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AN EVENING SPECTACULAR Night Market III lures thousands to Fields Corner

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The third annual Little Saigon Night Market/Cho Dem street festival came together in just the right way last Saturday evening as families and people young and old from the neighborhood and beyond mixed and mingled by the thousands up and down Dorchester Avenue in Fields Corner.

In all, the event was a showcase put on by the Vietnamese American community – its culture, its talent, its businesses – that has its heart in Dorchester.

Event organizers added the closure of Gibson Street to this year's event map, which allowed for the large crowds – an estimated 15,000 people over the five-hour span – to spread out and exit Town Field safely. Vendors served traditional Asian and Vietnamese street food and a mixed drink and beer garden proved popular with adults.

Inside the field, where community-based vendors also set up their wares in large numbers, entertainers from Vietnamese balladeers to popular citywide dance crews to acrobatic demonstrations from local martial arts schools captivated audiences.

Elected officials made their way through the crowds and enjoyed the



Top, Danny Wang "feeds" Nguyen Vann during the Pho eating contest. The duo tied for second place in the competition. At right, a couple of "fans" of the Night Market – Trinh Do and Nu Nguyen – enjoy the festivities.

Seth Daniel photos

evening as well. Mayor Wu made an off-schedule visit to Dorchester with her husband and children, enjoying the vibe less as an official and more as a mother enjoying a night out with her family as they waited in line for bubble tea and food and casually greeting friends and neighborhood leaders.

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Dot woman, 69, uses recent CPR training to bring back man suffering cardiac arrest

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A Dorchester woman who just started training in life-saving measures through her local community center, swung into action last month to save the life of a stricken health worker. Leslie Ann Milton, 69, was at the right place at the right moment on June 3 when Jonathan Hines, who was visiting her sister's home on Capen Street in his role as a personal care attendant, went into cardiac arrest.

"I believe God puts everyone and everything in a certain place for a certain purpose," said Milton, who has lived on Capen Street for 52 years. "I was getting ready to leave that day and just didn't for some reason. We were telling Jonathan to go home early, and he just didn't. We were all in the right place for this to happen the way it did."

Leslie Ann was just stepping out the door when she heard an urgent call for help from her sister's residence upstairs. "Jonathan was in full cardiac arrest on the floor," Milton recalled. "He was really



Sandra Hines, left, and Leslie Ann Milton show off their certificates of appreciation last week at the Mildred Avenue Community Center. Milton swung into action to save Hines's cousin's life last month at a Dorchester residence. Seth Daniel photo

gone. It was serious. I got down and began to perform CPR and called 9-1-1. Then we called his cousin, Sandra Hines, and she came over from across the street...I call it 'pumping and praying with CPR' because that's all I was doing.

"It seemed like it took hours before the ambulance got there,

but when they got there, they told me that if I hadn't started CPR, he would not have made it," she said.

Jonathan Hines left the Intensive Care Unit at the hospital last week. He has a long road ahead of him, but will recover, according to his family. Sandra Hines, who assisted in saving her cousin's life, is grateful that Milton knew what to do in the emergency and could show her what to do to help.

"I got in and saw him on the floor, and it was shocking," she said. "I was lost. I was in a fog and didn't know what to do. I saw Leslie doing CPR and I knew she was going to need to be relieved because she was going so long.

"I had to push her out of the way because she wanted to keep going. I asked her what to do and she showed me how to do the compressions right there."

Milton learned CPR via the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), a national program that trains volunteers to assist the city with response efforts in an emergency or at large-scale (Continued on page 10)

Carney can only wait as Steward bids and auctions play out this week

BY COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Monday evening at 6 p.m. was the deadline for bids on the Massachusetts hospitals operated by the bankrupt Steward Health Care firm, but exactly how the smoldering crisis unfolds this week and later on could hinge on whether any of the hospitals receives no bids and moves toward a closure that officials say could put residents' safety at risk.

Gov. Healey and many Beacon Hill lawmakers have made clear that the most desirable result is for all the company's hospitals to be transferred into the hands of other operators that could keep them open and serving patients. But some of the same financial issues that drove Steward into bankruptcy – especially exorbitant rent payments that the hospitals owe to landlord Medical Properties Trust for years to come – also make the hospitals riskier bets for other operators.

Meanwhile, in a related matter, Steward Health Care has extended the bidding deadline for its nationwide physicians' network to next Monday (July 22) and the auction to next Thursday (July 25), citing multiple-party discussions that require a bit more time.

Definitive answers to the overall Steward situation might not be available until the sale hearing scheduled in US Bankruptcy Court in Houston for July 31. State officials have been unwilling to publicly discuss what might happen should any Massachusetts hospital receive no bids or otherwise not be spoken for in Steward's court-led offloading process. But they

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City, private vendors coming to grips with EV charging issues

BY TAYLOR BROKESH
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The city and private vendors are upping their games when it comes to the expansion of curbside electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Boston. Officials recently announced that 11 publicly owned chargers with enough space at each to charge two vehicles at once will be placed in neighborhoods as summer goes on, with 3 of the locations set in Dorchester – near Puddingstone Garden by the Franklin Park Zoo, near Hemenway Playground off Adams Street, and near the Erie-Ellington Playground close to Franklin Park.

Nubian Square-based Better Together Brain Trust will install them.

On the private side, chargers operated by the companies itselectric and Greenspot will be set up through a waitlist process. Specifically, the private installations will be "Level II and Level III DC Fast Charging" and "suited for commercial districts and areas with a high level of multi-unit dwellings."

Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Boston's chief of Streets, said that trying out both public and private EV infrastructure will help the city gauge the best way to prepare for the near future, when EVs will likely outnumber combustion engines on the streets.

"We're testing all of these different models to try to understand what works well, and what do people prefer?" Franklin-Hodge said. "We're trying to be very intentional about what we test. We're not just throwing random things at the wall; these demonstration projects will really help inform our long-term strategy."

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Police, Courts & Fire

Man pleads guilty to robbing postal workers; second man awaits trial

A Stoughton resident who was charged with robbing two postal workers in Mattapan and Hyde Park in 2022 has pleaded guilty to those crimes on Monday in federal court in Boston.

A second person, Myesha Lewis, has also been indicted in the robberies, which the US Attorney's office says were included in a series of 23 "assaults on USPS letter carriers while in the performance of their official duties in Boston and its surrounding communities" since July 2022.

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A 25-year-old Dorchester man was arrested last Friday (July 12) after officers assigned to the BPD's Youth Violence Strike Force made a vehicle stop near Franklin Field around 8 p.m.

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A 63-year-old Boston man was arrested early Sunday morning (July 14) after police on patrol near Four Corners heard an alarm coming from a business at 338 Washington St.

The suspect, identified as Jose Torres, was allegedly carrying "a fabric sheet rolled up containing large quantities of various tobacco products, including cartons of cigarettes and rolling papers."

GPS-enabled watch leads cops to 3 suspects in robbery case

Boston Police last Thursday (July 11) arrested three of four suspects in an armed hold-up of patrons and staff inside Edward's Barbershop at 479 Blue Hill Ave.

Police say the gunmen, all in black ski masks and each with his own gun, burst into the shop shortly before 4 p.m. and ordered the six people inside to give up their valuables - which included, among other things, a gun and a smart watch.

Using the GPS system on the watch, police say they tracked the getaway vehicle - a courtesy Mercedes from a Somerville dealership - to Adams and Lyon streets, about a mile and a half away in Dorchester.

Police gave the following account of what happened after that: "Officers were able to determine that the three suspects in the armed robbery were inside the apartment building. A perimeter was established outside, and a Code 99 [a barricade situation] was declared.

Codman Square: Public Safety Notebook

After several relatively quiet months in Codman Square, the Police Department noted an uptick in activity on its watch this month.

Officers reported arresting a Roxbury man on June 28 after he had allegedly come up behind a young girl three weeks earlier (June 6) around 7 a.m. at Centre and Wainwright streets, grabbed her indecently, and tried to run off with her.

Police scoured both neighborhoods while distributing pictures of the suspect, leading to an arrest of the suspect in the Centre Street incident.

An older man was stabbed at the CVS store parking lot on Washington and Park Street on June 14 around 10:35. The victim, who was expected to survive his injuries, did not cooperate with police, according to a BPD account, which indicated that the victim was stabbed outside after an argument and fight inside the store.



A Boston Police officer in tactical gear responds to the scene on Adams Street last Thursday, July 11. Seth Daniel photo

apartment, and a forced entry was made by SWAT in order to place the suspect into custody.

"The involved apartments were secured pending a search warrant. During the booking process, officers located two plastic bags of a brown rock substance, and five plastic bags of hard rock substance. The bags were believed to be drugs and were packaged in separate plastic bags."

James Mendes, 32, of Randolph, and Eric Hines, 32, of Roslindale,

were charged with larceny of a firearm, armed robbery, illegal possession of a firearm, kidnapping, felony breaking and entering in the daytime and assault with a dangerous weapon, police say.

On June 19 about 12:30 p.m., a man reported to police that he was driving down Kenwood Street when he encountered a man in the middle of the street who asked him for a "light" for a cigarette.

Officers from B-3 reported that at 11:30 p.m. on June 28, members of the Youth Violence Strike Force team encountered a very large group of young people fighting on Milton Avenue and Armandine Street.

On June 4 at around 10 a.m., police were called to the future Norwell Street Park at 45 Norwell St. by a community group that found ballistics in the park.

- SETH DANIEL

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Advertisement for the Edward M. Kennedy Institute, featuring a list of events and a QR code for more information.

The Dudley Jazz Fest returns to Mary Hannon Playground in Dorchester this Saturday (July 20) from noon to 6 p.m. Features include free performances by the Fred Woodard Collective, Jason Palmer, Jay Hoggard, and Nadia Washington.

The Ward 15 Democratic Party Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Sat. July 20, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. All are welcome and can join the meeting via Facebook.

the Orange Line. For more information: franklinparkcoalition.org. The 2024 ParkARTS Citywide Neighborhood Concert Series, which will offer first-rate musical entertainment in local parks from July 8 through August 7, is presented in City of Boston parks and made possible by title sponsor Bank of America.

at the Fort featuring Yoron Israel and High Standards, Sun., Aug. 4, 5 p.m., Highland Park, 58 Beech Glen St., Roxbury; National Night Out featuring E Water Band, Mon., Aug. 5, 6:30 p.m., Hunt Playground/Almont Park, 40 Almont St., Mattapan; Country Night featuring Lexi James & Wildheart, Wed., Aug. 7, Medal of Honor Park (M Street Park), E 3rd St. and N St., South Boston.

High bids make for setback of Codman Sq. Park project

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

With bids coming in far above the projected budget, it seems the wait for a new-and-improved public park in Codman Square will continue indefinitely.

Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, president of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council (CSNC), reported to the group at their July 3 meeting that the lowest applicant was more than \$300,000 over the anticipated \$900,000 budget. “The city will have to re-bid the project,” she said. “It could mean an additional delay of a month or two, and we have to rebuild our plan... We’re not going to make our timeline and without additional funds, I don’t know what will happen.”

The park, situated at Washington Street and Talbot Avenue in front of the historic Second Church of Dorchester, was slated to see more accessible walkways and the installation of a stage with electricity for performances and better entry points. Construction was to end in July 2025 in time to host next year’s farmer’s market, but that’s now uncertain.

Loesch-Johnson said that if significantly more funding isn’t raised, neighbors and the city would have to scale back plans to fit within the budget.

Charter School Safety Issues

Board members of the CSNC have been meeting with leaders from the Neighborhood House Charter School’s (NHCS) Centre Street campus and other community stakeholders in recent weeks to address the violence that caused the closure of the school for one week last month. Those involved in discussions with the school also included Friends of Dr. Loesch Family Park, St. Mark’s Area Civic Association, the Epiphany School, and the House of Seven coffee kiosk.



Former BPD Community Service Officer Shawn Harris, in center of photo, was recently promoted to sergeant and a position as shift supervisor in the C-11 district. He dropped by the July CSNC meeting to bid farewell to B-3, where he formerly served as CSO updating the community on policing matters.
Photo courtesy CSNC

“A number of people now are working together to try to figure out a path to address what happened,” said Loesch-Johnson. “It was our first meeting [last week], and things are going in a great direction, and we are establishing a strong relationship with the school to move toward a safe September when students return.”

Ruffin Foundation recipients in Codman Square

Codman Square residents Saranya Sathananthan and Cathy Loesch were recent recipients of Thomas Ruffin Foundation grants. The Roxbury-based organization awards grants to residents working on neighborhood projects.

Sathananthan is looking to create a community wellness/flex space in the Second Church, noting that she has been working with different “people in the community to come up with different needs for the space.” They are putting a vision together with an interior design team for space to hold community events with up to about 25 people and would serve as a wellness space. Book clubs and coffee hours have also been suggested as uses.

Cathy Loesch is a mental health counselor who is using her grant to establish a practice at her home to help address mental health needs in children, adults, and senior citizens—as well as connecting them to resources to prevent issues that might be leading to mental health crises involving housing and food.

“I want to work in my neighborhood,” she said. “I find that a lot of therapists come into the neighborhood from other places and don’t understand what people are experiencing here. I heard that same firework and that same gunshot. I’m here, too, and I can relate.” She opened her practice in December.

Squares + Streets still working

The new resident group known as Codman Square United continues to work with the Boston Planning Department (formerly the Boston Planning and Development Agency) on the Codman Square and Four Corners planning efforts. Mike Prokosch updated CSNC that since a May 4 meeting, United has been trying to figure out the addition of Four Corners to the effort. He said the new deal could dramatically change the

way Codman Square and Four Corners look and operate with denser housing and different businesses in the future, so community input now is essential. He warned that planners need to hear from the community immediately.

“These people are new to the neighborhood and need help understanding us,” he said.

A list of events this summer from the city about the effort is due out soon. It’s a list that Prokosch called “ambitious.” He said United is very concerned about the displacement of existing residents and businesses when the plans go into effect and buildouts start.

House of Seven’s Kiosk paused for summer

The popular House of Seven’s Coffee Kiosk at Shawmut Station has closed for the season and operator Tamicka Brown is now offering her coffee and teas at the Codman Square Farmer’s Market for the season. Foot traffic at the station is diminished greatly in the summer with people on vacation, and nearby schools out, too. She will likely re-open in the fall.

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Night Market III lures thousands to Fields Corner

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City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune stopped by with her staff and her sisters, relaxing with bubble teas and vendor snacks. Most who came enjoyed foods and desserts along the street, sitting at tables stationed along the Avenue, or simply taking up space on the curb and making it a reality street food scene. Boston Little Saigon

Director Annie Le had said prior to the Night Market that there would be more family activities and younger performers, and that promise was delivered, with young K-pop dancers Jayla Tran and Katherine Nguyen stealing the show in the evening hours. A highlight that drew large numbers to Town Field was the Pho-eating contest sponsored by Pho

Le Restaurant of Fields Corner that was the climax of an all-evening Scavenger Hunt that had six teams searching for highlights of Fields Corner, then squaring off against each other in a race to see who could eat the traditional soup, noodle, vegetable, and meat dish the fastest. One "feeder" shoved vermicelli and meatballs and bean sprouts into the

mouths of one "eater," and the fastest team won. It was a feast for the senses, and Pho Le's Tran Le said it was one of the best eating contests she has seen involving a dish that isn't easy to eat quickly. The Night Market was co-sponsored by The Dorchester Reporter, Eastern Bank, and the City of Boston



Jayla Tran and Katherine Nguyen were a hit with their K-pop dance routines, drawing a big crowd of friends, family, and new fans.



The crew from Pho Le Restaurant who set up, cleaned up, and sponsored the successful and fun Pho eating contest. From left, Adele Tran, Anna Le, Tran Le, and Bernice Lau.



Dorchester residents Matteo Buyu and Josiah Lamothe surveyed the scene for the best food and drink options.



Olivia Huynh, Colette Aryee, Council President Ruthzee Louijeune and her sisters, Rodline and Kenthia.



Khoa Nguyen and Duyen Trien of the Circle of Vietnamese Parents sold the best sno-cones on Dorchester Avenue all evening long.

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Moi Lung, of Rensauce BBQ, one of several popular returning vendors, cooked dumplings and other treats for a steady stream of customers.



Hiep Chu, center, and his wife, Nhung Nguyen, with C-11 Sgt. Tim Golden on Dorchester Avenue.



Khang Nguyen, a board member of Boston Little Saigon, relaxes in an antique rickshaw at the corner of Adams Street.



At right, Lords at War performed their hip-hop inspired music at the Park Street stage, one of three set up for entertainment.



Fields Corner Main Streets was on scene unveiling the design of their upcoming street mural, with Director Jackey West Devine and staffers Gaitre Han and Daniel Le. Seth Daniel photos

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Neighbors form a civic group focused on Cummins Highway

By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

Last year, with a \$32 million, multi-year road construction project for Cummins Highway set in place, area residents realized that they needed to get organized – and better acquainted.

Since then, they have checked both boxes with the launch of the Cummins Highway Neighborhood Association, with former city worker Ruth George at the helm. The association, which was her idea, now boasts some 50 members and a handful of street captains – all pulling the neighborhood together while keeping a close eye on the now under-construction project.

George, 39, was the spark for at least four or five new neighborhood associations in Mattapan and Dorchester when she was working as a mayoral liaison. After she and her husband purchased a home on Rockdale Street, she set a goal of starting another one for her neighborhood.

“It’s been great for getting people together and getting neighbors aware



Leaders in the Cummins Highway Neighborhood Association include Jean Marc Dumay, Sheila Jones, Robert Innis, Edosa Osemwegie, President Ruth George, Stella Barlow, and Jo-Anne Rudder. *Seth Daniel photo*

of what’s happening in the neighborhood and getting city departments to come out,” she said. “It’s been about seeing how we can talk about solutions. It’s not just a space to come and complain for an hour, but a place to think about solutions. As somebody who’s been on the other side of it working for the city, I respect the departments coming out after a full day.”

So far, street captains include Sheila Jones, Stella Barlow, Jo-Anne Rudder, Jean Marc Dumay, Edosa Osemwegie, and Robert Innis – George’s husband. George noted that

without the leadership of neighbors like Fatima Ali-Salaam in the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) and Barbara Crichlow of the West Seldon Street & Vicinity Neighborhood Association, Mattapan would not be seeing the successes of the moment.

“The idea that associations like this are only for old people is just an excuse for not getting engaged,” she said. “It’s a cop-out. If they’re not effective, then why do so many people join them and why do people pay attention to them? It’s really a short-sighted perspective. And we’re not just focusing on

homeowners. We’re pushing for renters to join as well. In my mind, it has to be the best way to empower neighborhoods. I saw that firsthand,” she added.

Dumay lived in Mattapan with his parents as a renter until 1999, and later returned after some time away. “I came back as a homeowner and found I had more buy-in as a homeowner than when I was a renter with my parents,” he said. “I want to learn about any work going on and I want to be a voice in development...After I’d been back a few years things started to really change fast. I felt it was

important to be here and have a voice in that.”

Osemwegie, who works as a legislative aide for Councillor Henry Santana and attends community meetings all over the city, shares Dumay’s sentiments.

“I think this is very important to me because I grew up on Cummins Highway and I went to school from here,” he said. “Being a part of the community is very important because I’m a part of other communities through my job, but it wouldn’t make sense if I wasn’t a part of what we’re doing here on the very block I grew up on. I’ve come to learn a lot more about the community through this association.”

So far, the group has compiled a list of goals that include engaging elected officials, keeping close communication with the highway project, looking into resident parking, planting more trees, addressing Mattapan’s higher-than-average asthma rates, and starting to engage with local schools.

They also want to work

closer with GMNC and draw more young people to the association with social events and a hefty online presence using Instagram and their own website.

“I’m hoping that in the next two years we’ll have more young adults in the association and have an established [non-profit status] to work with others in getting donations to support seniors so they can stay in their homes,” said George. “Also, we want individuals to be able to buy homes and so we want to get a full-time housing advocate just for our neighborhood.”

As for the neighborhood in general, George noted that in the language of the Native Americans who lived in the area, the word Mattapan described “a good place to sit.” She now would add that it’s also a “good place to live and stay.”

The association will meet next on Aug. 22 at 6 p.m. via Zoom. To learn more, email cumminshighwayna@gmail.com or follow them on Instagram at @Cumminshighwayna.

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Director seeking more attention to Main Streets

BY HARRIET GAYE
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

The director of the Boston Main Streets Foundation has a lot in store for the city's network of business districts, including a more direct relationship with each of the 20 organizations across the neighborhoods. Eric Esteves, 44, took the helm at the foundation last September and has been getting more familiar with each individual district, including several in Dorchester and Mattapan.

The foundation was established in 2007 to help the existing districts within Boston stay coordinated and raise

the funds needed to stay viable and effective. Getting community members more involved in the development of their small businesses is an additional priority of Esteves.

"I'm looking to get Dorchester and Mattapan residents engaged," he said. "I would love for new board members and volunteers to be intergenerational because main streets programs need people's ideas and people from the community to have input."

Esteves and the rest of Boston Main Streets are working with the Dorchester and Mattapan businesses to under-

go a business assessment. The assessment process, along with a \$30,000 grant, will review the health of a business and its strengths and weaknesses. "It will identify areas where the city or other providers can help that business either to grow or strengthen some of their processes to ideally leverage some resources," Esteves said.

A Boston native who has lived all over the city, Esteves has worn many hats in a career ranging from engineering to educational philanthropy. Just before he started his new role, he served on the Roxbury Main Streets Board for six

years and worked as the executive director of The Lenny Zakim Fund. He was already plugged into various Main Streets and helped develop websites for a few of them.

"This allows me to kind of dive in deeply," he told The Reporter. "I get around the city. I know the city like the back of my hand. So, I'm very familiar with a lot of business districts. I've been involved with main streets for many years, so it was kind of bringing together many different worlds for me."

Esteves, who lives in Roxbury, has prioritized the re-launch for a city-wide awards event, set

for October, that will help to celebrate the achievements of merchants and volunteers and promote the Main Streets brand.

"It's been a way to bring my network to the table and engage with folks who have businesses but don't even know which main streets district they're in," Esteves said. "Helping to just expose more and more business owners or aspiring business owners to those opportunities so they can take advantage."

The event will take place on Oct. 28 at Artists for Humanity in South Boston.

"Main Streets as a whole is a resource that



Eric Esteves
Engagement is key

they can utilize," Esteves said. "We certainly would love to have more small businesses at the table to help brainstorm ways to drive foot traffic."

New head of school sets goals at Mother Caroline Academy

BY HARRIET GAYE
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Dr. Carla Haith is joining Mother Caroline Academy as its leader with several initiatives on her to-do list, including bringing back the athletics department. The 45-year-old Dorchester native calls her latest position it a "homecoming" after spending 22 years in education elsewhere.

When she was younger, Haith spent time at her grandmother's apartment right across the street from the Grove Hall location where



Dr. Carla Haith.
Chloe Jackman Photography

Mother Caroline Academy was under construction. She dreamed of attending there, but by the time the elementary and middle school opened in 1993, she was already in high school.

"When this opportunity came about, I was very excited about it because I could work in a community that was for girls that look like me," said Haith.

The academy, a tuition-free private school providing for young girls

in Boston in underserved communities, is the only independent all-girls school for grades 3-8 in the city.

Haith started teaching in Boston Public Schools after earning her master's degree from Lesley University. Her first full-time job was at the Shady Hill School in Cambridge; most recently, she worked at Dedham Country Day School as the head of its Lower School.

Her new position started on July 1. She is already taking steps to reinstate the school's

athletics department, which was eliminated during the pandemic.

"The girls have not had the opportunity to fully engage and have sports teams. So that's one of the things that I want to bring back," Haith said. "It's a big deal to be such a small school in existence for 30 years. I want to continue to let people know that we are here and that the future is bright."

As of this week, there is a new summer tennis program run through the school, courtesy of Tenacity. The girls were

very excited for the two-week program, a sign for Haith that solidifies the need for more athletic programs.

"When you learn to be a part of a team, you learn how to compete. There is a level of competitiveness but there's also a kindness in the respect for the team that you play against whether you win or lose," Haith said.

To ring in the new school year, Haith and the academy are hosting a first day of school clap-in as they enter the building for the first day on Sept. 4.



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UMass Boston professor wins Manning Prize for Excellence

Five University of Massachusetts faculty members were awarded the 2024 Manning Prize for Excellence in Teaching last month, including Dr. Mohamed Amine Gharbi, an assistant professor of physics at UMass Boston. The prize includes a \$10,000 stipend given to one faculty member from each UMass campus in recognition of exemplary teaching and commitment to students and their campus community.

Gharbi has been at UMass Boston since 2018. He specializes in manipulating soft materials to assemble functional nanomaterials and biomaterials, aiming to create innovative "reconfigurable" systems



University of Massachusetts 2024 Manning Prize recipient Dr. Mohammed Amine Gharbi, an assistant professor of physics at UMass Boston.

with broad technological applications.

He finds immense joy in simplifying complex concepts and sharing the wonders of physics with students from diverse

backgrounds. Over the last six years, he has taught a range of courses at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

His research efforts have yielded numerous peer-reviewed articles in esteemed journals. He earned his PhD in condensed matter physics from the University of Montpellier, France.

Former UMass Board of Trustees Chair Robert Manning and his wife Donna Manning, both graduates of UMass Lowell, established the endowed teaching award in 2016. In 2021, they made a \$50 million gift to UMass, a portion of which established the Manning Prize.



Patriots Pro Football Hall of Famer Andre Tippett (far left) and Gillette's VP of Communications & Community Affairs, Global Grooming, Kara Buckley, congratulate Mick Brunache (center) for being selected as a 2024 Myra Kraft Community MVP Award winner. Brunache, who is president of the Mattapan Youth Football league, accepted \$10,000 on behalf of the Nxt Era Panthers team. The Kraft family and the Patriots Foundation and Gillette awarded \$275,000 in grants to 26 New England nonprofits.

"This program is incredibly important to our family, it's one of our favorites that we do each year," said Josh Kraft, President of the New England Patriots Foundation. "It is our honor to read hundreds of stories about volunteers who are committed to making their community a better place. We are privileged to once again partner with our good friends at Gillette to recognize these outstanding volunteers." *Photo courtesy of Eric J. Adler/New England Patriots*

Council supports re-naming room in Grove Hall library for civil rights leader

The Friends of Grove Hall Branch Library have proposed renaming the branch's second floor community space after civil rights advocate Mamie (Mimi) Jones, a move supported in a resolution by the City Council last month.

Born May 4, 1947, Mimi was an outstanding student deeply engaged in civil rights activism by the age of 15 when she helped register new voters and tutored them to pass poll literacy tests while living in the South.

She and her sister staged a "swim-in" during that time to draw attention for desegregating

public pools and beaches in St. Augustine, Florida. During this protest, she and other demonstrators were attacked with acid, targeted by police dogs, and arrested on various charges. Photographs of the event helped to convince federal officials that they needed to act on civil rights legislation.

Jones eventually left the South, and in time, found herself in Grove Hall, where she used her experience as an activist to build community throughout Grove Hall – hosting dialogues, communal readings, and supporting library programming.



Mamie (Mimi) Jones

Since her passing in 2020, patrons and staff of the Grove Hall Branch Library have continued to remember her and, after getting the council's approval, they honored that remembrance by renaming the mezzanine space the Mimi Jones Conference Room.

—REPORTER STAFF



Andrea Gayle Bennett, honoree Mary-dith Tuitt, and Gov. Healey at the recent Women Veterans Recognition Day Ceremony in the State House.

Photo courtesy Executive Office of Veterans' Services

Tuitt hailed for her work on behalf of women veterans

Mary-dith Tuitt of Dorchester was honored for her work serving women veterans like herself last month at the Massachusetts State House, where she received the 2024 Deborah Sampson Award from Gov. Healey and Veterans Secretary Jon Santiago at the annual Women Veterans Recognition Day Ceremony.

The award, named

after a American Revolution hero who disguised herself as a man and served in the colonial army, honors women who embody heroism, fidelity, and courage and go above and beyond in helping women veteran like themselves.

Tuitt spent 14 years in the US Navy as a jet mechanic, on active duty and in the reserves. She worked as the program

manager of the Veterans Outreach Center, a program of Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, and now serves as president of the National Association of Commissions for Women, vice chair of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, and commander of the William E. Carter American Legion Post 16 in Mattapan.



Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries recently held its annual signature event, The Good Party, to support the organization's mission services. Last year, Goodwill provided job training and career services to more than 4,600 individuals. Party attendees, from left: Marie St. Fleur, of Dorchester, a Goodwill board member; Sandra McCroom, CEO of Children's Services of Roxbury; and Joanne Hilferty, Goodwill CEO. *Geoffrey Bassett photo*

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A James Foster gravestone

There were three generations of Dorchester stone carvers named James Foster. James II (1698-1763) whose stone is today's illustration, had a style of carving that cannot be differentiated from that of his father, James, the elder. Unless James II carved his own stone before his death, it is likely that James III (1732-1771) was the carver of the stone in the illustration. The Dorchester Old North Burying Ground contains markers called portrait stones, which, an entry in the City of Boston website notes, "was more selectively employed on Boston gravestones. The images are not actual portraits of the deceased person, yet they realistically resemble people. Hair, distinct facial features, and clothing are prominent characteristics of these 'portrait' carvings. Because many carvers repeatedly used certain motifs and styles or carving, study has shown the faces of many of the 'portraits' are nearly identical."



See boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/iconography-gravestones-burying-grounds.

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

Firing shots at democracy

There's still much we don't know about the mechanics and the motivations of the 20-year-old shooter who tried to kill Donald Trump on Saturday afternoon in rural Pennsylvania. If this madman's twisted intent was to strike a blow against Trump or his brand, the would-be assassin failed miserably and instead achieved what many might have deemed impossible: He made Trump a sympathetic figure, even to those of us who sincerely worry about the former president's record of behavior and about the course he has set for the nation's future.

No matter what one's political beliefs, targeting Trump or any other leader with violence is anathema and tantamount to treason. The shooter's summary execution by counter-snipers not only saved other lives in Butler, PA, but it also delivered swift justice for an act so out of bounds, so menacing in its consequence, as to be cheered by all corners of the republic.

There's no evidence that this killer's madness was driven by reason or ideology. It's just as probable that he was like so many young men who've unleashed carnage in school classrooms and corridors, supermarkets, and churches across America over the last two decades—demented, sick, and armed with a deadly weapon that he should not have been permitted to wield. But because this particular lunatic's projectiles were aimed at the head of a former president, party leader, and presumptive nominee, his act is all-the-more monstrous.

It could have set loose forces of civil unrest and violence unseen in this nation since the age of secession.

In the days since the former president was wounded—and a spectator killed—there have been sensible calls for lowering the rhetorical temperature on both sides of the partisan divide. It's a welcome and natural impulse to walk back from the edge of a widening national chasm and seek new ways to engage in a debate that can—and must—still be joined. There's hope, however fleeting, that such a tone may be set at this week's Republican convention in Milwaukee.

Much will depend on the words and deeds of Trump himself. Can he pivot, at age 78, from his well-documented impulse to denigrate and demonize foes from his bully pulpit? Has his literal brush with death prompted any soul-searching that might prompt him to temper his own demons and summon a newfound role as a unifying figure? Hope springs eternal.

Trump's selection of Ohio's Sen. J.D. Vance, whose rash statement assigning blame for the attempt on Trump's life to Biden, as his choice for vice-president does not bode well. Vance, a relative novice on the national political scene, has leaned deeply into hard-right conspiracy theories regarding election integrity. Perhaps most alarmingly, Vance is the standard bearer for Trump's isolationist, pro-Putin, and anti-NATO foreign policy that would undermine Ukraine's fight for survival and weaken US interests in Europe and beyond.

His election and potential elevation to the presidency if Trump wins and vacates would be disastrous for the balance of power in the West—and weaken US standing across the globe.

There are endless reasons to oppose the Trump-Vance ticket. We expect to hear many more of them surface during the course of this week's GOP conclave and the Democrat's rejoinder meeting in August.

But all Americans should strive to keep the debate civil and constructive. Here's hoping Trump, for once, will lead the way.

-Bill Forry

Commentary

Budget cycle shows limits of the City Council's powers

BY GREG MAYNARD
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

If you watched the Boston City Council's 12-hour budget debate on June 26, you might not have known that three weeks earlier, on June 5, the same council voted to approve 99.67 percent of Mayor Michelle Wu's budget, delivering her administration an unprecedented third budget in a row with virtually no changes. That is because on June 26, the council held a meeting that looked and sounded consequential, complete with fearful speeches, talk of "data-driven process," and frequent recesses after which another "partial override" vote was announced.

On June 26, the council overrode about half of the mayor's budget vetoes, and in triumphant social media posts later, councillors touted the \$8.2 million worth of changes they made. Missing from the June 26 meeting and those posts was this important piece of context: It was all about less than 0.33 percent of the city's budget.

That percentage changes the perspective on the June 26 meeting, turning it into a Live Action Role Play of what the council thinks a robust legislative process would look like, if it had one. The councillors and their staff dress their parts, write speeches, and produce Excels with numbers in them, but citizens shouldn't mistake all the activity for progress. City councillors play virtually no role in any important decision the City of Boston makes, budgets included.

Unlike their colleagues on Beacon Hill or in neighboring cities like Cambridge and Somerville, Boston's city councillors have an increasingly small part to play in governing the Boston, and the current group of 13 has taken affirmative steps this year to ensure that their body remains powerless.

The best example of this is the passage of Wu's planning department ordinance by the council back in March. As a report produced in 2019 by the office of then-Councillor Michelle Wu said: "When Boston's planning board was dissolved in 1960 and its accompanying functions transferred to the BRA in order to streamline urban renewal, Boston became the only municipality in Massachusetts to have its planning board powers removed from oversight of the City's legislative branch, the City Council."

How would you spend \$2m of city's money?

BY RENATO CASTELO
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

That's the question we're asking Boston residents this month as the city continues to develop its first-ever city-wide participatory budgeting process. But first, what is participatory budgeting?

When Mayor Michelle Wu created the Office of Participatory Budgeting in late 2022, she called it an opportunity for "direct civic engagement to shape our budget." The office was set up following a ballot initiative calling for a new way for residents' voices and ideas to be represented in city governance.

Originally developed in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 1989, participatory budgeting is a civic engagement process that empowers community members to decide how to spend part of a city's budget. The Brazilians' idea was to "democratize democracy" by bringing more equitable participation to bear on public spending, particularly for marginalized communities.

This comes to Boston at a time when record numbers of people nationwide report feeling distrust toward the government. According to the Harvard Kennedy School's 2024 Youth Poll, trust in major public institutions has fallen by up to 50 percent over the past decade.

Participatory budgeting can provide an opportunity to combat this mistrust as residents come together and connect with local government in a meaningful way. Since its development, the process has been adopted by more than 1,500 cities worldwide, including by our neighbors in Somerville and Cambridge.

Now in their tenth year doing participatory budgeting, Cambridge residents recently voted to fund projects ranging from free menstrual care dispensers, to smart recycling compactors, to public toilet upgrades. While these are not the massive government programs that we are used to seeing come up in budget talks, they are practical ideas that come from the community and benefit people at a grassroots level.

I am honored to be named the first director of the Office of Participatory Budgeting for Boston by Mayor Wu and look forward to administering our first \$2 million engagement in the process in concert with our External Oversight Board. Our mission is to help create accessible spaces for civic engagement, collect ideas, and, ultimately, put these ideas in action.

As a native of Ecuador who made Boston my home several years ago, I understand the challenges

That means that the councillors have virtually no role in land use decisions and cannot copy the actions of their colleagues in Cambridge, who abolished parking minimums city-wide, or in Somerville, who legalized three-deckers city-wide.

While reversing the 1960 change was a major part of then-candidate Wu's 2019 white paper, it was missing from the planning department ordinance that she sent to the City Council earlier this year. Neither the mayor nor administration officials has ever explained why the central reform in mayoral candidate Wu's "Abolish the BPDA" proposal was missing from that legislation. Instead, the council set aside its own demands—seeing an actual memo of understanding for an unusual funding arrangement—and passed the ordinance with virtually no changes.

The planning department is not alone. The council passed a huge tax increase on commercial buildings without analysis from the city on the impact of this policy. It accepted a long-term facilities plan from the Boston Public Schools that included no timeline, no budget, and no enrollment projections.

In other words: the budget is simply the latest example of the council's decisive moves toward rubber stamp status this year. Now both of Boston's legislative bodies, the voter-elected City Council and the mayoral-appointed School Committee, simply approve with few questions and little debate policies that are thought up and written inside the mayor's office.

This is bad for Boston because the city needs the council to be pulling its own weight to help solve the tough problems it is facing. Over the next decade, Boston will have to do things that are politically difficult and will attract significant public opposition: build many more homes, replace dozens of aging schools, and remake a property-tax dependent budget. Boston cannot do any of that with a City Council that does not even function as a debate club. It is time to demand more from the councillors. Hopefully, that will start with them demanding more from themselves. *Greg Maynard is the executive director of the Boston Policy Institute.*

many immigrants and newcomers face in accessing government due to mistrust in public institutions, civic apathy, and language and cultural barriers. That's why we are ensuring that this engagement is done in partnership with local community groups and is multilingual and accessible to people from all walks of life.

Boston's 'Youth Lead the Change' initiative has been running a youth participatory budgeting process since 2014. Building on that, we will also include the opportunities for youth to participate in the citywide process, which can plant the seeds for lifelong civic engagement. This is Idea Collection Month, and the city is co-hosting a series of public forums in collaboration with non-profit partner organizations where people can propose and discuss their ideas for projects. The ideas can also come from an online portal, a phone line, and via participatory budgeting corners at Boston Public Library branches.

Eligible ideas could include funding for programs to strengthen mental health among Boston youth, digital literacy classes for older adults, or workforce training for those reentering society after incarceration. Infrastructure projects are also eligible, such as expanding the city's free Wi-Fi networks or enhancing public art and green spaces. Our office will work with residents to develop the ideas into a 15-proposal ballot. Then next January, we will open up the process for voting, and next spring, we'll begin implementation of the winning proposals. As we embark upon our inaugural year of this process, I invite all residents to join us this month by visiting boston.gov/departments/participatory-budgeting/ ideas-action to share your project ideas online or to find an Idea Collection Workshop near where you live. Participants may also call the Participatory Budgeting (PB) phone line, 617-635-3059, or visit a PB corner at your BPL branch.

We look forward to putting your ideas in action and helping to inform our city's future budget investments.

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Medicare, tax workoff programs can help older Bostonians save some money

By Mayor Michelle Wu

I'm excited to let you know about two important programs that help our older residents save more money: The first is the Medicare Savings Program (MSP), which now offers more savings to more residents. Thanks to changes that went into effect earlier this year, assets are no longer counted against your eligibility for this program, eliminating a major barrier for access. And, on top of that, the amount of money you could save on Medicare-related costs like premiums, copays, and prescriptions has increased as well – from \$2,500 a year to \$3,000.

The second program is Age Strong's Property Tax Workoff Program (PTWOP), which invites Boston homeowners aged 60 and older to volunteer with the city in order to work money off of their property taxes. Volunteers have the freedom to determine their own schedules and provide support to various city departments from the Boston Public Library, our senior centers, and the Disabilities Commission to the Office of Veterans Services.

This year, thanks to advocacy from AgeStrong and our partners in the community, older adults can now earn \$2,000 off their property taxes—up from \$1,500. Examples of past PTWOP projects include helping children with school work at the Leahy Holloran Community Center, directing traffic at the annual Boston Americans with Disabilities Act event, and assisting with the distribution of free air-conditioning units to Boston families.

Applications for PTWOP are now open. For more information, call Age Strong at 617-635-4366 or visit boston.gov/departments/age-strong-commission/senior-property-tax-work.

There are also a number of other savings available to Boston residents aged 60 or older. Age Strong's trained advocates can help you find out if you're eligible for savings on transportation, food resources, fuel assistance, water and sewer discounts, and health insurance. Call to schedule an appointment with an advocate at 617-635-4366 or ask an Age Strong advocate the next time you see one at one of our in-person events in your neighborhood.

Our goal is to make Boston a home for everyone—and that means creating every opportunity for our residents of all ages to thrive in our community. I hope these programs help save you money and make Boston a better home for you and your loved ones.

Franklin Park Coalition concert series opener draws large, appreciative crowd

The Franklin Park Coalition kicked off the Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park concert series last Tuesday (July 9) with the popular Angelena and the Unit entertaining more than 1,000 people who brought lawn chairs and picnic blankets to enjoy the evening.

Along with vendors and food service, the night was full of fun and entertainment as well as socializing with friends and family under cool breezes on a hot evening.

The concerts continue every Tuesday night through Aug. 13 from 6 p.m. to dusk. The lineup going forward: Canitra



Angelena and the Unit, led by Angelena Hightower, kicked off the Elma Lewis Playhouse in the Park concert series on July 9 to a large crowd. Concerts continue every Tuesday night through Aug. 13. Seth Daniel photo

Rashe with AP and the Groove on July 23; Move the Crowd DJ Battle on July 30; Caribbean Night: Roots Ally, Safiya

and Friends on Aug. 6; and E-Water Bank on Aug. 13. The concerts are free and hosted by Amanda

'Lady Emcee' Merricks. The *Dorchester Reporter* is a co-sponsor of the series.

The case for more public money to close racial inequities in access to childcare

By Anne Douglass and Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson

In Boston, the availability of quality childcare and early education is limited and expensive. The gaps in access are highest in some of the city's most racially diverse neighborhoods, including Dorchester, which has the highest population of children aged 0-5 (8,868) of Boston's 15 neighborhoods.

New research from the University of Massachusetts Boston's Cost and Usage Simulator Project shows that proposed legislation to provide financial support for families that cannot otherwise afford licensed childcare holds the potential to virtually eliminate racial inequities in access to quality care — provided that there is an adequate supply.

Under the proposed bill – “An Act providing affordable and accessible high quality early education and care to promote child development and well-being and support the economy in the Commonwealth” – just over 20 percent of all families in the state (128,500) would be eligible for financial assistance.

When examined by race, the financial assistance would affect 33 percent of Latino, non-Hispanic Black, and other (including multiracial) families with age-eligible children as compared with 20 percent of Asian families and 15 percent of White families. The use of licensed care would likely increase from 54 percent to 80 percent for non-Hispanic Black children and from 47 percent to 77 percent for Latino children.

How does this break down in terms of dollars? The average cost of childcare per year for all in-

come-eligible families would drop from \$13,200 to just \$2,600 if the reforms outlined in the legislation become law. It's not overstating things to say that this reduction in costs of care is a potential game changer for all children, but especially those who are Black, Latino, or multiracial.

Research shows that parents and caregivers who receive financial assistance in paying for childcare choose higher quality care than they would otherwise. There is no shortage of evidence showing that young children who experience quality early care and education benefit in terms of their learning and development. These benefits accrue over the course of their lifetime and have positive long-term impacts on educational, social, and economic outcomes.

Reducing racial inequities in access to quality childcare during a critical developmental period for children can have a long-term positive impact in reducing broader racial inequities related to economic opportunities, education, health care, and housing faced by families and children in Massachusetts. While the legislation will not solve all of the problems related to racial inequities in childcare, reducing the costs of care is a critical step in the right direction.

Anne Douglass is a professor of early childhood education policy and founding executive director of Early Education Leaders, an Institute at UMass Boston. Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson is a faculty member in the Dept of Public Policy and Public Affairs and director of UMass Boston's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy.

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Docket No. SU21P0271PM
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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 each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Date: July 5, 2024
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
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IN THE MATTER OF: ODESSA BRYANT of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT
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To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Odessa Bryant is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Terry Williams of Randolph, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
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Dot woman, 69, uses CPR training to save man's life

(Continued from page 1) event. Milton was one of a group of Boston seniors who joined a CERT class starting in April. It seems now to have been a divine decision, Milton told The Reporter.

"I think everyone should have CERT training...In a situation like that, the panic hits you and then you think about what you learned and the adrenaline kicks in because you are trying to save someone you care about - and that helps you focus," she said.

Nancy Smith, program manager at the Boston Office of Emergency Management, helped to bring the program back to train civilians for emergency situations, responding to a call coming particularly from senior citizens across the city. In April, she began training at the Bolling Building with 60 residents on Saturdays, but she also came out and set up online training for the Mildred Avenue Senior Drop-in every Tuesday for four hours - teaching about six or seven residents. Milton and her daughter, Eugenia Wright, trained at the Bolling Building through the spring, and all 60 participates graduated on July 9 with a featured presentation to Milton



Senior citizens at the Mildred Avenue Senior Drop-in started with their CERT training back in April, with city program manager Nancy Smith, far right, helping seniors sign up. Milton, shown next to Smith, later used her training to save the life of a friend at her Capen Street home. *Seth Daniel photo*

for her life-saving efforts. "We are so excited from the city of Boston to be joining the rest of big cities with a CERT team," said Smith. "We often never talk about the economic value of volunteers to programs and projects, but I think it is also so important to applaud the good person spirit to share their

Leslie Ann Milton: "Jonathan was in full cardiac arrest on the floor. He was really gone. It was serious. I got down and began to perform CPR and called 9-1-1. Then we called his cousin, Sandra Hines, and she came over from across the street...I call it 'pumping and praying with CPR' because that's all I was doing. It seemed like it took hours before the ambulance got there, but when they got there, they told me that if I hadn't started CPR, he would not have made it."

time... Now they are ready to support the city of Boston during planned and unplanned events." Milton has been invited to travel to Washington, D.C. later this month to give a presentation at a national conference to hammer home the importance of CERT training for senior citizens. "I don't know what

I'll say there, but I'm psyched," she said. "I will say this: I think CPR is something that someone in each household should always know." To learn more about the CERT program, go online to boston.gov/departments/emergency-management/boston-cert.



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City, private vendors coming to grips with EV charging issues

(Continued from page 1) of lowered emissions. The Legislature passed a law in 2022 requiring the state to phase out the sale of gas-powered vehicles by 2035 in an ongoing effort to meet ambitious climate goals

for them is really access to charging,” Franklin-Hodge said. “We as a city have set a goal that every resident will soon be inside a five-minute walk to a charging station.”

can't be an afterthought,” Malloy said. “If you have a location of two spots, and then two people park there for four or five or six hours with a Level II charger, which is how long that can take for a full charge, it's no longer a utility. We need to make EV charging a utility. You shouldn't have to plan your life around charging your car.”

Matt Malloy, owner of the Dorchester Brewing Company, likely recognizes that situation more than most. Dubbed “Dorchester's most persistent man” by the *Globe* last year, Malloy lobbied the city for nearly three years before he received permission to install an EV charger in his driveway for his Tesla Y and Kia EV9.

For their part, Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, president of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council, and her husband, Jeffery Johnson, note how people who don't own their home typically can't purchase an EV since they would have nowhere to charge it. That was their problem when they bought their Rivian.

Today, he says he's glad the city is moving in the right direction, but he hopes they are doing so with the right level of dedication.

“EV infrastructure can't be an afterthought,” Malloy said. “If you have a location of two spots, and then two people park there for four or five or six hours with a Level II charger, which is how long that can take for a full charge, it's no longer a utility. We need to make EV charging a utility. You shouldn't have to plan your life around charging your car.”

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 Alleged Incapacitated Person
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Public health leaders target city's mortality gap

By Cassidy McNeely Reporter Staff

Mayor Wu and her administration's public health leaders unveiled their latest plan to combat a disturbing gap in life expectancy rates across Boston's neighborhoods last Wednesday in front of about 75 people who had gathered inside a city-owned gymnasium in Roxbury.

The event was a follow-up to a Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) study last year that detailed that gap – and the health disparities that officials say are to blame.

“Where we stand and sit today is just steps away from the area in Boston with the lowest life expectancy,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, executive director of BPHC. “Last year around this time we reported that someone born in that area has an average life expectancy of 69 years of age compared to someone born in an area of Back Bay and they have a life expectancy that's 23 years higher – 92 years of age.”

Her agency's latest attempt at combating that gap is called “Live Long and Well,” a campaign that Ojikutu and Wu characterize as a multi-agency partnership between the City, the BPHC, Boston Community Health Collaborative (BCHC), and Atrius Health Equity Foundation, which is helping to fund it.

The overall life expectancy at birth in Boston has risen to 82 years of age, which is higher than the rate pre-Covid and relatively high when compared to the rest of the country. So how is the average life span in the city overall growing while the gap between neighborhoods stays stagnant?

Ojikutu told attendees inside the Terrance Clarke Gymnasium at BCYF's Vine Street Community Center that “the root cause of these issues isn't within the walls of our health care system. It's really about social determinants of health and issues like economic mobility, access to economic opportunity, wealth building, housing, affordable and nutritious food, all of the things our residents should have access to.”

He added: “Our goal, and certainly the goal of Mayor Wu, is that every Bostonian leads a long and healthy life. This agenda outlines goals for a healthier Boston and describes our deep commitment to achieving those goals with a focus in these areas: diabetes and high blood pressure-cardiometabolic diseases, drug overdoses, and preventable cancers.”

Wu reminded those at the meeting that their health is also impacted by social, economic, environmental, and structural factors.

“Everyone in this room knows there's so much more to health than just knowing the services and institutions exist somewhere in the city. We need to make sure that everyone has access,” she said.

“There is so much more to health than the care that we receive when something is already going wrong,” she noted. “Some of the biggest influences on our health depend on the circumstances and surroundings that we're born into, grow up in, and grow old in.”

“The difference between Back Bay and Roxbury isn't just distance,” she said. “It's income, it's park and green spaces, it's access to healthy affordable food, education, and opportunity. Our health equity agenda is designed to take these gaps on directly and to build on all the work that is already happening across Boston so we can truly be a city where every family is flourishing.”

The mayor invited various partners and leaders to share their thoughts on the initiative including, Dr. Ann Hwang, president of Atrius Health Equity Foundation, Dr. Michael Curry, president and CEO of their Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, and Mattapan community activist Vivien Morris.

After the event, The Reporter caught up with Ojikutu to ask how the Live Long and Well initiative will impact Dorchester and Mattapan in particular. She shared the following:

“We oftentimes talk about the 23-year life expectancy gap between an area of Roxbury and Back Bay but there are pockets of relative disadvantage and lower life expectancy throughout our city and certainly Dorchester as a neighborhood has a lower life expectancy than other areas and has areas where life expectancy is

not where we would like it to be.

“Funding like this is

not just directed to one neighborhood,” she said, “it's a city-wide initiative

so we are hoping we have city-wide investments that will be made around

our city that will impact residents' lives significantly.”

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Carney Hospital in limbo as Steward's auction process plays out

(Continued from page 1) have also repeatedly assured the public that the state has been planning for all contingencies with a focus on protecting jobs and preserving access to care and have been staying in close contact as the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) drives the bus.

Steward is taking bids on its seven hospitals operating in Massachusetts: Carney Hospital in Dorchester, Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton, Morton Hospital in Taunton, St. Anne's Hospital in Fall River, St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton, Holy Family Hospital with campuses in Methuen and Haverhill, and Nashoba Valley

Medical Center in Ayer. Norwood Hospital, which was being rebuilt after a 2020 flood, is not included in the sale process.

House Speaker Ron Mariano said late last month that he talks with Health and Human Services Secretary Kate Walsh "multiple times a week," and that the secretary has "kept me informed on who they're talking to and what they're talking about" as it relates to Steward.

And Healey's calendar from June, shared by her office last Friday, shows that the governor and HHS secretary had a scheduled meeting or call six times between June 11 and June 24, including two on June 18 — the day that Steward

pushed back the deadline for bids on Massachusetts hospitals from June 24 to July 15.

EOHHS officials said late Monday that the next step in the process was an auction scheduled for Thursday this week (July 18). At that point, qualified bidders will have a chance to sweeten their offers for a hospital or group of hospitals until a final and best offer is determined for each facility. Those final and best bids are what will be submitted for Bankruptcy Court approval during the July 31 hearing.

The secretariat said that it is closely following Steward's sale process, but that it is the company's responsibility to negotiate with potential

buyers and announce the next steps in its process. Steward declined to comment Monday ahead of the bid deadline.

Attorney General Andrea Campbell's office said this week that it has no formal role in the bidding process but will work with EOHHS to protect jobs and access to care. Steward declined to comment on the bidding ahead of Monday's deadline.

Public Health Commissioner Dr. Robbie Goldstein said in a May bankruptcy court filing that Steward's Massachusetts hospitals "play a critical role" in addressing inpatient medical and surgical capacity, inpatient behavioral health, maternal and newborn health ser-

VICES, emergency department treatment, health care generally across the South Shore region, and health care for Massachusetts patients.

"The discontinuation of any of these services at one or more of the Steward Massachusetts Hospitals could exacerbate Massachusetts's hospital capacity crisis and jeopardize the health and safety of Massachusetts residents."

State law and regulations require any provider planning to close an essential service to notify the Department of Public Health at least 120 days in advance and then provide a formal notice 90 days before the closure.

There is a litany of checkpoints along the

way. DPH must publish a notice of a public hearing on the closure at least 81 days out and hold the hearing at least 60 days before the closure would take effect.

Within 15 days of that public hearing, DPH is to provide the hospital with a determination as to whether the service provided by the hospital is necessary for preserving access and health status within the hospital's service area. If DPH deems the service necessary, the hospital is required to submit a plan to DPH for assuring access within 15 days, and the two sides can go back and forth a bit until there are 10 days remaining until the closure, according to the Division of Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification at DPH.

However, even if regulators find the service is crucial to maintaining care, they cannot legally require a hospital to keep a service open to the public. DPH can only call for a provider to submit a plan outlining what patients will do after a closure and conduct post-closure monitoring, not block any service from shutting down.

In a court filing that pushed back on part of Steward's latest plan to secure financing it needs while going through the bankruptcy process, Campbell's office this month raised the subject of post-deadline transfers, sales, closures or the potential that a hospital gets no bids.

Massachusetts health care regulations require that hospital operators like Steward transition or close their hospitals "in a safe manner and in accordance with specified timeframes," the office wrote. But Steward's bankruptcy financing terms create confusion by referencing transition plans and closure plans without explaining how they will comply with the Department of Public Health requirements, the AG's office argued.

"Despite Massachusetts raising this concern, there has been no discernable commitment by any party to address these ambiguities. To be clear, Steward, as the licensed operator, must comply with all regulatory requirements, including funding, staffing and transitioning through closure or a change in owner/operator," Campbell wrote.

The attorney general added a direct reference to the potential of a no-bid situation, pointing out that Steward is required under its financing terms "to deliver a proposed 'transition plan' within ten (10) business days of the Bid Deadline if no Qualified Bid is received by the applicable Bid Deadline."



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Join Team BGCD for This Year's Rodman Ride for Kids: Join us on Saturday, September 21st for the 34th Annual Rodman Ride for Kids! In partnership with Rodman for Kids, the Club has the unique opportunity to participate in this collaborative event which helps to support 42 charities supporting at-risk youth. The event will feature a 25 or 50 mile route that will begin and end in Foxboro. After the event there will be a barbeque and celebration for all who participated. If you can't Ride in September, you can be a "Choose Your Own Adventure" virtual participant. The options are unlimited with participants choosing to run, walk, bike or whatever you like to do on your own time. Please note, in-person riders must commit to a \$1,000 fundraising minimum, and virtual riders must commit to raising at least \$300. To join our team, please visit <http://do.nr/a98n66d1>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Camp (General) & Safe Summer Streets (Teens)
July 8 - August 9

*Pre-registration required

Elevate Youth Week
July 22 - 26

*Pre-registration required

Power Forward Teens Career Night
July 24

Boston Harbor Now Event
@ Moakley Park
July 24

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Whole Person Health: The Foundation to Aging Well



Over [17 million Americans](#) aged 65 and older struggle to afford basics like food, housing, and transportation, and about a [quarter are socially isolated](#). In the coming years, these challenges may have significant impacts on the physical and mental health of our aging population. In fact, studies have shown that non-medical factors can impact up to [80% of healthcare outcomes](#).

Physical health, mental health, and social needs are closely connected. For example, financial struggles can lead to anxiety and depression, which can [affect your heart health](#). Lack of access to nutritious food can make managing diabetes difficult. Without reliable transportation or phone service, visiting with your doctors or staying connected with family and friends becomes challenging. Unfortunately, some of these issues can sometimes be invisible. When healthcare organizations focus only on medical needs, they can miss crucial factors affecting a person's longevity and quality of life.

At Commonwealth Care Alliance, we work with older adults and individuals living with disabilities, and we've seen the impact of these challenges firsthand. To support our members, CCA care teams partner closely with community providers and nonprofits to coordinate and deliver "whole person" health.

Addressing ALL the factors that impact health

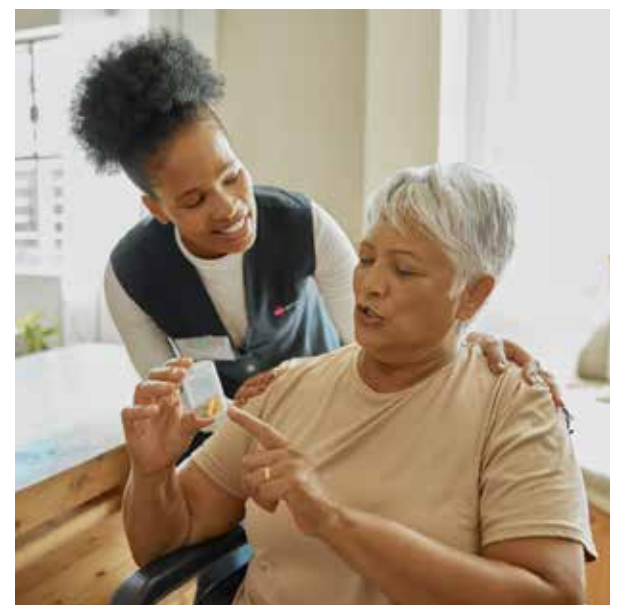
According to the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#), whole person health goes beyond treating specific diseases. It helps individuals, families, and communities improve their health in "interconnected biological, behavioral, social, and environmental areas".

The CCA care team, made up of nurses, behavioral health clinicians, and community health workers, collaborates to create personalized care plans that address the "whole person" needs of our members. This can include assisting with affordable housing applications, scheduling transportation for medical appointments, connecting to food banks or meal delivery services, finding senior centers or volunteer opportunities, and even connecting members to legal resources for support with issues like eviction.

"By helping to address all the factors that impact health, we aim to promote healthy aging and help our members live safely and independently as long as possible," said Nicole Cormier, CCA Senior Director of Clinical Care Partnership. In fact, CCA care teams have helped nearly 97% of members across Massachusetts who are 65 and older and nursing home certifiable remain in their own homes and communities.

Advocating for whole person health needs

CCA care teams also help members navigate the healthcare system to break down barriers and help them access the medical, mental health, and social supports they need. "Healthcare can sometimes feel fragmented, with a variety of specialized providers and community organizations that often work in silos," Nicole said. "Over the course of a year, our members may interact with primary care physicians, specialists, pharmacists, social workers, physical therapists, mental health providers, personal care and homemaking services, medical equipment vendors, nutritionists, and more. Delivering whole person health means advocating for our members, serving as their partners in care, and helping them connect the dots across all these services."



Delivering whole person care also requires trust. "Developing strong rapport with our members, their families, and their communities is critical to our success," Nicole said. "To successfully serve individuals with the most significant needs, they must trust that we're here for them and that we understand and respect their needs, values, and preferences. Our team is passionate, and it shows in the strong relationships they form with our members. Our goal is to help those we serve age well and enjoy a better quality of life."

Commonwealth Care Alliance is a mission-driven healthcare services organization that supports older adults and individuals with the most significant needs.
[Visit: ccama.org/health](http://ccama.org/health).

RECENT OBITUARIES



CONROY, Kathleen Theresa (Power), 78, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of Bob. She was mother of Tom Conroy of Milton (wife Kim), Mary Beth Wilder of Hingham (husband Chuck) and Annie Conklin of Canton (husband Jay). "Nana" to 6. Predeceased by her parent's Edward and Mary Power, sister Ann-Marie Simon and her husband Dick, and nephew Brian Jennings. Kathy leaves behind siblings Elaine Schneider (husband Bob), Edna Jennings

(husband Dick), Steve Power, Marty Power (wife Laurie), and Joe Power (wife Mary), many nieces and nephews. Kathy taught primarily special education in Randolph Public Schools for over 35 years. Donations in memory of Kathy may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN 38105 ~ stjude.org

DIGGS, Leona (Pritchard), 86, of Mattapan. Daughter of the late Robert and Corene Pritchard. Mother of Harold H. Diggs Jr. and his wife Sharon, Grace V. Diggs, Michael A. Diggs, and Kevin L. Diggs Sr. Sister of Thadeus and Oswald Pritchard. Grandmother of 17. Great-grandmother of 1. Leona is also survived by many close friends and extended family Leona was an

elementary school teacher for the Boston Public Schools for over 35 years.



JOHNSON, Vilma Teresa Ward, 76, of Dorchester, originally of Costa Rica. Daughter to David Solomon Johnson Scott and Rachel Ward McDonald. Vilma was predeceased by her parents, David Solomon Johnson Scott and Rachel Ward McDonald; her siblings Marciano, Murine (Sorli), and Orlando, and her dear companion Walter. She leaves behind her son Edwin, daughter-in-law Susan and her 2 grandsons, along with her sister Lupita and nephew Newton, her brothers Seemore and Owen, and many other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Memorial donations may be made to: St. John-St. James Episcopal Church, Roxbury or St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Dorchester. She was a certified home health aide with the Vis-

iting Nurses Association of Boston.



KELLEY, Eugene Paul, 85, of Martha's Vineyard, formerly of Milton and Dorchester. He was president of Boston Building and Bridge Corporation in Milton. Gene ventured into the restaurant business in the mid-seventies in partnership with family members with the purchase of Durgin-Park restaurant. He served as president for 31 years. He was the son of Martin Kelley, Sr. and Helen (Blondon) Kelley both of Dorchester and brother Martin E. Kelley Jr. of Squantum all who predeceased him, and Kevin Kelley (Maria) of Norwell. He was the husband of Chetta Kelley of Martha's Vineyard; father of Seana Kelley (Barry Patterson) of Milton and Martha's Vineyard; Eugene P. Kelley, Jr. (Meg Hannigan) of Canton; Heather Carr (Michael) of Hanover; and Jonathan Kelley who predeceased him of Milton. Father-in-law of Jackie Kelley. Grandfather of 9 and great grandfather to 3. He also leaves behind his brother-in-law and partner, Michael Solimando (Robin) of Marshfield; and many nieces and nephews. Donations may be sent to the Wounded Warriors Family Support Initiative. <https://wwfs.org/donate/>

LYNCH, Gary Anthony, Jr., 35 of Matta-



pan. He was born to Della Louise Ragland and Gary Anthony Lynch, Sr. Beloved son, father & brother. He is also survived by his aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and many friends.

NOLAN, Sister Elaine, SC (Sister Mary Elaine), a Sister of Charity. She was born in Boston, the daughter of the late Martina M. (Monaghan) and Neil Alexander Nolan. Along with her parents, Sister Elaine was predeceased by her brothers, Joseph D. Nolan and Robert T. Nolan. She is survived by her brothers, James C. Nolan and Martin F. Nolan and his wife, Elizabeth Weld. Sister Elaine had a large and loving family including 16 nieces and nephews, many grandnieces and nephews, and several close cousins. Sister Elaine taught at Saint Kevin School, Monsignor Ryan Memorial School and Elizabeth Seton Academy, all in Dorchester. Donations in memory of Sister Elaine may be made to the Sisters of Charity Retirement Center, 125 Oakland Street, Wellesley, MA 02481.

SMITH, Robert Lee, 75, of Mattapan. He is survived by his children Monique, Kevin, Terrance, Jason, his adopted daughter Cynae, and the mother of Terrance and Jason, Marjorie Countryman. He also leaves



behind his grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many cousins.



WASHINGTON, Barbara Ann Mills, 79, of Mattapan. Barbara worked as a mail clerk for the US Postal Service for many years. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Mattie Mills and Andrew Hurry, husband James T. Washington, Five brothers: Henry Mills Jr, Johnny Mills, Theodore Mills and Eddie Mills. Two sisters: Dorothy Dennis, and Betty L. Taylor. Grand-daughter Mylicia Wheeler. One sister-in-law Juanita Jones of Lexington, Ky and one Brother in-law of Lexington, Ky. She leaves two sisters, Elois Crook of Dallas TX, Rosie Mae Clausell of Stone Mountain, Ga. One sister-in-law Hattie Bell Mills of Slidell, LA. Her children Calvin Washington of Washington D.C, Valerie Wheeler, Avis Washington and Lakish Washington, all of Boston. She gained two children in her union with James; Ella Smith of Lexington, Ky and Reverend James T. Washington Jr of Campbellsville, Ky. Twelve grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren and one great-grand-son, and a host of family and friends.



Cedar Grove Cemetery

With Memorial Day just ten days away, the staff at Cedar Grove Cemetery announces they are accepting orders to decorate individual lots and graves with geraniums and assorted colorful annuals. For details, call 617-825-1360.



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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU24C0153CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
MAYA EMILY SAUNDERS
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Maya Emily Saunders of requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Maya Emilia Pantaleon IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/01/2024. 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: July 10, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
Published: July 18, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU24C0007CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
HAILEY MARIE BELL
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Hailey Marie Bell of Lowell, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Maribell Marie Monge IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/31/2024. 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: July 03, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
Published: July 18, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114

Docket No. SU24D0425DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING LAKESHA PINNOCK-PLUMMER vs. KEITH PLUMMER
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 negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Lakesha Pinnock-Plummer, 311 Wood Ave., Apt. 3, Hyde Park, MA 02136 your answer, if any, on or before 09/19/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 26, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esquire Register of Probate
Published: July 18, 2024

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. SU24P1202EA
ESTATE OF:
MARILYN P. ADAMS
DATE OF DEATH: 07/29/2023
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Maria Adams 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: Maria Adams of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this 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 07/30/2024.
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 the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal 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, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 24, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
Published: July 18, 2024

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P1228EA
ESTATE OF:
KEITH ALLEN MAHON, SR.
DATE OF DEATH: 03/18/2024
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by The Bostonian Rehabilitation An of Dorchester, 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: Jessica L. Libby, Esq. of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this 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 08/07/2024.
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.
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 10, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
Published: July 18, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114

Docket No. SU23D1168DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING ELISANGELA K. PIMENTAL vs. JONATHAN P. PIMENTAL, SR.
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown, grant him/her custody of the child(ren), order a suitable amount for support of the plaintiff and minor child(ren), allow plaintiff to resume the former name of Elisangela Kenira Rosa. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Elisangela K. Pimental, 241 Gallivan Blvd, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 09/26/2024. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 24, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
Published: July 18, 2024

MITIGATED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

July 18, 2024

Massachusetts Housing Partnership
160 Federal Street
Boston, MA 02110
857-317-8556

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Massachusetts Housing Partnership (MHP).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 3, 2024, MHP will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of HUD Federal Financing Bank Treasury Risk Share to be utilized for a project known as Talbot Commons II, located at 151 Spencer Street and 5-29 New England Avenue, Dorchester, MA. The 151 Spencer Street (also known as 270 Talbot Avenue) location encompasses approximately 0.28 acres, and the 5-29 New England Avenue location is comprised of 5 parcels and comprises approximately 0.57 acres. The proposed activities at the subject properties include acquisition, demolition of vacant buildings, and new construction of 42 units of family housing, all of which will be affordable to low income families. Eleven of the units will be for families earning less than 30 percent of AMI and for some who are transitioning from homelessness.

Several mitigating factors are required to meet HUD environmental regulations as follows: Recognized Environmental Conditions were identified at the properties and both are being/will be remediated according to approved plans. Proper abatement of asbestos containing materials will occur prior to demolition of existing buildings. Radon mitigation systems will be installed and activated in the buildings and post-construction radon tests for all buildings will be performed to ensure levels are below the EPA's threshold of 4.0 picocuries/liter. Because of high noise levels, originally proposed sensitive outdoor uses (i.e. balconies and decks facing the railroad tracks, picnic areas, etc.) have been eliminated at the New England Avenue location project until the diesel train locomotives are replaced with electric locomotives. The buildings at this site will also be constructed with materials and techniques to ensure an interior noise level of 45 decibels.

The total estimated project cost is approximately \$32,690,799 and of that the risk share loan will be approximately \$7,550,000. Public notification for other federal funds used at the site have been published separately.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

MHP has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at MHP, 160 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110. The ERR may be examined or copied at this location weekdays from 9am to 4pm or via email at aroe@mhp.net.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to MHP, 160 Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110 or via email at aroe@mhp.net. All comments received by August 2, 2024 will be considered by MHP prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

MHP certifies to HUD that Clark Ziegler in his capacity as Executive Director, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certifications satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the project to use HUD program funds for the purpose specified.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and MHP's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Executive Director of MHP; (b) MHP has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the HUD Director of Community Planning and Development CPD_COVID-19OEE-BOS@hud.gov for the Risk Share funds. Potential objectors should contact the CPD Director at HUD Boston to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



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