, aged 87 years 6 mos. 19 days. He buried from March 3, 1806 to May 12, 1852 One thousand eight hundred & thirty-seven Persons.*

*These posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Society's William Clapp and James Blake Houses are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

## Editorial

## Commentary

## Justices to Americans: Bow to your king

In a 6-3 decision on Monday, the US Supreme Court ruled that certain “official acts” by a president are shielded by “absolute immunity” from criminal prosecution. The majority opinion deals a victory to former president Donald Trump and his legal team, which has hinged his defense against a four-count federal indictment for crimes alleged in his attempt to overturn the 2020 presidential election that he lost to President Biden. But it also sends the chilling message that no future president can be held to account by the Rule of Law.

While the six majority justices – all of them aligned with right-leaning Republican ideology – allow that other “unofficial acts” are not afforded immunity from prosecution, the definitions outlined in their opinion are so broad and sweeping as to make it virtually impossible to check any abuse at the executive level.

In a cruel irony, the ruling was published three days before Independence Day, our most revered federal holiday that marks the 1776 Declaration of Independence, our republic’s founding document that sought, as its core principle, to reject the despotism and absolute rule of the British crown. This week’s decision is a betrayal of that founding principle, granting one person – above all other Americans – absolution from abuses of power and criminality. And it sends a disturbing message to allies of the former president and presumptive Republican nominee that their own crimes – past, present, and future – might also go unpunished.

In her dissent published along with the majority opinion, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson summarized the dangers of this paradigm shift in stark terms: “Stated simply: The Court has now declared for the first time in history that the most powerful official in the United States can (under circumstances yet to be fully determined) become a law unto himself.”

Justice Sonia Sotomayor put it thusly about the “law-free zone” that her colleagues have unleashed around Trump and any of his successors: “The relationship between the President and the people he serves has shifted irrevocably. In every use of official power, the President is now a king above the law,” she wrote in a stirring dissent. “Orders the Navy’s Seal Team 6 to assassinate a political rival? Immune. Organizes a military coup to hold onto power? Immune. Takes a bribe in exchange for a pardon? Immune. Immune, immune, immune. Let the President violate the law, let him exploit the trappings of his office for personal gain, let him use his official power for evil ends.”

As we enter the second half of a penultimate presidential election year, the American people must now come to grips with the fact that one of the core institutions we have long counted on to protect our experiment in self-government from the worst impulses of human nature has washed its hands of its duty to defend us and the Constitution.

As Justice Jackson writes in the closing moments of her dissent: “As we enter this uncharted territory, the People, in their wisdom, will need to remain ever attentive, consistently fulfilling their established role in our constitutional democracy, and thus collectively serving as the ultimate safeguard against any chaos spawned by this Court’s decision.”

–Bill Forry

### For the Record: A correction

A story in the June 20 edition of The Reporter incorrectly noted that no Boston English High sports team had won a state championship since 1971. In fact, Boston English High basketball teams won consecutive state basketball titles in 1974 and 1975. The Reporter regrets the error.

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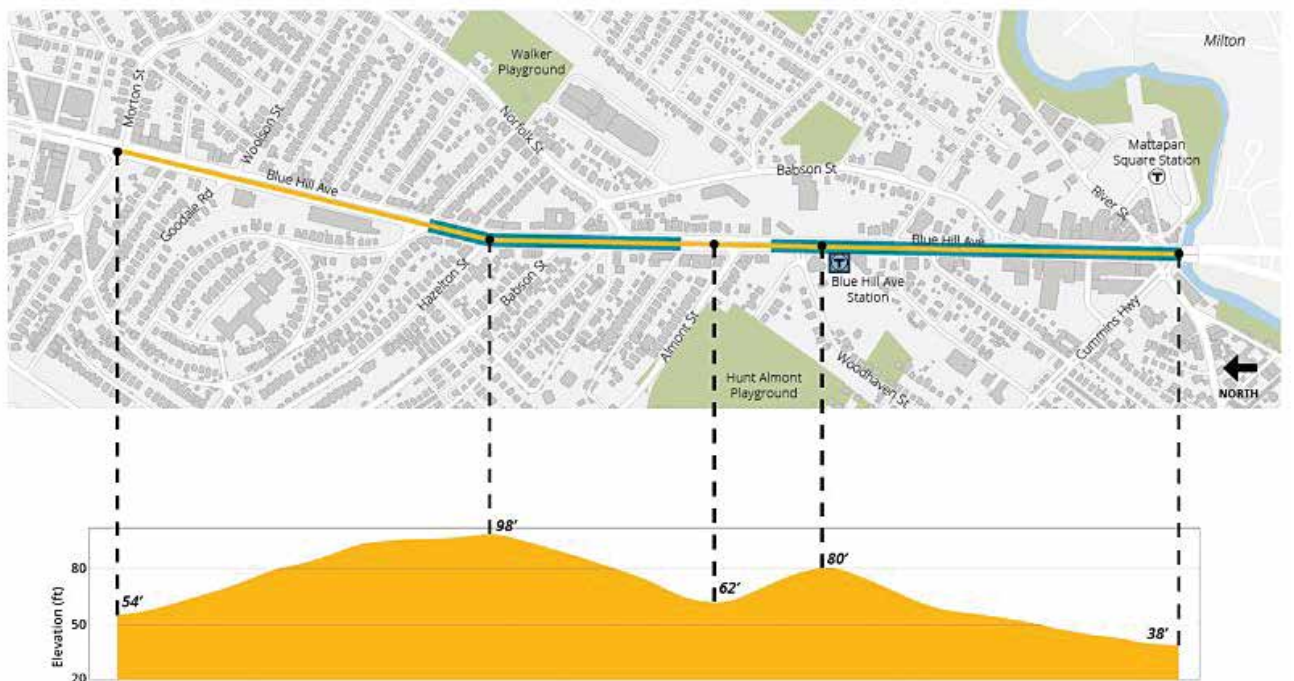
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## Blue Hill Avenue rises and falls, so let’s redesign it accordingly

### Elevation of Blue Hill Avenue

Between Morton St and Mattapan Sq

Blue outlines indicate where the Blue Hills are visible from Blue Hill Ave based on a Google Streetview analysis.



\*\*Map and measurements not to exact scale\*\*

Image showing Blue Hill Ave. elevations courtesy Jack Halverson, Planner II, BPDA, City of Boston

### BY FATIMA ALI-SALAAM SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Five years ago, I began taking weekly walks on Blue Hill Avenue for the purpose of seeing the state of anything and everything for public services, street-scapes, types of businesses, housing types, who is walking or using walking-aids/wheelchairs, biking, trucks, cars, scooters, buses, and its physical appearance. My roundtrip route takes me across Cummins Highway, crossing both sides of Blue Hill Avenue, from the front of the Brothers Deli & Restaurant at Mattapan Square to the Madhouse Cafe at Dudley St and Blue Hill Ave (9 miles) and back to my starting point. I have walked alternative routes where I follow the outline of the Greater Mattapan Zoning Boundaries, which is about 10.6 miles.

This avenue is named after the Blue Hills we see in the distance beyond Mattapan Square. The rises and falls of this road are obvious to anyone who walks or drives its length. I can see the Boston skyline with the Prudential building above the tree lines. At points, the hills obscure my view of the city. This continues as I make my way through Grove Hall and finish my walk at the Madhouse Café. The same rise and descent of the road is obvious to anyone walking the opposite direction.

Heading south at Franklin Park, I can see the Blue Hills, but walk six blocks and they fade just as the Boston skyline appears, a pattern repeated the length of the avenue.

It’s clear to both pedestrians and drivers that Blue Hill Avenue is a series of hills and valleys, and this has a significant effect on how people drive, often without appropriate caution. Considering the road surface when debating bus lanes, bike lanes, and pedestrian crossings is crucial for both safety and in providing a steady travel speed, for pedestrians and drivers.

Using the Blue Hills visibility as the measure, does the road design support a constant posted speed limit (25 mph), or does the design encourage drivers to exceed it? Have there been community discussions about signage to indicate when the road surfaces climb or descend?

We are all well aware of the excessive speeding on Blue Hill Ave; but I cannot recall one conversation about the extreme elevations on it. This discussion should be part of the next phase of community engagements about the Blue Hill Ave Transportation Action Plan.

For this project to be successful, it is important for the design to consider its surroundings and respect it. Contextual elements like the community and environment that surround the area should determine fundamental design decisions, such as the cross-section determination, detailed design elements, and street fixtures.

I reached out to the BPDA Planning Department’s Kathleen Onufer, deputy director of Zoning, and Jack Halverson, Planner II. I explained my thoughts about the lack of discussion about the elevations of Blue Hill Ave when discussing zoning codes’ effectiveness and to explore the extreme elevations of Blue Hill Ave, driving speeds, and lack of safety.

I asked if I might work with Mr. Halverson to plot these variations in the visibility of the Blue Hills. The work could be used by others and perhaps spur deeper community conversations to solve planning and design issues related to spatial equity, architecture, and design.

As drivers travel through Mattapan Square, they face an incline of approximately 42 feet until they get to the Blue Hill Avenue commuter rail station. Continuing along from there is a constant up and down rollercoaster that drivers may be unaware of, caused by more than the poor road conditions. Adding road grade variations through texture, bioretention swales, wayfinding, and art installations will address excessive speed as well as encourage drivers to stop and maybe shop or explore the area.

The Blue Hill Avenue Transportation Action Plan is set to begin in 2026. There are streetscaping design elements that should be recommended to help with travel speed rates. The Boston Transportation Department and the MBTA have a block-by-block survey for community stakeholders in the next phase of this Transportation Action Plan. I applaud the effort of asking responses for each block. But what is absent is the necessary language to describe the types of streetscapes that enhance safety and provide a pleasing, identifiable, and cohesive aesthetic that encourages multimodal travel, bioretention, place-making, wayfinding, and art installations that have a relation to the area.

Without the necessary language and visual cues, residents are not likely to request amenities that also are visually appealing and address the need for safe multimodal movement on Blue Hill Avenue.

**Solution 1** – There should be a choice for adding more e-Bluebikes than regular Bluebikes, because of this avenue’s elevations. This is an equity moment, providing a public need that would improve local stakeholder experiences. It is more appropriate here than on roads that are not as long and do not have significant elevations. Present additional information that connects all parts of Blue Hill Avenue within environmental, historical, and cultural context.

**Solution 2** – Entering Mattapan Square should not be a fleeting moment. Wayfinding signage and arts installations, bioretention swales with and without seating; trees and lighting that change with the season. All of these types of changes will slow down the speeding on Blue Hill Ave and improve public health and safety while providing an aesthetic that embraces this community’s natural features.

“Mattapan is a good place to be... Greater Mattapan just keeps getting better.” This is the tagline of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council. We want our community to not only look good, but to make you feel good. As David Lopes, an original GMNC Board member, told me: “No one should feel visually assaulted in their own community.” Yet this is exactly what is occurring for those of us who live or work in proximity to Blue Hill Avenue. And it does not have to be if we want better.

The author is the chairperson of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council.



# Council rallies for 'partial' overrides; Wu budget largely intact

## Peace Institute funding restored

(Continued from page 1)

Two nights earlier, at a hearing in the same chamber convened by Ways and Means chair, District 4 (Dorchester/Mattapan) Councillor Brian Worrell, the Peace Institute did its own fighting, contributing to more than three hours of budget testimony gathered from speakers who participated in person or by remote connection.

Introducing eight fellow survivors who lined up alongside her, the group's president and CEO, Clementina Chéry, announced, "This is just a small glimpse of your constituents." Among the survivors who followed suit were Kim and Ronald Odom, whose son, Steven, was fatally shot in Dorchester at age 13 in 2007. "To have the parents who've lost their children to gun violence come in here and beg, practically get on their knees to beg us to do the right thing, it's obscene," said Breadon two nights later. "We have to do the right thing, so let's get on with it here." After more encouragement from like-minded councillors, the "partial override" carried, by a vote of 12-1. What the council had backed off doing in bulk six hours earlier—completely overriding Wu's veto of budget changes approved by the Council on June 5—would be attempted in piecemeal fashion, through a flurry of "partial override" amendments patched together by Worrell, and a barrage of rollcalls that continued past 11 p.m. By the end of a long day's night, the council had passed amendments adding up to \$8.2 million in budget changes, including \$1.9 million retained by the mayor when she vetoed the budget changes—totaling \$15.3 million—that were passed by the Council on June 5. The day after the vote, a city spokesperson said the reallocation of money to the Peace Institute that originally was budgeted for Execution of Courts funding "cuts against responsible municipal budgeting and finance. ... We will carefully review with Corporation Counsel's office and the Finance team to understand how best to address these votes and to plan for future financial sustainability." In a statement issued the same day, Wu said, "I'm grateful to Councillors for passing our budget after due diligence and debate. With these investments over the next year, City departments will build on our daily work to deliver excellent City services, build community across every neighborhood, and make Boston a home for everyone." A referendum approved by voters in 2021 gave the City Council more power to make changes in the budget filed the mayor, though without increasing the total spending amount. Before the referendum, councillors could only make cuts or apply pressure by holding off budget approval. Since 2022, councillors have been able to increase spending for individual items, but only by transferring money that was already planned by the mayor for other uses. Last year, the Council passed an amended version of the mayor's budget that reduced spending on the Boston Police Dept by \$30 million. After the changes were vetoed by the mayor, the Council managed to pass only a single override amendment, and the Police Department emerged with a budget increase of nine percent over the previous year. In this year's amendments approved on June 5, the differences were smaller, with only \$3 million to be transferred from the Police Dept., \$1.8 million of which was to come from putting off a promotional exam, a move that District 6 (West Roxbury/Jamaica Plain) Councillor Ben Weber said could still allow promotions based on the 2020 exam, possibly with even more racial diversity. But, in voting last night (**June 26???**), an override amendment that would have reallocated the money failed, with District 6 (South Boston, South End, Chinatown) Councillor Ed Flynn citing a lack of support from Police Commissioner Michael Cox.



During Monday night's hearing in the Council Chamber, Clementina Chéry of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute made the case for funding within the city budget with fellow survivors of homicide in support. *Chris Lovett photo*

In her veto message on June 10, Wu said money shifted from the Police Dept. was needed "to operationalize contract reforms in modernizing paid details, upgrading technology, and other planned improvements." One of three councillors who opposed the budget changes on June 5—along with Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy and District 3 (Dorchester) Councillor John FitzGerald, Flynn declared in a Twitter post that "budget cuts to public safety departments and neighborhood services would hurt Boston residents and negatively impact the quality of life for our residents." In its own post, the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association applauded the mayor's veto, crediting her with "not only prioritizing public safety, but moving to fully restore any irresponsible cuts to the police budget by a City Council seemingly more concerned with playing politics." In a *Boston Globe* op-ed appearing four days later, Worrell took a different view. "Although the council decreased the mayor's proposed budgets for the police and fire departments," he wrote, "they both still received the largest increases in city history (\$47 million for police and \$27 million for fire) and the council increased investments in combating violence and crime, making community safety central to our proposed budget."

In a single advisory measure, the Council added \$1 million, in agreement with Flynn's urging, for the Police Dept. crime lab. The money would fund personnel and testing kits used for sexual assault cases. Other successful override amendments provided money for spending backed by speakers at Monday's hearing, including for rental assistance vouchers, ESOL programs, and a Black male equity study.

According to Worrell's office, the changes approved provided an additional \$1.8 million for housing, \$2.4 million for community safety, \$1.6 million for "quality of life issues," and \$2.4 million for college and career readiness programs.

Before the partial overrides, the Council had voted on whether to fully reverse the mayor's veto of its June 5 amendments. The resulting 7-6 vote fell short of the two-thirds majority needed for an override. Voting against the override were three councillors who opposed the amendments on June 5 and three colleagues, all backed by Wu in last year's election: Councillor At-Large Henry Santana, District 5 (Hyde Park/Roslindale) Councillor Enrique J. Pepén, and District 8 (Back Bay, Fenway, Mission Hill) Councillor Sharon Durkan.

"I do believe that reallocating funds from one particular job, from one particular department to another, is a cut," Flynn argued before the first override vote. "I also believe it does impact delivery of basic city services, quality of life for residents. And it impacts future hires into the city of Boston." Murphy contended that the override would replace unfilled positions with non-existent positions. "These are permanent budgetary damaging that will be inflicted on solid union jobs, many of them entry-level code enforcement, transportation, librarians, assessing 'parks and rec,'" she said. "We are preemptively hamstringing the city's future ability to provide core services because we're making these decisions today." Councillors supporting the override argued that much of the money being reallocated was from accounts with a history of under-spending in recent years. "Any reallocations made are based on looking at six years of data on line items and spending to see where money has been underspent," said District 1 (East Boston, Charlestown) Councillor Gabriela Coletta Zapata. "Even still, the council did not take all of the unspent money from any line item, meaning that there is significant cushion."

Other supporters of the override drew attention to their meticulous trawling for underspent money through analysis of spending data going as far back as those six years.

"I'd like to thank Councillor Worrell for driving a process here where we looked at the data and he created an atmosphere where we are all able to work together," said Weber. "Whether you support this or not, my faith in the council has certainly been restored being involved in this process on the inside."

Like Clementina Chéry, Domingo Cintron, Jr. spent hours observing the process from a gallery seat in the Council's Iannella Chamber. A formerly homeless veteran and member of the West End Civic Association, a tenant association, and the Mass. Alliance of HUD Tenants, Cintron spoke at Monday night's hearing in support of money for rental assistance. He told councillors that "a million-and-a-half dollars can house at least one hundred families or people like me," acknowledging, "If I go back out there, become homeless again, I probably won't make it back."

Though they did not have a chance to speak at Wednesday's meeting, Chéry and Cintron were back for the decisive votes. Even late into the night, councillors deciding how far to push their budget agendas could still see them in the gallery.

## Peace Institute gets okay for Westville Street headquarters

The Zoning Board of Appeal last week approved plans by Louis D. Brown Peace Institute for a three-story Center of Healing, Teaching, and Learning on what are now two city-owned vacant lots on Westville Street in Dorchester

Christina Chéry started the institute after her son, Louis D. Brown, was gunned down 31 years ago in the crossfire of a gang shootout in broad daylight on Geneva Avenue. Her goal is to provide help and healing for people affected by "murder, trauma, grief and loss" in Boston.

The new site is designed to lead visitors through a "pathway of decompression" from Westville Street into the 20,000-square-foot, three-story building, which will feature meeting and meditation and heal-



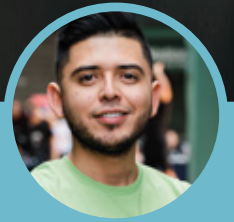
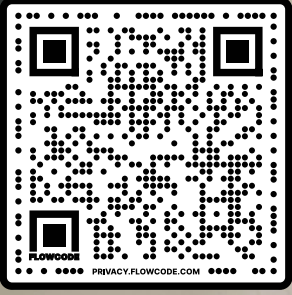
The architect Cyrus Dahmubed says the new building is meant to preserve "a healing garden."

ing spaces, classrooms, offices, and an auditorium, according to its plans.

Cyrus Dahmubed, architectural consultant on the project, told the board the building was designed to fit onto the L-shaped lots so as to preserve mature trees toward the rear as "a healing garden."

The building is designed to be a green structure and will include rooftop solar panels, along with high-performance windows and recycled construction materials to reduce its overall carbon emissions.

The project, which will take roughly 17 months to complete, will cost an estimated \$13.4 million. At the hearing, the mayor's office and City Councillor Brian Worrell supported the project. Nobody spoke against it. **-REPORTER STAFF**



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# Cabo Verde '40 under 40' awardees are spreading respect for their culture

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

For many Bostonians of Cape Verdean descent, a common refrain in carrying the banner for their culture has been explaining what it means to be Cape Verdean. For several of the recipients of this year's first-ever 'Cabo Verde 40 under 40' awards, particularly those who have ventured out of Dorchester and Roxbury, being Cape Verdean has included breaking out a map and pointing.

"When I got to college [at Northeastern], no one had ever heard of Cape Verde and I had to educate them," said Valdivino Goncalves, a guidance counselor at John D. O'Bryant High School and an inaugural '40 under 40' honoree. "Because Cape Verde is in the middle of the Atlantic, it's actually in the crevice of the history and geography books. Even if you love geography, you can't see it because it's in the crevice."

Added Duke University varsity basketball standout Taina Mair, another '40 under 40' honoree: "I had to get out a map when I came to Duke and show people where it's at. It's crazy."

There'll be no geography lessons needed this week as the community gathers to celebrate Cape Verde's 49th Independence Day on July 5.

The '40 under 40' leaders' event, organized by the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, took place on Tuesday at the Westin Boston Seaport hotel.

Paulo Debarros, director of the association, conceived of the event from his Bowdoin Street office. He noted that Cape Verdean talent in education, healthcare, government, and athletics often flies under the radar.

Two of the awardees are Manny Andrade and Nilton De Andrade – brothers who grew up and still live in Dorchester. This past spring, they represented the United States on the US National Futsol (indoor soccer) team – just missing qualifying for the World Cup at a Confederation of North, Central America, and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF) tournament in Nicaragua.

Manny, 30, a six-year veteran of the Boston Police Department, and Nilton, 27, a professional star in the Major Arena Soccer League's (MASL) Utica City FC team who was a two-time All-America at UMass Boston, are deeply rooted in Dorchester's soccer community.

Manny, after graduating from Charlestown High School, played for



Manny Andrade and Nilton De Andrade represented the United States and Cape Verdean American community on the US National Team for Futsol (indoor soccer) last April at the CONCACAF tournament in Nicaragua.  
Photo by Lauren Stefl/US Soccer



Duke University starting point guard Taina Mair, 20, said she was honored to be part of the inaugural Cabo Verde '40 under 40' honorees. Mair started all 34 games for Duke this past season and was named to the All-ACC Academic team.  
Photo courtesy Duke Athletics

Division 1 Providence College, which made it to the Final Four and won the Big East tournament during his career there.

But it was representing the United States as Cape Verdean Americans on the National team last April that meant the most for the brothers.

"That is one of the most important things that has happened to me in soccer – to be able to represent my country on the world stage and at that level," said Nilton, who tied a record for most goals scored by a US player in CONCACAF competition. "I had a chance to shine for my country and community."

Added Manny: "Being a role model to the community is important to us. When we were there, we got a lot of text messages

from the Cape Verdean community excited for us representing the United States and the Cape Verdean community... We knew we were representing a lot of people back home, not just us, but a lot of people behind us."

That is the same feeling for Mair, who early on watched her sister excel in basketball for Boston English High School. Later, the family moved to Dorchester and Mair's basketball prowess also grew. She got her first college scholarship offer – from George Washington University – before she was in high school while playing for Tony Richards's 'No Books, No Ball' and AAU teams.

"I knew then I would be able to go to college for free on my basketball

talent and that was something that was going to help my mom, who was a single mother with kids," said Mair, now 20 and a standout point guard for the Duke University women's basketball team that made an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance this past March after upsetting a talented Ohio State team.

She attended Mozart Elementary in Roslindale and then Roxbury Prep Charter School in Dorchester from grades 5-8 before settling in at the Brooks School in North Andover for high school, where she was a star on the team.

"It was a completely new environment for me, especially being a city kid, but it built independence in me," she said.

Mair had a promising



Valdivino Goncalves has become a standout guidance counselor in the Boston Public Schools – graduating from and now working at the John D. O'Bryant High School. The school is located on the Dudley Street/Malcolm X Boulevard corridor, where Goncalves grew up, works, attends church, and currently lives – giving back to the same community that helped raise him.

Personal photo/  
Valdivino Goncalves

ern University – with a part of that stretch he described as "Cape Verdean-ville" that was a tough environment when he was coming of age.

He attended the former Emerson School, went to high school at O'Bryant, and then to Northeastern University. He also married to his wife, Arlene Sanchez, along that stretch, at St. Patrick's Church – a bulwark of his family and faith – and now owns a home there as well.

"I am very honored to get this award and wasn't sure it was real at first," he said. "It allows us to spread the culture and language and let other people know we're not Latinos, Dominicans, or Puerto Ricans. Many don't know Cape Verde. I'm excited to be part of the first 40 and I think it's a beautiful event."

Goncalves noted that his father, Manuel, who recently wrote the first Cape Verdean Criolo dictionary in his retirement, was a long-time guidance counselor at Madison Park, and that his mother, Albina, always stressed education. Though starting in a bilingual program, he was promoted to the "English classroom" in third grade and excelled. His calling was education, but not in the classroom. Rather, it was guiding young people.

"If you're going to teach math, you have to love math, and I didn't love math," he said. "I loved working with the kids and guiding them. I'm at O'Bryant, the very school I went to, and I tell my kids there I see myself in all of them...I had a professor of mine remark that I was still only a school counselor. I felt disrespected by that...Right now, I don't need a fancy title to know the impact I'm having on the kids and giving back to the community I grew up in every day."

Goncalves, 35, he has spent most of his life along the strip of Dudley Street and Malcolm X Boulevard from Uphams Corner to Northeast-



# ABCD-U High School hails graduates

On June 14, seniors from ABCD's University High School (UHS) crossed the graduation stage at the ABCD Thelma D. Burns Building in Roxbury with diplomas in hand and plans for the future in mind. The alternative high school for Boston students ages 16 to 22 operates in partnership with the Boston Public Schools and all graduates will continue their studies at local colleges in the fall or work at full or part-time jobs.

"I am so proud of our graduates and the community that helped them get here – our UHS faculty and staff, family and the Boston Public Schools," said ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler.

Harris Williams, an educational technology innovator who has taught at his alma mater, Boston College, and at Bunker Hill Community College, was the commencement speaker.

"I had bad grades in college – C's D's and F's. I wanted to be a neurologist. But I got an A in computer science. My



UHS Head of School & Director Sherann Jackson-Alkins, the UHS class of 2024, and ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler. *ABCD photo*

success began with failure," he said. "Accept the challenges that you're facing so that you can move forward. The obstacle is the way. It gives

you strength vs. defining your limitations. Stay hungry, stay curious and bring that spirit into this world."

The graduates includ-

ed Alex Douglas, Jahsenica Parker, Yazmine Vega, Dajuanay Colon, Deana Eures, Julissa Grullon, Zhaniya "Ni" Lewis, and D'Onie Sanchez,

all of Dorchester. Mat-tapan's Abigail Brown and Aaliyah Oviedo; and classmates Ta'keeria Sherrod-Greene, Janijah Martin-White, Syleena

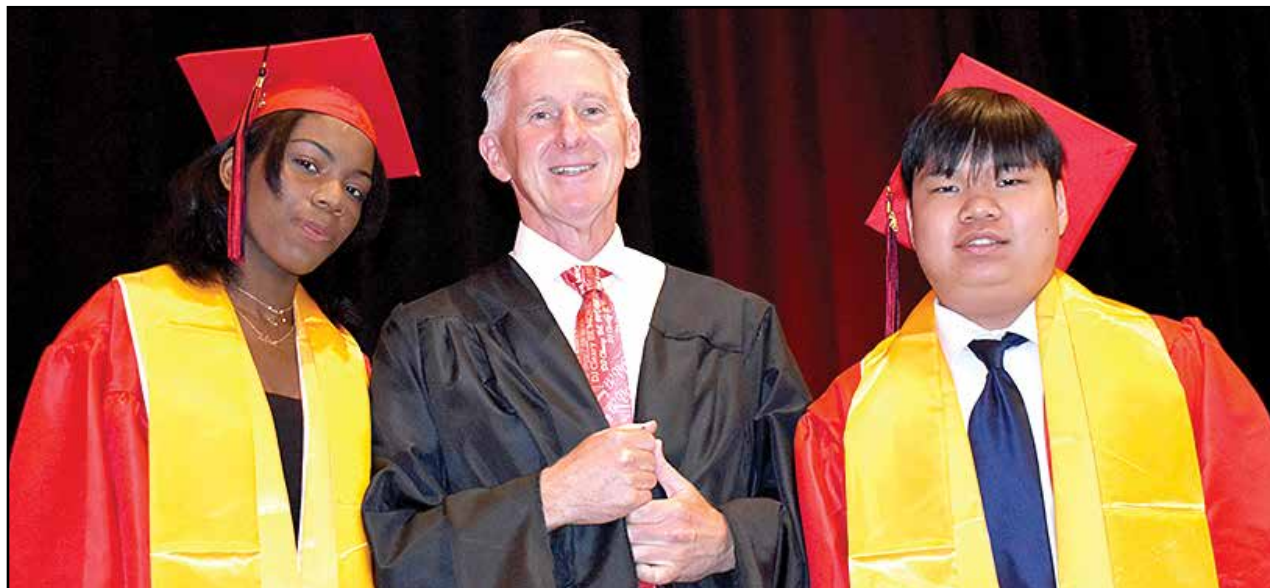
Borrero, Jefferson Brice, Darius Rogers, and Felix Sanchez.



Cristo Rey Boston High President Rosemary J. Powers with salutatorian Cynthia Thi Nguyen, valedictorian Frankline Xavier Lopez and Principal Tom Ryan. *Patrick O'Connor photo*



Jeremiah E. Burke High School Headmaster Amilcar Silva is pictured with valedictorian Erik Mendez and salutatorian Kayla Rosana Langley at the school's 87th graduation on Thursday, June 6. Addressing the graduates was headmaster Amilcar Silva and Boston School committee member Chantal Lima Barbosa. Eight graduates from the Class of 1964 attended and presented a scholarship on behalf of their class. The commencement was a special event for Mr. Silva as he retires at the end of the school year. Diplomas were presented to 78 graduates. *Patrick O'Connor photo*



Tech Boston Academy's headmaster Patrick Cleary is shown with salutatorian Amiya Rowell and valedictorian Richie Nguyen, who spoke at the school's graduation on Wed. June 5 at the Boston Convention Center. Other speakers included class president Laetitia Duroucroix and salutatorian Amiya Rowell. Diplomas were presented to 116 graduates. *Patrick O'Connor photo*





As the sun beat down on the recently renovated park, Mayor Wu spoke with community members and little kids cooled off in the newly opened splash pad.



Mayor Wu with a group of young athletes from the Boston Lions track team. Cassidy McNeely photos

... we welcome everyone here to express their views on the budget and different policies. We appreciate your advocacy."

She added: "To everyone else that is here we appreciate all that you do and the many hats you wear, the values you stand up for, what you are fighting for. This park is here because of you."

"You get to see young people, seniors, and everybody comes with questions for our departments or suggestions that they have for the city, so it's really the best version of democracy in Boston all mixed together."

During the event, a small group of protestors held signs that were critical of Wu. One protestor who approached the mayor was Alec MacLean, of Dedham, who said he was injured by Boston Police during a protest at Emerson College this past spring. MacLean identified himself as a member of the Muslim Justice League. Fatema Ahmad, who lives in Dorchester, told The Reporter that the league was there to oppose Wu's policing policies.

"There are concerns both about [her] unwillingness to ban the

Boston Police from ever again training with Israeli military forces or police and there are concerns about her increasing the policing budget," said Ahmad. "I live down the street, I want to make sure that community members actually know what stances she has on policing policies."

Still, most of the attendees offered positive reinforcement to the mayor, lining up under the hot sun to hug her, take a photo, and thank her for her work.

Also on hand at the event were City Councillor At-Large Erin Murphy, state Rep. Christopher Worrell, and District 4 City Council Brian Worrell.

"A big shout out to Mayor Wu and her administration for always being so responsive and invested in our community," said Councillor Worrell, who grew up just down the street from the park,

"We have said from day one we want to be the city that is home for everyone. Every generation, every culture, every background," said Wu in a summation. "That means being the safest city in America, the greenest city in America, and the most family-friendly city. Those are our goals and our north star that we move toward."



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# 'Bad Art' museum hits milestone at Dot Brewing Co.

(Continued from page 1) and she called me."

While running MOBA, Reilly Sacco and Frank have called both the Dedham Community Theatre and the Somerville Theatre the collection's home. In the fall of 2022, they moved to DBCo's space on Mass Ave.

"This has been the best venue so far. In Dedham, we could show about 20 paintings, in Somerville if we squeezed, we could maybe get 33." Frank said. "Here we have 77 hanging now and if they take those beer signs



Pictured at the MOBA celebration at Dorchester Brewing Co. on June 24:(left to right):Michael Frank, Louise Reilly Sacco, Scott Wilson, and Jerry Reilly. Cassidy McNeeley photo

all while being surrounded by what the hosts have deemed to be bad art.

Some of these pieces include "Flamin' Hot Cheerleaders," "Smiling Serpent with a Tomato," and "Elvis Descending a Staircase." All of which are paired with brief interpretations written by Frank.

Added Reilly Sacco: "DBCo. has graciously shared their walls. The first time we came here it was just going to be this room. By the second time we came, they said you can have this and this and this."

In the last three decades, MOBA has given out a handful of awards that they call the Lucy Award. They have been presented to outstanding supporters of the museum. This year, the award was given to the entire Dorchester Brewing Co. staff. "They have been so kind and supportive of us and all our fans and for that, they get the Lucy Award," said Reilly Sacco.

While she is thankful for the neighborhood support and knows the collection has thrived in Dorchester, it is time to take the next big step.

"We told you there would be an international announcement," she said. "We are going to have a permanent exhibit in Quebec City. One room

in the museum will be MOBA. We're opening on Oct. 18, and on Oct. 19, Mike will be doing and Q & A talk."

MOBA has been a part of previous pop-ups in Quebec, and also in Ottawa, Taiwan, and Tokyo, but this will be the institution's first permanent residency outside of the US.

In reality, "bad" doesn't fit as the best word to describe MOBA's art. "We never refer to the art in our collection as terrible," said Frank. "I think of bad art as opposed to important art. You can go to the ICA and see something that doesn't really make sense to you, but you know it's important. Here you can enjoy everything whether you understand it or not. I guess it's unimportant."

In addition to the artwork at DBCo, MOBA brought along their collection of "rejects." These are pieces of art that are considered "too good" to be included in the collection. As a way to celebrate three decades of success, Reilly Sacco and Frank encouraged each person at the event to take one of the rejects home.

With that, many left the exhibit with new conversation pieces – and full stomachs after ending the night with slices of the "Lucy in the Field with Flowers" cake.

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down, we're going to fill some more," joked Frank.


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# RECENT OBITUARIES



**GALLERY, Elaine Anne (Kieran), 77**, of Milton. Daughter of John V. and Lucy (Hall) Kieran. Wife of Walter F. Gallery, mother of Megan Gallery of Milton, and Heather Sabbatis and her husband, Mitchel, of Hingham. Grandmother of 3. Sister of Mary Lou Bohn and her late husband, Larry, of Milford, CT; the late Eileen Miller and her husband, Doug, of Vero Beach, FL; and the late Marge Munger and her husband, Dave, of Stamford, CT. Sister-in-law of John Gallery of Philadelphia, PA and the late Peggy and Jim Mah. Elaine began her career at Carney Hospital in 1990. She started as an admission representative working the night shift in the Emergency Department. Over the next 30 years, she held various roles of increasing responsibility before becoming a Practice Manager of several medical offices in the Carney system. Donations in Elaine's memory may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (<https://give.michaeljfox.org/>).



**INGRAM, Gloria-mae** of Dorchester. She was 101 years old.

**JOYCE, Margie (Lee)** of Dorchester. Wife of the late Michael Joyce. Daughter to the



late Michael and Sara (Connell) Lee in Galway, Ireland. Mother of Michael Joyce and his wife Eileen of SC, Margaret McDonagh and her husband Sean of Braintree, Patrick Joyce and his wife Marie of Marshfield, Sheila O'Rourke (Joyce) and her husband Michael of Quincy, John Joyce and his wife Sarah of Quincy, Siobhan O'Neill and her husband Edward of SC, and Brian Joyce and his wife Tanya of Cohasset. Sister of Bridie Joyce, Nora Collins, Patrick Lee, and preceded in death by brothers John Joe and Peter Paul Lee and sister Dolly Carroll. Margie is also survived by twenty-one grandchildren and one great-grandchild. If desired, contributions in Margie's name may be sent to St. Gregory's Church, 2215 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester.



**KING, Paul Robert, 73**, of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Mary E. Moloney King. Father of Tracy A. King of Dorchester, Elizabeth A. King of Dorchester, and Anthony P. King Sr. and his wife Malena King of Milton, and lifelong friend of their mother Pauline A. King of Dorchester. "Papa" of 2. Son of the late John

F. King Sr. and Theresa M. (Monticone) King. Brother of Edward and his wife Kimberly King of Hingham. Brother-in-law of William and his wife Karen Moloney, and their son Michael Moloney, and Susan and her husband Linn Swensen. Paul is also survived by many cousins. For many years, he worked as a medical sales associate and later as a business associate for the National Association of Government Employees. Most recently, Paul was a substitute teacher at Weymouth High School. Donations in Paul's memory may be made to Cathedral High School, 74 Union Park Street, Boston, MA 02118, or at [cathedralhighschool.net](http://cathedralhighschool.net).



**MCCARTHY, Dermot F., 70**, of North Conway, New Hampshire, formerly of Dorchester and Sudbury. Retired Sergeant, Massachusetts State Police. Son of the late Jerome McCarthy and Marie (Clifford) McCarthy. Father of Bryan and his wife Christine Marks of Medway, Ian McCarthy of New Hampshire, and Patrick McCarthy of Sudbury. Brother of Kevin and his wife Jean McCarthy of Stoneham, and Adrian Foster of South Yarmouth. Grampa of 2. Survived by several nieces and nephews. US Marine Corps veteran. Donations in Dermot's memory may be made to the New England Center and Home for Veterans at [nechv.org](http://nechv.org).

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Carney Hospital on Dorchester Avenue.

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## Latest Steward twist: Deal with Optum is off

The sale of Steward Health Care's physician network to for-profit insurer Optum is off, state officials confirmed on June 28, underscoring the uncertainty swirling around the bankrupt hospital system and the future of its hospitals and providers in Massachusetts.

Optum informed the Health Policy Commission that it is no longer working to finalize an agreement with Stewardship Health to Optum Care, but the companies have not yet withdrawn the deal's material change notice filings with the HPC, the agency said.

The potential sale was first announced in March, but the two large medical providers never submitted information

necessary for the HPC to begin a review that would have been required for the sale to go through. A slew of state and federal lawmakers raised concerns about the potential sale. House Speaker Ronald Mariano said in March that the sale "has the potential to significantly impact the competitiveness of the health care market in Massachusetts and cause further disruption during a period of acute instability in the health care system."

Spokespeople for Optum did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

"The DOJ regulatory review process was challenging; Steward and United Optum have decided not to move forward," Steward said in a Friday afternoon

statement. "Stewardship Health remains a valuable asset that provides excellent care for its patients; there are multiple other parties that remain interested in acquiring the business and Steward is in active negotiations."

The sale of Stewardship Health is a key part of Steward's bankruptcy restructuring, a process that is still playing out with bids due for Massachusetts hospitals next month. One investment banker working on Steward's behalf told the US Bankruptcy Court that the sale of Stewardship was the company's "attempt to deleverage and secure liquidity for use in their operations."

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**SAINT-LOUIS, Rose Ismael, 95**, of Mattapan formerly of Haiti. Daughter of the late Ismael Saint-Louis and Elise M. Majeure. Mother of Loucilia B. Theork of Mattapan, Nelson Byssainth of Haiti, Canoville Aris of Haiti, Paulette Louissaint of Mattapan, Massillon Aris of Haiti, Claisilie Byssainth of Haiti and the late Remulis

Mareus. She also survived by her siblings, 22 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.



**ZACAJ, Alba, 30**, of Dorchester, originally from Ponte San Pietro, Italy. Alba leaves her parents, Sokol Zace and Enina (Ndoni) Zace, as well as her brother, Eric Zacaj, all of Dorchester. She also leaves her grandparents, Kocho and Geraldina Ndoni of South Boston. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Donations in Alba's memory may be made to The Laboure Center at [ccab.org](http://ccab.org).



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