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BGCD clubs kept kids and teens safe and happy all summer long

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Staff

For 50 years, the Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester (BGCD) has been a staple in the community acting as a home away from home for many children and teens, especially during the city's hot summer months. At the end of each June— when the schools close for the season—it's the BGCD's three club houses that swing open from morning to night inviting thousands of city kids and teens to engage in life-enhancing and life-changing experiences.

Once people join the BGCD family, they're likely to be in it forever. Members often become staff who eventually enroll children of their own as members. Fifteen-year-old Fatoumata is living proof of that

cycle.
"I started when I was nine," said Fatoumata. "Be-

ing a member here is so magical. That's how I can describe it honestly. When I think of my childhood, I think of the Boys and Girls Club."

This summer, Fatoumata transitioned from clubhouse member to a part of the summer camp staff at the Walter Denney Youth Center on Dorchester's Columbia Point. It's something she has dreamed of for years.

"I've always wanted to be a staff since I was a kid. I used to have shirts that said, 'mini-staff' on the back when I was younger," said the high school student. "The staff were my role models and now I get to be someone else's role model."

Fatoumata, who worked with kids ages five to seven this summer, leads her younger neighbors through a non-stop schedule of indoor and outdoor

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"Being a member here is so magical" – That's how one young woman sums up her feelings about her experiences at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester. The faces of the three girls above tell their stories another way.

Cassidy McNeeley photo



Alicia Gomes, the first-ever MBTA executive director of light rail, took a ride on the Mattapan Trolley last week while speaking about how she approaches her new role.

Seth Daniel photos

Dot's Alicia Gomes takes charge as T's first-ever 'light rail' chief

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

Alicia Gomes, who was recently appointed as the MBTA's first-ever director of Light Rail after General Manager Phillip Eng separated the operations of heavy rail like the Red Line from light rail, which includes the entire Green Line and the Mattapan Trolley, brings first-hand experience to the job.

The 39-year-old Dorchester resident started her 17-year-career with the T driving trolleys on the Mattapan Hi-Speed line and later operated Green Line cars.

"I feel like having ridden on it, driven it, and everything – growing up here and taking the



A familiar experience: Exiting the trolley at Mattapan Station

line as a student – it increases accountability and ownership because my family and friends use it," she said.

"They use it getting around Dorchester. You don't want things to happen to anyone on your watch. But if something happens, I know it could be my grandmother or my brother or my mother that is on that train. I bring that perspective to the position."

As an operator and, more recently, a manager, Gomes has gained a ton of worker support along the way.

She grew up in Uphams Corner and attended the Edward Everett School and the Richard J. Murphy School – both in (Continued on page 21)

Polls open at 7 on Tuesday for primary vote

By Reporter Staff

The state primary election is next Tuesday, Sept. 3, when polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. But early voting is already underway in Boston. On Thursday this week, voters can go to Florian Hall on Hallet St. in Dorchester from noon to 8 p.m. Boston City Hall will also be open to voters through the following day, Aug. 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For a full list

Ward 14 Dems back Cartwright for SJC Clerk

of early voting locations go to boston.gov.

This is a state election cycle so among the offices on the ballot are Congress, state senator, state representative, and select county offices, including Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, Clerk of Superior Civil Courts, Registers of Deeds and Probate,

and Governor's Council.

Another Dorchester ward committee has endorsed Allison Cartwright in her campaign for Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. The Ward 14 Democratic Committee announced its endorsement on Monday.

"I'm excited to endorse a leader who brings a wealth of

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First-responders gird for Carney's closure; paramedics unsure if they can use station

By Seth Daniel News Editor

First-responders with the city's Emergency Medical Services department (EMS) are beefing up their deployment plans to cover Dorchester and Mattapan starting this weekend amid uncertainty and mounting anxiety about the planned closing of Carney Hospital on Saturday (Aug. 31).

Boston EMS officials acknowledge they still have not been given a clear signal from Carney's bankrupt owners at Steward Health Care about key logistics, including whether first-responders will have use of a garage that they have long used as a base of operations at Carney.

"Without this hospital, patients in need of emergency care will be transported to other Boston hospitals, some of which are already experiencing capacity issues," said Caitlin McLaughlin, a spokesperson for Boston EMS. "This is likely to result in increased transport times for patients traveling farther to the nearest hospital as well as prolonged turnaround times for ambulances."

She added: "With some of the most highly skilled EMTs and Paramedics, we remain committed to clinical excellence and are

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Petitioners seek to blunt idea of a Columbia Rd. bus lane

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Staff

A group of residents and merchants who oppose the idea of a dedicated center bus lane on Columbia Road have been gathering signatures this summer from like-minded people as they seek to pre-empt any official effort to add bus lanes to the 2.5 mile Dorchester-South Boston artery.

The city of Boston launched its Columbia Road Transportation Action Plan earlier this year and planners said publicly that a dedicated bus lane would be considered only if there was community support for such a plan. The addition of center-running bus lanes has become a lightning rod for



controversy as the city makes final plans to reconfigure Blue Hill Avenue.

The petition, which has been circulated in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Vietnamese, has garnered more than 400 signatures so far, according to one of the petitioners, Marti Glynn, a longtime Uphams Corner civic activist.

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Police, Courts & Fire

Suspect in fatal Peabody Sq. stabbing held without bail

Two murders recorded in Dot last weekend

By Reporter Staff

A man found suffering from a stab wound on Friday night in Peabody Square and later identified as David Abrain, 52, of Roxbury, died from his injuries after being transported by Boston EMS to a local hospital, according to Boston Police, who arrested a 38-year-old Dorchester man for the murder on Saturday.

Prosecutors say that Abrain was stabbed once in the arm, but the injury severed a major artery and

Officers were called to the scene at 1879 Dorchester Ave. just before 10 p.m., according to a Boston Police account of the incident. Police shut down streets around the scene for a couple of hours after the initial call and response.

On Saturday, detectives arrested David Adams, 38, of Dorchester, who, police said, matched "the description of the suspect from last night." He was arraigned for the murder in the Dorchester division of Boston Municipal Court on Monday and ordered held without bail.

According to prosecutors, Adams was seen on video "with a "distinctive colored backpack disposing of the murder weapon around the corner from the scene.' The stabber was dressed "in a black tee, black shorts, distinctive red socks, and walked with a distinctive gait/limp." According to an account from the DA's office, a homicide detective canvassing the area the next day encountered Adams in a convenience store, took note of his clothes and the same "gait/limp." The detective took Adams into custody after watching him

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meet up with a female at a nearby park.

"Between the two of them was the same distinctive backpack that the suspect retrieved immediately after the stabbing," the prosecutors allege.

Adams is due back in court for a pre-trial conference on Sept. 26.

A 38-year-old man was shot to death on Saturday night just before 10 p.m. at Washington Street and Morse Street in Dorchester, according to Boston Police. The victim was later identified as Jashun Cooley of Roxbury. He was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead, Boston Police said. No arrests have been reported.

Boston Police say they made a series of unrelated arrests on Saturday of people in the vicinity of the Caribbean Carnival parade, some found with loaded guns. They included a 16-year-old and two companions who were detained after police say they were found to be carrying two guns in a backpack, one loaded with 18 bullets.

The first festival-related arrest happened at 11:15 a.m. at Blue Hill Avenue and Columbia Road, when, police say, a man from Hyde Park started walking "at a fast pace" when officers approached and handed off his gun loaded with nine bullets to a woman from Brighton. His accomplice, police say, tried to fight her way out of arrest and was also found in possession of "eleven small plastic bags" of crack.

The last arrest came at 6:45 p.m., when officers responded to a fight, also at Blue Hill Avenue and Columbia, in which one man had been knocked unconscious. According to the BPD account, "as officers were on scene, they observed a male individual with a satchel strapped across his body. Officers immediately observed what appeared to be an outline of a firearm." Police say it was, in fact, a "Ruger Security-9 loaded with nine rounds. Officers further observed the firearm's serial number was obliterated." They arrested a 17-year-old for the gun possession charge.

Earlier in the afternoon, gang-unit officers on the lookout for Dayshawn Grant, 34, of Roxbury, because he might have a gun, found him - and a gun - walking with a group in the area of Blue Hill Avenue and Seaver Street. Police say Grant was toting a "Ruger EC9s with one round in the chamber and six rounds in the magazine." Among the charges he faces is illegal possession of a loaded firearm, fourth offense.

Also Saturday, police say, officers arrested a 15-yearold for the gun loaded with 21 rounds they say he had in a backpack, in the area of Washington Street and Talbot Avenue in Codman Square, shortly after 2 a.m. And a traffic stop on Warren Street in Roxbury, which began when somebody in a passing car threw or squirted something at officers in a parked cruiser, ended with a man's arrest for the gun loaded with ten bullets. Police added: "Detectives also recovered a squirt gun from inside the vehicle."

New plans due soon for library and housing at Uphams Corner

A Worcester developer and a local architecture firm say they will soon file detailed plans for replacing the closed Dorchester Trust property at 555-Published Weekly Periodical postage 559 Columbia Rd. in Uphams Corner with a POSTMASTER: Send address changes two-story Boston Public to: 150 Mt. Vernon St., Suite 560, Dorches-Library branch and 33 affordable condos. Mail subscription rates \$50 per year, payable in advance. Make checks and

In a filing with the Boston Planning Department made last week, Civico of Worcester and DREAM Collaborative of Boston said the units will range from studios to three-bedroom condos.



A rendering from the winning bid for the proposed redevelopment of 555-559 Columbia Rd Image courtesy Civico

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The building, where the library would replace the current branch down the street, would have a 21-space underground

This Fall at the

Edward M. Kennedy Institute

garage. Mayor Martin Walsh first announced plans for a library on the site in 2017. The BPDA awarded the project to Civico and DREAM Collaborative in April.

The project is the second plan to marry a new BPL branch and housing announced this month. Preservation of Affordable Housing and Caste Capital filed a letter of intent to replace the current West End Library with a 12-story building with two floors for the library and ten floors for 119 affordable apartments.

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The state primary election is set for Tues., Sept. 3, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Early voting opportunities started on Aug. 24 at select locations in Boston. This Thursday., Aug. 29, voters can go to Florian Hall on Hallet St., Dorchester from noon to 8 p.m. Boston City Hall will also be open to voters through Fri., Aug. 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For a full list of early voting locations go to boston.gov. The City of Boston Planning Department will host an in-person meeting on Tues., Sept. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Grove Hall BCYF Senior Center, 51 Geneva Ave., to discuss Square + Streets: Codman Square and Four Corners. This elder workshop will discuss planning and zoning in the community. For more info, contact Lamei Zang, 617-918-4216 or lamei.zhang@boston.gov.

The annual Dorchester Park Classic Car Show will be held on Sun., Sept. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The show features cars and trucks that many visitors will remember from their youth and some that were in use early in the last century. The sound

of classic hit tunes will add atmosphere to the display of beautifully restored vehicles and local vendors will provide refreshments. Visitors can also tour the park in a horse and wagon and students from the Boston School of Music will perform contemporary and classic music. The car show is organized by the Dorchester Park Association, a volunteer organization responsible for the Spring Egg Hunt, tours of the park, and assisting the park department with the removal of litter and leaves. Children can select free recycled books during Parents may bring books their children have outgrown to the car show or leave them on the porch of the big red house at 42 Milton Street any time before the event. For more information about the car show, contact Paul Mooney at 617-506-1939.

Mayor Wu's Movie Night series ends this Thursday (Aug. 29) at the Boston Common Parade Ground with "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire."

JFK Library presents "Say It Well: An Evening

with Obama speechwriter Terry Szuplat" on Wed., Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. One of the former president's longest-serving speechwriters, Szuplat will discuss his new book and be joined in a panel discussion with inspiring speakers he features in his book: Ashley All, president of the Kansas Coalition for Common Sense; Donovan Livingston, teaching assistant professor of music and director of college thriving at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Zander Moricz, executive director of the Social Equity through Education Alliance. Register at ifklibrary.org.

The Braintree branch of the MBTA's Red Line will close for 24 days starting on Sept. 6 as part of the agency's ongoing track improvement program aimed at eliminating "slow zones" and modernizing the railway's infrastructure. Trains will be out of service along the Red Line between Braintree and JFK-UMass until Sept. 29 and replaced with shuttle buses during that time. For more info see MBTA.com/RedLine.



BMC's Vital Village Networks to host 'Community Leadership' summit on Oct. 1-2 at Artists for Humanity EpiCenter in South Boston. The summit brings together "trailblazers from around the country who are dedicated to helping children and families get equitable access to the resources they need to thrive." The summit will incorporate the principles of language justice; select sessions will occur simultaneously in English, Spanish, and American sign Language (ASL). Learn more and register at vital village summit.org. Children's auditions for the Jose Mateo Ballet Theatre's The Nutcracker will be held on Sat., Sept. 7, at JMBT's Cambridge studios, 400 Harvard St., Cambridge. The production will be staged at Dorchester's Strand Theatre from Dec. 6 through Dec. 22. Open to all dancers ages 6-18. No dance experience required for youngest roles. See ballettheatre.org for more info.

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'Bike Town' for kids opens in Moakley Park

By Cassidy McNeeley REPORTER STAFF

An underutilized street hockey court at Moakley Park has been transformed into the city's very first "bike town," a tot-sized grid of streets where children can learn how to navigate streets.

The "traffic garden," completed through a collaboration of the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, the Mayor's Office of Early Childhood, and Boston Parks and Recreation was opened to the public on Aug. 21.

"The mayor challenged us to make the parks feel like home," said Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods. "When you're at home, you feel safe, things are accessible, and you can learn important things.

One of those important things is how to safely make your way around the city.

We saw that other cities around the world and in the US had these things called traffic gardens," said program manager Nate Lash. "They're miniature street networks where kids can learn bike skills and road safety skills. We started asking around to see if Boston needed more safe places for kids to ride bikes."

To no one's surprise,



Boston Parks and Recreation Project Manager, Nate Frazee (left), and MO-NUM Program Manager, Nate Lash (right) got to test out the traffic garden Cassidy McNeeley photos themselves.

the answer was yes.

The Bike Town at Moakley Park is part of the city's Connect, Learn, & Explore initiative, which aims to help Boston's children learn how to ride a bike, swim, and connect with their communities through sports, gardening, and the arts.

After a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony, children from the South Boston Neighborhood House were invited to ride through the little streets with scaled-down traffic features.

"This is an opportunity for all young people across Boston to learn how to ride a bike, an important skill both to navigate your neighborhood and also get out and explore your community," said Kristin McSwain, executive director of the Office of Early Childhood.

While the park is already home to ball fields, playgrounds, basketball courts, and two new stand-alone pickleball courts, the bike town will function differently.

'This space is first come first serve; there's no reservation system like there would be for a field," Lash told The Reporter. "We're going to be doing observations for how many families come out here. We've already seen families, which is awesome."

Bostonians who have visited have stepped, or pedaled, into a whole new colorful world designed collaboratively between the city and public artist Liz LaManche.

"One of the things we said was, 'We are in Boston. We definitely want a traffic circle,'" explained Lash, who hails from Virginia. In addition to a rotary, the city team asked the artist to include "stop signs, crosswalks with a yield sign, a four-way crossing, and a three-way crossing."

Cheryl Itri, director of early education & care at South Boston neighborhood house thinks having a car-free environment with realistic street elements is a beneficial experience.

"We believe learning to ride a bike allows our



After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, children from the South Boston Neighborhood House rolled through the tiny town on balance bikes.

kids to stay active and have fun," said Itri. "Bike riding is a life skill that we encourage our kids to use to keep exploring the city in new ways.'

While South Boston may be the first neighborhood to welcome a traffic garden, it will not be the last.

"We've been in conversations about the where. We're not trying to create any new impervious surfaces. We're not trying to pour new asphalt or concrete," said Lash.
"We're really trying to identify where there are places that the city has underutilized.'

He added: "Whether it's a parking lot that doesn't get all the way used or like here, an old street hockey court that was really underutilized, we'll try to create some more energy."

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Before being coated in neon powder during the Color Wars, campers on the Patriots performed their own version of Kendrick Lamar's, "Not Like Us."

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fun, including field trips to amusement parks, roller rinks, and the beach.

During the last week of camp alone she got to battle with the campers in color wars, enjoy a carnival-themed afternoon full of popcorn and snow cones, and help distribute brand-new back-to-school backpacks to each child.

"My shift starts at 12 and I walk through the door and go ahead and check in and then I walk to my group, and they all run and give me big hugs. It's the cutest thing," she says.

As a camper, Fatoumata knew the BGCD was a

As a camper, Fatoumata knew the BGCD was a special place but as a staff member, she sees the effect it has on the entire neighborhood.

"The Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester has a huge impact on my life and the life of everyone else in the community. It's like a safe haven where you can go and be yourself, where you can meet other people who are like you. It's just a place to go to have fun, to be who you are, and explore different things."

Her favorite memories with the club include horseback riding for the very first time, going to Disney World, and attending the annual trip to Camp Northbound, a week-long camp in Bridgton, Maine— in which 250 Dorchester kids get to spend a week together with their friends. The Northbound experience has become a treasured summer-ending celebration for the club and its staff, several of whom have been leading the club for decades.

One of those leaders is Queenette Santos, the BGCD's vice president of youth and community engagement. Santos signed up her own children as members almost 35 years ago. While she started as just another club parent, she quickly became a part of the staff. This fall Santos will begin her third decade of work with the club hoping to connect other children to the resources her own kids benefited from.

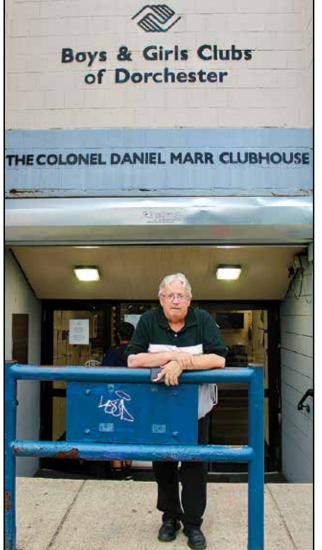
"This summer we were close to 100 kids here at this location, but we probably served around 1,000 in all three of our locations during the summer," Santos told The Reporter during a recent visit to the Denney.

Just a mile and a half from the Denney are the Marr and McLaughlin Clubhouses, both of which fill with hundreds of campers daily. Participants at the two sites—just off Dorchester Avenue near Savin Hill—move between buildings for programs that include swimming, gym, music and art lessons, computer training, and lunch.

While the McLaughlin has a colorful art room and music center, the Marr is home to the Zen Den, swimming pool, and Planet Fitness Gym. During the day these spaces are ruled by the youth campers up to age 13. In the evening, the Marr Clubhouse becomes a sanctuary for teens through Safe Summer Streets, a nighttime program established in 1990.

Senior vice president of operations Mike Joyce has been there since the beginning. He and the club's longtime president and CEO, Bob Scannell, devised Safe Summer Streets —in part— as a response to that year's record violence in Boston's neighborhoods.

"[Back in 1990] there was a high degree of homi-



Senior vice president of operations, Mike Joyce, has worked at the club for 45 years playing an instrumental role in the teen Safe Summer Streets Program.

Cassidy McNeeley photos

cides in the city and when we had a 9 to 5 schedule [kids] would be out here when the club closed waiting to see if Bob and I would let them come in and play basketball and we did," said Joyce. "We would stay late and do the paperwork we needed to and tell them to behave themselves and they did. It just kind of opened up our eyes to the fact that these kids want somewhere to go in the evening in the summertime. Not just the younger kids, but the older kids."

Safe Summer Streets has been a staple of the BGCD's programming ever since—offering teens a place to relax, spend time with friends, and engage in safe, structured activities all summer long.

Many of the teens in the program are staff members at the club by day.

"Ideally our goal is to keep them employed during the day and then offer them a recreational opportunity at night," Joyce explained. "The younger kids have the daytime; the teens have the night."

Willy, 16, is one of many who does just that. During the day he works with the nine-year-olds at the Marr and in the evening, he returns to the club for Safe Summer Streets, which includes a competitive basketball league in the Marr building's gymnasium.

"The club is somewhere they can go to make sure they're not doing something outside," says Willy. "It changes their focus to something more productive."

JB Clarance runs the basketball league, which this summer included ten teams in two divisions. The intermediate division included four teams of 13 to 15-year-olds while the senior division fielded six teams of 16 to 18-year-olds. This summer, games were played from July 8 through August 8. Magic (Blue) won the 18U division while Duke (Navy) took home the 15U championship title.

"This league is so important because it gives kids structure and a safe environment," said Clarence. "Without the structure of school, there is a lot of opportunity to do good and a lot of opportunity to make poor decisions. We give the kids a structure and a place to feel safe and have fun."

After the athletes finish up on the court, many hang around for more activities led by teen director Declan Hall, a 23-year-old Dot native who started working at BGCD in high school.

"The kids are the driving force. I enjoy working with them," said Hall. "They help me navigate through life, especially during my transition into being in my twenties."

When working with the teens, Hall says, it's important to remember that they still "love the little kid stuff," which is why he encourages them to play games, participate in water balloon fights, and compete in cake wars.

"[Safe Summer Streets] is just a great opportunity for teens to have the space to play and have fun," Hall told The Reporter. "A thing that gets lost is we forget teens want to have fun. They can be distant, stand-offish, but give them a little bit of push and they definitely enjoy what we do here. I see it all the time."

Queenie Santos agrees. "The teens are a very delicate age. When you become a teenager, you can be anywhere you want to be. We want to make sure that all teens are safe and that they're getting supervision when their parents are at work. You want to give them growth opportunities, for education, some type of recreation, and community service. We want to build them up to be productive in their communities, homes, and schools."

At the end of the night, when the teens are ready to go home, the club offers transportation services. "We have two vans, we give rides home at 8 p.m., 9 p.m., and 10 p.m.," said Chad Hassey, the director of Teen Programming and Development. "There are two vans for each one of those rides. The 8 p.m. is kind of slow but the 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. are always jam-packed. We go to South Boston, Hyde Park, Roxbury, Mattapan, all over."

As a former club kid, Hassey knows these rides make all the difference in the world. "When I was a

teen I was here from nine in the morning until 11 at night and I got rides home," he said. "It's very important, that's how we get the teens to come in."

Hassey is another example of the "club kid-turned-staff" that is a prominent feature of the BGCD experience.

"The staff who work here, stay," said Hassey. "There are so many people who have been here for 20-plus years. A lot of the directors here are former members, alumni, they love what they do, they are from the community, and they want to see the kids they are serving now become better adults.'

This summer, in addition to marking their 50th anniversary, the BGCD is also gearing up for the anticipated groundbreaking of a new, \$70 million state-of the-art indoor facility on Mount Vernon Street, close to the current site of the Denney clubhouse. The Fieldhouse + – as it will be called— has prompted the largest capital fundraising campaign in the BGCD's history.

"We're excited about the fieldhouse, "said Mike Joyce. "That's going to be a facility that could really fit our other three buildings in it. It's a good size, the programming dynamic will be different. We can see what we can do with a space like that while continuing to operate the other three sites," said Joyce, who has worked with the club for 45 years.

He added: "I'm looking forward to that. It's a new challenge, it's exciting. That's one thing about the club. Every day is a little different and the challenges can be a little different, too.



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Queenette Santos, the BGCD's vice president of youth and community engagement.



Chad Hassey, the director of Teen Programming and Development.



Teen director Declan Hall.



Fatoumata, 15, club kid and current staff member.



Audrey, 16, club kid and current lifeguard at the Marr.



BGCD kids waiting to be picked up outside of the Marr after a fun day of summer camp.



Children ranging from ages 7-9 were nicknamed the Red Sox for the last week of camp.



Duke (Navy) took home the 15U championship title in the Safe Summer Streets Basketball League.



Chad Hassey said, "The Teens Rising Up program is a great program. From the end of June to August 9th they learn about healthy lifestyles, financial literacy, and character, just getting them ready for the real world as 14 and 15-year-olds. Seeing them grow throughout the summer is my favorite thing."



Campers at the Denney spent the last Wednesday of camp enjoying a carnival-themed afternoon including getting to pie each other in the face. Cassidy McNeeley photos

Paramedics not sure if they can use station at Carney

(Continued from page 1) prepared to adjust, addingresources, to continue to provide compassionate care and timely delivery of lifesaving care."

But city officials also say that they have been getting no official word from Steward about the station at Carney, where the EMS Paramedic 3 ambulance crew is based at an ambulance bay. For now, the paramedics plan to base in the parking lot if they find themselves locked out of the building. The city is also planning to deploy a second ambulance crew to the Carney to assist in the near-term as paramedics adjust to the increased road-time to bring patients to other hospitals.

A spokesperson for Steward Health Care did not respond to a Reporter inquiry about the status of the EMS station at Carney.

Three-quarters of the patients transported by Boston EMS to Carney originate from locations in Dorchester or Mattapan, according to the city department, That's roughly 7 percent of total EMS transfers citywide. In 2023, the city department says of the 91,369 patients served citywide, 6,313 were taken to Carney - an average of 17 per day. In 2022, there were 6,769 transfers to



A Boston EMS ambulance delivered a patient to the Carney Hospital Emergency Department on Dorchester Avenue this past Monday.

Seth Daniel photo

Carney. Most patients transferred (72 percent) were between 23 and 65 years old.

Councillor John Fitz-Gerald called the potential impacts to constituents in his district "catastrophic." The current EMS station at the hospital, he added, is only eight years old.

"We made that investment into that new EMS station at Carney in 2016," he said. "In eight years, we're potentially seeing that investment squandered over the closing of this hospital. Over 75 percent of all EMS trips coming to Carney are from Dorchester and Mattapan and they are underserved people. This is huge blow to emergency care for those who use the Carney and speaks about who those services are available to."

FitzGerald added that

he has heard anecdotal stories of people already being turned away from the hospital for follow-up appointments even before the official closing.

"For a non-emergency, it's not even the future people being affected, but we are hearing that right now there are people being turned away, putting them in a situation where they don't have medical care," he said. "We need to know where that medical care is going to come from."

A state-funded watchdog charged with monitoring the Steward hospitals made an appeal this week to keep the emergency department at Nashoba Valley Medical Center open for at least another month due to safety concerns raised for the central Massachusetts communities impacted by that Steward hospital's closure.

To date, the monitor, Suzanne Koenig, has not yet made such appeal on behalf of Carney Hospital, although in her memo about Nashoba, she writes:

"The Ombudsman further urges the Debtors and other stakeholders to fund the costs of keeping an ambulance at Carney's ED entrance for at least seven days in the event that critical patients, who are not aware of the ED's closure, arrive needing emergency services."

She added: "Over the weekend, the Ombudsman was informed that a patient walked into the ED with a gunshot wound needing attention."

A complaint sent to the Attorney General's office by a Dorchester man last week alleges that Steward Health Care is violating the civil rights of Black and Latino Bostonians by closing Carney Hospital and thus denying "access to healthcare and emergency services that are afforded to others across the City of Boston."

The complaint also takes aim at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for facilitating the closure by allowing Steward to shutter the hospital on an expedited timeline— and for stepping in to prevent the closures of other hospitals, but not Carney.

"This complaint contends that Steward Carney has purposefully allowed the closure of this hospital to prevent access for Black and Latino residents in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, and Hyde Park," reads the complaint, which was authored by Dorchester resident Haris Hardaway, who is also a candidate for state representative in the 6th Suffolk District.

He says the closure will cause disproportionate harm to Black and Brown Bostonians by "directly limiting life-saving medical care" and by "impacting the distance that must be traveled to obtain critical care and emergency services."

The Attorney General's office received the complaint but did not offer further comment

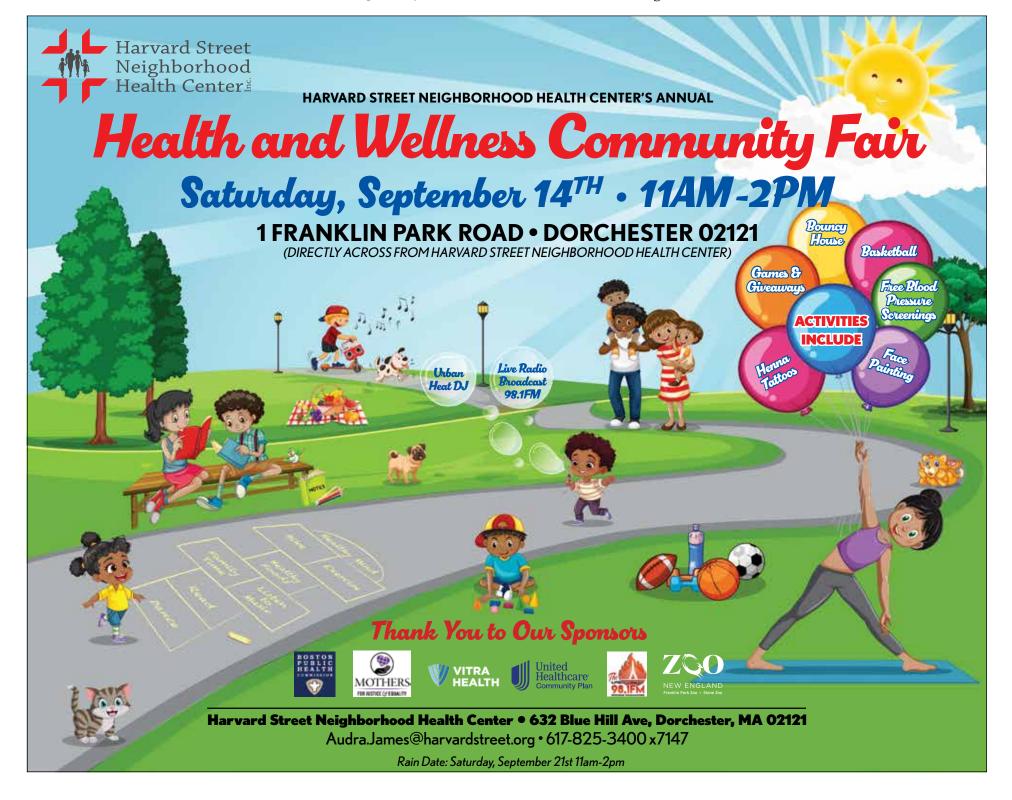
on its status.

Robert Jenkins, a Mattapan resident, supports Hardaway's claim—calling Carney's closure "a life and death situation. If you live in that vicinity the next closest hospital is too far away. Hospitals in surrounding cities don't provide the same care as Carney Hospital," said Jenkins.

Hardaway says the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has failed to protect residents of color by allowing for the swift closure of Carney, despite state rules that require at least 120 days' notice before a facility can close. The complaint also alleges that the Healey administration — by choosing to use eminent domain powers to seize St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, but not Carney is violating the rights of Black people.

"This violation of state law has been used as a tactic to prevent my equal protection under the law as a Black American," reads Hardaway's complaint.

"Additionally, [the] failure to acquire the hospital through eminent domain to prevent the loss of access to this healthcare facility, further violates the civil rights for more than 150,000 Black and Latino residents."



Cloaked in secrecy, Steward drama will extend into September

By Colin A. Young State House News Service

The resolution of the Steward Health Care saga remains a moving target. For at least the seventh time, a hearing at which the bankrupt company was expected to seek US Bankruptcy Court approval of deals to sell five of its Massachusetts hospitals has been postponed, this time by more than a week.

Steward said in a court filing Monday morning that the sale hearing on the calendar for Tuesday afternoon has been unilaterally "adjourned" until Wed., Sept. 4, at 11 a.m. ET. The company filed for bankruptcy protections on May 6 and the Massachusetts hospital sale hearing (which also includes facilities in Arkansas and Louisiana) was originally scheduled to be held July 2. Since then, Steward has repeatedly postponed the hearing in the absence of finalized deals. The hearing had previously been slated for July 11, July 31, Aug. 13, Aug. 16, Aug. 22, and Aug. 27.

Though her administration had previously said it would be up to Steward to announce the progress of its bankruptcy-compelled selloff, Gov. Healey announced on Aug. 16 that deals were in place to sell



The Department of Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein is shown above, right, with Health and Human Services Secretary Kate Walsh and Gov. Maura Healey, center, at a press conference on a state-engineered deal to close Carney Hospital on Aug. 9. The state's Department of Public Health last week issued a seven-page response to Steward's closure plan in which state officials conclude that while Carney Hospital "is in fact an essential service necessary for preserving access and health status within the Hospital's service area," it does not have "the power to mandate that the Hospital remain open." State Sen. Nick Collins, who has reviewed the DPH response, called it "unbelievable and factually untrue" that the Healey administration could not intervene to halt the Carney's closure. Collins, like many other elected leaders in Boston, have called for Gov. Healey to seize the Carney by eminent domain and install a new operator to prevent interruptions to the hospital's essential services. However, Carney is still scheduled to close on Aug. 31.

SHNS photo by Alison Kuznitz

St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton and Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton to Boston Medical Center, for Lawrence General Hospital to buy the Holy Family Hospital facilities in Methuen and Haverhill, and for Lifespan to take over Morton Hospital in Taunton and Saint Anne's Hospital in Fall River, as long as the deals were finalized and approved (and in the case of St. Elizabeth's, after the state seized the land by eminent domain).

y eminent domain). No additional details of those supposed deals — or of a reported \$700 million public financial aid package seen as key to the transition away from Steward — have come to light since, and Steward has declined to confirm or comment on Healey's announcement.

A Steward lawyer told a Bankruptcy Court judge last week that none of the deals to transfer Massachusetts hospitals to other operators have been consummated and they remain under mediation.

"We have not yet executed asset purchase agreements related to the six hospitals, but again, we are very close to the finish line and are still fully engaged in mediation," Candace Arthur, one of Steward's lawyers from the firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges, said last Thursday. "We hope to be back before the court in very short order in connection with the Massachusetts hospitals and the transition there."

Healey said on Aug. 16 that she expected the deals to be finalized "in short order." On Monday, she told reporters that she still thinks "it will be done in short order, adding, "This is a very complicated deal and a complicated transaction, so not unusual to have a little bit more time ... there have been a few different extensions. The important thing, though, is we're moving forward.

"I made clear we're moving forward to get these agreements done, to transfer ownership to new operators, to move ahead with the taking of St. Elizabeth's and transfer ownership to BMC. My focus continues to be on patients and our health care workforce."

Massachusetts state government struck a deal with Steward to provide \$30 million in advance Medicaid payments to keep hospitals here afloat through August, but a different Steward lawyer suggested in court on Aug. 16 that there could be the need for "emergency relief related to the hospitals in Massachusetts." The lawyer said, "We believe we've secured funding, if necessary to close those purchases, at least on the operating costs through September." No further details of that funding have been disclosed in court filings.

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services did not respond Monday to a question about the state's support for Steward hospitals and whether the state would provide additional financial aid to keep Steward's hospitals running as the sale process drags into September. A Steward spokesperson also did not respond to News Service questions about whether the company has the liquidity necessary to keep running its forsale hospitals and paying Massachusetts employees into September.



Petitioners seek to blunt idea of a Columbia Rd. bus lane

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"We went to businesses up and down the street because we realized trying to do a petition on a road as long as Columbia Road is daunting,3 Glynn told The Reporter. "There was no way we could get to all these people so we focused a lot on the businesses, and we said, 'Can you ask your customers if they want to sign?' We knew we would get a lot of local people who shop at these businesses who otherwise might not know about this.

The petition reads: "As residents, employees, business owners and others who use and are concerned about the proposed redesign of Columbia Road, we want to make it clear that while we want improvements made to the roadway, we are OPPOSED to the designation of a restricted bus lane on any portion of Columbia Road."

One place where the signature sheets have been filling up is Upham's House of Pizza on Columbia Road, which co-owner Nick Papadopoulos and his family has owned and operated since 1989.

"If the bus lane does come it will probably slow down my delivery times by I'm guessing at least 20 minutes per delivery, maybe more," said



A view of Columbia Road looking west from the roof of the Strand Theatre shows present conditions along the corridor, including the large median strip that some advocates say should be used for green space.

Seth Daniel photo

Papadopoulos. "Because of congestion, Uphams Corner is already a bottleneck as it is with traffic."

Papadopoulos says his customers are also concerned and were eager to sign the petition. "No one had an inkling this was even being discussed," he said. "This was an option that was in serious talks at City Hall, and when I brought it to their atten-

tion, everyone lost their minds. Everyone had the same reaction. It's already bad enough as it is, this is going to make it worse."

Earlier this summer, city planners held community walks around Columbia Road to gather opinions on bus lanes and other infrastructure changes under consideration.

Glynn said such engagement efforts aren't enough. "I pushed back and said you really need to do a meeting and give people an opportunity to participate. Walks along Columbia Road are going to self-select a population of people who are physically able, probably English speaking, and relatively more affluent. Not the populations that

live from Franklin Park all the way to Edward Everett Square." Papadopoulos wants

Papadopoulos wants to see more parking. Glynn would prefer a green space, which falls in line with the original design by Olmsted for Columbia Road – the final piece of the Emerald Necklace that was never completed.

As an aside, Glynn

added that an \$11 million allocation from the sale of downtown property several years ago is supposed to be dedicated to completing the Columbia Road portion of the Emerald Necklace. She and park advocates are worried the money will be diverted to transit uses like a bus lane rather than "greening" the corridor.

"We have approximately a ten-foot median along much of the roadway and that could certainly be green, and it could be widened in some places," Glynn said. "So far their planning has not included anything having to do with greening."

Regardless of what is done, Papadopoulos thinks the city should shift its focus to a project that would benefit the neighborhood, not increase frustration.

"There's plenty to do in the city and to make it more congested and constricted seems counterproductive," he said.

In a statement on the city's project web page, officials say they expect a "design concept will be completed by June 2025" with "community conversations about potential new design options" planned in "fall/winter 2024." There are currently no specific upcoming meetings or events listed on the project page.



Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

Dot, Mattapan gardeners win big in mayor's contest

Dorchester residents Marta Carney and Mark Smith were among those who collected kudos at the Mayor's 28th Garden Contest last week. Four other Dorchester and Mattapan green thumbs were also in the winners' circle at a ceremony held last week in the Public Garden.

The competition recognizes residents who have transformed their yards, balconies, rooftops, and community gardens into vibrant green spaces that enhance the beauty of the city's neighborhoods.

Carney and Smith, who received third place in the Medium Yard Garden division, said they were delighted with the strong showing from the neighborhood.

"These gardeners bring joy and beauty to our porches, balconies, and storefronts across every neighborhood," said Mayor Wu.

First place winners received the coveted "Golden Trowel" award from Wu while second and third place winners were awarded certificates. Gardeners who have won three or more times in



Blair Campbell shows off his 'Golden Trowel' award received from Mayor Wu for his first place finish in the Small Yard Garden division.

the last ten years were automatically entered into the Hall of Fame. They and are no longer eligible to enter as contestants but are invited to return as judges.

First place winners were also entered into a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston. Additionally, Mahoney's Garden Centers provided gardener's gift bags to the top three winners in each category, as well as gift



Liza Dufresne with Mayor Wu with her third place certificate for the Small Yard Garden division.



Molly Duggan of Mattapan, with family and Mayor Wu, accepts the 'Golden Trowel' award for finishing first in the Large Yard Garden division.



certificates for the 2024 Hall of Fame inductees.

Other local winners included:

• José and Olivia Barros (Dorchester), third place,

At left: Marta Carney (second from right) showing off her award-winning garden in Savin Hill to friends. She and Mark Smith won third place in the Medium Yard Garden division.

Age Strong division.

•Blair Campbell, first place (Dorchester), Small Yard Garden division.

•Liza Dufresne, third place (Dorchester), Small Yard Garden division

•Molly Duggan, first place (Mattapan), Large Yard Garden division.



Shellee Mendes White Party brings in \$15,000 for EMPath – Welcoming guests at the 10th Annual Shellee Mendes White Party Fundraiser on Aug. 11 were, from left, Shellee Mendes, founder/owner, Boston's Salon Monét; former mayor Kim Janey, president & CEO, Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath); and award-winning WCVB-TV/Channel 5 anchor/reporter Rhondella Richardson. Janey and Richardson co-hosted the fundraiser, raising \$15,000 for EMPath, which celebrates empowering women and strengthening families in the Boston area. EMPath has several shelter sites and other programs in Dorchester and Mattapan.

ster and Mattapan.

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The Standish Village community had a blast recently in celebrating their 30-year anniversary at a Summer Family Luau. In addition to a delicious offering of tropical culinary delights, residents enjoyed steel drum music and a performance by a talented juggler. "Mahalo" to all who came and helped make it a very special time. Pictured are Director of Business Administration Nina Tsinidis, Director of Dining Experience Harry Starkweather, Directors of Community Relations Arielle Tavares and Paul Fuller, and Resident Care Director Jessi Ruiz.

Photo courtesy Standish Village

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Blanev Memorial Baptist Church

Miss Mercy Blaney, who lived on Temple Street in Lower Mills, died in 1884, leaving \$20,000 for the building of a church that was erected in 1887 at the southeast corner of Richmond Street and Dorchester Avenue.

Today's illustration is an ink drawing from 1893, torn from the sketch book of an artist with the initials F. G. H. We are trying to find out more about this artist. The bottom image in today's illustration is a postcard circa 1910-1920.



The Blaney Memorial Baptist Church had been organized Nov. 13, 1882, with a membership of twenty-five. Before the construction of the church, meetings had been held in Hutchinson's Hall (the old Methodist Church building) for six months in 1879, and beginning again in



January 1881. In April 1882, the services moved to the Associates Building, where the congregants met for six years.

Abner Chute, of Mil-

ton, built the Blaney Memorial Baptist Church in the Carpenter Gothic style. The church building stood where the Rockland Trust

Bank (formerly Meeting House Cooperative) is now located. The church building was taken down in the 1980s when the property was sold to the bank.

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

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Editorial

After 44 years, the 'end' came by text message

"Hi. You are off all week and will be paid under the WARN Act. If anything changes, you will be notified.'

It took just three sentences in a text message sent on Monday to advise a longtime Carney Hospital health care worker that – as of that morning – her services would no longer be needed. That's the Steward way, apparently.

The woman on the receiving end of this cold-hearted communication doesn't want her name used in the paper. Obviously, she's sad for herself and her family. She doesn't know what the WARN Act is or what it means for her bank account. She has no idea if she'll get a severance package or back pay for the time off that she has accrued over 44 years.

Mostly, though, she's worried about her neighbors and how they are already less safe because a mix of corporate robber barons and state bean-counters masquerading as public servants have decided to let this hospital wither and die.

'We feel like we've been on house arrest, because no one can tell you what's going on— and nobody has told us we should move on, either," she confided. "Nobody is telling us anything."

Before she was summarily laid off via text, this longtime Dorchester resident played a key role in admitting patients to the intensive care unit – and tracking their progress or decline. But now there are no more admissions and the once full-floors that kept very sick people alive through the ravages of Covid have become ghost towns.

What will this mean come Sunday morning when tens of thousands of people in Dorchester and Mattapan wake up to what is suddenly a health care desert? What will it mean for the single mom on Old Morton Street with an asthmatic toddler facing an additional 30-minutes of scrambling during a breathing crisis? What will it mean for the next stabbing victim on the platform at Ashmont or Shawmut or in Town Field? What about the 80-year-old diabetic from the Lower Mills Apartments who has been walking or taking the bus one stop to Carney for her weekly dialysis treatment? How about the stroke or cardiac $patients -- like \ my \ own \ father, \ who \ made \ Carney \ his$ first stop when he was stricken by a heart attack several years ago?

The answer, for now, from the Healey administration and their lawyers: You're out of time and out of luck, stuck in the wrong zip code in a part of the city that matters to them only when they happen to be on the ballot.

Someday soon— and many of us fear that we're talking hours and days, not weeks or months – we'll be publishing stories about tragedies that would have been prevented had the powers-that-be at the Commonwealth of Massachusetts arrived at a different conclusion. Outcomes that would have been different if the governor and her team of advisors hadn't allowed a far-off judge in a Houston courtroom to decide the fate of the Massachusetts health care system while deep-pocketed lawyers played a ruthless game of Texas Hold-Em with our hospitals and if power brokers in our own state hadn't turned a blind eye and deaf ear to the many warnings of the life-and-death consequences of their indifference.

The Carney will close on Saturday. And, in some respects, it has already shuttered as, one-by-one, men and women who've devoted their lives to saving others get 14-word layoff notices sent to their phones, ollowed by the promise that "if anything changes, you will be notified."

We won't hold our breath. But we won't forget this assault on our neighbors and loved ones, either.

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Speech-language pathologist law stalled in regulatory bureaucracy

By Sam Doran State House News Service

Nearly two years after a new law created a pathway to provisional licensure for prospective speech-language pathologists, state regulators still have not implemented the law - and recent graduates of local colleges continue to stream to other states for employment, the law's backers said.

"We have professionals that can help fix a gap in service. We train them here. They're excited about being in Massachusetts. But they can't stay without this provisional licensure regulation in place," said state Sen. Nick Collins, who sponsored the bill that Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law in November 2022.

Asked about factors that have accounted for the slow-moving implementation of the law, a Department of Public Health spokesperson shared a timeline $of the \, development \, of \, \overline{regulatory} \, language \, - \, with \, the$ most recent entry dated Oct. 2, 2023, when the Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology voted to move draft language forward.

The regulations have since been "elevated for ad $ministrative \, review \, and \, approval, "the \, spokes person$ said. The next step will be a public comment period, expected to commence in the next couple of months.

Collins told the News Service he has not heard "any legitimate justification" for why the draft regulations have not been acted on, nearly a year since they were put forward by the board.

"We sent a letter to the Department of Public Health several months ago about this, ahead of the summer graduation timeline," Collins told the News Service. "And we were just told that they're not done yet."

Speech-language pathologists treat patients with communications disorders. After graduating with a master's degree in the field, prospective pathologists move into a clinical fellowship - but because they are not yet licensed, they cannot be reimbursed for services by insurance companies. The law provides for a temporary license valid for the duration of the supervised practice period.

Statutory language was on the docket for the Board of Registration's December 2022 meeting, "various legal issues" were studied, and initial regulatory language was considered in March 2023, the DPH said, before additional changes were made. The DPH spokesperson did not address the cause of the 10-month gap that has elapsed since the October board vote on the matter.

The regulations were "pending agency and Secretariat approval" as of earlier this summer, according to the Board of Registration's meeting minutes from

An accounting of slow-moving bureaucracy may be of cold comfort to those like Lars Ebsworth of Malden, who expects to earn a master's in speech-language pathology from Emerson College next year and wants to stay in the Bay State. He is one of several students who have sent letters to DPH Commissioner Dr.



State Sen. Nick Collins discusses his speech-language pathology licensure bill during a Senate session on Oct. 27, 2022. SHNS image

Robert Goldstein and HHS Secretary Kate Walsh urging action.

"While my program ends in August of 2025, the $more\,we\,live\,in\,Mass a chusetts\,(almost\,one\,year\,now!),$ the more we are falling in love with New England. We would love to plant roots and start a life here,' Ebsworth wrote to Goldstein in a letter shared with

"Since a hearing has yet to be scheduled following this bill being signed 16 months ago, and I would need to begin applying for clinical fellowships beginning in early 2025, I am increasingly worried that I will be forced to apply out-of-state to clinical fellowships since all 49 other states can offer a provisional state licensure for my field," the former Maryland and Illinois resident wrote.

The status-quo lack of provisional licensure has led to a decrease in enrollment at all eight graduate-level speech path programs in Massachusetts, said Rick Branca, a former lobbyist who advocated for the bill's passage in 2022.

"This issue causes a great imbalance and cost to our health care system and speech language pathologists. We are training, educating and providing for these speech pathologists at eight different universities and we lose every single one of them upon graduation because this law has not been implemented by the regulating body," Branca said.

'The language is very self-explanatory and there are 49 other states who have regulatory language that was provided by the national association that our own regulatory body can use as a template to implement this law passed in November 2022," Branca added.

The issue is personal for Collins, who overcame a stutter as a boy thanks to speech therapy and spent years shepherding the bill through the legislative process and working with the Speech-Language Hearing Association.

The cost of the delay? Another class of graduating speech language professionals who have moved on to other states, the South Boston Democrat said. "You know it's been two years, and we think a lot of time has lapsed. And we can't lose another class," he said.

State turns to pesticides to stem mosquito-borne threat

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

The Department of Public Health is moving on multiple fronts to address the elevated risks of mosquito-borne illnesses this year, including spraying pesticides from trucks in southern Worcester County

The truck-mounted and aerial spraying is meant to address the potential risks of the rare but serious Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus, which spreads from the bites of infected mosquitoes and can be fatal. There were 17 human cases of EEE and seven related deaths during the state's last EEE outbreak, in 2019-2020.

DPH has reported one human case of EEE so far this year, a male in his 80s who was exposed in Worcester County, and there are 10 communities considered to be at high or critical risk for EEE activity.

The spraying will take place at night, starting shortly after dusk and ending in the early morning. DPH said more details would be available on its website. The aerial spraying zone includes Carver, Halifax, Kingston, Middleborough, Plymouth, Plympton, Rochester, and Wareham, and the truck-mounted spraying zone covers Douglas, Dudley, Oxford, Sutton, and Uxbridge.

"Due to the increased EEE risk and the first human case of the season, the state is taking decisive action to protect public health," Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner Ashley Randle, whose department partners with DPH on spraying operations, said. "Aerial spraying will target mosquitoes carrying the EEE virus. While these measures are crucial for reducing transmission risk, it's vital for everyone to stay vigilant and follow personal protection guidelines to safeguard our community."

DPH is also cautioning residents to protect themselves against West Nile virus, which poses a threat especially to people older than 60, people who have received an organ donation, and those with conditions including cancer, diabetes, hypertension, and kidney disease. The state said eight communities - Boston in Suffolk County; and Abington, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester and Whitman in Plymouth County – are now considered to be at high risk for WNV.

"The risk from WNV is pretty widespread this year," said State Epidemiologist Dr. Catherine Brown said. "In addition to recommending that people use mosquito repellent with an EPA-registered active ingredient and clothing to reduce exposed skin, check vour window screens to be sure they don't have holes and empty any containers that accumulate water around your vard."

The first WNV-positive mosquito samples were announced July 2 and came from Quincy. A total of 262 WNV-positive mosquito samples have been detected so far this year in almost every county (all except Franklin, Hampshire and Nantucket counties). The risk of human infection with WNV is moderate in Bristol County, Norfolk County, and the remainder of Plymouth County that hasn't been moved into the high-risk category, as well as in parts of Barnstable, Berkshire, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Plymouth, and Worcester counties, DPH said.

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Letter to the Editor

Quincy can see common cause with Carney's plight

To the Editor:

Early on in the Healey-Driscoll-Walsh Administration, officials very publicly identified areas of Massachusetts that experienced the greatest degree of health care disparities. Both Steward hospitals that are threatened with closure on Aug. 31 – Carney Hospital in Dorchester and Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer – fall within those areas, yet that administration is rubber-stamping Steward's decision to shut them down. We must fight back against all such medical redlining!

Ten years ago, the people of Quincy tried and failed to save our 124-year-old community hospital. The former hospital property has been transformed into a tight cluster of condos and high-end apartments. Quincy is now the largest city in New England without a hospital or emergency room. Now we, too, feel threatened by the loss of the Carney. Your fight is our fight!

Sandy Eaton South Shore Coalition for Human Rights Quincy, MA

Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday for state primary vote

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experience and knowledge of the legal system to this important position," said Darryl Smith, the chair of the committee who called her "the right candidate, at the right time" for the position.

Cartwright and Boston City Councillor-at-Large Erin Murphy are competing for the elected position, which will be vacated by longtime Clerk Maura Doyle, who decided to retire earlier this year.

The Cartwright-Murphy contest is the most-watched local race in next Tuesday's preliminary election. A number of prominent Democrats have made endorsements in the race, with Mayor Wu, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, and US Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley among those who've backed Cartwright. Meanwhile, Murphy has earned support from US Congressman Stephen Lynch, along with City Councillors Ed Flynn and John FitzGerald, among others.

The Ward 15 Democratic Committee endorsed Cartwright in June citing her "deep and wide understanding of the responsibilities of the office of Clerk" and writing, "As a native of Boston, a woman of color, an attorney with extensive courtroom and management experience, she proved to our Committee in our interview that she is the hands-down best candidate to be the next Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court."

Cartwright has cited her experience as an attorney "with decades of legal experience as a lawyer and leader within the court system" as her best argument for election to the post.

"From working in the Dorchester District Court during law school, to launching her career with the Roxbury Defenders, to her current work at CPCS, Allison knows the ins and outs of the legal system and its impact on community," said Ward 14's Smith, who was also involved in organizing last week's Communities of Color forum at the Lena Park Community Center in Dorchester, which included three live debates for SJC Clerk, Clerk of Court and Governor's Council for District 4. Over 300 people attended the event.

The Ward 14 Democratic Committee has also endorsed Stacey Borden for Governor's Council in District 4, according to Smith. Borden is a formerly incarcerated woman who later earned a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling. Borden, who has also been endorsed by Dorchester's Ward 15 Democratic Committee, is challenging incumbent Councillor Christopher Iannella, Jr.

Several local elected positions feature Democrat incumbents who have no opposition in their primary elections this year, including Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Congressman Stephen Lynch, state Sen. Liz Miranda, state Reps. Brandy Fluker Oakley, Chris Worrell, and Dan Hunt. State Sen. Nick Collins is facing an opponent named Juwan Skeens. State Rep. Russell Holmes, who represents parts of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roslindale, has two opponents: Haris Hardaway and Samuel Pierce.



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ADSL's After-School program provides a structured environment where children can receive assistance with their homework, helping to reinforce what they've learned in class and ensuring they stay on track academically. Beyond just homework, participants can explore scientific concepts in a fun and interactive way with E-INC class. In addition to core academic support, we also offer creative outlets through Arts and Craft classes. These sessions not only serve as a break from traditional studying but also enhance cognitive development and foster creative thinking. Furthermore, our program prioritizes healthy meal offerings through our Fit Kitchen classes, recognizing the vital link between nutrition and learning. Children are taught the importance of balanced diets, food choices, and cooking skills. By combining homework help with these enriching activities, we strive to create a well-rounded educational experience that nurtures the mind, the

imagination and the body.



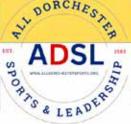
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Franklin Field CommUnity Day highlights Rain Garden project

The Franklin Field development held its annual CommUnity Day with the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) on Sat., Aug. 17, near the event center within the campus. With fun and games and food for residents of Franklin Field, leaders from the Tenant Task Force welcomed Mayor Wu to the celebration, where young people from Franklin Field's youth committee unveiled the Backyard Rain Garden project they completed



this month. The city's Office of

worked with the teens Youth Center on the

Green Infrastructure at the Franklin Field project. Over a period of six weeks, they learned

From left: BHA Administrator Kenzie Bok, Josie Leon (VP of the Franklin Field Family Tenant Taskforce), Mayor Wu, Carmen Feliciano (Treasurer of the Franklin Field Family Tenant Taskforce), and Jacqueline Olivo (Secretary of the Franklin Field Family Tenant Taskforce).

about green infrastructure and how to build a rain garden, and then helped design and install the garden for the benefit of their community.



Franklin Field youth and Mayor Wu unveiled the new rain garden on their campus.

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Hewins Street Block Party cranks on for the 52nd year

The 52nd annual edition of the Hewins Street block party took place on Aug. 18 with loads of neighbors enjoying traditional BBQ, music, Caribbean cuisine, and old-time games like the tug-o-war and egg on a spoon relay.

The neighborhood fun was punctuated with lots of special guests who chatted with neighbors on the street like James Lisenby and his family, Chester Johnson, and those assembled at the family homes of Councillor Brian Worrell and state Rep. Chris Worrell.

Seen throughout the day holding court at the end of the block with the Worrells were Mayor Wu, Council

President Ruthzee Louijeune, US Sen. Ed Markey, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, Councillors John FitzGerald and Erin Murphy, state Sen. Liz Miranda, Clerk of Civil Court John E. Powers, former Councillor Frank Baker, candidates Allison Cartwright and Faustina Kathy Gabriel, Hoop Collaborative's

Mitch Hercules, Paulo Debarros of the Cape Verdean Association of Boston, and New England Patriots Foundation President Josh Kraft.

Organizers say the Hewins Street Block Party is the longest continuously-running block party in Boston.

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The 52nd annual Hewins Street Block Party.



Francis Lisenby brushes up on her Double Dutch skills on Hewins Street.



Paying a special visit to the best quilter in Boston, Gwendolyn Lisenby (center), were Councillors Brian Worrell, Glen Lisenby, Mayor Wu, and state Rep. Chris Worrell. Seth Daniel & Mayor's Office photos



John Santos of the **Dorchester Food Co**op on Bowdoin Street grilled up fresh pineapple and cracked open coconuts for any and all who came along.



Clerk of Civil Court John E. Powers jumped on the mechanical bull on Hewins Street in between campaigning for the Sept. 3 primary.



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Renovation work to start soon at Comfort Inn site

The development team that will convert a former hotel on Morrissey Boulevard into supportive housing for formerly homeless older adults says that renovation work at the site should start soon with the first residents expected to move in next

In an update sent out last week, The Community Builders and Pine

LEGAL NOTICES

Street Inn said that "full occupancy" of the old Comfort Inn at 900 Morrissey is expected by winter 2025. "As a reminder, this

is the hotel that will be converted into 99 studio apartments with supportive services for individuals earning at or below 30 percent of the area median income,"

the co-developers wrote. "All tenants will be screened and sign yearlong lease agreements. As described during the city approval process, the highest priority applicants for these apartments will be those aged 62 and older who are moving out of chronic homelessness."

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 SUMMONS Docket No. SU24E0087QC ANA L. BONILLA AND FREDYS A. ALVARADO GUEVARA

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To the Defendant(s):
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Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, First

Justice of this Court.
Date: August 12, 2024

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq Register of Probate Published: August 29, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU24D1103DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING JASMINE JOHNSON-WILLIAMS

TAMMIE JOHNSON-WILLIAMS To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matte preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the cur rent financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Jasmine Johnson-Williams, Restricted Information, your answer, if any, on or before 10/02/2024. If you fail to do so, the courl will proceed to the hearing and adjudication that the state of the tion of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P1420EA ESTATE OF: JOSE T. CABRAL DATE OF DEATH: 02/09/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Dominico Cabral of requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner Tree Cabral of Cabral etitioner requests that: Dominico Cabral of 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 09/06/2024.

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administration.

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

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
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Docket No. SU19P0535GD
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GARY WEAVER
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RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other
terested persons, a petition has been filed

nterested persons, a petition has been filed by Theodore Weaver of Dorchester, MA in he above captioned matter requesting that

the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Remove the Guardian.

The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is a longer pecseary and therefore should be removed for good the conservatorship is a longer pecseary and therefore should be removed for good the conservatorship is a longer pecseary and therefore should be conserved. no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is or

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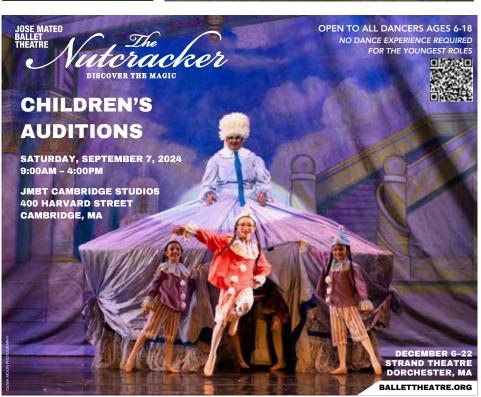
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Microchip can be key to finding lost pet

By Dr. Edward **SCHETTINO**

While there are pet holidays scattered throughout the calendar year, August 15 is National Check the Chip Day, highlighting an important aspect when talking about tools to use should your pet go missing.

According to the American Humane Association, approximately 10 million dogs and cats are lost or stolen in the Unites States annually – and about one in every

Moment of Paws

three pets will go missing at some point in their

While the reasons pets go missing are numerous, there is one measure you can take that drastically increases the likelihood of being reunited with your beloved pet - microchipping.

A microchip is a tiny computer chip, about the size of a grain of rice that is programmed with an identification number

unique to your pet. It is non-toxic, non-allergenic, and lasts the life of your pet with no maintenance required.

A study by the American Veterinary Medical Association found that just 22 percent of lost dogs and less than two percent of lost cats that entered animal shelters were reunited with their families. However, for animals that were microchipped, the re-

turn-to-owner rate for dogs was more than 52 percent, and more than 38 percent for microchipped cats!

The numbers speak for themselves, microchipping increases your chances that you will get your pet back if it becomes lost or stolen. But, it should not be the only part of your lost pet strategy. Collars with upto-date tags are the main form of identification and the quickest way to identify a found pet.



Checking the chip on wary subject.

Tags and microchips are only useful if the contact and registration information is current! Make sure to check the information annually to keep everything upto-date.

Bottom line, microchipping is effective and at the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL), we have seen numerous animals reunited with their owners thanks to a microchip. Recently, ARL took in a senior stray cat who did have a microchip. Thankfully, the contact information was correct, and the owner of the cat was overjoyed when contacted as the cat had been missing for nearly two years!

In that moment of realization that a pet has gone missing, it's important to stay calm, and

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take immediate action by following these steps to increase the likelihood of a happy reunion with your pet:

Call your local Animal Control Officer of the town where you live, and of the town that your pet went missing in.

File a lost report with the Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) either in person, over the phone, or online. This lost report is seen by all three ARL locations. The staff will ask you to provide a photo of your

Dr. Edward Schettino is the President and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston, and has a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.



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BGCD Members Close Out Summer Camp Program with McConnell Park Field Day: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Members Close Out Summer Camp Program with McConnell Park Field Day: During the final week of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Summer Camp program, we welcomed over 40 volunteers from Dell **Technologies for our Annual Field Day** at McConnell Park. Our members had the opportunity to take part in a variety of fun outdoor challenges throughout the day including kickball, sack races, egg toss and more. This event was such a fun way for our members to end an amazing five weeks of Summer **Camp Programming.**

Thank you to our friends at Dell Technologies for spending the day with us and for your ongoing support of our member special events! To learn more about Volunteering at BGCD, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Macy Pierce at mpierce@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: Sponsorships Available - Bright Futures Grand Drawing Gala Nov 23rd: On November 23rd, BGCD will host our Annual "Bright Futures" **Grand Drawing Gala at the Fairmont** Copley Plaza, Boston. This year's theme is "Lights, Camera, Inclusion!" which focuses on the importance of welcoming children of all abilities to be included. It will be a fabulous night including a silent auction, live auction, four course dinner, plenty of dancing and our incredible Grand Drawing with your chance to win one of our ten amazing Grand Prizes! This annual gala is one of BGCD's premier fundraising events and raises critical funds for our Clubs. If you would like to support this year's Grand Drawing, please contact Patty Lamb at plamb@bgcdorchester. org or visit bgcdorchester.org/granddrawing. With your contributions, you help make bright futures possible at



Sponsorships Available - Bright Futures Grand Drawing Gala Nov 23rd: See details below.

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For more information on partnering with BGCD, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Dot's Alicia Gomes takes charge as T's first-ever 'light rail' chief

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Dorchester. She went to high school in the Back Bay and used the Green Line to get to school, relying on it not to be tardy. And as a teen, she learned how to use the Mattapan Trolley instead of the bus to get to her job in Mattapan Square. "Having done those things on the Tasayoung person, it gives you a whole different perspective as an executive director," she noted. "It's not just people trying to get to work that you're thinking about, but also the kids that depend on the T to get to school. You feel that."

Gomes says that Eng's decision to separate the management of light rail from heavy rail is an inspired one because "our operators are more in contact with the public in a way that's more like a bus, interacting with customers and seeing regular riders. This change gives us the operational ability to start from the ground up and say this is how light rail should be.

She added, "Heavy rail operators are in a cab and don't interact as much. We're also often mixed in with traffic on the Green Line, and we have at-grade crossings here on the Mattapan line. She noted, too, that light rail operates without a third rail and with overhead wires and is also subject to weather variabilities. During an interview while riding the Mattapan Trolley last week with The Reporter, Gomes said her favorite assignment as a driver was the trolley. She'd "probably still



New Light Rail Executive Director Alicia Gomes (front) exiting the Mattapan Trolley at Mattapan Station with long-time friend and colleague Annette Gonsalves-Byner – a Mattapan resident who has been a Green Line supervisor for 22 years.

Seth Daniel photos

be driving it today" if her lack of seniority hadn't bumped her to the Green Line. "I always thought it was a great line to get people from point A in Ashmont to point B in Mattapan and every stop in between," she said. The Mattapan line will see a dramatic change in the coming years as the MBTA proceeds with a \$127 million reconstruc-

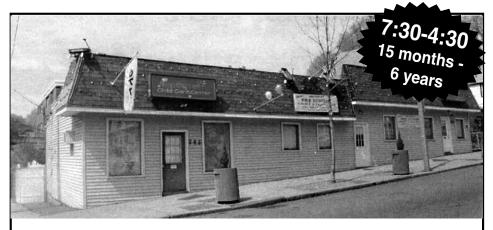
At right: An historic Mattapan Trolley car at Mattapan Station – a unique piece of the MBTA's overall light rail system.



tion project that will, over time, replace the existing vintage PCC cars with newer Type 9 light rail cars that are now in service on the Green Line. The first Type 9 vehicle is expected to be deplopyed in 2026.

Gomes confesses that the change in rolling stock will bittersweet — she'll miss the nostalgia of the old trolley cars but she is convinced the newer cars will improve operations. "I am absolutely excited about that work," she said. "Anytime we can offer reliable service that is more efficient and more accessible, I am going to be excited about that.' The biggest improvement will be enhanced accessibility, as the Type 9 trains will not have steps and boarding will be level with the ground. Last October, the agency made major improvements to the track during a planned shutdown that also focused on the subway section of the Red Line in Dorchester. Gomes said that in her 17 years as a driver, manager, and chief, "we always had speed restrictions, but I don't know if we've ever seen as much commitment to end that as we see now.

"The T needs the ridership and people to come back. I think we're seeing that now and it's great to see...The hope is we get back to where we were, and public transit is understood as a necessity and people believe in it to get them to where they need to go. That's where we're headed. I believe that as a worker, and I can say it after spending 17 years here."



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elyn of Weymouth. Grandmother of 4. Also survived by six nieces and nephews, many cousins and friends. She volunteered at Milton Hospital for 14 years. Donations in memory of Judith may be made to Lupus Foundation of New England, 290 W. Boylston St., Suite 60676, Worces-ter, MA 01606 ~ lupusne. org/donate

DEMOPOULOS, Ev-dokia "Evelyn" (Papadopoulos), 86, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Stavros Demopoulos. Mother of Atha Demopoulos of Dorchester, and Ted Demopoulos and his wife Nicole of Colorado. Aunt of Mary Quarella and her husband Michael of Sandwich. Sister of the late Priscilla Gastalos. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, a large



loving extended family, as well as her longtime best friends Muriel Galvin and

Jo Barry.

GALLOWAY, Claire
Esther (Gibbs), "Ma,
GG, and Nanny,", 88, of
Mattapan. Wife of the
late John E. Galloway. Daughter to the late William Gibbs and Doris Roberts Gibbs. Claire served as a special education paraprofessional in the Boston Public Schools for twenty-eight years. Claire had an unbreakable spirit. She was often quiet



but always listening. She showed her love by always being there for others, providing strength, love, and care beyond measure. She joins her late sister, Rosalie Ward, and brother, Charles Belim, in glory. Claire's memory will be treasured by her children Michelle (Curtis) Parker, Lena Reddick (Ken Still), Ipyana Wasret, and Claire (James) Jones, seven grandchildren, and generations of great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT

SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET

BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR REMOVAL

OF A GUARDIAN OF AN

OF A GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON Docket No. SU19P0508GD INTHE INTERESTS OF: CYNTHIA BILAL of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person To the named Respondent and all other terested persons, a petition has been filed y DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of festborough, MA in the above captioned atter requesting that the court: Remove

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the Guardian of the respondent.

The petition asks the Court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court

with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/05/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date.

whose lives she touched with her gentle spirit. The family requests that contributions be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation in memory of Claire and John Galloway.

HAUPTMAN, Eugene "Gene", 65, of Dorchester. Fiancé of Elizabeth Banach of Dorchester. Son of the late John Hauptman and Maria (Szatanik) Hauptman. Gene was a retired employee of Gillette Company for 40 years.



PETERSON, Carole A. (Gallagher), of Quincy, MA and Sarasota, FL, originally from Dorchester. Carole was the daughter of the late Joseph J. and Dorothy M. (Page) Gallagher and wife of the late Fred Peterson. Carole leaves sisters, Denise Gallagher of Sarasota, Debbie (Gallagher) Osterman of Bridgewater, MA, a brother, Paul Gallagher of Sarasota, eight nieces and nephews, fifteen grand nieces and nephews, and an abundance of close friends and relatives. She was a successful executive in the insurance industry. Donations in Carole's memory may be made to: Tidewell Hospice, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238 or to a charity of

your choice. STEELE, Michael Joseph, 95, of Dorchester, formerly of Dominion, Nova Scotia, Canada. Husband of the late

Lorena "Mary" (Gillis) Steele. Father of Anne L. Steele of Dorchester, Thomas J. and his wife Barbara Steele of Quincy, Shaun Steele of Dorchester, Robert P. Steele of Dracut, and the late Michael R. Steele and Bernard G. Steele. "Papa" of Andrew T. Steele and his fiancé Sarah Wheeler of Dorchester. Son of the late Michael Steele and Mary Anne (Sutherland) Steele. Brother of Theresa Gouthro and her late husband William of Nova Scotia, and the late Rev. J. Harvey Steele, S.F.M., Mae McVeigh, L. Daniel Steele, Angus Steele, L. Joseph Steele, Evelyn McKinnon, Dr. Bernard Steele, Florence Steele, and Genevieve Gromack. Brother-in-law of Jeanette Zucco of New York, Carol Reed and her late husband Charles Reed Whitman, Sandra and her husband Blay MacNeil of Taunton, and Margie and her husband Anthony Mac-Neil of Abington. Survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Joe was a retired longtime mechanical engineer for Boston Five Cents Savings Banks and The Harvard Clubs of Boston. Donations in Joe's memory may be made to the Mary Ann Brett Food Pantry, 800 Columbia Road, Dorchester, MA 02125, or to a charity of your choice.

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BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF
PETITION FOR RESIGNATION
OF A GUARDIAN OF AN
INCAPACITATED PERSON
Docket No. SU91P2185GI2
IN THE INTERESTS OF:
JOSEPH CHAMPAGNE
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other
interested persons, a petition has been filled
by William J. Quaglia of Brockton, MA in the
above captioned matter requesting that the

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Date: August 14, 2024

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you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filling the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANTTO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU24P1569GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
CYNTHIA BILAL
of CHELSEA, MA

Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health in Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Cynthia Bilal is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Robert Yard of Taunton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

of CHELSEA, MA RESPONDENT

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces-sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain

specific authority. You have the right to object to this you have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 Å.M. on the return date of 09/05/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date the written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 200 days of the the roturn destined.

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

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CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU24P1289GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
CAROLYN JONES
OF BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all othe nterested persons, a petition has been filed by Central Boston Elder Services, Inc. of oston, MA in the above captioned matt lleging that Carolyn Jones is in need a Guardian and requesting that Jewish Family & Children's Service of Newton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond

The petition asks the Court to determin that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces-sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority

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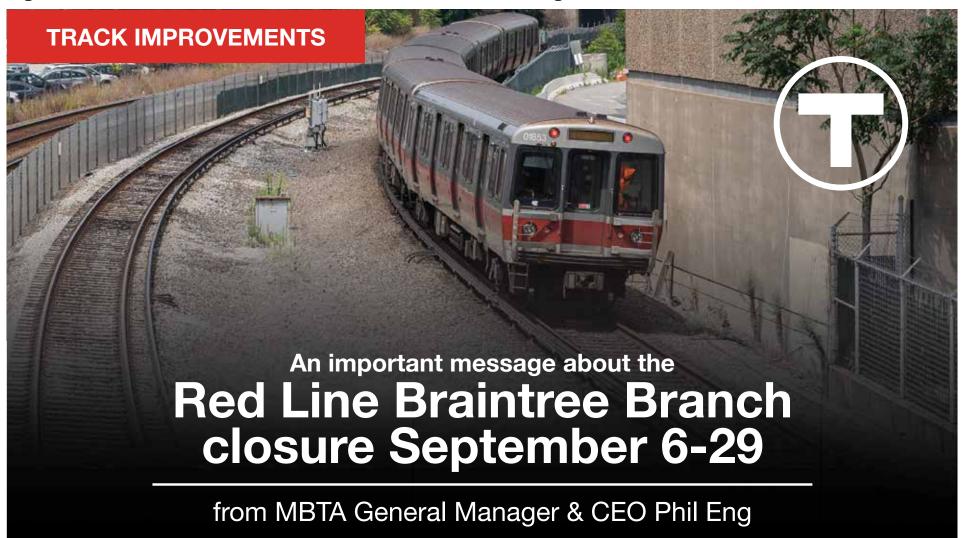
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Phil Eng General Manager & CEO MBTA