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The lantern tower on the Second Church in Dorchester was lifted back in place on Jan. 29 after being repaired and sitting on the ground for the last 18 months. Other parts of the steeple will gradually be restored over the next few months. Successive projects coming very soon include restoring the clock and getting the historic Paul Revere bell ringing again. *Seth Daniel photo*

## Piece by piece, Second Church recaptures its historic presence

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

The historic lantern tower that sat above the Second Church in Dorchester for more than 200 years before being taken down for repairs in 2023 is back where it belongs – high above Codman Square.

Last Wednesday morning (Jan. 29), steeplejacks from American Steeple and Tower of Salem, Mass., lifted the rebuilt 6,000-pound tower portion back in place. The dome section will be weatherized and sealed and then placed atop the tower later this winter, with new copper sheathing being installed after it's in place. Before removal, the steeple hadn't been disturbed since 1806.

Even more exciting is the news that funding is being secured to restore the clock tower into working order by repairing the eaves and getting the circa 1811 Paul Revere & Sons bell ringing regularly for all the neighborhood to hear.

"That was an exciting and tremendous moment," said Second Church's Rev. Victor Price of the tower reinstallation. "It was a piece of the puzzle going in place and that's movement forward...For me, it's bringing back historic life and a taste of antiquity in modern times. I'm very excited."

Steeplejack Bob Levesque and preservation consultant Jeff Gonyeau of Dorchester were on hand to supervise

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## Greenway keeps growing; \$9m in funding will extend trail deeper into Mattapan

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

State officials are preparing to announce \$9 million in funding that will be used to expand public access along the Neponset River in Mattapan and Hyde Park. Aided by an infusion of \$2 million from a federal transportation grant, the money will help stitch together a new connection in a network of trails along the Neponset River stretching from Columbia Point in Dorchester to Mattapan and, now, deeper into the neighborhoods west of Mattapan Square.

The funding will also contribute to the construction of a new bathroom at Ryan Playground on River Street.

The Department of Conservation and

Recreation (DCR) plans to combine the new federal dollars with existing state funds to get the developments moving.

"These projects are an investment in the future of these neighborhoods," said DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo. "By revitalizing our parks and green spaces, we're not only improving recreational opportunities but also strengthening community connections, improving the health and well-being of two underserved communities, expanding access to nature, and making these spaces more resilient to climate change."

"We're eager to see these transformations and their lasting impact on residents and families in the Mattapan and Hyde Park communities," he added.

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## Josh Kraft launches campaign for Mayor at Grove Hall rally

By CASSIDY  
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REPORTER STAFF

Josh Kraft, a 57-year-old philanthropist and non-profit leader and the son of longtime New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft, officially launched his campaign for mayor of Boston on Tuesday (Feb. 4) at the Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Dorchester's Grove Hall neighborhood.

"Serving Boston has been my passion and a great source of joy and purpose in my life," said Kraft as he stood in front of a phalanx of about 50 supporters, "but I also know there's more for me to give this city, and that's why today – be-



Josh Kraft announces his bid for mayor in this year's election. *Cassidy McNealey photo*

cause I love this city and its people – I'm excited to declare my candidacy to be the next mayor of the

city of Boston." Though his family name is well known far

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## A 'caninedacy' for mayor of Dot

The annual "Mayor of Dorchester" contest—which raises funds for the Dot Day Parade—has a four-legged contender for the first time. Walter, a 10-year-old Golden Retriever who lives with his dogmom Jenna Taylor in the Ashmont neighborhood, threw his collar in the race last week.

"[For] Walter's 10th



Walter wants your vote and also to play fetch. *Jenna Taylor photo*

birthday, all he wants is to become the Mayor of Dorchester and walk in the Dorchester Day Parade on June 1st," Taylor posted. "Every \$1 donated counts as a vote, and the most votes wins!"

Taylor is collecting donations through a GoFund Me. See story at DotNews.com.



Bach inside new eatery. *Nicole Belcastro photo*

## Throwback diner opens in Savin Hill

By NICOLE BELCASTRO  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Yvonne Benson swung open the mustard-yellow colored door to the new Yeanie's Burger and Social restaurant at the corner of Dorchester Ave. and Savin Hill Ave. last Saturday and inside, the eatery's chef and co-owner, Yeanie Bach, handed Benson a menu.

"I already know what I want!" exclaimed Benson, who has been eagerly awaiting Yeanie's "soft opening" for

weeks after she saw painters covering the building's exterior in an "eye-catching" yellow. The color was so striking that Benson asked the paint crew if it was the primer or final color.

Bach and her husband, Phi Pham, say they chose the bright yellow because it's their two-year-old daughter's favorite color. And, they say, it has proved to be an effective marketing strategy.

"We want people to see something

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Police, Courts & Fire

Woman found dead in Claybourne St. apartment

An investigation is underway after Boston Police investigating a report of a person stabbed found a woman dead in a home at 43 Claybourne St. in Dorchester on Monday (Feb. 3).

BPD shared the following account with The Reporter: "Officers from Area C-11 were called to the address around 2:45 p.m. for a report of a person having been stabbed. They made a forced entry into the reported apartment after no one answered their knocks on the door. Officers located the adult female victim in one of the bedrooms and Boston EMS declared the victim non-viable. Homicide detectives are investigating and no arrests have been made at this time."

The victim's identity and age have not yet been released yet. If the death is ruled a homicide, it would be the fifth known murder in the city in 2025.

A man who was shot in the head as he sat behind the wheel of his car on Levant Street in Dorchester early Sunday morning is in stable condition, according to a Boston Police account of the incident obtained by The Reporter.

Police who arrived at the scene just before 2 a.m. for a call of "shots fired" found a man suffering from a gunshot wound to the left side of his head and saw a bullet hole in the windshield and a bullet visibly lodged in the man's head. The victim said he was sitting with his girlfriend "when shots rang out and he could not remember anything else."

The shooting happened near the corner of Levant and Teboc streets in the Bowdoin-Geneva section of Dorchester. No arrests have been reported, but detectives collected ballistic evidence at the scene and are actively investigating the case.

On Jan. 28, executing a search warrant that they say targeted convicted felons Rickey Simmons, 46, and Robert Campbell, 35, Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) agents seized guns and arrested two men during a morning raid at Holiday Street home that uncovered six firearms and one machine gun conversion device known as a Glock switch.

According to an ATF account of the operation, agents found Simmons and Campbell inside, where they uncovered a loaded .22 caliber firearm in a bedroom and a loaded Tisas .45 caliber firearm on a sofa. Police say Campbell had a key to a safe containing a loaded Glock .375 caliber handgun, several thousand dollars in cash, and a small amount of cocaine. In a bag outside that bedroom, they also found three additional firearms, including a Glock .45 caliber firearm, a Glock 9mm handgun with a Glock switch attached, and a Glock .40 caliber handgun. The bag also contained 31 rounds of ammunition and eight magazines.

The charge of being a felon in possession provides for a sentence of up to 15 years in prison, three years of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Carney panel recommendations are now expected in early March

By BILL FORRY EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Members of a panel set up to make recommendations about the re-use of the shuttered Carney Hospital campus in Dorchester gathered for their eighth meeting on Jan. 30. The 33-member working group is co-chaired by Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, the commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston, and Michael Curry, president and CEO of the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers.

"We are wrapping up our work and spent time during this eighth meeting talking about short-term and long-term recommendations," said Ojikutu, who also told The Reporter that she

now expects their report to Gov. Healey and Mayor Wu to be finalized in the first part of March.

"This has been a complicated process and has brought together very seasoned and well-respected experts who have some thoughts," said Ojikutu. "We've delved deeply into the expert thinking as well as community and resident needs and concerns, and it's taking some time to pull that together."

She added that there has been no departure from the group's original mandate — articulated mainly by Mayor Wu last year — that Carney's campus be re-purposed for the delivery of health care services.

"That is our goal," she

said. "It's very clear that there are gaps and people want that site utilized, at least in part, for the delivery of some kind of health care," she added, noting that emergency department and urgent care needs top the list.

"I think what we're seeing right now in the system is that we have a lot of people waiting for services," she said. "The loss of what was provided by Carney exacerbated the situation."

The hospital's doors were closed to patients last August amid a bankruptcy case impacting the Steward Health Care System. The closure — and the shut-down of Nashoba Valley Medical Center in Ayer, Mass. — was facilitated and fast-

tracked by state public health officials as the Healey administration sought to keep five other Steward properties open and functioning. The administration used its eminent domain powers to expedite the transfer of ownership of Brighton's St. Elizabeth Medical Center, but declined to intervene in Dorchester, claiming that there was no one willing to operate the Carney.

Ojikutu said that her state counterpart — state Public Health Commissioner Dr. Robbie Goldstein — has been an active participant in all eight of the Carney working group meetings held to date, as well as a public meeting held in Dorchester in December. The meetings of the working group have been private and closed to media.

"This is a collaborative effort," Ojikutu said.

Police probe shootings, one fatal, at two Morton Street area sites

By SETH DANIEL NEWS EDITOR

A person was shot and killed at the intersection of Morton and West Selden streets in Mattapan on Thurs., Jan. 30, around 10:30 p.m., according to Boston Police who are investigating the homicide. Details about the victim's identity have not yet been released to the public.

According to a BPD account, officers and Boston EMS were on the scene quickly and transported the victim to Boston Medical Center, where the person was later pronounced dead.

The homicide follows another, non-fatal shooting that took place nearby

the night before. According to a police report reviewed by The Reporter, officers were called to a home on Sanford Street just off Morton Street near Lower Mills just before midnight for a report of a man suffering from a gunshot wound.

Police were let into the home and found a juvenile male victim suffering from a gunshot to the upper arm with heavy bleeding. He told police it happened while he was driving but was not specific about where it happened. He said after being shot, he drove home. Police found a Honda in the driveway with blood on it and a blood trail from the car

to a side door of the home. Boston EMS arrived at the home and transported the juvenile to BMC. His condition wasn't immediately available.

Thursday night's shoot-

ing death was the third reported murder of the year in the city. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Boston Police Homicide Unit at 617-343-4470.

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City-sponsored open house to share the design of a new community center in the Grove Hall section of Dorchester on Thursday of this week (Feb. 6) from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Grove Hall Branch of the Boston Public Library, 41 Geneva Ave. Stop by the open house to view a model of the proposed design. See Boston.gov/BCYF-Grove-Hall.

Author talk at the Grove Hall branch of the BPL: Douglas Stark will discuss his 2025 book, "Race and Resistance in Boston: A Contested Sports History" on Sat., Feb. 15, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., 41 Geneva Ave.

The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum offers several family-oriented activities and programs throughout Presidents' Day week, including its signature "Presidents' Day Festival" on Mon., Feb. 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., featuring presidential storytelling, make-and-take activities, musical performances, and other

activities for the whole family. The festival will close with a special free concert by the Harvard Din & Tonics, who will perform Kennedy campaign songs and popular music from the 1960s and today.

On Thurs., Feb. 20, at 10:30 a.m., the Library will host a free performance by the Okra Dance Company, "Dancing Journey of Africans in America," as part of its Celebrate! family programming. Audiences of all ages will be inspired by African dance, music, and rhythm on American culture in honor of Black History Month.

The Dorchester Winter Farmers Market is now open for the season on Saturdays, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Great Hall in Codman Square through March 15. See dorchesterwinterfarmersmarket.org for more info.

Join the Mattapan Branch of the BPL and Bro. Joel Mackall for a Saturday Series presentation on the "Hidden History of Black

Boston" on Sat., March 1, from 2 to 4 p.m., 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan.

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music presents cellist Gabriel Cabezas and pianist Natalia Kazaryan will perform in concert at Dorchester's Peabody Hall, 209 Ashmont St. on Sun., Feb. 16, at 4 p.m. See ahchambermusic.org for info.

The 2025 Mayor's Youth Summit will take place on Sat., Feb. 22, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Artists for Humanity EpiCenter on West 2nd Street, South Boston. This free citywide celebration aims to engage and inspire Boston teens ages 14-19. Learn more at boston.gov/youth-summit.

A comedy night at the Dot Tavern on Thurs., Feb. 27, at 8 p.m. will benefit the Dorchester Day Parade on Sun., June 1. Raffle tickets for Bruins vs. Predators tickets (March 4) game. See @mayorofdot on Instagram for more. The Lower Mills Civic Association did not meet in January. The next meeting is

Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. in St. Gregory's auditorium.

BCYF Black History Annual Skate Night is Friday, Feb. 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. This event will create space for young residents ages 17 and under to be in community and skate with friends and family. Chez Vous Skating Rink, 11 Rhoades St., Dorchester.

Black Employee Network Employee Resource Group Celebration is Fri., Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. at Carver Lodge, 82 Talbot Ave. Connecting Black City employees and the community with city leadership to celebrate all of the triumphs of the Black diaspora. Learn about the history, art, and fashion of headwraps as Tafari Wraps leads this interactive presentation and workshop on Tues., Feb. 25, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Mattapan BPL Branch.

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## Fields Corner strip mall sold to Milton-based company

A Fields Corner commercial building at 1576-1580 Dorchester Ave. was sold in late December to Hajjar Management Co. of Milton Village and Braintree's Barznab Khan, operator of Richdale Food Shops.

The building features four storefronts, including a Dunkin' Donuts and a parking lot at the corner of Gibson Street. The former owners, 7-11, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, sold the property to Hajjar and Khan for \$3.145 million.

"We purchased this property along with Barznab Khan, another local out of Braintree," Charles R. Hajjar told The Reporter. "Besides some minor improvements to the parking lot and site, we plan to manage the property as is. Khan is looking to open a Richdale Food Shops convenience store in the former 7/11 space. Hajjar



The small strip mall at 1576 Dorchester Ave. changed hands recently from the 7-11 corporation to local owners from Milton and Braintree. The former 7-11 convenience store will become a Richdale Food Store. *Seth Daniel photo*

Management will provide the management for the property."

The 7-11 company has been leaving numerous locations over the past three years as the company reorganizes, prioritizing sites that sell gas over stand-alone convenience stores.

The 7-11 at 1576-1580 Dorchester Ave. closed about two years ago, along with another location in Peabody Square. And a nearby 7-11 at 1420 Dorchester Ave. closed about the same time and reopened under the Richdale name.

—SETH DANIEL

## Wu wants new rules, insurance for food-delivery vendors in city

Mayor Wu this week announced a plan that would require food-delivery companies to obtain city permits, buy insurance for their delivery people, and hand over data to the city on where all those people are going with their food and how fast they are doing so.

Wu said that enough is enough: Too many Grubhub, Uber Eats, and Door Dash delivery people, especially the ones on scooters, are wreaking daily havoc, driving on sidewalks, weaving in and out of traffic, and speeding the wrong

way down one-way streets.

"The price of convenience cannot be fear, injuries, and chaos on our streets," said Jascha Franklin-Hodge, the city's chief of streets.

Wu's proposal will go to the City Council as a proposed municipal ordinance. If the council approves, it will go back to Wu for her signature.

Wu said requiring insurance would benefit both the delivery people and any people they hit. The detailed routing information already collected by the companies will help the city

figure out where the delivery hot spots are, which, in turn, will let the city better design street parking regulations and also know when and where to target enforcement.

Franklin-Hodge, the city's street chief, said the ordinance would only apply to large companies that provide food-delivery apps. Local restaurants that have their own delivery people would be exempt, as would non-food delivery companies, such as FedEx and UPS.

He added that the proposed ordinance also would not re-

quire the companies to hand over data on individual orders, meaning that City Hall will not be watching peoples' diets or individual drivers, but rather aggregate data about where the delivery trips begin and end.

City Councillor Sharon Durkan (Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway, Mission Hill) said she and other officials asked the big delivery companies months ago for data on delivery trips through Boston and the companies refused. She said the city has no obligation to cater to "multi-billion-dollar

companies and tech giants that refuse to play by the rules of the road."

And state Rep. Jay Livingstone (D-Back Bay) said he and his kids were nearly hit by a delivery scooter driver as they walked down the sidewalk on Dartmouth Street just this week.

Officials compared food-delivery apps to ride-share apps, which once were unregulated as well, but which now have to meet minimum state safety standards.

—REPORTER STAFF

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# Cameron Street gang members sent to prison

A federal judge in Boston last week sentenced Devante “D-Lopes” Lopes, 31, of Quincy, to five years in prison and James “Bummy” Rodrigues, 34, of Boston,

to three-and-a-half years for their criminal roles in Dorchester’s Cameron Street gang.

The sentences are shorter than those handed out to some other

members of the gang who were swept up by federal and local authorities in 2022, but unlike some of the others, neither was charged with crimes of violence, at

least not by the feds.

In 2019, Rodrigues and two other men who were drinking in a Revere parking space became incensed when a man asked them to move so he could

park his vehicle. Instead, they stomped him, breaking his neck and leaving him covered in bruises from head to toe.

Lopes pleaded guilty last year to charges of organized crime, conspiracy to distribute marijuana and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute; Rodrigues pleaded guilty to organized crime of-

fenses and conspiracy to distribute cocaine and crack on Jan. 16. Both have been locked up at a federal detention facility in Rhode Island since their 2022 arrests; the 33 months they’ve already spent behind bars will be credited to their sentences.

—REPORTER STAFF

## Boston Renaissance Charter Public School ENROLLMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 IS NOW OPEN Application Deadline is February 28th

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## United Way/Mass Bay taps Martinez to be its new CEO



Marty Martinez, who served as Boston’s health and human services chief for the first two years of the coronavirus pandemic, will start on March 31 as the next president and CEO of the United Way of Massachusetts Bay.

A Dorchester resident, Martinez has worked as CEO of Reach Out and Read since 2022. He was City Hall’s health chief from 2017 to 2021 and previously led the Mass Mentoring Partnership.

“Marty has a depth and breadth of experience on an array of critical issues facing our region. During his time as our chief of health and human services, he was a strong advocate for what our communities needed, especially in times of crisis,” said former Mayor Marty Walsh.

United Way of Mas-

sachusetts Bay “focuses its efforts on the cities with the highest number of households excluded from financial wellbeing,” the agency notes.

“As someone who grew up in a low-income household, led by a single mother, I’m someone who knows the systems and supports that created the opportunities for me to access the American dream that I know today,” Martinez said. “Experiences shape how I see the world.”

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# Yeanie's Burger and Social opens as diner-style eatery in Savin Hill



Michael Kaplan and his daughters enjoyed a meal inside Yeanie's Burger and Social on Feb. 1.

Nicole Belcastro photo

(Continued from page 1) is coming. You can't miss it. When I say, 'Oh, my restaurant is on this street,' everyone knows," said Bach.

The corner storefront was once home to Venice Pizza, a neighborhood staple for decades until its longtime owners closed up shop in 2019. "The Venice" re-opened under new ownership in 2021, but that venture proved to be short-lived and closed abruptly in 2023. The prominent space has sat empty ever since.

When Bach and Pham were approached by their broker to consider a new use for it, they knew they'd be replacing a community staple, but were ready to bring something new to Dorchester.

Their answer is Yeanie's - which features a diner-inspired menu and layout with countertop dining, and 1950s-inspired "comfort foods" like burgers, fries, and milkshakes. Pham said the idea was inspired by the "daddy-daughter diner dates" they enjoy together,

Bach and Pham have

owned five restaurants together, including Banh Mi Oi in West Roxbury. However, offering American classics is a new venture for the couple that allow Bach to test her culinary abilities.

"People have expectations of how burgers should be, and there's a lot of recipe and development we went through," said Pham.

Since emigrating to America in 2012, Bach has studied American culture, and while she didn't intend for Yeanie's to be a fusion restaurant, she's still adding her touch to classic dishes. One surprising side dish is Mom's Spaghetti, a Filipino type sweeter than traditional American spaghetti. Like the yellow exterior, Bach's daughter influenced this addition to the menu.

Wings were added to the menu at Bach's request, she said, because she's always sad when her husband takes her to a burger joint that doesn't offer them on the menu. Yeanie's offers a smoked barbeque "Rue" sauce and a Passion Fruit Habanero sauce that was

a "labor of love" to create. There were five iterations of the sauce before Bach perfected it. We broke it down to its acidity, pH and layers," said Pham. Customers described the sauce as the perfect balance between sweet, sour, and spicy.

As important as offering flavorful food is, the couple wants to provide a community space for people to come together. The open kitchen layout mirrors old-school diners, where Pham says connection was encouraged. He finds it to be "severely lacking" these days.

Pham wants Yeanie's to be a place where people can gather after work, talk to the chefs, and eventually visit for breakfast. "I would love to see families and young kids coming in. I'd love to see daddy or mommy days with a burger and shake.

That's my vision for Yeanie's," said Bach.

On Saturday, that vision played out in front of the proud owners as Dorchester resident Michael Kaplan dined with his two young daughters. "They can be picky sometimes, but they gobbled it up," he reported.

Customers of all ages trickled in as the day went on, and all had praise for Bach, with customers saying the burgers and shakes surpassed Five Guys and Shake Shack for them.

At the end of his meal, Matthew Williams declared that Yeanie's was something special. "If you can have fries with-

out sauces, that's a good sign," he said.

By 5 p.m., Yeanie's had sold out for the day—

part of their planned soft opening. The eatery expects to open with more permanent hours later

this month.

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# Toussaint Louverture Center to open in Boston on Feb. 13

**BY SHERRI CAJUSTE**  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER  
The Toussaint Louverture Cultural Center (TLCC) of Massachusetts, a new hub for Haitian culture in Boston next to TD Garden, is planning to open to the public for the first time

on Thurs., Feb. 13. An initiative of Haitian Americans United, Inc. (H.A.U.) and partners meant to promote and preserve the rich and vibrant Haitian heritage, offer educational programming, and serve as a welcome center for visitors to the

city, the 2,000-square-foot ground-level space, located on Lovejoy Wharf, will also include exhibition and retail space. Organizers say the multipurpose center will give the larger community a place to gather and foster collaboration, cultural

exchange, community services, and entrepreneurship. Nancy Accime, vice chairperson of Haitian Americans United, said in an interview that the opening will be followed by a series of events in the spring and summer. A larger, grand opening celebration is in the works for May.

"We've raised over \$300,000 and are less than halfway to our goal, but the incredible support from our community gives us confidence that we'll continue to make great strides toward reaching our target and bringing this vision to life," said Accime.

Marvin Mathelier, who will serve as the center's executive director, is focused on expanding outreach programs, fostering community engagement, and preserving the history of Haitian culture through art and education.

Mathelier told The Reporter that the hope is to "to be right in the center of Boston right across from TD Garden and continuously being that cultural ambassador for Haiti to the rest of the world. We would also like to see if there could be a chance for expansion. With the place being only 2,000 square feet, we would love to eventually

have more space to facilitate more programs and activities."

Mathelier said one element that is underway is an art gallery with most of the works from independent artists in partnership with the Haitian Assembly of Massachusetts. The TLCC website notes that the center will also have a library that "will feature materials related to Haiti and the United States, Haitian literature, music, arts, and cultural aesthetics." A gift shop is also planned.

The Haitian-themed storefront space was secured through a competitive bid process offered through the Boston Planning and Development Agency in September 2023. The lease agreement includes free rent for 25 years, with programming and other operations being maintained by the center.

Raising operational funds remains a pressing challenge, said Mathelier, who co-owns and runs a Jamaica Plain business, *Ula Cafe*.

"We're doing great as we just finished a campaign and raised a ton of money for the TLCC and we're about to continue the campaign where it will lead to the opening of the center," he said. "But just like with any business or organization, money

comes and goes out quickly. After paying staff and other expenses, there isn't much left. We're trying to figure out a momentum on how to continuously generate income."

City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, who has championed the center's launch, said that its presence will offer an unprecedented platform for the "Haitian diaspora [that] has been here in Boston since the early 1950s." She envisions the space hosting social events and panels on discussions that help more people learn about a city that has the second largest per capita Haitian population in the United States.

"It's about time we have a community center for us and open to visitors to learn more about the Haitian community," she said.

The center is named for Toussaint Louverture, considered one of the greatest Haitian leaders in history for his role in leading Haitian armed forces against French colonial forces during the revolution that secured Haiti's independence.

*Sherri Cajuste is the founder of Haitians of Boston, which partners with Boston Haitian.com and BNN, Inc. Follow Haitians of Boston on Instagram.*

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

## St. John Paul's Lower Mills principal, star pupil to be honored this weekend

By CASSIDY MCNEELEY  
REPORTER STAFF

The principal at Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy's Lower Mills campus and one of her star pupils will be honored for their service to community during an award ceremony this weekend in Boston's Seaport district.

Lisa Warshafsky and eighth-grade student Jahzare Haynes will be feted at the Corey C. Griffin Foundation's annual Winter Ball. The foundation, named for a Scituate man who died in 2014 at age 27, is dedicated to keeping his memory alive by ensuring the health, safety, education, and success of Boston youth.

Warshafsky, who has led the academy's Lower Mills campus for 17 years, will receive the foundation's Outstanding Philanthropy Award. Haynes, 13, will be one of two recipients of the

Youth Courage Award.

Warshafsky has worked closely with the Griffin Foundation for the last decade. She volunteers at their various annual events and helps to lead the foundation's Back to School Backpack Giveaway in partnership with the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers. The event is held in Dorchester Park as a back-to-school event each summer.

"I always really admired the whole Griffin family and the organization living out his legacy in a unique and powerful way," said Warshafsky. "When I met them, there was this instantaneous connection to one another. As a mom, I can't even imagine their pain, but they have transformed this love, faith, and energy into thousands of kids here at Saint John Paul's and across the city."

Chandra Clark, who leads the foundation, calls Warshafsky a "champion. She volunteers at every single event. She's always in the community spreading the good news about work we're doing at the foundation. We're focused on philanthropy and breaking barriers and building bridges [and] she's a brand ambassador for us in every sense of connecting us with other like-minded members of the community."

The foundation works closely with St. John Paul II Catholic Academy in supporting several students under their Corey's Scholars Program.

"It's not a one-off relationship," said Warshafsky. "Our kids know what the legacy means to be a Corey's Kid and they understand what the mission of the organization is and the

impact that it has on our students here."

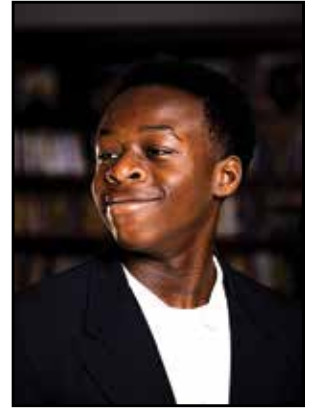
Haynes is one student who best embodies Corey's spirit and legacy, she said.

"Jahzare was nominated because he went through an incredibly challenging year last year, but for months, the school didn't actually know because he came to school, completed all his class work, remained an honor roll student, and was at school on time," said Warshafsky. "We started to notice he was a bit more reserved, a bit more quiet, specifically in classes, and wasn't participating as much. It was shared with his middle school teacher that his family was going through an incredibly challenging time."

Said Haynes: "I lost my house, and I was living in a hotel for a while. Then I moved into a little small apartment and now I'm



Lisa Warshafsky  
George Martell photo



Jahzare Haynes  
Austin Wilder photo

in a home. It was kind of sad because that was basically the home I was in my entire life."

Though this was a difficult time for the teen and his family, Haynes did not let the adversity define his future. "The award means that I am courageous, and I can do good things," Haynes told *The Reporter*. "I want to go to high school and then go to college and then after that I want to be an entrepreneur."

He joked that he was most excited about the food at next week's ball at Omni Hotel at the Seaport, a predictable

comment from a growing teenage boy.

Warshafsky is looking forward to the event, too, but she says the award isn't just for her.

"I basically said in summary that I would be honored to accept the award, but I would be accepting it on behalf of the entire Lower Mills School community. Teachers, students, and families – because I couldn't do the work without my team."

To purchase tickets or learn more about the Boston Winter Ball visit [coreygriffinfoundation.org/initiatives-and-events/boston-winter-ball/](http://coreygriffinfoundation.org/initiatives-and-events/boston-winter-ball/)



Maureen Byrne, a Dorchester native and military mom who founded the nonprofit organization Miles for Military was honored as a Hero Among Us during the Boston Celtics home game against the Orlando Magic on Jan. 17. The group covers travel expenses for active-duty personnel in exchange for volunteer hours.  
Photo courtesy Boston Celtics

## Mattapan junior at Howard awarded \$1,000 by City Kids



Howard University junior Jada Trench, the latest local recipient of City Realty's City Kids Scholarship, gathered recently with City Realty Managing Partner Stephen Whalen and, from left, City Kids board members Orlando Martinez, Markese Daise, Whalen, Jada Trench, Genesis Funes, Sammy Cintra, and Maggie Flynn.  
Photo courtesy City Kids

Jada Trench of Mattapan, a junior at Howard University studying Pre-Law, is the newest recipient of a City Kids

scholarship. The group, founded by City Realty, awards ten \$1,000 scholarships each year to underserved students

who are currently enrolled in an accredited college or university, or who are seniors in high school planning to attend

college in the fall. Recipients are selected based on academic achievements and financial need.

## YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

### DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Benjamin W. Harris

Benjamin Winslow Harris, who served in the Massachusetts House in 1857 and the Massachusetts Senate in 1858, lived in Dorchester from 1869 to 1872. In his first year as a resident, he presented an argument against the annexation of Dorchester to Boston in hearings of the Joint Committee on Towns in the Massachusetts Legislature by alleging improper conduct in a meeting held in Dorchester to consider the petition for annexation.



Benjamin W. Harris opposed annexation of Dorchester to Dorchester in 1869.

When the Act for Annexation came out of the Legislature, annexation was recommended, and a date in June 1869 was

set for Dorchester and Boston to vote on the issue. That vote was in favor, and Dorchester became part of Boston on Jan. 1, 1870.

Excerpts from Harris's comments follow:

"It did seem to me that Mr. Upham, who was last year the chairman of the committee chosen to oppose annexation, but who happens to be this year a convert to annexation, – it did seem to me a little strange that under his management, fair play could not have been a

little better secured.... where a majority of the committee opposed to annexation, of which he was chairman, had a written report ready to present to the meeting, Mr. Upham did not do quite the fair thing reading a report signed by himself as chairman, and having it acted upon before the majority of the committee could get a chance to make it known that they had a report ready, and he the chairman of the meeting... did not give the opponents of

this measure quite a fair chance.

"But how was that meeting constituted? Mr. Putnam, who runs a large nail factory, hires two four-horse wagons, and hires 42 voters to vote for annexation.... He had 42 voters in his employ who would vote in favor of annexation, and he said, 'Boy, I will pay you your wages, nothing shall be deducted from your day's labor, and I will pay your transportation up and back, if you will go and vote for annexation;' and

they went."

From "The Annexation Question. Closing Argument of B. W. Harris, Esq." (Boston, 1869)

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at [dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org](http://dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org), from which *The Reporter* derives, often through editing for space, this weekly feature. The society's William Clapp House and James Blake House are open to the public on the third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



## Editorial

## Josh Kraft does the city a service

So, Boston will have a mayor's race after all.

And that, no matter where your loyalties lie now or come November, is a good thing.

Our city's model of government is sometimes referred to as a "strong mayor" system, meaning that the powers of the mayor largely outstrip those of other elected officeholders, most notably the city council. The 13-member council serves an important function and has seen its influence over budgetary decisions enhanced in recent years.

But, ultimately, the person who calls the big shots at City Hall is the woman—or man—who serves as mayor.

As we've seen in the case of White Stadium, the council can raise objections to big ticket decisions by Mayor Wu, but it can do little to stop her from following through on them — no matter how small or consequential.

This quadrennial mayoral election, then, will serve as a ratification—or rejection— of the sitting mayor's policies as they've played out over the last few years. In Boston, the voters are, in a real sense, the most important check-and-balance we have on the powerful mayor model. But that leverage hinges on the notion that the mayor will actually face a worthy opponent and give voters a viable alternative. In that sense, Josh Kraft's candidacy — announced formally inside Dorchester's Prince Hall on Tuesday— does the city a service.

Wu's staunchest supporters might not see it that way at the moment. It can sting to hear a sharp critique of your chosen candidate's leadership. But every mayor, and every elected leader, needs that gut-check— and not just come election season. A healthy democracy depends on incumbents' constant calculations about how their decisions will play out when voters get their chance to render a verdict.

The Kraft critique, as heard in its first draft on Tuesday, is that Michelle Wu doesn't listen to critics or factor their push-back into her decisions. Whether that be road projects like Blue Hill Avenue, the stadium, her council-approved tax plan, or school consolidations— there has certainly been vocal opposition to many of Wu's initiatives.

The mayor has not shied away from controversial calls. To her many supporters, that's an admirable trait. We elect mayors to make tough decisions and— when necessary— to weather the storm of criticism that will necessarily come their way.

It was true of John Collins, Kevin White, Ray Flynn, Tom Menino, Marty Walsh— and it's true of Michelle Wu. None of them, present company included as of Tuesday, got a free pass come election time. They all drew a robust challenge—and had to defend their records— even if the odds heavily favored their re-election.

Josh Kraft brings to the race a view from a different vantage point and, certainly, a family name that rings out far beyond city limits. But, while he is a newcomer to city politics, his career has — by all accounts— shown a sincere effort to help Boston kids succeed. Naysayers who dismiss his right to run and make his case are as wrong-headed as the nativist crowd who dismissed Michelle Wu because she was born in Chicago.

This city is fortunate for drawing talented, thoughtful people to our neighborhoods who want to contribute to the political dialogue. Whether or not one supports either of them personally— or choose to vote for an alternate candidate who could still emerge— we're grateful to people who are willing to join the debate and engage in a productive back-and-forth about Boston's future. That's good for democracy and good for the city.

-Bill Forry

## Landlords' greed is hurting growth of small businesses in city neighborhoods

BY EUAN DAVIS  
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

As a small business owner, I've experienced firsthand how difficult it is to establish and maintain a business in Boston. After a fire destroyed the Blue Hill Avenue building that housed my business, The Biz Barbershop, I felt blessed and hopeful to receive a grant from the city of Boston in the spring of 2024 to help me reopen.



**Euan Davis**  
Cites predatory leases

The program, Supporting Pandemic Affected Community Enterprises (SPACE), is designed specifically to help small businesses to open, reopen, or expand in commercial districts of Boston, particularly in historically underserved neighborhoods like Mattapan, Dorchester, and Roxbury. The program helps small businesses like mine with grants and technical assistance for lease negotiation, accounting, taxes, and more. It is intended to close the racial wealth gap and enhance the vibrancy of the neighborhoods.

But, as I searched for a new location, the reality of Boston's commercial rental market quickly set in. Due to predatory lease terms, I am still searching for a new location and have been forced to rebuild within the confines of another barbershop's brand.

Landlords' greed is undermining the purpose of programs like SPACE, leaving small business owners like me struggling to stay afloat. To make matters worse, the vast majority of retail spaces I looked at did not want a barbershop as a tenant. It became clear that these landlords are more interested in holding out for larger tenants with deeper pockets, even if it means leaving their properties vacant for months or even years.

Commercial rents in Boston have increased dramatically over the last decade. In Mattapan, Dorchester, and Roxbury, the cost of renting a small retail space now ranges from \$4,000 to \$6,500 per month. And this figure often doesn't include "triple-net" fees, which can add hundreds of dollars more each month.

Triple-net fees are legal in Massachusetts, but they shouldn't be. They allow landlords to pass on property taxes, insurance, and maintenance costs. For example, a 1,000-square-foot commercial space might cost \$4,500 in base rent, but once triple-net charges of \$500 or more are added, the total monthly rent can exceed \$5,000. Landlords should build these costs into the overall monthly rent rather than charge above and beyond the base monthly rent cost.

These predatory lease terms make it nearly impossible for small businesses to turn a profit, especially for service industries like mine with products priced within the community in mind. Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury are loaded with hard-working, entrepreneurial people who are deeply invested here, but they're being priced out. Take a walk around. You'll see many empty storefronts. These spaces could be vibrant businesses, contributing to the local economy and creating jobs. Instead of working with small business owners, many landlords hold out for larger tenants who can afford their overly inflated rents. This shortsighted mindset stifles economic growth

and hurts the vibrancy of our neighborhoods. Empty storefronts create a sense of neglect, discouraging foot traffic and reducing the appeal of the area.

I have watched neighboring businesses get funded, open for business, and then close two-to-four years later. The latest is the local food pantry Daily Table in the Loop building next to Mattapan station. After less than two years, and tens of thousands of dollars spent on the property owners' "build out" requirements, this hopeful addition to a marginalized community is closing its doors.

This never-ending spiral of openings-and-closings is due to the predatory practices of these property owners. They are getting their buildings fixed up, collecting a short-term cash grab, then watching businesses close their doors. They choose a quick payday over earning steady revenue with a community-based business that has the potential to be there for 20 years, like many established Boston area barbershops do.

The loss of small businesses has a ripple effect on the entire community. Barbershops, for example, are more than just places to get a haircut; they are community hubs. For more than 15 years prior to the fire, The Biz Barbershop served as a gathering place for Mattapan residents. It was a space where people could connect, share resources, and find support.

During the pandemic, I partnered with the Boston Public Health Commission and the Family Nurturing Center to provide vital resources to the community through barbershops and salons. We trained barbers and stylists to Identify, Communicate, and Distribute (ICD) critical information and supplies. These efforts demonstrated the unique role that small businesses play in supporting their communities.

Boston's landlords need to recognize their role in this crisis. By pricing small businesses out of their spaces, they're not just hurting individual entrepreneurs, they're undermining the vitality of entire neighborhoods.

Imagine what our community would look like if landlords partnered with small business owners to create fair lease agreements, offered reduced rents, waved triple-net fees, and built longer-term leases. A thriving business community would, in turn, attract more tenants and increase property values, benefiting landlords in the long run.

The SPACE Grant program represents a meaningful investment in Boston's small business community, but Boston's policymakers must address the challenges of the commercial rental market. The impact of programs like SPACE is limited when landlords exploit their tenants or leave spaces vacant. They must be held accountable. The city should consider measures like tax incentives for landlords who lease to small businesses, penalties for long-term vacancies, or caps on rent increases in underserved neighborhoods.

I urge policymakers, community leaders, and residents to join me in this effort. Contact the mayor's office and advocate for policies that hold landlords accountable. Ask the mayor's office to support small business owners and address the challenges of Boston's commercial rental market. Landlords must also be encouraged or required to collaborate with entrepreneurs to create sustainable lease agreements.

*Euan Davis is the owner/operator of the Biz Barbershop and founder/CEO of The BarberTime Media Network. For more information on this campaign, go to [barbertimeplus.com/home/join-support-list/](http://barbertimeplus.com/home/join-support-list/)*

## State seal panel off to slow start in new attempt at a revamped design

BY SAM DORAN  
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

More than a year after the State Seal Commission folded without recommending a new design for the state's emblems, a second attempt at drafting one is off to a tardy start.

Under a measure tacked onto the state budget last summer, the newest iteration of the State Seal Commission was required to hold its first meeting by Oct. 27, 2024, before moving on to tackle a heady to-do list.

Lawmakers voted to give the group a \$100,000 budget and tasked it with redesigning the state seal, flag, and motto. It must pick three options for each, hold at least three public hearings around the state, then send its final choices back to Gov. Healey by Aug. 28, 2025. The law then directs Healey to file a bill to implement the changes.

But the group's first meeting had still not been scheduled, and its membership has not been squared away.

Healey last week picked the commission's two co-chairs — Education Secretary Patrick Tutwiler and

Kate Fox, executive director of the Mass. Office of Travel and Tourism — and also added Rhonda Anderson, the Western Massachusetts delegate to the state's Commission on Indian Affairs, to the panel. The governor's office said a complete list of members was not available, so the News Service called around to the other offices that will be appointing personnel to mark up the state seal.

The membership will also include Mary Mahon McCauley, executive director of the Mass. Office on Disability, and Summer Confuorto, the Mass. Cultural Council's traditional arts program officer. Secretary William Galvin's office said the Mass. Historical Commission would probably select its executive director, Brona Simon, and that Galvin would likely place his legislative director, John Rosenberry, on the seal commission. Mass Humanities and the Commission on Indian Affairs were not able to say Monday who their appointees would be.

The original State Seal Commission dragged on for nearly three years before disbanding in November 2023 without completing its objectives.

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## West Side Stories

# Remembering Debbie Weathers: pioneering woman, 'community mom'

BY SETH DANIEL  
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My neighbor Debbie Weathers, who died on Dec. 19 at age 69 after a short bout with cancer, was always smiling, always pleasant, and her time-tested composure is very much missed in our West of Washington (WOW) neighborhood of Dorchester. It has not been the same place since we lost her.

It wasn't until recently that I learned with astonishment that Miss Debbie, as she was called, was an accomplished electronics technician with the National Weather Service (NWS) at a time when women, especially Black women, did not get those kinds of jobs. In her retirement, she and Laquisa Burke became leaders in the WOW neighborhood group. She was a constant presence at the group's movie nights, neighborhood clean-ups, monthly meetings, Christmas parties, and she learned Zoom during the pandemic. She fought hard for a new park on Norwell Street, which will commence construction this year.

Her daughter Dmitra noted that she was born when Debbie was older and after she had retired, so it was unique for her growing up with a mother who was so attentive to her and her friends.

"You needed it; she had it," recalled Dmitra. "I used to call her a community mom and that made her so happy. She always looked out for kids I grew up with who were less fortunate. She was so open and not judgmental of anyone. At the end of the day, my mom loved her life and did right by everybody. I've never heard anyone speak a bad word about her."

And you wouldn't hear her speak a bad word about anyone, either. She was always careful not to overreact, not to jump too far ahead. That's something that I find is common amongst people who lived through the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s in Boston – particularly people in this part of the city. I guess when you've seen so much, been through so much during those tough times, today's turmoil probably seems candy-coated.

Debbie Weathers grew up in Roxbury, the second oldest of seven children. She attended South Boston High School during the height of court-ordered busing to desegregate Boston's schools. Later, her parents

## Rosa Parks remembered on her 112th birthday

Massachusetts on Tuesday officially designated Feb. 4 Rosa Parks Day on what would have been the civil rights leader's 112th birthday.

Legislators in early 2023 filed legislation requiring the governor to issue an annual proclamation on Feb. 4 to mark Rosa Parks Day. In the final days of the two-year session, the House on Dec. 26 and the Senate on Dec. 30 approved the bill sponsored by Reps. Michael Kushmerek and Kip Diggs. Gov. Healey signed the bill Jan. 8.



"This year marks 70 years since she made the choice to sit at the front of the bus," Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll said about Parks in a statement Tuesday. "Her actions sparked a revolution that put a long-overdue end to segregation in our country. Every day, we work to honor Rosa Parks' legacy and in recognizing her birthday as Rosa Parks Day, we will make sure that her contributions are honored through generations to come."

While traveling on a segregated bus, Parks in 1955 refused to give up her seat to a white passenger, leading to the Montgomery Bus Boycott and helping to fuel nationwide efforts to end racial segregation.

"In a courageous act of protest 70 years ago, Rosa Parks made a choice that changed the course of our nation's history and inspired a movement that coined her 'Mother of the Civil Rights Movement,'" Healey said. "We are proud to officially recognize Rosa Parks Day in Massachusetts to honor her legacy and remind ourselves of the obligation we have to protect the rights and freedoms on all of our residents."

The Healey administration on Tuesday cited new laws governing maternal health and wage transparency as recent efforts to address racial equity in Massachusetts, as well as the establishment of clemency guidelines and a Governor's Advisory Council on Black Empowerment.

"We are in a time where so much of our rich history is under attack. I am so grateful to the Governor for her dedication to celebrate, honor, and to never forget the people who stood up for human dignity," Sen. Lydia Edwards said. "Rosa Parks personifies resistance and strength. She reminds us that everyday people can do their part for justice." **SHNS**



Debbie Weathers, right, and her long-time neighbor and friend, Laquisa Burke, during a gala in 2023 at Codman Square. *Courtesy photos*

bought the home on Norwell Street, where she lived for more than 50 years until her death.

"She went to school when they were throwing rocks at her and calling her names and it was crazy," said Dmitra. "It was something she didn't forget. That's why she didn't like name-calling. She didn't like us play-fighting, either. She told us over and over how she went through that and it was real life, and it happened and wasn't funny. We didn't really get it until later."

Everyone knew Miss Debbie's smile, her passion for the neighborhood, and her love for Bingo games. But her pioneering career as an electronics technician repairing and calibrating instruments from the Blue Hills to the isolated banks of the Connecticut River was little known to her neighbors.

"She did a lot [at the National Weather Service] and was one of the only African American women who worked there in those times," said her daughter.

As tumultuous as her days at South Boston High had been, the school gave her instruction in electronics in the days before automation, and she further honed her skills at Roxbury Community College, eventually becoming one of two women hired by the National Weather Service (NWS) at Logan Airport, according to former colleagues.

Michael Esip, a retired senior electronics tech at NWS, worked side-by-side with her in the 1990s until she had to retire after getting hurt on a training trip to Kansas City. In her work, she repaired and calibrated instruments on the runways of Logan Airport, on the banks of secluded rivers all over New England, on Boston Light in the Harbor, and even up on 30-foot wind towers.



Debbie Weathers and her daughter Dmitra many years ago.

"I found her to be reliable, dedicated, and willing to take on any task assigned," Esip recalled. "She also was liked and a good friend to all and known to have a heart of gold. Saying this, she was also not one to be pushed around and could hold her own with any of her peers."

Esip recalled one day when Miss Debbie convinced a nervous Secret Service agent sent to secure the airport for Air Force One and President George H.W. Bush to allow her to finish repairing a rooftop instrument before clearing the airfield.

Then there was the time she was on the airport runway area repairing equipment, which was always a dangerous proposition, and found herself stuck due to the sloppy installation of a new radio in her truck. But she was calm, like always.

"Rather than panic, she pointed her vehicle at the tower so that she could use the headlights to send a flashing code to the tower," wrote Esip. "Once the tower saw the coded headlight message, they were able to communicate back to her and guide her... using a floodlight in the tower used for such emergencies."

Esip said when she returned, she wasn't rude, but let the installer know how unhappy she was with his work ethic and that he needed to do better. The incident resulted in an inspection of other trucks, revealing more dangerously sloppy work. Ironically, that technician left NWS and transferred to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) where he became a supervisor, noted Esip.

Miss Debbie retired a legend at the NWS, with numerous commendations. And in her retirement, she focused her energy on her young daughter, often bringing her back to the NWS for visits when she was a child.

Laquisa Burke was one of those she buddied up to as a "community mom," and along with neighbors like Andrew Haile, they pushed for the new Norwell Street park in an area of town that has no parks. Burke said Miss Debbie was "there from day one and it's sad she won't be here to see the park construction, but I know she'll be wishing us the best."

Keeping her name alive in the park seems appropriate. Some have talked about a memorial, but it would seem about perfect to have a community weather station in her name set up there in partnership with the NWS.

The Weathers Weather Station. I don't think anyone would rain on that parade.

A drop-in memorial service for Debbie Weathers is scheduled to be held at the Carver Post on Talbot Avenue this Saturday, Feb. 8, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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# Peter O'Malley's busy life is relived at 70th birthday fete

By SETH DANIEL  
NEWS EDITOR

Peter O'Malley's journey, his son Joe records, "started in a small farmhouse in Ireland, trudged through much uncertainty, and eventually led him to solid ground in Dorchester." Last Saturday, his family and friends took note of that odyssey at a surprise 70th birthday party for Peter at an overflowing Florian Hall.

O'Malley is described by most as a man who knows how to keep moving, whether it's running marathons, exercising daily, or making his rounds across Dorchester and South Boston. Most agreed on Saturday that at 70, his life story is testament to the power of perseverance, community, and grit.

A long-time union laborer in Local 223, a father, grandfather, and friend to many in the recovery community, O'Malley was unprepared for what greeted him as he stepped into the hall on Saturday; many who know him well suggested beforehand that "he's probably going to turn around, walk out, and drive away."

But O'Malley didn't do that. After the initial shock, it was all smiles and happy memories.

"As a first-generation American father, I often reflect on how far we've

come," said Peter's son Joe, who wrote a personal tribute to his dad from which some of the narrative in this story is taken.

"Thanks to the sacrifices and hard work of those who came before us - in Local 223, the immigrant communities, and most importantly in recovery - we've been able to start life on first base," said Joe, "giving our children the chance to start on second or third base. That's what my father's life reminds me: none of us get here alone."

He added: "His life reminds us that even in uncertain and divided times, good people like him keep trudging forward, turning mud into solid ground and creating lives filled with love, laughter, and meaning."

His dad was born in 1955 in the Gaelic-speaking region of Roskeeda in County Galway, the only boy among seven siblings in a small farmhouse without indoor plumbing. He came to America speaking very little English, and settled with his sister, Mary, and her husband, John Walsh. Just another young Irish immigrant at the time, he found strength in his community and joined the Laborers Union Local 223, which John Walsh's family had helped to establish.

"My father benefitted



Peter O'Malley and his immediate family, including Heather Campisano, Joe O'Malley, Peter, Owen O'Malley, Ollie Walsh, Sadie Walsh, Meghan Walsh and little George Walsh. Seth Daniel photo

from that legacy, joining the union himself, securing job stability, and building a life where he could support a family, send us to parochial schools, and provide opportunities that wouldn't have been possible otherwise," said son Joe. "Today, the Walsh family legacy continues with the third generation now in leadership positions throughout the Boston Building Trades and beyond."

Peter retired from the union about 15 years ago but during his working years he had owned Deeney O'Malley's Pub in South Boston with his late friend, Phil Deeney,

for many years. The business was sold after Deeney passed tragically following surgery.

Family connections lived on, though, and that included former Boston mayor and US Labor Secretary Marty Walsh, who is Peter's nephew. However, Marty, now the executive director of the NHL Players Association, "was just another nephew who battled life-threatening cancer, being shot, and alcoholism," said Joe O'Malley, "a nephew that could count on his uncle for unconditional love and support. My father's steadfast commitment to family mirrors his larger

role in the community, where he's always been a pillar of support - the kind of guy you can count on, no matter what."

Having battled alcoholism himself, Peter also helped many friends get and stay sober "one day at a time."

He is often found at Peter Welch's Gym in South Boston, or at the Irish Pastoral Centre in Adams Village - not to mention his regular time at the Boston Athletic Association (BAA), where he trained and completed numerous marathons that he has run minus the toes on his right foot, which he lost earlier in life during an

accident at a paper mill. Peter was told he would never walk again, but he persevered and not only walked, but ran, completing marathons completed below the 3:10 mark.

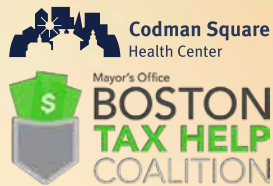
Only occasionally will anyone find him at his Hinckley Street home in Dorchester, due to the busy schedule he keeps.

On Saturday, smiles swelled across the room from the guests, a group that included three city councillors, former Councillor Frank Baker, the actor Kevin Chapman, Marty Walsh, and scores of family and friends.

The Forbes School of Irish Dance in Quin- (Continued next page)

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cy gave a special performance, with Peter's granddaughter performing a solo dance. It was a tribute to his life's journey, one his son said has recently transitioned from an active exercise and social life to more of a doting grandfather who is there for his grandchildren every day.

there for any of them, either. That, they said, was why so many showed up at the surprise party on Saturday – in the same way that Peter had shown up for them over and over when it wasn't convenient for him.

"He's the kind of man who never says no to someone in need, even if it might cost him," said son Joe.

Yet, everyone in Florian Hall commented that he hasn't ceased to be



Mark Morris, Kevin Chapman, Brendan Murphy, Councillor John FitzGerald, Tom Tinlin, and Peter Manning. *Seth Daniel photos*



Peter O'Malley with his good friend, Will Onuoha – who incidentally is running for councillor at-large.



City leaders and former city leaders presented a certificate, including (l-r) Kim Thai, Pat Brophy, Peter O'Malley, Councillors Erin Murphy and Ed Flynn, and Aisha Miller.



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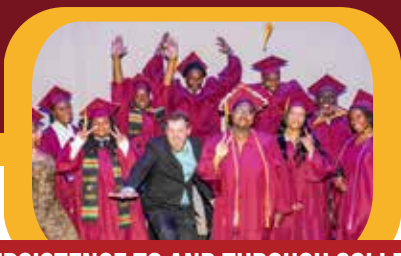
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# Piece by piece, Second Church recaptures its historic presence over Codman Square

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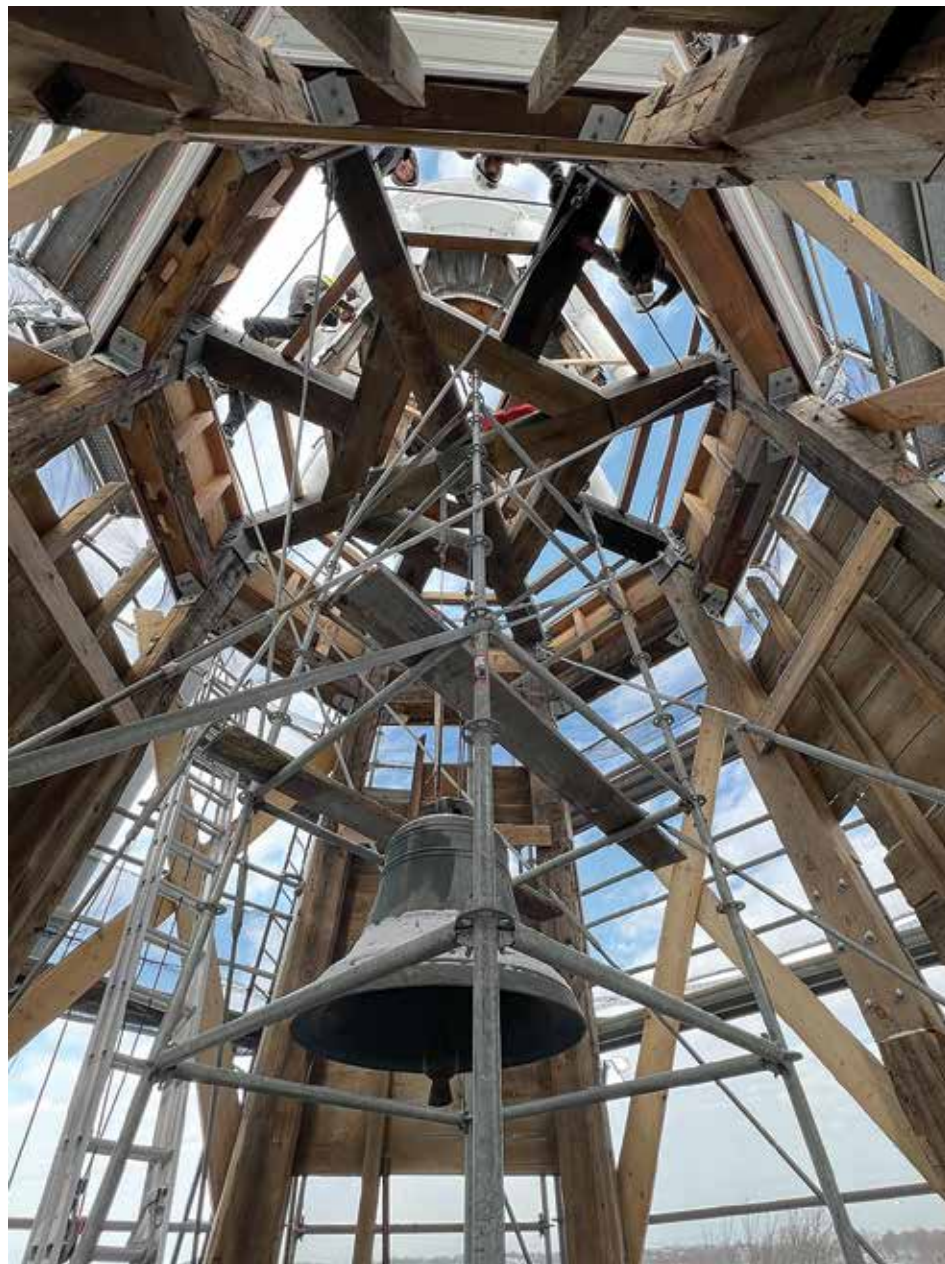
the project, which was delayed by about 18 months after crews found rotting wood that threatened the ancient structure's integrity.

"It's great to see this and it's a long time coming," said Gonyeau. "We would have rather not found catastrophic rot in the tower that added one-and-a-half years to the project, but today we're glad we did, and we fixed it and that will allow it last another 200 years because we have the right people and processes in place."

Levesque and his crews had to rebuild an eight-sided "spider" frame, one of several structural pieces that had failed, to support the lantern tower. Six of the tower's eight columns also had to be rebuilt, with only two original ones being saved.

Once the steeple is fully restored pursuant to the \$790,000 Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant given to the project, the cell phone monopole in the church yard will be removed and new cell tower equipment will be replaced and camouflaged in the lantern tower. Gonyeau noted that about 90 percent of the outdated cell equipment was removed as part of the rebuilding effort.

As to the additional work to be done at the site, a second CPA grant for \$298,000 has made it through several early phases. The city of Boston's CPA Committee will vote on the additional funding on Feb. 10, and then it will need approval by Mayor Wu and the City Council. They rarely oppose projects from the CPA panel.



On Wed., Jan. 29, workers re-attached the lantern tower to the 'spider' brace, with the c. 1811 Paul Revere & Sons bell visible and suspended via a cable for the time being. *Jeff Gonyeau photo*

"We've got our fingers crossed it will make it through the three remaining hurdles," said Gonyeau.

If it does, that grant will focus on the clock tower below the steeple by removing the aluminum siding and doing some heavy carpentry to restore that part of the rehabilitation effort. They will also focus on the eaves of the south

side of the church that are damaged.

Private grants from the George B. Henderson Fund and the new Legacy Fund for Boston are in place to get the clock working, restore its faces, and put the bell in ringing order for the first time in generations.

The Legacy Fund provided \$64,000 to restore the clock and bell ringing mechanisms as well as

the glass clock face on the west side of the tower. The Henderson Fund's \$55,000 gift will restore the three wooden clock faces on the tower.

"The bell is invisible to the public right now," said Rev. Price. "When the time comes for it to ring again, that sound will become a reminder in the minds of the older ones that know and the younger ones who are



The lantern tower on the Second Church in Dorchester was lifted back in place on Jan. 29.

*Seth Daniel photo*

curious – that we have that history here in an 1811 Paul Revere & Sons bell right in Dorchester. It will be a fascinating experience to hear it."

He said they haven't begun to discuss the frequency of the bell, whether it would be at certain times of the day or every hour, but he assured it would be a marvelous sound from a real bell, not "the chimes" you might hear elsewhere.

Gonyeau noted that the clock was donated by Walter Baker, of the Walter Baker Chocolate Factory, in the 1850s. Around 1914, a women's Christian education class donated the funds to convert one of the faces to glass and to illuminate it. Once completed, all four clocks will work, the west face will have restored glass and be backlit again, and the bell will ring. The clock will have to be hand-wound daily, he noted.

The bell's cradle and wheel structure that hold it in place were also rotten beyond fixing, but in what Gonyeau called a "total and nice coincidence," the Park Street Church below Beacon Hill had replaced their cradle and wheel with a newer model and their old one was still in fine condition. Bob Levesque the steeplejack moved it to the Second Church to support its bell.

Rev. Price noted that even as the church restoration is ongoing and Codman Park is under construction nearby, and the Great Hall across the street is undergoing renewal work, there remain serious problems in the immediate neighborhood with loitering, bad behavior and public drinking.

"It's a challenge for us," he said. "We have to consider how to teach the younger generation how to be more cordial and courteous in the Square. It might be too late for the older ones, but we can train the youth. We can make the Square beautiful enough that people will live up to the expectations of how nice it looks."

As to the pastor's reference to work at The Great Hall, Gonyeau said that new funding has also been secured to continue restoration efforts at The Great Hall for which he is also the preservation consultant for that project.

There has been a lot of work already done on the roof and gables of the building's exterior, but now they are restoring the unique "diamond windows" around the building and the metal flashing that surrounds it as well. Once the envelope is completely repaired, efforts to fix and restore the interior space will be discussed.



Bob Levesque, of American Steeple & Tower Co., shows the hardware that will attach the lantern tower to the steeple once it's in place. *Seth Daniel photo*



Preservation Consultant Jeff Gonyeau, of Dorchester, and Steeplejack Bob Levesque, of American Steeple & Tower, get ready for the big lift on Jan. 29. *Seth Daniel photo*



# Kraft offers pointed critique of incumbent Wu in campaign launch

(Continued from page 1) beyond Boston, Kraft has never before sought public office. He asked Bostonians to focus on the service he has done in his career in the non-profit sector, not in his family's businesses in Foxborough.

"I spent my entire career in the neighborhoods of Boston from Roslindale to East Boston, from Mattapan to Charlestown, and from South Boston to Roxbury," said Kraft, who led the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston for more than a decade. "From the moment I started working in Boston, I fell in love with this city, its many unique neighborhoods, and its people."

He offered a polite but pointed critique of Mayor Wu at times during his remarks, in which he pledged to improve housing production, Boston Public Schools, transportation, and city services if elected in November.

"Right now, we face some serious, serious challenges, challenges that Mayor Wu has not risen to," Kraft said. "When it comes to the mayor's big campaign promises to make the MBTA free for Boston residents, to put in place a rent control program, and to launch a green new deal for Boston schools, she's 0-for-3."

"The number one challenge facing our residents [is] access to housing that regular people can afford," he said. "Today, there are projects ready to be built that would result in more than 20,000

units of housing, but they are stuck due to regulations imposed by the current administration."

Kraft said he would fast-track new construction by putting one-time incentives aimed at projects priced for middle-class and first-time homeowners. He also said he would deliver a version of rent control by offering tax incentives to landlords who agree to cap rent hikes over 10 years.

"This program will be targeted for properties that serve middle and lower-income residents and would exclude all luxury rentals," he said. "Renters deserve to be protected from massive year-over-year increases and this plan will do that."

Kraft also came out Tuesday in support of an elected School Committee, a measure opposed by Wu, but one that has proven popular in non-binding referenda put before city voters.

"It's time to have elected members along with appointed members on the school committee, and as mayor, I will make that happen," he said.

His position on schools is what drew the support of Robert Novak, the executive director of Boston Islamic Interfaith Society who was on hand for Kraft's launch.

He said the candidate's track record as the head of the Boys and Girls Clubs makes him a great mentor for kids.

"My biggest concern that he is really ad-

ressing is the academic disparity," said Novak. "There are people who are completely illiterate, there are people who are dropping out of school, and it's for very complicated reasons but there are very simple solutions. The most important thing is they have a mentor to rely on."

Bernadette Adonis, a Haitian American activist, said her disappointment with school system has made Kraft her preferred alternative to Wu.

"We met with her many times about BPS. We need more teachers, and we need more people at the welcome centers," Adonis told The Reporter. "There is only one Haitian for the whole population. We asked for more; she never responded."

Fort Hill resident Ann DeGeorge said she is seeking change because she doesn't feel heard. The mayor "isn't reachable and that's a problem," said DeGeorge. "When you don't want to hear about your constituents, or from them, that's a problem."

Kraft touched on that critique of Mayor Wu in his remarks, saying at one point, "We have a leader that just does not listen. Too often Mayor Wu acts as if she alone has all the answers. Instead of listening to community voices, too often they're being tuned out."

Sandy Zamor Calixte of Mattapan said Kraft is engaged. "He listens, he doesn't just hear," the 51-year-old said in an interview. "We need



Above, supporters took photos with Josh Kraft (second from right) during a Tuesday morning event to announce his candidacy for Mayor of Boston. Below, Kraft spoke with a woman at Prince Hall. Cassidy McNeeley photos

a leader that is actually going to listen to us."

Zamor Calixte also agrees with Kraft's plans to pause additional bike lanes. During his speech, Kraft said he would "offer a commonsense transportation plan to deal with the congestion clogging our streets" which "starts with an immediate pause for all new bike lane construction."

Afterward, he told reporters that work at White Stadium needed to be put on pause, too.

"When you invest 100 million private dollars into a project that primarily benefits a private



entity, you need to take a pause and really look at it," said Kraft. "It's been a majority of the community concerns and I think those need to be heard and understood."



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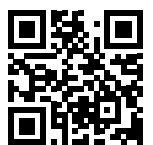
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The proposed project consists of a new five-story mixed-use building at 157 Granite Avenue in Dorchester's Cedar Grove/Adams Village neighborhood. The new building will contain 25 residential condominium units for sale, including income-restricted affordable units pursuant to Article 79's Inclusionary Zoning requirements. The lot is approximately 24,066 square feet in size and is currently undeveloped and vacant land with a significant rock ledge. The project site is currently within a 1F-5000 zoning subdistrict under Article 65, the Dorchester Neighborhood Zoning Article, but the Proponent will be petitioning the Zoning Commission for a map amendment to change this to MFR zoning, consistent with current uses.

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University of Massachusetts Boston has been accredited by the Commission since 1972 and was last reviewed in 2015. Its accreditation by the Commission encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, University of Massachusetts Boston has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit the institution to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the institution. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action. The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to:

Public Comment on University of Massachusetts Boston  
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Public Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The Commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators, or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person providing the comments. Public Comments must be received by 3/23/2025. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.





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NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN OF A MINOR Docket No. SU24P02402GD IN THE INTERESTS OF ADRYAN Y. CAMACHO OF Boston, MA MINOR

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 11/06/2024 by Jeffrey Gomez of Boston, MA will be held 03/03/2025 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing, Located Probation Department, 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114.

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 Date: January 29, 2025  
 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.  
 Register of Probate  
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ESTATE OF: ELAYNE YOUNG a/k/a: ELAINE YOUNG DATE OF DEATH: 07/25/2022

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU16P0423EA

ESTATE OF: VERONICA K. LOVE DATE OF DEATH: 04/17/2013

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Matthew Beaulieu of Rochester, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/26/2025.

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.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
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 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.  
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**Local Real Estate Transactions**

Buyer	Seller	Address	Date	Price
Xiao, Min	Sanchez Miriam M Est	7 Fenelon St	01/15/25	\$1,117,000
Wilkerson, Willie K	Wilkerson Idene Est	18 Baker Ave	01/13/25	310,000
Aime, Nadine B	608 Park St LLC	608 Park St	01/13/25	1,100,000
Abbas, Hamza	Vinh, Jennifer	47 Alpha Rd	01/16/25	1,220,000
Poteau, Luidgi	Cintrou, Edgar R	49 Stanwood St	01/16/25	1,115,000
Xiao, Min	Sanchez Miriam M Est	163 Washington St	01/15/25	1,117,000
Dugal, Martin	Yates, Paul	25 Rowell St	01/14/25	1,360,000
Mkij Tran Ft	Tran, Michael W	23 East St	01/10/25	1
107 Erie St LLC	Ellington Erie LLC	107-111 Erie St	01/10/25	1,777,777
Tayag, Romeo M	Wang, Jodi	1 Page St	01/17/25	1,120,000
116 Wales LLC	Burton Rt	116 Wales St	01/10/25	1,665,000
Pham, Kenny V	Rivers Rt	5 Popes Hill St	01/16/25	800,000
26 Coffey LLC	Mildot LLC	26-28 Coffey St	01/15/25	1,250,000
26 Coffey LLC	Mildot LLC	24 Coffey St	01/15/25	1,250,000
Harwood, Zachary R	140-142 Boston St Rlty LL	140-142 Boston St	01/13/25	1,875,000
Andrews, Willie J	Andrews, Alvera	45-47 Mountain Ave	01/17/25	574,000
Pham, Giao	Kidwell Wu Ft	42 Avondale St	01/15/25	655,000
Rodriguez, Pedro A	S-565 River St Rt	565 River St	01/17/25	1,100,000
Beaulieu, Robert A	Bradshaw, Grace	296 Savin Hill Ave #2	01/15/25	706,000
Bostler, Taylor	Hp Land TLLC	55 Florida St #1	01/15/25	487,500
Amaro, Samantha	Zayas, Michael	79 Florida St #5	01/10/25	318,500
Walters, Sean	Chan, Chui Y	91 Ormond St	01/13/25	1,070,000
Howard Ave Declara T	Ward Fill Est	146-148 Howard Ave	01/09/25	85,000
Nguyen, Mylinh	Nguyen, Suzanne D	25-25A Houghton St	01/09/25	1,030,000
Churchill-Broadbery, Isaa	Joy Builder LLC	128 Hamilton St #2B	01/13/25	454,000



# Greenway keeps growing; \$9m in funding will extend trail deeper into Mattapan

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Some \$6 million will be devoted to expanded access along Edgewater Drive in Mattapan—dubbed the Edgewater Greenway in a project that will include improvement to the existing Kennedy Playground that is expected to begin soon and continue over the next two years.

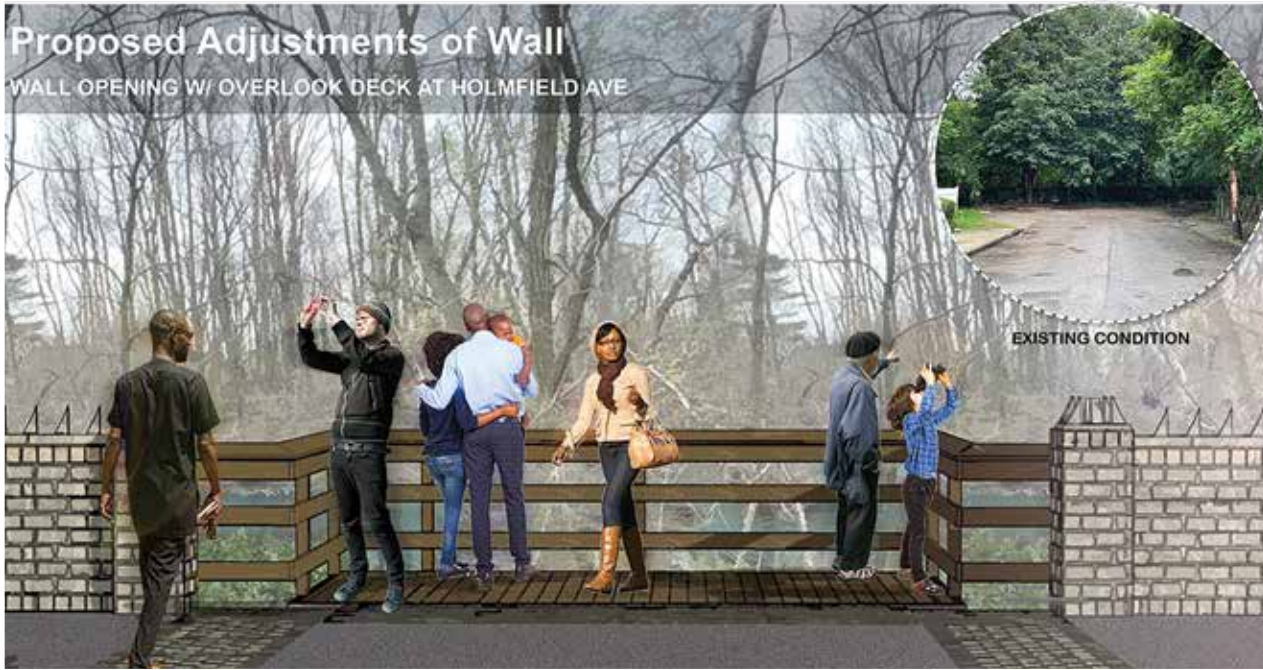
This section of greenway will include a half-mile trail stretching from Kennedy Playground to Osceola Street along the northern bank of the Neponset River—an area now literally walled off by a deteriorated stone fence. The approximately 3-acre site has been vacant and underutilized for years. A key feature of the project will be an 8-foot-wide ADA-accessible trail with new fitness equipment, offering recreational opportunities for the community, river views, and spaces for environmental education.

In addition to the trail, native plantings will help mitigate climate change, provide shade, and enhance the habitat along the length of the corridor. The project also includes raised planters near the Kennedy Community Gardens, replacement of the existing canoe launch, benches, two overlook decks, and new lights throughout the park.

Vivien Morris, president of the Edgewater Neighborhood Association, said neighbors are pleased about this investment.

“Edgewater Neighborhood Association worked with DCR on the workplan for the Pathway, Kennedy Playground upgrade, and more over several years now,” she said. “We made sure to have the community’s vision for the space included. Now we are totally excited to have the actual construction begin.”

Said Fatima Ali-Salaam, an Edgewater neighbor and chair of the Greater Mattapan



Neighborhood Council (GMNC): “I’m very happy that we’re still able to invest in our open space for our community with all that’s going on now. It’s an environmental justice community and it comes at a time when so many are having so much taken away.”

“So, it’s wonderful to know our state can provide this kind of funding. It’s a nice way to begin the year, and it will be a very nice thing for the public to be able to access and use.”

Other neighbors involved with planning over the years include Helena Tonge of Bel-Nel Family Neighborhood Association, Jessie D’Ambreville, and LaRay Brison.

The improvements to Kennedy Playground include new shade shelters and a picnic pavilion. Neighbors and elected officials are hopeful they and the plans for the Greenway will transform

the site into a recreation hub for the Mattapan community.

“These improvements to our parks and green spaces are a direct investment in our community’s health, safety, and quality of life,” said state Rep. Brandy Fluker-Reid. “For too long, our neighborhoods have been overlooked when it comes to environmental justice and equitable access to outdoor spaces...I’m grateful for this dedication to our community and look forward to seeing these spaces transformed for generations to come.”

State Sen. Liz Miranda joined in the applause. “We’re incredibly excited to see Commissioner Arrigo, DCR, and the administration make targeted investments in our communities, promoting public health, climate resilience and quality of life,” she said.

The \$800,000 sum for

the bathhouse at Ryan Park will fund a new enclosed lifeguard station, enhancing safety and accessibility, and is a first phase item in the larger improvement project for Ryan. DCR is in the design phase for the larger project, which will introduce new playground equipment, fitness stations, improved circulation, a performance stage, basketball courts and updated parking.

In July 2024, DCR unveiled a new expanded wading pool—a more than \$2 million improvement project for the park that doubled the size of the pool, installed new benches, shade pavilions and rubber surfacing.

Construction on the bathhouse started this week and is expected to be completed in early summer.

Over in Hyde Park, Doyle Park will see \$1.6 million in work to replace asphalt with play lawns,

a community gathering space, and the start of another trail along the river. The DCR noted that the projects are part of ongoing efforts to create a more connected, sustainable, and accessible

network of parks and trails throughout Massachusetts, especially in environmental justice communities.

In the overall picture, the new funding will ensure the long-contemplated extension and connection of the existing trail that runs from Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester to River Street and ends in Mattapan Square. Another project, the Neponset Greenway connection on Morrissey Boulevard that expands the network northward, is set for an opening this spring.

### LEGAL NOTICES

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU25P0182GD IN THE MATTER OF: AL MUHAMMED ADENOI OF DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT**

Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Al Muhammed Adenoi is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance on this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 02/25/2025. 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: January 28, 2025

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### LEGAL NOTICES

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 DIVORCE/SEPARATE SUPPORT SUMMONS Docket No. SU24D1927DR SAM JOANA DA ROSA DA PINA vs.**

**MANUEL S. GONCALVES BARROS** To the above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Amiee N. Parco, Esq., Greater Boston Legal Services, 197 Friend St., Boston, MA 02114, a copy of your answer to the complaint for Divorce 1B, filed 10/15/2024, which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff’s attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 24, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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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. SU24P2654EA ESTATE OF: DEBRA MOSELEY a/k/a: DEBRA C. MOSELEY DATE OF DEATH: 12/07/2022**

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Anthony L. Rice 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: Anthony L. Rice 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 02/21/2025.

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: January 29, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. Register of Probate

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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. SU24P2455EA ESTATE OF: BARTLEY SULLIVAN DATE OF DEATH: 04/20/2019**

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Maura Sullivan-Moore of Braintree, 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: Maura Sullivan-Moore of Braintree, 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 03/04/2025.

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.

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### The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority

is seeking bids for the following:

BID NO.	DESCRIPTION	DATE	TIME
WRA-5592	Rental Hypochlorite Tanks	02/18/25	2:00 p.m.
8096	RFQ/P Oracle Cloud Enterprise Performance Management Implementation	03/07/25	11:00 a.m.

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



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# BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF DORCHESTER



**BGCD Family Engagement Hosts Lunar New Year Celebration at Macy's South Bay:** See details below.

**CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Family Engagement Hosts Lunar New Year Celebration at Macy's South Bay:** In partnership with Macy's located in South Bay, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Family Engagement Program hosted a vibrant and special Lunar New Year Celebration, marking the beginning of the Year of the Snake. The event brought together families and community members in a warm and festive atmosphere, filled with beautiful traditional dances, delicious food and interactive activities for all to take part in. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to connect, celebrate, and learn more about this meaningful holiday while enjoying the spirit of community. A special thank you to our friends at Macy's South Bay for their generosity. To learn more about BGCD's Family Engagement Program, please contact Huong Vu at [hvu@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:hvu@bgcdorchester.org).

**FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Partners with BPD Bureau of Community Engagement for Boxing Classes:** Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is excited to be offering Non-Contact Boxing Classes during the Winter session in partnership with the Boston Police Department's Bureau of Community Engagement. These classes provide a unique opportunity for participants to build confidence, master essential self-defense techniques, and enhance their overall conditioning, all while having fun with friends. BGCD also offers Adaptive Boxing for members of all abilities as a part of our Project BIND & Inclusion Programming. Our Boxing Classes are held on Wednesdays at 6 & 7 PM for ages 10 & up.

For more information on these classes, or any of our other Athletics programming, please contact Octavius Nunes at [onunes@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:onunes@bgcdorchester.org).



**BGCD Partners with BPD Bureau of Community Engagement for Boxing Classes:** See details below.

**DID YOU KNOW: Join Team BGCD for 35th Annual Rodman Ride for Kids - NEW DATE MAY 17th:** In partnership with Rodman for Kids, BGCD has the unique opportunity to participate in this collaborative event which helps raise critical funds for BGCD as well as partner with 42 other charities supporting at-risk youth. The event features a 25 or 50 mile bike route around Foxboro. After the event there will be a bbq celebration for all who participated. If you can't Ride in May you can "Choose Your Own Adventure" and become a virtual participant. The options are unlimited with participants choosing to run, walk, bike or whatever you like to do on your own time still helping to support BGCD. Please note, in-person riders must commit to a \$1,000 fundraising minimum, and virtual riders must commit to raising at least \$300. To join our team, please visit <https://do.nr/5v62zqdu>.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Elevate Youth X-Country Skiing February 8
- Marr-lins 10&U Invitational February 8
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## RECENT OBITUARIES



**CONROY, Bridget "Bridie" (Kearney)**, 91, of Dorchester, formerly of Gleanntreig, Co. Galway, Ireland. Wife of the late Martin "Chris" Conroy. Mother of Michael Conroy of Dorchester, Kevin Conroy and his wife, Elaine of Quincy, Ann Connolly and her husband, Gerry of Duxbury and Maureen Conneely and her husband, Andy of Quincy. Grandmother of 7. Great-grandmother of 2. Sister of Johnny, Peter and Michael Joe Kearney and the late Stephen, Tom, Mary, Martin, Paddy and Harry. Daughter of the late Michael and Mary (Joyce) Kearney. Bridie is also survived by her dear friend, Josephine Dillon; as well as many nieces and nephews, both here and in Ireland and England.



**ELDER, Anthony**, 61, of Mississippi, originally of Mattapan. He spent his life with his Mississippi family and friends, working as a Millworker for the Lau-

rel Lumber Mill. He leaves daughters, Keila Elder of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina; Shante Monique Elder of Mattapan; Olivia Antoinette Lang of Vossburg Mississippi; and Trinity Elder of Laurel Mississippi and 3 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his younger brother Army Specialist Larry Elder of New Bedford, formerly Mattapan. He is survived by his parents Eddie and Linda Elder of Boston; sister, Wendy Elder of Boston; and sister Wanda Moffett (Anthony) of Gainesville, Florida, along with a host of nieces and nephews.



**GOOD, Ellen C. (McDonough)**, of Dorchester and Dover. Daughter to Joseph and Ida (Colpoys) McDonough. Wife of the late Albert. Ellen had five children and is survived by four of them, her daughter, Ellen (deceased) and her husband, Joseph Carr of Cumberland, RI, her son, Albert and his wife, Catherine of Westwood, her daughter, Irene and her wife, Theresa of West Roxbury, her daughter, Marie Long of Maynard and her son, Francis and his wife, Denise of Millis. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren; as well as 3 great-grandchildren. Ellen had an active career as an attorney. She was the first woman to serve as an Assistant Dis-

trict Attorney in Suffolk County and continued practicing law until her retirement in 2007. Donations may be made in Ellen's name to the Alzheimer's Association alz.org



**FENTON, Mary "Mamie" (Costello)**, 91, in Dorchester and South Boston, formerly of Carraroe, Co. Galway, Ireland. Mamie was predeceased by her husband of 60 years William "Willie" Fenton. Mother to William Fenton, Jr. and his wife Susan (Menino) of Dorchester, Margaret and her husband John Flaherty of Quincy, and Eileen Fenton and her partner Michael Kineavy of Dorchester and South Boston. "Mamie" to six grandchildren. Daughter of the late Michael and Mary Costello, and the oldest of five siblings: Padraic Costello, John Costello, Martin Costello, and her late sister Margaret "Baby" Costello, all of Co. Galway, Ireland. Mamie was the sister-in-law to Brigid Hanrahan, Sally McCartney, and Martin Fenton, and the late Maura Roche and Patsy Fenton. Donations in her memory may be made to the Thomas M. Menino Fund for Boston, c/o The Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington St., Boston, MA 02116, or the Irish Pastoral Center, 540 Gallivan Boulevard, Dorchester, MA 02124.

**HICKEY, Daniel Colman**, 92, longtime resident of West Roxbury, formerly of Bandon, County Cork, Ireland and Dorchester. Survived by his wife Bridget Mary (Lohan); and their five children: Rose of Winthrop, Bernadette and her husband, Dan Aidonidis of Hanover,



Brenda and her husband, Drew Welch of Millis, Sheila and her husband, Paul Derby of Dedham and John and his wife, Wendy Hickey of Westwood. Proud grandfather of his 11; and 3 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Ellen (Sexton); and siblings, Mary (Connors), Eileen, Celia (Rotchford), John-Joe and Francis "Frankie" Hickey all of Ireland. Survived by his sister, Nora (O'Mahoney) and a host of nieces and nephews, in the U.S., Ireland and the UK. US Army veteran. UAW Local 4770 for 35 years. Colman was also a member of the USPS Mail Handlers union Local 301.

**MEDZORIAN, Harry J.**, 85, of Dorchester. Son of the late Souren and Arshalous Medzorian. Brother of the late Anna King and Almas Medzorian. Uncle of Gerianne Patti and her husband Paul, Karen Allen and her husband Tom, and Patti Fletcher and her husband Chris.



**O'DONNELL, John B.**, 83, of Dorchester. Companion of the late Mary Margaret Power of Newfoundland. Grandfather of 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Brother of Robert O'Donnell and his wife Judy of Quincy, and Ronald O'Donnell and

his wife Mary of Rhode Island. Son of the late Coleman and Catherine O'Donnell. John is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and dear friends.



**PREBLE, Walter**, 69, of South Boston, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of the late Cathryn Hurl-Preble. Father of Justine Wallace and her husband Kyle of Stoughton. Grandfather of Declan. Brother of Paul White and his late wife Diane of Medway, Linda Swanson and her husband Herb of Rockland, and Jeffery White and his wife Linda of Havelock, NC. Son of the late Leland Preble and Helen (O'Keefe) White and stepson of John J. White. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Walter was a longtime softball player, pitching for over 40 years on various teams. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Walter may be made to American Heart Association 93 Worcester St Wellesley MA 02481.



**SAVAGE, Robert J. Jr.**, 47, of Dorchester. Son of Pamela (Jones) Savage of Dorchester and the late Robert J. Savage Sr. Brother of Thomas Savage of West Boylston, Paula Savage of Boston, Kimberly and her husband David Ahern of Dorchester, and Kenneth

Savage and his wife Sarah Albright of Canton. Uncle of Michael J. Davis and Tyler R. Davis, both of Dorchester. Special friend of Julie McIntyre of Newark, New Jersey. He worked for many years for Canon office products at Choate Law Firm in Boston. Memorial donations in Robert's memory may be made to the American Heart Association at heart.org.



**SCALLY, Nora Patricia "Tish"**, 86, of Hingham, originally of Dorchester. Daughter of Nora and Stephen Joyce. Wife of Ralph Scally. Mother of Joyce Pugatch (husband, Michael), Teri Kinsella (husband, Tim) and Patti Bexon (husband, Simon). She was a Teaching Assistant at the Old Colony Montessori School in Hingham until after retiring in 1996. Grandmother of 9. Great-grandmother of 1. Tish also leaves her sister Barbara, 15 nieces and nephews and many dear friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Nora and Stephen, her sister Theresa and her brothers, Stephen, and John. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers donations to the Alzheimer's Association: Tribute Donation Tish Scally.



**WELLS, Ruden "Shugg"**, 90, of Dorchester, originally of Dublin, Georgia. Daughter to Zodus and Lucille Bouyer. Wife of the late James Murphy. For 25 years, Ruden dedicated herself to the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Jamaica Plain. Ruden will be deeply missed as she reunites with her son, Larry Bouyer, and three grandchildren: Jason Hardmen, Andre Zene, and Jerome Wells Jr. She is survived by her children: Gloria Bouyer, Louise Bouyer, Anthony Wells, Gregory Wells, Jerome Wells, Theresa Wells, daughter-in-law Lisa Guscott Wells, Arlisa Bennett. Ruden also leaves behind her 10 grandchildren, along with 7 great-grandchildren. Her sister, Bessie Banks, as well as numerous cousins and countless friends.

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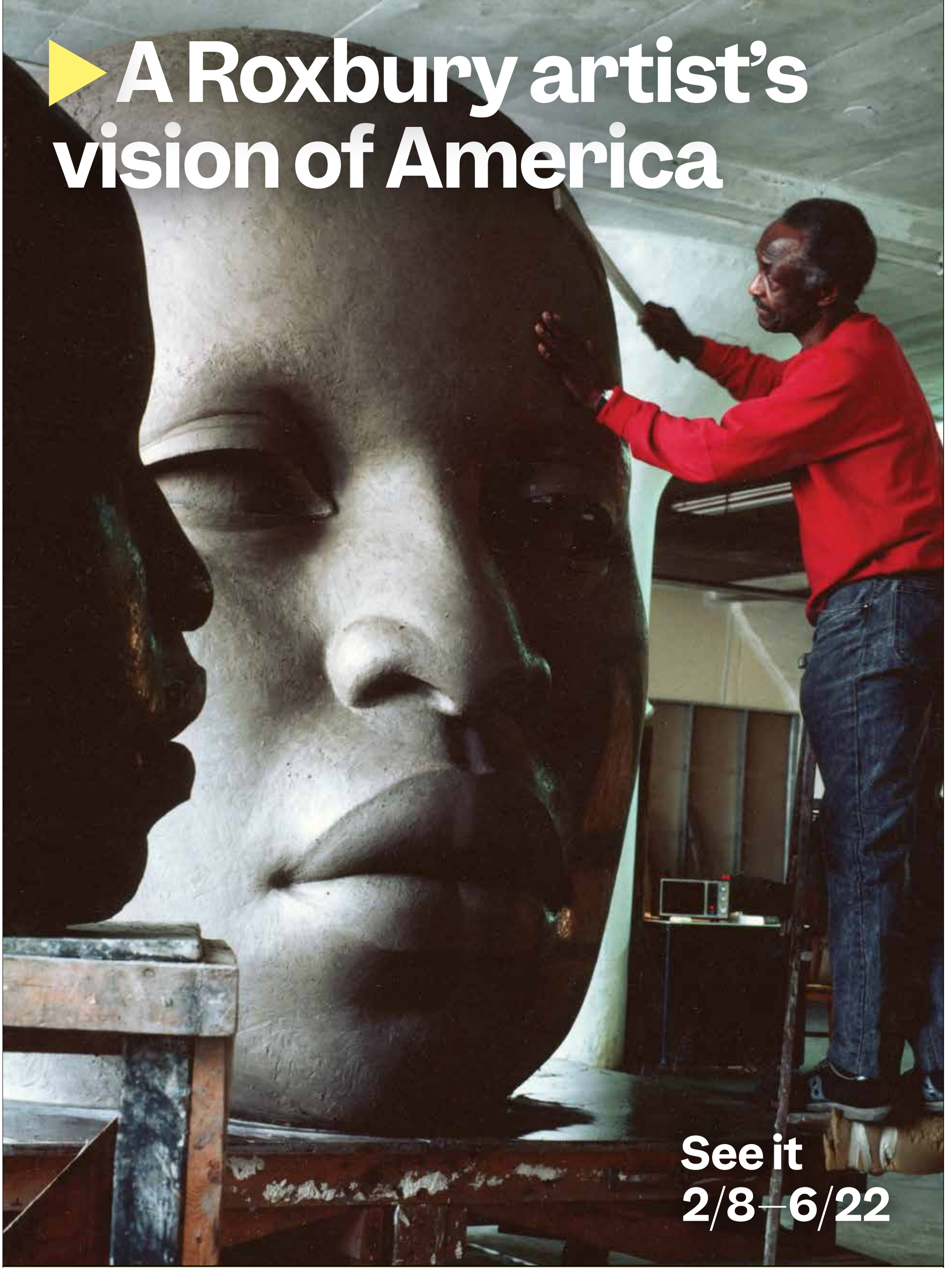
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John Wilson working on the final clay of *Eternal Presence*, 1987. John Wilson Archive.

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