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The Conley and Finn families shared a happy moment around the new monument to the late Crossing Guard Marie Conley on Friday.

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Remembrances, cheers mark opening of Meetinghouse Hill's new firehouse

Tragic death of school guard Marie (Finn) Conley recalled

By Seth Daniel News Editor

A century of heroism and sacrifice fluttered throughout Meetinghouse Hill last Friday (Sept. 27) as a large crowd of retired and active-duty firefighters and their families, city officials, and schoolchildren gathered to usher in the future with a state-of-the-art Engine 17/Ladder 7 fire station while also preserving the memory of those who came before and those who lost their lives in service.

The Fire Department started construction on the new station at the corner of Winter and East Streets 19 months ago as a replacement for the nearly 100-year-old station just two doors up on Parish Street and used an aggressive schedule to get the new station up and working on time.

For all the fanfare, a somber note was sounded in remembering school crossing guard Marie (Finn) Conley, a Dorchester woman who protected the children of the Mather School for over a decade. She was tragically struck down on Oct. 21, 2008, while shielding a student from an oncoming vehicle and died of her injuries eight days later. In 2011, she was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Citizen Service Above Self Award.

Her four children – Jim, Jennifer, Michael, and Chris - and members of the Finn family were on hand to remember the Dorchester mother who worked two jobs – one as a crossing guard and one cleaning houses – to support her family and "spoil" both them and the Mather children.

"My mother sacrificed her time, her money, her love, and ultimately, her life," said Michael Conley. "My wife Jackie and my son Jamison never got to meet her. I've shared pictures and memories over the years, but now I look forward to visiting this memorial with them and showing them my mother was a hero."



flag raising prior to the start of the ceremony on Friday morning. Two members that have served at the station for more than 30 years did the honors.

Marie's son Chris was serving in the Marine Corps in Iraq when she was killed. He took a short furlough to come home and say goodbye to her before

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Healey: 'Working group' to advise on post-Carney plans

Panel will have 90 days to make recommendations

By REPORTER STAFF

A working group meant to advise state and city leaders on the impacts of the closure of Carney Hospital—and next steps to replace it—is still in formation this week, seven days after Gov. Maura Healey announced its launch. The Dorchester group, and a second like it that will focus on Nashoba Valley, will include "key stakeholders" including public health officials, labor leaders, doctors, and elected officials.

The Carney-focused group will be co-chaired by Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, the commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston, and Michael Curry, president and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. Other members of the working group will include health care industry and union leaders, elected officials, and members of the community chosen by state officials and Mayor Wu.

The group is expected to meet in public on at least three occasions, the Reporter is told, and will likely hold smaller, internal meetings as well with a goal of making recommendations by the end of December.

Carney closed on Aug. 31, shutting Boston's largest neighborhood and adjacent communities off

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Seniors hail new apartment community in Uphams Corner

By Seth Daniel News Editor

Lana Andrews didn't think she could find a better home than her old apartment in Savin Hill. That is until she discovered the new Nine Leyland Communi-

ty that opened last month near Uphams Corner. Facing the Leyland Street Community Garden, the new 43-unit building for adults ages 62 and up also offers services and programming through Hebrew SeniorLife.

Andrews was among those who celebrated the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the building on Sept. 25.

"I lived in the Savin Hill Senior Apartments, and I never thought I'd find anything better than that," she said. "I moved



of Dorchester Bay EDC.

Seth Daniel photo

here to try to get something a little bigger. It's clean, and cleanliness is a huge thing. I have wonderful neighbors and new friends. Plus, at night you can see the whole of Boston from my windows."

Hers was a sentiment shared by many from the community and the co-developers, a collaboration between Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Hebrew SeniorLife.

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Survivor' stories connect Southie, Fields Corner

By Chris Lovett Reporter Correspondent

In 1993, just a few days before Christmas, 15-year-old Louis D. Brown was killed in a crossfire, while crossing Geneva Avenue near Fields Corner Station. A high school sophomore looking forward to college, he was on his way to youth meeting organized by Teens Against Gang Violence.

Almost thirty-one years later, in time for International Peace Day on September 21, the scene of violent crime and loss had been

transformed by artwork. Coiled around a street pole on the avenue, close to the Red Line overpass, were multi-colored objects that looked like buildings with portals and peaked roofs. Designed by a lead artist who grew up in Dorchester, Ngoc-Tran Vu, the pole, signifying "Faith," was one of the first seven markers along the "Peace Trail" recently developed by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

The "Faith" pole contrasted with a surroundings marked by protective barriers

and surveillance cameras, as well as the avenue's history of gun violence. For Clementina Chéry, Brown's mother and the institute's founder, president and CEO, the "buildings" around the pole represented sanctuary, unlike a common marker of violence—a makeshift street memorial that she says, can re-traumatize if left untended.

"It took me about two years to really walk that area, because I didn't want to be re-triggered and re-traumatized," said

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Police, Courts & Fire

Early Sunday killing by gun on **Cummins Highway under probe**

A man was shot to death early Sunday morning (Sept. 29) near Mattapan Square. Boston Police say the victim, who was found with gunshot wounds in the area of 849 Cummins Highway just after 1 a.m., was pronounced dead at the scene. No arrests have been reported and the victim's name has not yet been released by police. Please call detectives at 617-343-4470 if you can be helpful.

A 38-year-old Dorchester man faces drug distribution charges after he was arrested last Friday afternoon near Codman Square. Police say they pulled over a driver after noticing a vehicle with a "darkened license plate cover" that they were unable to read in the area of Washington and Park streets around 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 27. According to a BPD account, they took the driver - Lawrence Chaney – into custody after a search found "seventeen plastic bags of crack cocaine from the suspect's fanny pack." Chaney is charged with "Possession with Intent to Distribute Class B and Receiving Stolen Property."

A 27-year-old Jamaica Plain man was arrested last Tuesday night (Sept. 24) after Boston Police say he was among a group that robbed a man at gunpoint on Greenheys Street in Dorchester that night. According to police, Jonathan Lopez and some associates approached the victim around 9:40 p.m. and displayed a gun before robbing him of a watch and fanny pack.

St. and was charged with armed robbery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery with a firearm, illegal possession of a firearm and illegal possession of ammunition, police say.

An Everett man was arrested last Wednesday evening (Sept. 25) after a traffic stop near Codman Square led to a foot chase and the discovery of an illegal weapon, according to a Boston Police account. The incident unfolded around 7:45 p.m. after a police officer said "he observed a motor vehicle operating the wrong way on a one way street on Whitfield Street." The driver allegedly struck a curb on Talbot Avenue before police began interviewing the occupants of the car, which police say was found to have a suspended registration. A search of the car then turned up a firearm, which prompted one of the men in the car-later named as Kenneth Bigsby-Williams— to flee, according to police. "A foot chase ensued and officers were able to apprehend the suspect in the area of 60 Southern Avenue," police said. He was placed under arrest and charged with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm 2nd Offense, and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition.

New rental complex pitched for Boston St.

A developer has filed plans for a 6-story, 59unit apartment building at 101-109 Boston St., right next door to the Fortress self-storage building with the giant inflatable lock off the Expressway near South Bay Mall.

Ťheproposal, by Cobalt Development Partners of Beacon Hill, would use land now owned by Fortress, which would continue to maintain its large facility.

In addition to apartments, Cobalt is also proposing a lot with 10 parking spaces, and parking for 59 resident bicycles and 12 for visitors and ground-floor restaurant/commercial space, according to its filing with the Boston Planning Department.

The units will range from studios to two-bed-



Rendering of proposed Boston Street apartment building by Merge Architects.

room apartments, of the developers grandfawhich eight, or about 13.5 percent of the total, will be rented as afford-

thered the project from a new city requirement that will go into effect able. By filing last week, Oct. 1 – a mandate that

17 percent of the units – or 10 in total – be rented at reduced rates.

-REPORTER STAFF

Info sessions set for October, testing dates Lopez was arrested the next day at 195 Heath in December for BPS exam schools

Boston Public Schools (BPS) will hold two information sessions via Zoom this month to explain the testing and admissions process for students trying to gain entrance to one of the three exam schools — Boston Latin Academy, Boston Latin School, and John D. O'Bryant High School.

The information sessions will be held on Wed., Oct. 16, from 6 p.m to 7:30 p.m., and on Monday, Nov. 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The process will be different for BPS students and non-BPS students. For those currently enrolled in a BPS school, the procedure will use MAP Growth test results and grade point average as admissions criteria. For BPS students now in grades 6 or 8, testing will take place between Dec. 2 and Dec. 13 during the school day and no registration is required.

Non-BPS students in grades 6, 8, or 9 must pre-register for exam school testing, which will take place on Sat., Dec. 7, across five BPS locations. Registration must be completed by Nov. 8 at bostonpublicschools. org/exam.

A similar testing process will be in place for BPS students in grade 9 wishing to get into an exam school, or grade 8 exam school students who wish to apply to a different exam school. Register for the info

sessions at bostonpublicschools.org/exam, Ques-

tions can be e-mailed to exam@bostonpublicschools.org.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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Mather Elementary School plans a free celebration of its 385th year on Thurs., Oct. 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. at First Parish Church. For more information or to respnd, please contact Lthames@bostonpublicschools.org.

The city's Planning Dept. will host a virtual public meeting on Tues., Oct. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. to discuss a proposal at 691-695 Morton St. for a 7-story, 30-unit mixed-use building with a common roof deck and 5 vehicular parking spaces, 36 bike spots, and retail space on the ground level. See Page 15 for details on the meeting. See bit.ly/3XjWDqk for more on the project. On Wed., Oct. 16 at 6 p.m., the city's Planning Dept. will host a virtual public meeting about a proposed 5-story mixeduse building at 555-559 Columbia Rd. to

include two floors occupied by the Bos-

ton Public Library and the 3 upper levels



parking in the basement. See bit.ly/555-559-columbia-road for more info. See Page 15 for details on how to join the meeting. BMC's Vital Village Networks will host a 'Community Leadership' summit on Oct. 1 and 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." Learn more and register at vitalvillagesummit.org.

Codman Square Health Center's Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health event is Thurs., Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. under the gala tent at the health center on Washington Street. See codman.org/menofbostoncook for more info on tickets and sponsorships. Deatrich Wise annual block party at the Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center will be

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held on Sat., Oct. 5, from 2 to 5 p.m. at 10 Hazelton St., Mattapan. Farmers market, pop-up barbershop and hair braiding, photo booths. Contact Rick Aggeler at 617-533-9051 or raggeler@bgcb.org.

The city's Planning Dept. will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., Oct. 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss a proposal for 29-33 Romsey St. to include the demolition of existing, vacant structures and the construction of a 4-story, 35 unit apartment building.

VietAID hosts its 30th anniversary celebration with a gala event on Sat., Oct. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. at BC High, 150 Morrissey Blvd. with entertainment, food and drinks, and dancing. More info at vietaidgala 2024. eventbrite.com.

A coalition of non-profit groups will host a forum on the ballot questions in the November election on Thurs., Oct. 3, from 6

to 7:45 p.m. at the Great Hall, 6 Norfolk St., Dorchester. Hear from a panel moderated by Cheryl Clyburn-Crawford of MassVote. Light refreshments will be served.

Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate hosts an event on Wed., Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. moderated by Ray Suarez, acclaimed author, and journalist, with Mike Madrid, political consultant, author, co-founder of The Lincoln Project, and expert on Latino voting trends. Hosted in partnership with Conexión and the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, this event promises insightful dialogue on how the Latino community is reshaping American politics and democracy. See emkinstitute.org for more info and to register.

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Boston seniors add voices to battle over taxes on Beacon Hill

By Sam Doran STATE HOUSE **News Service**

Some 50 elderly Boston homeowners swept through state Senate offices last Wednesday asking lawmakers to advance Mayor Wu's property tax plan, while a Boston councillor took the floor at City Hall a couple hours later to oppose Wu's tax shift and propose his own relief

The homeowners, members of the Mass. Senior Action Council, expressed frustration with both the Senate and the cost of living during a program in a State House function room.

Adonica Chaplain, a 43-year resident of Hyde Park, called for senators to "get off the pot. There's no way, there's no way, that somebody who bought a house 44 years ago has to pay what we already pay. Our salaries were lower then, and they're getting lower now," Chaplain said, calling for senators to pass Wu's plan (H 4942).

The mayor first proposed her plan in April and said it was necessary to avoid a potential 33 percent hike in residential tax bills. The bill would temporarily shift a greater tax burden onto commercial property owners to soften

an expected hike to residential rates. The House approved the mayor's bill on the next-to-last day of formal sessions in July.

Told of a potential 33 percent increase ballooning their tax bills without intervention, there were sounds of disapproval and one senior in the audience muttered, "That's not fair."

Carolyn Villers, executive director of Mass. Senior Action, told them that under Wu's plan, commercial taxpayers in the city would still see a 2 percent drop in their bills, while a lesser impact on residential taxpayers would ring in at "close to" 10 percent.

To avoid a major spike in residential bills in January, Villers said the Legislature would need to approve the home-rule bill by Nov. 15 – a little over seven weeks away.

"Unfortunately, we don't know what we're going to do," said Jean Jordan of Mattapan. "Some of us are probably going to lose our houses. For me, I have Social Security and a pension, and that's not enough to even pay the bills I have right now.'

Joyce Durst, a 45-year Mattapan resident, said she wanted "accountability" from the Senate, and that if lawmakers heard the homeowners' stories, she felt they would say, "You know, it's just common sense. We gotta rethink this thing.

The tax bill was the talk of the town Wednesday. Earlier in the morning, Wu was quizzed about her strategy at a Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce forum at the Boston Renaissance Hotel. During a question-answer period after

Wu spoke, Chamber CEO James Rooney said he and the mayor talk about the proposed tax shift "all the time." He said that the chamber and other business groups have opposed the proposal given the struggles of commercial properties in our downtown and negative impacts on small businesses and tenants. No easy solutions to this situation. I know you appreciate that," he added, before asking Wu:

"Some have predicted that this is a 10-year challenge for any city to get out of. So walk us through your thought process on this being the answer in the moment. And you know the Legislature may or may not take it up before the end of the year. What's the plan? What are the contingencies, if they don't?"

down on her policy proposal, telling Rooney: We are looking for this particular solution. It's certainly not the easiest one to get. And believe me, if I didn't have to ask for this, I would be trying to pursue a different method, because getting through all these levels of approvals is tough.'

Wu told the chamber she did not favor dipping into city reserves to offset tax hikes. Such a savings withdrawal would drain around half of the \$500 million in unrestricted cash on hand, she said, noting, "To do that when unemployment is low, when the economy and all the signs are moving in the right direction, is actually not a fiscally responsible choice for the city."

At a City Council meeting, Councillor Erin Mur-The mayor doubled phy told her colleagues it action," she said.

was "important that we talk about what the administration's plan B is." If the bill does not pass and the issue "ends up coming back to us," she said, councillors should prepare their own ideas and get ready to "answer to our business owners, but of course, our residents who are afraid of their upcoming increases to their property taxes."

The council referred the hearing order to its Ways and Means Committee. Back at the State House, Villers said the persistent Mass. Senior Action members would be coming back next week, and that the group had a meeting scheduled with Wu on Oct. 10.

"We're not going to stop, right? Because we gotta continue to build the pressure to hold them accountable to take

Bluebikes marks 25 million rides with discounts

Bluebikes is celebrating more than 25 million rides this week since it launched in 2011. The service has improved access to equitable transportation across 500 stations in 13 municipalities. The 4,500 bikes promote community health, wellness, and environmental sustainability while providing an additional transportation option for residents and visitors.

"Bluebikes has transformed how our residents navigate the city, providing a healthier and more sustainable transportation option," said Mayor Wu. This includes residents of Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Revere, Salem,

Somerville, and Water-

In 2018, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts became the title sponsor of Bluebikes.

On Oct. 2, Blue Cross will offer \$25 ride credits for both classic and ebike rides with the code BLUECROSS25. After users input the code into the rewards section of the Bluebike app, the credits can be used throughout the remainder of the year.

Blue Cross will also offer \$25 discounts on annual memberships at checkout through Dec. 31 with the code BLUE-CROSS25AM.

Mayor Wu added: "This milestone reflects the strength of our partnership with Blue Cross and our shared commitment to making biking safe, accessible, and affordable for everyone in Greater Boston.

To continue the celebration, select Bluebike stations will hand out gift cards to local businesses and additional ride credits on Oct. 2, all courtesy of Blue Cross.

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Centenarians celebrated for their longevity, wisdom at Roxbury event

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Staff

On Sept. 18, hundreds of people gathered at the Reggie Lewis Center to celebrate the induction of 13 individuals, including two Dorchester residents, into Central Boston Elder Service's (CBES) Centenarian Society of Boston.

CBES is a nonprofit organization that provides elderly and disabled individuals in the community with comprehensive care and support through a diverse range of programs.

Sylvia L. Exantus, the executive director, describes CBES as "an organization that helps people in their time of need. Sometimes somebody needs

just a little extra help to be able to live independently," she said, "and our services are vital to them doing that.

That situation can be especially true for those in the Centenarian Society, founded in 2011. To be inducted into this elite group, an individual 100 years old must be living at home and receiving in-home care services provided through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs

The society "embodies the mission of the organization and it's a celebration of individuals who have lived long lives and still live in their communities," said Exantus. "They've done so much, and they've impacted

with wisdom."

While over a dozen elders were celebrated last week, only two joined the fun in person. This included Dorchester's Gloria Beckford and Miriam Chase Manning.

Exantus described Beckford, who was born in Jamaica and migrated to the US in 1968, as a "pillar in the community" who spent 25 years working at Tufts Medical Center and retired at 65. After just four years away from work she returned out of boredom

Beckford's favorite activities are baking cakes, gardening, and shopping, all of which she can be found doing with freshly manicured nails. Her



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu joined in the celebration. Here she stands with CBES project manager, Divina Nievas-Masso (left) and CBES executive director, Sylvia Exantus.

Craig Bailey photos

words of wisdom are, "Eat good food, keep good company, don't waste your life, and don't hold grudges. Forgive and move on."

Like Beckford, Manning also had a long and vibrant professional career.

"Miriam worked up until her mid-nineties so when I say making an impact in her community, can you imagine that?" said Exantus.

Born and raised in Boston, Manning worked as a hairdresser, seamstress, and baker. Above all, she loved to work with children – at Associated Day Care Services at Columbia Point for 25 years and at ABCD Early Head Start for 26 more.

She had five children of her own, and is now a grandmother to 12 kids, a great-grandmother to 18, and a great-great-grandmother to 2. She enjoys eating mashed potatoes, crocheting doll dresses, and listening to Bruno Mars.

Exantus got to celebrate Beckford and Manning and the other honorees with their fam-

ily members and caregivers as well as state and city representatives, including Mayor Wu.

"As you can imagine, older adults are often overlooked. This is an opportunity to have a spotlight on them and celebrate all those years of life. That is not something a lot of us will get to," said Exantus. "It's a significant milestone and that's why we believe it's very important to celebrate that."

On Oct. 26, CBES itself will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a gala and expo at Hyatt Regency Boston/Cambridge. The black and gold attire event begins at 4 p.m.. Those interested in buying tickets can do so online at cbes50thgala.com/tickets.

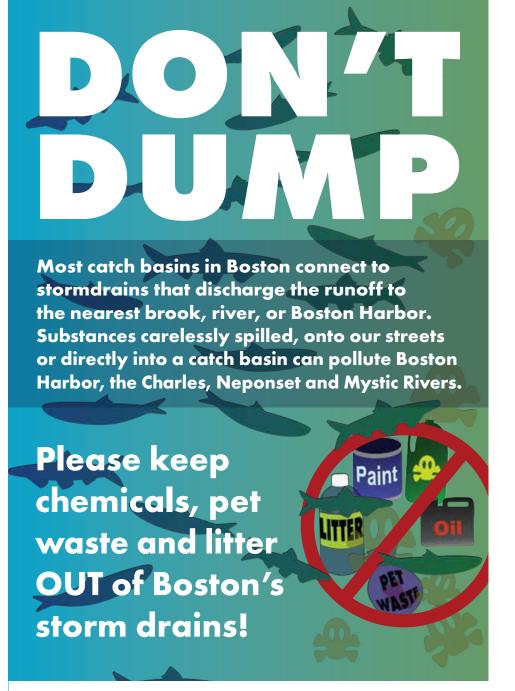
"One of the goals is to not only celebrate the milestone but also to raise the important funds that help us augment, because the state funding alone is not enough for the needs of the community we serve," said Exantus.



Miriam Chase Manning (left) and Gloria Beckford (right), both 100, were inducted into the Centenarian Society of Boston. Behind them stands Antonio Centeio, CBES Marketing & Communications Manager, and Jacqueline Linton, CBES Director of External Affairs.



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Students from Dorchester's Binh Dinh Academy preformed Vietnamese traditional martial arts during Saturday's festival.

Vietnamese autumn festival draws crowd to Town Field



Yinna Do and the S.T.A.R. Dance group performed traditional dances Saturday afternoon on the main stage. Yinna Do has been performing since 2015, and the Little S.T.A.R. Dance group made its debut on Saturday. Seth Daniel photos

The Networking Organization for Vietnamese Americans (NOVA), based in Fields Corner, held its 12th annual Trung Thu Reunion in Fields Corner last Saturday afternoon (Sept. 26). Hundreds attended to celebrate the event with music, dance, and traditional performances on a stage set up in the city-owned park. Meanwhile, vendors and community organizations set up shop with food, drinks, and information. An egg roll eating relay, and a crawfish eating contest were highlights of the afternoon.

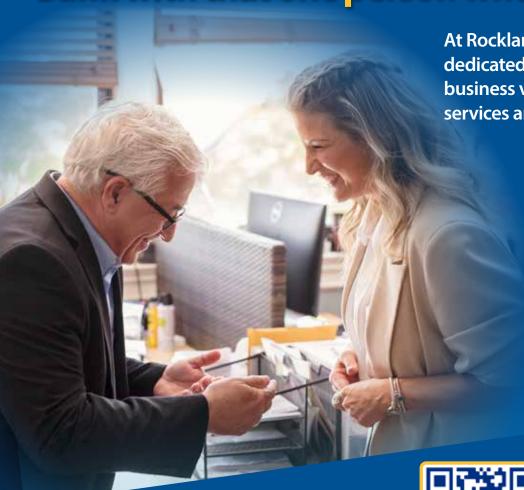
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The popular Kosmic Dance Crew, with several Dorchester residents participating, performed Saturday afternoon.



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More Red Line 'slow zones' lifted after Braintree leg work

The MBTA says its 24day service suspension along the Red Line last month eliminated an additional 37 "slow zones" between JFK-UMass and Braintree stations, and a few more on the Ashmont branch as well. Shuttle buses replaced train service from Sept. 6 to Sept. 29 to give workers unfettered access to 18 miles of right-of-way. T officials say that commute times will improve by "as much as 24 min-utes" as a result.

"Hundreds of on-site workers replaced nearly 70,000 feet of rail and over 17,000 ties on the branch, nearly doubling the amount of ties replaced during the entire systemwide Track Improvement Program," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng.

"The work accom- and northbound between plished has allowed us Fields Corner and Savin



A red line train on the Braintree leg. WBUR photo

to immediately raise train speeds back to our current maximum speed of 40 miles per hour, returning over 20 minutes of roundtrip travel time to Braintree riders as we now work to further improve travel times along stretches of this branch where possible."

Two of the slow zones that have been eliminated are in Dorchester between JFK-UMass and the Tenean beach area and northbound between Fields Corner and Savin Hill stations.

The agency said it also made repairs to the existing pedestrian overpass at JFK-UMass station during the shut-down and replaced "nearly22,000 square feet of canopy roofing" on the Braintree platform there. "Additional roofing work over the Ashmont-bound tracks will also be completed during the overnight hours soon," the T said.

-REPORTER STAFF

Walsh playground to close for repairs this month

Walsh Playground in Dorchester will close mid-October for a \$3 million renovation project that is expected to take about nine months to complete, according to city officials. In a notification sent out to neighbors last week, project manager Amy Linné said: "I'm excited to share that we now have our contractor under contract for construction and expect to start work on Walsh Playground in mid-October. The project is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2025. She added: "Please note that the entire park will be closed off during construction."



The seven-acre park nestled between Lower Mills and Codman Hill includes a playground, tennis and basketball courts, and ballfields. It is named for Gunnery Sgt. William Gary Walsh,

who was killed in action in the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945. He was post-humously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

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Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods

Spurred by his own story, Haitian-born chef serves up burger specialties for city's homeless

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

When Richard Pierre started his Haitian-inspired burger pop-up a few years ago, he couldn't help but reflect on the journey that got him to that point - one that often saw him bounce between relatives with no permanent place to stay.

With that in mind, and with a spatula in hand, Pierre committed to feeding the homeless at two shelters in an effort that kicked off last July.

Pierre's business, Diddy Burger – a nod to his childhood nickname does a lot of catering and pop-up events. He often can be seen serving up his creations at a school BBQ or outdoor events in Dorchester and Mattapan creations, but he said it was important for him and his business partner, Jessica Reynoso, to do more than sell burgers.

"When I was a kid, if it wasn't for people helpingme, I wouldn't be here where I am today," Pierre told The Reporter. "Where your life starts and where it ends are two different places."

Gregory Grays-Thomas, director of the Homeless Services Bureau at the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), said they were very grateful for Pierre's hospitality and generosity-he fed more than 400 people on July 19 – and added that they are looking to repeat the gesture.

"Diddy Burger catered lunch at both of our shelters, Woods Mullen and Southampton," said Grays-Thomas. "The lunch was a BBQ-style event aimed at encouraging guests of the shelter and staff to be outside, play outdoor games, and to come together as a community...Guests his specialty lamb burg-

enjoyed the event, and we look forward to partnering with Diddy Burger in the future, as we continue to strengthen relationships with community partners.'

Pierre moved to the United States when he was 10 and was taken in by relatives in Boston, Florida, and New York City over the years, but by 15, he found himself homeless in New York. Eventually he landed in Boston and after a long, challenging journey, he trained to become an electrician.

But his culinary calling was also in the background and making burgers "infused with Haitian culture" was something he did for family and friends. They encouraged him to start a business on the side, and that's exactly what he did – cooking up his burgers, including

ers, every chance he could get with Haitian spices and Pikliz, a pickled cabbage, pepper, and carrot slaw that delivers a spicy punch in the gut.

"I use Pikliz. When I first serve these burgers, if you put sauce on it like ketchup or mustard, I felt that was disrespectful," he said with a laugh.

With some success now on the catering circuit, he said the experience last summer in feeding the homeless is something he wants to continue. It's a hospitality mindset he brought from Haiti, where he could find a meal at any number of places.

"That day, serving everyone at the shelters, that's the best thing I've ever done," Pierre said.
"I'm hoping to be able to continue it quarterly if I have the opportunity."



Richard 'Diddy' Pierre, right, is shown with a volunteer in July during a day when he volunteered with the Boston Public Health Commission to feed more than 400 homeless people their burgers in the city's two shelters. Courtesy Photo

Volunteers donate hands to improve Loesch Family Park

A group of neighbors and volunteers from local schools and Blue Cross/Blue Shield combined efforts to spruce up the Dr. Loesch Family Park in Dorchester last Friday (Sept. 20). The Friends of Loesch Family Park and students from nearby Neighborhood House Charter School and BOLD Teens chipped in to plant Hosta along the edge of the park, clean up leaves, and make small improvements to the planting beds.

"Every year we try to put in more plants and maintain it," said Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, president of the Friends group. "You are now part of the legacy of improving this park. The park has come a long way and has a lot of history and organizations that care a lot about it."

Michelle Carter, a 30-year member of the Codman Square community and a Blue Cross/ Blue Shield volunteer, said they planned to put in perennials so that it would be an effort that continues to help the park year

With DJ Whysham provid-



Volunteers and community members paused to pose for a photo at the park.

Seth Daniel photo

volunteers and students went to work throughout the day giving the park a facelift.

Loesch-Johnson also nighlighted a campaign the Friends Parks Department took away issue. Volunteers and students

ing the music, the crew of have embarked on to stop pets – particularly dogs – from peeing and pooping in the park. The issue has become and children using the same a serious problem since the

the two dog refuse bag stations not long ago.

Now, the convergence of dogs spaces has become a health

helped by creating signs to be placed in the park urging dog owners to clean up after their pets.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY Mattapan Bank

Mattapan Bank was incorporated in 1849 and situated on land tied to a large estate named Rosemont that its first president, Edward King, a Boston businessman who made his fortune in the paint and drug business, had purchased from Captain Frederick William Macondray.

The property stretched from Adams Street to Neponset Avenue and south of the mansion to Mill Street (now Victory Road). King, who was also president of the Dorchester and Milton Branch Railroad, bought much of the land at Harrison Square, which he subdivided into house lots.

In 1856, Charles Carruth became president of the Mattapan Bank. He was a younger brother of Nathan Carruth, and they were also in the paint and drug business. Nathan, a railroad pioneer due to his presidency of the Old Colony Railroad, devoted



This image of the Mattapan Bank comes from a vignette on an 1850 map of Dorchester.

energy and capital to the introduction of railway lines in Massachusetts and in other New England states.

Frederick Beck was the bank's cashier. He wrote: "None of the directors knew anything at all about a bank. It was necessary then to have one-half the capital in gold, \$50,000.00, and that I borrowed myself of Foster, of the Grocers' Bank. This I carted out to the bank in Dorchester; it was counted there by the Commissioners, kept overnight, and returned to the Grocers' Bank the next day. I carried on that whole bank for about two years ...'

The archive of these historcal posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistorical society.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

Carney debacle is still unfolding

Steward's five surviving hospitals switched over to new operators on Tuesday, which is good news for tens of thousands of people across Massachusetts. In a press release to mark the day, Gov. Healey heralded Oct. 1 as "a new chapter for health care in Massachusetts.'

Forgive us here in Dorchester and Mattapan, governor, if our response is more shoulder shrug than high-five. Carney Hospital has been closed since Aug. 31 and just as predicted, the state-expedited shutdown has been a nightmare for already-marginalized city residents and health care providers, who are reporting a huge jump in urgent care visits and wait times.

Last Wednesday, the Healey administration announced that it had "launched" a "working group" to make recommendations on what should happen next at the Carney campus. But it has been a week and there's still no list of who's on the working group and no schedule for when they'll begin their work.

"Launches" like this one we can do without.

Here's one thing we can say with certainty: This "working group" should have been assembled months ago – at the moment when Healey's public health team made their decision that Carney and Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer would be served up as the sacrificial lambs in the state's deal with the Steward devils.

But now that it has finally been announced, one might expect our leaders to move with a sense of urgency to stand up this panel, equip it with resources needed to get the job done, and to do it quickly – that is, by the end of this calendar year. If past is prologue, we won't hold our breath.

What is the job of this group, exactly? In the void of more precise leadership, that's been left up to interpretation. Mayor Wu has been clear that Carney must be re-used for health care delivery, a welcome pronouncement that has been echoed by others, like the co-chair of the Carney working group, Dr. Bisoula Ojikutu, Councillor John FitzGerald, and City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.

But so far, there have been no bold moves to secure the site from current ownership as in the case of Brighton's St. Elizabeth's. Any hoped-for reboot on Dorchester Avenue has been further complicated by the state's complicity in allowing the Steward regime to auction off Carney equipment over the last few weeks. It's another "fail" for state regulators, who could have enforced their own rules, paused the Carney shutdown, and insisted on a moratorium on liquidating its contents. It's almost as if the powersthat-be on Beacon Hill are intent on keeping the Dorchester asset hobbled and in the worst possible position in the marketplace.

Meanwhile, while Healey and her team take a victory lap for promising a task force that should have been assembled months ago, there's no commitment to fund the Carney working group. The communities of the Nashoba region have been promised \$2 million by the Healey administration in near-term support dollars to shore up emergency responses. The commitment to Dorchester and Boston so far: Nada. There's yet to be any commitment to help fund the community health centers that are picking up the overflow demand from Carney's closed-up emergency wing. It's been a dysfunctional, disgraceful performance from those we elected to run state government at the highest level.

The onus falls next on a group of men and women— as yet unidentified— to carve a path forward for this critically important asset in the heart of the city. We'll keep close tabs on what they come up with and how. -Bill Forry

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Susan Batson, Ruth Batson's daughter, and Carl Ford, Ruth Batson's grandson, speak at the ceremony.

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Ruth Batson Academy on Columbia Point honors legendary leader of education justice

By Lew Finfer SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Last Thursday (Sept. 26), the recently merged Boston Community Leadership Academy/McCormack

7/12 School on Columbia Point's Mt. Vernon Street was formally dedicated as Ruth Batson Academy in honor of an incredible leader who sixty and more years ago organized parents and residents to take on a recalcitrant Boston School Committee's policies of maintaining second-rate schools for Black students.

Principal Ondrea Johnston led the effort to get the school so renamed by the current School Committee, which did so unanimously. She was assisted by Yvonne Vest Ruth Batson and students from Ruth Batson Academy,

some of whom spoke at a dedication event on Friday, including Yazamaya Guerrero, Wolf Antoine, and Nashaun Jackman.

Mayor Wu spoke of the importance of Ruth Batson's life's work. The current director of METCO, Milly Arbabje, spoke about her pioneering role in founding that organization. Ruth's daughters, Susan and Dorothy, attended along with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

"My mother was a force of nature," said Susan Batson. "When she decided to do something, it got

Grandson John Owusu urged the students attending to remember "that every day you step into this school, you get a chance to choose education. We didn't get here by ourselves; we can't go anywhere but together. Don't let this die. Education is the first step to equality; put your hand out to help others."

As a public housing tenant from Roxbury, Ruth was dissatisfied with the old ripped up textbooks and sub-par instruction that her kids were receiving to use. She took a bus to the Boston NAACP office in the South End and asked them to work on education. Soon she was asked to be education chair for the local NAACP organization.

"From that point on," she later said, "my life changed profoundly. I learned how to sharpen my observation skills. I learned how to write reports...I lost all fear of 'important' people or organizations. I organized other parents in an effort to improve our children's education."

On June 12, 1963, she led a group of 800 predominantly Black residents to a School Committee meeting at a time when schools in Black communities got less funding than White schools, had the most unrepaired buildings, and were assigned the least experienced teachers. Mrs. Batson, Paul Parks, and Mel King led those attending in proposing 14 common sense proposals to improve the schools.

The committee, then chaired by Louise Day Hicks, rejected all their proposals, claiming that all students got an equal education, which led Batson to say, These people were not only cold and callous; even worse, they were so uninformed."

Coincidently, that same night, President John F. Kennedy held a national press conference to announce that he was filing a federal civil rights bill.

Undeterred by Day Hicks, Ruth and other leaders organized a "stay-out" on June 18 of that year, with 5,000 students leaving school to protest conditions at their schools. They attended Freedom Schools that were held in churches and community centers. And they did it again 11 years later, on Feb. 26, 1974, this time with 10,000 students participating.

Batson joined with others in a successful campaign that saw the passage by the Legislature of the State

Racial Imbalance Law in 1965, the first of its kind in the country. It mandated that any school that was more than 50 percent students of color had to be desegregated or the local school system would lose state aid. The Boston School Committee responded to the law by denigrating it, then ignoring it, then appealing it in court. They lost the

To enable more Black children to get educational opportunity during the great resistance by the Boston School Committee,

Batson founded METCO in 1967. At the time, this enabled 1,000 students to be bused to school in suburbs with more resources. Today 3,300 students of color from Boston attend school in 33 suburban school systems.

She also helped organize parents to file suit in federal court challenging the discrimination and segregation practices of the Boston School Committee. The lawsuit - Tallullah Morgan vs. James Hennigan – was filed on March 14, 1972, by 14 adults and 43 children. On June 21, 1974, Federal Judge W. Arthur Garrity ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, finding that the School Committee had illegally segregated the schools by drawing the lines of enrollment for schools to keep them segregated and many other resisting strategies.

On Sept. 12, 1974, when busing began as one of the remedies dictated from the court, there was massive opposition from many of the working class and poor White residents who were then a majority of the city's residents. In an ugly turn outside of some high schools, adults and teens shouted or held signs with racial slurs while some threw rocks to break the windows of school buses with Black students inside. Though most schools stayed relatively peaceful, there were terrible battles between students based on race at South Boston, Charlestown, Hyde Park, and Roslindale high schools.

Ruth Batson rode on the school buses up to South Boston High School to see thingst first-hand and came away saying, "This was not why we did this." She and other Black leaders wanted better schools with equal resources to what White students had and while that could have been done without busing, it was not.

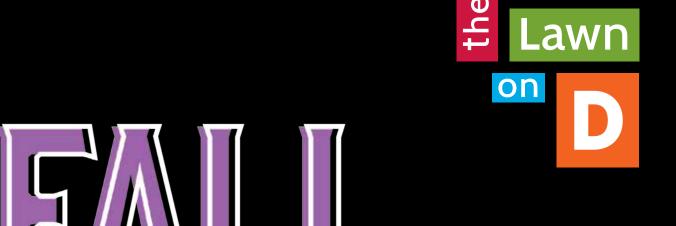
She was a leader in the Freedom House Coalition of Black leaders and organizations and churches that met, often daily, to take action to support the students being attacked and engage decision-makers on public safety and education issues. She led the Boston University Consultation and Education Program and marshalled resources to support students traumatized by the treatment they got on the buses and in the schools. Somehow, she also made time to build up the African American History Museum in Boston.

Ruth Batson Academy is a Dorchester school named for a fighter for justice. With its hard-working teachers, administrators, and students, may they graduate generations of students who carry forward what Ruth Batson worked for so tirelessly.

Lew Finfer, a Dorchester resident, is co-chair of the Boston Desegregation and Busing Initiative.



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Seniors hail new apartment community in Uphams Corner

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Kimberly R. Lyle, the CEO at the EDC, said they have heard a lot of input from the community about the development, which sits on a large, long vacant city-owned parcel. Lyle said the community told them what they wanted and didn't want on the site, and they worked very hard to make sure those in the community were ready to apply when applications went out accomplishing a key goal of "development without displacement.'

Said Lyle: "The result of all of that work is those Roxbury, Dorchester, and some surrounding neighborhoods make up 79 percent of those that live in this community." $\!\!\!\!$

Hebrew SeniorLife $CEO\,Louis\,Woolf\,said\,the$ occasion was a homecoming for their organization, which was founded more than 100 years ago in Dorchester. The organization will provide residents with their Harvard Medical School-affiliated services, including those offered at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Boston and Dedham, with in-home care services and services from the Deanna and Sidney Wolk Center for Memory Health.

'We have been excited from day one at the prospect of returning to where it all started for us and collaborating with a great partner like Dorchester Bay,' he said. "The need for affordable housing in our Commonwealth and our communities has been our number one priority for several years and our biggest area of growth for quite some time."

Boston Housing Chief Sheila Dillon reiterated a point that she has been making over the past year



The new five-story building has become a home for many on what was a vacant city-owned lot on Leyland Street.

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about how nearly 10,000 senior citizens in Boston are rent-burdened and need affordable communities that meet their social and health needs.

"We just finished 43 units here at Leyland and there are 500 in process for older adults, but you put that against the 10,000 that are in need, and you realize there is so much more to do," she said.

Mayor Wu was not present at the ribbon cutting but offered a comment afterwards, saying: "This project is an example of our commitment to maintaining and growing affordable housing for older Bostonians. I'm grateful to all our partners involved in making this beautiful new development possible, which will make a positive difference in the lives of those who will live here for years to come." Nine Leyland Street is affordable to households



New resident Lana Andrews moved from senior housing in Savin Hill to get a bigger unit. She said she and her many houseplants couldn't be happier.

earning up to 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). There are 41 one-bedroom units, and 2 two-bedroom units. Additionally, there are five units set aside for individuals exiting homelessness. The new building was made possible in part by funding from the Mayor's Office of Housing, the Neighborhood Housing Trust, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Hous-



Hebrew SeniorLife CEO Louis Woolf noted the organization was founded around 1903 in Dorches-

ing and Livable Communities, the Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation, and the Community Economic Development Assistance Program (CEDAC).

The development will employ environmentally friendly design features that meet the US Green **Building Council LEED** Homes Silver certifiable standard. The development also meets the US Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star standards.



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The new Engine 17 Ladder 7 firehouse on Church Street in Meetinghouse Hill.



Members of the Conley and Finn families gather around the new memorial to the late Marie Conley, as Father John Unni, fire chaplain, sprinkles Holy Water on it. Seth Daniel photo

Remembrances, cheers mark opening of Meetinghouse Hill's new firehouse

(Continued from page 1) in attendance and made marata, who leads the returning to war. He now is a firefighter stationed on Meetinghouse Hill steps away from his mother's new memorial and a short walk from the corner where she held court and was known as "Miss Marie, the Mather School crossing guard."

"He requested to work on Meetinghouse Hill, the same location my mother worked," added Michael. "For almost 12 years now, Chris has been serving this community, much like my mother

Mayor Wu told the gathering that "it was from a place of immense love that she gave her life to protect a student from an oncoming car. Without a second thought Marie put herself in harm's way to keep a child safe... I get emotional thinking about what it means to be a mom, to have your own kids, and love everyone else's kids just as much as your own in order to make that sacrifice.

Marie Conley's memorial stands in a landscaped garden next to the new firehouse with her picture and a synopsis of what happened in October 2008. Students from the Mather School were a special memorial presentation to the Conley and Finn families.

The sparkling new \$25 million brick-and-stone firehouse was designed to complement the area around and, more specifically, said BFD Commissioner Paul Burke, in a way that will help protect against occupational cancer: Fire equipment exposed to carcinogens will be segregated from living areas.

"We know that firefighters have occupational cancer at higher rates than the general public, and this facility has separate hot, warm, and cold areas," Burke said. "These features will greatly reduce the occurrences of occupational cancer in our firefighters.'

He also noted that anytime a firehouse is in a community, it means a safer community. "Any time you see these trucks here, you are welcome to come here if you need assistance or want to say hello," Burke said. "The firefighters that work here are only guests; this building belongs to the Meetinghouse Hill community.'

Said Capt. Guy Cam-

new firehouse: "I always thought in coming here to open this new firehouse, how I would replace 100 years of history. Then I thought it's not the roof and four walls; it's that the foundation of this building is going to be the members here past and present."

Others in attendance included Councillors John FitzGerald, Erin Murphy and Henry Santana, state Rep. Chris Worrell, former Fire Commissioners Jack Dempsey and Joe Finn, and scores of young adults from the Fire Cadet program.

Other features of the firehouse include energy-efficient boilers and two apparatus bays, one facing Winter Street and a chief's bay on Parish Street; an open-concept kitchen and dayroom, fitness area, lockers, and sleeping and office spaces on the second floor; and an attached community

Engine 17/Ladder 7 responds to more than 2,500 incidents per year in its catchment area of Dorchester, Roxbury, and parts of South Boston. The new facility, only the second firehouse built

in Boston in the last 40 years, the other being in Egleston Square in 2021, will incorporate a public art project, which is anticipated to be completed and installed by 2026.

The land under the firehouse on Parish Street was for more than 100 years the site of Lyceum Hall, which was opened in 1840 as a public space used as a forum for civic and cultural lectures and social events. The original firehouse was built



The late Crossing Guard Marie Conley.

behind it in 1928, and the Lyceum was demolished in 1955. First Parish Church, which sold the land to the city later on,

used the property for parking for decades afterwards. The city hasn't decided what it will do with the old facility.

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'Survivor' stories connect Southie, Dorchester activists

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Chéry. "I would really go around, to get to Fields Corner, to get to where I work, and I had to think differently. If I'm afraid of my community, if I'm always demonizing and living in fear in my community, why should I expect anybody else to come into my community?" That led to one of the goals of the Institute: to show that the world of survivors was more than just a cluster of violence.

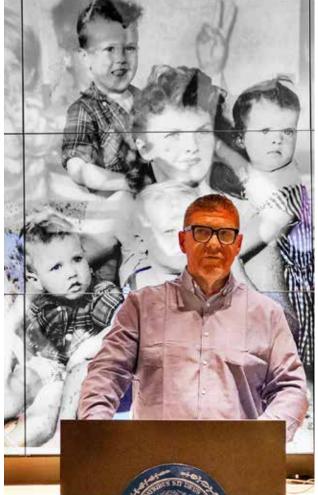
"I really wanted to shift that narrative," Chéry explained, "and moving, shifting from hot spots to one to creating a peace trail, to showing people for us to begin to take control of how do we see ourselves and how do we allow people to define us and to see us."

Just three days after the Dorchester event to inaugurate the Peace Trail, another milestone for survivor initiatives was marked by a reading and discussion on the 25th anniversary of the publication of "All Souls," the best-selling memoir by Michael Patrick MacDonald. Recently issued with a new afterword, the book tells the story of his family during the 1970s and 1980s, most of the time living in the Old Colony public housing development in South Boston.

The new edition also coincides with the 50th anniversary of Boston's school desegregation order, with the family's neighborhood steeped in the fierce violence over the start of busing. But the racial conflict would also overlap with disrupted education, mobster violence, a burgeoning trade in illegal drugs, and lives lost or impaired by substance use and mental illness. While the neighborhood outwardly celebrated success stories and tribal loyalties, MacDonald would look back on what was most familiar to his family, zooming in on the poverty and the "code of silence" nourished by fear.

The book details the loss of four siblings in Mac-Donald's family, finally leading to his own work as a community organizer of fellow survivors. Though he credits the examples of Chéry and a survivors group organized by mothers in Charlestown, his book describes efforts to connect with survivors by his own mother, Helen MacDonald.

After the deaths of three grown-up sons, she does hair-dressing at a local homeless shelter and visits patients who are terminally ill with AIDS. She goes to 32 South Boston wakes in about a year, sharing holy water and rocks from the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Portugal that has been celebrated by Cath-



Michael Patrick MacDonald spoke during a reading of his book "All Souls" at Boston's Civic Pavilion on Sept. 24. Chris Lovett photo

olics and others for its powers of healing.

"She was kind of seeking out that remedy of turning tragedy to something you could use in the world as a gift for other people," MacDonald reflected in a recent interview. "And it is an incredible remedy when people find that route of taking horrible things and making them feel useful and using them for other people and working in solidarity with other people and so forth. She was seeking that out in a place where that didn't exist. And, in Southie there was

no such thing as community organizer."

Even earlier in the book, while MacDonald's sister is hospitalized and lying in a coma, there's a roll-call of neighborhood visitors turning up at her bedside who are later killed in acts of violence, leaving their trail of silent witnesses. MacDonald's younger first-person narrator thought of them less as victims than "upbeat survivors," at least before they succumbed.

"No one took the time to make all the connections," he wrote. "Most of us were too busy picking up the broken pieces of our families. And those who hadn't been hit yet protected themselves by seeing our young dead as somehow deserving their fate."

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In "All Souls," MacDonald draws connections between the deaths of two brothers, as well as his sister's impairment, to South Boston's drug trade. Like Boston Globe reporters Dick Lehr and Gerard O'Neill in their book "Black Mass," he also connects the drugs with the gangster rule of James "Whitey" Bulger and his associates. But, for MacDonald and Chéry, assigning blame and eulogizing victims matter less than putting the focus on survivors and what happens in their future. The Peace Institute has used the focus to help survivors with anything from burial costs and trauma response to developing a peace curriculum for the Boston Public Schools and holding regular events, including the annual "Mother's Day Walk for Peace."

After his mother and other family members left the Old Colony Development in 1990, MacDonald moved to another part of the city. He returned to South Boston in the mid-1990s, only after he had started working in other neighborhoods as an anti-violence organizer with Citizens for Safety.

When he returned, MacDonald's view of the neighborhood had also been altered by a story in US News & World Report that part of South Boston had the country's highest concentration of whites in poverty. With the organizing work came contact with survivors' initiative in Charlestown, as well as activists in Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan. MacDonald used that background in organizing the South Boston Vigil Group, with survivors making previously unspoken connections through a ceremony at Gate of Heaven Church, tactfully scheduled for Nov. 2 to coincide with All Souls' Day, an annual Catholic commemoration of its faithful departed.

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By 1997, the vigil group was part of the grass roots response to a rash of suicides in South Boston, with six deaths in less than seven months. The local epidemic had less in common with national figures for whites than with a national spike for Black males ages 15-19, whose suicide rate tripled between 1980 and 1994.

After "All Souls" was published in 1999, MacDonald said he was forced to cancel most of his events for promoting the book around Boston because of threats. After coming back to Boston, he continued to make connections between trauma recovery and writing, as a teacher at Northeastern University, and through a grassroots initiative, "The Rest of the Story."

One participant in "The Rest of the Story" who was on hand for the inauguration of the Peace Trail was Carla Sheffield, a mother of five children and grandmother of eight. In August, 2012, her son, Burrell Ramsey-White, was fatally shot by a Boston Police officer following a traffic stop in the South End. District Attorney Dan Conley ruled in 2013 that the shooting was done in self-defense. In 2019, after a lawsuit filed by Sheffield, a federal jury ruled that police did not act inappropriately.

Even before the lawsuit was decided, Sheffield had begun to process her loss in other ways, trying to honor the memory of her son while helping teens and younger adults. In 2018, there was a "Family Fun Day" and basketball tournament at Titus Sparrow Park, close to the location of the traffic stop. In August of last year, at the same location, the tournament was combined with a bookbag give-away, and a similar event took place this year at Town Field in Dorchester.

When Sheffield arrived for the Peace Trail ceremony on September 21, survivors were sharing thoughts while gathered under a tent and a steady patter of raindrops. "It always warms my heart because I know I'm with folks who are feeling the same thing," Sheffield recalled the following day. "I'm feeling who's gone through what I've gone through, so the Peace Institute is like a safe haven."

After participants went inside the Institute's headquarters near Fields Corner, Sheffield took her place at a table and crafted memory stones with names of family members. She wrote on the stones with a red-and-black markers, providing each with a red heart and a yellow ribbon. "When I think about my loved ones, that's how I get, like my creative thought process starts going in. I'm not an artist at all, but this is my way of keeping them, keeping their memory alive," she explained.

Sheffield went on to list family members lost to violence or cancer. "But it's all men," she noted, "And I felt in the beginning when I was losing all the men in my life that I was being punished. But then all my children had boys. I have eight grandchildren and six of them are boys, so I feel like God needed them. They were here for a purpose. They served their purpose. And now I have these six kings that I have to guide and navigate and make sure they serve their purpose and not be pulling the wrong scenarios."

Chéry extends the narrative even more widely. "That cycle continues," she says. "And, if we're not putting a space for us to tell the rest of the story-not the story of what happened, we're not telling the story of how we are transforming our pain and anger into action and peace, or finding purpose to create sustainable spaces and healing within our community, because it's generational. And so that is the rest of the story. And when Louis was killed, I didn't focus on who killed Louis Brown."

Like other participants in "The Rest of the Story," Sheffield has tried to process her experience and feelings through writing. "Even though I have it in my head and I haven't put it down on paper, I feel like if I write it down somewhere that it's not going to come out the way I want, so I'm holding tight," she said. "When I sit down, it just flows."

At a reading and discussion of "All Souls" on September 24 at the Civic Pavilion near City Hall Plaza, MacDonald emphasized how much the book owed, not just to his pool of memories, but to the perception of relations surfaced by the act of writing.

One example was the 1974 attack in South Boston on a Haitian immigrant, Andre Yvon Jean-Louis by a frenzied white mob armed with stones, baseball bats and hockey sticks. It was one month after the start of desegregation, and MacDonald, who was 8 years old, was close enough to see "tears clearing paths in the blood on his face." The next day, after seeing news coverage of the attack, MacDonald went back to where it happened and noticed an aluminum baseball bat covered in blood.

"What you remember and how you remember it will tell you an awful lot about who you have become, I think," he said in a remote interview. "And that's one of the things I love about memoir, what you remember and how you remember it. The memory I have of the Haitian man who was dragged from the car and beaten — it was kind of a famous incident in Boston that was so crystal clear to me in my memory.

"And I wrote it exactly as I remember. I didn't even know it was going to be in a book. And I remember crying and crying and crying when I wrote it and saying to myself, I never even thought this was going to be in the book, because this isn't about me — but



Luis Antonio Thompson, the senior producer for @peaceinstitute, and Rosa Fernandes, a partner for the Institute at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, joined with survivors of violence, artists, and other supporters for the dedication of the first seven artworks forming the "Peace Trail" on Sept. 21.



Carla Sheffield putting together memory rocks right after trail inauguration ceremony.

it is about me. Because that thing that I witnessed really shaped so much of my worldview around race and class."

Even as an 8-year-old, MacDonald had noticed that one of the people urging on the attack was from a family ridiculed for its poverty by neighbors at Old Colony. A few years later, after his admission to Boston Latin School, he would notice that students from public housing were outnumbered on the daily bus ride by riders from more affluent areas such as City Point. With more time, MacDonald's definition poverty migrates from a localized individual failing and cause for blame to something broader and more systemic.

"We have a lot of problems, just like people in Roxbury," he observed. "All those problems are relegated, on the news, to Roxbury, but we have a lot of those problems. And we should be working in solidarity with other people who have these problems." Over the past 25 years, poverty metrics have changed in several Boston neighborhoods, with concerns about gentrification in several neighborhoods. By 2014, a newly built section of South Boston, the Seaport District, would be singled out by the Boston Planning and Development Agency as having the city's lowest poverty rate.

As early as 2011, a report by The Boston Foundation's Boston Indicators Project would show the city's overall poverty rate flatlining between 1990 and 2009, thought with a widening racial gap. The white poverty rate had been cut almost by one half, whether because of smaller household sizes, low earners moving out, or high earners moving in.

Citing the city's overall decline in poverty in 2022, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) would conclude, "The reduction is not because more



The "faith" peace pole on Geneva Ave., at the location where Louis D. Brown was killed.

Chris Lovett photos

families are rising out of poverty — it is primarily because low-income families are leaving Boston in search of affordable housing."In 2011, MacDonald was in California, working on a possible screen adaptation for "All Souls."

He was working on a passage about his older brother Frankie being scouted for his boxing prowess by "Whitey" Bulger when news broke that the octogenarian fugitive mobster had just been arrested in Santa Monica, a couple of miles away.

Just as an 8-year-old boy had gone back to the scene of an atrocity more than 36 years earlier, MacDonald found himself driving to the epicenter of the story, only to be detoured when the car he was using—borrowed from a friend—gets into a collision. The mishap isn't mentioned in the new afterword for "All Souls," but MacDonald says it would be in his next book, as the beginning of another story.

"In the immediate aftermath of trauma," he recalls, "your whole body numbs, and then it goes away, and that feels great. And then it goes away, and you're stuck with just the disaster. And you need to get that numbing again. So, through story, I want to show that in this book and then get to the rest of the story, the work that I'm doing with survivors, and to incorporate their stories with their permission, of course."

It's a story also familiar to Chéry. "Healing is not a destination," she says. "Healing is a journey."

Chris Lovett is a veteran Boston journalist and former anchor and news director of Neighborhood Network News on BNN-TV.

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Commissioners hear latest plans for designs of Morrissey revamp

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Commission held a public roadway and coastal remeeting last Wednesday (Sept. 25) in Savin Hill to discuss still-evolving plans to re-engineer the

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siliency measures nearby. Planners from the state's Dept. of Transportation (MassDOT) gave the briefing and took feedback as they work to meet a year-end deadline to give their recommendations to the Legislature.

Two more meetings are expected to be held before Dec. 31, with the dates not yet set.

"We want people to understand we are listening to them, and it is being incorporated into the process," said MassDOT project manager Ethan Britland, who led the discussion throughout the two-hour-long meeting at the Boston Collegiate Charter School. The meeting was also held via Zoom.

Some of the talk focused on how planners are trying to coordinate with other, related plans. "The city is conducting a study around the area of the JKF/UMass station and how to improve access to it," said Britland, who noted that it has an open house on Oct.

9 and a virtual public meeting on Oct. 16. He emphasized that "as a part of project development. we all need to work together."

Most of the meeting was dedicated to presenting an overview of the corridor layout and the initial alternative analysis.

"We developed a layout that has an option for Neponset Circle, two for Freeport Street, Bianculli Boulevard, two for First Street, and Preble [Circle]," said Britland. Each alternative was evaluated for potential benefits and impact based on corridor mobility, resilience and ecology, placemaking, and constructability.

"We're calling it initial because a big part of our process is getting to these layouts," said Britland. "We've been hearing a lot throughout the process that this is what people

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want to see. Once we built these layouts, it allowed us to do most of our analyses.

He added: "We acknowledge that we are going to hear a lot of feedback on the info we present, but please be aware that it is our initial pass. Part of our study process is to come out and talk to the public about the work we're doing. We want to hear feedback."

One resident felt the plans focused too much on "moving traffic along," and not enough on "neighborhood connectivity." As was the case at the last meeting in August, the placement of U-turns was a key topic for residents. Under a current plan, the U-turn at Dunkin'/ Stop & Shop would be eliminated, but a second U-turn near Neponset Circle at the Devine Rink would be kept intact. The project managers said that crash statistics show that the Dunkin'/Stop & Shop U-turn is a greater problem.

District 3 City Councilor John FitzGerald said the presentation was well done while noting that it was a lot of information at once. He asked that the commission get the [slide deck] a bit earlier, adding, "we'd like to come in with a little bit more of an understanding. There's a lot more we have to look at and I think the next time we're on the road, we have to think about it as we're driving through.

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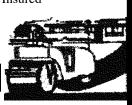
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Ojikutu: 'All' health care options 'on the table' for Carney site

(Continued from page 1) to swift access to acute health care services for the first time in modern history. A small group of physicians continue to provide select services to patients during scheduled office hours in an adjacent building, the Seton Medical building.

In a statement on Sept. 25, Gov. Healey said the two working groups will be asked to make "recommendations to officials at the state and local level to promote equitable access to care."

"Our administration recognizes the widespread impacts that a hospital closure has on its community," Healey said. "Massachusetts is home to the brightest minds in health care, human services, education, business and government. We're going to bring together community and industry leaders to develop a game plan to not only protect but improve health care in the regions most impacted by Steward's greed and mismanagement.'

Healey's chief advisor on public health issues – Health and Human Services Secretary Kate Walsh, said: "We are excited to reimagine a health care delivery system that is centered on patients and the health needs of their community."

Mayor Wu praised the idea and said the group "should be a process that strengthens access to care for Boston residents" and Dr. Ojikutu added: "As we plan for the future, the City of Boston looks forward to working with the state and other stakeholders to ensure that the former Carney hospital site remains a necessary resource for health and wellness for our city's residents."

In an interview with the Reporter on Oct. 1, the BPHC's Ojikutu told the Reporter that when it comes to recommendations that the group may make, "all options in regards to health care delivery are on the table."

Dr. Ojikutu said that the impacts, so far, of the Carney closure are what she expected: additional pressures on staffing and wait times at other facilities, including Dorchester and Mattapan's network of community health centers and Boston Medical Center.

"The issue is there's a gap that been left and there were already these inequities that have been compounded," she said. "This may be our opportunity figure it out.

Councillor John Fitz-Gerald, a vocal proponent of keeping the Carney open before its expedited closure in August, said he will be a member of the working group.

"I'm itching to get going," FitzGerald said on Tuesday. "We have been working very hard behind the scenes to rethink the health care services in this community and I am excited to see a formalized body to

help push these solutions to reality."

Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune outlined her expectations for the Carney site on WCVB's "On the Record" program.

"We have to make sure that it continues to be a health care facility for our residents," Louijeune said of Carney's future. She described the loss of Carney as a "really big blow to the neighborhood.

"But we have heard very clear from the communities that use it, the Dorchester community, the Mattapan community, the Vietnamese community, the Haitian

community, that we need health care," she said. "The psych beds that were there, the urgent care that was there, EMS depended on Carney so much. We need to make sure that we have a health care facility there."

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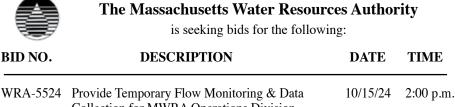
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The project proposal includes a 7 story, 30 unit mixed-use building with a common roof deck and 5 parking spaces, 36 bicycle parking spaces, and retail space on the ground level.

At this time, the Planning Department is continuing to host public meetings in a virtual setting for the health, safety, and accessibility of Boston residents. For more information and updates, visit bostonplans.org.

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A morning with a Patriots' rookie delights all at Pope John Paul II Columbia campus

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Staff

Before the New England Patriots flew off to San Francisco last week for a game against the 49ers, their rookie tight end, Jaheim Bell, took time to visit the students at Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy's Columbia Campus in Dorchester.

On Tuesday (Sept. 24), the Florida native spent the morning visiting classrooms, answering questions, and handing out signed apparel before joining the seventh and eighth graders at lunch.

"Ifeellike it's very important to be here because when I was in their shoes, I never had the opportunity to meet an NFL player or even a college player. It was difficult for me growing up because I wanted to see people who I wanted to be," Bell told The Reporter, "Coming to talk to them and answer all the questions that they have, I think it's motivational for them, which is very important."

Bell's visit was organized by Schanecqua Christmas, the family engagement liaison at the Columbia Campus. "This campus especially," she said, "we have a lot of kids in the shelter, and they don't get as much of an opportunity as other campuses to see different things," she said. "I thought it would be a good chance to meet him. Hopefully this has a positive impact, and they know we do love and care about them and there are other people

out there who graduated high school and finished with trials and tribulations."

The 23-year-old Bell, who played three years at the University of South Carolina and one year at Florida State, has throughout his football career looked up to players like Cam Newton and Jalen Ramsey; now he gets to set the example for the next generation.

"I want to be able to be a role model for them,' he said. "I want to come back again and see them more comfortable and look at me as a brother."

Christmas added that it is important to bring an accomplished young man into the school because "not everybody has a father or a positive role model."



Two middle school students smiled with Jaheim Bell after asking him questions and eating pizza with the Patriot.

Whether the students see Bell as a parent or sibling, he reminds them to work hard in all that they do because his journey to success wasn't always easy, either. He mentions "a long road, there were a lot of ups and downs," and adds, "you have to find a way to fight through that and that's what I did."

Admitting to the middle schoolers that he shed a few tears on draft day – he was

shed a few tears on draft day – he was the 231st overall pick in the 2024 NFL draft. The Patriots signed him to his first contract on May 10 – he said, "I told myself that I wasn't going to cry, and I ended up crying once I got the phone call. I couldn't even talk. When I heard my name called, I broke down in tears. It was great."

Bell hopes to hear his name called again soon, but this time by his coach on game day.

ame day. "I haven't gotten many reps in the games, but I have been getting reps in practice and I take those very seriously because I know once my name is called or my number [88] is called, that spotlight is going to be on me and I need to be able to play in that situation.

I've been doing it since I was in high school. I showed that I could do it in college, and now the next thing is showing that I can do it in the NFL. Whenever that time is, it's going to be great."

In the meantime, the 6-foot-2, 241-pound offensive end player plans to stay involved in the community. "The next thing for me," he told the students, "is trying to get out to another school, getting in front of kids. I know it means a lot to them because it would have meant a lot to me when I was younger."

Later in the day, a group of seventh graders confirmed just how much the visit meant to them.

"It's very inspirational that he came to our school," said Jessen. "He's a really nice, caring man."



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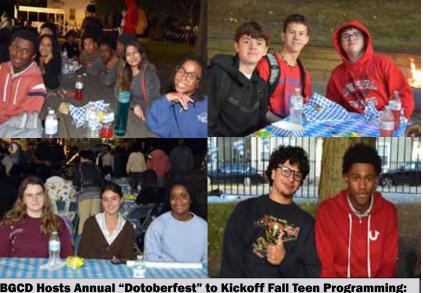
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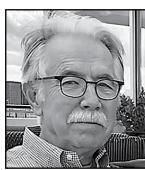
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COLLINS, Brian W. of Dorchester, formerly of Mission Hill. Father of Brianna Collins of San Francisco, CA. Son of the late George E. and Helen T. (Sullivan) Collins. Brother of William Collins of Medway, Mark Collins (Kathleen) of West Roxbury, Rev. John A. Collins C.Ss.R. of Washington, D.C., Marianne Dewing (David) of West Roxbury, Patricia Marchetti (Michael) of Reading, Rev. George E. Collins S.J. of Brighton, Timothy Collins (Patricia) of Hingham, Helen Waters (James) of Needham. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Brian worked at Commonwealth LimousineDonations in memory of Brian may be made to Boston's Basilica Our Lady of Perpetual Help, at bostonbasilica.com

FORTEY, Paul Frederick, 51, of Dorchester. Paul is survived by his partner of 16 years, Erin Sisk of Albuquer-que, New Mexico; son of Anne Marie Fortey



Braintree, sister Chris-

of Dorchester. As well

Ryan Joyce, John Joyce,

and Matthew Joyce. A

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HUGHES, SSND,
Sister Irene, 88. She

was born in Malden, MA,

on June 22, 1936. Sister

taught in Dorchester.

There she taught Spanish

at Msgr. Ryan High School

and later at Elizabeth

Seton Academy. In her

retirement, Sister resided

at Villa Notre Dame in

Wilton, and later at the Watermark, Bridgeport.

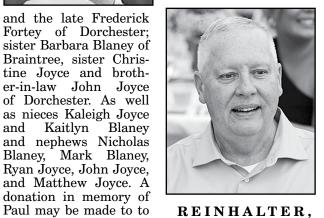
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McMAHON, chael Patrick, 63, of Dorchester. Fiancé of Kim Brock of Dorchester. Father of Lydia and her husband Mark Gomes of Milford, Krysten Brock and her partner Keith Sligh of Dorchester, Brian McMahon and his fiancé Alyssa of Orange, and Jillian McMahon of Falmouth. "Papa" of 6. Son of the late John and Helen (Haugh) McMahon. Brother of Helen

McMahon Cappellano of Quincy, and the late Maryellen McMahon, John "Jack" McMahon, and Thomas McMahon. Mike is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mike was a retired employee of Spry Moving Company in Woburn for 37 years, and a member of the Teamsters Union Local #25.



REINHALTER, Paul Francis, 68, of Dorchester. Son of the late Walter N. and Mary (Greene) Reinhalter. Brother of Kenneth and his wife Nancy Re-inhalter of Dorchester, and Maryanne and her husband George Mutch Jr. of Weymouth. Uncle of Michael and his wife Colleen Reinhalter, Mary Reinhalter, George Mutch III and his partner Brooke, and Alex and his wife Taylor Mutch. Nephew of Helen Curran of Dorchester. Cousin of the Foster, Curran, Creamer, Fitzgerald, Greene, and Reinhalter families. Paul was a retired welder for General Dynamics for 15 years. He then worked for the Museum of Fine Arts for many years. Donations in Paul's mem-Pantry, 800 Columbia Road, Dorchester, MA

02125 WORRELL-Mc-**CRAY, Lynne E.** of Mattapan. Daughter of the late James, Sr. and Lucy Worrell; mother of Jaylila R. Thompson; sister of James Worrell, Jr. (deceased), Charlene Coble, David Worrell, Mark Worrell and Laura

COMMONWEALTH OF

MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU24P1937EA
ESTATE OF:
QUEEN VICTORIA HODGES
DATE OF DEATH: August 2, 2024
SUFFOLK DIVISION
To all persons interested in the above
captioned estate by Petition of Peti-

captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Kelvin R. Garrett of Brockton,

MA. Kelvin R. Garrett of Brockton

MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of

the estate to serve without surety

Worrell.

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24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU24P2033GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
SAUNDRA PORCH-RICHARDSON
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

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Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other
nethersted persons, a petition has been filed
by CHA-Cambridge Hospital of Cambridge,
An in the above captioned matter alleging
hat Saundra Porch-Richardson is in need of
Sauardian and requestion that for some other a Guardian and requesting that (or some oth er suitable person) be appointed as Guardiar o serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

pecific authority.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance your autorney must lie a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/24/2024. 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 if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter withou action may be taken in his finater 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 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. personal affairs or infancial airlairs or uoun. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice

of this Court. Stephanie I Everett Esq. Date: September 26, 2024

Published: October 3, 2024

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world, now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus pray for us, St. Jude, Worker of Miracles, pray for us. St. Jude Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us.

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E.W.F.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU24P1442EA ESTATE OF: MARY SIA LYCURGUS a/k/a: MARY S. LYCURGUS DATE OF DEATH: 05/24/2024 SUFFOLK DIVISION

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Malik H. Voyard of Boston, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Malik H. Voyard of Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety

on the bond.

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

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT **PROBATE & FAMILY COURT** SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
617-788-9300
CITATION ON PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. SU24C0449CA IN THE MATTER OF: KAYDEN ALEXANDER SMITH

A Petition to Change Name of *I*linor has been filed by Kayden Alexander Smith of Boston, MA equesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Kayden Alexander Valentini IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for ourposes of objecting to the petition ov filing an appearance at: Suffolk robate and Family Court before 0:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/24/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you nust file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN,

irst Justice of this Court. Date: September 23, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner Published: October 3, 2024

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