

IT'S SANTA'S TIME TO SHINE

Stroll draws festive crowd to the Village

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Staff

On Saturday afternoon a section of Minot Street and Ross Road filled up with hundreds of families, friends, and "fur babies" for Adams Village's inaugural Holiday Stroll.

With the roadway in front of Blasi's Kitchen and Bar and Lynn Monahan's Fringe Boutique closed to traffic, the Grinch had room to serve up cotton candy while Santa posed for pictures with neighborhood children.

Dot native Lauren Scherer-Geehan was one of the volunteers who, along with her 17-year-old daughter Addison and her friends, helped to turn the village into a holiday wonderland.

"I know Lynn," she said, "and she asked if I would help plan it. I said yes. I've lived here for 40 years. I know a lot of the community members and I thought it would be really fun."

A self-published children's author, Scherer-Geehan added, "I (Continued on page 14)



Santa Claus visited Codman Square on Sun., Dec. 8, to greet the children of the community ahead of Christmas, joining Mayor Wu and other dignitaries on the Enchanted Trolley tour. Seth Daniel photo

El Punto, an eatery with 240 seats, eyed for Blue Hill Ave. at Talbot in early '25

By Seth Daniel
News Editor

Two women restaurateurs are on the fast track to open a full-service Dominican-themed restaurant and function hall early next year on Blue Hill Avenue. Plans for a 240-seat restaurant with a full liquor license – called El Punto – and an affiliated 148-person function space were discussed at an abutters' meeting on Dec. 12.

Wandaly Ortiz and business partner Yira Pena secured a full liquor license for the establishment last year and received city approvals to go forward in 2023. But the partners are now looking for support and working to renew their approvals with a goal of opening in February.

El Punto will be one of the first full-service restaurants on Blue Hill Avenue to hold a liquor license, though other applicants are hoping to secure permits in a process approved through state legislation earlier this year.

"I just think it's a great area for us right in the middle of Dorchester Center and the cornerstone of where we like to gather as Dominicans," said Pena. "We're right there in the middle of it by Blue Hill Avenue and American Legion Highway and that's precisely why it's called El Punto."

Pena said part of their business plan is "about getting people



Owner Wandaly Ortiz, COO Yira Pena, and General Manager Maricelle Nieves hope to be open for business in February. Seth Daniel photo

off the street and the gathering places and out of their cars and into a nice place so they can enjoy themselves and not have to drive to Lawrence."

El Punto first went through the permitting process without a liquor license in 2023, but

Sweet sign-up for Dot Block

Sweet Teez Bakery owner Teresa Thompson Maynard, at right, will open a new store on the ground level of Dot Block apartment complex next year, she says, in the hope "that the bakery can be a space for community members to gather, and to feel inspired, and emboldened to pursue their own dreams" amidst cakes, cupcakes, brownies and pies. Story, Page 21. Family photo

having secured one since, they have brought their plans back to community groups and the Zoning Board of Appeal. Pena said they are working through that process and haven't to date encountered any major opposition.

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Wu vows to move ahead with plans for White Stadium

Rising costs fuel opponents' stance

By Colin A. Young
State House News Service

Despite new criticism over costs and impacts, Mayor Wu last week vowed to press forward with the city's plan to fund its share of a partnership agreement that would transform the currently decrepit White Stadium in Franklin Park into a modern sports facility that would be shared by city schoolkids and a for-profit women's soccer team.

The city and Boston Unity Soccer Partners LLC, a for-profit company, say the new stadium and complex would host the new BOS Nation FC, provide a state-of-the-art facility for Boston Public School (BPS) students to use as their home turf and still be available for community use. BPS, which is responsible for the existing stadium, cannot afford to renovate it alone, the city has said.

The *Boston Globe* and *The Dorchester Reporter* noted last week that the total cost of the project had about doubled from its initial number to nearly \$200 million, with the city's estimated share of the construction costs rising from \$50 million to \$91 million. And while the soccer team expects to start play in 2026, a trial scheduled for March in a lawsuit lodged by local opponents is now threatening that timeline.

In a Dec. 11 radio interview on WGBH, the mayor acknowledged the jump in estimated project costs and said that both the city and the soccer team share the responsibility for cost overruns. And she defended the project as co-host Jim Braude prodded her about considering alternatives, particularly as the Legislature has now opened the door to a professional soccer stadium in Everett.

"The costs of renovating something that has been falling apart for 40 years are significant ... Each side is responsible for what happens with costs on either side, and I will share that the increase in costs has happened on both sides, on the city and the team,"

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Batson complex clears key hurdle in bid for state building funds

By Seth Daniel
News Editor

Another Dorchester school building project has taken a major step toward securing funding from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). In a unanimous decision last Friday, the state board voted to include the Ruth Batson Academy—formerly the BCLA/McCormack School on Columbia Point—on its list of approved projects to fund.

The decision is a big win for the Boston school district, which secured a similar approval from the authority last December to advance plans for a new building to house the merged Shaw-Taylor School communities on the Dorchester-Mattapan border.

While the designations don't guarantee that either project will ultimately be funded or built, state funding is essential to advancing projects for school districts. It has on occasion proven elusive for the Boston system. Of 47 requests from 36 districts statewide, 22 were added to the list this year.

In testimony before the MSBA last Friday, BPS Superintendent Mary Skipper thanked the panel for its support.

"We know you get many, many statements of in-

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Police, Courts & Fire



Boston firefighters responded to 31 Hazelton St. in Mattapan around 3:45 a.m. last Saturday (Dec. 14) for what developed into a two-alarm fire. The Boston Fire Department reported that the blaze, which burned through the roof, displaced nine adults and five children, but that there were no injuries, though there was an estimated \$750,000 in damage to the multi-family building. Volunteers from Boston Sparks, in addition to providing water for firefighters, spread around a lot of rock salt in the sub-freezing temperatures, the department added. *BFD photo*

Victim in Devon St. murder ID'd as Bayonne, NJ, resident

A man who was shot and killed last Monday (Dec. 9) on Devon Street has been identified as Keith Cousin, 37, of Bayonne, NJ, according to Boston Police. Cousin was pronounced dead at the scene after he was shot multiple times. Two men arrested near the shooting scene— Darius Powell, 25, of Woonsocket, R.I., and Daiquan Miller, 25, of Dorchester— were arraigned on gun charges in Dorchester court the next day and were ordered held without bail pending a dangerous hearing on Dec. 17. They have not been charged in the homicide. Anyone with information is urged to contact detectives at 617-343-4470.

A man accused of trying to assemble a collection of explosives in his Dorchester home pleaded guilty last week to two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition following his arrest by federal agents at the Ruggles T stop on Thanksgiving 2020.

Pepo Herd El, also known as Pepo Wamchawi Herd, 51, has been held in custody ever since, most recently at a federal prison medical center in North Carolina, where doctors only declared him "restored to competency" – and able to face a potential trial—last month, according to court records.

El now faces up to ten years in prison at his Jan. 2 sentencing, the US Attorney's office in Boston reported. Herd espouses Black sovereign-citizen beliefs, including his right to carry weapons.

He was charged as a felon under federal law because of several convictions in 2004, including two for possession of firearms without a license, the US Attorney's office said. He was convicted on Oct. 27

Renovation work is underway at Walsh Park



Work crews fenced off Walsh Playground in Dorchester earlier this month and began work on the \$3 million reconstruction of the seven-acre, city-owned park that is nestled between Lower Mills and Codman Hill. The project, which is expected to take about nine months to complete, will result in an improved girls' softball field, tennis courts, and other amenities. The park's basketball courts are also set to be rehabilitated, along with the installation of a water feature and shade structure. The playground is named for Gunner Sgt. William Gary Walsh, who was killed in action in the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945 and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. *Seth Daniel photo*

Campbell to leave Mattapan for South Coast town of Dartmouth

Attorney General Andrea J. Campbell and her family are moving out of Mattapan for a new home in the South Coast Massachusetts town of Dartmouth in the new year. Campbell, who represented parts of Dorchester and Mattapan as a city councillor for three terms before running for mayor of Boston in 2021, informed supporters about her plans in an email last Friday (Dec. 13).

Calling the decision both "exciting" and "bittersweet," Campbell said

she and her husband Matt and their two children "will always be connected to D4 and plan to frequently visit my extended family who will remain in Mattapan and the countless life-long friends we have made there.

"This decision was not an easy one," she wrote, "but after significant prayer and meaningful discussion and reflection, we ultimately decided that it was the best decision for our family."

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The 2025 Project DEEP Celebrate Dorchester calendars are now on sale at College Hype on Gallivan Boulevard and The Daily on Savin Hill Ave. The calendars feature original watercolors by Dorchester artist Celia McDonough and cost just \$15 while supplies last. All proceeds benefit Project DEEP, which assists neighborhood kids and teens with a one-on-one tutoring program and other educational supports, including high school placement assistance, and exam preps. See projectdeep.org for more info.

State Sen. Nick Collins hosts an info session on Tax Amnesty and Relief at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester this Friday morning (Dec. 20) at 11:30. Join him, ABCD, and the Mass. Dept. of Revenue Office of the Taxpayer Advocate for details on how to access the benefits of a state tax amnesty period.

Youth hockey teams from across Boston –

including Dorchester Youth Hockey (DYS) – are now competing for the title of "Boston's Best" at the 2024 Mayor's Cup Ice Hockey Tournament. Hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with support from the Boston Bruins Foundation and P&G Gillette, it began on Dec. 13, with 136 games scheduled at eight rinks throughout the city – including Devine Rink and UMass Boston in Dorchester. For a full game schedule, go to boston.gov/sports.

Leland Faulkner will present "World of Wonder," a shadow-theatre performance at the JFK Library on Fri., Dec. 27, at 10:30 a.m. This multi-cultural theatrical "feast" using silhouettes made only with his hands is called "sophisticated and humorous." See jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644.

The 26th annual Haitian Independence Day Gala is Sat., Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. at IBEW Local 103 in Dorchester. Join us for a

night of music and cultural pride as we commemorate Haiti's independence. For tickets call (617) 417-8421. Proceeds to support the Toussaint Louverture Cultural Center (TLCC) of Massachusetts.

Boston Gives Back Winter Wonderland celebration this Saturday (Dec. 21) from noon to 8:30 p.m. at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building. Bring your little ones to learn about Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa through games and activities! Get your picture with Santa, pick up free gift-wrapping supplies, giveaways, and more! Food will be provided. Registration is required to reserve your family's size for gifts and supplies. Go to cityofboston.gov to register. e information, contact 617-981-5201.

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New pump station planned to counter Morrissey flooding

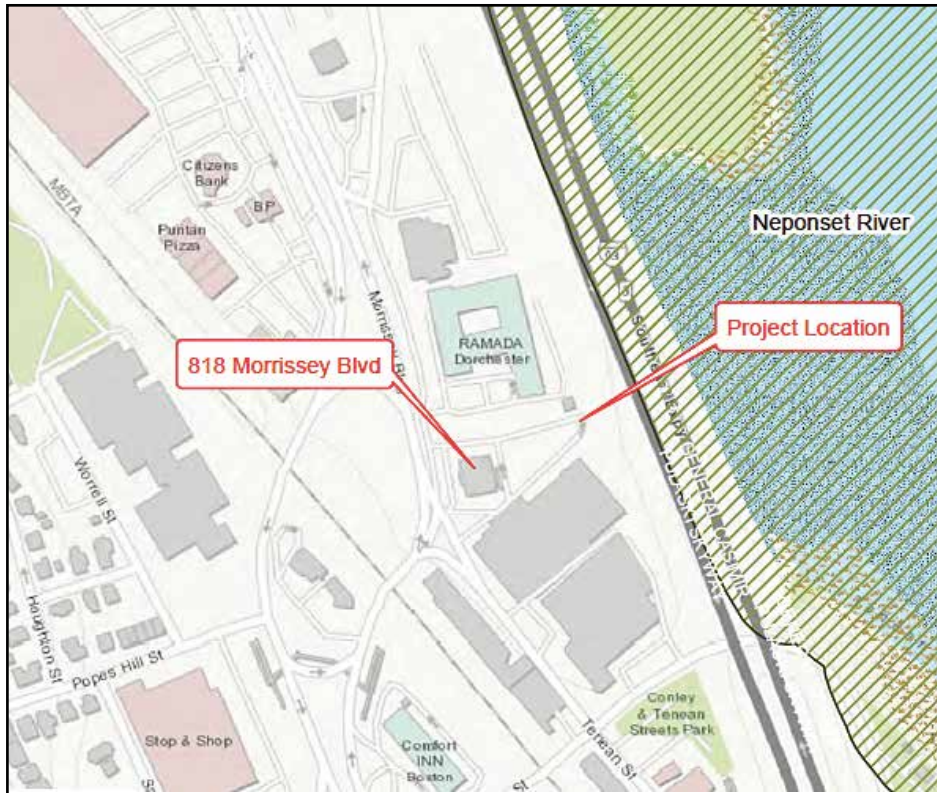
By **SETH DANIEL**
NEWS EDITOR

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) plans to install a new pump station near Phillips Candy House and Boston Bowl as part of the effort to reduce flooding in that area of Morrissey Boulevard and the new Neponset Greenway extension, where tidal events and storms often result in high water.

The state agency explained its plan to the Boston Conservation Commission at a meeting last Wednesday (Dec. 11). Though the project has not yet gone out to bid, DCR estimates the station will cost \$3 million. A previous phase of the project is being constructed within the development of the Greenway extension.

“The purpose of the project is to construct a pump station that will alleviate flooding that occurs on Morrissey Boulevard during frequent, nuisance rain events,” read the project report prepared for DCR by HDR Engineering.

At present, during high tide and storm surge events, water from the Neponset River backs up into a 48-inch discharge pipe, causing the tide gate to close. On the one hand, that helps in keeping



A map showing the proposed location of the new pump station in the back of the Boston Bowl parking lot on Morrissey Boulevard adjacent to I-93 southbound. An example of the flooding events that can occur in the vicinity of the proposed pump station: dangerous flooding on Morrissey Boulevard southbound by the Murphy School.

Graphics courtesy of DCR

tidal flooding out; on the other, when high tide coincides with heavy rain, the combination creates



a lake-effect situation: high water building up with nowhere to go.

“Stormwater then backs up into the drainage system and creates localized nuisance flooding within Morrissey Boulevard that make driving conditions hazardous,” the report noted. “The flooding occurs at an existing catch basin on Morrissey Boulevard across from McKone Street and adjacent to the Market Place on Morrissey shopping plaza. When the tide recedes, the tide gate opens and allows for flood waters to discharge through the outlet pipe and flooding within Morrissey Boulevard subsides.”

The new plan is to install a “duplex submersible pump station” at the rear of the parking lot that includes a short discharge pipe that bypasses the tide gate – allowing the localized flooding to be pumped out. The station would be underground.

Currently, the DCR staff responds to flooding with portable trailer pumps.

Port Norfolk resident Maria Lyons, a member of the Neponset River Greenway Council, said the pump station is a good step, but asserted that it won’t stop all the damage predicted in mod-

els done by the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) that show intense flooding in the Morrissey Boulevard area. She noted some questions still need to be answered, such as whether discharged water from the new pump will be filtered.

“I would not want to pollute the river, especially at Tenean Beach,” she said.

She also suggested long-term solutions to mitigate Morrissey flooding – like water retention areas to hold floodwaters before discharging them, and to begin requiring permeable materials other than asphalt on projects and renovations along the Boulevard corridor.

The first phase of the project, being constructed as part of the Greenway extension, includes a pump discharge pipe and connection to the existing downstream manhole along with the transformer pad, electrical conduit, and cables. It is also part of larger efforts in the area, aligning with the Morrissey Boulevard and Kosciuszko Circle Redesign, Neponset River Greenway Extension, JFK/UMass Station Access Plan, and Climate Ready Boston’s Coastal Resilience Solutions for Dorchester.



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said Wu. "And we're working toward the final lease details and I think that will become clear," she added.

Braude took note of Wu's concerns as a city councillor about the failed Boston 2024 Olympics plan and the potential for cost overruns to ultimately come at the expense of other city spending. He asked the mayor if she would guarantee that city taxpayers will not be on the hook for any more of the project costs if the city's share rises again to more than the \$91 million, similar to a question he said he asked leading Olympics booster John Fish years ago.

"We are going to pay for our half of the stadium, no matter what it costs," Wu said. "But we're about to begin



A recent view of current conditions at White Stadium in Franklin Park. Robin Lubbock/WBUR photo

construction, and we feel that the estimates that we have are going to be in the ballpark of what is needed, and that this overall is going to be a

deal that is worth it for generations to come for our city."

Residents and parks advocates who oppose the plan for the new

stadium have banded together as the Franklin Park Defenders citizens group to sue the city and team in Superior Court, and a judge recently set a March 18, 2025 date for a trial.

"Boston taxpayers are being asked to write a blank check for the benefit of BOS Nation's millionaire investors, with no limit to how much this bloated proj-

ect could ultimately cost us," Dorchester resident Jessica Spruill said in a statement. "The rush to complete this massive project on the soccer team's forced timeline will certainly lead to additional cost overruns. There is still time for Mayor Wu to rethink this mistake and reconsider the many reasonable alternatives."

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terest and you are only able to fund so many and we're especially appreciative of this invitation," said Skipper. "In Boston, our goal is to make sure every student we serve in BPS has a high-quality experience and modern facilities and those facilities are able to support their goals and passions and dreams."

Skipper pointed to the newly opened Josiah Quincy Upper School in Chinatown, which was funded in partnership with the MSBA. She noted how its new auditorium and Black Box Theatre have uplifted that school community.

The Batson project, she said, would give Dorchester a non-exam school option housed in

a new facility partnering with UMass Boston as a "university school."

"If this project is funded ultimately, it will provide a state-of-the-art 7-12 school in Dorchester for us," said Skipper, who noted that such a facility is only possible if MSBA votes later on for the funding it will share with the city.

Councillor John Fitzgerald said he was excited to see a new school proposed in District 3. "We look at the Josiah Quincy and the rave reviews it has from an architectural standpoint and for kids looking to go to school there," he said. "That kind of experience would be very welcome in Dorchester. The good thing about the MSBA process is there are multiple occasions to check in on the financial aspects along the way... The reality is we're about three years away from getting anything in the ground."

The road to Friday's decision was opened last April, when the Batson project was submitted for consideration to MSBA.

"Mayor Michelle Wu will file a loan order with City Council to appropriate funds for project costs through schematic design, including costs for a design firm and an (owners' project manager)," the application read. "The timeline for City approval of project funds would have to be in January and February of 2025, as December 11 also marks the last day of the

the group specifically, Wu responded to the argument from some that the city should instead spend about \$20 million to renovate the existing stadium as a modest high school facility.

"This was built in 1949. So at \$8 [million] to \$20 million, sure we could repaint some things, sure we could make some cosmetic changes," the mayor said. "But it would not allow us to really take things to the next level."

On Tuesday, City Councillor Ed Flynn called on Wu to abandon the plan based on the rising cost to taxpayers. "We should cancel this proposal immediately," he said, "and work together with residents and stakeholders across the city to provide the best option not only for our city and supporting a professional women's soccer team, but one that incorporates the voice of our residents and student athletes as well."

Staff from The Reporter contributed to this article.

2024 legislative session for the Council. Similar to past loan orders for MSBA projects, the process to appropriate the funds would likely take four to six weeks."

The city council must hold a hearing and complete two affirmative votes before the mayor can move forward on the project.

Councillor Brian Worrell, chair of Ways and Means, noted that the Council approved similar spending for the Shaw-Taylor school plan last fall. His office has indicated that such funding would likely be secured through a bond offering.

The current Batson Academy facility on Mount Vernon Street, built in 1967, is deemed antiquated and ill-equipped to support the amenities needed for a grade 7-12 school, according to the city's application, which noted that a Facilities Condition Assessment scored a 9. The average score is 28.

However, the site of the school is deemed "large enough that with a large-scale renovation, it could fit up to an 'ideal' large 7-12 model space summary," the city argued in its application.

The BCLA in Hyde Park merged with the McCormack School in 2018, and gradually phased out the Hyde Park location over several years, with all students on the Columbia Point campus for the first time this year.



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This charity tells active military: Volunteer at a non-profit, get a plane ticket home for the holidays

By **CASSIDY MCNEELEY**
REPORTER STAFF

Dot native Maureen Byrne has gone the extra mile to help servicemen and women travel home for the holidays through her Boston-based nonprofit, Miles for Military.

The organization lets active-duty service members trade volunteer hours for flights they would otherwise not be able to afford. Specifically, Miles for Military helps those in the most junior ranks fly home at no cost.

Byrne, a Marine mom, was always thankful that her son, Ronan Barrett, a corporal electrician, and his best friend, Danny O'Toole, a corporal sniper, could make it home for "the moments that matter," but she knew that many of their peers didn't have the same luxury.

"One Thanksgiving it was almost \$900 to send Ronan home from North Carolina to Boston," said Byrne, who grew up in the Ashmont Hill neighborhood. "It just made me think there are so many kids that don't get to go home. Every day I'm reading a story or I'm talking to a Marine or a soldier and some of the stories are just so heartbreaking."

Byrne wanted to help reunite other families, but she wasn't sure how. One weekend when she was talking to Ronan, she learned that he sometimes left his base at Camp Lejeune to volunteer in the community.



On Saturday morning (Dec. 7), Maureen Byrne greeted Pfc. Antonio Marcucci at Logan Airport before he set out for home in Fall River to experience the holidays with family and friends. With him was his mother, Jennifer Harris. Miles for Military Photo by Cindy Loo

That's when the lightbulb went off.

"I thought: 'What if we ask these kids to do volunteer work and they can earn a ticket?' It's like a win-win," said Byrne. "A lot of the kids love to volunteer. It gets them out of their barracks, off base, and doing things that they really enjoy, learning new skills and meeting new friends."

Thus, Miles for Military was born.

"I brought the idea to a friend of mine who helped me kick-start it up, which is why we've been able to fly up to a hundred homes this season. But we really need more donations," Byrne told The Reporter. "We need people to go to our website— www.milesformilitary.org— hit that donate button, and help."

Though the organization is especially popular around Christmas, Miles for Military

operates year-round.

"The moments that matter can be holidays, they could be summer, they can also be weddings, they can be funerals, sadly," said Byrne. "Even the smallest donation can be put toward a ticket to get a kid home to see his mom, dad, friends, or grandma."

After volunteering for 25 hours at any 501(c)(3) organization, active-duty service members can file an applica-

tion for an airline ticket at least two weeks prior to their requested travel. The Miles for Military team then reviews and confirms the application and helps the service member book a flight anywhere within the contiguous 48 states.

The organization has flown individuals to California, Oregon, Arizona, Missouri, and more. Just last week, two Marines from Massachusetts flew into Logan Airport, thanks to Miles for Military.

"Saturday morning, we had [Private First Class] Antonio Marcucci from Fall River flying home. I met him at the airport with his mom and his mom's wife. It was really nice," said Byrne. "Sunday night I had [Marine Corporal] Nicolas 'Nico' Serret fly home. He hadn't been home for 2 years and 4 months. I went to brunch Monday at the house to visit with the family."

Byrne hopes to see many more members of the armed forces return home to their families this holiday season. "We're seeking to grow our donor base through corporate partnerships and private donations," said Byrne. "Our goal is to raise a lot of money; that is our number one goal ... because the demand is great."

She added, "We really want to scale this to the point where we don't have to turn anybody away."



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New Balance pledges \$5m for FieldHouse

BY REPORTER STAFF
 The New Balance Foundation last week committed \$5 million to support the construction of The FieldHouse, the \$70-million facility that is scheduled to be built starting next year on Mount Vernon Street in Dorchester. The 75,000 square-foot indoor recreational facility—a partnership between the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Martin Richard Founda-

tion—is expected to open in 2026.
 The New Balance contribution will be focused on “construction of an indoor running and walking track and multi-sport court and gymnasium,” according to a joint statement sent to The Reporter last week.
 “We are honored to join the growing group of supporters of The FieldHouse as part of our 15-year relationship with Boys & Girls

Clubs of Dorchester. By funding projects such as this, donors will significantly impact the future health and well-being of Boston’s young people,” said Megan Bloch, director of the New Balance Foundation.
 Bob Scannell, president & CEO of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, said the gift from New Balance “will have a transformative impact on the way we are able to support young people

and their families well into the future.”
 “The FieldHouse will have a transformative impact on thousands of youth and families throughout Dorchester and beyond,” said Scannell. “At Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, we serve over 4,000 kids each year through more than 200 inclusive programs that meet kids where they are developmentally.
 To date, The FieldHouse capital campaign

has received hundreds of contributions from individuals, community leaders, and private foundations. Donations range from \$10 to \$10 million, along with city, state, and federal funding secured for the project as the effort marches toward its \$70 million goal.
 “We’re grateful to also have shared an amazing partnership with New Balance Athletics for over a decade,” said Bill Richard, co-founder

of the Martin Richard Foundation. “This is an organization committed to giving back to the communities it calls home and having a positive impact in young people’s lives. With the charitable foundation’s incredible gift of \$5 million, we are another step closer to starting construction and opening our doors to the community. I can’t wait to take that first lap around the indoor track with kids from across our city.”

Fields Corner Civic meets to organize agenda for '25

BY SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR
 The Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) met in person at the new Pho Que restaurant on Adams Street on Dec. 3 to plan for next year while celebrating the holidays together.

The group’s president, Shamia Hicks, and the other officers welcomed about 30 members and friends from the neighborhood to a discussion about setting priorities for 2025. One pressing issue involves a discussion over shuttle services planned for soccer games at White Stadium. Neighbors have been worried about the planning for that situation, and to date, no one from the city of Boston or Boston Unity Sports Partners has spoken to the community about potential impacts.
 “That’s why this is on our agenda – to think about it in more detail,” said Hicks. “We have our eye on it.”
 Other items for priority considerations were a meeting with Zeb Boutique’s owners about their plans to locate a cannabis dispensary in the former Radio Shack space at 1524 Dorchester Ave., getting better lighting in selected areas, and working on parking solutions in the business district.
 C-11 Sgt. Tim Golden also gave an update on

numerous incidents, including:
 •On Nov. 19, around 6:45 p.m., a student on Charles Street was accosted by an individual who slapped her and began choking her. She was able to flee. Police identified the attacker and made an arrest.
 •On Nov. 23, at 3 p.m., a man with a knife attempted to rob Rosa’s Liquors on Dorchester Avenue. Police examined footage and identified the man, again resulting in an arrest.
 •On Nov. 13, at 10:40 p.m., the ShotSpotter system alerted police to gunfire at 425 Geneva Ave. Officers found a man with a gun on scene who



Fields Corner Civic Association members and friends enjoyed a holiday reception at the new Pho Que Restaurant on Adams Street Dec. 3, along with a short meeting to set their agenda for 2025. *Seth Daniel photo*

had a license to carry the firearm. He told police that a car came at him and hit him, resulting in his opening fire three times. The man’s license to carry permit was seized pending further investigation of the incident.

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Reporter's People News about people in and around our Neighborhoods

Mildred Ave. seniors conduct luggage drive for foster kids

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Participants in the Mildred Avenue Senior drop-in program recently learned from some of its members who are foster parents that kids in the care of the state's Department of Youth Services (DYS) often move from home to home with only a trash bag to tote their belongings. With a lifetime of things built up in their homes, the seniors group decided to organize a luggage drive for the kids.

The result was dozens of pieces of lightly used luggage the seniors weren't using donated to the DYS office on River Street.

"It's amazing how we ask seniors in this program, and they turn up and turn out time and time again," said Barbara Crichlow, one of the founders of the Mildred



Members of the Mildred Avenue Senior drop-in program display the pieces of luggage they donated to the Department of Youth Services (DYS) during a recent ceremony at the site. *Seth Daniel photo*

Avenue drop-in program. "Everyone in here had luggage sitting around they weren't using, and

we don't need it, and it will now get used where it's needed." Leslie Ann Milton, a

foster parent for decades, said the donations will be well used by foster kids who move often.

"I want them to have something to carry and not just a plastic bag full of their stuff," she said.

"We as a group decided that if we have old suitcases, we could donate them and help these kids to leave and arrive with dignity."

More than 25 pieces of luggage were collected at a small ceremony earlier this month and handed over the B-3 Police officers to be delivered to the DYS River Street office.

"We did this drive now but maybe we can come up with another idea to help this same way in the spring," said Crichlow. "This is the uniqueness of this program. Some here have gone to other senior programs around the city and nothing like this happens there."

The Mildred Avenue Senior drop-in runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Mildred Avenue Community Center in Mattapan.



James Schultz as The Grinch and W. Scott Stewart as Old Max in the Touring Company of "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Musical." *Jeremy Daniel photo*

Grinch musical at Boch Center delivers some 'delightful chaos'

"Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas: The Musical," which is now running through Dec. 23 at Boch Center - Wang Theatre, is a delightful whirlwind of chaos that perfectly captures the spirit of the holidays in bringing the beloved tale to life with vibrant energy, a whimsical set, and playful costumes. The cast shines, particularly James Schultz, who portrays the Grinch, who instantly endeared himself to

my four-year-old daughter with his perfect balance of humor and grumpiness. The show features many interactive elements that kept her smiling, squealing and singing throughout. Overall, the show offers a festive and fun theatrical experience that captures the magic of the season for the entire family.

—RYANN DENHAM
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Dot's Yanna G wins 'Best New Artist' at Boston Music Awards

Yanna G, whom The Reporter featured in a story earlier this year, was named "Best New Artist" at the Boston Music Awards (BMA) on Dec. 11. Ciana Gibson, the 20-year-old Dorchester native whose stage name is Yanna G, dropped her debut album — "On Everything I Love" — last July.

"We at Big Night Live. I'm feeling like we gotta get big night lit," said Yanna G as she began with an enthralling solo performance, dominating the stage as the New Artist of the Year winner should. Nay \$peaks, who won the award last year, joined her for a powerful passing of the torch moment.

This year's Latin Artist of the Year, Yelena Rodriguez, brought the heat with passionate vocals and a sophisticated yet sultry energy. Salsa dancers moved behind her as she encouraged audience members to sing along with her selections by Selena. Her commanding alto and soulful delivery invigorated the crowd.

It wouldn't be the BMAs without



Yanna G an award sweep by a Grammy-level artist. Noah Kahan claimed Artist of the Year, Live Artist of the Year, and Folk Artist of the Year. And Clairo took Song of the Year and Pop Artist of the Year.

—MADDIE BROWNING
WBUR



IBEW Local 103 and NECA Greater Boston teamed up with the Boston Bruins on Dec. 7 to send a group of Dorchester Youth Hockey players to the Garden to cheer on the B's as they faced off against the Philadelphia Flyers. "They had an amazing time and got to see one of the NHL's most historic teams in action," said Lou Antonellis, business manager of IBEW Local 103. The game ended in a thrilling overtime goal by Pavel Zacha, which the thrilled Dot kids cheered alongside team mascot Blades the Bruin. "Our partnership with the Boston Bruins allows young people to see teamwork and dedication in action," said Kristen Gowin, NECA Greater Boston's executive manager. "Through Community Power Play, we're creating moments these kids will cherish for a lifetime." *Photo courtesy IBEW Local 103/NECA*

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Editorial

Give us the details on White Stadium deal

Revelations about the rising burden that Boston taxpayers will be asked to shoulder for our share of a dramatic \$200 million re-invention of White Stadium – and still-lingering uncertainty about terms of the contract between the city of Boston and the for-profit soccer franchise that wants to use the new facility as its home – has dialed up the pressure on Mayor Wu to re-assess her support for the project.

Councillor Ed Flynn, a frequent critic of the mayor and a potential challenger of hers next year, has called for her to abandon the idea. A coalition of opponents – dubbed the Franklin Park Defenders – already has a lawsuit pending seeking to halt the demolition of the stadium.

On Tuesday, Boston Globe columnist Joan Vennochi urged Wu to disclose the terms of an as-yet unconsummated agreement between the city and the Boston Unity Soccer Partners.

She wrote: “When will the agreement become public? When I asked Wu that question at a press conference last week, she said, ‘As it is finalized, it will be made public, and I hope it is soon.’ Boston residents, especially those who support the plan, should hope so, too, because with more public disclosure comes more public trust.”

Vennochi’s assessment, it seems from this vantage point, is spot on. In a column in this space last April, I wrote favorably about Wu’s decision to “leverage the financial support needed to make what she calls a ‘generational investment’ that could transform White Stadium into an asset that Bostonians from all walks of life can enjoy, use, and compete in.” It was, at the time, “a fiscally prudent and bold step forward.”

But, we cautioned, we needed to hear more from Boston Unity Soccer Partners “whose executive team can and should fully explain the benefits they intend to bring to our neighborhoods... It’s up to the BUSP squad to make the final sale to the people in our neighborhoods who might not be on their side of the pitch just yet.”

Unfortunately, the team hasn’t done that well at all.

Now, new reporting by the Globe and The Reporter has found that the cost to the city has ballooned in recent months from an estimate of \$50 million last spring to a current estimate of \$91 million. That’s not a minor adjustment.

Perhaps even more unsettling is the opaque nature of the lease agreement that Vennochi underscored in her column. Why haven’t the terms of this agreement been made public at this late stage? At a moment when Bostonians are being asked to pay more in taxes— and \$40 million additionally *at least* to fund this joint-venture— we deserve a full, transparent picture of the agreement *before it gets inked*, not after.

The BUSP-City partnership could very well be a game-changer. White Stadium should have been re-built a generation ago and we applaud Mayor Wu for putting her time and political capital into a new approach to get it done. The idea of Dorchester hosting a women’s professional team— and a world-class soccer facility in a soccer-crazed community— is very appealing.

But at this stage, it’s essential that all stakeholders— including every resident of Boston— be privy to the deal that’s on the table and be given a full and accurate accounting for how much it will cost.

—Bill Forry

Mattahunt Elementary is a model for supporting immigrant students

BY MARINELL ROUSMANIERE
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Each year for nearly two decades, EdVestors has awarded a School on the Move prize to one of Boston’s most improved public schools to celebrate the bright spots within Boston Public Schools (BPS) and to share the effective practices that others can learn about and adopt from. As Boston and other districts across the Commonwealth welcome growing numbers of immigrant students and families, the strategies employed by the 2024 winner, Mattahunt Elementary School, offer valuable lessons for educators everywhere.

After years of chronically low performance, the Mattahunt was slated to close in July 2017. In response to community input, the school was relaunched the following fall, with the administration charged with building a new school from the ground up, serving students in grades K0 – K1, and adding a new grade each year after that.

With principal Walter Henderson at the helm, the Mattahunt reopened with a shared vision centered on students’ language and culture, academically rigorous instruction, and family and community engagement.

Boston is home to the third-largest Haitian population in the United States, a significant percentage of whom live in Mattapan. In response to the needs of their community, the Mattahunt pioneered the first-in-the-nation dual-language Haitian Creole program, the Toussaint L’Ouverture Academy.

As the leaders of the country’s first Haitian Creole dual-language program, Mattahunt teachers had to develop a comprehensive curriculum, including instructional materials and assessments in Haitian Creole, and build the necessary infrastructure to support Haitian students and their families. This was accomplished by hiring a full staff, including administrators, Haitian Creole-speaking teachers, a family liaison, operations coordinator, and a social worker.

The academy is structured to provide students with a comprehensive and balanced education in Haitian Creole and English, promoting students’ biliteracy, bilingualism, high academic achievement, and sociocultural competency. The response from the community has been so strong that the school now has a waiting list.

The Mattahunt has also focused on improving its instructional practices so that all students can access what they need to succeed in the classroom. Students who struggle with reading receive additional, targeted instruction three days a week. In the school’s inclusion classrooms, where students with and without disabilities learn together, teachers provide additional support to enhance learning. Teachers also work as teams to conduct classroom observations and collect and analyze student data. For example, teachers use an observation protocol to ensure they implement culturally and linguistically sustaining practices such that students feel seen, engage in deeper learning, and are held to high expectations with targeted support.

The Mattahunt has seen clear improvement in reading assessment scores, with 72 percent of students receiving additional support increasing their literacy by 1-2 levels (as measured by the MAP reading assessment). Multilingual learners at the Mattahunt outpace the progress of their peers across the district. In the 2023-2024 school year, 53 percent of multilingual learners at the Mattahunt progressed



With principal Walter Henderson at the helm, the Mattahunt reopened with a shared vision centered on students’ language and culture, academically rigorous instruction, and family and community engagement.
Reporter file photo

in English language acquisition compared to just 34 percent district-wide (as measured by the ACCESS assessment).

The Mattahunt is a Boston Community Hub School with relationships with local organizations such as Success Mentor, City Year, and Stop and Shop. The school launched initiatives like a food pantry for school families. It also partnered with Boston College and the Haitian Parent Organization to enrich educational programming and enhance student support.

This hub has strengthened connections with students and families. The Mattahunt actively involves students and families in school decision-making by using surveys and other outreach methods. When they discovered a demand for more after-school opportunities, the school responded by expanding free programs at the Mattahunt BCYF Community Center, which is co-located with the school. These offerings now include homework support, recreational classes, and more.

The Mattahunt uses multiple resources and strategies to help chronically absent students consistently return to school. They host family-friendly events, provide student incentives, and they have established a Student Engagement Action Team, helping families solve school attendance challenges. Chronic absenteeism has improved at the Mattahunt, dropping 14 percent from 2023 to 2024.

As schools and districts across Massachusetts and the country grapple with how best to support immigrant families and students, the Mattahunt is a shining example that we can look to right in Boston.

Marinell Rousmaniere is president and CEO of EdVestors, a Boston-based nonprofit school improvement organization.

Letter to the Editor

Roxbury offers novel approach to aging in place

To the Editor:

I’m proud to be a part of the team implementing Place Based Supports (PBS) as a nursing services manager for Hebrew SeniorLife at MLK Towers in Roxbury. And I’m grateful for the team that helped make this possible. Thanks to a \$150,000 grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), we have collaborated with Senior Whole Health by Molina Healthcare, the Commonwealth Care Alliance, and the Boston Housing Authority to expand supports for seniors who live in the MLK Towers.

I knew that our efforts were working when a resident told me recently, with tears in her eyes: “To know that someone cares about us, that someone pays attention and wants to help, it feels good.”

The human connection with our residents is a critical component of the program’s success. Loneliness is a social determinant of health that has been found to increase the risk of stroke by more than 50 percent. PBS addresses this and other ailments impacting the health and well-being of older adults through other non-clinical support, such as food distributions, crisis intervention, and group activities, provided directly where they live to eliminate access barriers and encourage socialization.

This collaboration integrates Hebrew SeniorLife’s Right Care, Right Place, Right Time (R3) model with an on-site wellness coordinator at MLK Towers to look after the needs of residents. The R3 model links residents to culturally appropriate local providers, behavioral health and wellness services, and community resources.

Core to the R3 model is having a team on site to develop trust and rapport with residents of the building. What began as our team performing proactive outreach to residents has now become residents seeking our help and advice and sending their friends and neighbors to meet with the team. Residents have welcomed our group programs such as fitness classes, cooking presentations, and one-on-one meetings with a health insurance counselor.

The PBS model is a testament to the power of collaboration for better health outcomes, and we are grateful to EOHHS and our long-standing partners for their commitment to bringing care directly to older adults. Together, we will work to ensure Bay Staters age with dignity.

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Boston City Council's next push on Beacon Hill: cost of broker fees

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Another housing-related showdown between the city of Boston and the Legislature is poised to unfold next year if city councillors embrace a push to shield renters from paying brokers' fees.

City Councilor Liz Breadon and Council President Ruthzee Louijeune last Wednesday (Dec. 10) introduced a proposal that would require any broker fees in the city to be paid by the party who contracted with a real estate broker, effectively prohibiting landlords from passing those costs onto their tenants.

"Residents of the city of Boston, working families, young professionals, and students, whether here temporarily or intending to settle long term, are severely cost-burdened. The unregulated practice of tenant-paid broker fees in the rental process places undue burdens on prospective tenants," Breadon said. "The housing crisis enables property owners to pass broker fees onto tenants who did not solicit those services, worsening inequities in the housing crunch."

Many renters are familiar with brokers' fees, and they are often asked to pay the equivalent of an additional month's rent – or more, if they also owe rent for the first and last month plus a security deposit – up front when signing a lease. Councilor Brian

Worrell said that asking tenants to pay four months' worth of rent in one lump sum is "unsustainable."

The New York City Council in November required landlords, not renters, to cover the costs, leaving Boston as one of the last major metropolitan areas where the burden regularly falls to renters, supporters say.

The measure still needs to be reviewed by the Council's Committee on Government Operations before it can receive the vote needed to send it to Beacon Hill, but several councilors were quick to signal their support during Wednesday's meeting.

"For many, the added expense of broker fees – often thousands of dollars – is not just a hurdle. It's a barrier to our housing stability," said Councilor Henry Santana.

Councilor Enrique Pepen said city council counterparts in Somerville and Cambridge are also pursuing similar home rule petitions.

The push could once again fuel tensions between city officials who want to press forward with their own plans and state lawmakers who must give their approval.

Lawmakers already considered, but ultimately decided against, enshrining a similar policy at the state level this year. In its version of a major housing bill, the Senate included language requiring landlords to pay brokers' fees, but the measure did not survive



City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune has co-sponsored a plan to prohibit landlords from passing broker fees onto their tenants.

Chris Lovett photo

negotiations with the House.

Senate Democrats this week killed another Boston home rule petition Mayor Michelle Wu and city councilors sought as a way to temporarily rebalance the city's property-tax split. Other powers the city has sought, like restoring rent control and adding a new tax on high-dollar real estate transactions, have stalled out without legislative support.

Councilor Julia Mejia on Dec. 11 described a future vote on the home rule petition as "send[ing] this over to the State House [asking] our parents to give us permission to do our own business."

City Council sets property tax rates for '25

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

City councilors made quick work last Wednesday of setting Boston's property tax rates for 2025 after a months-long campaign to shift the balance beyond normal limits collapsed in the Senate.

The council voted unanimously to set the residential tax rate at \$11.58 per \$1,000 of value and to set the commercial rate at \$25.96 per \$1,000 of value. City officials have previously said residents would be in line for an average annual property tax increase of 10.5 percent.

Councilor Brian Worrell, who chairs the Ways and Means Committee, said the city will once again offer the maximum residential exemption allowed by state

law, or up to \$3,984 for eligible homeowners.

The vote capped off a lengthy and unsuccessful effort by Mayor Wu and her deputies to secure state approval to temporarily push a greater share of the city's property tax burden onto commercial owners, which supporters said would spread out a spike set to affect residential bills.

The measure twice cleared the House but died in the Senate this week after updated estimates indicated the impact on residents without action would not be as significant as previously thought.

Worrell was the only member of the council to speak about the topic, describing the vote as "the same thing this council and administration has done for decades. This all falls under current state law.

"If the state wants to change those laws, this body already has an income-eligible senior tax exemption petition at the State House that can be taken up. If they are seeking a way to work on targeted tax relief for homeowners, we also have that: it's the home rule petition that was just declared dead."

For her part, Councilor Erin Murphy filed a new proposed home rule petition that would give the city permission to further increase its residential property tax exemption from 35 percent to 40 percent.

"It is a direct response to the economic pressures that we are all hearing from our residents that we know they are facing," Murphy said.



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Dermot Kennedy re-imagines the St. Patrick's Day experience

The singer-songwriter's 'Misneach' festival launches here in March

By **BILL FERRY**

EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Courage. That's the English-language translation of the Irish word "Misneach," the name attached to Dermot Kennedy's global Irish music festival that will launch in Boston and Sydney, Australia, in March 2025.

The two-day turn in Boston will feature an already-sold-out "emerging artist showcase" at the Brighton Music Hall on March 18, followed by a much bigger concert the next night headlined by Dermot Kennedy himself at TD Garden.

The 32-year-old singer and songwriter explained his concept over lunch and a pint of Guinness at the Abbey in Brookline last month.

"I think in Ireland, we're so proud of our music and our heritage and our culture," he said, name-checking artists like Van Morrison, Sinéad O'Connor, and Thin Lizzy. "And so just on that celebration around St. Patrick Day, I wanted to make sure that's what we're celebrating. I think there's so many artists at home that people might not be aware of that are so talented and so special and just deserve to be heard. So, it's a lovely thing to put together, honestly."

He chose the name "Misneach," (pronounced mish-nyach) in part because "courage" fits neatly into Kennedy's own life and career trajectory. His first major album release, which dropped in 2019, was titled "Without Fear." Since then, the native of Rathcoole, Co. Dublin, has amassed a worldwide following with particular popularity in Australia, the US, and Europe.

The young Dermot started playing guitar at



Dermot Kennedy, above, performing in an outdoor pop-up last year in New York City's Washington Square Park. Photo courtesy Dermot Kennedy

age 10 and was busking and playing in Dublin pubs by age 15. But like many contemporary artists of his generation, Kennedy created and performed in relative anonymity until viral videos shared on social media platforms launched him to stardom when he was 25. Since then, his songs — and his rich, soulful vocals — have been streamed more than 4 billion times on platforms like Spotify and Pandora and he has played to packed arenas, including New York's Madison Square Garden. He has also been called upon to share the mic with notable pop artists like Niall Horan and Zach Bryan.

"So courage has been an important word for me in my career," Kennedy explained during an hour-long interview with *The Reporter* in early October. "And it just feels kind of like it'll last for a long time to me, because it's important in Irish history. And when I think about the fact

that it's a music festival for courage and music to intertwine, you know what I mean? If you think about Ireland 200 years ago, trying to get through certain things, how important music was, how important courage was for people to survive and sustain certain things.

"And now you think about places like Boston and Sydney. There's so many young people coming over trying to sort of make a life for themselves ... that takes a certain degree of courage ... so it just feels like a word that makes sense for me."

It also makes sense that Kennedy would seek to launch his global festival in his home away from home — the city where he spent an eventful summer as a 19-year-old visiting for three months on a J-1 Visa. It was 2010.

The aspiring musician had no gigs lined up. Just a guitar, a bed in a cozy walk-up apartment in Allston that he shared with two friends from home, and a passion to play for whoever he could get to listen.

"It's not like I was here for a particularly long time, but just at that age, it's a very important time in your life," Kennedy recalled. "I still think it's by far the most sort of carefree time in my life. Definitely. I was here with my best friends and I was playing music in the street.

"When I think about those memories... I'm very sort of nostalgic about that time. I think in terms of having any kind of ambition or awareness that you might be able to do something around the world. I think America's so good for that. Like, it's a sense of promise and you can get excited about what you're going to do. And, so to play music in the street here, and feel very supported in that sense, just felt very good."

His first busking spot was along a path on the Boston Common. Kennedy recalls that he

auditioned for "an Argentinian guy called David" who acted as a sort of unofficial booking agent for the Common's street musicians.

"I think he might still be there, but I got swindled basically," Kennedy said with a chuckle. "He made me audition for him in the park and I played a Mick Flannery song. He was kind of like, 'You're not playing here unless I think you're good enough.'"

Kennedy's rendition won him a spot — but it wasn't exactly a prime location or time slot.

"And he said, 'You're allowed to play here from 7 a.m. in the morning, which is absolutely nobody. At 7 a.m. there's about five people walk past me and everyone's just going to work with headphones in anyway. And, so, I quickly realized I was just holding the spot for him so he could walk up at 10 and start playing and all the tours to be there. So, it was very clever on his part.'"

Dermot quickly sought out busier perches along tourist heavy routes in Harvard Square and Faneuil Hall before finding the "sweet spot" in front of a block of stores and hair salons on Newbury Street, where he found a more receptive audi-

ence. One fan enjoyed his playing so much that she booked Kennedy to perform at her wedding.

"I was playing on Newbury Street one day and a lady came out with all curlers in her hair and stuff — she was in a salon on Newbury Street. She heard me play a Bee Gees song. And she's like, 'Will you play that at my wedding in two days?' And I said, yeah, grand, because I was just looking for money, do you know? And I was like, perfect, a Greek wedding."

Serendipitous encounters like that one were plentiful in Kennedy's carefree Boston summer. There was no objective other than to play music for hours and soak up the experience.

"That's why it was so good, my life. I went around like literally just to have a good time. I make enough money to buy beers. That was it," he says. "Life was just very simple. I think about it now and obviously stupid amounts of luck and all that, but like, life is kind of full of responsibilities now. Back then, you just didn't care. It was brilliant."

Boston was — and remains — a familiar place for this County Dublin boy.

"I think we didn't want

to go to New York, do you know what I mean? It's too hectic. And then the West Coast never kind of held that allure for me. Even now, it's funny, like you feel it. Like if I play a gig in Boston or Philadelphia or New York, you feel that Irish connection, you know what I mean? Or even in Chicago. Yeah. When I'm on the West Coast, I don't feel it as much, you know, and you still have great shows, but... I feel more comfortable in places like this." Sydney — the first stop for the "Misneach" festival — is another place that feels like home.

"Sydney, for example, we've always had good shows there. And then last December we played three nights outside the Opera House in the Forecourt. And it felt like it just kind of went up a gear a bit, you know? And it felt there was a solid foothold there to build something."

Other cities, including Dublin and Vancouver, might be added to future festival schedules if all goes well with the upcoming launch. But Boston, given Kennedy's own attachment to the place and his ever-growing fan base here, is a lock for future editions.

"If I can sort of have an ideal scenario, I'd like to keep it [in Sydney and Boston] and branch out, you know? A lot of things have to fall into place, but, we'll see."

He added: "We're so proud of that culture that still exists and there's still so much excitement in Irish music, but it just seems like a good opportunity to celebrate it. And, even if Boston and Sydney is just the beginning, like to have a global celebration of Irish music and culture — there's a big opportunity there."

Tickets for the March 19 TD Garden concert featuring Dermot Kennedy, The Swell Season, Ye Vagabonds, and Nell Mesca start at \$49.50. Go to misneachfestival.com to buy tickets.



Dermot Kennedy, the now-world-famous singer and songwriter, lived and performed on the streets of Boston at age 19. He'll bring his inaugural global Irish music festival "Misneach" to Boston next March. Above, Kennedy outside The Abbey in Brookline last month. Seth Daniel photo

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Stroll draws festive crowd to the Village

(Continued from page 1) a young age but more so think kindness is very important, especially at a young age but more so even now for adults. And I think events like this, it's just all about being friendly neighbors." Set up at a table next

to the Grinch was Kate Langan-Kroon, owner and president of Connolly Kroon & Co. Insurance, who grew up in Dorchester and was happy to be a part of the festive event.

"The agency has been serving the community for over 25 years but I'm the new owner, so I thought I'd get out here in the community and meet some people and let them know I'm here," Langan-Kroon told The Reporter. "I grew up in the neighborhood, I'm so happy to be here and I think this is a great community."

Though happy with Saturday's turnout, she hopes the event will inspire even more people to return to Adams Village. That's why she raffled off gift cards to some of the local restaurants.

"There are so many locally owned small businesses. Just to come out and support them and get out in the community, I think that's important. I bought five gift cards from each of the local restaurants as a part of the raffle so, again, bringing people back into the community."

The district's restaurants were all busy on Saturday. While the kids had



The Grinch's heart definitely grew three sizes when he met Yellow Lab, Clyde, outside Fringe Clothing Boutique. Above Clyde is shown posing with his sister, Ryley McNeeley, and his new green friend. Cassidy McNeeley photo

Merry Christmas

From Senator Nick Collins & Family



fun outside, the adults piled into the pubs to enjoy signature cocktails like Blasi's candy cane martini and Landmark's sugar cookie martini.

Chubbs chose to mark the occasion with its Adams Village Fiesta, a spiked hot cocoa with house-infused cinnamon reposado and winter-spiced simple syrup topped off with whipped cream, shaved dark chocolate, and red and green sprinkles.

Meanwhile, Lucy's offered several winter specials, including the Santa-gria, their take on a seasonal red sangria made with spring44 vodka, pinot Grigio, cranberry syrup, lemon, pineapple, rosemary simple syrup, and a lemon-lime soda float.

In addition to festive

drinks, many of the businesses opened their doors to pop-up vendors. At Scobies, customers could warm up with a boozy hot chocolate from the bar and handmade crocheted items from Annette's Blanket Co.

Other vendors, like Deifur Home and The Gifted Heart, set up shop in Boston X, the neighborhood's very own medical spa that is owned by Nicole Flaherty.

"I thought the event was an absolute success and we already have new ideas and plans for next year," said Flaherty who raffled off a Botox treatment. "I hope that this becomes a holiday tradition for families in the community - an event that can't be missed! We are so grateful that our little village shops & dines locally and will continue to do so throughout the year."

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 & §5-405 Docket No. SU24P2685PM IN THE MATTER OF: JIMMIE L. ANDERSON of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT Person to be Protected/Minor To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Bostonian Nursing Care & Rehab Center of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jimmie L. Anderson is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jessica L. Libby, Esq. of Milton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and the proposed Conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/09/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Date: December 16, 2024 Published: December 19, 2024

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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. SU24P2643EA ESTATE OF: KY NGOC NGUYEN DATE OF DEATH: 01/20/2024 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Pauline N. Nguyen of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Pauline Nguyen of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/21/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 10, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate Published: December 19, 2024

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Despite the cold, Tessa and Lauren spent some time on Minot St with the Grinch.



Just a few days before Santa is set to deliver Christmas gifts, local youth had the chance to chat with St. Nick.



Erin Lynch (left) enjoyed Blasi's holiday cocktail, a candy cane martini, with restaurant owner Maria Blasi. Cassidy McNeeley photos

On Enchanted Trolley tour, Santa, helpers deliver holiday cheer to Codman Square



Jeff Johnson, Juwan Skeens, Amy Winter, Dr. Guy Fish, the CEO of Codman Square Health Center, Saranya Sathananthan, Maya Johnson, and Cynthia Loesch-Johnson, president of the Codman Square Neighborhood Council. Seth Daniel photos

and families had gathered at the Great Hall for a Christmas party with crafts and gifts. After Santa's visit, Wu and community members from Codman Square staged a brief groundbreaking for the Codman Park project, where work should continue through next fall at least.

The annual Enchanted Trolley tour stopped at Codman Square on Sunday as part of its tour through Dorchester and Mattapan last weekend. As Santa and Mrs. Claus marched across Codman Square to the Codman tree, happy children followed in tow ready to tell Santa their hopes for the season - and report on how good they've been all year. DJ Fast Freddy emceed and state Rep. Brandy Fluker-Oakley and Councillor Henry Santiago accompanied Mayor Wu to light the tree. It is the final year for the neighborhood's traditional tree as Codman Park went under construction on Monday and a new location for the tree will be chosen.

Before the Trolley arrived, scores of children



Melia Dujour played with some of her new toys at the Codman Square holiday party.



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Trinity buys Fitzpatrick Bros. property; the auto shop will remain open for now

Trinity Financial Inc. acquired the Fitzpatrick Brothers Auto Body property on Centre Street next to Shawmut MBTA station last Tuesday (Dec. 10) for an undisclosed sum. The acquisition is the culmination of a seven-year process in which Trinity—a Boston development firm led by Dorchester’s Jim Keefe and his business partner Patrick Lee—has sought to redevelop the site at 150 Centre Street, re-



The 150 at Centre Street development as designed. Image courtesy Trinity Financial, Inc.

placing the longtime auto repair yard and garages with a 4-story, 72-unit

affordable housing complex. The proposal has con-

tinued to be the source of an extended controversy, even after city officials

approved Trinity’s plans for the new building in 2023. Foes of the plan, including the leadership of the adjacent Epiphany School and several other neighbors, have sought to block the redevelopment by filing lawsuits against the developer and the city of Boston.

Those legal actions are still pending, but on Tuesday, Jim Keefe said today’s acquisition was a clear signal that Trinity intends to follow through with its construction plans as soon as the judicial process is resolved.

“There is no way we would have finalized this acquisition if we weren’t very sure that we will prevail legally,” Keefe told The Reporter.

Keefe said that Fitzpatrick Bros. Auto Body will continue to operate on the site through the purchase agreement until construction is ready to begin.

Epiphany School, an abutment of the 150 Centre St. site, had hoped to buy the Fitzpatrick site

and combine it with a parking lot that it owns to expand the school, a plan that drew support from many neighbors through a petition. But the site has been under agreement to be sold to Trinity since 2017.

The 150 Centre St. proposal was the subject of several public meetings and intense debate for most of 2023. Public comment on the matter was split, with opponents arguing that the building is too dense and out of place in a residential neighborhood largely comprising single or smaller multi-family homes and proponents noting that the site—right next to a Red Line subway station—is ideal for so-called “transit-oriented development.”

Trinity downsized its original plan and its 91 units to 72 and lowered the building’s height by one floor. The BPDA board voted 4-0 on Nov. 16, 2023, to move the project ahead with Trinity.

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12 Boyd St Rt	47 Coleman T	12 Boyd St	11/27/24	749,000
Pechorin, Valeria	Howell, Mary A	40 Coleman St	11/25/24	940,000
Targete Enterprises LLC	Targete Enterprises LLC	39 Chipman St	11/21/24	350,000
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Nguyen, Taun A	Le, Yen K	44 Percival St	11/22/24	674,900
Nguyen, Tham T	Howell, Mary A	19 Leroy St	11/29/24	725,000
Targete Enterprises LLC	Targete Enterprises LLC	41 Chipman St	11/21/24	350,000
39 Chipman St LLC	Quinfield LLC	41 Chipman St	11/21/24	28,300
Pete LLC	Tran, Ryan	19 Ellington St	11/21/24	700,000
Vong, Hongchau N	Henry, Mae B	78 Harbor View St	11/26/24	875,000
Biliken Investments LLC	Attime, Jean W	118 Evans St	11/27/24	441,000
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 QUIRK DISCOUNT.....**-2,500**
 SAVE UP TO.....**\$8,500**
Quirk Price \$38,750



Quirk Price \$38,750

NEW 2025 JEEP COMPASS LIMITED 4X4

MSRP.....**\$33,840**
 REBATE.....**-1,000**
 SFS LEASE LOYALTY.....**-2,500**
 QUIRK DISCOUNT.....**-5,342**
Quirk Price \$28,498



SAVE UP TO.....**\$4,250**
 MONEY DOWN LEASE: \$3,995 **\$199** PER MO. 27 MOS.*
 ZERO DOWN LEASE: **\$349** PER MO. 27 MOS.*

NEW 2024 JEEP WAGONEER L 4X4

MSRP.....**\$75,585**
 FORD CONQUEST.....**-3,000**
 QUIRK DISCOUNT.....**-6,000**
 REBATE.....**-1,000**
 SAVE UP TO.....**\$10,000**
Quirk Price \$65,498



MONEY DOWN LEASE: \$3,995 **\$598** PER MO. 42 MOS.*
 ZERO DOWN LEASE: **\$698** PER MO. 42 MOS.*

NEW 2024 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT S 4X4

MSRP.....**\$54,910**
 REBATE.....**-5,909**
 QUIRK DISCOUNT.....**-3,000**
Quirk Price \$44,998



SAVE UP TO.....**\$9,048**
 MONEY DOWN LEASE: \$3,995 **\$349** PER MO. 36 MOS.*
 ZERO DOWN LEASE: **\$469** PER MO. 36 MOS.*

NEW 2024 JEEP WRANGLER 4-DOOR SPORT S

MSRP.....**\$48,945**
 REBATE.....**-3,500**
 FORD CONQUEST.....**-2,000**
 QUIRK DISCOUNT.....**-2,900**
 SAVE UP TO.....**\$8,400**
Quirk Price \$42,998



MONEY DOWN LEASE: \$3,995 **\$299** PER MO. 42 MOS.*
 ZERO DOWN LEASE: **\$399** PER MO. 42 MOS.*

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MSRP.....**\$55,820**
 REBATE.....**-6,500**
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 SAVE UP TO.....**\$16,000**
Quirk Price \$39,820



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 ZERO DOWN LEASE: **\$379** PER MO. 42 MOS.*

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MONEY DOWN LEASE: \$3,995 **\$99** PER MO. 24 MOS.*
 ZERO DOWN LEASE: **\$269** PER MO. 24 MOS.*



SAVE UP TO.....**\$11,127**
Quirk Price \$31,998

NEW 2024 DODGE DURANGO RT AWD

MSRP.....**\$56,560**
 REBATE.....**-5,600**
 CONQUEST.....**-2,000**
 QUIRK DISCOUNT.....**-1,962**
 SAVE UP TO.....**\$9,562**
Quirk Price \$46,998



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BGCD Members Attend Annual Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation Holiday Party: See details below.



BGCD Marr-lins Swim Team Hosts First Home Meet of the 2024-2025 Season: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Members Attend Annual Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation Holiday Party: On December 8th, over 40 BGCD members were very fortunate to be invited to take part in the Annual Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation Holiday Party at Jordan's Furniture in Avon. In total, 250 youth from 15 local Boys & Girls Clubs were invited to join us in attending this special holiday event. The party included lots of holiday festivities that included ice skating, sledding, pictures with Santa and amazing gifts given to each child. We would like to thank Jordan's Furniture, Wahlburgers and Dunkin Donuts for supporting this fun holiday event. Many thanks to the team at the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation for your generosity and for hosting! For more information on partnering with our Clubs, please contact Senior VP of Operations Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Marr-lins Swim Team Hosts First Home Meet of the 2024-2025 Season: On December 7th, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Marr-lin Swim Team hosted the Arlington Boys & Girls Club for our first home meet of the 2024-2025 season. It was an exciting meet with many individual and team relay events throughout the day. Congratulations to the swimmers on both teams who worked very hard to improve on their best times. Next up for the Marr-lins will be a home meet at our Marr Clubhouse against the Lawrence Boys & Girls Club before heading out on the road to the Salem, NH Boys & Girls Club. BGCD offers 10-Week Swim Lesson Sessions Monday - Fridays as well as our Swim Team on an inquiry basis. BGCD also welcomes our new aquatics director, Rachel Hurt to our team! For more information, please contact Rachel at rhurt@bgcdorchester.org

DID YOU KNOW:
BGCD Keystone Club Volunteers at Annual Keolis & MBTA Polar Express Event: This past weekend, 30 of our teen members from BGCD's Keystone Club spent a day of service supporting the Annual Polar Express event held at South Station. Our Teens helped decorate the train cars, handed out gift bags, assisted with activities and chaperoned children and families on the trains. The event is hosted by our friends at Keolis Commuter Services and the MBTA who welcomed 200 of our parents and members from BGCD to participate in this holiday favorite. A special thanks to all of our teen leaders for their hard work and for bringing joy to our families. Thank you to Keolis Commuter Services and the MBTA for making such a wonderful experience possible. To learn more about partnering with BGCD, please contact Mike Joyce at mjoyce@bgcdorchester.org.

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Carney Working Group receives local input at ‘listening session’

By JACOB DOWNEY
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER
A “working group” charged with making recommendations for the future re-use of the former Carney Hospital property convened a listening session last Thursday night to hear from impacted residents in the wake of the hos-

pital’s abrupt closure in August. Speakers who addressed the group during the lightly attended meeting at the Sheet Metal Union Hall on Adams Street expressed a range of emotions—from sadness and anger to optimism that a new set of operators might

improve the health outcomes for people in Dorchester, Mattapan, and other neighborhoods. One neighbor — Zanna Diosa— even brought a ukulele and performed a song that she wrote about the Carney crisis. The co-chair of the Carney working group,

Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, the city’s commissioner of Public Health, launched the meeting by telling attendees: “Right now, all options are on the table. We’re thinking through what makes the most sense in terms of right-sizing care for people. We know there are needs for emergency

or urgent care. We know that there are behavioral health needs. We know that there are primary care and some specialty outpatient care needs.” The goal of the group, she emphasized, is for health delivery services to be restored on the Dorchester Avenue campus formerly occupied by the Carney.

bers served by Carney have been historically underserved and under resource,” Fergus wrote. “Carney’s closure simply represents one more slight in the legacy of disrespect and neglect on this community by many in power. She noted that MNA sees “robust wrap-around multilingual primary care services” as imperative for the good of the community.

Karl Odom, who worked as a cardiopulmonary technician at Carney, said both he and his 90-year-old father, whom he cares for, depended on primary care providers based out of the hospital.

Added MacInnes: “A fully functioning, free-standing emergency department with the capacity for lab diagnostics and imaging should be established with a complement of surgical beds to accommodate patients who are not [in critical condition] and to stabilize patients before being transported to other hospitals.”

Odom said he now must wait six months for a preliminary appointment with a new primary care physician. His father, he said, will have to wait extended periods should he need an ambulance at home.

The closing of the Carney, she said, is not just damaging to Dorchester’s health system, but it also has shut down a “pivotal economic engine that provided good paying, life-changing jobs.” She said small businesses— florists, cafes, and restaurants— have also taken a hit with the void left by the dispersion of Carney workers and patients.

“That is the collateral damage of what’s happened,” Odom said.

Nurses at other facilities have also been heavily impacted by the influx of new patients.

Low Finfer, a Lower Mills resident who has been active as a community organizer in Dorchester since 1970, attended the meeting with his wife, Judy Shea, who once worked at the Carney. Her late father worked there, too, he said. Finfer urged the working group to emulate the reopening of North Adams Regional Hospital. He believes Dorchester needs an emergency room and expanded psychiatric facilities to combat the statewide shortage better.

“I was an ER nurse for 20 years,” said MacInnis, “When you have an onslaught like that and you don’t have the resources to take care of those patients, it’s devastating. 200,000 patients don’t just disappear.”

Valarie Burton, who worked in Carney’s psych ward for 21 years, said, “We definitely need a medical facility in this community.” She noted the longer commutes and wait times at other hospitals. Burton wants to see the former Carney space converted into a multi-service center “that can serve the community as it served once before” complete with legal services, counseling, workforce development, and other services.

Later, Diosa approached the podium with her ukulele and performed her original song, titled “S.O.S.” in which she denounces the “oligarchs” and “bougie billionaires” she sees as responsible for the hospital closing.

She also referred to the conversion of the Leonard Morse Hospital in Natick and urged the working group to carefully consider what to do with Carney because “that building was a sanctuary for most of us.”

“Save our sirens, save our souls” she sang. A new verse she wrote recently spoke to the hopes of many for a better outcome from the 33-member working group when it makes recommendations to the governor and mayor next year.

Ellen MacInnis, who sits on the board of directors of the Massachusetts Nurses Association and worked as a nurse at St Elizabeth’s Medical Center for 26 years, spoke on behalf of the MNA in a testimony written by the group’s director, Joe-Ann Fergus.

So now we keep on Keepin’ on Righting what’s wrong And now that Carney’s gone, We need a real solution A healthcare revolution Build a new foundation Here and across the nation.”

“The neighborhoods and community mem-

The working group will continue to accept written comments from the public through Monday, Dec. 16. Go to boston.gov/news/carney-hospital-resources to submit.

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**All delays in service begin on Wednesday 12/25*

CITY of BOSTON Public Works WASTE REDUCTION boston.gov/trash-day

El Punto, an eatery with 240 seats, eyed for Blue Hill Ave. at Talbot in early '25

(Continued from page 1)

"We just had to renew our liquor license and so we already have that," she said. "That's the first thing we said about this venture. If we couldn't secure a license here, then it really wouldn't be worth it to go forward with a full-service restaurant."

The restaurant will offer small plates and tapas in seeking to carve out a different niche from other take-out Dominican spots - known as "lunches" - that exist along Blue Hill Avenue and in nearby neighborhoods. The food and drink operation is being planned by chef Carlos Rosario, a graduate of Madison Park Technical



A view inside the soon-to-open El Punto restaurant and lounge on Blue Hill Avenue. Seth Daniel photo

Vocational High School and a veteran of the culinary scene in Boston. In addition to small bites, his forte will be a build-your-own Platano [Plantain] Bowl.

"We wanted to be open all day, but there are so many take-outs or lunches here, so we decided to do something different," said Pena. "We want our food to be more like tapas food and not the big Dominican plates with rice and beans."

Pena and Ortiz have been involved in the hospitality industry for at least a decade. Pena said she was the general manager of a Mojito's in Randolph for five years while also being a promoter in Boston. She said they know the pitfalls and have brought on a professional security company for the site.

"We are going to make

sure we have professionally trained security and not just some guy at the door at our operation," said Pena.

"We're going to finally have somewhere to be," she added. "I'm from Boston and was raised here and went to college here. It's sad we have to go out of town and spend money to be in a place we can identify with and be comfortable."

The location at 879 Blue Hill Ave. was previously planned to be a Royalty Iron Grill - pitched as an elaborate steakhouse, but it never opened once the pandemic hit. The building, which was purchased by PWN Development of Tewksbury for \$6 million in late 2023, today has a long-time beauty salon on the premises.

Sweet Teez Bakery plans store in Dot Block

BY REPORTER STAFF
Sweet Teez Bakery - owned by Dorchester's Teresa Thompson Maynard - will open a new store on the ground level of Dot Block apartment complex next year.

Founded in 2016 to create peanut-free sweet treats for those with nut allergies, the bakery offers cakes, cupcakes, brownies, pies, and more, all "crafted to delight."

Sweet Teez has been searching for a retail location in Dorchester for several years, with a focus on Codman Square and the Dot Ave corridor.

"I look forward to opening our flagship bakery at Dot Block in the community where I was raised and where I am raising my family alongside my husband Kelvin, COO of Sweet Teez," Maynard said in a statement to The Reporter. "I hope that the bakery can be a space for community members to gather, and to feel inspired and emboldened to pursue their own dreams."

The Maynards launched their company eight years ago from

Quincy Street's Commonwealth Kitchen, a small business incubator with a focus on food vendors. Last year, Sweet Teez received a city-funded SPACE grant to assist in launching a storefront location.

"Sweet Teez Bakery is a local treasure whose baked goods are known across Boston. It has served as a critical resource in our community for years," said the mayor. "I'm thrilled to see Sweet Teez continue to succeed as a SPACE Grant recipient and look forward to supporting this opening."

"Congratulations to Teresa, the whole Sweet Teez team and all of our partners on this exciting announcement that shows what's possible when we support our local small businesses who are anchors in our communities."

Said Rachael Dharce, vice president of retail leasing at Samuels & Associates, "Sweet Teez Bakery is a fantastic addition to the Dot Block and Dorchester community. Teresa's baked

goods have earned a stellar reputation, and we are thrilled to welcome her."

The lease agreement

is also good news for Dot Block, which opened to

residents in 2023. Sweet Teez is the first retailer to

move into the building's ground floor space.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME Docket No. SU24C0523CA IN THE MATTER OF: ANGELLA THEIRSE
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Angella Theirse of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to:
Angella J. Theirse-Eadie
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/26/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 3, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
Published: December 19, 2024

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. SU24P2628EA ESTATE OF: CARMEN A. JONES DATE OF DEATH: 09/05/2024
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Bostonian Nursing Care & Rehab of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Jessica L. Libby, Esq. of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 01/20/2025.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 09, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
Published: December 19, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER M.G.L. c. 183A:6

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of the Suffolk Superior Court (Civil Action No. 19-2865G), in favor of the Board of Managers of the Blue Hill Place Condominium Association against Denise Wright, establishing a lien pursuant to M.G.L. c. 183A:6 on the real estate known as Unit 362 of the Blue Hill Place Condominium with a street address of 362 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Suffolk County, Massachusetts for the purposes of satisfying such lien, the real estate is scheduled for Public Auction commencing at 11:00 a.m. on December 30, 2024 at 362 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, Massachusetts. The premises to be sold are more particularly described as follows:

DESCRIPTION:
The Post Office address of the Unit is: 362 Blue Hill Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02121
The Unit is shown on a plan recorded with the Master Deed, to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided by M.G.L. Chapter 183A section 9, and is conveyed subject to and with the benefit of the obligations, restrictions, rights and liabilities contained in M.G.L. Chapter 183A, the Master Deed, the documents establishing the organization of unit owners and the By-Laws as amended of record. The Unit is conveyed subject to, and with the benefit of, all easements, restrictions and encumbrances of record insofar as the same are now in force and applicable.
Each of the units in the Condominium is intended for residential purpose as set forth in the Master Deed.

The undivided percentage of interest of the Unit in the Common Elements is 14%. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Grantee, and Grantee's successors in title, take title to the Unit subject to the rights of Grantor, as Declarant under the Master Deed, to add additional phases and additional units to the Condominium. The Unit's undivided percentage interest is subject to reduction in case of addition to the Condominium of additional phases and additional units.

If Grantee intends to sell or otherwise transfer any interest in the Unit, including without limitation, the granting of a mortgage interest therein, Grantee shall so notify Grantor in writing, describing the details of the proposed transfer. Within sixty (60) days after receipt of such notice (the "Notice Date"), Grantor may elect, by notice to such Grantee sent by certified or registered mail, to purchase such Unit at the ten fair market value thereof, which shall be determined by an independent third party appraisal. If Grantor elects to purchase the Unit, the transfer shall take place on the business day specified in Grantor's notice of election (which day shall not be more than ninety (90) days after the Notice Date), at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds. Grantee shall convey the Unit to Grantor by quitclaim deed, with all tax and documentary stamps affixed and paid for by Grantee. Grantee shall pay all other taxes arising out of such sale. If Grantor shall fail to make such election within such 60-day period, then Grantee shall be free to sell or transfer the Unit or any interest therein at any time within one hundred twenty (120) days after the Notice Date. If such sale or transfer is not consummated within such 120-day period, then Grantee shall not sell his or her Unit or transfer any interest therein unless s/he first complies again with the provisions of this paragraph. Grantor may release or waive its rights under this paragraph, either before or after receipt of notice from Grantee, in which event the Unit may be sold or conveyed free and clear of the provisions of this paragraph. A certificate executed and acknowledged by Grantee, stating that the rights under this paragraph have been duly waived or terminated, shall be conclusive upon Grantor in favor of all persons who rely thereon in good faith. Such certificate shall be furnished upon request to any Grantee who has in fact complied with the provisions of this paragraph.

For title, see Deed to Denise Wright dated May 9, 2006 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 39558, Page 71.

In the event of a typographical error or omission contained in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said Unit Deed shall control.

- TERMS OF SALE:**
1. A non-refundable deposit payable in cash, certified or bank check in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the unit shall be payable at the Auction.
 2. The balance of the purchase price is to be paid within thirty (30) days of the auction.
 3. An Auctioneer's Release Deed will be issued to the purchaser, upon payment of the balance of the purchase price, within thirty (30) days of the auction. The Deed shall convey the premises subject to, and with the benefit of, all restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens, or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record senior to the lien hereby being satisfied, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.
 4. Additionally, and not by way of limitation, the sale shall be subject to and with the benefit of any and all tenants, tenancies, and occupants, if any.
 5. No representation is or shall be made as to any amount of taxes due and outstanding.
 6. The successful bidder shall pay the future condominium common charges commencing with the date of the auction.
 7. No representation is or shall be made as to any other mortgages, liens, or encumbrances of record.
 8. No representation is or shall be made as to the condition of the Premises or the Condominium. The Premises shall be sold "as is."
 9. Other items, if any, shall be announced at the sale.
 10. The sale is subject to and in accordance with the Judgment and Order, a copy of which may be obtained from the seller's counsel, Attorney Dean T. Lennon, Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Brooks, P.C., 45 Braintree Hill Park, Suite 107, Braintree, MA 02184, (781) 843-5000.

BLUE HILL PLACE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, By its Board

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU24D1832DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING MARIA FILOMENA DOS SANTOS CARDOSO vs. JORGE PEDRO DOS SANTOS CARDOSA
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Maria Filomena Dos Santos Cardoso, 40 French St., Quincy, MA 02171 your answer, if any, on or before 02/03/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 10, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
Published: December 19, 2024

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU24D2058DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING JAVIER A. ANDUJAR vs. BINNERCA ALMANZAR GARCIA
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Javier A. Andujar, 37 Cedar Street, Apt. 3L, Lawrence, MA 01841 your answer, if any, on or before 01/10/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 11, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate
Published: December 19, 2024

RECENT OBITUARIES



BAKER, Marianne (Santa Lucia), 70, of Weymouth, formerly of Dorchester. She is survived by her husband, John F. Baker of Weymouth and her son and daughter in law, Ed Mazurkiewicz and Jamie Lewis of Charlestown. Through the years she owned and operated pizza, ice cream and fish and chips shops in Dorchester. She formerly served both as an Emergency Medical Technician and a phlebotomist and was the founder of Baker & Associates Appraisal Inc. Donations in Marianne's memory may be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation, St. Jude Children's Hospital or St. Anthony Shrine, Boston.



BRUCE, Margaret M. (Beaulieu), 81, of Dorchester. Mother of Dawna C. Bruce of Dorchester. Daughter of the late George J. Beaulieu Sr. and Mary E. (Shields) Beaulieu. Sister of the late Ernestine Harrington, Mary Har-

ington, Dolores Rohan, Phillip Beaulieu, John Beaulieu, George Beaulieu Jr., Claire Hardiman, Patricia LeClair, Cecile Darcy, Joanne Williams, and Richard Beaulieu. Survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. Margaret was a retired employee of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts for over 39 years.



CLASBY, William Michael, 59, at Gordon Hospice House in Mooresville, North Carolina, formerly of Dorchester, Quincy, No. Attleboro, Blackstone and Martha's Vineyard. William's was adopted by Mary Theresa Clasby and Paul Francis Clasby. William is survived by his children: Aryanna Michele Clasby, William Paul Clasby. Along with Christopher Allan Clasby, and Anthony Clasby. He also leaves behind Michele Ann Clasby, Paula Clasby, and Winston Kokaram. William later found companionship with his significant other April Wood, and her sons, Whalen, Glenn, Danny, Billy along with two grandchildren, Trace and Wynonah. William's career was marked by his entrepreneurial spirit as a business owner and his dedication as a trucking owner and operator. Do-

nations can be made to American Liver Foundation ,P.O Box 299, West Orange, NJ 07052.



CORMICAN, Donna Marie, 72, in Winchester, formerly of Dorchester. Daughter to the late Joseph C. Cormican and Helen R. (Rogers) Cormican. Sister of Joseph Cormican and his wife Denise of Millis, Helen Fredholm and her husband Richard of Braintree, Cathy Cormican of Dorchester, Jimmy Cormican and his wife Patricia of Milford, Bobby and his late wife Christine of Lowell, the late Paul Cormican, and Michael Cormican. She also leaves many nieces and nephews who were a significant part of her life. She was a familiar face at Darcy's Village Pub in Quincy and Sonny's in Dorchester, where she served her customers with warmth and grace. Donna's interests extended beyond her professional life into volunteer work with the Dorchester Special Athletes.

HADDAD, Marion, 90, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Faye and Helen Haddad. Beloved sister of Ann Bortolotti and her late husband Warren of Hingham, Terri Robinson of Washington D.C., the late Fred Haddad and Genevive Haddad. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

DUNPHY, Thomas, 75, of Pembroke, formerly of Dorchester. He is survived by his wife, Dianne Dunphy, and their two sons, Thomas and Dennis. He was also the grandfather to 11 grandchildren and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Thomas was the son of the late William and Margaret Dunphy. He was the brother of the late Michael Dunphy and William Dunphy, and is survived by James Dunphy, Margaret (Dunphy) Searson, Francis Dunphy, Janet (Dunphy) Politano, Rosemary (Dunphy) O'Donnell, John Dunphy, Brian Dunphy, and Robert Dunphy. US Marine Corps veteran. After his military service, he joined the Local 88 Tunnel Workers and then began his career at the Boston Fire Department. Thomas spent 34 years assigned to Meeting House Hill, Engine 17, Ladder 7.



KORETZ, Robert Michael, 51, of Dorchester. Robert was born in Livingston, NJ to Faye and Richard. Robert moved to Boston in 1995 and held several jobs, most notably with Mass General and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Robert is predeceased by his father Richard. Robert is survived by his mother Faye, sister Jill Volarich, brother-in-law Henry Volarich, niece Rachel Volarich and nephews Justin Volarich and Daniel Volarich. The family requests that donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

MCDONOUGH, Helen J., 92, in Kingston, formerly of Plymouth, originally of Dorchester. Helen was the daughter of the late John J. and Delia (Lydon) McDonough. Helen entered the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Helen's teaching career spanned many years in schools in Providence, RI, Springfield, MA, and Hartford, New Haven, and Branford CT. In 2004, at age 73, Helen joined "the secular branch group," a project of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur working to create a new way of living religious life. Eventually, Helen and her colleagues left the Sisters of Notre Dame. Helen spent her retirement years at High Cliff

in Plymouth. Helen is survived by her family, including her sister, Barbara Allen of Duxbury, and her brother, Thomas McDonough of VA. She was predeceased by her sister, Mary Tarpey, and her brother, Rev. John P. McDonough. She also leaves numerous nieces and nephews.



MURRAY, Edward, Jr. (Mr. Murray, Junior, Uncle Donald, and Cousin Donald), 90, of Mattapan. Edward was born to Clarissa C. (Cumberbatch) Murray and Edward MacDonald Murray, Sr. He was the owner of Ed Murray Getty Gas Service until 2008 when he retired and sold the station. He is preceded in death by his parents Edward M. Murray, Sr and Clarissa (Cumberbatch) Murray and siblings, Athelstan "Sonny" Cumberbatch, Muriel Sobers, and Shirley (Murray) Griffin. As well his loving wife Juanita (Hunter) Murray. He leaves behind cousins, nieces, nephews, a stepson and his children, friends, and Masonic brothers. He was a Specialty Sergeant with the US Army Reserves.



SCHROEDER, Karen, 78, of Milton, formerly of Dorchester. She was the daughter of Alice E. (Sullivan) and Paul T. Schroeder. She taught a variety of mathematics courses at Bentley University. She also served for many years as the Director of the Mathematics Learning Center. She received the Gregory Adamian award for Excellence in Teaching in 1987. She co-authored a book on Discrete Probability with her late colleague Dr. John C. Hegarty. She retired from Bentley after 43 years of teaching in 2012. Karen was active in many professional organizations, especially the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). She served as the chair of the Northeastern section. She represented this section as she served on the Board of Governors at the National level. Karen was active in Milton town politics serving for 6 years

as a Town Meeting member. She was a volunteer at Milton Hospital where she worked for ten years in the gift shop and also served as an Eucharistic Minister. Karen was also an active member of Milton's St. Agatha Parish. Karen is survived by her cousins Jean Townsend of Denver, Colorado and Christopher Greeley of South Carolina. Karen also leaves behind her dear friends: the Scanlon family and Kathleen Kelley. Donations can be made in Karen's memory to NVNA & Hospice.



WHYTE, Carmen Catilda Primrose "Baby Whyte", 89, of Mattapan. Daughter of the late Reginald and Nell Whyte. Her siblings, Editha Harris, Pearl Whyte, Arnold Whyte and Morris Whyte all predeceased her. She is survived by her children, Freeston, also known as "Dave" and Joan Whyte; 3 grandchildren, and 1 great granddaughter. She is predeceased by her great-grandson, Kenai Whyte and leaves numerous nieces and nephews, extended family and dear friends. Carmen first worked at Keystone Corporation then at Polaroid Corporation in Cambridge and Norwood from where she retired.



WILKINS, Clinton Willie, 80, of Dorchester. He leaves behind his wife Mary E. Wilkins, 9 children, 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

WILLARD, Patricia M. (Hanlon), 89, of Wellesley, passed away peacefully. Patricia was the wife of the late George L. Willard, Jr. of Wellesley. Mother to Mark and his wife, Katherine of Northville, MI, Michael and his wife, Bobbi of Corvallis, OR, Martin and his wife, Shirley of Holliston, MA, the late George L. Willard, III of Dorchester, MA, John and his wife, Pam of Westboro, MA and Christopher and his wife, Susan of Orlando, FL. She was also the grandmother to 16 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

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