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Boston voters power down on supporting Democrats

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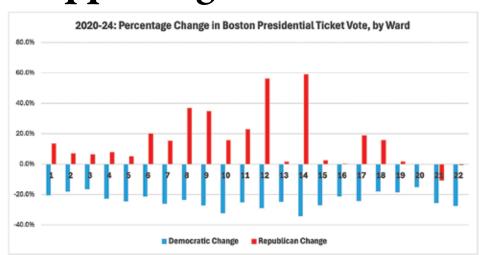
The 2024 election results show that Boston remains a Democratic stronghold, but this time with a noticeable downturn in support for the party's presidential ticket and the overall level of voter engagement. It was less about a Donald Trump surge than negative voltage for the Democratic presidential ticket, with thousands of voters unplugged.

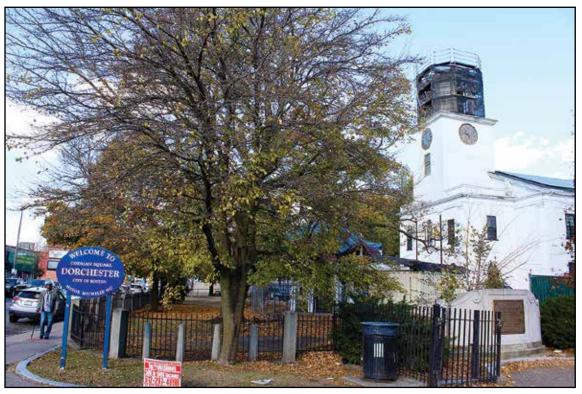
While national results gave the former president a second term in the White House, he increased his showing in Boston to 20.2 percent of the vote, up from 15.4 percent in 2020 and 13.7 percent

In 17 of Boston's 22 wards, the 2024 Democratic vote for president was down by more than 20 percent.

in 2016. The citywide count for Trump and running mate JD Vance increased from the 2020 total for Trump and Mike Pence by 4,229 votes or 9.3 percent. But gains for the Republican ticket in 2024 were much smaller than losses for Vice President Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, whose total in Boston fell short

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The Second Church of Dorchester in Codman Square, which dates to 1806, is in the middle of a major restoration project that includes repairs to the steeple. Below, Rev. Victor A. Price and Saranya Sathananthan inside the historic edifice.

Cassidy McNeeley photos

Second Church spiff-up proceeds apace as new steeple awaits its raising

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Staff

A multi-year restoration project at the Second Church of Dorchester in Codman Square continues to make progress this season as final plans are in the works for replacing the structure's 218-year-old steeple, which was removed for repairs in April 2023.

While the steeple project is the high-profile update to the landmark building, there are many other improvements and changes underway closer to the ground level that church leaders say are just as important to the worship space's future.

"It has been in the community as a cornerstone since 1806," said Rev. Victor A. Price, the lead pastor at the Church of the Nazarene, one of five congregations that use the worship space. "It's a meeting house where you have the meeting of minds, the meeting of culture."

The church and attached Meeting House on Washington Street were built to meet the demand of a growing town population that needed more space and amenities beyond



what was available at the original church—First Parish on Meeting House Hill. Today, it's is the oldest wooden church

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Galvin probing miscues on Election Day ballots in Boston's precincts

By Sam Drysdale State House News Service

Secretary of State William Galvin says he will most likely appoint a receiver to seize control of Boston's election division, after some city polling locations did not have enough ballots during Election Day, causing the secretary's office to send police cars, sirens blaring, to rush extra ballots to those locations.

"The concern I have is, they say they ran out. Well, there's no reason to run out. They had the ballots — they didn't distribute them properly," Galvin said at a press conference

last Wednesday (Nov. 6). "The reason was just poor planning, but most especially, lack of communication."

Galvin sent a letter to Eneida Tavares, chair of Boston's Election Commission, that day announcing a state investigation into the "significant problems" with the supply of ballots at a number of polling locations in the city.

He said his office, which oversees every local election office in the state, delivered the ballots to Boston in early October. From there, the city had to distribute them to more than 200 precincts.

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T asking federal help for a new Savin Hill Bridge

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The MBTA recently applied for federal grants that would begin the process of replacing a portion of the bridge that carries Savin Hill Avenue over T tracks and another that would fund the design and reconstruction of the JFK-UMass station.

The T reached out to the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association (CSHCA) this month to seek letters of support for both grants.

The Savin Hill Bridge was closed on an emergency basis last year when a beam was compromised and needed

immediate replacement. The MBTA is seeking an \$800,000 grant from a pot of about \$20 million nationally that would pursue a "type study/feasibility analysis for the replacement of the MBTA-owned portion of the Savin Hill Avenue Bridge, a vital link for multimodal regional connectivity in the Dorchester neighborhood," reads a memo shared by the MBTA.

The MBTA owns the western half of the bridge and Mass DOT owns the eastern half – but the MBTA's portion is in far worse shape, according to engineering studies cited in the memo.

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Gloria Fox, champion for 'disenfranchised,' is dead at 82



Legislator served Roxbury and Dot

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Gloria Fox, who sat in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for three decades, has passed away after a brief illness. She was 82.

Rep. Foxwas the longest-serving woman in the House at the time of her retirement in 2016. She served in many capacities as a lawmaker representing Roxbury and sections of

Dorchester and was a longtime member of the influential Committee on Ways and Means.

"Gloria Fox was a force of nature—bold, passionate, and unwavering in her commitment to our community," said Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley (D-Mattapan). "Her fearless voice and relentless advocacy set a powerful example and laid the foundation for future generations of Black women in the

State House, myself included. We honor her legacy, her fortitude, and her unyielding spirit that will continue to inspire us for years to come."

Mary-dith Tuitt, who worked as a legislative aide for Rep. Fox during the second half of her legislative career, said the late lawmaker will be remembered as a champion for "disenfranchised" people across

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Police, Courts & Fire

Police: Teen held in probe of string of car breaks in the St. Mark's area

Boston Police arrested a 17-year-old in connection with a rash of car break-ins in the St. Mark's Area last month, members of the St. Mark's Area Civic Association learned during their meeting on Oct. 29.

Around mid-October, officers at C-11 began to get word of a significant number of break-ins in the overnight hours — with the suspect breaking windows with a device and stealing items from inside. Officers on patrol were alerted to the trend, and encountered a 17-year-old juvenile male on Oct. 18 around 2:30 a.m. in the area of 1635 Dorchester Ave. where a break had been called-in. Officers took note of the iuvenile but didn't detain him.

On Oct. 20, officers were called to numerous sites of car breaks on King Street, St. Mark's Road, Glenrose Street, Ainsley Street, and several others. Detectives were able to secure video from several of the breaks and found the clothing of the alleged perpetrator to be the same as the 17-year-old they'd encountered two days prior. That was confirmed with a review of body-worn camera video from that interaction.

Officers responded to the young man's home, in the nearby Melville-Park area, and froze the apartment pending a search warrant. The suspect returned home during that time and was taken to the station with his mother.

"Detectives, with the assistance of an interpreter, conducted a recorded interview resulting in the suspect being placed under arrest at C-11 and released to his family member," read a statement from Boston Police. "Detectives executed a search warrant at the address and recovered clothing worn by the suspect during the incidents as well as the [window] puncture tool and sneakers. Various other items of evidentiary value were recovered to include property taken from vehicles during several of the breaks."

Additional charges are expected to be sought in -SETH DANIEL

Man, 45, killed in Michigan Avenue shooting

The shooting death of 45-year-old Jashaun Smith of Dorchester just after 8 p.m. last Tuesday on Michigan Avenue in the Eire-Ellington section of the neighborhood was the latest in a series of high-profile acts of violence and gunplay in and around that area over the last six months.

Dept. Supt. Paul McLaughlin, of the Boston Police Bureau of Investigative Services, said officers responded "to a ShotSpotter report of multiple rounds at that location and on arrival they found the victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was pronounced on scene. It is a very active investigation."

District Attorney Kevin Hayden asked for cooperation from the public. "One homicide in the city is one too many, plain and simple...What has happened here is another act of completely senseless violence." Anyone with information is asked to call 617-343-

-REPORTER STAFF



The latest class of BPD recruits joined the force this month and many have been deployed to walking beats under a new training program. BPD photo

New BPD recruits start their C-11 tours by walking the beat

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

The 12 new police recruits who were assigned to the Area C-11 police district earlier this month are walking the beat in the afternoons and evenings in select sections of Dorchester as part of their on-the-job training.

With the recruits receiving their badges in a ceremony on Nov. 1. Commissioner Michael Cox introduced them to Community Interaction Teams, which will help newly sworn-in officers get acclimated to the district.

C-11 Sgt. Tim Golden presented the idea to the community at several civic meetings over the last few weeks and discussed it extensively on Nov. 6 at the Codman Square Neighborhood Council

C-11 Sgt. Shawn Harris – formerly a community service officer at neighboring B-3 - told the crowd that he's in charge of leading the new Community Interaction Team. Last week, the effort began with walking beats six at a time with him on the 4 p.m. to midnight shift.

Their first walks were in the Bowdoin-Geneva area, where they focused on quality-of-life issues. The plan is for them to walk several other beats in the district, including Codman Square.

'We want these officers to start their careers embedded in the fabric of the community right away," Harris said. "No problem is too small."

Councillor Brian Worrell had called for more walking beats in the

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villages of C-11 and B-3 last summer following a spate of violent incidents in the Erie-Ellington and Four Corners sections of Dorchester.

"This is a good step forward in connecting our newest officers to the residents they're serving," said Worrell.

Community policing is driven in part by the community, and this doubles down on what has been successful across the city. I'm hopeful this will help our residents, business patrons, and workers build a deeper relationship with our police officers."

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

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A public meeting will be held on Thurs., Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. at Chill on Park, 142 Park St., Dorchester to discuss a proposed cannabis establishment by Zeb Boutique LLC at 1524-1526 Dorchester Ave. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will host the

seventh public meeting of the Morrissey Boulevard Commission on Thurs., Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. in-person at the Holiday Inn Express Boston, 69 Boston St., Dorchester with virtual attendance available via Zoom. The Kosciuszko Circle-Morrissey Boulevard Study is a joint planning effort seeking to develop a mobility plan for the corridor and will include evaluating and recommending transportation and infrastructure improvements along Morrissey Boulevard in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood. For more information on the Commission,

please visit the study website: https:// www.mass.gov/k-circle-morrissey-study. The Urban Farming Institute will host its annual meeting and community awards on Wed., Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fowler Clark Epstein Farm, 487 Norfolk St., Mattapan. Please RSVP to 617-989-9920 or email ebasile@urbanfarminginstitute.org. The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate will host an in-person and virtual program on Tues., Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. on "The Senate in 2025: Post-Election Analysis from US Sens. Roy Blunt (R-Missouri) and Heidi Heitkamp (D-North Dakota). See emkinstitute.org for more information.

"Game Night at the Library" with a simultaneous chess exhibition on Tues., Nov. 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. Kennedy Library Director and chess national master Alan Price will also be conducting a simultaneous exhibition with up to 30 different chess players. Preference to play in the exhibition matches will be given to advance registrants, though walk-ins may be accommodated if space permits. Make new friends and have fun at this classic game night. There'll be a great selection of board and card games, old and new, available to borrow on a first-come, firstserved basis, as well as lots of seating to ioin in the fun.

Franklin Park Coalition's Thanksgiving Turkey Trot is Thurs., Nov. 28, at 9 a.m. Don't miss the biggest, best, and only chiptimed 5K walk/run in Boston on Thanksgiving Day. Bring the whole family. Kids, teens, seniors, strollers, and race-friendly dogs on leash are all welcome. Prizes for age group winners and best costumes. Sign up here: fpc5k.com



The city's Planning Dept. will host a virtual public meeting on Mon., Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. to discuss a resident petition to amend the Squares + Streets Zoning. The proposed changes include adding two additional zooming districts. See bit. ly/Text Petitions for more.

A public meeting has been set for Thurs., Dec. 5, at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed cannabis establishment at 1102A Blue Hill Ave., Dorchester. The meeting will take place in person at that address. Call Conor Newman in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services with questions: 617-635-2093 or email conor.newman@ boston.gov.

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Two women tell of city program that kept them in their apartment homes

By Cassidy McNeeley Reporter Staff

A city program aimed at preserving affordable housing stock marked a significant milestone on Oct. 24 at a home on Harvard Street in Dorchester, one of 1,000 across the city that has been stabilized for tenants through Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program (AOP).

Two women who rent apartments in the two-family house – Yvette Moore and Shaunda Henderson – say they might have left Boston altogether if not for the city-subsidized loan program that helps non-profits acquire properties and keep rents reasonably priced.

The city program protects Boston's affordable housing stock and combats gentrification by working with non-profit organizations to acquire units. Sheila Dillon, the city's longtime chief of Housing, said that the original goal set under the Walsh administration was to acquire 1,000 units by 2030.

"We didn't think we would reach this goal so quickly," Dillon said at the gathering on Harvard Street. "Because of the Wu administra-



Yvette Moore and Shaunda Henderson outside the two-family home they live in on Harvard Street in Dorchester. Cassidy McNeeley photo

tion's commitment to this program, we have met this goal five years early. Since [Mayor Wu] has come into office we have acquired and stabilized and permanently preserved 400 restricted units getting us over that 1000 unit mark," Dillon added.

The Mayor's Office of Housing offers loans to help responsible investor-owners buy occupied, multi-family rental properties. These acquisitions provide stability for families and neighborhoods by converting at risk-rental properties into permanent affordable housing.

"We all know we have a very, very strong rental market," Dillon said. "It's causing us a lot of pain. There are many investors looking to purchase buildings in Boston and these purchases often have very sad endings with residents being displaced by unreasonable rent increases or condo conversions."

This was almost the case for Moore and Henderson, who live in the 2,618-square- foot multi-family home on Harvard Street. Henderson moved to the home three years ago after her previous home was badly damaged in a fire.

"I had a house fire that made us homeless," said Henderson. "Coming here, I thought this was going to be it. I wasn't even here a year when the landlord said he was putting the house up."

Overcome with worry, Henderson turned to her upstairs neighbor for support.

"The landlord was selling the house and my neighbor Shaundra, she became scared," said Moore. "I told her, 'We're going to make this happen. Don't move, don't sign nothing.""

Moore, who has lived at the property for five years, reached out to City Life/ Vida Urbana (CLVU,) a grassroots organization that helps tenants stay in their homes.

"City Life was an important part of the project of how we acquired this building in the community," said co-executive director at City Life, Mike Leyba. "Yvette and Shaundra came to CLVU because they were facing eviction and our work helps them fight the eviction and partner with a nonprofit to acquire the building."

Leyba helped Moore

Leyba helped Moore and Henderson form a tenant association and work with the Boston Neighborhood Community Land Trust to purchase the property.

"Every neighborhood, every zip code of Boston is facing rent increases," Leyba said. Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Hyde Park, East Boston, this is where our people live. This is where communities of color live and working families live. We need to preserve the housing we have in addition to building new housing."

housing."
Meredith Levy, executive director of Boston Neighborhood Community Land Trust, hailed the AOP initiative as "a program that is effective and works. In the last three years we have been able to buy five buildings through AOP and that means 17 more families

are able to live in our properties and be a part of our land trust. That's really valuable.

She added: "So many people are getting displaced all the time. We are at a crisis level. Our work as a land trust is to make sure we can keep folks in their homes and keep the neighborhoods thriving the way they should be. We are committed to affordable housing not just for a few years but forever."

When Levy and her team purchased Moore and Henderson's home, there was plenty of renovation to be done. In addition to improving plumbing, electricity, and ventilation, Boston Neighborhood Community Land Trust also had to address health issues that included mold.

"I was in the hospital this year and was put into an induced coma," Moore told the Reporter. "We didn't know at the time that the mold was there." Added Henderson: "I was smelling it and warning her. She has asthma."

Thanks to the program and the work of their partners, Moore and Henderson now have a home that doesn't just look better, but is also safe to live in.

"Me and my neighbor and our families can live without having to worry. All that is over," Moore said. "We're able to stay here the rest of our lives."

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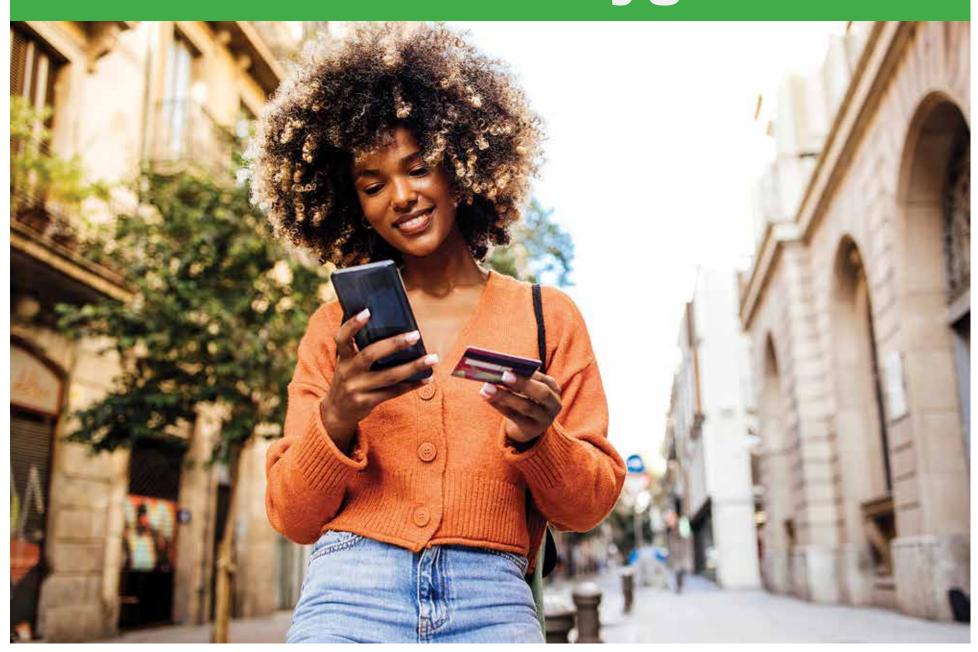
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9 Tips to Practice Good Credit Hygiene



Think of building credit like practicing good hygiene. The more you maintain good financial habits and clean up past mistakes, the better your credit can be.

Ivan Cutts Jr., a JPMorgan Chase Community Manager in Mattapan, offers these nine important tips to help establish and maintain good credit health.

1. Check your credit reports

Reviewing your credit report is the first step in finding information that may be affecting your score. You have a credit report with the three major bureaus. You can access your ExperianTM credit report for free with Chase Credit Journey[®].

2. Monitor your credit score

This three-digit number can be key to your lender's decision and helps determine the interest rate offer you'll receive. With a higher credit score, you may be able to lower your interest rate. Keep in mind, credit score is just one of the many factors considered. The five main categories that determine your credit score are payment history (35%), amounts owed (30%), length of credit history (15%), new credit (10%) and types of credit used (10%).

3. Pay off delinquent accounts

Bring any delinquent accounts current, or work to pay them off when you are able. Delinquencies include past due payments, charge-offs, collections or judgments.

Good credit can help unlock the door to a brighter future.

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more trustworthy borrower.



4. Make payments on time

Every on-time payment is important as it helps demonstrate good financial behavior. It also takes time to rebuild your credit score after delinquencies and late payments

5. Avoid new debt

Because hard inquiries can also affect your credit score, try to avoid applying for multiple lines of credit in a short period of time. Hard inquiries will appear on your report for two years.

6. Know your debt-to-income ratio

Debt-to-income ratio (DTI) is the percentage of your monthly income that goes toward paying off debts. Keep DTI ratios low, as this shows you're more likely to be able to afford monthly loan payments.

7. Keep low balances

Paying off your revolving loans every

month is beneficial for your payment history while lowering the total amount owed. Try to keep your balances at or below 30% of your credit limit to help your credit

8. Keep accounts open

Closing accounts lowers your total amount of available credit and increases the percentage of credit in use, which can have a negative impact on your score and credit history. Borrowers who have credit available but don't use it all or pay it off every month likely appear more credible to lenders.

9. Know how much you can afford to spend

Understanding your personal finances helps avoid getting into debt you can't pay off, which could potentially harm your credit. Knowing and maintaining your personal budget reduces the chances of missing payments.

Keep your credit clean

Building good credit is a gradual process. While it takes time for derogatory marks to disappear from your credit report, there are steps you can take now to start improving your credit score.

As with any healthy routine, once you've gotten started, it can be easier to maintain. Over time, you'll be on your way to establishing healthy credit hygiene and solid financial health.

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Second Church spiff-up ongoing as new steeple awaits its raising





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structure in the city of Boston that hosts active congregations. (First Parish Church dates to 1816. It was built to replace an earlier structure that was destroyed by fire.)

"Originally, you could only live a half mile from the first church but when the community grew it was not sufficient. They decided to do a second church,'

Rev. John Codman—Codman Square's namesake — was ordained as the first minister at Second Church. During his leadership, churchgoers included John Adams and Daniel Webster.

Inside the church tower, which overlooks Washington Street, there hangs a bell cast by Paul Revere & Sons. Just below, is a clock donated by Colonel William Baker.

Today's Second Church is what Prince calls an "incubator of churches," as it houses several congregations.

Price and Saranya Sathananthan of the Emmanuel Gospel Center, which also worships and meets at the church, have teamed up with the Boston Society for Architecture (BSA) to activate underutilized spaces in the building while trying to maintain its historic character.

"You want to be able to recognize and acknowledge the history and where we are in relation to that history but also make room for people to feel like this space is now their home," said Sathananthan.

She added: "BSA helps us really imagine the Meeting House as a whole entity and how different spaces in the building connect with each other."

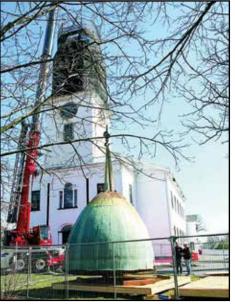
When weather permits, services are often held in the unheated sanctuary. A beautiful lectern can be found at the front of this room, but just to the side sits the original pulpit and chair once occupied by Rev. Codman. Sermons can be heard throughout the room and from the upper balcony, where additional seating is offered for larger services.

Though the room glistens with natural light and echoes with the sounds of a pipe organ, the space is not very versatile because the original pews were built into the floor.

"The sanctuary space has all the original pews in it so it really limits what we can use that space for. I have gotten a chance to connect with church leaders all over Boston and a lot of churches have moved to removing the pews so they can transform the space." Sathananthan told The Reporter.

Now, she and Price have a tough decision to make. "Do we keep the pews and limit how we use the room because of the history and what it means to people to come in and sit where hundreds and $thousands\, of\, people\, have\, sat\, and\, prayed$ and worshipped," Sathananthan said. "Or do we remove that and see what new things can happen?"

Ben Peterson, director of community and collaborative design for BSA, said the decision is one that he, too, struggles with since, he says, "the memory of places is tied considerably to the materials. There are memories in this place that exist far beyond myself but resonate with community members and



In Codman Square, leaders are reimagining the historic Second Church. Cassidy McNeeley photo

neighbors in ways I don't fully understand," said Peterson. "The ability to reinvigorate the architecture as a hub of civic life requires an acknowledgment of that.'

While a decision regarding the pews is yet to be made, other key renovations have already begun. Just steps away from the sanctuary, an underutilized prayer room is being transformed into an indoor greenspace.

'We had numerous conversations with different people in the community about what kind of space they would want," said Sathananthan. "We're converting this prayer room into what we're calling the Oasis Community Room. It's going to be filled with lots of plants and cozy furniture.'

Sathananthan hopes this room can be where people visit throughout the day. Here, community members can sit and read a book, drink a coffee and chat, or do some work while surrounded

While changes on this first floor are evident, things are happening on the bottom and top floors as well. The only issue is these spaces are not handicap accessible, something Meeting House staff and BSA members hope to c

"There are some issues of accessibility and structural issues that were identified," said Peterson. "Beyond just thinking about what's happening in spaces, we've been able to help the Meeting House [staff] understand the infrastructure as a whole. What is possible and what is impossible."

The architects have not come up with an accessibility solution but are still working on feasible tasks, such as refurbishing several spaces in the basement. Here, visitors will discover a media studio with a white infinity wall as well as a sound booth and editing

"If young people in our community are going into production or presentation of their own music or skills, we can use it to train them," said Price.

The studio is next to a spacious, multipurpose auditorium. Price said in an ideal world, community members would be able create content in the media studio and then share their work with neighbors in the auditorium.



Around the corner from the auditori-

"We're looking to develop that space

hopefully with someone interested in

um is a recently gutted kitchen.

running or operating a commercial kitchen that would benefit food entrepreneurs and offer cooking classes and training," said Sathananthan.

With an up-and-running kitchen, the building could be a great site for events like weddings or post-funeral gatherings. Price suggested a couple could get married in the sanctuary, host their reception downstairs in the auditorium, and serve food from the on-site kitchen.

While the lower levels of the Meeting House feel like a world of its own, upstairs is home to the Emmanuel Gospel Center, where Sathananthan is a researcher in residence, and the Enrichment Center.

The other spaces are multipurpose rooms that Price, Sathananthan, and Peterson will transform to reflect the community's wishes.

"I think that's the dynamic nature of life and spaces in general. If you look at real estate how many storefronts change pretty often, why can't church spaces do that and meet a community need," asked Sathananthan.

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Dot's De'Lon Grant stars in SpeakEasy's 'Pru Payne'

By Cassidy McNeeley REPORTER STAFF

De'Lon Grant was born in Rhode Island, grew up in Minnesota, and spent years touring as a cast member in Broadway shows. He now calls Savin Hill his home. This month, he's performing at the Boston Center for Arts in SpeakEasy Stage Company's production of "Pru Payne" by Steven Drukman, playing one of the male leads -"Thomas Payne" – in the play, which runs through Nov. 16.

Payne discovered Boston when he was a student at The Boston Conservatory, where he earned a master's in musical theatre performance after earning his fine arts degree from the University of Michigan.

The transplanted

a home in Dorchester after a long personal journey from his roots.

"I was a poor Black kid who was gay in a middle-class white straight American town for the most part," Grant told The Reporter. "My identities didn't match, and theatre and music really gave me a community. I could be weird and be my fullest self and I realized there were other people who were super accepting and saw me for who I was. That changed the trajectory of my life."

After graduate school, Grant stayed in Boston because "it has a really thriving theatre community. I was getting cast and there were opportunities, so I stuck around for three years."

During that time,

mid-Westerner has found Grant lived in Dorchester and worked at ArtsBoston while continuing to perform.

> "Idida show called "Big River" here and that got me some notices and then there was a year that took me out of Boston, and I did four productions and then I booked the **Broadway National Tour** of "Jersey Boys,"" Grant said. "I did that for 3 ½ years. It's the biggest gig that I've had to date.'

> Grant then moved to New York and spent some five years performing on Broadway in "Come From Away." Afterward, he said, he followed work back to Boston.

"When I was thinking of moving back, Dorchester was the place I wanted to come to," he said. "I think Boston is a pretty segregated place to live in terms of race and I feel like Dorchester, in my experience, is a little bit more of a mix and a lot more affordable. I enjoy the pace in Dorchester more than I do in Boston proper."

Since returning, Grant has also taken on a job teaching at the Boston Conservatory.

"It being my alma mater I'm really grateful I get to come back and effect some kind of change there," he said.

He has also gotten to enjoy the little things like riding Blue Bikes in the neighborhood and visiting local restaurants, his favorites being DBar and Harp and Bard.

Most of his time, however, has been spent on stage at 572 Tremont St. When the lights dim and the curtain opens, Grant transports to 1988 and becomes Thomas Payne, the son of "a sharp-tongued intellectual and critic" working on her autobiography.

After Thomas's mother, played by Karen MacDonald, begins to show signs of dementia, he must help her transition to a care facility. There Pru meets a man named Gus Cudahy, played by Gordon Clapp, and falls in love.

Overall, the show explores questions of memory, identity, and connection.

"Even though two characters suffer from dementia in the play, it's really about what you can find. Despite dementia, these two people find love," said Grant.

He added: "Stories are so much of our identity as a species. I think



De'Lon Grant

despite whatever you're going through, human connection is something we all need to get passed those things. Be it family, romantic relationships, children, or friendships. It reminds us that other people and connection are one of the greatest things in this experience."

The emotional yet funny show will run through Nov. 16 with performances Wednesday through Sunday.

Ticketsareavailableonline at https://speakeasystage.com/shows/2024/10/ pru-payne/.

\$1.5m donation moves Harvard Street Health closer to its goals

By Cassidy McNeeley REPORTER STAFF

Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center has received a \$1.5 million commitment from Bancel Philanthropies that moves the organization closer to the construction of a new facility in Dorchester.

Bancel Philanthropies is the family foundation of Brenda and Stéphane Bancel, the CEO of Moderna.

"I was very moved by the dedication of the Harvard Street staff, how deeply they care about their patients and the people in their community," said Brenda Bancel. "They're working hard every day to uplift those who are struggling and offer healthcare with love and compassion. Stéphane and I are delighted to support Harvard Street's new

facility-a critically-need-

ed health resource for Boston's underserved communities."

Said Harvard Street president and CEO Charley Murphy: "We are deeply grateful to Brenda and Stéphane Bancel for this incredibly generous gift. It demonstrates tremendous confidence in the work we do every day to meet the needs of our community,' said Murphy. "Bancel Philanthropies shares

Harvard Street's belief that healthcare is a human right. Every person deserves access to high-quality, culturally competent healthcare services and programs, regardless of their ability to pay."

Harvard Street has called 632 Blue Hill Ave. home for over half a century and welcomes around 10,000 patients annually. With a new 42,000-square-foot 3-story building more people than ever will benefit from the center's services, said Murphy. "The neighborhood

deserves it. Our patients and our staff deserve a nicer building," he said. "The building we have, we love it, we adapt, overcome, and do the best that we can but it's not the most efficient building but it's ours and we make it work. Now the time has come where the building

has reached the end of its life service and it's time to turn the page."

The new facility will rise from now-vacant parcels at 8 Old Road and 14 and 16 Ellington St., about a block from the current center's Blue Hill Avenue location, which isn't going anywhere. It will allow for even more comprehensive patient-centered care, thanks to the increase in space and employees.

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The Boston Athletic Association **thanks you** for your continued support.

Together, we were able to raise over \$850,000 for Team Dana-Farber!

Be on the lookout for our community events in the new year, including the B.A.A. Neighborhood Fitness Series presented by Boston Children's Hospital. Visit baa.org for more information.



Reporter's People in and around our Neighborhoods



Members of the Boston Tech Class of 1974 posed for the photographer at their 50th reunion on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Common Market in West Quincy. Patrick O'Connor photo

Harbor Health dedicates garden space to Mary Lou O'Connor in salute to her 50 years of service

By Cassidy McNeeley REPORTER STAFF

The story of Harbor Health Services spans five decades and can't be fully told without mentioning the work done there by Mary Lou O'Connor, a Dorchester resident who has been involved with the organization since the very beginnings of the health center movement in Dorchester.

To celebrate O'Connor's lengthy commitment, a garden space outside the Harbor Health Elder Service Plan Day Center in Mattapan was dedicated in her honor last Tuesday (Oct. 22).

"Mary Lou has been involved with Harbor Health since 1974," said Ami Bowen, the center's VP of marketing and community engagement. "She joined the board of directors at what was known as Neponset Health Center. Then she served as the Harbor $Health\,acting\,board\,chair$ three times.

Bowen added: "Mary Lou oversaw the merger of Neponset Health Center with Columbia Point Health Center and the formation of Harbor Health. She has been a part of the organization for quite a long time."

O'Connor's substantial impact has spread beyond her home neighborhood. She played a key role in expanding access to care in Southeastern Massachusetts, including establishing and expanding centers on the Cape, and the opening of two PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly) centers. She has also supported the development of Harbor Health's pharmacies, food pantries, and women, infants, and children (WIC) nutrition programs.

Though O'Connor officially ended her board service in December 2023, she continues to pitch in as a volunteer. One way she does so is by sharing her love of gardening with participants in the PACE program in Mattapan.

"Mary Lou comes in and does a lot of work with participants around the topic of gardening and has created some really lovely plant beds in the Elder Service Program Garden we have," Bowen told The Reporter. "She planted bulbs on her hands and knees. She is all about trees and the different plants there, and she shares that with the elder participants in our program.

"Over the summer we came up with this idea to dedicate this space to her as a way to thank her," Bowen said. "She's been so involved with



Past and present board members and leaders at Harbor Health honored Mary Lou O'Connor (fifth from the right) during a special garden dedication ceremony at Harbor Health's Elder Service Plan Day Center in Mattapan recently. Shown (l-r) Jim Hunt, Past President & CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers; Annie Le, Harbor Health Board of Directors; Maura Doyle, Vice Chair, Harbor Health Board of Directors; Chuck Jones, President and CEO of Harbor Health; Mary Lou O'Connor; Jean Hunt, Past Board Chair, Neponset Health Center; Dan Driscoll, Past President and CEO of Harbor Health; Patrick Preston, Chair, Harbor Health Board of Directors; Jan Mattimoe, Secretary, Harbor Health Board of Directors

Jacquie Tarbell/Harbor Health photo

the organization and at such a formative time. We really wanted to think of a special way to honor her in a way that was meaningful to her."

At the event, Harbor Health CEO Chuck Jones joined other leaders, staff, participants, and community members to

unveil a stone tablet as a salute to O'Connor. Said Bowen: "We are really happy that Mary Lou will continue to come [to the Garden.] She will be a presence and she already has ideas for different types of plants we can put in the garden space."

O'Connor was moved

at the ceremony and "made this wonderful analogy of how community health centers are like oak trees," said Bowen. $\hbox{``They have this deep root'}\\$ in the community, and they spread out to help all different folks who live around the community."

Behavioral Healthcare Assn. honors MOAR's Frangules

Maryanne Frangules, a Mattapan resident and executive director at Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR) was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement

Oct. 25 at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference

Behavioral Healthcare's 2024 outstanding contributions to ad- and motto that the recovery

Salute to Excellence Awards on vancing behavioral health care and improving access to critical services in their communities.

For over 30 years, Frangules This annual event celebrates has dedicated her career to individuals and teams across reducing stigma and promot-Award at the Association for Massachusetts who have made ing recovery. Her leadership

community should be "Visible, Vocal and Valuable," has shaped MOAR into a leading advocacy organization.

Photo courtesy of Association for Behavioral Healthcare





James Brett and Joyce Reardon enjoyed visiting while attending the Friendship Social for People of all Abilities in Florian Hall on Sun., Nov. 3. The annual social was well-attended and all enjoyed the afternoon. Courtesy photo

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Jeremiah Clancy was born on June 17, 1916, in Ireland. He immigrated to the United States in 1939 and lived with his brother William on Sanford Street, and later, with his sister Mary Anne on Range Road. Jeremiah worked as a laborer at the William J. Driscoll Construction Company at 1190 Morton St. in Dorchester.

On Oct. 16, 1940, when Jeremiah registered for the draft for World War II, he was described as 5-feet- 8-inches tall,



US Army Corporal Jeremiah Člancy

weighing 166 pounds, with a light brown complexion, brown hair, and gray eyes. Cpl. Clancy was killed on Dec. 28, 1944, duing the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, while serving with the 87th Chemical Batallion, First Army. Almost five years later, his body was returned to Dorchester, where his funeral was held at St. Gregory's Church in Lower Mills. He is buried in Holyhood Cemetery in Brookline.

For the heroism he demonstrated in his service to our country, Cpl. Jeremiah Clancy was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and the Bronze Star. The intersection of Dorchester Avenue and Becket Street was a designated and named a hero square in his honor.

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

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Editorial

from the X-factor

Reporter readers who follow our updated, daily reporting online and via social media may want to join us on a new platform: Bluesky Social, an app that has become a preferred alternative for millions of people who grew accustomed to consuming and sharing information via Twitter, now known as X.

Bluesky — which bills itself as "social media as it should be"- has drawn in a surge of new users in the week since the Nov. 5 presidential election. According to the app's creators, they've welcomed an estimated 1 million new users during that time. On our end, The Reporter was inspired to give Bluesky a second look after our friend and news colleague Adam Gaffin over at the excellent Boston news site

Universal Hub switched over to the Bluesky platform last week.

Like UniversalHub, The Reporter still maintains a Twitter/X identity and an archive of our feed since we joined that platform in 2009. But we intend to gradually limit our use of that app and shift the bulk



of our postings to Bluesky, particularly as more and more Bostonians make the switch as well. And at the rate that we are seeing new followers by the hour— it won't be long.

We encourage our neighbors who are so inclined to use social media apps to download Bluesky and test it out. There are a few factors motivating our

For one, we have grown increasingly concerned about the toxicity, misinformation, and manipulation that has become prevalent on the X/Twitter on Elon Musk's watch. Musk went full throttle for Trump in the final months of this presidential cycle and made no secret of his aspirations to have a leadership role in the next Trump administration. Musk, like any media mogul, has the right to pick favorites and make his support clear. But his abuse of the X/Twitter algorithms to force-feed users with an onslaught of propaganda was, and is, unseemly, heavy-handed, and just downright annoying.

And it's not just the firehose of Trump idolatry that has soured us on the Musk branded platform. There's far too much in the way of unsolicited advertisements, trolls, and bots in the latest iteration of Twitter. It has become a cesspool.

Bluesky—at least for the moment—offers a reboot of sorts for those who value real-time information sharing and a genuine online community that seeks to foster respectful debate and networking.

In the four days since we've joined the platform -@dotnews.bsky.social— we've seen hundreds of new followers, most of them people from Boston and surrounding communities who are searching for an alternative. Some are self-described "refugees" from X. Others, like us, are testing the waters.

We've noticed, too, that Bluesky has far more tools to moderate conversations, to connect with like-minded folks, and —at least for now—it doesn't have paid solicitations, graphic videos, etc.

Nothing lasts forever. $\overline{X}/\overline{T}$ witter is proof positive of that. But we also don't have to wallow in the wasteland of a toxic platform that is so clearly geared toward propping up authoritarian regimes and legitimizing their worst impulses.

Fellow Bostonians: Try out Bluesky. We think you'll find it a refreshing option to access legitimate news and opinion, stay current, and maybe even share a laugh.

We hope to see you there.

-Bill Forry @billforry.bsky.social

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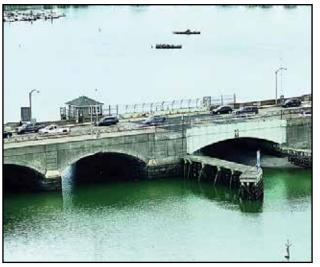
Try Bluesky for break Please don't upend Morrissey Blvd. planning

To the Editor:

I was dismayed to read "Columbia-Savin Hill neighbors want reset on Morrissey panel" in the Nov. 6 edition of The Reporter. More than eight years into the Morrissey Boulevard redesign process, some residents are urging a second trip back to the drawing board. We cannot wait that long for improvements to worsening sea level rise, dangerous road conditions, and a wall dividing our neighborhood.

I understand many of my neighbors' issues with the current state of the plan. Kosciuszko Circle is a dire mess that needs fixing, and there are elements of the commission's proposal that reasonable people can disagree with. But overall, it's a good plan that will improve safety and accessibility for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. It will protect the neighborhood from sea level rise and flooding. It will help knit together the neighborhood and provide connections between the waterfront, new and old residences, and commercial amenities.

In my decade as a municipal planner, I have seen dozens of instances of earnest, well-meaning residents urge pumping the brakes on otherwise good building and infrastructure proposals to give more time to develop a more perfect plan. In the world of public infrastructure, time isn't just money; it's property damage, lost economic opportunities, and lives. We've tolerated an intolerable status quo on



A view of the John J. Beades bridge on Morrissey Boulevard. The bridge is due for a replacement under a State plan still in development.

Morrissey Boulevard for too long. The Commonwealth should move forward with its plans and give us the improved boulevard we deserve.

> Tim Czerwienski Port Norfolk

Okay, vent about the election, then get back to the hard work

By Lewis Finfer SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

November 5, 2024, may turn out to be the worst day of my life concerning politics and the values I've tried to work for all my now pretty long life. I wrote this, the day after, on the train back from Philadelphia to Boston after canvassing voters there for three days to turn out to vote. Clearly, we didn't do a good job on that.

I'm sad for all the working class and poor people whose wages won't get better from the new Trump administration's promised policies that instead will mostly aid the wealthy and large corporations, as happened in his first term. I'm sad for the estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants who will face deportation and how that will rip apart their families and relationships. I'm sad for women who will not have access to reproductive services. I'm sad for transgender youth who were demonized so much in Trump's political ads and have such a hard

Democrats must have countless conversations with some Trump supporters to hear their concerns. Some issues we won't agree on but some we are not far apart if we are talking to each other. Who knows, but if the other person feels seen and respected in direct conversation, they may be open to considering at least some of why some things Trump says are just not true. And we'll learn things listening to them, too.

Democrats can't win elections nationally or in the battleground states by being a party mostly of people of color and the college-educated citizens. The majority of Americans are not college graduates. And Democrats have lost so many white working-class people and now so many Latinos, too.

Yes, the destruction of unions by corporations over the last 50 years has hurt a lot in terms of people not having good wages and benefits. Going from one-third of people belonging to unions representing private sector workers to six percent doing so is such a huge blow. And a cultural one, too, as fewer and fewer attend union meetings and union-affiliated social activities.

A lot of Trump voters are in gun clubs, which also means they hear the National Rifle Association's line that's in full support of the Republican Party's agenda on everything, not just on guns. There's a vast array of radio, TV, newspapers, social media, book publishers, policy think tanks, and white evangelical voters supporting the Trump and Republican agenda. Much more than Democrats and progressives have.

In Dorchester, Trump won one of the two precincts at Florian Hall (16-12) and one of those voting at the Adams Street Library (16-9). The other 57 Dorchester precincts voted for Harris/Walz. But Trump got more votes than he did in 2020.

I'm so mad at Presidents Clinton, Obama, and candidate Hillary Clinton for leading Democrats to do such a poor job representing the interests of working-class people over the last 30 years.

Clinton's NAFTA trade deal lost manufacturing jobs, his deregulation of the financial industry contributed to the Foreclosure Financial Crisis of

2007-2012, and his philandering with women helped in Gore's defeat in 2000 and his own wife's defeat in 2016. Hillary Clinton continued similar positions on trade, made the rounds speaking to major corporations for big fees, and said, "one-half of Trump supporters are a basket of deplorables, and didn't campaign in all the battleground states.

Barack Obama bailed out the banks during the financial crisis but did not save millions from being foreclosed on by those banks. And saying about white working-class people, "It's not surprising then they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy toward people who aren't like them.'

President Biden let us down, too. He did a good enough job to defeat Trump in 2020 and deserves our thanks for that. He led passage of many important bills to strengthen the economy and families. But for years, his saying the economy was great and let's call it Bidenomics fell short with most people. And how we left Afghanistan was shameful. And he ran for re-election when he'd been falling apart in the way we saw at the disastrous presidential debate in June.

I think Vice President Harris did a good job in $running\,a\,national\,campaign\,in\,such\,a\,short\,amount$ of time. But she did say in one interview that she couldn't think of anything she'd do differently from what Biden did the last four years. That became a constant Republican TV ad. Why couldn't she have said: "The Biden-Harris Administration has done these things to improve our country's economy and its standing in the world. But too many people are still hurting, so I'm going to do these specific things on jobs, wages, housing, immigration.

Of course, the Clinton, Obama, and the Biden-Harris administrations had some very important accomplishments, respectively on a lowered poverty rate and the Earned Income Tax Credit (Clinton), the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare), the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure bill and CHIPS Act (Biden). The Republican presidents, the Bushes and Trump, favored the rich and corporations in their polices, had less successful economies than the Democratic presidents, and got us into or prolonged forever wars.

I know we need to stop mourning and get up and organize. There are no barriers to working for changes we need at the city and state level. President-elect Trump will be able to pass much of his agenda and appoint a lot of judges, but with 60 votes required to pass something in the Senate, he won't get everything he wants. But it will not be good.

Last Saturday, this happened. A new neighbor I hadn't met yet came by and said in person and in a note, "Seeing your Harris-Walz lawn sign over the past few weeks has meant a lot. We came so close to something incredible. We will get there some day." And she also gave me a bag with a package of great cookies and a flower. Talk about brightening up your day.

There's a lot of political soul searching and work to do to reach those who didn't vote for Harris or didn't vote at all. There's nothing else to do than to get up and begin doing that.

Lew Finfer is a Dorchester resident.

Abortions were up in Mass. last year, driven by patients from other states

By Martha Bebinger WBUR

Massachusetts saw a substantial increase in abortions in 2023, the first full year after the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. According to state data obtained by WBUR, Massachusetts doctors and other health care providers facilitated 24,355 abortions last year, a 37 percent increase from 2022.

More than half of these procedures, 65 percent, occurred using pills that induce an abortion. Most of the change can be explained by a nearly seven-fold rise in patients from outside the state.

The numbers suggest abortion rights advocates were right when they predicted the court's decision, which revoked a national right to abortion, would cause more people to seek care in Massachusetts if they lived in states where abortion became illegal. They also suggest the stakes could be high for patients anywhere in the country should the rules around abortion care change when President-elect Donald Trump begins a second term.

The data, collected by the state Department of Public Health, shows 6,115 patients from elsewhere turned to Massachusetts to get an abortion in 2023, a sharp increase from 920 in 2022. Many of those patients live in regions the state classifies as mid-Atlantic, Plains, or Pacific (which includes Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, and California).

But fewer than one in three out-of-state patients had to travel to Massachusetts. The rest obtained a prescription for abortion medications via telehealth.

Nearly two-thirds of all remote visits conducted by Massachusetts clinicians last year were for people outside the state. According to the data, the vast majority of these telehealth sessions were conducted out of a clinic called Ishani Village, which lists a location in Boxborough. No one responded to a message sent last Thursday to an email address listed on the organization's website.

Rules vary by state about whether doctors and other health care providers can prescribe medications to patients living in another state.

Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in Massachusetts, does not prescribe medications over telehealth to patients who live in other states. The organization reported significant increases in both in-person and telemedicine appointments last year. Dr. Luu Ireland, chief medical officer for Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, said many of the traveling patients she sees are from Texas, Florida and Louisiana.

"You can place restrictions on abortion, but people still need the care," Ireland said. "We hope to continue to remain a safe haven for these patients."

Abortion rights opponents with Massachusetts Citizens for Life called the increase, driven by more abortion patients from out-of-state, devastating.

"We have so many elements of this commonwealth to be proud of and to boast about," said the organization's president and CEO, Myrna Maloney Flynn. The idea that abortion is now a reason women travel to Massachusetts, "or at least it has been in the last year, is horrific," she said.

Maloney Flynn said she's also "disturbed" that 36 percent of abortions in Massachusetts were paid for by a public insurance program, often Medicaid. That's not the case for the telehealth visits — most were paid for by patients. Abortion funds, created by individual donations, helped with expenses in 16 percent of abortions recorded in Massachusetts last year

A debate about how to view these numbers comes amid speculation about how federal abortion policy may change under Trump in his second term.

Both sides of the abortion rights debate agree that it will remain legal in Massachusetts for now. Speaking to reporters last Wednesday, after the election was called for Trump, Gov. Healey promised to continue to protect reproductive rights.

A Republican administration could withhold federal funding to clinics or hospitals that provide abortions. Trump has said he'd consider restricting access to the abortion pills that have been a preferred method for many women. But Trump has also said he would not try to claim that mailing these pills across state lines is illegal.

Abortion opponents want a Trump administration to protect pregnancy resource centers in Massachusetts. These are offices, sometimes registered clinics, that steer women away from having an abortion. Critics accuse the clinics of using deceptive tactics. Supporters say they have a right to present patients with an abortion alternative.

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Supporting St. Mary's Center Families this Thanksgiving

The season of thanks and giving is upon us, and for the families of St. Mary's Center for Women and Children, the phrase "it takes a village" rings true as we work to create the holiday magic for them that so many of us are fortune enough to experience each year.

St. Mary's Center is privileged to join together with over 500 women, children, and families each year to pave new pathways out of the devastation of cyclical poverty and homelessness and toward thriving, stable futures.

This holiday season, you have the opportunity to join with us as we work to make spirits bright.

As Thanksgiving approaches, many St. Mary's Center families are experiencing the holiday without the comforts of home and familial traditions. Our goal is to ensure that every family in our residential programs feels comfortable, cared for, and celebrated, especially during the holidays. One way to help families during the Thanksgiving holiday is through donations of gift cards for families to purchase the staples for their favorite holiday meal.

Please consider making a donation to support these incredible families during the holiday season. Gift cards of any denomination to stores including Stop & Shop and Target can be dropped off or mailed to our main Jones Hill campus at 90 Cushing Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02125. To coordinate a donation time, please contact donations@stmaryscenterma.org or call 617-436-8600 ext. 319.

Thank you for partnering with us to spread joy this holiday season!

Learn more about how you can support St. Mary's Center at www.stmaryscenterma.org

Change comes from the Center

Letter to the Editor

Medicare cuts will hurt Boston families

To the Editor:

In 2025, doctors in Massachusetts and across the US will see their Medicare payments cut by almost 3 percent under new regulations issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. For family members like me, who can be tasked with negotiating healthcare, this cut will directly impact the quality health care my family has come to depend on.

As a longtime municipal government employee, I understand the importance of balancing budgets, but we take into consideration the impact of payment changes on the people who will be affected.

I see how doctor payments impact my family's health care. Cutting doctor payments can result in them no longer accepting Medicare patients, forcing us to manage the stress and frustration of finding new providers.

That's why I am urging our congressional delegation to pass the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act before the end of the current session. This bill would prevent the planned cuts from going into effect and would

provide a 1.8 percent payment update in 2025. Physicians are the only health care providers whose Medicare payments do not automatically receive an annual update to deal with inflation. Doctors tell me that they are getting squeezed from both sides, seeing

reductions of 29 percent over the past 20 years. And

this is on top of shouldering the skyrocketing cost of running a practice.

As a family caregiver with experience in the local health care system, I know how important it is to have a long and stable relationship with a doctor. Any cut in Medicare payments will make it harder for patients to continue to access timely and quality care.

Allyson Quinn Dorchester



The Dorchester Historical Society & the Boston Women's Heritage Trail present

On the Trail of Women's History #2: From Meeting House Hill to Lower Mills

by Anita Danker, Ed.D.

Sunday, November 17, 2024, 2pm via Zoom*

From the Colonial era to the present, women have played a key role in Dorchester's history, as authors and artists, doctors and lawyers, entrepreneurs and educators, philanthropists, activists, and more. This illustrated talk will highlight the work of these trailblazing women, who made a difference in their own times and beyond.

*Register for the event at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org

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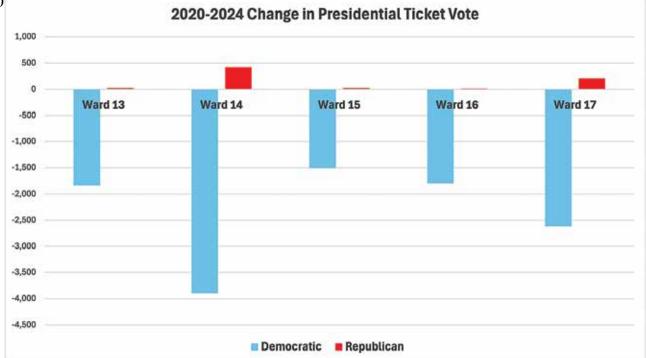
Boston voters power down on supporting Democrats

(Continued from page 1) of the 2020 vote count for the Democratic presidential ticket by 55,298 votes, or 22.8 percent.

In Dorchester's Wards 13-17, the pattern was similar. Trump increased his count here by 682 votes (15.8 percent), while Harris, compared with 2020 results for her and President Joe Biden, fell short by 11,649 votes (25.6 percent), more than 17 times the gain for Trump.

The numbers of votes cast were down by double digits in all five Dorchester wards, with the smallest drop in Ward 16 (Fields Corner to Neponset Circle, east of Dorchester Avenue), by 14.2 percent, and the largest in Ward 14 (from Grove Hall and Four Corners to Franklin Field and part of Mattapan north of Walk Hill Street), by 28.2 percent.

The largest slippage for the Democratic presidential ticket in Dorchester was in Ward 14, with the 2024 total for the Democratic ticket down by 3,895 votes or 34.2



percent. The smallest drop was in Ward 16, by 1,796 votes (21.1 percent). Trump got only 11 more votes this year in Ward 16, but that was enough—combined with Democratic slippage—to help him flip two areas carried by his rivals in 2020: Precinct 9 (east of Adams Street, from Ashmont Street to Gallivan Boulevard) and Precinct 12 (near Keystone Apartments and Florian Hall).

In Ward 13's perennially high-turnout Precinct 10 (Savin Hill), Trump improved his 2020 count by only three votes, but the tally for the Democratic ticket was down from 2020 by 164 votes $(16\,percent).\,One\,outlier$ was Ward 16's Precinct 8 (west of Adams Street, from Ashmont Street to Gallivan Boulevard), where totals were up for presidential tickets in both parties, with Harris and Walz getting about two-thirds of the vote.

This year's results from Boston also depart

from a trend of steadily rising numbers of votes in presidential election years, going back at least two decades. Even though Boston's voter enrollment figure was slightly higher than it was in 2020, the number of votes cast in this year's election was down by more than 50,000, or 17 percent.

In Ward 20 (West Roxbury and part of Roslindale), with consistently high turnouts, the number of votes for Trump even declined slightly (0.2 percent) from 2020,but the tally for Harris/ Walz was down from the figure for Biden/Harris by 2,646 votes, or 15.2 percent. The drop for Harris/Walz was even greater in the more populous and racially mixed Ward 18 (Hyde Park, parts of Mattapan and Roslindale), by 4,656 votes, or 18 percent.

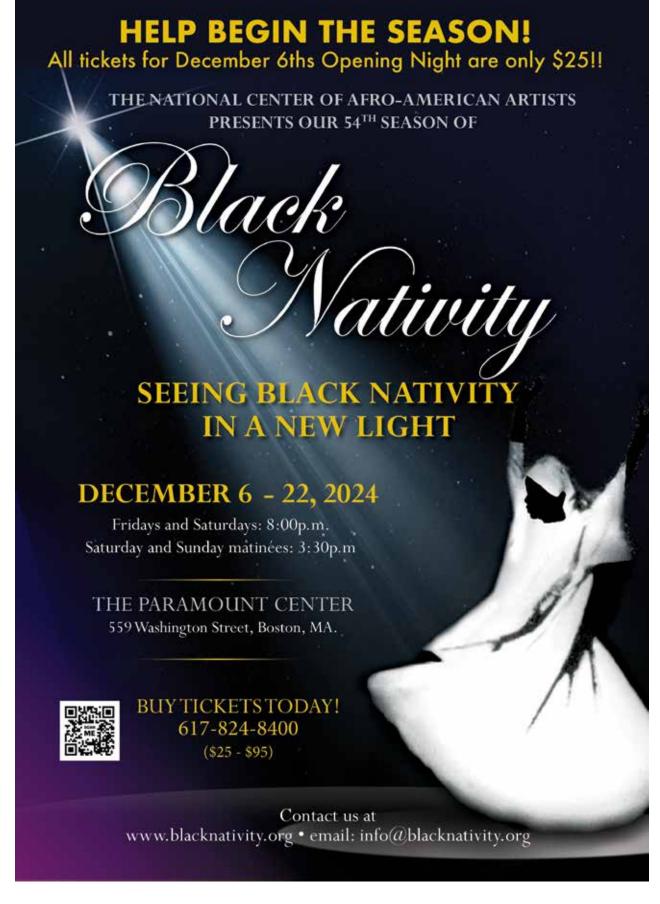
In terms of percentages—if with smaller voting bases, the gains for Trump were most dramatic in Roxbury's Ward 12 and Dorchester's Ward 14, where the increases were by more than 50 percent (above a small base), surpassing the percentage drops for Harris/Walz (with a much larger base). Trump also had gains of more than 20 percent in Wards 8, 9, and 11, encompassing parts of Roxbury, the Plain. Though long as-

sociated with Boston's Black community, most of these areas are also home to increasing numbers of Latino voters—a constituency that yielded significant gains for Trump this year nationwide.

In Dorchester, the next highest gain for Trump was in Ward 17 (Codman Square-Lower Mills), but the difference from his 2020 total was 204 votes, less than one-tenth the drop for the Democratic ticket. The same trend was found in Wards 16, 15 (Fields Corner/ Meeting House Hill) and 13 (Uphams Corner to Columbia-Savin Hill), with even smaller gains for Trump and much larger declines for the Democratic ticket. Even in Ward 14, the downturn for Democrats—by 3,895 votes—was almost ten times greater than the gain for Trump, with his additional 418 votes.

In 17 of Boston's 22 wards, the 2024 vote for the Democratic presidential ticket was down by more than 20 percent. These include the Dorchester wards, but also South Boston (Wards 6 and 7), East Boston, Allston-Brighton (Wards 21 and 22), and wards covering the Back Bay and part of Beacon Hill, the Fenway, Mission Hill, and the rest of Roxbury, as well as parts of the South End. But, in Dorchester, the smallest percentage downturn for the Democratic ticket was in Ward 16, a more politically moderate area, with a higher percentage of white voters, despite support in two predominantly white precincts for Trump and Vance.

Figures from Allston-Brighton, the Fenway, and Mission Hillareas with Boston's highest college student population—show down-turns for the Democratic ticket by more than 20 percent. These areas had a significant drop in the number of votes cast: by 19.1 percent in Ward 4 (mostly the Fenway), more than 22 percent in Wards 21 and 22, and 26.6 percent in Ward 10 (Mis South End, and Jamaica sion Hill/Hyde Square).



It's BINcA vs. Tech Boston in MIAA soccer playoff

The Boston International Newcomer's Academy (BINcA) boys' soccer team continues to impress in post-season Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) tournament play. The Dorchester team, the #1 seed in the Division 5 tournament, meets up with city rival Tech Boston in the state quarterfinals at Madison Park this week (Wed., Nov. 13) at 3:30 p.m.

BINcA defeated Rising Tide Charter School of Plymouth in their second match-up last Friday, Nov. 8, at Mattapan's Almont Park. The score was 9-0, according to head coach Edmar Varela.

The Lions had previously defeated fellow Dorchester soccer startup, Community Academy of Science and Health (CASH), 3-2, in overtime on Nov. 5 to begin their playoff run.

Watch DotNews.com for updates.

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Liquor permit expansion is drawing some interesting applicants

By Seth Daniel News Editor

The flood of new liquor licenses coming down the pipeline over the next three years continues to bring out new and interesting applications, including the Franklin Park Zoo and a long-time diner on Bowdoin Street.

After years of battling for additional liquor licenses from the Legislature, Boston leaders found success last summer in getting 225 new all alcohol and beer and wine licenses over the next three years – some of which are tied to zip codes and some of which are citywide.

The new opportunity has brought out several existing businesses who are looking to make their operations easier, or to expand their existing offerings. City leaders won't review applications until after Dec. 1 and will award the first tranche based on merit and public need – but many— like the Zoo are looking to get in line early.

"We end up getting a lot of one-day licenses right now," said Zoo New England's CEO John Linehan. "It's operationally inefficient and getting one requires a long waiting period so anyone that wants to hold an event here on short notice is out of luck...If we are granted a license, we'll have some big hurdles removed from us in having to apply for one-days...We're excited about it and when the new licenses started coming out, we were excited to apply."

The Zoo has already had a hearing at the License Board and was given a vote of approval

won't review applications in late October. That until after Dec. 1 and will approval awaits further award the first tranche review.

Linehan said they have large events like Boo at the Zoo, and especially the Boston Lights exhibit, which attracted more than 6,000 people on its final night alone earlier this month. All those events require advance notice and lots of paperwork that could be eliminated. He noted they apply for more than 100 one-day licenses per year now.

"It's going to make a real difference in what we do here already," he said, noting that they will look at other opportunities in the future, but will focus on existing events for now.

"There is a lot of heartache and unknowns when we're getting the one-day licenses through the Board and wondering if we'll be approved," he

Meanwhile, the owners of One Family Diner at 260 Bowdoin St. held an abutter's meeting late last month to discuss their intention to seek a beer and wine license to offer brunch and perhaps a dinner menu. Manny and Rachel Silveira took over the diner from Rachel's mother, and the family has operated the diner for 20 years. Previously, other owners operated Ashley's Coffee Shop, which was also there for 20 years or more.

Attorney Carolyn Conway said the Silveiras want to grow their breakfast and lunch business with the new license. "We're seeking a beer and wine licenses pursuant to the new legislation ev-

eryone is talking about," said Conway. "We're interested in expanding the restaurant slowly. We would like to have a beer and wine so the restaurant could have mimosas and expand into a brunch menu and also expand our lunch menu and hopefully go into a dinner menu."

One Family's owners have already upgraded the building's exterior using city grants and its own resources to put a fresh new paint job and new signage for the entire building, which also houses Cesaria Restaurant. The diner mostly serves breakfast very early in the morning, and transitions to Trinidadian food for lunch. The hope is they can amplify what they do now on the back of a beer and wine "We believe we are perfect for the new legislation to allow neighborhood businesses to provide and offer beer and wine so they can expand their offerings to the neighborhood," said Conway.

Neighbor and community leader Davida Andelman said she fully supports the idea.

"I can think of no other business in the Bowdoin-Geneva neighborhood business district that would be more appropriate than One Family to take advantage of the expansion with neighborhood businesses being able to sell alcoholic beverages," she said.

One Family has already met with Meetinghouse Hill Civic, and the Greater Bowdoin-Geneva Civic Association.

Galvin probing miscues on Election Day ballots in Boston's precincts

(Continued from page 1) we did all this in the five

Between 5 and 10 polling locations ran out of ballots around 5 p.m., he said — though he added that his office will conduct an investigation that could offer more insight on these details -- and the areas most affected were in Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury. There was also one polling location in Dorchester that ran out of ballots on election night.

The Reporter spoke to several sources who have identified the Dorchester precinct in question as Ward 13, precinct 10, in Savin Hill.

Galvin said his office tried calling and emailing the city's election division many times but got no response all day. Finally, an official from his office went down in-person to the city's election office to coordinate the police response to get the ballots delivered.

"I think by using the police vehicles and getting it out there as rapidly as possible, we captured most of the people who wanted to vote," Galvin said. "And surely, since

we did all this in the five to six o'clock hour, that gave an additional two hours for people to return to their polls, which tend to be right in their neighborhood area. But it's unacceptable that voters have to do that."

Galvin previously put Boston's election division under receivership in 2006, he said, after a similar issue with ballots disrupted Election Day. That year, he said, the issue arose in neighborhoods of Boston where high numbers of people of color live.

It was the election in which former Gov. Deval Patrick was elected as the first Black governor of Massachusetts, and Galvin said some precincts were "short changed" in getting to vote.

This year, he said, he believes the issue was resolved quickly enough that most people stayed in line to vote. "Fortunately, in all of those areas, there were no local races that a small number of ballots could change. That's not the issue. The issue is the voter's rights. It's not about the candidates,

it's about the ballot questions. It's about the voter's rights, which we want to protect," Galvin said.

The secretary's office provided the News Service with several pages' worth of emails that members of their office sentinternally and to city of Boston officials over the course of the day on Tuesday flagging issues with ballot availability around the city.

One from a supervisor in the secretary's office sent at 5:02 p.m. reads: "Voters and [a poll worker] called to inform our office that they have run out of ballots. They have been calling since 11AM and have apparently turned away some voters. Thank you."

Another email, from a voter into the Citizen Information Service general inbox at 6:27 p.m. said: "West Roxbury ward 20 precinct 5 had not had ballots for two hours. We were turned away and told they did not know when they would have ballots. This is absolutely unacceptable and is canceling people's right to vote!"

Galvin stressed at the press conference that the city of Boston had enough ballots, that it just did not distribute them properly to its different polling locations — especially those farthest from the downtown core of the city near City Hall.

"They shouldn't be in a vault in City Hall, they should be out there where voters need them," he said.

A spokesperson for Mayor Wu said the city's initial review found there was a miscalculation in formulas to set ballot deliveries for precincts that would be processed ahead of Election Day through the central tabulation facility. After they

discovered the issue, the city mobilized the Boston Police Department to deliver ballots, the Wu spokesperson said.

She said the city was in contact with the secretary's office throughout the evening and received guidance that since all voters in line by 8 p.m. would be able to vote, extending polling hours to permit provisional ballots after that time would not improve access to the ballot.

"The city takes our responsibility to effectively administer free and fair elections extremely seriously as the cornerstone for democratic participation. It is completely unacceptable for voters to

experience undue delay at the polls, as any barriers in the voting process can lead to disenfranchisement. The city has begun a full audit into the delays from ballot shortages at polling locations during yesterday's election, and will work closely with the Secretary of State's office to support the state's investigation so that the findings can deliver needed improvements to our voting system," Tavares said in a statement.

Galvin didn't mention who he was considering to appoint as receiver of the city's election division, saying that he would wait to see how the investigation went.

Holiday Stroll in Lower Mills scheduled for Sat., Nov. 30

The Lower Mills Merchants Association and partners will stage its annual Holiday Stroll in Lower Mills and Milton Village on Sat., Nov. 30 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The popular event includes free trolley rides, open

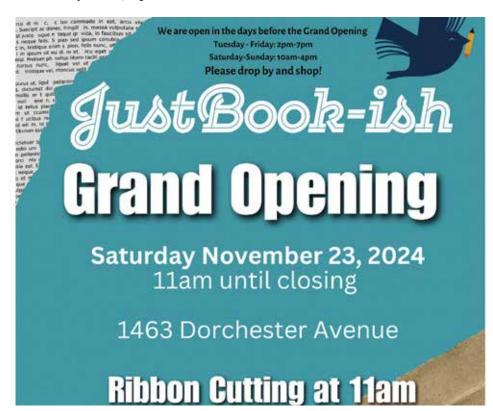
houses at several participating businesses, and a holiday tree lighting at 6:15 p.m. T

This year's lighting will take place at a new location—1133 Washington St., Vargas & Vargas Insurance. The event will

also feature an exhibition of art and music at the Walter Baker Artists Lofts.

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T asking federal help for a new Savin Hill Bridge

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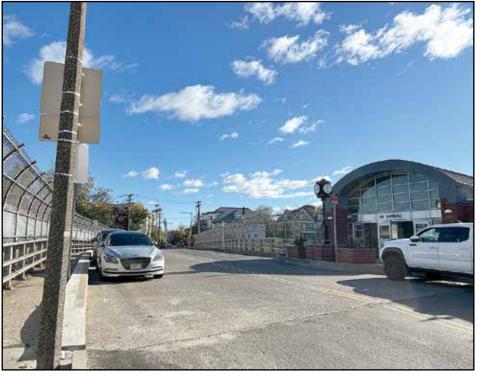
"The MBTA-owned half of this bridge is ready to be replaced – if funds are awarded, the MBTA will move forward with analyzing all costs, safety aspects, and feasibilities of constructing its replacement," read a statement to The Reporter.

The Savin Hill neighborhood has been heavily impacted by diversions and lane closures on the bridge and nearby streets by infrastructure work, including last year's emergency bridge work, and excavation projects from Boston Water and Sewer Commission, Eversource, and National Grid projects.

Paul Nutting, Jr., an abutter to the bridge, said he understands the need to replace the span as there have been safety issues, but he hopes it will be managed well.

"Let's not let it turn into another [Dot Ave bridge] because that thing dragged on so long and was even closed to pedestrians for a long time," he said, citing the multi-year bridge replacement of an MBTA span on Dorchester Avenue that stretched from 2022 to 2024. "That would be an untenable situation."

Nutting said he hopes they can always keep one



The MBTA hopes to secure federal grant money to pay for the design and reconstruction of this bridge on Savin Hill Avenue, which is partly owned and maintained by the T.

Cassidy McNeeley photo

lane of traffic open during construction rather than shutting down the bridge completely.

"My hope would be they would have cops there to keep one lane open and allow alternating eastbound and westbound traffic through," he noted. "Looking at the way its constructed, I don't see why they couldn't do that."

Bill Walczak, president of the CSHCA, said he was glad to see it was being replaced, recalling the situation last year where the bridge was closed, and no parking was allowed due to concerns about the bridge's stability. Walczak said things should never get that far, and advocated for a more reliable funding mechanism for bridges instead of a competitive grant that may or may not materialize.

"We did have our bridge closed about a year ago because of an emergency situation with a beam under the MBTA portion of the bridge," he noted. "It feels like we have to play the lottery with a grant proposal to study a bridge they know is already structurally deficient. It seems like we should have a plan to allocate dollars to fix these things and not wait for some special opportunity from a federal spending law."

According to the National Bridge Inventory (NBI) cited by the MBTA, the western half is in poor condition. The latest bridge inspection report

notes critical structural deficiencies, critical hazard deficiencies, and severe or major deficiencies that warrant bridge replacement. The bridge was built in 1925 but modified in 1956 and 1967. It links the eastern and western halves of Savin Hill, carrying pedestrians, more than 2.4 million passenger vehicles, and over 190,000 trucks every year.

The MBTA-owned portion of the bridge carries traffic across five MBTA-owned rail tracks: four of which carry heavy rail and one Regional Rail track. The bridge also provides pedestrian access to the main (and only accessible) entrance to Savin Hill station on the Ashmont branch of the Red Line.

The second federal grant sought by the T would fund the design and construct the JFK-UMass station—in the form of a \$99.9 million US Department of Transportation matching grant that would advance final design and fund reconstruction. The MBTA would finance its amount for the \$200 million project through revenue bonds.

The agency "is eager to advance this project to redevelop JFK/UMass, which will significantly benefit the Dorchester community as a whole, including staff and students at UMass Boston, residents of the surrounding area, and many more," read a statement to The Reporter from the T.

The MBTA is hoping to get the funding from the federal Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, which is also a competitive grant program funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program has \$607 million available through Federal Fiscal Year 2026.

"JFK/UMass Station currently presents significant barriers to access, mobility, and economic development and is poorly suited to the community, as it is in a state of disrepair," read the T memo. "In recent decades, there have been increases in safety events, resiliency failures, and maintenance concerns. JFK/UMass Station is located in Dorchester. a historically disadvantaged neighborhood."

The MBTA elaborated that the overall project aims to create a safe, efficient, and accessible station that employs flood-mitigation technologies and advances possible transit-oriented development.

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RESIDENT PETITION TO AMEND SQUARES+ STREETS ZONING

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Register: bit.ly/Dec02 Zoom **Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 604 4781



DESCRIPTION: This meeting is to discuss a petition put forward by 22 Boston residents that proposes changes to the Squares + Streets zoning districts, including adding two additional zoning districts and making changes to the use regulations for existing Squares + Streets districts. These changes would impact property zoned in Squares + Streets zoning districts in Mattapan and any future property rezoned to a Squares + Streets district across the city. The petitioners will present and be available for questions from the public. The Planning Department will be available to answer any questions on the petition or process. Interpretation in Spanish and Haitian Creole will be provided; other interpretations available upon request. The petition is scheduled to be heard by the Zoning Commission at their December 11, 2024 meeting.

You can find the full petition, and the Planning Department's report on the petition, at bit.ly/Text_Petitions.

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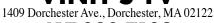


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Gloria Fox dies at 82

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cent of vote, she wasn't

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added. "The people saw

she was doing the work

of the people, and all of

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Jovani Fox, her grand-

daughter, said this week

that Rep. Fox's repu-

tation for hard work

and her commitment to

standing up for less fortu-

nate neighbors inspired

multiple generations

in the work that we do

now," said Jovani, who

works in government

as well. "We grew up in

that environment with

many fond memories in

the State House, which

for me was like my other

house, before grandma

retired. Room 167 was

home. She instilled in us a

great sense of community

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Docket No. SU23P2267EA
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DATE OF DEATH: 08/02/2023

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Katherine A. Goodridge of Haverhill, MA and Oliver D. Goodridge of Fayetteville, GA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete

court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, authorize the P.R.s to establish the Evette Goodridge Supplemental Needs Trust (the "SNT"), a proposed copy of which is filed herewith, and authorize the P.R.s to distribute to the Trustee of the SNT the share to otherwise be held by Katherine Goodridge as testamentary Trustee under

Goodridge as testamentary Trustee under the Second Article of the decedent's Last Will

and Testament dated May 8, 2015, for the benefit of Evette Goodridge, and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding.

To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely

written appearance and objection followed

by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30)

days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First
stice of this Court.
Date: November 8, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

Register of Probate Published: November 14, 2024

of 12/12/2024

'Her work shows up

within her family.

take days off.'

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the Commonwealth, far beyond the limits of her Roxbury-centered district, the 7th Suffolk.

She was passionate about equity ... especially foster children, because she came up in that system," said Tuitt. "She felt that families needed to be reunified and worked to keep the community whole and unified, because she lost her own brother in the system for a long time."

Tuitt said that Fox was first elected in a 1985 special election to succeed Doris Bunte, the first Black woman elected to serve in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

When Doris Bunte decided to retire, she said, 'Ok, Gloria, it's your turn," said Tuitt. "She had a challenger once, but for most of her years, she went unchallenged. "Even unchallenged,

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU24C0446CA **ABDI OMAR BARRE**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Abdi Omai Barre of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to

Abdi Omar IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person may appear for ourposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk robate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/05/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you bject to this proceeding

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

Date: November 6, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq Register of Probate

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nterested persons, you are hereby notified oursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplementa Rules of the Probate & Family Court, tha the 1st and Final Temporary account(s) of Raffaela Witkin of Wellesley, MA as Con-servator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Courl

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 and objection at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/05/2024. This day is on the return date of 12/09/20/24. Ins 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 and objection by the return date, actior may be taken in this matter without furthe or the state of the country of the state of the country of the property of the state of the country of country o notice to you, including the allowance of the account(s).

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Probate & Family Court.

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

of this Court. Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

Date: November 7, 2024 Published: November 14, 2024 and was always reaching down to lift up."

When Rep. Fox gave her final speech to the House in late 2016, she recalled her efforts to fight poverty in the 1960s and how she has worked since then on community development initiatives in her Roxbury neighborhood.

"It's not going to end with this day. I do intend to be involved in many, many ways in community and human service and development," she said. Alluding to the first transition to President-elect Donald Trump, she added, "We're going to have a lot of activity for these next four years and so I intend to be on the forefront of that, maybe not as a legislator but definitely as a concerned citizen with a lot of history of involvement.'

She also told her colleagues in late 2016 that she wanted to take some time in retirement to continue work on a book about her life, which she said a filmmaking relative planned to turn into a movie.

"I won't tell too much about that," she said. "You can pay the money and see it when it's done.

Funeral arrangements for Rep. Fox will be made through Davis Funeral Homes in Roxbury. They are still in the works.



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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. SU24P2382EA ESTATE OF: BRIDGET P. KNAUBER DATE OF DEATH: 04/05/2015

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Catherine Costello of Plymouth, Mr equesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested n the Petition. The Petitioner requests that In the Petition. In the Petitioner requests that Catherine Costello of Plymouth, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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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 12/12/2024.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First ustice of this Court.
Date: November 5, 2024

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FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P2375EA
ESTATE OF:
WILLIE MAE DIXON-SMITH
DATE OF DEATH: 08/05/2021
Petition for Late and Limited Formal

Testacy and/or Appointment has beer iled by Gary Marlo Smith of Dorchester MA requesting that the Court enter formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attor-ney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/16/2024.

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Witness, HON. BRIANJ. DUNN, First lustice of this Court.
Date: November 4, 2024

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL ADJUDICATION
DOcket No. SU24P2374EA
ESTATE OF:
RACHELLE COMMONICATION

DATE OF DEATH: 09/24/2024
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Lynne J. DeCamp of Randald Market Market Personal Representative has been filed by Lynne J. DeCamp of Randald Market Personal Representative has been filed by Lynne J. DeCamp of Randald Market Personal Representative for Randald Market Personal Representative for Randald Representative for dolph, MA requesting that the Court ente a formal Decree and Order and for such a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Lynne J. DeCamp of Randolph, MA be appointed as Persona Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised controlled to the properties of the properties

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First ustice of this Court.
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LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT
OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU24P1576GD
IN THE INTERESTS OF
DINA FAITH-VINES COLLINS
OF Boston, MA
MINOR
Notice to all Interested Parties
1. Hearing Date/Time: A hearing on a
Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor
filed on 07/31/2024 by Monique R. Vines of
Boston, MA will be held 11/26/2024 10:00

Boston, MA will be held 11/26/2024 10:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114.

2. Response to Petition: You may respon 2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. Counsel for the Minor: the Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. Counsel for Parents: If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this

of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. Presence of the Minor at hearing: A present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has

court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact ar attorney for legal advice. Date: October 15, 2024

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FFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE
OF PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
FOR INCAPACITATED PERS 2014

FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU24P2328GD IN THE MATTER OF: JENNIFER THOMAS of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jennifer Thomas is in matter alleging that Jennifer Thomas is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or

need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is neces-sary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this cent and may contain a convent for contain

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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 11/27/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance i you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date action may be taken in this matter withou further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific acts and grounds of your objection within

30 days afte after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit

In eductione or insproceeding 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 afford a lawyer above-named person afford a lawyer. bove-named person cannot afford a lawve one may be appointed at State expense.
Witness, Hon, Brian J, Dunn, First Justice

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Notice is hereby given that a Community Meeting for a Proposed Cannabis Establishment is scheduled for:

> **Application Name:** Injaga LLC Application Address: 1102A Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester License Type: Retail Recreational Dispensary License



THIS IS AN IN PERSON MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 5, 2024

Time: 6:00PM

Meet At: 1102A Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester

There will be an opportunity for the public to raise comments, questions, and concerns.

If you any questions or comments about this proposal, please contact:

Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (617) 635-2093 | conor.newman@boston.gov

> $Please \ note, the \ City \ does \ not \ represent \ the \ owner(s)/developer(s)/attorney(s)/applicant(s). \ The \ purpose \ of \ this \ notice \ is \ to \ notify \ area$ abutters to this project proposal. This flyer has been dropped off by the proponents per the city's request

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BGCD Challenger Soccer Concludes for the Season with Awards Ceremony: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Challenger Soccer Concludes for the Season with Awards

Ceremony: The 7-week Challenger Soccer program at BGCD concluded a successful season in early November. Members spent the season doing skills drills, playing games and at the final session were presented with special awards. We would like to thank all the volunteer Buddies and to the Boston Police Department's **Bureau of Community Engagement** for their assistance each week. In partnership with the Martin Richard Foundation, the Club offers a series of sports which allows young people with developmental and physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of sports participation in a safe athletic environment structured to their abilities. Next up for Challenger Sports will be Basketball in December. For more information, please contact Erin Ferrara at eferrara@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Hosts College Coaching with Rebecca Kenney for Teen Members:

This past week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Power Forward (College & Career Prep) program hosted our longtime friend and College Career Consultant, Rebecca Kenney to speak with the members of our Junior and Senior Class about the College admissions process. Rebecca helped lay out a timeline and best practices for teen members to follow as they navigate the process. We thank Rebecca for taking the time to join us for this informative session.

Next up for the Power Forward program will be a tour of Salem State University on November 16th and a special Teensgiving Celebration with members of other Boys & Girls Clubs on November 22nd. For information, or to register, please contact Tricia Chapple at pchapple@bgcdorchester.org.



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<u>DID YOU KNOW:</u> The Barking Crab To Host Jingle & Mingle to Benefit BGCD on

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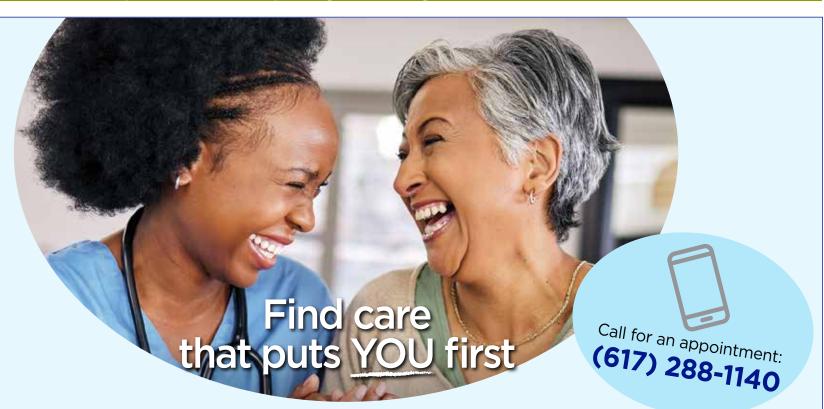
Power Forward Teensgiving November 22

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November 23

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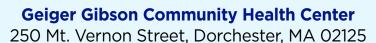
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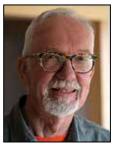




RECENT OBITUARIES

John G. Clift

A longtime resident of Dorchester, John G. Clift died October 29, 2024 at Sherrill House in Jamaica Plain at the age of 75 years.



Born on April 17, 1949, in Hyannis, he was, according to his sister, the "perfect son" of the late John "Gorham" Clift and Melva Virginia (Barlow) Clift. According to his mother, John had from an early age, "all [the] mechanical toys" and spent many hours watching and later helping his father operate steam shovels and bulldozers to build

and expand the family home in Yarmouth.

Following his graduation from Dennis-Yarmouth High School in 1967 and Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1971 with a B.S. in mechanical engineering, John moved to Boston, where he purchased a classic 1900-era triple-decker in Savin Hill and embarked on a career in facilities management. He worked for Johnson Controls, Boston University, Trinity Church in the City of Boston, and M.H. Massey & Co., from which he retired in 2014.

As director of facilities from 1996 to 2003, John played a crucial role during the restoration and expansion of H.H. Richardson's national historic landmark Trinity Church – which he was pleasantly surprised recently to learn earned him recognition in an endnote by Richardson expert James O'Gorman in The Makers of Trinity Church.

John was an avid student and collector of art, including painting, calligraphy, sculpture, and weaving, particularly antique kilims. He traveled widely over many years, including four trips to Turkey, his dream trip to China, as well as trips to many European countries. John studied Chinese with a tutor for several years prior to his trip to China in the fall of 2019 and continued his lessons until a diagnosis of lung cancer in the spring of 2024.

John is survived by his beloved sister, Virginia M. Clift of Plymouth, and many dear friends with whom he maintained deep and decades-long connections.

Family and friends will honor and remember John's life by gathering for a funeral service in Trinity Church, 206 Clarendon Street, Boston, on Thursday morning, November 21, 2024, at 11:00 A.M., with a reception following in the church's undercroft.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sherrill House (sherrillhouse.org) or Longwood Hospice (longwoodhospice.com), both of which provided John with excellent, compassionate care.

For guestbook, please visit www.jmurphyfh.com. Arrangements by the Murphy Funeral Home, Dorchester.

COVENEY, Paula M. (Greene), 76, of

South Boston. Wife of James H. Coveney, Jr. of Dorchester, formerly of Dorchester. Mother of

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Kristen Coveney and her partner John Fitzpatrick of South Boston, Karyn Welby and her husband Edward of San Diego, CA, James J. Covenev Lt. B.F.D. of Dorchester, and Lisa Murphy and her husband Brian of South Boston. Sister of the late John A. Greene, P.H.D. Grandmother of 6. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Please consider making a donation in memory of Paula to Friends of St. Brendan at friendsofsaintbrendan.



Carolyn ERVIN, 'Madear" **J.**, 77 of Dorchester. Daugher of the late Juanita Ervin of Heflin, Alabama. Carolyn was employed by Roxbury, Community College as a Student Counselor. Carolyn is preceded in death by her Godson Randall Jerome Ervin and sister in-law Shirley Ervin. She is survived by her children: Denita, Tarsha and Marcus (Janiel) Ervin. Grandmother of 8. Great-grandmother of 4. Sister of James Ervin of Virginia; Tommy Ervin (Vivian) of Atlanta; Janice Wilson (J.S) of Alabama; and Randall Ervin (Patricia) of Colorado.

HAEFNER, Ruby Marie (Boswell), 89, of Dorchester. Wife of the late Joseph J. Haefner. Daughter of the late Alphonse N. Boswell and Alice C. (Gay) Boswell. Sister of the late Una Lewis, Frederick

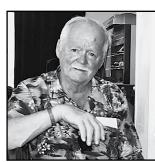


Clauss, Edward Boswell, Lawrence Boswell, Earl Boswell, Geraldine Woodburn, and Mary Rodrigue. Ruby is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Ruby was a retired dietary aide at St. Margaret Hospital in Dorchester for many vears. She also worked as a hairdresser.

LICCIARDI,

cenzo B., 85, "Vinny," of Wilmington. Vinny was the husband of the late Dorothea C. (Nocito) Licciardi; father of Cheryl and Paul Licciardi of Wilmington, and Michael Licciardi of Concord, NH; and papa of 1. Son of the late Poalantonio Licciardi and Antonetta (Cifelli) Licciardi; brother of the late Juliette Giangregorio and the late Gennaro Licciardi; brother-in-law of Rosemary Manning of Dorchester and Vincent Nocito of Dorchester: and is also survived by many family members and friends. Vinny served in the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserves. Memorial donations in Vinny's name may be made to The Shriner's Children's Hospital, 51 Blossom Street, Boston, MA 02114 or Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

LONG, Charles F. "Charlie" of Plymouth, formerly of Whitman and Dorchester. He was the son of John D. Long, III and Ann O'Gara (Ryan), formerly of Weymouth. He worked at Grass Instruments in Braintree and remained there for over 50 years. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his granddaughter, Jaime-Lee Occhipinti of Brockton. He is survived by his wife, Noreen Long (MacDon-



ald); and their children, Charles Long, Jr. and his wife, Kelley of Whitman: Bernice Occhipinti and her husband, Steve of Jacksonville, NC, formerly of Brockton; John Long and his fiancée, Leanne Mcguinness of Plymouth; and Holly Long of Whitman; 8 grandchildren; his brothers, Thomas and wife, Joanne of Needham, Dennis and his partner, Sandy Folsom of West Roxbury, Kevin and wife, Denise of Abington; and two great-granddaughters.



OHRT. Eunice H. Guyon, 98, of Dorchester. Daughter to the late James Guyon of N.Y and Helen Delaney Guyon of Ireland. Wife of the late James Ohrt. Eunice was the mother of 10 children. She cared and provided for them as a single parent. Mother of Barry Southworth and his wife Gail Southworth; James Southworth; Kathleen Connell; Christine Cass and her husband Steven; William Southworth; Robert Southworth, Michael Ohrtand his partner Kathy Boyd; Gerald Ohrt and his wife Maria Karalis Ohrt; Thomas Ohrt and his partner Tuplin; Martha dith Ohrt and her husband Ludmir Kyjovsky. Grandmother of 15, and great-grandmother 16. Eunice worked for The Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. She was an integral part of the creation of Quilting for Seniors at the Kit Clark Center.



RYAN, John Joseph "Jack", 95, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester and South Boston. Husband of the late Elizabeth "Betty" Ryan (O'Connor). Son of the late John J. and Blanche Ryan. Jack leaves his four children, Elizabeth Ryan of Hingham, Theresa Gilliland and her husband Dave of Hyannis, John (Jack) Ryan and his wife Araceli of Milton, and Carol Thomas and her husband Simon of Norwood. Brother of the late Blanche Chisholm. He also leaves behind grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Jack served in the US Navy and worked for the MBTA for many years.



SEAVER, Edward H., of Lynn, formerly of Dorchester. Born to the late Kenneth Seaver and Florence (Robishaw) Seaver, He is survived by his siblings: Mary Funari of Mansfield, Eleanor Dunn of Hingham, Catherine Woelfel Milton, and Eileen Vargo of Peabody, and a cherished Unk to many nieces, nephews, and friends. He was predeceased by his sisters Rita Riley of Saugus, Margaret Cina of Rockland, and his brother Kenneth Seaver of Kentucky.



SMITH, James P. "Smitty", 60, of Dorchester. Father of Samantha and Victoria Smith, both of Dorchester. Former spouse of Peggy Smith of Dorchester. Son of the late Hamilton and Maureen Smith. Brother of Mark Smith and his wife Maria of Reading, Marlene Jankowski and her husband Richard of Plymouth and the late Brian Smith and Karen Garney. James is also survived by nieces, nephews, close friends, and extended family. He was Union carpenter and had a longtime career with Local # 218, Boston. Please consider a donation in memory of James to friendsofsaintbrendan.

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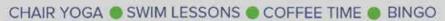


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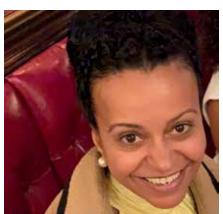
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