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New liquor licenses spur intense interest

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Gov. Maura Healey last month signed state legislation that will make 225 new liquor licenses available to businesses across Boston's neighborhoods over the next three years. Proponents hope the hard-fought reform will unlock economic growth in sections of the city – like the Blue Hill Avenue corridor and Codman Square in Dorchester – that have long been underserved with sit-down eateries.

City officials this week offered details about how

they intend to accept applications, noting their intention to award the licenses with an eye toward an equitable distribution across the neighborhoods. Interested parties will be invited to learn more about the plans through a series of remote city-led workshops on Wednesday afternoons over the next several weeks, with the first one on Oct. 16 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In an interview this week, Licensing Board Chair Kathleen Joyce and Segun Idowu, director of the city

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Co-founder Cassandra Campbell and employee Julisa Hernandez at Fresh Food Generation.

Seth Daniel photo



Workers positioned machinery to pull out a lead service line on Standard Street in late August while they pulled through a new copper service line from the basement of the home. Most jobs only take a few hours and, due to federal and state funding, are now free to the customer. Seth Daniel photos

When idea is to 'get the lead out,' residents can get pipes removed quickly – at no cost

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Getting lead water pipes removed has never been so affordable – in fact, it is free via a citywide program targeting owners who want to eliminate the lead health concern from their homes. The removal effort is a top priority of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), both said.

Armed with a multi-million-dollar federal grant from the pandemic-related Infrastructure and Investment in Jobs Act and state grant funding and focused on Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury in particular, BWSC is conducting heavy outreach to the remaining holdouts and to those with complicated, expensive jobs that homeowners deferred in the past. In the past, such jobs could



A worker from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's lead service line replacement team prepared a lead pipe for removal from a basement in Mattapan's Standard Street in late August while guiding in the new copper line that will replace it.

cost homeowners thousands of dollars, but all of them are now free.

"It's really for public health," said Irene McSweeney, a Dorchester resident and BWSC's chief of special operations. "We care about our customers and want to make sure we're providing [them] the best water quality we can. That means getting rid of lead service lines at every address in the city... Any barriers [to that goal] that exist, we want to get them out of the way. That's the plan."

Lead service lines are a vestige of the past, when most pipes were constructed of lead, a substance now known to cause brain damage with exposure – particularly to children. The problem is particularly a risk with underground pipes running from water mains in the street into customer homes. Pipes that contained lead were installed

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EPA's clean-up of Neponset site seen as milestone for Superfund project

BY CASSIDY MCNEELEY
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Neighbors joined officials alongside the Neponset River in Hyde Park last Friday to mark a milestone as the federally led program has cleaned up a key section of the river that was left contaminated by decades of industrial waste.

The site in question, on Fairmount Court off River Street and once home to the Lewis Chemical Corporation, was the target of a \$3.9 million project, part of a bigger, longer-term "Superfund" effort to clean up the Lower Neponset that is being overseen by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Sites in Mattapan, Dorchester, and Milton will be addressed in the months and years to come.

The Lewis Corporation site has been closed since an explosion took place there in 1983, but when the business was active it was spread over three properties in Hyde Park abutting the river.

Testing later showed that soil at portions of the site was contaminated with Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), volatile organic compounds, and metals – all harmful to human and animal life.

In January 2023, the EPA approved the contract to remove contaminated soil from the river and from

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Carney 'working group' includes 32 members

BY BILL FORRY
EDITOR

Members of a 'working group' asked to advise state and city leaders on the impacts of the closure of Carney Hospital – and the next steps to replace it – were announced on Tuesday by city officials. The Dorchester unit, with 32 members, and a second like it that will focus on Nashoba Valley, includes public health officials, labor leaders, doctors, and elected officials.

The Carney team is 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.

There are 11 "ex-officio" members, most of them elected officials, including US Reps. Ayanna Pressley and Stephen F. Lynch, state Sen. Nick Collins, state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley, and Boston City

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US Rep. Stephen Lynch at a New England Council breakfast on Oct. 2. SHNS photo

Lynch talks policy, politics ahead of election

BY SAM DRYSDALE
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Congressman Stephen Lynch told business leaders last Wednesday (Oct. 2) that he "would not be surprised" if President Joe Biden called Congress into session before the November election, potentially breaking up the campaign activity during the October recess.

Lynch cited Hurricane Helene's devastation along the south-

eastern seaboard, the escalating conflict in the Middle East, and unfinished business related to veterans health care funding, and a farm bill as items that may need to be addressed soon.

The US House and Senate kicked off their six-week pre-election recess last week, after approving a government funding extension that will last through December.

However, Lynch told attendees a

New England Council breakfast in Boston that morning, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which was already strapped for funds after the bridge collapse in Baltimore Harbor earlier this year, could need an additional infusion of dollars to respond to Helene's disastrous effect on the Southeast where the toll continues to rise into hundreds of deaths.

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Police, Courts & Fire

Man tells police of assault by golf club near Butler St. stop

Boston Police report that a man was assaulted and stabbed near the Butler Street trolley stop during an incident that took place on Saturday afternoon around 5:30. Officers who responded to a call found the man "profusely bleeding" and "blood all over the sidewalk on Butler Street." The victim — who was transported to a local hospital by EMS— told police that he was struck two to three times in the head by a man with a golf club. A second suspect, he said, might have stabbed him in the hand during the assault. The police account suggests that the victim and his attackers were acquainted. The assailants were seeing fleeing on foot in the direction of Gallivan Boulevard. No arrests have been reported.

A man was shot and seriously injured on Sunday evening in the area of Clarkson and Barry streets in the Meetinghouse Hill section of Dorchester. Police were alerted to the incident from a "Shot Spotter" activation around 7:54 p.m. According to a BPD account, the victim was rushed to a Boston hospital with life-threatening injuries but was expected to live. No arrests have been reported.

A man was shot and wounded in the near Almont Park in Mattapan on Sunday afternoon. Police say the victim was a passenger in a vehicle when he was accosted by two masked men, one of whom fired a gunshot into the car.

Boston Police arrested an 18-year-old and a 17-year-old on a variety of gun and robbery charges in Fields Corner in Dorchester last Wednesday night (Oct. 2). Police say that an individual who had recently had his scooter stolen spotted it at a gas station at Dorchester and Melville avenues shortly before 10:30 p.m.

According to a BPD account, "The victim approached the suspects about his stolen moped, and one of the suspects pointed a firearm at him. The suspects then ran from the area toward Bourneside Street."

Police say the department's gang-unit members found Jeremiah Charles, 18, of Abington, at Park and Marlowe streets and the 17-year-old - too young to have his name released - trying to hide underneath a parked vehicle on Bourneside Street. Officers then found a gun, a Glock 22 loaded with 14 bullets, along the path he ran to get to his failed hiding spot, police say.

The younger teen was charged with being delinquent for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, illegal possession of a firearm, illegal possession of a large-capacity feeding device, illegal possession of ammunition and making threats to commit a crime, police say. Charles was charged with making threats to commit a crime, receiving a stolen motor vehicle and trespassing, police said.

Next up on Savin Hill Ave: 'The Nightly'

By Cassidy McNeely Reporter Staff

The co-owners of the Daily Market outlined their plan to add a bar and restaurant called The Nightly to their property at 110 Savin Hill Ave. to members of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association at the group's monthly meeting on Monday evening.

Co-owners James Baker and John McDonough opened the popular neighborhood market on the ground level of the building they own at the corner of Sydney Street in 2020.

At the meeting, Baker said that adding more services for residents to enjoy will help make the building "the heart of the community." The partners acquired a liquor license in 2021, but due to various headwinds in the business community, they put plans for expansion on hold until this year.

"We have requested an amendment to the liquor license to add the third floor into the liquor license space," Baker said. "Originally, the main restaurant was going to be the basement with a co-working space on the second floor. What we're going to do now is the main restaurant is going to be on the second floor, we will have event space on the third floor, and the basement will mainly be a prep area with a little to-go."

Aisling Kerr, who is a consultant for the JMB Property Development Company on this project, said the redesign is "making better use of the space [by] transitioning from that basement space



The Daily on Savin Hill Ave. as it stands today.

Reporter file photo

to using the second and third floors... which are a little bit bigger and more functional."

In the original configuration, the license allowed for a seating capacity of 133 persons and an occupancy of 217 persons across both floors. The new design will increase the overall seating capacity to 215 persons and the overall occupancy number to 255.

While the ground level will remain open as The Daily, the basement space will primarily be used as storage and prep to support The Nightly's kitchens on the second and third floors. There will also be an approximately 500-square-foot area with seating for 15 people to support possible future take-out service.

"I know when I had a young family and I wanted to get five minutes to myself, I'd say I'll get the pizza and I wouldn't order it. I'd sit down, have a beer, order the pizza, and then go," joked Baker.

The second floor, under the new plan, will be home to a full bar and restaurant build-out with an occupancy of 120 persons, including the terrace.

"This will be down the line," said Kerr. "The goal right now is to get the third floor up and running as it is the most substantially complete. There are walls up there so it's an easier place for us to start and try to get something that the community will be able to enjoy."

Once complete, the third floor will include several different rooms and dining options. The left side of the space will be a dining area and private event space while the middle section of the floor will act as the main bar and seating area. Outside these two spaces is an outdoor terrace that will operate from March

to November. Baker called the terrace a "unique nice space" and "the place where people are going to want to be. We are exploring having a pergola where if it's raining or too sunny you can close it. We are looking at that to make it something we use no matter the weather or temperature."

The Nightly is looking to offer a casual Italian-inspired menu offering pizza, pasta, salad, and side dishes.

"Not a massive menu but something really good, reliable, consistent, neighborhood feel in a very comforting and welcoming environment," said Kerr.

"We are tentatively scheduled for a transactional hearing before the Boston Licensing Board next Wednesday (Oct. 16) pursuant to this meeting going well. From here we would take the next few months to wrap up our design and architectural plans and file for a building permit to complete the work on the third floor," said Kerr.

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Lower Mills Civic Association meets on Tues., Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in St. Gregory's auditorium. On the agenda: a discussion of Spuckies n' Pizza's plan to demolish its building on Washington St. and replace it with a 14-unit residential building with room for a takeout restaurant.

The Mather Elementary School plans a free celebration of its 385th year this Thursday (Oct. 10) from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Dorchester's First Parish Church. For more information or to RSVP please contact Lthames@bostonpublicschools.org.

The city's Planning Dept. will host a virtual public meeting on Thurs., Oct. 17, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss a proposal for 29-33 Romsey St. that would include the demolition of existing, vacant structures and the construction of a 4-story, 35-unit apartment building. A Community Dance hosted by First Parish Dorchester is set for Sat., Nov. 9, from 6 p.m.

to 9 p.m. at 10 Parish St. Includes square dances, international dances, couples, individual and line and circle dances. This event is for all ages from children to seniors. A caller leads dancers through the steps to make it fun for novices and experienced dancers. Refreshments provided. Suggested donation for adults \$10, children free. For more information call 617-981-5201.

The city's Planning Dept. will host a virtual public meeting next Tuesday (Oct. 15), from 6 p.m. 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 five vehicular parking spaces, 36 bike spots, and retail space on the ground level. 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 five-story mixed-use building at 555-559 Columbia

Rd. to include two floors occupied by the Boston Public Library and the three upper levels containing 33 units of condos with on-site parking in the basement. See bit.ly/555-559-columbia-road for more info. See bostonplans.org for detail on how to join the meeting.

The 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.

VietAID hosts its 30th anniversary celebration with a gala event on Sat., Oct. 19, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at BC High, 150 Morrissey Blvd. with entertainment, food and drinks, and dancing. More info at vietaidgala2024.eventbrite.com.

The 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, a 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.

The city of Boston Planning Dept. hosts a virtual public meeting on Monday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposal by Cobalt Development partners for 101 Boston St., Dorchester, which calls for the construction of a 6-story, 59-unit residential building with ground floor space for retail or restaurant. See Page 15 for more info on how to join the meeting.

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Fields Corner civic says 'no' to Papa John's bid

BY CASSIDY MCNEELEY
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A pizza chain's controversial plan to open a franchise location in the Fields Corner business district was dealt a setback last week when the area's civic association took a position against the store's opening in a letter sent to the city's Licensing Board.

The proposal by Joe and Ralonda Johnson to open a Papa John's in a vacant storefront at 1501 Dorchester Ave. has drawn opposition from some, including rival merchants and the Main Streets organization, who say there are already too many pizza shops in the district. The plan has supporters, too, and they argue that the shop has a right to open and compete and will be locally managed.

The issue was the subject of a lengthy Fields Corner Civic Association meeting in September, but the civic group did not weigh in publicly until Sept. 30, when its leadership sent the letter in opposing the store's bid for a permit to open.

The letter cites the civic group's wish "to protect the current similar locally run businesses," and "to continue diversity of small locally run businesses on Dorchester Ave./Fields Corner area."

It also outlines "concerns with seating/sit down options with opening hours until 3:00 a.m."

At last month's meeting, Ryan Gazda, an attorney for the Johnsons, explained that the Papa John's store would seek an operating (common victualler) license with no alcohol provisions, and hours on Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. and until 3 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

It is now up to the Licensing Board to decide the question.

The pizza controversy was not taken up in detail at the Oct. 1 meeting. It focused instead on other matters, including a petition by the owner of the McDonald's fast-food restaurant in the Fields Corner mall to extend its closing time for pick-up and delivery orders.

The owner of the franchise location, Cherag Selhi, said that restaurant now closes at 11 p.m. but a walk-up delivery window stays open until midnight. The operators say they will continue to close at 11, but ask that the pick-up station remain open until 3 a.m. He added: "There is no traditional ordering allowed at the window. We don't have a register set up there." Instead, he said, only after showing confirmation codes via

phone can third-party services pick up orders at the window.

Earlier in the meeting, BPD Officer Mike Keaney confirmed that late-night incidents in Fields Corner are "few and far between." Keaney said he did not think that the extended McDonald's hours would increase any safety risk to the community.

"Most of our employees are local residents," said Selhi. "It provides the opportunity for them to have a second job with longer hours into the late night." He also mentioned that late-night employees will also be paid higher hourly rates.

Only one person opposed the proposal. The civic group will send a letter of support to the licensing board.

Also on the agenda at the meeting was a discussion over Zoom with three representatives from the MBTA about the Fields Corner T station and nearby infrastructure. "We're here to answer any questions you may have about this station," said MBTA community liaison Opehnir Bazile. "For any questions we are unable to address at this moment, we'll make a note of it, and we will send a response after inquiring internally."

The greatest concern among the civic members on the call was the condition of the T's bridges. FCCA treasurer Hiep Chu explained that the bridges on Geneva Ave, Adams Street, and Dorchester Ave. could benefit from renovations like that done to the bridge over Clayton Street in 2013.

Deputy Chief of Stations for the MBTA Michael Foglio said that their team would further examine these locations but he reminded Chu that each bridge he named has undergone inspections.

"We are in compliance with our FTA (Federal Transit Administration) regulations for bridge inspections. Anything that comes up in the inspections gets listed through with a corrective

action plan and followed through with repair," said Foglio.

Other residents expressed a desire for more beautification projects and the completion of structural improvements. One community member suggested the best way to tackle these refurbishments would be with a walk-through in and around the station. Ashley Armand, the T's Deputy Director of Community Engagement, said she would collaborate with community members to schedule such an event.

In the meantime, Foglio said, the MBTA is working on developing a new branch line manager program. He said this would get "some eyes and ears out in the stations. They are going to be riding the trains every day, visiting the stations, and compiling all the items

that we're looking to improve upon."

Another project quickly approved during the meeting was the development of a single-family home at 42/44 Granger Street. The owner of the home, Cindy Lam, now lives next door and will be moving into the new three-bedroom, four-bath house upon completion. "I've been here for 13 years in the neighborhood. I have no intention of moving out," said Lam.

While the proposed project is three stories instead of the suggested two-and-a-half, the attorney Ethan Rittershaus noted that the height of the building will still be under requirements.

The next FCCA meeting is scheduled for Nov. 12 since the first Tuesday of the month is Election Day.

Meeting set to take up proposal for housing on Rice Amvets site

A virtual public meeting will be held next Thursday (Oct. 17) from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to discuss the small project review application and proposal for 29-33 Romsey St., Dorchester, the site of the 77-year-old James J. Rice Amvets Post No. 28.

The developer, James Baker, is looking to demolish

the post to make way for a 4-story building on the 25,271-square-foot that would include 35 rental units and 26 parking spaces on the ground level.

The Zoom meeting, hosted by the city's Planning Department, will take up the application and the proposal itself. A small project review is required for projects that

add an aggregate gross floor area of 20,000 or more square feet and any development that creates 15 or more dwelling units.

After a brief presentation, the general public will be invited to ask questions and share comments. To join the meeting, use this link: bit.ly/3MPRBx2.

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Purchase of its headquarters secures vision, says The BASE

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The BASE, a youth sports and enrichment program, has purchased its headquarters building on Shirley Street in the Newmarket section of Boston next to Dorchester's South Bay with plans to expand its operations on adjacent land.

Steph Lewis, the organization's CEO, says the buy is a step toward making this part of the city "a hub" for youth sports in the city. "Ownership allows us to envision what's possible," he said in an interview with The Reporter.

With Roxbury Prep High School set to open next door in 2025 – and with city plans to refurbish two baseball fields and the basketball courts on Clifford Park moving ahead – Lewis is bullish on the potential.

The BASE has leased the space it occupies at 150 Shirley Street since 2019, when it moved from Egleston Square.

"We're just in a great position of opportunity," he said. "The fact is just four or five years ago the media portrayed this area as a no-go zone because of Mass and Cass. ... Newmarket can be a cultural destination for young people and that's all in just 7.5 acres of land."

The BASE uses sports and career-focused programs to engage young people and help them develop athletically and educationally – with a large portion of them coming from Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan. They offer baseball and



The building and open lot on Shirley Street at the Dorchester/Roxbury line has been the home to The BASE sports and youth programming organization since 2019. Now it owns the property. Photos courtesy of The BASE

softball programming on site in their building, and conduct

basketball off-site, with off-field supports in academics,

college readiness, career counseling, and health and wellness in the building as well.

Lewis said they received word on Dec. 25, 2023, that their landlord planned to sell the building, but would extend their lease to give them some stability. They were also welcomed to try to purchase the property – but any deal had to be made by July.

"We felt it was important to be owner of our space so that we could determine our future," he said. "We also want to be involved in telling the narrative about what's great in this neighborhood."

With that, they began to call their network of supporters and came up big with a \$1.5 million grant from the Yawkey Foundation – hence the facility's name: "Yawkey Urban Sports Complex – Home of The BASE." Additional key contributors include Sandy & Paul Edgerley, Barbara & Amos Hostetter, Anne Lovett & Steve Woodsum, Tristin & Martin Mannion, Brooke & Will Muggia, Dana & Rob Smith, Stephanie & Brian Spector, The Boston Foundation, Eastern Bank, and several anonymous donors.

Ownership will also allow Lewis and his staff to double down on introducing and strengthening baseball and softball in predominantly Black and Brown communities where the sport has lagged in gaining interest. Lewis believes that is because of the high cost of entry, which is a



The BASE CEO Steph Lewis, of Dorchester.

barrier they will knock down.

"Youth sports are so expensive now, and especially baseball," he said. "One thing is that there isn't much baseball happening in Roxbury. There's some youth softball in our area, but there's no roots of softball in Roxbury. We want to continue changing that and continue supporting that."

Now that they own the building, and should have it paid off fully in 2025, Lewis said there is no telling what the future holds. "That basepath has yet to be run," he said.

"There is the potential expansion of our space," he added. "If we want to in the future, we can do construction and expand our entire space. We could build up. There's so much potential with what we can do. It's a great opportunity to be able to consider what will come next for us."

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Dot native, Georgia State player, Bryquice Brown moved back to play on defense for BC's Eagles

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Staff

So far this season the Boston College Eagles are undefeated in three games at Alumni Stadium (though it's a different story on the road), and for fifth-year defensive back Bryquice Brown, playing on home turf brings a whole other meaning.

Brown, who was born in Dorchester, is a graduate student at BC who played football during his undergrad years at Georgia State University. Now, wearing No. 19, he's helping BC and

head coach Bill O'Brien with his stellar defense as they stand at 4-2 six games into the season.

"I grew up off of Blue Hill Ave on Woodrow Ave.," said the 5-foot-11, 183-pound Brown, "and I lived there for 13 years of my life. I loved it. It was different. It was hard at times, but I got to spend a lot of time with my family."

His favorite memories in the neighborhood were visiting parks and playing basketball with his father. He played a bit of Pop Warner football in the South End before

he moved to Georgia as a young teen and found himself in a whole new world of football.

"When I was here for Pop Warner there was a weight-limit rule," Brown noted. That was something that was a huge difference because when you get down there, you play with your age group. Some kids were a lot bigger, and I went to a really good school, so I had to adjust."

Brown spent most of his high school years at Lithia Springs High School, where he earned all-region honors as a

receiver and collected 561 receiving yards during his senior season.

"The city would shut down for games on Friday for Friday night lights, and that was pretty cool," Brown told The Reporter. He added, "After I made the transition down to Georgia, I started to put the pieces together and started to get offers to college. I decided it would be best for me to stick with football because it would help with school, and I could get a degree."

He committed to GSU, where he notched 136

career tackles during his four years of play. Brown and his classmates were among the final group of student-athletes offered an additional year of eligibility because of Covid restrictions. He took the opportunity to play his final year of football for Boston College near to his boyhood home in Dorchester.

"My four years at Georgia State were lovely. I enjoyed my time there. I got a degree, I played football, I left my mark and I'm grateful for the opportunity. I'm glad to be here at home to finish



Bryquice Brown

it off for my last year," said Brown who is studying for a master's degree in sports administration.

He sees his time at BC as a "blessing. I get to come home and play in front of my family members who didn't have the opportunity to come and see me play in Georgia."

Rugby champions Free Jacks visit BGCD

The New England Free Jacks, back-to-back Major League rugby champions, dropped into the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester last month with their Championship Shield to host a rugby clinic for members of all abilities.

The Free Jacks had partnered with BGCD earlier this year to launch a rugby program within the club's award-winning inclusion programs, which are designed so that children of all abilities can successfully participate.

From the outset, the team has gone above and beyond to authentically engage with BGCD's members – teaching them skills, fostering genuine

relationships and providing unlimited free tickets to games for members and their families.

"Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is proud to be a partner of the New England Free Jacks," said BGCD CEO Bob Scannell. "The Free Jacks are just as committed to their community as they are to their sport and our members have benefited greatly from their expertise and dedication. We look forward to future collaborations with the team."

Said Alex Magleby, owner and CEO of the New England Free Jacks, is proud that the team's impact extends beyond

the field: "Bringing professional rugby to New England has always been about so much more than what happens on the pitch, and it is through partnerships like this that the Free Jacks have truly become part of the community."

"To be able to work with important organizations like BGCD, we hope to spread awareness and excitement about the great sport of rugby while making an important impact on the lives of the participants and their families. We are as excited about what we've accomplished off the pitch as on."

-REPORTER STAFF



Team members from the Free Jacks visited the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Marr building last month with their championship shield. Photo courtesy Free Jacks


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Meeting of the general public to review the proposed 101 Boston St project.

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Irish Cultural Centre celebrates Kathleen O'Toole's leadership

The Irish Cultural Centre's second annual Brian J. Donnelly Award for Leadership in Public Service was presented to Kathleen M. O'Toole on Sept. 19 at Venezia in Dorchester. The award is named for the late congressman who was a Dorchester native. He served in Congress from 1979-1993 and as US Ambassador to Trinidad and Tobago.

Ms. O'Toole's public service has earned the description "remarkable." She headed up the Metropolitan Dis-



Attendees at the award presentation included, from left: Martina Curtin, president of the ICC's board of directors; Jim Brett, president and CEO, The New England Council; Kathleen O'Toole; Ginny Donnelly, widow of Congressman Donnelly; and Jerry McDermott, executive director of the Irish Cultural Centre.

Photo courtesy NE Council

trict Commission Police Department (later integrated with the State Police) in 1990 and 1991; was a Lt. Colonel with the Massachusetts State Police from 1992-1994; served as Massachusetts Secretary of Public Safety from 1994 to 1998; was Boston's Police Commissioner from 2004 to 2006; served as Chief Inspector of the Gardai Inspectorate in Dublin from 2006 to 2012; and was Chief of the Seattle Police Department from 2014 to 2018.

Scholarship fund set up to memorialize Thelma Burns

Oct. 11 talent show is initial fundraiser



Mattapan's Ihorma Breneus and Roxbury's Canitra Wynn shown here graduating from Belmont High School and below, in a recent picture, have come together to found the Thelma D. Burns Scholarship Fund.

Courtesy photos



Thelma Burns died in 2022.

cited for it and we looked forward to it," Breneus recalled. "Everything we did back then was prepare to get to those shows. We wanted to bring that back to the city and get these kids excited about their craft. We want to bring that back to the forefront."



BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A new scholarship fund in the name of the late Thelma D. Burns will launch on Oct. 11 with a 'Boston's Got Talent' fundraiser in Jamaica Plain. Burns, a long-time community leader and civil rights activist who served as the METCO liaison for the Belmont School District, passed away in 2022.

The effort is being spearheaded by Mattapan's Ihorma Breneus and Roxbury's Canitra Wynn, who were among the hundreds of young people from Dorchester and Mattapan who benefitted from Mrs. Burns's mentorship.

"We want to do something to capture that energy and create future leaders," said Breneus. "We want to be able to work with these kids moving forward. We want to serve them like Mrs. Burns, who filled me up in high school. I want to put that fire into someone else like she did for me."

The scholarship will use the talent show, which is being emceed by City Councillor Julia Mejia and held in Jamaica Plain's Spontaneous Celebrations Hall at 45 Danforth St. to raise money in hopes of making the first awards to the Class of 2025 next spring. The event, which will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., has curated 10 performers in grades 8-12 and there will be five judges awarding cash prizes for first, second, and third places. Entry tickets will be \$10 for students and \$20 for adults, with proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

Talent so far includes vocalists, rappers, dancers, comedians, DJ's, instrumentalists, and fashion designers. The show's concept was important to the scholarship committee and to the memory of Mrs. Burns, who founded the first Step Team in Belmont.

"We competed at different Boston schools and the city was always ex-



A group of older adults who are part of UMass Boston's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) program enjoyed a lunch at Blasi's Café in Adams Village on Oct. 2. The program offers courses, talks, and guided tours for adults 50 and over for an annual fee of \$245. Financial assistance is available for a limited number of scholarships. Upcoming events include a sit-down lunch and guest lecture by Prof. Pdraig O'Malley on Oct. 16. He will talk about his new book "Perils and Prospects of a United Ireland." Find out more at umb.edu/olli/events.

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church



The top image in today's illustration is a drawing of the original (1849) St. Mary's Church at Topliff and Bowdoin streets as shown on the 1850 map of Dorchester. The lower image from the early 1900s shows the new church that was built on Cushing Avenue and dedicated in 1888.

the great fire in Boston in 1872 [which] greatly affected the fortunes of

the church." However, the congregation eathered their challenges.

The first service at St. Mary's as an organized parish was held in Lyceum Hall on Aug. 23, 1847. A gift of land on Bowdoin Street at the corner of Topliff Street allowed the parishioners to build a church, which was completed in September 1849.

St. Mary's became one of the strongest and most prosperous parishes in the diocese outside of Boston. The building was enlarged in the 1860s, though in 1869 a tower with a bell was blown down but never rebuilt. The 1898 history of the church stated that it was experiencing challenges in its finances, especially due to "the unexpected social results of the annexation of Dorchester to Boston – the centralization of all interests in the city proper, the removal of many wealthy citizens to the city, and effects of the financial crisis following

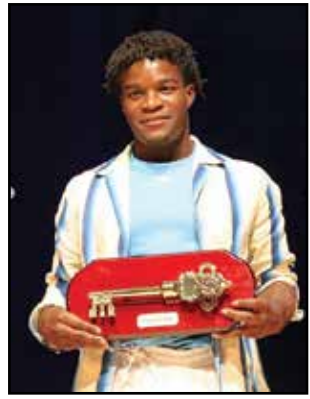
Following a fire that destroyed the 1849 church in 1887, the congregation was able to acquire land on Cushing Avenue overlooking the Old Dorchester North Burying Ground. Henry Vaughan designed a new church in the Jacobethan Revival style, where the first service was celebrated on Dec. 25, 1888. The church contains an important collection of stained-glass windows by Tiffany Studios, Wilbur H. Burnham, Harry E. Goodhue, and Charles J. Connick. The church was enlarged, and a parish house was added in 1907.

The archive of these historical 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.

Editorial

A real All-American success story

It has been a whirlwind week for Frederick Richard, the 20-year-old Olympian from Stoughton, Mass. who led the US men's gymnastics team to its first team bronze in the Paris games last summer. On Sunday, his hometown gave him a hero's welcome and the key to the town. Later that evening, Fred, seen at left, joined his fellow Team USA gymnasts in a two-and-a-half-hour exhibition in front of a raucous, sold-out crowd at TD Garden. He was upstaged only by the sport's biggest name in a generation, the gold medalist Simone Biles, who got the Taylor Swift treatment from the Garden faithful.



But Frederick, or "Flips" as he's known to his nearly 700,000 Instagram followers, also drew a huge response from the Boston faithful, a gathering that included dozens of friends and family who cheered from above in the Garden's premium suites.

His dad Carl, his mom Marie, and his three siblings were among those cheering the loudest. Carl and Marie had organized a party bus from Stoughton to Causeway Street to celebrate their son's achievements, which just keep stacking up. Already the youngest American male to win an individual medal in the world championships, he finished second in the US national championship earlier in the year. Last week, Time Magazine added him to their Time 100 Next list—a who's who listing of up-and-coming celebrities, athletes and "phenoms" to watch.

In addition to his prowess in the gym, Fred has become an ambassador of the men's sport with a stream of videos and behind-the-scenes posts that seeks to popularize the sport and that is quickly making him a sought-after endorser of everything from Crocs to Peletons.

Also worth noting about this All-American success story is that it has its beginnings – through Frederick Richard's immigrant parents – in Haiti and the Republic of Dominica. Carl and Marie met in Boston after each had left their respective homelands in the 1970s as children. Carl lived in Boston's neighborhoods, including Dorchester, as he built his contracting business. Marie, who works at Pfizer, did the same as the couple established themselves and raised their four children, one of them this remarkable young man, who is also a student-athlete at the University of Michigan.

All of this flies in the face of the unhinged Trumpist assault targeting immigrants from the Caribbean – particularly Haiti – that include the family of perhaps the hardest-working and most dynamic young athlete in the nation at the moment, a formidable man and athlete who has catapulted his nation – the USA – into the elite ranks of his sport.

In the Garden on Monday, few people knew or cared that this phenomenal talent has roots in a place that Republicans routinely smear and that he rises from stock that bigots among us portray as a scourge.

Frederick Richard – and his amazing parents and family – underscore just how depraved and wrong-headed that narrative truly is. Our nation is strong and great *because* of families like the Richards, not *in spite* of them.

Hurray for Team USA and Frederick "Flips" Richard. They make us very proud to be Americans.

-Bill Forry

Vote no on Q. 2 – Eliminating MCAS will damage the readiness of students

BY CEDRIC JACOBSON
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Massachusetts has consistently ranked first in the nation when it comes to education. Whether or not we stay there is on the ballot this November. The way we determine whether or not our students are prepared for college and career is also on the ballot. Whether we continue to strive toward equality in our schools or go back to the days when vulnerable students fell through the cracks – all of it is up for a vote. I am a teacher at Brooke Charter School in Dorchester and have been in the classroom for more than 15 years. I will be voting no on Question 2, which seeks to end the MCAS test as a graduation requirement, maintaining that a test cannot fully capture a student's abilities or that testing disproportionately harms students of color, English Language Learners and those with disabilities.

This is simply not the case. This is not to say the MCAS doesn't have issues; there are certainly some modifications the state could make. But if we entirely eradicate the requirement, we will lose the only objective measure for what it means to graduate in the Commonwealth.

Further, having a patchwork of standards would only exacerbate existing inequality in a system where the quality of education can already depend on your zip code.

If we eliminate this objective measure, districts will self-assign their own goal posts to a point where in some cases a curriculum would set a higher bar for proficiency than the MCAS while in other cases it would lower it. This is a recipe for deepening inequities. Some school districts will simply adopt lower standards so that students can "graduate" even if they haven't learned the skills they need to succeed.

Fair and unbiased assessments are the only way parents and educators can get a real pulse of their kids' readiness to graduate. The passage of Question 2 would eliminate this opportunity and Massachusetts would end up with less rigorous high school graduation requirements than Mississippi or Alabama.

While the Yes on 2 campaign tells some heartfelt

stories about students who aren't able to graduate under the current system, they neglect to mention that the number of those students is vanishingly small. Further, around three-quarters of the students that currently do not meet MCAS requirements are also not meeting district requirements to graduate. This means that for the majority of students not becoming proficient on MCAS, it's not the exam that's the barrier to their receiving a diploma.

When I hear people say that teachers shouldn't have to "teach to the test," I completely agree. If you are teaching to the depth of the state standards, you shouldn't have to teach to the test. The level of proficiency required to pass the test isn't exceptionally high, so if a curriculum is up to the standard, then it is, in many cases, beyond the requirements of the test itself. This means that passing MCAS should just be a matter of course – as it is for the overwhelming majority of students in Massachusetts.

Another assertion from the Yes on 2 crowd is that the test won't go away entirely; it just won't be a requirement. This is shortsighted. When something ceases to be a requirement, it tends to become much more *laissez faire*. Teachers would be less invested, students would be less engaged, and data would be less reliable. Additionally, many students would likely opt out of testing. Allowing students to choose out would lend itself to the same excuses that papered over the inequities and failures of our school system before we adopted standard-based reforms.

A common, objective assessment equalizes expectations and ensures every student reaches for the same bar. Eliminating a common standard will further marginalize the very students who need the most help. The required statewide assessment makes our students better, and pushes them toward success, which is why a No Vote on Question 2 is the only option to ensure that *all* of our students have the best possible chance to succeed.

Cedric Jacobson has been an educator for more than 15 years. He teaches AP Biology and Advanced Chemistry at Brooke Charter High School in Dorchester.

A Q&A on Question 5: What, if anything, to do about the state's minimum wage law?

BY ZENINJOR ENWEMEKA
WBUR

Massachusetts voters will get to decide this November whether or not to increase the minimum wage for tipped workers. The general minimum wage is \$15 an hour under state law. But tipped workers get less than half of that – just \$6.75 – as long as their wages plus tips total at least \$15 an hour. Otherwise, employers are supposed to make up the difference.

What would Question 5 do if passed? – It would increase the minimum wage for tipped workers over a five-year period. (This is similar to how the general minimum wage was increased.) The tipped minimum wage would rise a little bit each year, starting Jan. 1, 2025. By Jan. 1, 2029, it would be set to equal the current general minimum wage.

During those transitional years, employers would still be required to make up the difference between the general minimum wage and the amount a tipped worker makes in wages plus tips. Employers won't have to do this once the hourly wage for tipped workers matches the general state minimum wage.

If an employer pays its workers the state minimum wage or more per hour, the proposed law would allow that employer to pool the tips and distribute them among all non-management workers – including non-tipped workers like back-of-the-house cooks and dishwashers.

Who supports Question 5? – The group behind the ballot measure is called One Fair Wage. The national advocacy organization works to raise wages for tipped workers and has pushed for similar ballot measures in other states. The organizers say service workers have long called for a livable wage and argue they shouldn't have to rely on tips because it puts them at an economic disadvantage. Proponents of the Massachusetts ballot initiative also assert that higher wages help restaurants retain staff.

"The federal subminimum wage has not increased in over 30 years. And here the state wage is how much? \$6.75. That is not even going to get you a carton of eggs in many places," said Jeddy Yuan of Somerville, who worked in the restaurant industry for eight years and helped collect signatures for the ballot measure.

Yuan said customers should not have to subsidize workers wages with gratuities.

"I know firsthand how difficult it is to have to rely on tips," Yuan said. "I remember my first week working in the industry, I actually went home with negative pay, negative money made. That is unacceptable."

The current rules also leave workers vulnerable to wage theft, according to One Fair Wage President Sara Jayaraman.

"One of the biggest problems with this wage system is that it's incredibly difficult for employers to enforce and for workers to know that they got their full wages — to have their rights complied with," Jayaraman said.

One Fair Wage has spent more than \$15,000 on its campaign as of Sept. 1, according to the latest filings reported to the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance

Who opposes Question 5? – The Massachusetts Restaurant Association opposes the ballot measure. The trade organization represents 2,000 food and beverage operators across the state.

The group says the ballot measure is being pushed by "out-of-state activists" and will hurt the food and hospitality industries.

"We are hearing from tipped workers that they do not want this, in droves," said Jessica Muradian, the association's director of governmental affairs.

"We're here to help our servers and bartenders," Muradian said. "And they are saying over and over again, we make a livable wage – we have raised children, we have bought houses, we have put children through college, we have bought businesses based on our wage."

Opponents of the ballot measure also argue higher wages could tank some businesses, particularly smaller establishments with tighter margins. They warn customers would likely see menu prices rise to offset those higher payroll costs.

"Prices are going to rise for your drinks. Prices are going to rise for your burgers," said Brian Black, a longtime bartender who works at Rock & Rye American Bar in Boston.

Black said he's also concerned customers will tip less if the minimum wage for tipped workers increases — and that ultimately, workers may make even less money.

"I think this system works for a large majority of us," he added. "For now, it's not broke. There's no reason to fix it."

The Campaign to Protect Tips has spent more than \$129,000 on its campaign as of Sept. 1, according to the latest filings reported to the Massachusetts Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

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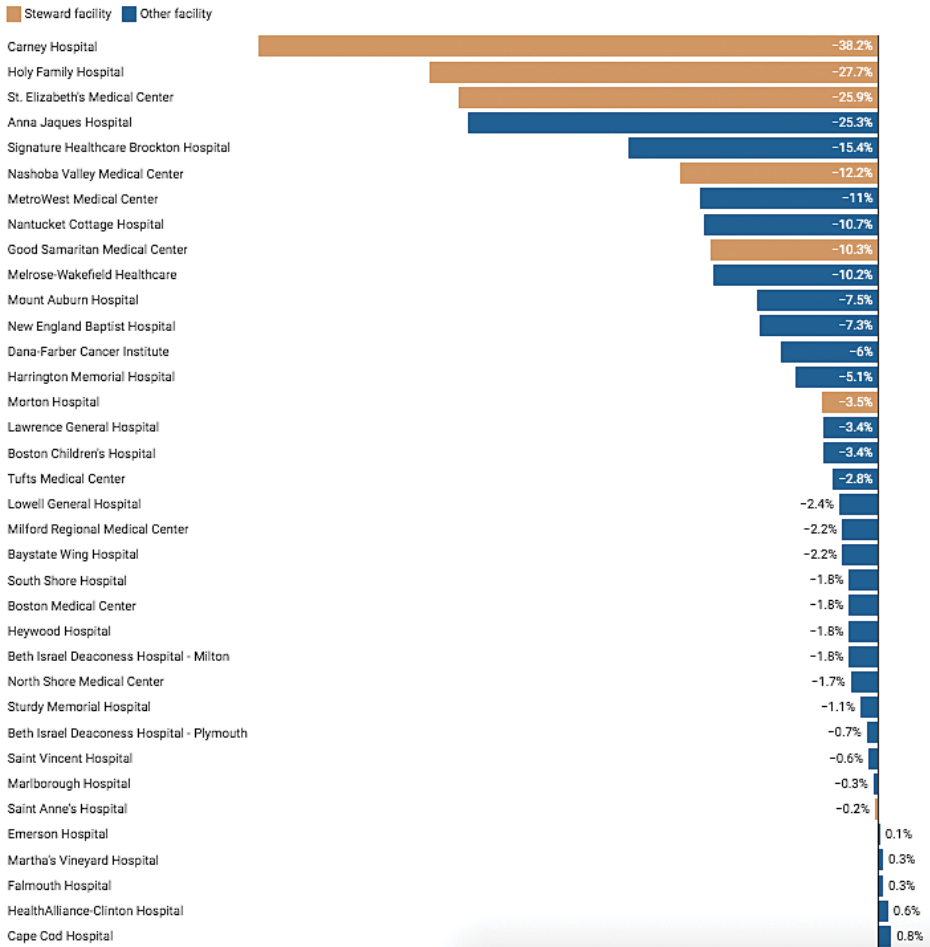
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Report unearths ‘troubling’ find at Massachusetts hospitals

Many Massachusetts hospitals struggling financially

Operating margin from start of fiscal year to June 30, 2024.



Shriners Hospital and Norwood Hospital omitted from chart as outliers. Chart: Chris Lisinski/CHIA - Source: Center for Health Information and Analysis - Get the data - Created with Datawrapper

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

While the problems at Steward Health Care have absorbed the spotlight over the past nine months, many other hospitals across Massachusetts continued to struggle financially in what an industry group called a “deeply troubling” trend.

New financial data released by a state agency found that more than half of acute care hospitals in Massachusetts experienced negative operating margins through a significant portion of the fiscal year ending June 30.

Only 25 out of 58 hospitals reported positive operating margins during that span, and the statewide median operating margin fell to 1.1 points to -0.9 percent, the Center for Health Information and Analysis said in a new report.

Even if you remove the bankrupt Steward hospitals – which after the data period ended either closed or were acquired by new owners – from that count, more than 4 out of 10 remaining hospitals were still in the red.

“Once again, CHIA’s quarterly report is deeply troubling evidence of Massachusetts hospitals’ financial challenges. With more than half of our hospitals operating in the negative and two-thirds of our hospital health systems consistently losing money on their operations, there is a very real threat to the sustainability of care that patients deserve,” said Daniel McHale, a senior vice president for health care finance and policy at the Mass. Health and Hospital Association. “It is critical to recognize the immense—and growing—cost pressures hospitals are incurring to keep services accessible for everyone who needs them.”

The report comes as Massachusetts families and employers have for years continued to struggle with the burden of rising health care costs. The average annual family premium grew from \$16,400 in 2012 to \$23,100 in 2021, and regulators have been warning in recent months that cost trends are headed in the wrong direction. Total health care spending in Massachusetts

rose to \$67.9 billion in 2021, or about \$9,715 per person, according to CHIA.

Industry leaders view operating margins as the best measure of hospital financial health because total margin also includes other factors like investment income, contributions, and asset sales that do not directly impact day-to-day care.

It’s not the first time that the median operating margin has landed in the red. CHIA also reported statewide median operating margins below zero percent through the same period of time in 2020 and 2022.

The report covered three quarters of data for many hospitals, most of whom typically begin their fiscal years on Oct. 1, and two quarters of data for Steward and Tenet hospitals, who count fiscal years differently.

At the time captured in the latest report, Steward was early in bankruptcy proceedings for all of its Massachusetts hospitals and had not yet announced it would shutter Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer and Carney Hospital in Dorchester.

The CHIA data through June 30 showed Steward’s hospitals all in the red, with operating margins ranging from -0.2 percent at Saint Anne’s Hospital in Fall River, which has since been acquired by Lifespan, to -38.2 percent at Carney, which is closed. (The worst outlook was at Norwood Hospital, which has been closed since 2020 due to a flood and ran a -111 percent operating margin through June 30.)

Over the six-month span through June, Steward’s hospitals collectively reported their expenses outpacing revenues by \$117.4 million.

But financial pressures were not limited only to the for-profit system that has been lambasted on both Beacon Hill and Capitol Hill. Several non-Steward facilities ranked among the bottom 10 in operating margin, including Anna Jaques in Newburyport (-25.3 percent operating margin) and MetroWest Medical Center in Framingham (-11 percent).

Some facilities fared better. Baystate

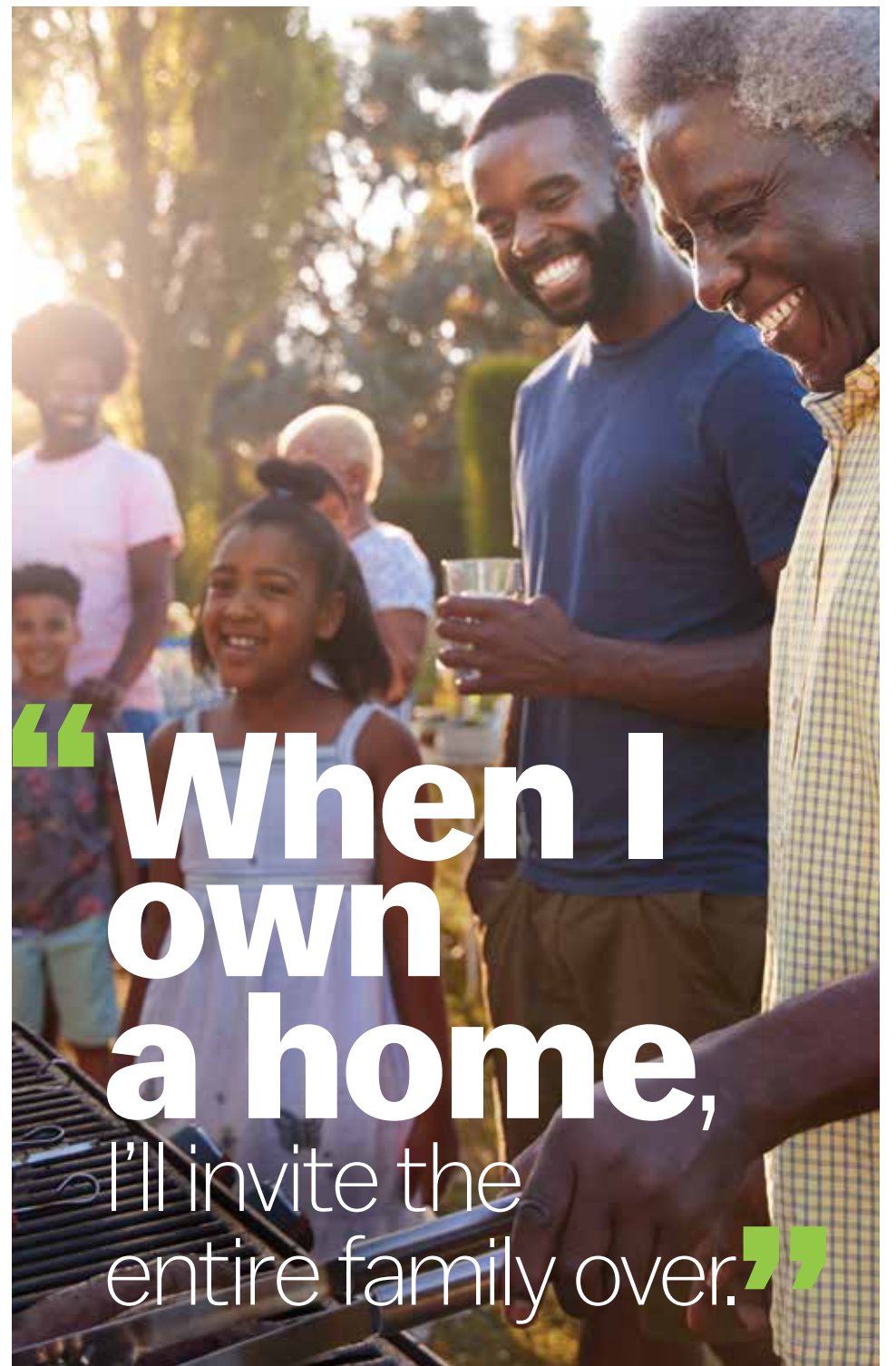
Medical Center in Springfield ran a 12 percent operating margin through June 30, the only facility to hit double digits by that measure.

The data show some variation, but for years, academic medical centers have performed the best. Over the past four-plus years, the median margin in that group has never dipped into the negative, ranging between a low of 0.2 percent and a high of 3.9 percent, CHIA numbers show. Those facilities tend to attract more patients on commercial insurance, which often pays more than government-funded coverage.

All four other hospital types – teach-

ing hospitals, community hospitals, community hospitals with a high share of public payers, and hospital health systems – have had at least one median operating margin in the red in that span.

The House and Senate this year approved a range of hospital oversight and financial reporting reforms, inspired both by the Steward Health Care crisis and broader industry pressure points. However, top House and Senate Democrats haven’t been able to agree on a single approach and the legislation has been in limbo for more than two months since formal sessions ended for the term on July 31.



“When I own a home, I’ll invite the entire family over.”

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When idea is to ‘get the lead out,’ residents can get pipes removed quickly – at no cost

(Continued from page 1) in Boston until 1934, and can be fully lead, lined with lead, or soldered together with lead.

The replacement of the portion of the pipe from the water main to the back of the sidewalk is the responsibility of BWSC, but the remaining portion – from the sidewalk into the home – is on the customer’s dime. Costs to the homeowner for the most complicated jobs in the past could surpass \$10,000, BWSC said.

It is estimated that citywide there are some 10,300 public and private pipes that need more investigation or testing for lead content.

In Dorchester (the neighborhood with the largest numbers of lead lines) there are 181 public lines and 845 private lines that may need replacement. In Mattapan, there are 24 public lines and 141 private lines of that kind. Of the private line investigations done recently, BWSC said, 32 percent have shown lead pipes.

Given that, goals to eliminate lead service lines by 2027 have become a priority and making it free in the summer of 2023 due to the new federal and state funding



Joe Joyce, of BWSC, supervised the job on Standard Street as the team got ready to pull the lead line out of the ground. *Seth Daniel photos*

has been the biggest step forward. “Even for the really expensive ones, we’re really breaking even,” said McSweeney.

Paul Shoemaker, director of the Environmental and Occupational Health Division at the BPHC, has been a partner in the effort on the health side. He said that while most

lead poisoning is found in children living in older homes who have eaten lead paint chips, there is a risk in lead service lines, too.

“The Boston Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, whose mission is to eliminate lead poisoning in Boston, provides com-

munity outreach, in-home education, and case management for families whose children have been impacted by lead, and inspection and enforcement of the Massachusetts Lead Law,” he said.

Exposure to lead can cause a wide array of short- and long-term health impacts because lead builds up over time and can if not attended to cause permanent damage.

Some of the issues are learning and cognitive impairments, hearing/speech problems, behavioral changes like increased aggression, reproductive problems, memory impairment, high blood pressure, kidney damage, seizures, among others, according to BPHC.

Shoemaker said lead service lines or lead plumbing in the home can also contaminate drinking water because “water sitting in a lead service line for a long time, such as overnight when no one in the house is using water, can dissolve lead from the pipe into the water. Drinking that water, or using it to mix baby formula, delivers the lead into a child’s body and causes harm.” He noted that “even though most houses in Boston are not attached to a lead line, there are still too many that are.”

Since 2023, his department has partnered with BWSC to spread the word. A pilot program by BWSC over the last year in Roxbury and Mattapan included door-to-door visits to raise awareness, and likewise, BPHC has had an employee spreading information in Dorchester.

One homeowner on Mattapan’s Standard Street recently jumped on board because of

door-to-door outreach and agreed to replace a lead service line running from the sidewalk into his basement.

One late August morning, project manager Joe Joyce and a crew set up to begin digging up the sidewalk where the service line runs into the home. That work can be quicker than most might think, with crews doing two or three replacements a day. Almost 90 percent of the time, the work involves simply using a backhoe to pull out the lead line while simultaneously pulling a new copper line to the street from the basement. Once all is reattached, the problem is resolved.

“The majority of the locations that require lead water service removal, we’re not digging up the entire trench,” said McSweeney. “A lot of times we don’t even have to excavate on the owner’s property or in the front yard. Most of the time we’re in and out in about four to six hours. The more difficult ones, including long services, can take a full day. It’s pretty non-intrusive.”

On Standard Street, an old tree root made the job a bit tougher, so crews had to excavate a trench to remove the line and put in the new copper line. Still, lead-free water service was restored by the end of the day.

McSweeney said they are looking to address all lead service removal jobs but have also focused on more complicated jobs – those with service lines more than 60 feet long, or buildings that have pipes that aren’t in straight lines. These are the jobs that were too expensive for homeowners in the past but are now free.

“In the past it could have been more than



A worker from the lead service line replacement team prepared the lead pipe for removal from a basement in Mattapan’s Standard Street in late August, while guiding in the new copper line that will replace it.

\$6,000 and at times it was as much as \$10,000 for them,” said McSweeney. “Some of those customers said they didn’t want to spend that kind of money. We went back to them as a priority now that the work is free, and we have had great success with them.”

At least 20 new replacements have come from those who declined previously. One of them was Paul Burson of Alban Street on Dorchester’s Ashmont Hill. When he and his wife moved into their home in 1986, it needed a lot of work and updates, one of them being lead service lines. But at the time, there were more important things to accomplish, so lead water lines took a backseat.

“We knew the option of replacement was out there, but it wasn’t subsidized, and we thought we’d hold out and see what happened down the line,” said Burson, who noted that he and his wife raised four kids in the home over 38 years. “We had lead lines the whole time...They survived the perils of living with lead water service... We knew it was lead and took all the precautions with flushing the lines and utilizing filters, but we preferred, obviously, not to have lead service coming into the home.”

Burson said they heard about the free aspect through an advertisement in a local newspaper and decided to act. As it turned out, BWSC was able to take on their complicated project, which required a trench through the front yard, but overall, it only lasted a few days and wasn’t overly disruptive.

“They stuck with it and got it done,” Burson said. “By and large, it was a really positive experience.”

These sorts of experiences are what McSweeney said keeps them going as they reach out and convince absentee landlords, skeptical homeowners, and others who don’t even know the lead issue exists to act. “The hardest part is getting the property owner on board with us,” she said.

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Clean-up of Neponset site seen as milestone for Superfund project



Vivien Morris serves on an advisory group for the Lower Neponset River Superfund. “This is a 3.7-mile stretch that affects our neighborhoods in Hyde Park, Mattapan, Dorchester, and Milton,” she said.



A group of people stood on the site of the former Lewis Chemical Corp. next to the Neponset River in Hyde Park last Friday, Oct. 4. *Cassidy McNeeley photos*

(Continued from page 1) around the site itself. Contractors working for the agency have since excavated and removed more than 5,000 tons of contaminated soil from the properties.

“The goal of EPA’s cleanup program is to protect human health and the environment,” said David W. Cash, regional administrator for the EPA in New England. “Cleaning up contaminated sites and giving them back to the community.”

He added: “When we begin work at a Superfund site, we begin with the most important thing to build. It’s not structures, but trust and relationships with the communities impacted

by our work.”

Stephanie Cooper, the state’s Undersecretary for Environment, hailed the Hyde Park clean-up as the latest victory for a decades-long effort to make the Neponset cleaner and more accessible.

“I heard people talk about what they wanted here and that’s the next phase of painting this beautiful clean canvas. It’s what people want to see and experience here,” she said. “We know the completion of this cleanup will unlock the full potential of this river and the full potential for people to enjoy it and experience nature close to home, which is so important to our well-being and the well-being of the

environment.”

Friday’s press conference highlighted the next steps in the Superfund effort, which will be at the northern bank of the river at Riverside Square in Hyde Park, where the EPA has approved an additional \$4.9 million to remove and dispose of soil contaminated with PCBs and metals.

“While the land here has been cleared of contaminants and the Riv-

erside Square Site will be cleared in the years ahead,” said Mayor Wu on Friday, “the Lower Neponset River as a whole still needs a lot of work to become the beautiful treasure it once was and that we know it once more can be for all of our community members. For too long our residents have lived with the consequences of actions they had nothing to do with.”

For his part, Cash noted that “while this work takes place we’re continuing to make progress on the long-term cleanup of the lower Neponset River superfund site.”

So far, the team has completed an evaluation of the first mile upstream of the T & H Dam and will soon decide to keep or remove the facility. Decisions for the final 2.7 miles leading to the Walter Baker Dam in Lower

Mills will be made based on evidence collected in the coming weeks and months.

Cash is hopeful the river will one day be restored and returned to the community. “Cleaning up contaminated sites and advancing environmental justice ensures that everyone regardless of zip code or socioeconomic status can thrive in clean and safe communities,” he said.

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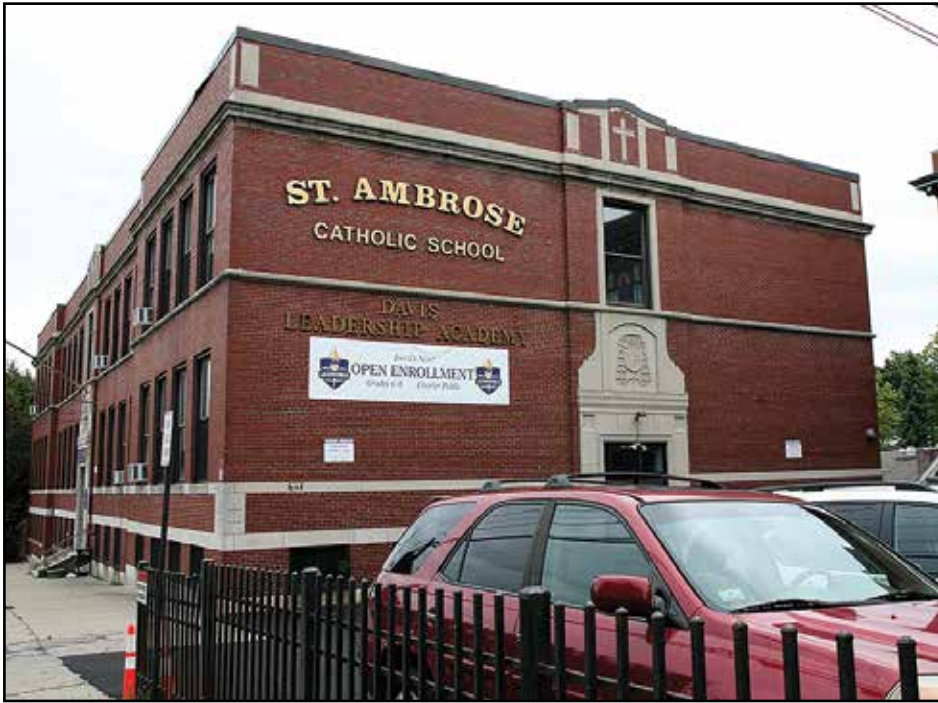
Old St. Ambrose school building won't be sold, pastor says

By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

The former St. Ambrose School on Adams Street – most recently occupied by a charter school that closed last summer – will not be sold, according to parish leaders, who are instead weighing new tenants for the Fields Corner space.

“Selling it is off the table,” said St. Ambrose pastor Rev. Joseph Linh Nguyen, who told The Reporter that “I’ve expressed that to the Archdiocese, and we’ll do everything we can to keep it as St. Ambrose property.”

He added: “We want to have something that



The former Helen Davis Leadership Academy, which had been housed in the old St. Ambrose School, disbanded last summer. The building will not be sold, church leaders said; it will be used for parish activities until an appropriate tenant is identified.

Seth Daniel photo

fulfills public needs and activates it and sustains it in the future. The community is growing...I said I would like to put something there that the local community needs. Education is always an option but something to support the community is what we’re hoping for.”

Nguyen said that non-profits in the area have already explored the idea of renting the space, perhaps for a non-profit incubator to support the Vietnamese community. Nothing concrete has materialized yet, but sources indicated that the concept is under consideration.

The 26,000-square-foot building adjacent to St. Ambrose Church became available suddenly last summer when the Davis Leadership Academy closed its doors.

“This was a difficult decision, but one necessitated by the school’s financial condition due to low enrollment, which was no longer sufficient to support the school’s

mission and vision,” said Sophia Stepney, the school’s executive director, said at the time, while noting that “the staff and leadership team at Helen Y. Davis Leadership Academy has facilitated the transfer of our students to local schools to help ease the stress with the school closing.”

The lease on the building expired on Aug. 31, and the keys were turned back to St. Ambrose on Sept. 1.

Rev. Linh said they plan to be good caretakers of the entire property, including the school, to honor the “people that made so many sacrifices in the past. It’s too late for us to look for potential renters now.”

He said that “for this year I’ll be looking to activate it for parish activities like youth groups and prayer groups. We’ll clean it up and use it for the year and at the same time looking at potential tenants to come in next year.”



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Availability of new liquor licenses spurs intense interest

(Continued from page 1) Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, told The Reporter that the city will accept applications through Dec. 6. And that instead of a 'first come, first serve' system, officials will evaluate all the first-round applications together.

"We are planning on holding public hearings on the merits of the applications but holding off our vote on which applications should receive licenses until after Dec. 6," said Joyce. "That will give the board an opportunity to look at the whole universe of applications that come in and which applications would be best served by these licenses."

Added Idowu: "The thinking came from the licensing team and thinking about how we can make the process more equitable and transparent. That's where this idea of rather than using a case-by-case basis to award these licenses, having a set time to receive applications, and then review them made the most sense."

A second round of evaluations is expected in spring 2025, Joyce said. All of the newly created licenses should be awarded by spring 2026.

The new law authorizes 195 non-transferable liquor licenses that will be tied to 13 specific zip codes in Boston. Locally, that includes 02121 (Grove Hall), 02122 (Neponset and Fields Corner), 02124 (Ashmont, Lower Mills, Codman Square), 02125 (Columbia Point and Savin Hill), and 02126 (Mattapan). There will be five licenses awarded in each of those zip codes—three all-alcohol and two beer and wine – every year for the next three years under the current plan.

There will also be 12 new citywide all-alcohol transferrable licenses available, and 15 new licenses for community venues/theatres.

Idowu stressed that the citywide all-alcohol transferrable licenses (they are of the same class of licenses that often fetching some \$600,000 on the open market) are not earmarked for any one neighborhood.

"What I'm not going to say is [that] someone who wants to open a restaurant in East Boston or Mattapan can only get the (non-transferable) license with no dollar value and all the businesses in downtown and the Seaport get the ones worth \$600,000" he said. "These licenses can go to places including downtown and Seaport, but we're not centralizing them there."

Idowu noted that the dollar value on these licenses could potentially unlock funding to acquire properties, building more



At Fresh Food Generation, a planned renovation project became a possible opportunity to become a full-service restaurant with one of the city's new liquor licenses. Here, morning manager and "future bartender" Julisa Hernandez and co-founder Cassandra Campbell show off their expanded sit-down space. Seth Daniel photo

stability in commercial districts like Mattapan Square, Fields Corner, and Codman Square.

The opportunity to seek a license is already generating significant interest in Dorchester and Mattapan. One interested party is Fresh Food Generation (FFG), a restaurant and commercial kitchen located along an otherwise desolate stretch of Talbot Avenue near Franklin Field.

The business – in place there for roughly three years – has outfitted its space to function as a commercial kitchen for its popular food truck business, and as a take-out restaurant on the side.

Now, they are renovating while hoping to secure a liquor license and establish more of a traditional sit-down eatery.

"We've grown as a company in the last two years and as individuals," said co-founder Cassandra Campbell. "The change in the restaurant is a reflection of that and of the community saying they wanted to sit down and enjoy themselves and we observed that pattern."

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We have folks bringing in dates to eat...At first, we were a quick item and go kind of place, but we realized people were ordering things that take more time. So, they might as well sit down and enjoy the time."

She continued, "The plan for the renovation came way before we knew the bill was a real thing and not talk. We saw it come out and we thought that it could be good timing for us so people can now sit down and also have a drink...We think it could help us round out the experience."

Campbell and her team appeared at the Codman Square Neighborhood Council (CSNC) last week and held an abutter's meeting online as well to announce their plans to renovate, re-open on Oct. 15, and get the process rolling for a new all-alcohol license.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P2114EA ESTATE OF: NATHANIEL W. GERALD a/k/a: NATHANIEL GERALD DATE OF DEATH: 03/07/2024 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jennifer Buchanan of Lutz, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Jennifer Buchanan of Lutz, FL 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 11/07/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 3, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Published: October 10, 2024

So far, the plan has been well received.

"I love that Fresh Food Generation is stepping forward on this," said City Councillor Brian Worrell, a champion of the state liquor license bill. "These existing businesses that really relied on takeout are the businesses we want to empower...That they have a restaurant without a liquor license and still were able to keep the lights on says a lot about the talent they have."

In Fields Corner, the Main Streets program has already held information sessions and talked with 10 existing operators – resulting in four applications in process and two just getting started.

There's interest in Mattapan too. On Monday night, the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) hosted guest speaker Nick Korn, of the hospitality consultant group OFFSITE. Korn went over the process with neighbors and operators, including potential applicants like Café Juice Up and the forthcoming Blue Mountain Jamaican Restaurant.

Korn was key in pushing new licensing efforts after publishing a 2022 study showing that the fewer the number of people of color in a Boston neighborhood, the more liquor licenses and restaurants there were.

"The Dec. 6 deadline is for a completed application and a completed

community process," Korn warned. "Those interested should start today. Two months is a great timeline to get this completed."

State Sen. Liz Miranda, who pushed the new law in the Senate, was also on the call. She said she worried about existing operators getting discouraged by the "daunting" application process. She stressed there needs to be more help and more language translation.

"The excitement is here in our community, but we're really going to have to join hands to make this work for all of our business owners," said Miranda.

Back at FFG, renovations have made more room for seating, with booths and tables placed where a pandemic-era mindset had created space only focused on getting in and out without getting sick. Campbell and her general manager, Victor Medina, and staff members like "future bartender" Julisa Hernandez envision the day when servers come to the tables with expanded menu offerings paired with beer, wine, and innovative cocktails. They see their strongest customer base coming from the surrounding Codman Square area and from the Joseph Lee School, its staff members a source of steady customers already.

They plan to accommodate 12 indoor seats and 12 outdoors seats.

"We're keeping every-

thing healthy with food and juices and maybe really nice crafted drinks," said Medina during the abutter's meeting. "There's no need for people to get smashed with shot after shot. We just need a place where people can have one or two drinks and relax and socialize and finish their day. I think it really could help close off that social loop here."

Idowu said that's the kind of thinking his office is hoping to see more of. "Alcohol sales can be the difference between a small business being able to pay rent on time or pay higher wages to employees or tucking away savings to open a second or third location," he said. "For us, the opportunity is to help grow the potential of a lot of small business across the city."

After the Oct. 16 info session, the city will host three more remote meetings from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 30, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11.

Additionally, the Office of Small Business is holding in-person liquor license information sessions this month around the city. The Dorchester session will be this Thursday (Oct. 10) from 2 to 3 p.m., at the Dorchester Bay Economic Development offices, 594 Columbia Rd. A Mattapan in-person session will take place on Oct. 17 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Voltage Park Events Center at 1260 River St. in Hyde Park.



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Lynch offers outlook on policy and politics ahead of election

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Lynch also pointed to rising conflict in the Middle East after Iran fired missiles at Israel the day before, as Israel escalated its ground attack into Lebanon.

“We thought we might

be able to relax until January, come back in under the new Congress,” said Lynch, adding, “but the urgency has only increased in the light of what has happened in Israel and in the Middle East over the past week.

So I would not be surprised if the president chose to call Congress back in for one purpose or another.”

He also pointed to policy priorities that he was “optimistic” about that he said had bipartisan support.

One thing left out of the continuing resolution that Congress agreed to last week is increased

Veterans Affairs funding to cover a shortfall caused by the PACT Act, he said. The 2022 law expanded health care benefits for veterans. Under it, the VA now automatically assumes for some conditions that service caused that disability or health issue, and therefore covers that care without the veteran having to prove its cause.

“So now we have hundreds of thousands of veterans coming forward, receiving those benefits, and families receiving those benefits as well,” said Lynch. And so that put a lot of pressure onto the VA. Now we have a need for about \$12 billion to fund the VA going forward.”

The congressman also brought up the farm bill, a massive \$1.5 trillion spending package that funds agricultural projects, nutrition programs like SNAP, and conservation and climate programs. The last farm bill, passed in 2018, expired on Sept. 30, and farmers and lawmakers have warned that Americans will feel the impacts at the grocery store if Congress doesn’t pass another bill by Jan. 1.

Lynch said he is “really optimistic” on finding a “quick resolution” to the omnibus bill.

Though he said there’s plenty to do, and bipartisan support, the politics of an election year may be getting in the way. Lynch was not optimistic about the Democrats’ chances to win a majority in the Senate. Democrats are defending 24 seats this

fall, compared to 9 for the Republicans, who are confident they’ll pick up at least one seat, as Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia retires, clearing the way for a race where most polls show Republican Gov. Jim Justice leading by a comfortable margin.

“The Senate doesn’t look good,” Lynch said. “I think at this point, it just makes the importance of winning the House and winning the White House that much more critical in terms of the direction of the country and some of the other things we talked about.”

Lynch also seemed cautious about Vice President Kamala Harris’s chances against former President Donald Trump in November. “All the experts are saying this is the closest they’ve ever seen a presidential election. And that worries me, because in the past, when you look at polling, there’s definitely a significant number — I don’t know what that is — but a significant number of people who are embarrassed to say they’re going to vote for Donald Trump,” Lynch said.

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 Date: September 30, 2024
 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
 Docket No. SU24P0780EA
 ESTATE OF: NICOLE NADINE LYDER
 Date of Death: 12/31/2023

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Carney 'working group' includes 32 members

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Councillors Ruthzee Louijeune and John FitzGerald. The state's chief of Public Health, Dr. Robbie Goldstein, Boston EMS Chief James Holley, Dr. Kiame Mahanah of the state's Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Boston's new Chief of Planning Kairos Shem, and Amy Rosenthal of Health Care for All are also ex officio members.

Other people named to the group, according to the BPHS are: Dr. Jean Bonnet, Hyde Park Health Associates; Lydia Conley, Association for Behavioral Healthcare; Lynn Cronin, Beth Israel Lahey Health; Bishop William E. Dickerson, Greater Love Tabernacle; Frank Doyle, Esq., FJD Health Care Consulting LLC; Dr. Guy Fish, Codman Square Health Center; Tim Foley, 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East; Dr. Joe-Ann Gergus, Massachusetts Nurses Association; George Huynh, VietAID; Cynthia Loesch Johnson, Codman Square Neighborhood Council.

Also, Rob Koenig, Boston Medical Center Health System; Stan McLaren, former President of Carney Hospital; Bart Mitchell, Commu-



Dr. Bisola Ojikutu Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, will co-chair the Carney Working Group along with Michael Curry, president and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers.

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nity Builders; Vivien Morris, Mattapan Food & Fitness Coalition; Chris Skillin, Lower Mills Merchants Association; Darryl Smith, Total Care; Dr. Elsie Taveras, Massachusetts General Brigham; Guale Valdez, Mattapan Community Health Center; and Dr. Monica Vohra, DotHouse Health.

According to the Boston Public Health Commission, which will lead the effort, the group will make recommendations "following 90 days of convening and analysis."

At least one meeting will provide an opportunity for public comment, and those details will be announced by the Public Health Commission," the agency said in a statement sent to The Reporter on Oct. 8. "The working group is also partnering with Health Care for All to expand access to the public for input and engagement. In addition to targeted outreach, Health Care for All will also host community visioning sessions that will be shared with the working group.

The Carney was closed on Aug. 31, shutting Boston's largest neighborhood and adjacent communities off 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 site, the Seton Medical building.

Included in Tuesday's announcement was this statement from Mayor Wu: "The closure of Carney Hospital has left

critical gaps in access to care. As the court's bankruptcy proceedings have reached some legal resolution to Steward's mismanagement, we must act quickly to address the future of quality healthcare on this site and bring community members together to reimagine and strengthen access. I'm grateful for the leadership of Co-Chairs Dr. Bisola Ojikutu and Michael Curry, and all the community stakeholders and experts who will work urgently with us to identify and map out next steps."

Said Dr. Fish of Codman Square Health Center: "Putting the drama of the Steward implosion and Carney Hospital closure aside, it is very much time to focus on the needs of the community and citizens of Dorchester who are now facing a sudden reduction in health care services. Every community deserves access to high quality, culturally relevant care. As the closest large primary care provider to the closed Carney campus, the Codman Square Health Center is heartened by the convening of this working group and the opportunity to reimagine the Carney site to deliver health services in

innovative ways."

In an interview with The Reporter on Oct. 1, the BPHC's Ojikutu said that when it comes to recommendations that the group may make, "all options in regard to health care delivery are on the table. The issue is there's a gap that's been left and there were already these inequities that have been compounded," she said. "This may be our opportunity figure it out."

Co-chair the group Michael Curry said that Gov. Healey called him personally to ask him to help lead the effort. "There have been no constraints put on the conservations that this working group will have," Curry told The Reporter. "In the absence of constraints, we'll be looking at how to maintain urgent care, behavioral health, and other needs as part of our analysis and recommendations."

Curry added that he hoped the group would come to consensus by the end of the year and deliver a report to the governor and mayor by "early next year."

"I've talked to no one that doesn't see a path forward for some model of care," he said of the Carney's future use.

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Patriots' Deatrich Wise hosts annual Block Party at Mattapan Teen Center

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**
The 5th annual Deatrich Wise Block Party took place last Saturday (Oct. 5) with Hazelton Street blocked off and the Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center (MTC) playing host to what has become a popular fall event in the neighborhood.

Patriots defensive lineman Deatrich Wise has taken on the MTC as one of his favorite organizations since arriving in New England in 2017 after playing his college

ball at the University of Arkansas. "Since the first time I stepped foot into the Josh Kraft Mattapan Teen Center, I felt a deep connection to the kids and that community," Wise said. "The visit gave me a deeper perspective of Mattapan, beyond negative headlines and reputations, and I knew I wanted to highlight what I saw to a greater audience.

"I know that however long I'm in New England, and even if I'm not, I want

this event to be a staple in the community. People are products of their environment, and I believe this event can be that spark in the community to inspire people to want to do great things."

Great food was served from Newport Vineyards, Gourmet Kreyol and Fresh Food Generation, and there was also a popular free farmer's market donated by Baldour Foods and lots of health and wellness information. Meanwhile, local barbers and braid-

ers gave haircuts and braided hair for the kids in the neighborhood all afternoon.

A highlight of the afternoon were performances by teen center members, including KNG-DVD, with Dorchester DJ and radio host Jeff 2Timez also keeping the party moving. A new documentary called 'We Out Here' produced by MTC member Moses Sibley and other teens in the film program laid out how the current teen center was once the Mattapan



Patriots defensive lineman Deatrich Wise and MTC Director Rick Aggeler welcomed everyone to the block party.

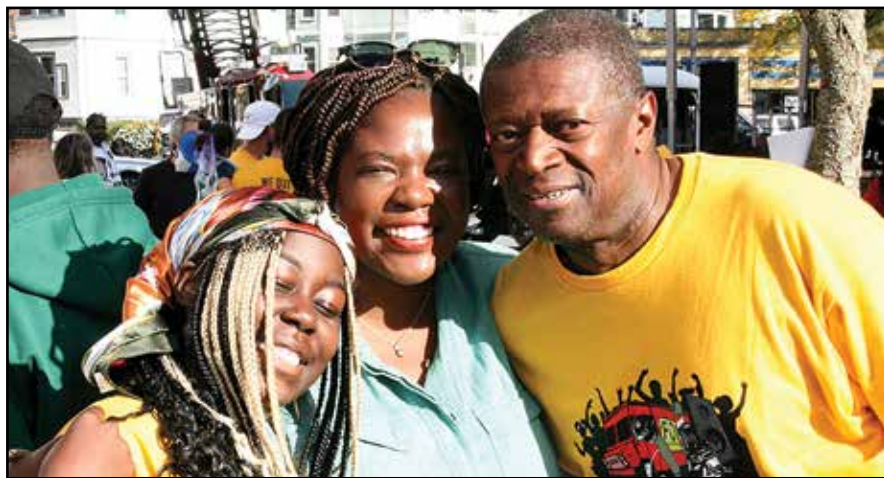
Branch Library. While the movie premiered last July in Atlanta to a national audience at the Boys & Girls Clubs Keystone Club conference, it

was shown for the first time locally at the block party on a giant movie screen.

The Reporter was a media sponsor of the event.



Lisa Beasley, Carol Davis, Josh Kraft of the Patriots Foundation (and namesake of the MTC), Faith Jackson, and Barbara Crichlow.



Atisha 'Tea' Leatch, Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, and Bobby Jenkins.



Chef Andy Teixeira, of Newport Vineyards, worked the portable grill.



Amaya Rosa-Garcia got her hair braided by Thalia DaSilva. A highlight of the annual event was free haircuts and free braiding all afternoon.



MTC member Moses Sibley grabbed a video of the block party.



From the Mattapan Patriots football team - Jovan Francis, Ja'Suan Stuckey, and Braylon Green.



Representing the Boston Fire Department and the Society of Vulcans at the party were Darrell Higginbottom and Dana Robinson.



The 'Ethereal Visions' (EV) crew - many of whom are MTC alums - came back to take in the performances and see friends. From left, Stanley Devis, McKinley Theodat, Ajary Alexandre, Maceo Wright, and, front, Atisha 'Tea' Leatch.
Seth Daniel photos



Community leaders Azan Reid and Mitchell 'Here' Hercule enjoyed a beautiful Saturday.



Mattapan's Jei Christie, right, with her niece Mila Nwaford and Heidi.



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33rd Annual Marr Catholic Schools Scholarship Event at BGCD: See details below.



New England Free Jacks Shield Tour Visits BGCD Members: See details below.

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33rd Annual Marr Catholic Schools Scholarship Event at BGCD: On October 1st, BGCD hosted the Annual Marr Catholic Schools Scholarship event at our Marr Clubhouse. Working alongside the Archdiocese of Boston and the Catholic Community Fund Office, 49 Scholars from the 2024-2025 class were recognized, totaling over \$50,000 in Scholarship aid. The program was established in 1992 by a gift from the estate of the late Daniel F. Marr, Jr.'s Catholic Schools Scholarship Fund and has since been augmented by his late brother Robert L. Marr and wife Cynthia through the Robert & Cynthia Marr Charitable Foundation to provide scholarships for BGCD members to attend Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. Many thanks to the Marr Family for their continued support of this special initiative!. This year marks over \$1.6 million in aid through the program.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:

New England Free Jacks Shield Tour Visits BGCD Members: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester was excited to welcome back our friends from the New England Free Jacks fresh off their exciting Major League Rugby Championship win! Over the past year, the Free Jacks hosted clinics for the after school program as well as conducted a 6-week session as part of our Inclusion programming. We thank the team members who stopped by to display the league trophy, handed out team swag, signed autographs and hosted an introduction to rugby clinic for our members. BGCD congratulates the Free Jacks on becoming the back to back Major League Rugby Champions (2023/2024). Our members can't wait to partner with you again in the coming months! To learn more about partnering with BGCD, contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

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RECENT OBITUARIES



ALDRICH, Robert Edward Sr., 85, of Dorchester, formerly of Connecticut. Robert Sr. leaves behind his second wife Diane Aldrich; for-

mer wife Phyllis White; one brother: Ricky Ingraham; nine children: Michael White, Robert Aldrich Jr, Lavita Aldrich, April Aldrich, Nicole (Tasha) Washington, Jack Derring, Mikel Derring, Levi Derring, and LaKiesha Thomas. Robert Sr. also leaves his fourteen grandchildren. In addition, he is preceded in death by friend Ruth Lee (Queenie) Washington, two sons Tyrone and Paul, and one grandson Marcus. Robert Sr. had interests in various pur-

suits and professions. He was a carpenter, a school bus driver, a taxi driver, owned a convenience store for many years, and had professional licenses as a chef and EMT. US Army veteran.



DESSUREAU, Miriam (O'Toole), 89, originally of South Boston, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter to Ernest and Anna (Swain) O'Toole. She worked for the Boston Visiting Nurses Association, and later for the Hartford, VNA. Wife of Eugene "Gene" Dessureau. Mother of Ellen Donohue (Springfield), Anne (Kent) Dessureau McNorton (Dallas, TX), Paul Dessureau (Sparks, NV), Mary Guthrie (Arnisville, VA); and was predeceased by baby, Carol, at one month old. Sister of Claire Cashman (Wethersfield, CT), Jeanne (David) Glynn (East Falmouth, MA), Ernie (Joan) (Pagosa, Springs, CO), Joe (Susan) (North Eastham, MA); plus her many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brother, Norman; and sisters, Margaret-Peggy Guiney and Carol Stark. Grandmother of 9 and was predeceased by Jacob Guthrie. Great-grandmother of 3. Donations in Miriam's honor may be made to Montgomery County Hospice and The League of Women Voters.

MCQUADE, Father Richard E., 94. Son to Alice Crowley McQuade and Henry McQuade. He is predeceased by his



brother Henry McQuade of Georgia and is survived by his two younger sisters Patricia McGrath of Vermont and Joan Doody of Plymouth, MA. Father McQuade was born in Boston and spent much of his life in and around the city for his many archdiocese assignments. Of all the many roles he performed for the church, his most meaningful time was serving as Pastor at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Dorchester. He cared for and loved the parishioners at St. Mark's, these were some of the happiest and most rewarding days of his life. He was an uncle to 27 nephews and nieces. Donations in Father Richard E. McQuade's memory can be made to the UVM Health network, Home Health Hospice.



O'BRIEN, Joann M. (LaTora), of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester. Predeceased by her husband William J. O'Brien. Mother of William J. O'Brien, Jr. and his wife Christine of Quincy, Diane Brooks and her husband Eric of Weymouth,

Timothy O'Brien and his wife Lesley of NH, Mark O'Brien, and his wife Jennifer of Mansfield. Sister of John LaTora and his wife Nancy of Hanson; sister-in-law of Norton O'Brien, Jr. Also survived by 14 grandchildren and 2 great-nieces. Contributions in Joann's memory may be sent to either the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001 or Sr. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



O'HALLORAN, Timothy John, 52, of Hollywood, Florida, formerly of Dorchester. Son to Dr. John "Jack" F.O'Halloran and Frances C. (Morstadt) O'Halloran. Tim was preceded in death by both of his parents and is survived by his brother, Matthew; and sister, Christine. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews. Please consider making a donation in memory of Tim O'Halloran to NEADS World Class Service Dogs by mailing a check to: NEADS, Inc., P.O. Box 1100, Princeton, MA 01541 or online by visiting neads.org/donate

Pizziferri, brother of Mary Clougherty and Frank Pizziferri, and the late Michael Pizziferri, Angelina Mullaney, and James Pizziferri. He is survived by his former wife, Theresa Pizziferri, and his seven children. Diane Hobart and her husband Steven of Pembroke, Donna Tempesta and her husband James of Braintree, Debra Larson and her husband Hal of Braintree, Susan Warsheski and her husband Philip of Abington, Joseph Pizziferri Jr and Barbara of Braintree, Theresa Pizziferri of Braintree, and Gina Capaccioli and her husband Arthur of Braintree. Grandfather of 10. Also survived by many relatives and friends. Donations may be made in Memory of Joseph Pizziferri Sr. to Perkins School for the Blind Development Department 175 North Beacon Street Watertown, MA 02472 or to American Macular Degeneration Foundation PO Box 515 Northampton MA 01061-0515.



SMITH, Sonja I., 89, of Mattapan Born in Indonesia, she was a prisoner of war during World War II. Later in life, she pursued her LPN degree. She completed a 4-year degree in two years, while raising three young children. With her degree, she started her nursing career Boston City Hospital/ Boston Medical Center. She is survived by her daughters, Dorothy and Monica Smith; her two grandsons, Charles Smith and Justin Fontaine; and her eight great-grandchildren. In memoriam, donations may be made to Animal Rescue League of Boston or American Heart Association.

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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. SU24P0804GD
IN THE MATTER OF: KALEEL RANKINS of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT
 Alleged Incapacitated Person
 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Queen Rankins of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Kaleel Rankins is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Queen Rankins of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
 The petition asks the Court to determine 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 specific 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 at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/31/2024. 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, 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 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
 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. 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 L. Everett, Esq.
 Register of Probate
 Date: October 3, 2024
 Published: October 10, 2024

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 APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
 Docket No. SU24P2043GD
IN THE MATTER OF: ANTONIA GOMES of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT
 Alleged Incapacitated Person
 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Antonia Gomes is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.
 The petition asks the Court to determine 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 specific 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 at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/29/2024. 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, 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 30 days after the return date.
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 Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
 Register of Probate
 Date: September 26, 2024
 Published: October 10, 2024

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 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114
 (617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 Docket No. SU24P2017EA
ESTATE OF: MELVIN C. JONES DATE OF DEATH: 04/26/2021
 To all interested persons:
 A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Treniece Jones of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Treniece Jones of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
 You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/05/2024.
 This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
 A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
 Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: September 25, 2024
 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
 Register of Probate
 Published: October 10, 2024

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 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
 Docket No. SU24P1876EA
ESTATE OF: JOAN A. PETERSON DATE OF DEATH: 07/27/2024
 To all interested persons:
 A Petition for S/A - Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kathleen A. Greene of Wilmington, NC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Kathleen A. Greene of Wilmington, NC 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 11/06/2024.
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 Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: October 2, 2024
 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
 Register of Probate
 Published: October 10, 2024

PIZZIFERRI, Joseph M. Sr. "Joe", 87, of Quincy, originally from Dorchester. Joe was the son of the late Domenic and Pauline (Mortelliti)

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
 Docket No. SU24P1703EA
ESTATE OF: JAMES S. QUIRK DATE OF DEATH: 07/13/2023
 A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Nicholas Russo, Jr. of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, First and Final and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
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 10/30/2024.
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 Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
 Date: October 2, 2024
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A cybersecurity breach can present significant threats to your business. No matter the size of your organization, it's important to take cybersecurity seriously. Your data is your company's most important asset, and you need to keep your digital operations safe. Most businesses also rely on external partners and vendors, which can introduce cybersecurity risks that must be carefully managed.



Whether you're a seasoned business leader or just beginning to prioritize cybersecurity measures within your organization, it's important to equip your company with the knowledge and tools necessary to enhance cyber-readiness. These tips and best practices may help protect your organization in an ever-evolving threat landscape.

1) Create guidelines to access your data

Businesses should develop protocols for responsible use of technology resources within their organization. Users should only have access to the data they need to do their jobs, and should avoid accessing, sharing or disclosing sensitive information without proper authorization.

2) Keep an eye on your data

Internal control best practices can include classifying data based on sensitivity (e.g., public, internal, confidential), regular auditing and monitoring, employee training, building an incident response plan, completing data backup and recovery, instituting third-party vendor assessments, making regular updates and disposal of data.

3) Manage your network

Protect your network across traditional data centers, your cloud or other vendor-hosted environments. A secure and well-managed network reduces the risk of cyber threats, enhances productivity, and contributes to customer trust and satisfaction. Require strong, unique passwords and multi-factor authentication for all network users, regularly update and patch systems and complete regular security audits and assessments.

4) Maintain business continuity

Implement backup and disaster recovery plans to ensure business continuity in case of a breach or cyberattack. Test data recovery procedures and processes, and develop robust incident response and business continuity plans to allow for swift recovery.

5) Protect your data with encryptions

Encryption can help protect data from unauthorized access in transit (when it's being transmitted over networks) and at rest (when stored on servers or devices). This involves using technologies such as Transport Layer Security (TLS) and Secure Sock-

ets Layer (SSL) to encrypt communications between servers, applications, users and systems. Ensure appropriate controls where encryption keys are stored, managed and accessed.

6) Create backup plans

Incident management helps to address and manage security incidents, breaches and other disruptive events that can impact your organization's ability to deliver services and products effectively.

7) Identify vulnerable areas

Find security threats and vulnerabilities early to help reduce the risk of data breaches, financial losses, operational disruptions and customer dissatisfaction. Many industries have legal and regulatory requirements mandating incident response preparedness and reporting.

8) Ensure your business objectives are aligned

Outline goals and key performance indicators you want to align with your business objectives. Effective logging and monitoring help you maintain the reliability, security and performance of your services and products.

9) Consistently log and monitor

Continue to observe your systems, applications and networks to ensure they operate efficiently, securely and reliably. Identify problems before they impact users, which allows for proactive resolution, reduced downtime and fewer service disruptions.

Consistent logs also aid in investigating security incidents and ensuring compliance with data protection laws.

10) Test your applications in a separate environment

By developing and training your applications in a test environment, you can work out any bugs in a safe environment to help minimize security risks. Creating a secure and efficient work environment minimizes distractions and misuse of resources.

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