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Firefighters offer new take on Dorchester heights

Members of the Boston Fire Department's Aerial Team climbed high above Meetinghouse Hill on Oct. 10 to showcase their training and skills to the children of the Mather School who had gathered in their schoolyard below to watch their heroes at work as they affixed an American flag to the top of a ladder. See Page 12.

Photo by Jim Brooks

Undefeated Madison Park volleyball squad surges into state competition



Senior captain Naisha Marte – a routine force at the net – tapped one over an East Boston defender at Friday's game.

Seth Daniel photo

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The Madison Park Technical Vocational High School girls volleyball team powered its way over East Boston at Friday's City Championships in the Boston Latin Academy gym, topping off a 17-0 regular season and earning a #2 seed in this week's Division 5 state tournament.

Madison Park beat TechBoston Academy, and a tough O'Bryant High School team on their way to the city title game, which it won 3-0, challenged only in the first set, 25-22. It was Madison's third trip to the title game, which was won last year by Boston Latin Academy.

The final was played amid an electric atmosphere, with seating areas packed and dueling chants of "MP, MP" and "Let's go Eastie" echoing through the gym for a fall sport that has surged in popularity recently in Boston.

"This year has been the best year of coaching, and the easiest," said Head

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Early voters make their choices ahead of Tuesday's city election

By NATHAN METCALF
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A slow but steady trickle of 2,230 voters cast early ballots at one of the ten locations that were opened over the weekend for voting ahead of Boston's Nov. 4 municipal election.

At Dorchester's Richard J. Murphy School, 185 residents cast ballots on either Saturday or Sunday. With Mayor Wu's reelection assured, early voters arriving at the K-8 school on Worrell Street described the at-large City Council race, with four seats and eight names on the ballot, as the contest that was keeping them engaged.

Those candidates include four incumbents, Julia Mejia, Erin J. Murphy, Henry Santana and Ruthzee Louijeune; three newcomers, Alexandra Valdez, Will Onuoha, and Marvin Mathelier; and a familiar face in Dorchester, Frank Baker, returning from a two-year hiatus after not seeking reelection to the



The doors were open at the Murphy School for early voting over the weekend. Nathan Metcalf photo

District 3 seat he had held for 12 years. "I think housing is the biggest issue facing Boston right now," said Meghan

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Of late endorsements and council races

By YAWU MILLER
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

While no one heading into the polls next Tuesday need guess the outcome of the mayoral election — Michelle Wu is running unopposed — two City Council races hang in the balance.

In the race for the four at-large seats, former District 3 Councilor Frank Baker is seeking a comeback. The little more than 4,000 votes separating Baker from incumbent Councilor Henry Santana in the preliminary has some pundits questioning whether an upset

is in store for next week.

In the race for the District 7 City Council seat, where Said Ahmed finished first in the preliminary just 58 votes ahead of Miniard Culpepper, there is no real front runner.

Throw in the expected low turnout resulting from the lack of a contested mayoral race — little more than 1,000 voters cast ballots in early voting last weekend — and even the most seasoned political pundits would be foolish to wager on the results of these two contests.

In the final weeks of campaigns,

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SERENITY WOODS!

From blight to bliss in Mattapan forest

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Bathed in the reds, yellows, and oranges of fall, the tree-lined paths of the newly restored Mattahunt Woods showcased a complete revival last Friday (Oct. 24) from forgotten dumping ground to a place of beauty and serenity.

An 18-month restoration program was completed earlier this summer, but at the ribbon-cutting event last week, the many attendees looked on as the natural beauty of the place displayed its vibrant colors.

"We are on the map," said Earl Faulk, a neighbor. "This is something neighbors will have to get used to because the woods were a buffer, to keep people out. When you open it up to the public, you want to make sure it's the right people coming for

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Two Mattapan neighbors enjoy a fall stroll on the new pathways through the Mattahunt Woods. Seth Daniel photo

Traffic presents obstacle for condo plan at Granite and Hill Top

By KARYNA CHEUNG
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A developer who wants to build a 24-unit condominium building on a Granite Avenue site adjacent to Cedar Grove Cemetery offered updates on his plans during a city-organized virtual meeting on Oct. 20 that involved discussion about the traffic situation at Hill Top Street's intersection with Granite Avenue just north of the bridge over the Neponset.

The project, originally proposed in late 2024 by Denis Keohane, includes a 25-space parking garage on the ground floor at 157 Granite Ave. The building will primarily consist of two-bedroom units ranging from 1,000 to 1,300 square feet, with additional 800-square-foot single bedroom units and a newly proposed singular 1,300 square foot three-bedroom unit, according to project architect Cheryl Tougas.

There are existing commercial buildings

and a condominium complex adjacent to the site.

"The design of the building is intended to fill in the missing tooth between the commercial building on the left and the condominium building on the right," Tougas said.

One condo unit from the original proposal was removed to reduce the rear side of the building because of "perceived intrusiveness" to the Cedar Grove Cemetery

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Food deliverer’s bike stolen in Uphams Corner
Boston Police are asking for the public’s help in identifying two men who stole a food delivery driver’s electric bike at gunpoint last Wednesday night (Oct. 22) on Monadnock Street in Uphams Corner. The suspects are believed to frequent the area of 564 Blue Hill Ave., according to BPD, who released images of two men wearing masks and hooded sweatshirts on a black scooter. Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact District B-2 Detectives at (617) 343-4275.

A woman was stabbed with a box cutter on Allstate Road in South Bay Mall in Dorchester around 5:17 p.m. last Tuesday (Oct. 21). EMTs transported the victim to a local hospital with injuries not considered life threatening, police say. A 36-year-old man from Wakefield, Christopher Baez, was charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and A&B.

According to a BPD account, “a detective immediately observed the suspect [and] the box cutter in his left hand and ordered the suspect to drop the weapon, which he refused. The suspect began to swing the weapon and advance toward the detective, who continued to order and give verbal commands to the suspect to drop the weapon.

“The suspect immediately complied, and with the assistance of responding officers, was taken into custody,” a BPD report said.

At his arraignment in South Boston Municipal Court the next day, Judge Margaret Albertson ordered Baez held in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail - but also ordered him to Bridgewater State Hospital for an evaluation to determine if he is competent to stand trial. His next court hearing is Nov. 12.

Boston Police arrested men from Dorchester and Roxbury last Thursday (Oct. 23) on charges that they used fists and a bottle to attack a man inside a Roxbury store. Police say the victim was inside Liriano Market at 1813 Washington St. when he was approached by two men who assaulted him and stole his money around 4:40 p.m.

According to a BPD account, “Officers broadcast a description of the suspects, and responding units observed two individuals matching the provided descriptions near the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Washington Street. Upon approach, the suspects fled on foot in separate directions. After short foot pursuits, both were apprehended, one in the area of Shawmut Avenue and Pelham Street and the other near Tremont Street and Upton Street.

Arrested were Jahar Pinkett, 42, of Dorchester and Anthony Crumbley, 29, of Roxbury. Police added: “A search of Pinkett resulted in the recovery of cash consistent with the amount reported stolen.

Multiple projects leave Mattapan residents feeling they’re ‘boxed-in’

By Seth Daniel
News Editor

Neighbors on Woodhaven and Culbert streets in Mattapan are pressing for relief from city officials this week as a pair of construction projects are disrupting daily life on the side streets between Blue Hill Avenue and Cummins Highway.

On the Blue Hill Avenue side, work on a 41-unit apartment complex has begun and is prompting daytime street closures. On the Cummins Highway end, a public works project to improve the roadway often blocks access from the west side of the neighborhood. An added factor is a smaller building project in the middle of Woodhaven Street, which increases the congestion and noise.

The result, say frustrated residents, is an impasse.

“It’s outrageous,” said Culbert Street’s David Venter. “I saw a school bus today that couldn’t get through the street and had to back up onto Blue Hill Avenue. I don’t think people in charge are taking this seriously.”

He added, “We went to the meetings and they said what they would do during construction and they do the exact opposite – like workers parking on our dead-end street. There’s no accountability.”

Another neighbor, Ingrid Trench, said construction starts daily at 7 a.m. and work trucks often block her way.

“It’s like a total invasion,” said Trench. “I’m still trying to come to grips with it. The entire feel of the neighborhood I’ve lived in for 45 years has changed... You get to where you believe the city doesn’t care because if they did, they wouldn’t do this to us.”

The 41-unit develop-



A construction site at 1471 Blue Hill Ave. has closed Woodhaven and Culbert Streets this month, and with the large Cummins Highway reconstruction on the other end of the street – neighbors feel boxed in and ignored.

ment at the corner of 1471 Blue Hill Avenue, led by Lincoln Avenue Capital of California, will include retail space, 12 parking spots, and rise 5 stories from the street. The project, approved by the Boston Planning Dept. in December 2024, will also involve blasting to clear out ledge on the site.

City officials said the building permit has been granted by Inspectional Services Department (ISD), and work on the site now only involves soil testing. The general contractor for the project was asked for comment for this story, but didn’t respond to emails this week.

Off Cummins Highway, a roadway reconstruction ongoing since 2024 has brought the other set of frustrations. The street is stripped down to dirt in some places, with stop signs on every block, zany detours and closed streets daily. Woodhaven is one of the closed streets right now, and it adds to the stresses of the closures by Blue Hill Avenue.

All of which leaves neighbors feeling boxed in, knowing the situation



Woodhaven Street has been closed off at Cummins Highway due to the reconstruction there, which has about another year left of work. The situation has left the street inaccessible on both ends.

Seth Daniel photos

isn’t going to change soon.

“It feels like the wild, wild west,” said Venter. “They just close streets and tell people to go

around. We have landscapers, house cleaners, and other folks like that who can’t get here. We have a life too.”

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Boston Public Library and the upper three floors containing 33 workforce residential homeownership units. The project would have on-site parking in the basement. Register at bosplans.org/555-559ColumbiaRd. **Cedar Grove Civic Association** meets at the McKeon Post, 4 Hill Top St., Dorchester on Wed., Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. See cedargrovecivic.com for more info. A virtual public meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 3 to discuss a **VietAID proposal** for a 33-unit building at 190 Bowdoin St.,

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get-together, will be held on Sat., Nov. 8, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Blend. Tickets start at \$50. Go to fieldscorner.org for more info. The Codman Square Neighborhood Council and Greater Four Corners Action Coalition will host their annual **Hidden Heroes and Sherones Celebration** at Southline Boston, 135 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester on Sat., Nov. 22, from 4 to 8 p.m. Go to codman-squarecouncil.org for tickets and more info.

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Two councillors seek to ease process for ‘single-room’ dwelling expansion

By Yawu Miller
Reporter Correspondent

Back in the 1990s, Roxbury residents pressured city officials to crack down on what many saw as a proliferation of rooming houses in the neighborhood, complaining that homes that once housed families and long-term residents were being replaced with rent-by-the-week rooms that attracted transients, prostitution, and drug dealing.

Thirty years later, prospective rooming house operators face a battery of regulatory hurdles that make it almost impossible to open such an establishment.

But, as the adage goes, what is old is new.

City Councillors Henry Santana and Liz Breadon last Wednesday (Oct. 22) filed a hearing order on single-room-occupancy dwellings — or SROs as they’re commonly known—seeking ways to expand the city low-cost housing stock.

“The units are forms of permanent and affordable housing for thousands of Bostonians, but they have the untapped potential to house many more,” Santana said. “Over the years, the number of SROs has drastically



This property at 570 Warren St., managed by Commonwealth Land Trust, provides 26 single-room occupancy units for people struggling with addiction. Yawu Miller photo

ly gone down, due in large part to urban renewal policies, gentrification, and hostile zoning laws.”

He said he wants to explore policies that could facilitate the creation of more SROs in Boston.

There are currently 3,500 SROs operating in Boston, according to Santana, a decrease from the more than 9,500 that were operating in 1970, but more than the 2,000 that were in place in 1990. Few SROs are operated independently, offering rooms to all comers. Most are in operation to provide housing to

specific groups, such as the buildings run by Pine Street Inn that are aimed at providing stable housing for formerly homeless people.

In Roxbury and Dorchester, there is a high concentration of sober homes — rooming houses where people who struggle with addiction are often sent by judges as a condition of their release from incarceration. Because people suffering from addiction are protected under the Americans With Disabilities Act, sober home operators are able to open

such facilities over the opposition of abutters. The proliferation of sober homes, of which there are seven in the Grove Hall area, has contributed to an increase in the number of SROs in Boston.

In contrast to the current crop of population-specific SROs, back in the 1970s and ’80s, rooming houses served low-income populations, single men and women, people exiting incarceration, and others for whom paying rent by the month for a single room and a shared kitchen and bath made economic

sense. That may also be the case today, says Mike Koza, executive director of Project RIGHT, which serves the Grove Hall neighborhood in Roxbury and Dorchester.

“There’s clearly a need,” he said. “You have a lot of young adults who are working and make too much to live in subsidized housing.”

But, Koza says, management of such units is key. “The question is, who has the capacity to run them,” he said.

Koza recalls the struggle Grove Hall residents undertook in the 1990s to shut down the poorly run, crime-riddled rooming houses that proliferated in the neighborhood.

“Enforcement takes so long,” he said. “It took us years to get them out of here.”

“We know there are responsible SRO management teams and irresponsible ones,” said Connie Forbes, secretary of the Garrison Trotter Neighborhood Association.

In recent years, neighborhood residents pressed the city to crack down on problem sober home properties, many of which housed more than one person in each room — a violation of the city’s zoning code.

Koza said homes operated by nonprofits don’t always manage their residents well.

“You have open drug use, a lot of late-night

congregating, more car break-ins and thefts around them,” he said.

In Nubian Square, Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation, runs the Sargent Prince House and the Dartmouth Hotel, buildings with studio and one-bedroom apartments that house formerly homeless people. Interim executive director Evelyn Friedman says robust management is critically important for those properties.

“Just a couple of people who are disruptive can upset the whole neighborhood,” she said.

Nuestra staffs both buildings with live-in managers and social workers and around the clock security. “In order to do it right, you need to have services, security and a watchful eye,” Friedman said.

Santana’s order for a hearing on SROs has not yet been scheduled, but it sparked interest. In addition to Breadon, councillors Gabriela Colletta Zapata, Sharon Durkin, Julia Mejia, Ben Weber, and Brian Worrell have signed on.

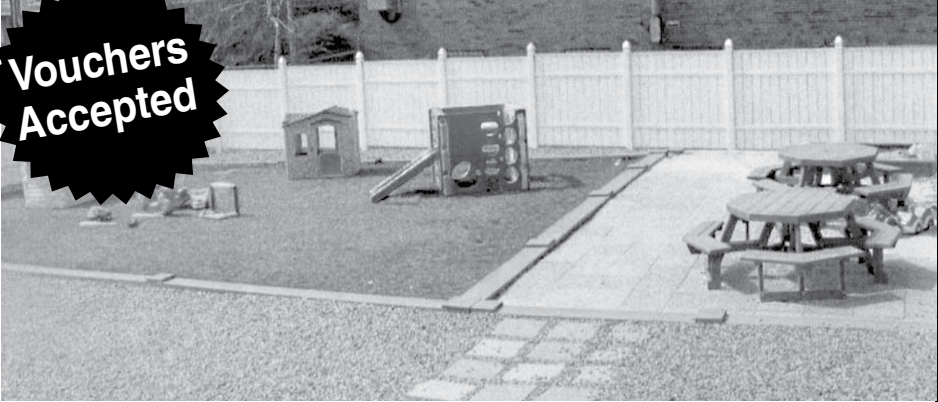
Breadon said that given city’s housing affordability crisis, everything should be on the table. “I think we have to look at every possible type of housing to address our housing crisis,” she said. “There’s no one size fits all.”



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Early voters make their choices ahead of Tuesday’s city election

(Continued from page 1) Greeley, 42, a Pope’s Hill resident and Murphy School parent who was raking leaves for her volunteer group, the Murphy School Family Council, before going inside to vote.

She said she voted for incumbents Louijeune and Santana, as well as newcomers Onuoha and Mathelier.

“We’re homeowners,” Greeley said, “but if we want a thriving community, people have to be able to afford to live here.” Given that, she said she supported candidates aligned with Wu’s housing and education priorities.

“I was thrilled that Wu’s running unopposed,” she said. “She’s the right choice for the city.”

Not everyone agreed with Greeley’s take on things. Kevin M., a 55-year-old Savin Hill resident who declined to give his last name, said he voted only for Frank Baker, calling the former District 3 councillor “the one trying to get sense back into City Hall.”

He said the council has become “upside down” and mired in corruption, referring to the recent ethics scandal involving former Councillor Tania Fernandez Anderson. His bullet vote to back only Baker, rather than

choosing up to four candidates, as voters can in the at-large race, helped to maximized his candidate’s share of support in a crowded field.

A lifelong Dorchester resident who said he grew up with Baker, Kevin cited crime and homelessness as his top concerns. “Frank’s got a track record,” he said. “He’s done a great job.”

Ben Stone, 38, of Ashmont, said he voted for Louijeune, Onuoha, Santana, and Valdez, adding that he backed the latter two because they were endorsed by Abundant Housing Massachusetts, which advocates looser zoning to increase supply.

“They want more housing of all kinds,” said Stone, who is executive director of the Brookline Housing Authority.

Longtime Cedar Grove residents Thomas J. and Rita McCarthy said early voting’s weekend hours make civic participation easier. “It’s convenient,” said Thomas, 76. “Being on a Sunday, you beat the line.”

The couple chose Louijeune, Mejía, Onuoha, and Mathelier — a split between incumbents and newcomers. Thomas described them as “Wu people,” adding, “I wanted to give two votes back to Wu.”

They praised the may-

or’s leadership but worried about property taxes if Proposition 2½ were loosened or repealed. “The city’s collecting plenty already,” Thomas said.

The McCarthys said aging school buildings remain their top concern.

“Tom and I volunteered recently in one of the elementary schools where they can’t drink out of the water bubblers because there is lead in the pipes, said Rita. “They have no gyms. They have no lunchrooms. They have these old buildings that have been around since I went to school in Boston.”

Among the campaign volunteers outside the Murphy School was Valdez’s father, Modesto Valdez, 52, of Mattapan, who spoke about helping with his daughter’s first campaign.

“I feel so proud of her,” he said. “She’s a really nice person, very dedicated, very hard-working.”

Valdez said his daughter, who emigrated from the Dominican Republic as a child and grew up in Mattapan, has been committed to public service since she was young.

“She’s been serving the city almost her whole life,” he said. “Now she feels it’s time to give back even more to Boston.”

Not wanting to be outdone by the Valdez-

es, a volunteer for Will Onuoha phoned the candidate’s mother, Esther Onuoha, who hurried to the Murphy School for an interview.

Onuoha described her son as “a uniter” shaped by years of work under four Boston mayors, Tom Menino, Marty Walsh, Kim Janey, and Wu.

“He’s been serving this city for a long time,” she said. “He understands how it works, and he listens to everyone.”

The city’s Election Department put the weekend tally at the Murphy School at 112 ballots on Saturday and 73 on Sunday. Citywide, 1,203 ballots were cast on Saturday and 1,027 on Sunday.

This story is part of a partnership between the Dorchester Reporter and the Boston University Department of Journalism.

The Bidens visit Dot for EMK anniversary



Photo courtesy Chris Stockbridge

Former President Joseph Biden and his wife, Dr. Jill Biden, came to Dorchester on Sunday evening for the 10th anniversary of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute, which honored Biden with a lifetime achievement award.

Dorchester’s own Chris ‘Tiger’ Stockbridge, a Boston Code Enforcement officer and president of the AFSCME Council 93 union, is shown with the Bidens in the accompanying photo taken in the EMK’s replica of the US Senate chamber.

In his remarks before an audience of about 600 people, Biden saluted his former colleague, US Sen. Ted Kennedy, saying: “Perhaps it’s the unwavering optimism of my friend Teddy that causes me to say I believe that the America of our dreams is always closer than we think.”

Also honored at Sunday’s event were former US Secretary of Labor and Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh and retired US Navy Admiral Lisa Franchetti, the former chief of Naval Operations and the first woman to serve on the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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Of late endorsements and council races

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candidates release endorsements like hole cards that they hope will tip the balance in close races. This election year provides an interesting look at how they could.

In District 7, Culpepper has secured the bulk of the endorsements — including nods from three former opponents for the seat who were eliminated in the preliminary along with backing from US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden, state Sen. Lydia Edwards, and state reps. Chynah Tyler and John Moran.

Ahmed had a misfire two weeks ago with a social media post in which he shared a photograph citing support from community leaders. Three of those in the photo told reporters that they had not endorsed Ahmed, who later removed the photo. Two of the men in the picture, Robert Lewis, Jr. and Keith McDermott, did endorse him.

The extent to which the endorsements make a difference is up for debate.

“There’s clearly been a rally for Culpepper,” notes Jonathan Cohn, policy director for Progressive Mass and a member of the Ward 4 Democratic Committee, which endorsed Culpepper. “It will be interesting to see whether the drumbeat of endorsements will affect the outcome of the race.”

The two candidates emerged from a preliminary in which 5 of the 11 candidates finished



The eight finalists for at-large council shown at a June forum at Suffolk University: From left, Marvin Mathelier, Ruthzee Louijeune, Henry Santana, Alexandra Valdez, Erin Murphy, Julia Mejia, Frank Baker and Will Onouha.

Photo by Jacqueline Manetta

within little more than 100 votes of each other, a fairly even split in the electorate. Because 70 percent of the voters cast ballots for someone else, it’s difficult to predict which way they’ll go.

“There isn’t any reason to assume voters will align with either of the two,” Cohn said.

David Halbert, executive director of Bay State Progress, says certain endorsements carry more weight than others. An endorsement from a former opponent, for instance, can demonstrate a candidate’s ability to build bridges.

The Boston Police Patrolmen’s Union, for instance, supported former at-large Councillor Annissa Essaibi George during the 2021 mayoral campaign, but supported Wu this year.

For Frank Baker, whose cam-

paign is heavy with endorsements from Irish American elected officials— including former Mayor Marty Walsh— and labor unions, getting a nod from progressive-leaning leaders demonstrates to voters his openness to working with others. Baker counts Senator Lydia Edwards and Rep. Brandy Fluker-Reid among his boosters.

Baker’s labor union endorsements could carry more weight than his others should the unions provide campaign volunteers who can knock doors, distribute literature, and cover polling places on Election Day.

Some civic organizations do as well.

“Our endorsements come with boots on the ground,” said Armani White, chair of the group Right to the City Vote. “They come with voter

engagement to ensure that the endorsed candidate is successful.”

White says the group has volunteers in eight Boston neighborhoods and backs candidates based on their commitment to issues around housing justice, voting rights, and other progressive causes.

Ward committees, to varying degrees, help candidates as well. Many cover polling places and hand out cards with their endorsements. For some voters, the sight of a trusted community member handing out palm cards could be enough to sway their vote.

As the fourth-place finisher in the preliminary, Santana is seen by some as the weakest of the at-large incumbents. He relied on support from Wu to obtain the 3,000 signatures he needed to place his name

on this year’s ballot. Now Wu’s endorsement comes with financial help.

The Bold Boston super PAC that supported Wu in her contested preliminary has switched gears to support Santana, according to the newsletter MassterList. Wu’s campaign has transferred \$125,000 to Bold Boston in support of Santana.

In the at-large race, RTTCV is backing incumbents Ruthzee Louijeune, Julia Mejia, Santana, and challenger Marvin Mathelier. But in the District 7 race, the group hasn’t made an endorsement.

“Both candidates have strong positions on housing issues,” White said. “We’re looking forward to working with either one of them.”



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Athletes, referees, and volunteers gathered together on the field for a friendly photo before the tournament began.

Cassidy McNeeley photos

BPD’s female officers spread awareness of breast cancer with flag football event

**By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Staff**

About 100 off-duty Boston police officers hit the gridiron in Dorchester’s Garvey Park last Sunday (Oct. 26) for the inaugural Pink Ribbon Bowl, a “powder-puff” flag football tournament featuring the women of the BPD raising funds for a special cause.

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Witness, HON. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 29, 2022
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“We have eight strong teams across the department, all off-duty female officers, who joined us today to raise money for breast cancer awareness,” said event organizer Char Coleman, “Everyone involved is in law enforcement. Everyone took the day off to be here.”

While the officers competed, their family, friends, and neighbors enjoyed the sunny afternoon while participating in raffles, purchasing event merch, and making donations.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to the Ellie Fund, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that provides essential services like transportation to medical appointments, grocery assistance, childcare, housekeeping, and prepared meals, during cancer treatment and recovery.

The cause was personal for Coleman and many other participants.

“I do have a grandmother who battled breast cancer, as well as my aunt. There are so many women out here today who have also battled breast cancer,” Coleman said.

“We work a lot, so sometimes we are suffering in silence. Being out here today, we just want everyone to know you do have support, morale, and camaraderie. This is what it’s all about.”

Jennifer Patterson, an officer from Area B-2, spent the afternoon playing on team “Badges and Boobies.”

“My mother, she’s a breast cancer survivor, so for me it was important to come out here and show up for the cause for research,” said Patterson. “I saw firsthand what someone who goes through breast cancer goes through.”

Area C-6 officer Ayesha Lawton described the day as both “fun” and “emotional” as she cheered on the “C-Cups” squad with pink pom-poms in her hands.

Lawton’s mother, who



Nischeena Charles, an officer from Area E-13, was excited to take a break from working in JP to play in Dorchester.

was also an officer and had breast cancer, was her “why” for the day.

Said Officer Nischeena Charles from the E-13 district, “We get caught up with trying to solve crimes, save people, and everything in between. This is a great way for us not only to support the cause but also get together as a department and make things happen.”

Police Commissioner Michael Cox was among those who stopped by to cheer on the teams. “Hopefully, we’re contributing to help solve an issue in not only the city but also the world, and help families that have

struggled with cancer diagnosis and treatment, and to let folks know that we’re a part of the community,” he said.

“Our officers, both men and women, care so deeply and they are out here volunteering to do what they can to help others, and they are having a good time doing so. I’m proud of each and every one of them. I had nothing to do with this, they did this on their own.”

As to the competition, the “Rack City” team—made up of Academy staff and members of other Specialized Units—came out on top. All told, the event raised an estimated \$10,000.

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Docket No. SU25C0583CA
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People

News about people in and around our Neighborhoods



Dorchester residents Jim Brett, Joey Langis, Dennis Walsh, and Joyce Reardon got together at the annual Fall Friendship Social for People of All Abilities at Florian Hall on Sun., Oct. 26. The afternoon event — which include costumes, desserts, dancing and music by DJ Joe “Gifted Fingers” Peters — has been a tradition in Dorchester since 2010. For more information on the event, see facebook.com/thefriendshipsocial. Photo courtesy New England Council

Nov. 8 gala will raise funding for playing field in Cape Verde

By SETH DANIEL
News Editor

A cross-section of Dorchester leaders and Boston Police officers of Cape Verdean descent will host a gala fundraiser at Venezia restaurant in Port Norfolk next weekend to raise funds for a non-profit that plans to build a multi-purpose sports court in Cabo Verde.

The event, hosted by the Cape Verdean Police Association and the Boston Paper Project, will take place on Sat., Nov. 8, from 7 p.m. to midnight.

The effort, led by Dorchester’s Piter Brandao, was inspired by his 2024 visit to his family’s village in Sao Jorge on the island of Fogo. Brandao watched with interest as several children enthusiastically played soccer in the street – but instead of kicking a ball, they were using a waded up piece of paper.

“In a moment of ignorance, I asked the children where their soccer ball was, and they responded that they did not have one,” says Brandao. “I headed to the main city to purchase the soccer balls for them to find out there were none available. I couldn’t quite understand how a whole island in Africa did not have one soccer ball for sale.”



Dorchester’s Piter Brandao working with kids in his family’s village of Sao Jorge in Cabo Verde during a trip in 2024. His non-profit will host a gala on Nov. 8 in Venezia Restaurant. Courtesy photo

Brandao, who operates Pleasant Entertainment events company, has formed the Boston Paper Project to build an all-sports court in the village on land already in hand – introducing street hockey for the first time, and bringing volleyball, tennis, soccer, basketball, wiffle ball and other sports to the village.

“Outside of the main city, there were really no other basketball courts,” he said.

Other sponsors for the gala include Bill Richard of the Martin Richard

Foundation, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, The Mix Restaurant, Estella Restaurant, and others.

“We are almost at our goal with ticket sales right now, and we are hoping to reach 200 tickets sold soon,” added Brandao, who said the follow-up will be to collect used sports equipment to send there.

More information on the organization and the gala can be found online at oneof100.regfox.com/boston-paper-project.

BC High honors four with St. Ignatius, Kemeza awards

Boston College High School celebrated with the recipients of the 2025 St. Ignatius Award and William Kemeza Global Leadership Award during a ceremony and Mass held at the McNeice Pavilion in Dorchester on Oct. 16. The awards recognize alumni and community members whose commitment to BC High and Jesuit education serves as a model for others.

The St. Ignatius Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a BC High graduate, recognizes alumni who live

the ideals of the school through moral character, leadership, and service to others. This year’s honorees were Kevin P. Martin, Jr. ’82, a CPA, deacon, and community leader; Dudney Sylla ’04, a youth advocate and education leader; and Jeremiah (Jerry) F. York ’63, the winningest coach in NCAA hockey history who led Boston College to four national titles as head coach.

The William Kemeza Global Leadership Award, established in 2019, honors a leader whose global vision re-



flects the legacy of former BC High President William Kemeza. This year’s recipient is Rev. José Alberto Mesa, SJ, Secretary for Secondary and Pre-secondary Edu-

cation of the Society of Jesus.

“These men embody the very best of our Jesuit mission—faithful leadership, courage in adversity, and a deep commitment

to serving others,” said Grace Cotter Regan, president of Boston College High School. “Their lives remind us that being ‘men for others’ is not just a call to action—it’s

a way of being in the world. We are deeply proud to honor them as members of our BC High community.”

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Dorchester Pottery’s Character Jug

The Dorchester Pottery opened in Dorchester in 1896 and closed in the early 1970s. They called themselves the only stoneware pottery in New England. Wikipedia says that stoneware is a “broad class of pottery fired at a relatively high temperature to be impervious to water. A modern definition is a vitreous or semi-vitreous ceramic made primarily from stoneware clay or non-refractory fire clay.”

The company began manufacturing agricultural items



A Dorchester Pottery character jug.

such as drinking dishes for animals. They manufactured industrial items such as dipping baskets and mixing tanks for the production of jewelry. Stoneware does not react to the acids used in the manufacture of jewelry, whereas metal would erode quickly. In the 1920s and 30s, the company began to make decorative tableware, and these items have become quite collectible.

Today’s illustration shows a character jug, which are valued for their originality of design, although most of them depict a character from the 18th or 19th century. The color brown was used only occasionally by the Dorchester Pottery, so the item in the illustration is fairly rare. The same design was produced in yellow.

The Dorchester Historical Society has a large collection of Dorchester Pottery at the William Clapp House. The Society’s houses are open on the

third Sunday of each month. This year the Dorchester Historical Society’s holiday party will take place on the second Sunday in December, and that will serve as the open day for December.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org, from which The Reporter derives, often through editing for space, this weekly feature.

Editorial

Two standouts for council at-large: Louijeune and Onuoha



Ruthzee Louijeune



Will Onuoha

Boston voters have eight solid choices for city council-at-large on their ballot next Tuesday, Nov. 4, but there are two candidates that The Reporter recommends in particular.

Ruthzee Louijeune, the body’s current president, has been an exceptional city councillor over her first two terms in office. The electorate responded in kind by propelling her into the top position in the 2023 general election and again in this September’s preliminary balloting.

The 39-year-old Louijeune has lived-up to the expectations Bostonians rightly have for an effective at-large councillor: She’s responsive and thoughtful and shows up to be counted

in all parts of the city. She has kept good order and decorum in the council itself. When scandal did surface due to the misdeeds of a former District 7 councillor, Louijeune was decisive in her response, calling quickly for her resignation.

She supported Mayor Wu for re-election and is more often than not aligned with the mayor’s positions. But not always. Louijeune has shown a willingness to oppose certain policies when needed – the White Stadium project being one notable example.

Louijeune, an attorney who has a strong grasp on the tough challenges facing Boston in the form of a menacing federal government, will be a key voice and steady hand in shaping our city’s response to that belligerency. Her Haitian-American heritage and affinity for new Bostonians from all parts of the world makes her an important, empathetic leader in these times of crisis and uncertainty for so many of our neighbors.

The Reporter enthusiastically endorses Councillor Louijeune’s re-election next Tuesday.

While it’s clear that Boston voters resoundingly support Mayor Wu, who is running unopposed on Tuesday after scoring a massive victory over Josh Kraft in September, many voters are, quite sensibly, looking for the next city council to serve as a check and balance on her administration.

First-time candidate Will Onuoha, a 42-year-old Dorchester resident and attorney who has worked for four Boston mayors and brings a valuable lived experience to the table, is an excellent choice to add a dynamic, independent lens to the at-large lineup.

Onuoha, who now works as a lawyer for the Boston Water & Sewer Commission, has an impressive background in city government. The son of immigrants from Nigeria, he and his siblings were raised in Mission Hill. He worked as a neighborhood liaison for Mayor Tom Menino, whom he considers his role model and mentor. Onuoha served as executive director of the city’s Office of Fair Housing, Equity and Civil Rights under Mayor Marty Walsh, and he has also held key administrative roles at the Inspectional Services Dept.

An unenrolled voter who describes himself as “politically moderate,” Onuoha would bring a well-informed, but fresh perspective to a council that would benefit from that sort of balance and respectful debate. The Reporter recommends that voters add Will Onuoha to their election day slate for at-large council.

-Bill Forry and Linda Dorcena Forry
Co-Publishers

Boston faces a transition as Covid-era federal funding boost comes to an end

BY GRANT FARRINGTON AND DYLAN HALKY

Amid an uncertain and unpredictable federal environment, renewed attention has been given to the funds that states and municipalities receive from the federal government. They provide an important source of support for a wide range of Boston’s city services and constituted 11.2 percent of the City’s all-funds expenditures in Fiscal Year 2024, per the most recent available data.

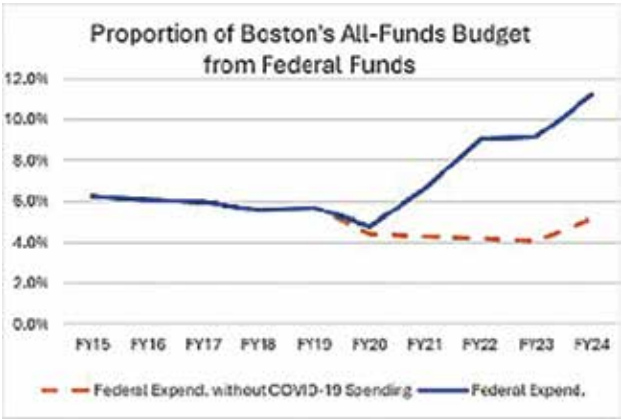
Over the past five years, the infusion of one-time federal Covid-19 relief funding, which constituted the majority of federal funds expended from FY22 through FY24, has been the major development in the federal funding landscape. These funds have driven overall federal expenditures upwards by \$379.9M (207.6 percent) from FY20 to FY24 and will have brought over \$1.1B to Boston upon their completion.

Boston’s two largest grants, ESSER and ARPA, are both programs designed for Covid-19 recovery, and they made up a majority, 53.4 percent, of federal expenditures in FY24. At the end of FY25, Boston had spent \$429.4M (76.9 percent) of the \$558.7M it received in ARPA funding, leaving \$129.3M (23.1 percent) to be expended through the end of 2026. Meanwhile, ESSER funding, which brought \$454M in federal aid to Boston Public Schools, faced an expenditure deadline of January 2025.

As these programs come to an end, the City must decide how, or if, to continue the programs that were funded through them. This transition makes the current federal environment even more critical as the expected natural decline in ARPA and ESSER funding could be coupled with cuts to longer-term grant programs that the City has relied on to provide services to residents.

Boston has historically received the overwhelming majority of its federal operating funds from five federal departments: Education, Housing and Urban Development, Agriculture, Homeland Security and Health and Human Services. Major education grants, coming from the departments of Education and Agriculture, go to programs such as ESSER (\$203.8M), Title I (\$58.9M), the National School Lunch Program (\$30.9M), and the Special Education Grants to States (\$17.9M), and make up a majority (55.3 percent) of FY24 federal expenditures. These programs provide critical services for the City in areas such as pandemic recovery, low or no-cost school lunches, and support for low-income and special education students.

The City spent \$90.6M (16.1 percent) from the Department of Housing and Urban Development in FY24, going to programs such as the Continuum of Care program (\$40.2M), Community Development Block Grants (\$30.8M) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (\$9.4M). These programs go toward services such as spurring housing and economic development for low-income residents and



providing homeless individuals with permanent housing, transitional housing, and supportive services.

While the City has planned for the end of Covid-19 relief funds, what is not yet known is the full impact that any potential federal cuts will have on Boston’s receipt of federal dollars. Cuts in federal funding may impact municipalities directly or through secondary impacts from the loss of federal funding to the state, which is currently estimated at \$3.7B. Depending on the state budgetary impact, the City could be impacted through downstream effects such as reductions in state aid.

Potential changes that could impact Boston include significant proposed cuts to Title I funding, Boston’s largest non-covid federal grant program. A proposal that passed the US House of Representatives Appropriations Committee included a 26 percent cut to Title I funding. Staffing reductions at the Department of Education, which President Trump has proposed eliminating, have also threatened management of existing grant programs that Boston relies upon, such as IDEA funding for students with disabilities.

The Trump administration has also proposed severe cuts to HUD grants, including the Continuum of Care program, Boston’s second-largest non-Covid-19 grant program. Cuts to these programs, given their importance to Boston, would have an outsized impact on the total amount of federal funds the city receives.

As Boston navigates a changing federal landscape, understanding what funds are received, what programs they support, and what is potentially at risk will be crucial in planning for the future and protecting against or attempting to offset future reductions in federal revenues to the City.

Grant Farrington is a policy analyst and Dylan Halky is a Northeastern co-op student at the Boston Municipal Research Bureau. The Research Bureau’s recent report, A Closer Look At Boston’s Federal Funds, is available on its website.

Caregivers are the quiet heroes among us

BY SYLVIA EXANTUS
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Before the sun rises, countless quiet heroes across Boston begin their day helping others live with dignity, independence, and joy. These caregivers are the heart of our communities. They make it possible for older adults and individuals with disabilities to remain in the homes and neighborhoods they helped to build.

Last Saturday night, I had the privilege of standing before hundreds of supporters at the Central Boston Elder Services’ Care Unites Us Gala at the Westin Copley Place. Together we celebrated these caregivers, the people who make aging at home possible. We also recognized leaders who champion the cause of care, including Dr. Kiame Mahaniah, Massachusetts Secretary of Health and Human Services; Denella J. Clark, president and CEO of the Boston Arts Academy Foundation; and Massachusetts State Rep. Thomas M. Stanley.

The evening was filled with joy, inspiration, and gratitude. Yet it also reminded us of the urgent challenges that lie ahead. Right now, approximately 1.7 million people aged 60 and older live in Massachusetts, and nearly one million residents identify as caregivers, many of them unpaid family members, friends, and neighbors. Their compassion and strength allow older adults to remain at home rather than in institutions, saving taxpayers millions while preserving what matters most: connection, dignity, and love.

I think of one of our clients’ daughters who cares for her mother living with dementia. Before connecting with Central Boston Elder Services, she said she felt completely lost. She was missing work, missing moments with her children, and struggling to manage everything on her own. Through CBES, her mother now receives personal care and companionship at home. Her care aide spends time with her, helping with daily needs, and they often sit together watching

Spanish soap operas, sharing laughter and warmth.

That extra support gave the daughter peace of mind, allowing her to return to work and spend more time with her family. Her story is one of many that remind us that caregiving is both an act of love and a heavy responsibility, one that no one should have to carry alone.

Central Boston Elder Services is proud to serve as a beacon of hope for more than 10,000 individuals through high quality, community-based care. From home care and protective services to technology education and affordable housing, our programs help people live independently and thrive.

But this vital work is at risk. Current state budget deficits and potential federal cuts to Medicaid could devastate the home care system. With 87 percent of those we serve relying on Medicaid, these reductions would force painful choices between food, medicine, and housing. They would also reduce access to transportation, technology, and services that fight isolation and loneliness. These are not just programs; they are lifelines.

That is why our fundraising efforts continue well beyond one evening of celebration. The needs of aging adults and individuals with disabilities are growing, and we must ensure that caregivers have the support they deserve. Our community has the power to make a difference. By standing together, we can fill the gaps, protect essential services, and honor the people who dedicate their lives to caring for others.

If we truly value dignity, independence, and compassion, we must stand with our caregivers and the older adults they serve. To learn more or support our mission, visit centralboston.org. Together, we can care for those who have always cared for us.

Sylvia Exantus is the CEO of Central Boston Elder Services.

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More than a million in state at risk of losing food benefits next week

WBUR STAFF

Gov. Healey and other local Democrats last Friday called on President Trump to release billions of dollars to continue funding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. About 1 in 8 US residents get an average of \$187 a month through the program, which is entirely funded by the federal government.

No other president has let SNAP benefits lapse, even amid a shutdown, Healey said as more than a million Massachusetts residents face the loss of their food benefits next week if the federal government shutdown continues.

“President Trump is making a choice because right now, sitting in Washington, is a contingency fund of billions of dollars that the president can use to make these funds available next week to relieve the anxiety that so many people are experiencing around the country, including in Massachusetts,” Healey said in a press conference, noting that around 300,000 SNAP recipients across the state are children and hundreds of thousands of others are people with disabilities.

SNAP, formerly known as food stamps, is the country’s largest anti-hunger program. Massachusetts receives about \$240 million monthly from the federal government for the program, which, officials

say, can’t be covered by the state budget.

US Rep. Jim McGovern, who represents the central part of the state, called the potential SNAP shutoff an “act of retaliation and revenge” by the president. “Republicans are shutting down SNAP to create political leverage by inflicting pain on working families,” he said in a statement.

US Sen. Edward Markey said at a separate press conference that the potential cuts are a moral failure for the Trump administration.

“While the most vulnerable of Americans can’t and won’t be able to put food on their kitchen table, Donald Trump is building a \$300 million ballroom next to the White House,” Markey said. “There’s no lack “of food in the richest country in the world. This is a complete lack of conscience shown by the Republicans and the MAGA supporters all across this country.”

Meanwhile, the Trump administration and Republicans are blaming Congressional Democrats, who say they won’t vote to end the shutdown unless Republicans agree to extend health care tax credits that will keep insurance premiums from spiking.

US Rep. Ayanna Pressley, appearing alongside Markey on Friday, said the school nurses she’s talked

to say the number one issue children report to them isn’t illness; it’s hunger.

“We know a hungry child can’t learn,” she said. “So even before the ‘Big Betrayal Bill,’ and even before this Republican manufactured government shutdown, hunger was a crisis.”

Many SNAP beneficiaries stood to lose benefits due to new requirements under Trump’s massive tax and spending law signed this summer. In Massachusetts, Healey said, around 150,000 people will be cut off because of the changes.

The governor’s office said the state’s Department of Transitional Assistance is working with recipients to discuss changes to their benefits. More information is on their website.

Meanwhile, Healey announced Friday that a new program through the United Way will take donations to help support people who are losing food assistance.

Those facing immediate hunger can call or text Project Bread’s Food Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333 to receive information about food resources in their area or talk with a Project Bread counselor.

WBUR’s Chris Van Buskirk and Rachell Sanchez-Smith contributed to this report. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

New bill targets ‘humanitarian crisis’ in Massachusetts prisons, eyes universal standards for all

BY ELIZABETH PLESE
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Legislation targeting what advocates call a “humanitarian crisis” in Massachusetts prisons would enhance educational opportunities, mental health services, and other standards across the system, advocates say.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Brandy Fluker-Reid of Mattapan, would create universal standards for conditions that would apply in state prisons, county jails, and houses of correction, said Jesse White, a policy director for Prisoners’ Legal Services of Massachusetts.

Under the proposal, inmates would spend at least eight hours per day outside of their cells.

“It’s really aimed at shifting our correctional culture, which right now is really a culture that centers around punishment and deprivation,” said White.

Educational and vocational programs would also be modified to fit the needs of modern businesses as a way to better equip inmates become productive members of society when they are released.

The current population of Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center in Lancaster, the state’s only maximum security prison, is 75 percent people of color who have little access to programming, said White. Most inmates are in their cells up to 20 hours a day.

“Souza Baronowski is arguably the most restrictive and operationally dysfunctional facility of all,” said Geoffrey Reese, a prisoner at the center, in his testimony for the Legislature’s Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

He said out-of-cell time is restricted to less than four hours, depending on where in the facility the inmate is housed. This is slightly more than inmates who are housed in restrictive units.

Research shows that activities among inmates that promote cooperative and productive behavior

can improve mental well-being, while isolation can worsen mental health and hinder rehabilitation, said Sophia Leggio, the marketing and communications coordinator from the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Massachusetts.

“A major issue is that, in effect, we still have a solitary confinement system,” said White. “The Department of Correction and many county correctional facilities stated that they eliminated restrictive housing, but what they did, in actuality, is they created units that they claim fall outside the definition of restrictive housing.”

The bill establishes minimum standards for health care and mental health care that align with the community standard of care. Mental health treatment will tackle the addiction and suicide rates plaguing the system, particularly related to the drug K2.

“[The prison system is] only about punishment: loss of contact visits, loss of family contact, loss of community support, fines, fees, etc. This brings a sense of hopelessness,” said William Duclos, an inmate at MCI Norfolk in his testimony before the legislative panel.

“Unfortunately,” he added, “in the last few weeks, this hopelessness created two suicides of men that were under the influence and were struggling with K2 addiction.”

Massachusetts has one of the oldest prison populations in the country, with 30 percent of the population over 50, according to White, who noted that imprisonment is known to cause faster aging, which contributes to the trauma of confinement.

The Massachusetts Department of Correction declined to comment on the legislation.

“If we are serious as a Commonwealth about improving re-entry outcomes and reducing recidivism, it is imperative that we support policies and practices that foster personal growth, connection, and resilience during incarceration,” said Leggio.

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Freedom Sounds is a live music series that occurs every Tuesday. This week will feature CalvinKleinCaterpillar, listeners should expect sincerity, unexpectedly.

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Author Talk:
Writing Through Evolving Place

Ashvariya Arora is s a poet, teaching artist, and cultural organizer from Queens, NY. They're the author of *Mr. Time*. Livia Meneghin (she/her) is the author of *Honey in My Hair* and is the Sundress Publications Reads Editor. Come listen to this author talk!

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Just Be(Loved):
"Fearless Sleepless Deathless"

JUST BE(LOVED) is a poetry slam and open mic occurring every 1st & 3rd Friday. The event is curated and hosted by Emmanuel Oppong-Yeboah & Crystal Valentine. This week will feature poet, Briana Crocket. Briana has participated in Button Poetry's Publishers Slam in 2021 and 2023, performed on GBH Boston's Outspoken Saturdays. She published a chapbook *The Growing Place* (2020) and an ebook *When the World Stopped//We Were Still Beautiful*.

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Undefeated Madison Park volleyball squad surges into state competition

(Continued from page 1) Coach William Harvey after the win. “The group of girls that are seniors are the girls that started with me, and this is my fourth year as a head coach of the team. It’s family oriented. We can call each other out and they understand and respect that. Because of that, it’s made it very, very easy. We have senior, junior – even sophomore and freshman leadership.”



Dorchester Junior setter Noelia Guerrero, who was named MVP of the championship tournament, ripped off six straight points during the game, and got her start “randomly” while at the Sarah Greenwood K-8.

Mattapan’s Emily Ramirez De Jesus, Madison’s captain, said the players have worked hard for the wins. “It was practice every day after school and Coach Harvey made sure we were staying humble through the whole process,” she said. “Thankfully after our hard work, we’re here today and we took the win.”

The team comprises a tight-knit group of seniors, juniors, and sophomores – as well as one freshman – in a collaborative team with Fenway High School, which contributes six players. Several of the girls are from Mattapan and Dorchester and have made volleyball their passion, devoting summers and off-seasons to training.

Dorchester’s Noelia Guerrero, a junior at Fenway, chosen MVP of the championship tournament, served up six straight points in the final victory.

“I feel like city volleyball has definitely grown a lot and I’ve seen all the different schools,” she said. “The atmosphere here today was really intense. When I was going up to serve, I was kind of nervous, but I let the

nerves go away and let the crowd be music to my ears. Sometimes you have to just block out the noise and listen to your teammates.”

Guerrero said getting an early start in 8th grade at Dorchester’s Sarah Greenwood K-8 made a big difference. Her assistant coach, Dorchester’s Tucker Welch, helped get her started at the Greenwood.

“It was something random I wanted to try, and it ended up becoming everything I love,” she noted.

Ramirez De Jesus felt the same way when she first got involved in volleyball at the former Lilla Frederick Pilot Middle School on Columbia Road.

“I started volleyball in sixth grade and then I stopped,” she said. “I came to Madison Park and talked to Coach Harvey, and I’ve really liked volleyball since I was very little. I decided to start here and have been going at it since freshman year.”

Harvey said that a two-year-old ‘Strong Girls Summer’ training and conditioning program at Madison’s gym has played a big part in the team’s success. They commonly get 50 to 70

girls every Tuesday and Thursday. Beyond that, there is a new city-based club team with open try-outs for all Boston girls that has added to a city volleyball resurgence.

“It’s really that we’re putting in work,” he said. “Because of all that, a lot of girls throughout the city get extra touches in the off-season. That’s why you see the quality of play and interest picking up lately.”

“I’m really hoping we can get some college coaches in here to see some of this talent,” he said. “I think we’re real close to doing what we have to do to send some of these girls off.”

Harvey said the focus is now on the state tournament and after securing their seed on Tuesday, they will start state play at home.

“This seed means the teams have to come to us and we’re going to have a few home games,” he noted.

For players like Ramirez De Jesus, it’s about remaining “humble” as they move ahead, but for Guerrero, it’s about remaining undefeated.

“I look forward to us going into the playoffs and remaining undefeated and leaving states



Madison Park Captains Emily Ramirez De Jesus, Naisha Marte, and Reishmell Tejada Arias.



Dorchester’s Noelia Guerrero was named MVP of the City Championships on Friday during an emotional moment. “It took me a moment to realize I was #9 and that I was the MVP,” she said.

undefeated and getting that ship,” she said.

Captains for the team include Ramirez De Jesus, senior Naisha Marte, and senior Reishmell Tejada Arias, of Dorchester. Other Dorchester or Mattapan players include Emily Arias, Maranda Escalera, and Camila Martinez.

Assistant coaches include Welch and Vanessa LaRocque.

Madison Park received a second seed on Tuesday and will kick off their state tournament season at home facing the winner of Thursday’s Pioneer Valley Regional vs. Muniz Academy contest.

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A first for Codman Academy girls soccer team: state tournament play

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Staff

For the first time in school history, the Codman Academy Girls Soccer team is heading to the state tournament and their head coach, Maldini Bantefa, couldn't be more pleased.

"I have been waiting for this moment, and it's deserving," he said of his players. "They have been wanting to go to the playoffs and to the finals. They have never received a championship before, so they are very excited, and I am happy for them."

The 28-year-old Bantefa, of Codman Academy's class of 2015, returned to the Washington Street campus three years ago and this year he guided the Codman girls to a 7-4-2 season record, earning the Coach of the Year Award from the Massachusetts Charter School Athletic Organization (MCSAO).

"Three years ago, we were losing, losing, and losing, and they were getting tired of it," Bantefa told The Reporter. "Thank God, last year, when we beat one of the best teams, that's when the motivation went up. When they knew they could win a game, they



The girls' soccer team from Codman Academy, which includes student-athletes from Neighborhood House Charter School as well, is advancing to the MIAA state tournament this week for the first time. The team is coached by Maldini Bantefa, left, a 2015 Codman alumnus. Photo courtesy Codman Academy

were happy and knew they could get better for next year."

The improvement also comes as the result of a collaboration with the Neighborhood House Charter School, which is located a little over a mile

Chib Belonwu, Codman Academy's athletic director and a physical education teacher, noted that Codman once strug-

gled to roster a full girls soccer team.

"I knew another team was struggling; they couldn't get a team, but had a good four or five strong girls," said Belonwu. "The AD reached out and said they were going to forfeit, so we came together and started a co-op."

He added: "We'd been playing against Neigh-

borhood House for a couple of years. I wouldn't call us rivals, but it's cool to see the dynamic shift now. Everybody comes to our games, even the kids who play basketball on both sides. They come together as one."

With the support of two schools behind them, the girls have flourished on the field this season. Last week, the 7th-seed-

ed Codman Corbas won their first MCSAO play-off game, knocking out the number two team, Prospect Hill Academy. Belonwu described the win as an "upset" for the whole city."

The win was a team effort, with junior class standouts making key plays spread throughout the field, including striker Keicko Quest, midfielder

Katherine Monterroso, and goalkeeper Shayan Maxi-Latson.

In addition, eighth-grade midfielder Kyrarah Simmons is seen as someone who can spark a successful future for the team. "She's very motivated. She is a leader," Bantefa said. When the team sees an eighth grader like this, they want to do the same thing,"

Last Friday, these four girls and their teammates lost to the No. 3 seed Pioneer Charter 2-0, but they are already looking forward to the state tournament.

While the schedule of play is yet to be released, the Cobras have clinched their spot. "I am very excited. I am training them hard. They are very motivated, we're trying to work extra hard and feel like they are ready," said Bantefa.

Along the way, the coach of the year plans on doing what he has been doing the whole season – pushing the girls to be their best on and off the field.

He added, "When they saw me get an award like that, they were so happy, but it's like, okay, one day I want you guys to be better than me."

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Fire Department’s aerial team wows kids at the Mather School



A drone’s eye-view from above Church Street on Meetinghouse of the BFD aerial team, the Mather School, First Parish Dorchester, and the neighborhood. *Photo by Jim Brooks*

Dorchester’s Mather School was buzzing with excitement on Fri., Oct. 10, as students gazed up to the sky to watch the Boston Fire Aerial Team display death-defying stunts one after the other on Meetinghouse Hill.

Fire officials used the performance as a way to remind students about key fire safety rules: there are two ways out, change smoke detector batteries annually, and use proper wiring when plugging in devices.

Students hung on to every word and enjoyed every minute. To make things even better, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) joined in on the festivities and provided every Mather student with a water bottle to drive home their ‘Drink Water’ campaign. Students collected water bottles stickers and hand sanitizer while they marveled at the aerial show less than 20 feet away from the schoolyard.

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Pumpkin Parade delights hundreds at Pope John Paul II Park

The annual Neponset River Pumpkin Parade saw one of the largest crowds in years on Thurs., Oct. 23 in Pope John Paul II Park on the banks of the river. Candy was overflowing and hot apple cider plentiful as young and old in costume gathered in the park for a fun night of music and entertainment. The event is put on by the Neponset River Greenway Council, the Neponset River Watershed Association and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).
—SETH DANIEL



Shay Simmons and Lulu Robles were ready to giddy up and go.



Grace Salvo and her father, Sebastian, played with bubbles after the parade.



Christopher McGillycuddy and Cian McCormack had a great time in costume.



Christian and Grace Fisher enjoyed the parade – and the candy at the Pumpkin Parade.



Emory Buono wasn't bugging anyone but was happy with her take of candy on the evening.



Under dramatic October skies at sunset, hundreds filed across the bridge in Pope John Paul II Park on the annual Halloween Parade Oct. 23. The turnout this year was larger than ever.
Seth Daniel photos

Civic parley examines mounting mental health challenges

**BY CASSIDY MCNEELEY
REPORTER STAFF**
Members in a day-long summit at Northeastern University (NU) last week took a deep dive into the challenges facing Bostonians confronting mental health issues while also juggling the many stressors of city life. The event, convened by the Boston Public Health Commission and NU's Institute for Health Equity and Social Justice Research, included candid discussions about the connections between "social determinants" like poverty, housing stress, and systemic racism. Speakers included Michael Curry, a Roxbury native who is now president and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, who said that mental health is often considered the "caboose of healthcare." "It's the afterthought when we talk about diabetes and heart disease, and cancer, but I would argue you can't have physical health unless you got mental health," said Curry. Samara Grossman, director of BPHC's Center for Behavioral Health and Wellness, said that the purpose of the day-long conference was "to learn from each other, share strategies, and envision new ways to address social determinants of mental health so that all Boston youth, families, elders, and communities have the support they need to flourish. "Our goal is to create a fair, just, and equitable behavioral health system in Boston," said Grossman. "We aim to improve mental and behavioral health outcomes, particularly for those affected by racism and systemic inequities." The summit included panels and workshops throughout the day, including one that focused on economic insecurity that was moderated by Segun Idowu, Boston's Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, where Charlestown resident Magaly Galvis shared her experience as a mother of children with mental health challenges. "There are mornings when [my son] just can't bring himself to class, and people don't understand that," said Galvis. "Sometimes teachers and neighbors think he's just being difficult. What we need most is understanding and compassion. People need to see mental health struggles are real and they can happen in any family." Galvis, has had to stop working to care for her child at times,

putting more strain on the household. "This kind of pressure takes a toll on the whole family, especially when you are struggling to make ends meet," she said. "It's so important we talk about economic insecurity and poverty as public health challenges that need to be addressed with urgency," said Alyssa Benalfew-Ramos, a public policy executive and public health practitioner. "Traditional public health must partner with finance and housing to design and implement solutions that will create equitable mental health outcomes for all." She added: "How are we ensuring that we're actually connecting people to resources? Things like financial navigators, benefits coordination, free legal aid, eviction prevention funds, and other longer-term resources." Benalfew-Ramos was joined by Professor Jenny Zhen-Duan, a researcher, and Cyril Ubiem, the senior vice president of Programs and Services at Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center. Alisa Lincoln, director of NU's Institute of Health Equity and Social Justice Research, noted that even in a city renowned for its clinical care "once people are struggling with symp-

toms of distress or mental illness, our systems – often fueled by stigma or inadequate national level investment in mental health promotion, prevention, treatment and recovery support – worsen structural exclusion and further limit access to resources that promote health, mental health, healing, and well being." Unstable employment and frequent moves have been linked to higher rates of mental health outcomes, Lincoln said. The Mass League's Curry, who grew up in the Lenox Street public housing development, said he recalls watching his neighbors "weathered to disease." His sister Veronica, who died recently, suffered from asthma. When he was a child, Curry asked his mother what caused his sister's asthma, which led to a lot more 'whys' to follow. Why do we live in a house with roaches and rats? Why don't we move? Why are we poor? Why are we treated differently? "Just two and a half weeks ago, my sister died," said Curry. "She had diabetes, some mental health issues, [was] on medication. She should still be here, but she wasn't managing her mental health. Because she wasn't managing her mental health, she

wasn't managing her physical health. That's why she's not here." He added: "There's a thing in the Black community, we say 'Black don't crack.' It's the resilience of our skin, it's the fact that we survived slavery 1619-1865, reconstruction, Jim Crow, racism, busing. I always tell people, 'Black don't crack, but the crackings on the inside.' "Everyone would crack to endure those circumstances and conditions: poverty, housing insecurity, food insecurity, racism, violence, trauma. We have to have the conversation." A second panel, moderated by Sheila Dillon, the chief of housing and director of the Mayor's Office of Housing, focused on housing insecurity. She was joined by panelists Thaddeus Miles, senior director of Diversity Initiatives at MassHousing; George Huynh, executive director of VietAID; Toy Burton, founder and executive director of DeeDee's Cry Suicide Prevention & Family Support; and Stephanie Ettinger de Cuba, executive director of Children's Health-Watch and Research. "Building affordable housing, especially with support services, is a key to making sure we are meeting folks' needs

in the city of Boston, including those who have mental health issues," said Dillon. Unfortunately, changes at the federal level might make this more difficult, she added. "If some of the housing threats come due, there isn't a local solution to the problem; it's so big. Right now, we're sort of thinking about worst-case scenarios and what we do with thousands of unhoused people; it's that scary. I won't say I have a solution or we have a solution collectively, [but] I will say that everybody is meeting on a very regular basis, trying to come up with 'what ifs.'" She also hopes the Mayor's Office of Housing can make its resources more accessible and focused on mental health. "What we do at the office of housing is we run around, we try to get back rent paid, or we try to get someone a pro bono attorney, or we try to get them out of there, but what we never do is we never have our colleagues at public health or the nonprofits call and say, 'Hey you've been through an awful lot, are you okay?'" said Dillon. "It would be a very decent step to make sure the family is okay because they had been through a traumatic event."

Mattahunt Woods evolves from blight to bliss in wake of restoration project

(Continued from page 1) the right reasons...But it's beautiful."

Added Mayor Wu, who was on hand to enjoy a stroll through the new pathways, "These woods are proof that living in a city doesn't have to mean living apart from nature. The Mattahunt Woods are not just beautiful; they are necessary."

Before its restoration, The Urban Wild, one of 29 citywide, was a mishmash of old deciduous trees and invasive species, mixed in with construction debris, old car parts and even a kitchen sink. Those conditions existed for years, according to Fatima Ali-Salaam, chair of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC), who recalled running through the woods as a kid when it was so overgrown that getting out without falling was an achievement.

She said there was a point several years ago when the city asked for resident input on what to do with the woods – re-



Neighbors Nia Imani and Edna Hall take a walk down the new pathways in the Mattahunt Woods. "We're just getting started," noted Hall.



Power Corps members Joda Smith, Nate, and K'se-ante Coachman were part of the team that helped restore the woods.

store them over a period of years or put them out

decisively in favor of creating the nine-acre Wild.

Project manager Cat McCandless guided the \$850,000 project through several twists and turns resulting in the removal of invasive species and trash, the creating of new organized walking paths, and the ecological return to a native New England forest – even though it's surrounded by busy urban life.

Assisting in the restoration was the city's new Power Corps team, which looks to train at-risk young adults in forestry and green jobs. The Power Corps team took on the Mattahunt Woods along with city contractor Parterre Ecological. Mattapan's Davo Jefferson, executive director of Power Corps, said they would continue to use the Mattahunt Woods as a training ground for ecology and forestry.

Brian Swett, the city's chief climate officer, noted the transformation, and said it was up to the city and neighbors to be



Sisters Elaine Mahon and Merlyn Rattray, both of Mattapan, enjoyed a stroll in the Mattahunt Woods ahead of the celebration on Friday. The restored woodlands has gone from blight to bliss in the matter of two years. Seth Daniel photos

great stewards.

"Before this restoration, this really was not a place where people were welcome," he said. "It was overgrown, it was a dumping ground... It was really forgotten green space in a period of decline over many, many decades."

The Woods are open

to the public daily for passive recreation from dawn to dusk, and there is a call for folks to join the new Friends of Mattahunt Woods group. A new pathway connecting the Mattahunt Elementary School is expected to be completed in the spring.

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Murl’s Kitchen eyes expansion into Four Corners Plaza space

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A popular Jamaican restaurant in Dorchester’s Four Corners section has told abutters about its proposal to expand into a newly built space on Bowdoin Street with room for a full dining room and a nine-seat bar backed by a full liquor license.

Murl’s Kitchen, currently operating at 143 Washington St., will lease a 3,800-square-foot space in Four Corners Plaza, a multi-use building which was recently completed under the management of Codman Square NDC.

Shaniel Walker, the chef-owner of Murl’s, explained the plan at an abutters’ meeting last Friday (Oct. 24). The restaurant, which opened in 2018, has grown in appeal and is a perennial winner at the Taste of Dorchester event. Given that, Walker wants to grow the business as a

sit-down venture with a liquor license.

The next steps will involve a hearing before the Boston Licensing Board, and outreach to area civic associations.

“Right now, he’s solely take-out and catering so this is really going to elevate his business and his concept and allow for a whole sit-down experience in a bigger space,” said Walker’s attorney, Maggie Roberts of Prince Lobel.

Walker plans to open seven days a week with hours of 10 a.m. to midnight, with the option of staying open for private events – such as company dinners – until 2 a.m.

“I want to add to the community and not take away from it,” he said. “I’m not doing a nightclub or a hang-out spot. It’s a restaurant with a bar, not a bar with a restaurant and that’s important.

I want it to be a family restaurant where you will be able to come in with your kids or grandkids and sit down, have dinner, and have a glass of wine.”

Neighbors such as Sherri Davis and Elizabeth Mitchell, of United Neighborhood Association (UNA), said they were excited about the business coming “deeper into Four Corners,” but voiced concerns about the 2 a.m. closing and parking. There is no specific off-street parking set aside for the restaurant.

Davis suggested that Walker talk with the city about using the old John Marshall School lot after hours on Westville Street, about one block away, especially for special events or evening dining.

Other neighbors like Julia Thompson said they were excited to have a real restaurant to walk to and relax.

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LEGAL NOTICES

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
617-788-8300**
**CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME
Docket No. SU25C0550CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
MYKELL ERRICK USHER**
A Petition to Change Name of Minor has been filed by Mykell Errick Usher of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
**Mykell Errick Ham-Usher
IMPORTANT NOTICE**
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **11/06/2025**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 2, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114**
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
Docket No. SU21P0080GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
JOHN P. WENEK
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT**
Protected Person/Disabled Person/ Respondent
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the 3rd Annual account(s) of Brian McLaughlin, Esq. of Boston, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.
You have the right to object to the account(s). 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 **11/27/2025**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the account(s). If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).
Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court.
You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the Petition and account(s) at no cost to you.
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. Janine D. Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Date: October 24, 2025
Published: October 30, 2025

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU24D0162DR**
**DIVORCE/SEPARATE SUPPORT SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
Antoinette Golden, Plaintiff
V.
Mel Amari, Defendant**
To the Defendant:
To the above-named Defendant: Mel Amari:
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Antoinette Golden, seeking Separate Support filed January 24, 2024.
You are required to serve upon Plaintiff's Attorney, Widmine Lola Remy of Women's Bar Foundation, 105 Chauncy St. 8th floor, Boston, MA 02108 with your answer on or before November 18th, 2025.
If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at 24 New Chardon St., 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114
Witness, Janine D. Rivers
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Date: September 22, 2025
Published: October 30, 2025

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114**
**CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT
Docket No. SU21P0080GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
JOHN P. WENEK
of BOSTON, MA
RESPONDENT**
Protected Person/Disabled Person/ Respondent
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the 4th Annual account(s) of Brian McLaughlin, Esq. of Boston, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.
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The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
is seeking bids for the following:

BID NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME
OP-500	Farm Pond Inlet Chamber Repair	12/01/25	2:00 p.m.
OP-505	13.8kV Electrical Systems Maintenance	12/09/25	2:00 p.m.

To access and bid on Event(s) please go to the MWRA Supplier Portal at <https://supplier.mwra.com>

LEGAL NOTICES

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2584CV01532**

**Action Emergency Management Services, plaintiffs
vs Sam Silverman and Cynthia Silverman, Defendants**

To the above-named Defendant, CYNTHIA SILVERMAN:

Whereas a civil action has been filed against you in our Superior Court, within and for the county of Suffolk by
ACTION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.

AND whereas it appears from the officer's returns on process issued therein that after diligent search he can find no one upon whom he can lawfully make service, and after hearing it is ORDERED by the Court that the following summons issue for service upon you in the Dorchester Reporter for three consecutive weeks:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Jordan L. Shapiro, Esquire, Plaintiff's Attorney, whose address is 350 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Malden, MA 02148, a copy of your answer to the complaint within 20 days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service.

A copy of the Plaintiff's Complaint filed against you may be obtained by contacting the Plaintiff's Attorney: **Jordan L. Shapiro, Esq., SHAPIRO LEGAL GROUP, PLLC, 350 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Malden, MA 02148 (781) 324-5200.**

The Original Complaint has been filed in the Suffolk Superior Court.

You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Suffolk Superior Court, 3 Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108, either before service upon Plaintiff's Attorney, or within 5 days thereafter.

YOU MUST ACT PROMPTLY TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

If you fail to meet the above requirements, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a) of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure, your answer must state as a counter-claim any claim which you may have against the Plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the Plaintiff's claim or you will be barred from making such claim in any other action.

WITNESS, Honorable Campo, J., the 21st day of October, 2025

Published Oct 30, Nov 6, Nov 13

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SUFFOLK SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2584CV01532**

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vs Sam Silverman and Cynthia Silverman, Defendants**

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WITNESS, Honorable Campo, J., the 21st day of October, 2025

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Traffic presents obstacle for condo plan at Granite, Hill Top intersection

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brought up in community discussions, said George Morancy, an attorney working for Keohane.

The meeting also addressed changes that would impact the busy Granite Avenue and Hill Top Street intersection. A curb cut and driveway access from Granite Avenue for resident and guest parking would need to be added under the existing plan, as well as alterations to pedestrian and traffic markings and upgrades to the traffic signalization at the Granite Avenue and Hill Top Street intersection according to Ian McKinnon, a transportation consultant advising Keohane.



A map shown during the Oct. 20 meeting shows possible traffic signal changes associated with the proposed development at 157 Granite Ave.

Image courtesy Boston Planning Dept//BSC Group

A northbound left turn
signal at the intersec-

tion has been proposed to improve northbound access onto the property. Developers also suggested relocating the existing pedestrian crosswalk on Granite Avenue north into the intersection, which McKinnon claimed would improve driver and pedestrian visibility and differentiate the driveway of the existing condo from the new development.

"I think every effort is being made to improve

and prioritize Granite Avenue and Hilltop Street,” said McKinnon. “We’re very optimistic working with them that we’re going to be able to improve all of Granite Ave better than it operates today.”

Some residents attending the meeting were skeptical about the proposed development and the traffic changes, including Dennis Bird, who lives nearby. He worries about traffic



A rendering shows a view of the proposed building at 157 Granite Ave.

*Image courtesy Spalding Tougias Architects, Inc./
Boston Planning Dept.*

congestion caused by the new residents as well as potential new developments on the Milton side of the Neponset River.

"So many people at the last couple of Cedar Grove (Civic Association) meetings that this was discussed at are not in favor of this project in the least," Bird said.

Morancy told Bird that the developers' collaboration with Boston Transportation Dept. could lead to a reassessment of how to address residents' traffic concerns.

“One result or one consequence of this proposed

project is that the city is now very directly examining how everything is working,” Morancy said. “What we do hope is that by virtue of this project’s spurring this analysis by the planning department, that those issues can be effectively resolved.”

The estimated \$10.6 million project remains under review and a comment period is open through Oct. 31, according to the project website at bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/157-granite-avenue.

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BGCD Members Experience the Magic of Hamilton Thanks to Rodman for Kids: See details below.

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BGCD Members Experience the Magic of Hamilton Thanks to Rodman for Kids: Last week, BGCD brought 40 members and staff to The Citizens Opera House in Boston for an unforgettable experience to see the world renowned production of Hamilton. The entire theater was filled with excitement as Rodman for Kids allowed us the opportunity to share the magic of live theater with youth from 40 youth serving organizations. The night also marked another incredible milestone as Rodman for Kids crossed the 100,000 mark of youth participants attending theatre productions over the past 23 years. The Theatre for Kids program breaks down barriers to make the performing arts accessible for ALL kids, regardless of socioeconomic background or ability. Thanks to our friends at Rodman for Kids for including us in this special night!

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Brings Families Together for a Day of Apple Picking at Tougas Farm: In October, BGCD hosted a fun-filled Family Engagement outing at the picturesque Tougas Family Farm in Northborough for an exciting day of apple picking! The Fall weather was picture perfect and set the stage for families to explore the farm, hand-pick fresh apples, and create fun, lasting memories. It was a fantastic way for families to connect with each other while enjoying the bounty of the season. BGCD is dedicated to offering a variety of engaging events throughout the year to bring families closer together. Up next, we'll be celebrating the spirit of gratitude with our annual Family Thanksgiving Dinner on November 20th. We can't wait to see you there for another unforgettable experience! For more information, please contact Jocelyn Sammy at jsammy@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Brings Families Together for a Day of Apple Picking at Tougas Farm: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD to Host Annual Destination U! Fair for College & Post-Secondary Opportunities for Teens: On November 4th, BGCD will host our annual Destination U Fair for a College and Post-Secondary Fair designed to provide valuable opportunities for students and their families. The event will feature over 30 colleges and post-secondary programs with representatives who will offer insight into educational pathways, financial aid, and career options. Attendees will enjoy a welcoming environment with great conversations, food, and even door prizes! The fair will take place at our Marr Clubhouse, located at 35 Deer Street, Dorchester, MA. Be sure to register early and take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to explore your future options. For more details and to register, please contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Halloween Party & Haunted House
October 31
- Cambridge Savings Bank
Basketball Clinic
November 1
- Destination U! Fair
November 4
- Friday Teen Takeover
November 7
- Marr-lins Swim Meet @ Chelsea
November 8
- RBTV Teen Outing @ Kings
November 10

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RECENT DEATH NOTICES

BEADES, John J. Jr., 87, of Dorchester passed away peacefully on October 22, 2025. Loving brother of Carol J. Murphy. Dear son of the late Kathryn (MacDonald) and Senator John J. Beades. John is also survived by his dear niece Danielle and many close friends. Funeral services will remain private. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

BULLOCK, Willia L., 89, of Dorchester. Daughter to the late Willie and Bessie Banks. Willia is preceded in death by her younger siblings, James Banks, Joe Banks (Bessie), Della McCleod (Billie), Johnnie Banks, as well as her beloved son, Charles "Charlie" Bullock. She leaves her



husband, Richard Lee Bullock, Sr., children, Richard Jr. (Brenda), Elaine, Robert (Brenda), James (Cheryl), Carolyn, Jonathan, Pauline, Bernice, Sharon, Willia "Cookie", Kenneth, Sandra, and Sharlene; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, rela-

tives, and friends. She also leaves her beloved younger brother, Obie Banks Sr. (Sammie). Willia was a faithful member of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.



COX, Kevin R., 58, of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Anne (Duffy) and Russell Cox, Brother

to Patricia Lombard, Russell Cox, and the late Richard Cox. Uncle to 2. A lifelong employee of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Kevin was known for his dedication, humility, and the quiet pride he took in his work. Please consider honoring Kevin's memory with a donation to the American Heart Association.



RIVERA, Clara Ines, 1, of Quincy formerly of Dorchester. Daughter to the late Ruben Guerrero and Rosa Nova. She is predeceased by her husband Luis, siblings, Carlos, Lilia, Gilberto, Dora, Jose, and Amanda and beloved firstborn daughter, Janet L. Rivera-Jones. Clara is survived by her son, Louis Rivera of Quincy and her daughter, Lydia M. Rivera of Dorchester, and son-in-law, Fred Jones, husband to the late Janet Rivera-Jones. She was a proud grandmother to 2, and many nieces and nephews. "Nana Nana" to 5. She pursued many professional opportunities throughout her life: Seamstress at Stride Rite, Executive Assistant, Spanish translator for the Children's Burn Unit at Shriners' Hospital, Teacher's Aide within the Boston Public Schools, Social Worker for the State of Massachusetts.



SHEEHAN, Marilyn L. "Mel" (Madore), 85, of Dorchester, formerly of the South End. Wife of Peter E. Sheehan. Mother of Elizabeth Sheehan of Lowell. Sister of Frances Eremita and her late husband John, Arthur Madore and his wife Kathleen, and the late Joyce Karavetsos and her surviving husband Charles. Aunt of 6. Marilyn is also survived by many great nieces, and great nephews. Please consider making a donation in memory of Marilyn to Susan G. Komen for the Cure at [komen.org](https://www.komen.org).



WAGGETT, Kevin, 65, of Falmouth, formerly of Hingham and Dorchester.

WESTFIELD, Joseph Charles "Joe" "Westy", 74, of Hanson, formerly of Dorchester. Husband to Marga-



ret "Peggy" O'Connell Westfield. Father of the late Matthew Westfield, Timothy Westfield and his wife Mary Feeley of Milton, Christopher Westfield of Pembroke, Katherine Westfield of San Francisco, and Daniel Westfield of Chicago. Grampy to 2. Son of the late Francis and Magdalene (Sidlauskas) Westfield. Brother of the late Florence Haydon and her late husband Ron of Wayland, NY, Francis and his late wife Emily of Naples, FL formerly of Canton, Madeline and her husband Drake Dierkhising of Sonoma, CA, the late John Westfield and his wife Robin of Topsfield, Charles of Little Falls, NY, Mary and her late husband Dan Sulls of Naples FL. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. Joe worked in business and database software before discovering his passion as a teacher. He taught at various schools before spending the last 30+ years of his teaching career at Plymouth South High School as a math, electronics, and computer science teacher. Donations can be made to The Joseph Westfield Scholarship Fund at Rockland Trust, 272 Columbia Rd., Hanover, MA 02339.

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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 CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304 & §5-405
Docket No. SU25P2306PM
IN THE MATTER OF
ANABELLE FRANCIS SIMMONS
OF Boston, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Yaritza Gomez of Dracut, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Anabelle Francis Simmons is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/05/2025. 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. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Date: October 8, 2025
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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. SU25P2356EA
ESTATE OF:
MARIA ASCENCAO RODRIGUES
a/k/a
Maria A. Rodrigues
DATE OF DEATH: 07/16/2025
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Maria Lucia Rodrigues DeAndrade of Bristol, RI requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Maria Lucia Rodrigues DeAndrade of Bristol, RI 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 11/27/2025.

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. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: October 16, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: October 30, 2025

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
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OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR
OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405
Docket No. SU25P2307PM
IN THE MATTER OF
ISABELLA LECILA SIMMONS
OF Boston, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Yaritza Gomez of Dracut, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Isabella Lecila Simmons is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/05/2025. 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. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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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. SU25P2366GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
CLAUDE THOMAS
of JAMAICA PLAIN, 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 Claude Thomas is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (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 11/14/2025. 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. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Date: October 17, 2025
Published: October 30, 2025

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NOVEMBER
Saturday | **22** | 4 -8 PM
2025

Youth Leadership Award
Elijah Peters
Jayden Martinez
Tiffany Cox
Victoria Lamarche -White

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Seth Daniel
Rafael Barruos

Civic Leadership Award
Richard Scott
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PLUS: OUR CELEBRITY CHEFS, CHAIRS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, SPONSORS, AND ENTERTAINMENT

Thank you!



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See you next year!