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A recent view of Fields Corner looking north towards Boston shows the MBTA bridge over Dorchester Avenue in the foreground with two affordable housing developments— Dot Crossing, left, and 1460 House, right— in the background.
Chris Lovett photo

Wu huddles with clergy, activists ahead of session with Congress

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Mayor Wu met with local faith leaders on Tuesday as part of a multi-day listening tour that also included meetings with activists in Mattapan and East Boston as she prepares to offer testimony – and, likely, face tough questioning— at a Congressional hearing set for the morning of March 5 in Washington.

Wu, along with the mayors of Denver, Chicago, and New York City, has been called before the House Oversight Committee – a group made up of 26 Republicans and 21 Democrats – over allegations of Boston’s “violations of laws and general principals” for having the Boston Trust Act and for being labelled a Sanctuary City.

“There is a sense of fear and confusion throughout the communities and many of these incredible faith leaders are the ones who carry that,” she said on Tuesday. “It was so deeply valuable and important to have the chance to hear directly from faith leaders across the city about what the impacts have been... This is a part of how I’ve been thinking about getting ready for the chance to speak before Congress in a few days.”

The faith leaders invited to a meeting at Boston City Hall’s Civic Pavilion included Imam Abdulqadir Farah of the Islamic Society of Boston, Arlene Hall of Deliverance Temple Worship Center on

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Is Affordable Housing Unaffordable?

By CHRIS LOVETT
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Boston’s reliance on new housing to help fund affordable units, periodically escalating since 2000, is facing push-back in this year’s race for mayor, amid wider political and economic disruption.

Last week, mayoral challenger Josh Kraft called for reducing the share of income-restricted units for projects in Boston to 13 percent, the base figure set under former mayor Marty Walsh, and he proposed easing affordability requirements for the units to as high as 120 percent of the area median income (AMI), or \$156,720 for a household of two. And, in contrast to Mayor Michelle Wu’s support

A debate about the effects of an inclusionary fix for an exclusionary market

for a rent stabilization measure, Kraft favors a voluntary program that would be incentivized by tax breaks for property owners.

Following changes made by Wu, the “Inclusionary Zoning” (IZ) program that took effect in October 2024 requires a set-aside of as much as 20 percent for projects with at least 7 units. Wu also deepened the affordability requirement for income-restricted units, from 70 percent of the AMI to as low as 50 percent.

As with her unsuccessful at-

tempts to provide more affordability through rent control and a transfer fee on real estate sales worth at least \$2 million, the debate about IZ—and its predecessor, the “Inclusionary Development Policy” (IDP)—has also pitted housing activists against business groups. And the debate is taking place when the financial climate for new housing production is less friendly.

In February 2000, then-Mayor Thomas Menino introduced Boston’s IDP at the peak of an economic boom that would soon give way to collapse of the “dot-com bubble.” At the time, the interest charge on a 30-year-fixed-rate mortgage was around 8 percent, but high-rise luxury developments were going up—without affordable

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Designer will bring a Dorchester flair to Paris Fashion Week runway next month

By NICOLE BELCASTRO
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Rhesa Teesdale, creator of the faith-based streetwear brand Prophet | Envoy, is accustomed to packing up orders to send to his growing list of customers. After six years of building his brand, the 23-year-old Dorchester resident has developed a large following with his hoodies and t-shirts accented with Bible verses and Black luminaries like Maya Angelou.

This month, he’s sending his signature designs to the world’s fashion capital—Paris—to be featured on the runways at one of the



Rhesa Teesdale’s streetwear designs are Paris-bound.

Babson College photo

Fashion Week shows on March 7.

Teesdale, who honed his business skills as a student at Babson College, said the opportunity is “surreal. I am delusionally confident that when people see my work in person, they’re going to want to work with me, whether it’s wholesale or getting in a couple of stores.” He visited Paris last year and came home convinced that he could get his big break in the industry.

Landing a spot on a Paris runway has long been Teesdale’s goal. His older brother and parents have

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Concerns on federal funding loom over city’s climate resiliency plans

By VIVIAN LA
WBUR

Boston officials said this week they’re making headway on efforts to ready the state’s largest city for more intense and more frequent extreme weather linked to climate change, citing projects aimed at flood-prone areas and dangerous heat. But at the same time, they warned that continued progress could face a significant challenge: reduced federal funding under the Trump administration.

“We’ve been very fortunate in Boston not to have a major climate hazard to the degree that we’ve seen elsewhere in the country. But this is really a when, not an if,” said Brian Swett, the city’s chief climate officer.

Speaking to reporters on Feb. 20, city officials outlined several completed and future projects intended to reduce the risk of flooding and extreme heat.

Swett said his team is committed to making the city resilient to climate change despite the uncertainty of federal support. “This is both a sprint and a mar-

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Police, Courts & Fire

A manslaughter conviction in '19 grandmother shooting case

A 29-year-old Roxbury man pled guilty to manslaughter on Tuesday in the shooting death six years ago of a 74-year-old Mattapan woman who was caught in the crossfire of a gunfight involving her 42-year-old grandson, Anthony Davis, who has also been charged in the incident. Eleanor Maloney was struck by gunfire and killed on the afternoon of April 6, 2019, outside of her home on Mattapan Street.

The defendant – Dane Henry – admits that he was one of the men firing at each other, resulting in Maloney’s death and Davis’s non-fatal wound. Henry, who was originally charged with first-degree murder, was sentenced to 12-15 years in prison by Judge Mary Ames. Davis is scheduled for trial in the case on June 2. Police say the two men exchanged a total of 16 rounds in the tragic gunfight.

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A habitual drunk driver from Canton has now been charged with his fifth DUI after he crashed into a Boston police cruiser on Morton Street last weekend. Thomas Apprille, 57, was arraigned in West Roxbury court on Monday on charges that include operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license. Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s office said that Apprille crashed his Dodge Ram into a police car driven by an officer on his way to a call with “lights and sirens activated.”

According to a BPD account, the officer saw “Apprille throw a can of beer over the top of the truck” and thought he was in a “dazed state with glossy eyes.” Judge John McDonald set bail at \$4,000 and ordered Apprille to remain alcohol free between now and his next court appearance on April 16. Apprille was convicted of three OUI offenses in the 1990s.

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A 30-year-old Dorchester man who police say was riding through Mattapan with a large capacity semiautomatic Glock was arrested on Monday night after a traffic stop by B-3 officers. According to a BPD account, officers with patrol stopped a car driven by a female operator with Reheem Buckmire as a passenger at the corner of Norfolk Street and Mildred Avenue after they noticed his car was missing a front license plate and had “excessive window tint.”

“As the passenger reached for his wallet, officers observed in plain view the barrel of a firearm in between his legs,” the BPD report reads. “Officers ordered the passenger to exit the vehicle and observed him reaching to the floor. Officers quickly removed the suspect from the vehicle and placed him into handcuffs.

Police say the firearm was a loaded Glock 45 with nineteen rounds in an extended magazine. Buckmire is expected to be arraigned in Dorchester Court on a number of firearms charges.

THE REPORTER

Tenants in the Seton building on Carney site must vacate in May

By BILL FORRY
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The last vestiges of medical care offered by about two dozen physicians who have maintained office space inside a three-story building on the Carney Hospital campus will end in May with the closing of the complex, according to sources familiar with the property.

Tenants in the Seton Medical Building— including specialists in family medicine, podiatry, surgery, cardiology, and other practices— were informed of the closure in a “lease termination” letter sent to them on Feb. 21. The letter, signed by the vice-president of Healthcare Realty Services, LLC, informed the doctors that their lease agreements will end on May 22, 2025. They are expected to vacate the building by that date.

The Seton building, which is located at the rear of the Dorchester Avenue campus facing Dorchester Park, has remained open in the months since the main hospital and its emergency room were shuttered on Aug. 30, 2024. The abrupt shutdown came amid a bankruptcy crisis impacting the hospital’s



A view of the exterior of the Seton Medical Center, an office building at the rear of the Carney Hospital campus, as seen in August 2024. Seth Daniel photo

parent company— Steward Health Care—and was facilitated by state regulators who said that it was not possible to keep the Dorchester hospital open because of a lack of interest from alternative operators.

Five other Steward hospitals in the state were kept open through a deal brokered by the Healey administration. A second Steward hospital, in Ayer, Mass., was also closed in the process, which included an expedited timeline for shutting the two facilities.

The Seton building, built in 1978, has long been a destination for thousands of people in Dorchester, Mattapan, and surrounding communities to visit primary care doctors and specialists and access lab services. When the Carney closed, a number of Carney-affiliated doctors relocated into the Seton building to continue seeing patients as part of their private practices.

Requests for comment from the realty management company were not returned. A 33-member working group commissioned by the governor and Mayor Wu last year to make recommendations about what to do next on the Carney campus is expected to issue a report in early March.

MBTA is planning more diversions for Red, Orange lines during month of March

The MBTA is planning multiple service suspensions on weekdays in March on both the Red and Orange Lines for what the agency says will be “critical signal upgrade work.”

Red Line train service between JFK/UMass and Braintree stops will be replaced with shuttle buses on March 8 and 9, March 22 and 23 and March 29 and 30. Free shuttle service will be available for all suspended stops, and the Middleborough, Kington, and Greenbush Commuter Rail lines will provide fare-free service between Braintree, Quincy Center, JFK/UMass, and South Station.

The T had previously announced that train service on the Red Line’s Ashmont branch will be shut down in April for nine days (April 1-9) to conduct “proactive rail maintenance work.”

Orange Line service will be also suspended between Jackson Square and North Station this coming weekend (March 1-2). Inbound Green Line service at Copley and remaining services at Jackson Square will be fare-free, along with Commuter Rail service between Forest Hills and South Station.

Another Orange Line suspension between Oak Grove and North Station will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. on March 7 and run through March 9. The Haverhill Commuter Rail Line will also be fare-free during this timeframe, and free shuttle service will run during all Orange Line suspensions at the necessary stops.

The Red Line suspensions are due to ongoing signal upgrade projects to “allow for more frequent service, improved scheduling, and enhanced safety” that will be fully completed in the fall of 2027, according to the T.

For more information, visit mbta.com.

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The Neponset River Watershed Association and the Neponset River Greenway Council will host a **King Tide event on Sat., March 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at Tenean Beach. Register at neponset.org.

A city-sponsored **open house to share the design of a new community center in the Grove Hall section of Dorchester will be held on Thurs., Feb. 27, 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. (This meeting was re-scheduled from earlier dates due to inclement weather.)

A **comedy night at the Dot Tavern on Thurs., Feb. 27, at 8 p.m.** will benefit the Dorchester Day Parade scheduled for Sun., June 1. Raffle tickets will be sold for Bruins vs. Predators tickets (March 4) game. See @mayorofdot on Instagram for more.

Join the Mattapan Branch of the BPL and Bro. Joel Mackall for a Saturday Series presentation on the **“Hidden History of Black Boston” this Saturday (March 1) from 2 to 4 p.m.**, 1350 Blue Hill Ave., Mattapan. The **2025 Pride Parade will take place on Sat., June 14** accompanied by festivals on Boston Common and at City Hall Plaza. Boston Pride for the People celebrations start with a parade from Copley Square through the South End and Back Bay, culminating at Boston Common where an all-ages concert and festival will take place. A 21+ block party will take place in the afternoon on City Hall Plaza. See bostonprideforthepeople.org for more info.

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White Stadium plan supporters say foes overstate the level of opposition

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

Frustrated supporters of the city’s ongoing project to renovate White Stadium made it clear on Monday that opponents, including a non-profit organization that is leading a lawsuit that seeks to block the rehab plan, do not speak for them and many other people in the neighborhoods around Franklin Park.

In an online press conference, a group of pro-stadium neighbors and activists urged Mayor Wu to press forward with the renovation project, which is now in the demolition phase.

“I’ve been very frustrated by this small group led by the Emerald Necklace Conservancy and Franklin Park Defenders and how they’ve used well-funded lawsuits and stall tactics to give the impression there is widespread opposition to the Stadium,” said Dot Fennell, a Jamaica Plain resident who lives close to the stadium site. “We’re not paid to be here. We’re here because we believe in the project and the future of our city.”

Fennell and Beth Santos, both mothers of Boston Public School (BPS) students and abutters to Franklin Park, organized the call and invited

reporters to hear from other supporters who make the case against opponents who have stepped up their objections in recent days with rallies and protests.

“There is so much support,” said Santos, who co-owns the Café Ula coffee shop in Jamaica Plain. “We believe in the full vision of this project and Boston should be leaders and not settling for a lesser option... We believe the opposition should be for our kids today and not those multiple generations from now.”

Chris Smith, who works for a non-profit called Boston After School and Beyond, said his organization works with the Boston Public Schools to run summer and after-school programming, including a popular summer feature that promotes lacrosse at the Mildred Avenue School in Mattapan. In all, they serve around 21,000 students in 450 after-school and summer programs.

Fixing White Stadium, he said, is “a big, game-changing opportunity for how kids spend their time outside of school. He noted that the renovated stadium will result in brand-new amenities like a weight room and classroom space for use by BPS students.

“It will be open after-school

and on weekends and in the summer. These are times that can be problems for young people, but also great opportunity,” Smith added.

Tony DaRocha, a retired BPS coach and founder of the Boston United Track Club, said Boston student-athletes shouldn’t have to settle for the poor conditions they’ve endured for years at the city-owned stadium. He urged opponents to re-think their position.

“Having access to facilities is something really important to have and to understand the strength of public-private partnerships,” he said. “I know they work. In Boston, the problem we have is we can’t maintain our facilities.”

Jamaica Plain resident David Shapiro, who is also president of the Boston YMCA, said everyone’s focus should turn from blocking the project to making sure agreements made by the BOS Nation soccer team are enforced.

“I want to see operating agreements that are ironclad for usage for BPS sports,” said Shapiro. “I want to see how we transport kids from all over the city to this facility. It’s not like I’m just openly trusting this will be a panacea. But I want to see us focus on the operating



Crews worked on the demolition of the eastern grandstand at White Stadium on Feb. 19, 2025. Chris Lisinski/SHNS photo

part of it that has kids flocking to places like Reggie Lewis (Track and Athletic Center). When we build great facilities, people want to use it.”

The online discussion comes a week after the Franklin Park Defenders group held a rally outside the stadium as demolition of the grandstand and cutting of trees began. Opponents also held a meeting earlier this month at Lena Park Community Center to unveil their own proposal for renovating the stadium without a private partner, which they claim would cost the city \$29 million.

The city’s existing lease agreement partners with the professional women’s soccer franchise, BOS Nation, on a \$200 million renovation project that uses \$105 million in public money.

On Friday, BOS Nation investor Linda Henry, the CEO of *The Boston Globe* and wife

of *Globe* publisher and Red Sox owner John Henry, announced in an Instagram post that she has withdrawn her financial interest in the team. Henry says she remains a supporter of the soccer franchise and of the stadium renovation plan.

Supporters said they will continue to organize and be more vocal in the coming days. They plan to stage visibility events as construction moves on.

In another move, Boston After School and Beyond sent out a follow-up letter Monday with more than 40 youth sports leaders signing on in support. They included Candice Gartley of ADSL, Mick Brunache of Nxt Era Panthers and Mattapan Youth Football, Robert Lewis, Jr., of Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston, Steph Lewis of The BASE, Terry Cousins of Dorchester Eagles football, and Patrick Cronin of Harlem Lacrosse.

Columbia-Savin Hill meeting focuses on assessing

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

Rising home valuations and tax bills dominated the discussions at the Feb. 4 meeting of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association. City Councillor John FitzGerald, a leading critic of the city’s most recent assessment process, was on hand for the session, which came a day after residents had received a quarterly tax bill that left many homeowners with larger bills and unanswered questions.

FitzGerald noted that he had held a city council hearing focused on the city’s Assessing Department in late January but didn’t get the clarification he was hoping for regarding what he calls inconsistencies in the valuation numbers.

“What was ignored in all the recent debate is the other variable in the equation and that’s the value of your property,” he said.

“I think Savin Hill had a lot higher increase than everywhere else. It gave me pause when we broke it down by neighborhood like that and you say, ‘Okay...Some here were up \$700,000 and that’s a whole other house and they said they didn’t improve it. So, you have to wonder: What is the difference between last year and this year.’”

The councillor said his investigation showed the average valuations increased 4.3 percent in the Back Bay and 4.9 percent in Chinatown. South Boston values were in a 9 percent increase range while Savin Hill addresses averaged 13.5 percent hikes amidst a citywide average of around 10 percent.

“I think it brought more questions than answers,” he said. “I think there are concerns about the criteria and formula for which they value property. What I realized after that is it’s really not an exact science and allows for more inconsistencies across the board to be made... They didn’t have an equation that they could say they plug in.”

Neighbor Z. Andy Warot, a Vietnam veteran originally from Poland, said he has lived in Savin Hill for 40 years and has seen the market’s various ups and downs in that time. He thinks there should be some accommodation for those who have lived in the same homes for long periods of time.

“I get my bill and from last year in January to this year in January, the cost isn’t up 5 percent or 7 percent, but 42 percent,” he said. “I get that there needs to be more in taxes, but the taxes need to be done in the right way. When I have 40 years in the same home, they

should be level at 4 percent or 2 percent increases maximum no matter what the cost of the building comes to.”

He said he tried to apply for relief at City Hall but didn’t qualify under any of the programs.

Bill Walczak, the Columbia-Savin Hill civic group’s president, said he thinks that when it comes to home valuations, they need to look at speculation in the market, since homes are re-valued in part by using comparable sales from nearby properties.

“I think speculation is a major part of the increase in values and if you look at the sales, about one-third at times are LLCs,” he said. “I think speculation should be a determining factor.”

Walczak suggested that a neighborhood like Savin Hill has seen single- or two-family homes sell to developers at a premium because buyers intend to demolish the home and build larger multi-family buildings on the site. He said that should be part of the calculation because it isn’t a true value for those who are staying in their existing homes with no plans to re-develop.

FitzGerald said that for the time being, residents should look into programs that exist to ease tax burdens for own-

er-occupants. Meanwhile, a third version of Mayor Wu’s Home Rule tax plan did pass the City Council earlier this month by a vote of 12-1 and is back again in the Legislature. Two previous iterations have been rejected twice already by the state Senate. With new stipulations in this bill, the administration said it hopes it can be passed in March so that quarterly property tax bills due in April could see some savings. The plan would shift the tax burden at a greater rate from residential properties to commercial properties.

The Notebook

- Speed humps on the way – Neighbors in Savin Hill have been calling for the traffic calmers in their neighborhood for the past year, and a new communication from the city seems to point to the popular measures coming soon. Councillor FitzGerald said the Wu administration told him they would install the humps after utility work in Savin Hill is completed, which he said might be late summer or fall.
- Murder suspect arrested – The Boston Police Fugitive Task Force and the State Police arrested a New Bedford man at the Speedway Gas Station on Columbia Road on Jan. 13, according to a BPD account shared with residents at the



John FitzGerald

civic meeting. Police learned the suspect — 19-year-old Danielson Varela — was hiding out with family on Moseley Street, according to the police account. Varela was wanted on a warrant for first-degree murder in New Bedford related to a triple shooting at a New Bedford lounge that killed a 27-year-old man and injured two women in January. He was apprehended after a short foot chase, then transferred for arraignment.

- Mail problems persist – Several residents complained that there needs to be action on the lack of mail deliveries – a recurring complaint for those in the zip codes serviced from the Roxbury Postal hub. Some said they only get deliveries a few times a week, and other areas said it comes even less consistently. Jones Hill residents have also logged the same complaints.

BPDA awards \$140k in grants in Dot from South Bay mitigation fund

A group of 22 Dorchester organizations will share \$140,000 in grant disbursements from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) from money paid into a mitigation fund by Edens, the developer of the South Bay Mall, as part of a community benefits agreement when the mall expanded in 2016.

The grants were allocated by the city through an open application period late last year. There were 33 applicants who sought funding. Of those, a review committee scored the applications and approved 22 organizations various amounts of money. The BPDA signed onto the recommendations on Feb. 13.

The awardees and their funding include are Beantown Slam, \$6,000; Boston Children’s Chorus, \$2,500; Boston Women’s Heritage Trail, \$5,290; Chess Wizards (a parent-run group at the Kenny School), \$6,000; Convergence Ensemble, \$5,000; Dot Art, \$7,000; Design Studio for Social Intervention, \$6,000;

Greater Ashmont Main Street, \$7,500; Hoops Collaborative, \$7,000; Irish Pastoral Centre, \$7,000; MassArt Foundation, \$8,000.

Also, Project D.E.E.P., \$6,500; Teen Center at St. Peter’s, \$11,000; Vietnamese American Community of MA, \$7,500; Words as Worlds, \$5,040; Level Ground MMA

Studio, \$7,000; Ashmont Nursery School, \$4,670; Boston City Singers, \$5,000; Dorchester Food Co-op, \$5,000; Financial Education Associates, \$7,000; Newmarket BID, \$7,000; Second Church in Dorchester, \$7,000.

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Mayor Wu and baby Mira were happy to join members of Keystone’s Black History Team for their Black History Month celebration.
Cassidy McNeeley photos

Wu and Kraft work the crowd as Keystone hails Black History Month

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Staff

The annual Black History month celebration at Keystone Apartments typically draws a crowd of seniors and supportive politicians eager to greet the Neponset building’s civically engaged residents.

So, it was that Mayor Michelle Wu and her latest political rival, Josh Kraft, were on hand in the building’s Sawtelle Room last Wednesday afternoon (Feb. 19) for the senior community’s 10th annual “Future of Unity, Perseverance, and Hope” gathering.

Wu arrived with her baby Mira a little after 2 p.m. and was quickly invited to the podium

to speak to the crowd of close to 75 seniors.

“I am so honored, always, to be with the incredible leaders here at Keystone,” she said. “You all not only keep us grounded in the history and what’s right and where we’ve been as a community, you keep us headed in the right direction for the future, you keep us on our toes for all the city services that we need to make sure are going right.”

Many Keystone residents, including Gwen Porter, said they were thrilled to meet Wu. “It’s exciting. I didn’t realize this event was going to be this big,” she said. “I was surprised ‘cause this is my first time meeting

her in person.”

Porter thinks Wu is “doing a good job, especially with housing,” but she doesn’t “know too much about Kraft’s campaign.”

For his part, Kraft said that was why he was there. “We found out about this this morning, and I wanted to stop by and meet voters,” Kraft told The Reporter. “I want to meet people that matter, and to me, every person in the city matters, so we thought there’d be a great crowd here and just to say hello.”

Kraft did not get a podium invite, but he chatted with residents and took selfies with several.

Six-year Keystone res-

ident Ann Foy felt that the visit from the two mayoral rivals sent “a positive message” to the seniors. She said with the addition of the two politicians, the event was “fantastic” and that she was “enjoying it.”

Rev. Barbara Dulin, who organized the event for the building’s Black History Team Committee, said that while the candidates need to know what’s going on at Keystone and other buildings, she hoped the event would stay “focused on the residents, because it’s for the residents.”

She added, “I want them to know that it is important people understand the true meaning of Black history. We’re



Though it was the 10th annual Black History Month event at Keystone, many residents were excited to meet mayoral candidate Josh Kraft for the very first time.



After hearing from several speakers, residents enjoyed lunch while catching up with Mayor Wu and meeting Mira.

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Children’s librarian creates a place for literacy in Lower Mills

By Cassidy McNeeley
REPORTER STAFF
Opetoritse Adefolalu, the children’s librarian at the Lower Mills branch of the Boston Public Library, strives to make the Richmond Street building an oasis for everyone who walks in the door. The children he serves fondly call him “Mr. Ritse,” pronounced “Ree-shay.”

The 32-year-old Washington, DC., native of North Carolina is a competitive chess player and talented musician who loves passing along his passions to young library-goers through Chess Club and Music Hour. He also leads Story Time, Lego Club, and Game Time programs for his eager clients.

When he’s not busy with programming, Adefolalu can be found helping youngsters any way he can, according to Katherine Duffy, a full-time nanny in Dorchester and Milton and a frequent visitor to the Lower Mills branch, where Adefolalu has led children’s services for the last four-and-a-half years.

“It is not often that you find someone who is so into helping the community, kids of all kinds, especially [from] lower incomes,” said Duffy. “There



Opetoritse Adefolalu, known as “Mr. Ritse” to his many young admirers, at his desk inside the Lower Mills branch of the Boston Public Library on Richmond Street. Cassidy McNeeley photo

are kids that I know of that don’t see their parents from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and they go to see Mr. Ritse for after-school homework help and stuff like that. He’s a pillar of the community.”

Adefolalu first came to the Boston area to attend Harvard University, where he received a B.A. in English Literature.

“English was always my favorite subject,” said Adefo-

lalu, who grew up reading and admiring the likes of William Faulkner and Toni Morrison. “I had wanted to become an author, the next great American writer, that sort of thing. But around the end of college, I realized I didn’t really know how to write about the things I wanted to write about.”

He considered a career as a school teacher, he said, but he “didn’t want to deal with all

the headaches of kids like me who thought they were too cool for school or making trouble in whatever ways,” he added jokingly.

“After some thought, I kind of remembered going to the library as a kid and saw that as something kind of in between. Teaching, but with more freedom.”

Adefolalu earned a master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and then worked at the Inglewood Public Library in Los Angeles before moving back to Boston.

Now a Roxbury resident, he has become a fixture at the Lower Mills branch where he’s focused on “trying to hit those sort of early literacy goals, and other types of literacy as well.” He added, “Literacy isn’t just literal reading of books, but also media literacy, literacy on how to navigate the world, social literacy, and how to build relationships.”

Duffy, who first met Adefolalu in 2021, says his programs are a wonderful resource for caregivers and parents, too.

“A lot of these kids don’t go to school yet, and a lot of pro-

grams around here cost money,” Duffy told The Reporter. “This is free, and engaging, which is helpful for families in this community.”

“The programs that he runs also provide much-needed socializing for caregivers. Moms, dads, grandmas, nannies – we are hanging with kids all day long, and having an adult to chat with for a little while is nice.”

Duffy, who lives in Quincy, has seen the influence Adefolalu has on the kids firsthand. “I can feel and see that he wants to have an impact. The little girl that I nanny for, Abby, her confidence has skyrocketed. [Mr. Ritse] makes people feel seen and heard even though he went to Harvard and he’s this wonderful musician.”

For Adefolalu, the feeling is mutual.

“I think Lower Mills has a great mix of people. There is a very diverse community that I appreciate,” he said. “All the caregivers are willing to invest and help. It feels like a community partnership. I’m very grateful for the community that we got there.”

Designer will bring Dot flair to Paris Fashion Week runway

(Continued from page 1)
been key advisors and boosters. His mother inspired him to sharpen his vision, suggesting that he use his love of fashion to sell T-shirts accented with Bible verses.

“I said, ‘Mom, as much as I love the Lord, I don’t want to do that.’”

His friend Jorge Peña, a former classmate at City on a Hill Charter Public School, helped him con-

ceive of the brand name—Prophet | Envoy—which means “messenger of good news,” a phrase aligned with Teesdale’s Christian values and, he says, a “universal” message of love and positivity.

He also found inspiration at stores in his own neighborhood such as Expressions and Laced, and the casual wear he’d seen on the streets of the city.

It’s a “clean look,” an

elevated version of a simple white tee. Inspired by his mother’s idea, Teesdale and Peña designed a T-shirt featuring a Bible verse in a circle.

Once they solidified the design, they ordered a box of 25 Gildan T-shirts at a high price point and released the finished product during their first week at Babson College. Teesdale kept releasing new designs,



Models strut the runway clothed in the Prophet | Envoy brand.

Photos by Will Parker

hoodies, and varsity jackets throughout college and in the process gained social media traction.

Eventually, Peña left the brand to allow Teesdale to execute his specific vision.

Teesdale said he studies trends to see how he can offer something unique to his customers. In July 2022, uniqueness came in the form of following the Big Head Tee trend – but by offering Tees depicting historical Black figures including Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela, Shirley Chisholm, and Ruby Bridges.

Teesdale’s upbringing in the church influenced him to release Tapestry Jackets, catapulting his brand. A friend from Rhode Island School of Design helped to inspire Teesdale’s vision of creating a mural-like piece featuring the four figures pictured on his t-shirts in front of churches.

Prophet | Envoy sold 15 jackets during the February 2023 release,

but Teesdale refused to pull them from the website. “I told everybody: This is going to be the thing that’s profitable,” he said in an interview.

Once a TikTok video went viral and social media celebrities posted the piece, orders started rushing in. “I’ll never forget it. I came out of an acupuncture session and made \$1,000. It was only an hour,” Teesdale recalled.

Versions of the jacket featuring Malcolm X and Maya Angelou followed. Eventually, the design made its way onto NFL Network and onto the backs of people all over the country after Matthew Judon, a Patriots linebacker, wore it on screen.

As the brand’s presence grew, so did opportunities. Teesdale sent 150 emails to companies hoping to secure a spot at Paris Fashion Week. Boutique Fashion answered with an offer to feature his work in its New York

and Paris showcases.

Since receiving the invite in early November, Teesdale has been finalizing travel plans, finding sponsors, and inviting guests from the industry. On his dad’s advice, he finalized his plans before sharing the big news more widely. He then shared the big news with his parents on Christmas Day.

“My dad does not cry, but he cried when he heard about this. They both did. They know how big of a deal Paris is,” he said.

Teesdale says he can’t wait to get a place where he can create an initiative for young designers in Dorchester to start their brands. He wants to ease the struggle he endured for several years.

“I want to be able to create a space and at least get them off the ground. Everything shifted for me when I got my first sample,” he said.

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The boys' basketball team at Holland High School (formerly Jeremiah E. Burke High School) celebrated its city league championship after beating English 71-49 on Thurs., Feb. 20, at Madison Park.

Patrick O'Connor photo

Holland Tech boys win city basketball title

The Holland Tech (formerly Burke) High School boys' basketball team capped off an undefeated City League season last Thursday at Madison Park gym with a 71-49 victory over English High School to win the city championship.

The Bulldogs (17-3) now have won three of the last four city titles and on Saturday they landed the No. 1 seed in the Division 4 State Basketball tournament that starts this week.

Dorchester's Jasaad Fenton, now a senior, has won three championships since starting his career at the Burke/Holland school. He has been a big factor in the team's success this year, but on Thursday it was Ian Piper who led the way with 25 points and 12 rebounds.

The Holland boys faced an uncertain season at the beginning of the year when they lost three of their top scorers, including transfers Jaeden



Holland Tech's Jasaad Fenton, a senior from Dorchester, has now been a winner on three of the last four boys' city championship teams, including this win last Thursday over English High.

Joe Allen photos

Roberts (Putnam Science Connecticut) and Malik Adamson (Dexter Southfield). However, when the team debuted in preseason scrimmages, Coach Joe Chatman had clearly reloaded with added shooters like Yassine Amghar.

Last month, in one of the highlights of the season, they played in the nationally competitive HoopHall Classic in Springfield, gathering an impressive win over East Catholic (Connecticut) High School.



Holland's Kamron Gordon skies for two points late in the game against English High. The Holland boys scored a No. 1 seed in the Division 4 State Tournament over the weekend and will play at Madison Park on Friday.

The Holland team earned a bye in the first round of the State Tournament and will host a game at Madison Park this Friday (Feb. 28) at 6 p.m. against either Assabet Valley or Frontier Charter.

Dorchester actress stars in musical set in '60s Ireland

Jennifer Ellis of Dorchester portrays "Mrs. Patrick" in Speak-Easy Theatre's production of "A Man of No Importance" that is now running through Mar. 22. Set in 1960s Dublin, this charming musical is about the redemptive power of theatre, love, and friendship. Bus conductor Alfie Byrne has two joys in life: the poetry of Oscar Wilde and staging amateur productions with his local theatre troupe, the St. Imelda Players. But when church officials try to shut down his plans for a production of Wilde's Salome, Alfie must confront the forces of bigotry – and his own shame — over "the love that dare not speak its name."



Jennifer Ellis

This production will mark the New England premiere of the recently reimagined version of this beloved classic, which includes the use of on-stage musicians. The show will be staged at the Roberts Studio Theatre in the Stanford Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., in Boston's South End. Go to speakeasystage.com for more info.

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Little Joe, Franklin Park Zoo's silverback gorilla, celebrated his 32nd birthday last week and the public got to join in the fun as Joe and the rest of the gorilla troop dug into a buffet of special treats in their habitat, including five ice cakes in the shape of the number 32. The animal care team also hid additional treats throughout the Tropical Forest habitat for the gorillas to find during their morning forage, like paper bags of popcorn and sunflower seeds, cardboard boxes with peanuts. Little Joe is shown here digging into an ice cream treat.

Photo courtesy Zoo New England

Five from Dot earn Emmanuel honors

Emmanuel College has named more than 1,000 students to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester, including Dorchester residents, Kelly Le, a Criminology & Criminal Justice major; Nadia Andrade, a Liberal Studies and Elementary Education double-major; Regina Saavedra, a Graphic Design major; David Nguyen, a Secondary Education and English double-major; and Isabel Morel, of Mattapan, a Psychology-Counseling & Health Psychology major.

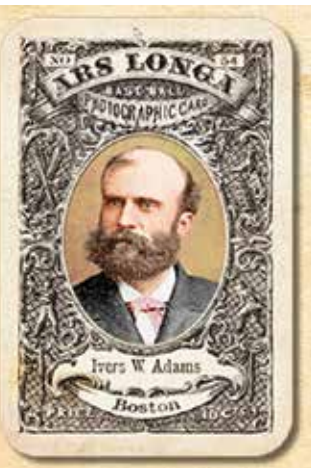
To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

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Ivers Adams (1838-1914)

Ivers Adams was the elder statesman of baseball in Boston who has been called the father of professional baseball in Boston. He was the first president of the Boston Baseball Association (he served only one term as president. He was busy making money in his business of carpeting). The Association's baseball team, a charter member of the National Association during its inaugural season in 1871, played five seasons in that league, and then be-



came the Boston Braves franchise in the National

League. They are now the Atlanta Braves.

Adams was born in 1838, in Ashburnham, Massachusetts. He came to Boston in 1857 to start a business career. He married Sarah Shepard, and they lived on Delle Avenue in Roxbury. In the 1880s, they moved to a mansion at 98 Washington Street, Dorchester, at the intersection of Washington Street and Columbia Road. There is now a Burger King restaurant on the site of their home.

When the Cincinnati Red Stockings disbanded in 1870, Adams recruited brothers Harry and George Wright for his new Boston team. In the book "Boston's First Nine: The 1871-75 Boston Red Stockings" that was edited by Bob LeMoine and Bill Nowlin, they wrote: "Behind the capable leadership of Harry Wright, the Boston team finished the 1871 season in second place in the National Association standings, runner-up to the cham-

pion Athletic club of Philadelphia.

"The team captured four consecutive National Association championships from 1872 through 1875, and then two National League pennants in 1877 and 1878. Business was booming in Boston, as the baseball success had indeed helped turn Boston into one of America's leading cities, which was Adams's original goal. By the time the Boston team had won its sixth title in seven years, Adams

was well on his way to becoming a millionaire as a partner at John H. Pray, Sons & Company."

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

Give 'em hell, Michelle

Mayor Wu is going to Washington next Wednesday for a House Oversight Committee hearing that Congressional Republicans will no doubt use to hammer Boston and other Democrat-led cities like Chicago for their reluctance — or outright refusal— to actively aid federal authorities in immigration enforcement.

The moment will no doubt be fraught with high drama as Trump’s Capitol Hill cultists seek to score political points to please their master and, they figure, embarrass their partisan foes. But from this vantage point it seems that the stage is set for Mayor Wu, in particular, to shine a light on Boston’s superb and still-improving record on public safety. Boston belies the hackneyed and hollow Trump narrative that our cities are all warzones ravaged by unwashed waves of “invaders.”

In fact, as longtime Bostonians are keenly aware, by several key measurements our neighborhoods are currently safer than they’ve been since the Eisenhower administration.

Last weekend, Trump’s chosen deporter-in-chief, Tom Holman, recklessly took aim at our police commissioner and longtime Dorchester resident Michael Cox, whom he harangued from a podium in front of a far-right conservative conference in Virginia.

“I’m coming to Boston. I’m bringing hell with me,” Holman harrumphed.

Wu, in a WBUR interview a few days later, had Holman pegged for the blowhard he is when she surmised: “There’s a difference between bluster and legal authority.”

She added: “Boston follows the laws. We are going to keep doing what we do because we are in full compliance with the laws, which say that municipal officials and municipal police departments have authority over enforcing crimes at the local level in keeping everyone in their community safe. Immigration falls under the federal government and federal officials. It is not the purview of city officials to be involved in doing the job of the federal government and it’s not the federal government’s job to be involved in what should happen at the local level, either.”

That’s a spot-on summary that we expect the mayor to lean on in her testimony on the morning of March 5.

There may well be jurisdictions in this country that could use more federal law enforcement help in policing their streets. And to be clear, Boston has—and does— collaborate with federal agents— FBI, ATF, USPS police, etc.— routinely to arrest and detain violent offenders, drug traffickers, and other suspected criminals. What Boston— and other local law enforcement don’t do— is waste their time and precious resources “rounding up” immigrants living here without federal permission.

One reason Boston can rightly claim its spot among the nation’s safest and least dangerous cities is that our people know that they can trust law enforcement— and share information with them— to keep us all as safe as possible. That’s not just a Michelle Wu doctrine. It has been the posture of successive administrations of Boston leaders— Menino, Walsh, Janey, now Wu— who have a common-sense approach to policing and protecting a major US city in the context of a long-busted federal immigration system.

Trump’s henchmen, it seems, would prefer that we join their bogeyman approach. But we don’t need a lecture from the likes of Tom Holman or his boss, Elon Musk.

We have full faith and confidence that Mayor Wu will tell Congress—and everyone else who tunes in next week – that maybe the feds should take a page out of our playbook: Here in the Hub of the Universe, we’re doing just fine without your “help.”

-Bill Forry



The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate hosted US Sen. Ron Wyden and Jim Acosta, former CNN Anchor and White House Correspondent, for a live discussion about Wyden’s work and his new book, *It Takes Chutzpah* last Friday (Feb. 21). Sen. Wyden, a Democrat from Oregon, highlighted his concerns about the Trump administration’s delegation of authority to Elon Musk and the new “Dept. of Government Efficiency” or DOGE, with a particular emphasis on his worries that personal information of Americans will be compromised and mis-used by unknown actors affiliated with Musk and DOGE. The 75-year-old politician has served in the US Senate since 1996. His book is subtitled “How to Fight Fearlessly for Progressive Change.” *Bill Forry photo*

Civic leaders eye own plan for Glover’s Corner

BY SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

Leaders within the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association intend to mount and fund their own planning initiative aimed at the Dorchester Avenue-Hancock Street-Freeport Street section known as Glover’s Corner. The group, which has been promised \$750,000 over the next three years from a Morrissey Boulevard developer, intends to use some of that mitigation funding to pay a consultant to help engineer the plan. The idea was discussed at the civic group’s general membership meeting on Jan. 6.

The goal, according to Jake Wachman, who leads the association’s Government Affairs Committee, is to produce a comprehensive plan for a large swath of land— much of it zoned for industrial use— north of Freeport Street and east of Dorchester Avenue.

The former Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) mounted its own planning effort for the same area in 2017. However, after two years of meetings, the effort — dubbed PLAN: Glovers Corner— was paused during the Covid pandemic and its recommendations were never finalized or approved by the BPDA board.

In retrospective, some civic leaders say, that might be a blessing, since they were not supportive of that plan’s direction.

“It’s an enormous amount of developable land,” said Bill Walczak, the president of Columbia-Savin Hill Civic. “We’re talking about 10-plus acres that includes the old Dorchester Tire shop and Russell Engineering. That will be developed, but if the city continues the way they do things, it will be piece by piece in a way that doesn’t make sense on the whole. We need to stop that and get this plan started before allowing developers to determine what happens.”

Wachman, who is taking a leadership role in the reboot, said the city’s earlier planning initiative

would have resulted in a plan that “didn’t feel like Dorchester, Boston, or even Massachusetts. It was very generic.”

He added: “We want to look at other ways to do it better, maybe we build three-deckers and maybe we build a park. We want to look at what we would like to propose for Glover’s Corner instead of just build, build, build and not pay attention to the long-term.”

The city’s Planning Department had not heard of the still-emerging Columbia-Savin Hill effort until The Reporter contacted the agency last month.

“Boston residents have the right to petition the Zoning Commission for changes to the code,” said Brittan Comak, a spokesperson for the Planning Department. “We aren’t familiar with [this] private plan, but any new plans or zoning would need to be approved by the BPDA Board and Zoning Commission. We are happy to work with this civic association and community on future city planning efforts in this area.”

The previous plan by the city featured the beginnings of a very densely developed network of streets abutting Dorchester Avenue with high-rise residential buildings, very little green space, and ‘linear parks,’ which residents complained were just tree-lined streets.

Wachman says the planning may weigh on whether a new Red Line station might be considered for the Freeport area at the edge of any new development, between Fields Corner and Savin Hill Stations.

“If it wasn’t in the previous plan; it should be in the future,” said Wachman.

Meetings are continuing throughout the coming months, and Wachman said his group plans to engage the neighboring Fields Corner Civic Association and Meetinghouse Hill Civic Association to join in. A full update is expected at the CSHCA’s next meeting on Mon., March 3.



More than 10 acres of industrial land, much of it underutilized, is the subject of a grass-roots planning effort by residents and members of the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association. Here, an industrial building at the end of Auckland Street is just one area where residents could picture open spaces and three-deckers. *Seth Daniel photo*

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‘CRUEL AND CALLOUS’

Elected leaders condemn move to end Haitians’ protected status

By AMY GOREL
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Massachusetts’s elected officials are urging President Trump to reverse his decision to end an immigration program that protected around half a million Haitians living in the US. The Temporary Protected Status, or TPS, allowed Haitians to stay and work in the country legally because of instability in their homeland, but provides no path to citizenship.

Last Thursday, the president rolled back an extension of TPS for Haitians through 2026 that former President Biden set, and announced the status would expire by this August.

In a social media post, Mayor Wu said that “there are many Haitian immigrants living and working in Boston under TPS who have full legal rights to be in this country and deserve that protection. She called the move illegal, saying the status determination is based on a review of the dangerous circumstances in Haiti and “cannot be shredded for political gain.”

Wu reminded Boston’s residents that TPS is still in place for now. She said her office will work with the Haitian community to discuss “the best legal path to protect the program.”

Massachusetts is home to one of the country’s largest Haitian populations, with many residents having fled political violence and natural disasters in their home country. And if they were to return, Dieufort Fleurissant said, they would face a nation controlled by gangs.

“It is sending those people to their graves. That’s basically what happened because those people will be prey for those gangs,” said Fleurissant, a leader in the city’s Haitian community known as Pastor



Mayor Michelle Wu, flanked by City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune and Mattapan pastor Rev. Nicolas Homicil, are shown during a meeting to discuss concerns about Trump policies and their impact on the Haitian community on Feb. 7, 2025.
Photo courtesy Mayor’s Office

Keke. “At the same time, they wouldn’t have any space to reside, to live. They have no places to go.”

Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, who is Haitian American, called Trump’s plan a “cruel and inhumane” pathway to political gain.

“The president isn’t delivering on decreasing the price of eggs; instead he’s just clenching down at the most vulnerable among us,” she told WBUR. “It’s a tired, tired playbook that we’ve seen before, and it’s devastating for communities that are, you know, doing everything they can to be ... participating members of society.”

She urged Haitians in the US under the program to consult with lawyers to learn their rights and options.

Last month, the Trump administration also ended

the designation for Venezuelan migrants, leaving them vulnerable to deportation in the coming months. Several groups have filed lawsuits to block that move.

Louijeune said she expects that Trump’s order to end TPS for Haitians will also face court challenges. A judge blocked Trump from ending the protections for Haitians during his first presidential term.

Democratic US Rep. Ayanna Pressley and her colleague chairs on the House Haiti Caucus urged the president to reverse what they called a “cruel and callous decision.”

“Haitians who have lived in the United States for up to 15 years, raised children, started businesses, and contributed to their communities are at risk of deportation for no reason other than being Haitian,” Pressley wrote, with US Reps. Yvette Clarke (New York) and Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (Florida). “We should be doing everything possible to save lives and bring stability and safety to Haiti — not throwing vulnerable people in harm’s way.”

Democratic US Sen. Elizabeth Warren said Trump’s decision is “shameful” amid “unfathomable violence and instability” in Haiti.

“These individuals have legal status and are actively contributing to our communities, something I’ve seen firsthand in Massachusetts,” she said. “The United States made a promise to these families, and the president should honor that promise and reverse this decision immediately.”

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Concerns on federal funding loom over city’s climate resiliency plans

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athon,” he said. “We’re going to stay at this and find creative ways of funding and building the infrastructure over time.”

Trump’s executive actions have led to pause on billions of federal dollars promised to groups working on environmental and infrastructure projects. Several Massachusetts nonprofits said their projects are stalled amid pending legal battles and uncertainty.

When it comes to city efforts, “no work that has been underway has needed to be paused, but it’s a fluid situation,” Swett said. Some Boston projects dependent on federal funding include Environmental Protection Agency grants of \$35 million to expand the city’s electric school bus fleet and \$3 million to create a community advisory council in East Boston.

Mayor Wu said the city is working closely with the state attorney general’s office on lawsuits addressing these awarded and contracted funds.

In the meantime, Wu said, her staff is looking ahead to other solutions. The city has already set aside \$75 million for coastal resilience projects. She said the city may turn to other funding sources, such as businesses, state officials and nonprofit organizations, to make up for any potential loss of federal support.

“This is an era of partnerships, and we are looking to maximize everything we can do at the local level, to tap in with cities around the country, and also to work with other sectors here in



Owen Thomas, a Savin Hill resident, navigated a canoe along Morrissey Boulevard during a “King Tide” event in January 2024. Another King Tide is expected on Sat., March 1 around noon.
Ryan Murphy photo

Boston,” the mayor said.

Julia Carlton MacKay, director of community resilience at the Conservation Law Foundation, told WBUR that the city’s plans to prepare for climate change are ambitious and will require billions of dollars.

“The value of the protection that they offer exceeds that many times over, but it is still a big hurdle because the city alone can’t pay to implement all of these resilient strategies that they’ve identified in the plans,” she said. “And I don’t think that they need to be expected to.”

Funding will need to come from other sources like state government, nonprofit, and private partners, she said.

Projects of this scale take years to plan and implement, often outlasting a presidential term, MacKay said. “There’s a lot of room” for the city to put plans in place while waiting for this administration to end, she said.

City officials highlighted several projects underway or already completed that seek to address Boston’s three major climate hazards — coastal flooding from hurricanes,

rainstorm bigger than the rainstorm that everything’s designed for,” Sullivan said. He added the commission plans to update building codes, explore green infrastructure options, and encourage residents to

monitor catch basins in their neighborhoods for overflow.

“We need you to help protect your neighborhoods and, you know, call us in if there’s any maintenance problems,” Sullivan said. “It’s important

that all together, we will keep our neighborhoods safe.”

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Visitors flocked to JFK Library the day after it closed abruptly

By Cassidy McNeeley
Reporter Staff

Visitors from near and far descended on the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Dorchester last Wednesday (Feb. 19) when it reopened after an abrupt closure the day before amid a series of layoffs triggered by a White House executive order that impacted five library staff members. The sudden shutdown was roundly condemned by local leaders.

Library officials referred questions about the decision to the National Archives and Records Administration, a federal agency that employs some of the library's staff.

Laura and Chris Mehl, a retired couple from Hyde Park, were among those who made it a point to visit the presidential museum last week.

"We had a list of museums because we are retired and this is first on the list," said Laura. "We decided we were going to come here first and then this happened (the closing) and we said tomorrow's the day."

Like many others, she was angered by the sudden closure and fearful that more would follow. "It's indicative of everything going on," she said. Added her husband: "It's all chaos and nihilism. A



Chris and Laura Mehl visited the JFK Library and Museum last Thursday, worried it could close again soon.

nihilist burn everything down to gain control of it."

Emily VanHeukelom from Chelsea shared in the disappointment.

"I grew up going to programs here," said VanHeukelom. "All libraries are very important. Places should not be closed arbitrarily; this is our public space. To have things shut down for no good reason is scary."

Unlike the Mehls, VanHeukelom's trip to the museum wasn't a last-minute decision. Instead, she had registered

her four-year-old son Henry to watch the Okra Dance Company perform Dancing Journey of Africans in America, a storyteller event for kids that is part of the library's ongoing Celebrate! series.

Manikka Bowman of Cambridge and her five-year-old daughter Zyla also attended the event.

"It's a really good program geared toward young children that exposes them to the museum," said Bowman. "I have an eleven-year-old. I've been bringing my



Regularly scheduled programs continued following the reopening of the Library. Last week, visitors were invited to watch the Okra Dance Company perform "Dancing Journey Of Africans in America." Cassidy McNeeley photos

children here since she was three, so we consistently come."

Like VanHeukelom, Bowman registered for the event well in advance and was worried it would not happen.

"It's disappointing because this is a public resource," said Bowman. "It's a public good and it's unfortunate that it undermines the confidence

of the public to continue to be present with institutions with the chaos that's being created. It's no one's fault here, but it doesn't go well with public confidence."

Kyle Shanahan, a Bourne resident who visited on Feb. 20 with his son, said: "We have been here once before and today we wanted to come back in case it closes

again."

"It's history, not just local history but American history," he said. "If we don't continue learning about our past, how can we go with our future?"

A spokesperson for NARA did not respond to a Reporter request for more information about the staffing cuts and any future decisions that might impact operations.

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A debate on effects of an inclusionary fix for an exclusionary market

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set-asides, and Boston’s housing prices spiked in the first quarter by 23 percent over the same quarter in the previous year.

Despite the dot-com collapse and ensuing “Great Recession,” the Boston area would emerge in the same decade as one of the country’s leading “innovation clusters.” A sequel to the post-industrial growth in the “New Boston,” the cluster of highly educated talent was hailed as a magnet for high-paying jobs enabled by private investment, but also by public funding for anything from life science research to military procurement.

By 2010, the urban studies theorist Richard Florida had identified credentialed “human capital” as “the key engine for economic growth and development,” channeling innovative stimulus from diverse, mixed-use environments celebrated by an earlier theorist, Jane Jacobs.

As early as 2006, while ranking Boston among the nation’s “superstar cities,” Florida acknowledged that the same new growth would ripple out in rising property values, with displacement of middle- and lower-income residents. “Superstar cities are, by their nature, exclusionary,” he observed in *The Atlantic*, “and there is good reason to believe they will become more so in the future.”

Almost ten years later, when a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage was down to 3.65 percent, Menino’s IDP was adjusted by his successor, Marty Walsh. The 2016 IDP report from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) made Florida seem prophetic: “Development in downtown neighborhoods is proceeding at a furious pace, while unsubsidized development of housing for middle income families in outer neighborhoods is still needed.”

Under Walsh, the connection between affordable set-asides and more permissive zoning that began with Menino became more explicit and more targeted, with planning initiatives that increased density in parts of South Boston, Roxbury, and Jamaica Plain. Walsh also boosted off-site contributions for affordable units from projects in downtown Boston and adjacent areas, including Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, and Allston-Brighton. As noted by consultants for IDP changes advanced by Wu, set-asides for affordable housing were sometimes exceeded as a result of negotiations for permitting.

A fast-forward to Wu’s first term coincides with post-pandemic inflation and a surge in interest rates in 2022, followed by limited relief as of early 2025. It was in December of 2022 when Wu proposed her more ambitious IDP requirements that would be renamed as “Inclusionary Zoning” (IZ). At the same time, she expanded efforts to make Boston’s zoning less restrictive and haphazard, strategically encouraging higher density near public transportation and commercial centers.

Wu’s 20 percent set-aside—for rental developments with at least seven units citywide and similar ownership projects in more expensive core neighborhoods—included a 3 percent component with federally

funded vouchers, which could yield rents as high as 165 percent of the AMI. But a feasibility report on Wu’s policy, prepared by RKG Associates, warned that even “small percentage changes” to Boston’s relatively high construction and development costs could have “substantial impacts on returns.” The report added that changing target income levels for affordable units could have “notable impacts” on a project’s financial feasibility.


The warnings were re-echoed later in 2023 by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, just before a vote on the IZ policy by the City Council. In a post on its website, the chamber stated that it was “deeply concerned that the City is advancing a policy that has no clear goals and makes housing development infeasible in Boston.”

In an email statement this month, the chamber’s president and CEO, James E. Rooney, affirmed neutrality toward candidates, while adding, “Housing is indeed an important issue for the region, and we look forward to this issue being a central focus of the campaign.”

Greg Vasil the CEO of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board, advanced a similar position. “To increase housing supply and lower costs,” he said in an email statement this month, “Boston’s leaders must reduce government red tape. We remain firmly opposed to any policy that would stifle housing creation and disincentivize apartment upkeep and maintenance like the traditional rent control or rent stabilization legislative efforts. A voluntary rent cap with an owner’s tax break is a different approach. We are interested in learning more about proposed voluntary policies that also benefit owners. The city is desperately in need of innovative housing solutions to overcome this unprecedented affordability crisis.”

But, in a website post on Feb. 13, the Wu administration was touting “accelerated housing production.” Over the past three years in Boston, more than 17,000 units had been built or started undergoing construction, surpassing the amount for any other three-year period since 1998. The average annual build-out under Walsh, slightly about 4,000 units per year, was surpassed by Wu’s average over more than 5,000 units. The more recent figure included units that were authorized under her predecessors, as well as housing supported by federal money for pandemic recovery.

Based on figures for 2021-2023, the 2024 “Hous-




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ing Report Card” issued by The Boston Foundation showed that the level of production under Wu has shifted dramatically, following a steady decline in the city’s new housing production going all the way back to 2015. The more abrupt regional downturn in 2023, in line with a national pattern, came right after the surge in interest rates in 2022.

“A substantial portion of the 2023 decline,” the report concluded, “can be traced to a sharp downturn in the City of Boston, where new construction approvals plummeted. In Boston, the number of multifamily housing permits dropped from 3,992 units during a relative peak year in 2022 to just 1,878 units in 2023, a decrease of more than 50 percent.”

Kraft went even further than the report in questioning housing production figures from Wu, citing numbers on permits from the city’s Inspectional Services Dept. He also pointed to the number of housing units authorized by the city but still not under construction. A review by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston found that the number went from a peak of 41,000 in 2022 to 23,000 in July of 2023, rising two months later to 34,000—more than double the figure at the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The merits of “IZ” have also been disputed by university researchers and think tanks, alternating between qualified support and opposition.

A 2023 report by the Harvard Kennedy School found that IZ policies were most effective when “targeted at affordable rental units for low to moderate income earners,” especially if supported by density bonuses and more limited requirements for off-street parking. “Inclusionary Zoning may not be appropriate for every community,” the report cautioned. “Even where it is, IZ’s capacity to produce affordable housing units is limited by its reliance and sensitivity to market conditions.”

Connor Harris, a fellow at the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, which is funded by corporations and conservative foundations, expressed a preference for IZ coupled with incentives, but warned that it could still “create perverse political incentives” to make market-rate housing artificially scarce and expensive. “And in any case,” he argued, “IZ produces too few units to be more than a minor part of an affordable housing strategy. There is no substitute for broad liberalization of zoning policy to lower market rents and housing prices, with all of the compromises and political fights that this inevitably entails.”

In his housing plan, Kraft claimed that his IZ “reset” could help advanced “stalled units” while affordability requirements closer to market levels could “allow more of Boston’s middle-class workers to qualify for quality income-restricted housing while also jump-starting the 26,000 units in the pipeline.”

City figures show that inclusionary policies in Boston, from 2011 through 2024, have resulted in 13,210 income-restricted units. That’s in addition to units created in the policy’s first decade under Menino. Though activists have sometimes faulted the units with being unaffordable for average households in areas most vulnerable to displacement, they also contend that housing needs in the city cannot be met solely by increasing supply.

“Kraft’s proposal would drastically reduce affordability in new developments by rolling back the hard-fought progress made under Mayor Wu,” argued Armani White, the executive director of the housing advocacy group Reclaim Roxbury. “The notion that weakening IZ would meaningfully increase housing supply is not supported by the city’s own economic analysis. The study that informed Wu’s policy found that developers could absorb the increased affordability requirements while still producing housing. If Kraft’s plan were in place today, thousands of affordable units that are now required simply wouldn’t be built.”

Kraft said that Wu’s policy is ignoring the city’s middle-class residents, while setting aside income restricted units for which “working-class” residents would not qualify. But Markeisha Moore, a community organizer and housing advocate with Dorchester Not 4 Sale, said that many others would find Kraft’s income ceilings out of reach.

“We cannot afford to go backward,” she said. “Boston is already unaffordable for too many, and Kraft’s plan would only make it worse by allowing more luxury development without ensuring real affordability. Kraft’s plan would prioritize creating 100 percent AMI units, which is \$2,756 a month for a one bedroom.”

Mike Prokosch, a member of Codman Square United, argued that Kraft’s IZ proposal “cuts the number of affordable units developers must build by one-third; cuts the units the average Dorchester household can afford by three-quarters; and pays for the plan with a housing construction plan that won’t work.”

He dismissed Kraft’s housing plan as “a house of cards built upon a fantasy,” questioning its claims for new supply and property tax revenue. “The overwhelming reason why new housing construction is stalled – in Boston and across the country,” he wrote in an email, “is that interest rates are too high for developers to get financing from banks and other



The Savin, a condo development at the corner of Savin Hill Avenue and Sydney Street, was supposed to market one of its 14 units as affordable, according to the city’s BPDA. Chris Lovett photo

investors. They can make as much money if they buy US Treasury notes, and it’s much less risky. Until the Federal Reserve Bank cuts interest rates, Kraft’s plan will be pie in the sky.”

For his part, Reclaim Roxbury’s White points out that figures on housing construction, whether completed, in progress, or stalled, almost entirely predate Wu’s IZ revisions. And the contributors to stalled projects identified by the 2024 Housing Report Card were the high costs of materials and financing.

Some developers have already been hit with higher construction costs due to tariffs introduced under President Trump. And some observers fear that rates could be pushed even higher if his administration moves ahead with plans to privatize Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two leading backers of mortgage securities. The firms have been under government control since their bailout 17 years ago, and supporters of privatization—including shareholders who stand to profit from the change—say it could help borrowers by fostering more competition.

The privatization was also proposed in Project 2025, a conservative policy blueprint that also recommends

changes in many other programs, including supports for healthcare, housing, and research in life science and public health. The results could affect the Boston’s area’s standing as an innovation hub, at a time when the post-pandemic demand for office space has been cooled by the partial shift to remote work—more prevalent among the “creative class” highlighted by Richard Florida more than twenty years ago.

In the intervening years, Florida expanded his focus to housing unaffordability, income inequality, and geographic gaps between segregated populations. The “means migration” of creative capital to “talent clusters” was followed by another migration, described by Florida in a June 2024 interview with the online publication Vital City.

“The economy is the most productive and innovative it’s ever been,” he said. “but, where does that productive and innovative surplus go? It goes into dirt — real estate. Instead of it going into more education and training and better ways of life, better quality of life, better healthcare, it just goes right into dirt. Now, we’re just paying more money for the same dirt.”

12 affordable units okayed for Nottingham Street site

The Zoning Board of Appeal on Tuesday approved plans for a 3-story, 12-unit apartment building on what are now city-owned vacant lots at 23 Nottingham St. in Dorchester’s Four Corners section.

Developer KZ Builders – named for owners Senam Kumahia and former City Councilor Josh Zakim – won the right to build on the land from the Mayor’s Office of Housing with a promise to rent the apartments to people making between 80 percent and 100 percent of the Boston-area median income. The building will have 8 parking spaces.

Some neighbors objected to the proposal, saying it would exacerbate parking and crime issues on the street.

The project needed variances because the building would be taller and larger than allowed by the land’s zoning and the property did not have the amount of parking required by zoning. In the face of that, KZ attorney Joseph Feaster noted a new city directive that



Rendering by Studio Luz Architects of proposed building.

waives parking minimums for all affordable projects.

The board approved the proposal unanimously on a motion by member Giovanni Valencia, who praised the reuse of a vacant city-owned lot for housing.

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There are ways to help community cats

By DR. EDWARD SCHETTINO

Community cats can be found in every city and town across Massachusetts—in fact, there are an estimated 700,000 community cats across the Commonwealth, 70,000 in Boston alone.

What is a community cat? It is a feral, semi-fe-

ral, and outdoor animal that often lives in large colonies and can reproduce with staggering frequency. While resilient, community cats face many challenges and are vulnerable to predators, illness, lack of proper and healthy food sources and, of course, the elements.

The most fragile community cats are kittens, who are born throughout

the year, and it's important to provide these animals with the help they need when they need it most

The Animal Rescue League of Boston (ARL) is the only large animal welfare organization in Massachusetts with a dedicated community cat program, and the organization helps more than 1,000 of these cats annually. However, there are still thousands upon thousands of community cats living outdoors in need of help and there are ways you can get involved in their care.

Contact ARL. If you are aware of community

cats in your area and need assistance, you can contact ARL's Field Services Department by calling (617) 426-9170, Ext. 563.

When you call, a team member will respond to the location to assess the colony and then form a Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) plan. TNR one of the most humane and effective ways to stop the cycle of homelessness among cats. Once the colony is assessed, the cats will be trapped and transported to an ARL Animal Care and Adoption Center. From there they will receive a veterinary exam, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery and



A community cat in its element.

behavioral assessment to determine whether the cat would thrive in a home, or is truly feral and does not want contact with humans.

ARL's Community Cat

Program has had tremendous success in reducing the cycle of homelessness for these cats. Since the inception of the program, thousands of community cats have been placed in loving homes, including nearly 800 in 2024 alone!

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Monitoring and Feeding. This involves making sure the cats are being fed, and can also provide an opportunity to monitor the colony for any cats that may be sick, injured, or pregnant.

Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He holds a doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University.

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. SU25P0311GD IN THE MATTER OF: FEDRICO EUSEBIO PIZARRO of DORCHESTER, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Sara I. Mendez of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Fedrico Eusebio Pizarro is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Sara I. Mendez of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.

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

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/12/2025**. 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: February 12, 2025
Published: February 27, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE

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. SU25P0344EA ESTATE OF: BONNIE R. NEAL a/k/a: BONNIE RENEE BROOKS DATE OF DEATH: 11/23/2024

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Tamiko Neal Jackson 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: Tamiko Neal Jackson of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 **03/25/2025**.

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: February 18, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: February 27, 2025

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WRA-5610	DASH Macrophyte Survey Update at MWRA/MDC Source and Emergency Reservoirs	03/11/25	2:00 p.m.
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WRA-5602	Data Center HVAC Maintenance	03/12/25	3:00 p.m.
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THE TRIAL COURT
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU25P0389EA
ESTATE OF:
MARTHA JANE POWERS
a/k/a: MARTHA J. POWERS
DATE OF DEATH: 09/03/2024

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Stephen P. Powers, Jr. of South 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: Stephen P. Powers, Jr. of South Boston, MA and Jeanette M. Earner of Quincy, 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 03/28/2025.
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: February 21, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: February 27, 2025

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 SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Docket No. SU21P1418EA
ESTATE OF:
MARY E. EPPS
Date of Death: 05/10/2021

To all interested persons:
A Petition For Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Jerry L. Epps of Brockton, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.

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 03/19/2025.
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.
Date: February 20, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: February 27, 2025

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU25D0126DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
SHIRLINE MCLEAN SOUFFRANT vs.
JERRY SOUFFRANT

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Shirline Mclean Souffrant, 9 School St., Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 03/26/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 29, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: February 27, 2025

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate & Family Court
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P2596EA
ESTATE OF:
EDWARD GARDIN
DATE OF DEATH: 10/17/2011

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Alisa Fleming 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: Alisa Fleming of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve 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 03/27/2025.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 18, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate
Published: February 27, 2025


COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK DIVISION
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
Docket No. SU25D0146DR
DIVORCE SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION and MAILING
IVONNE ELIZABETH RAMIREZ MARTINEZ vs.
FRANCIS ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ HERRERA

To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown, grant him/her custody of the child(ren), any other relief the Court deems just & proper. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Ivonne Elizabeth Ramirez Martinez, 25 Shandon Rd., Apt. 1, Boston, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 04/17/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 11, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
SUFFOLK PROBATE & FAMILY COURT
24 NEW CHARDON STREET
BOSTON, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN
Docket No. SU03P0645G11
IN THE MATTER OF:
CARMEL TOUSSAINT of BOSTON, MA RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian of the Respondent.
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/13/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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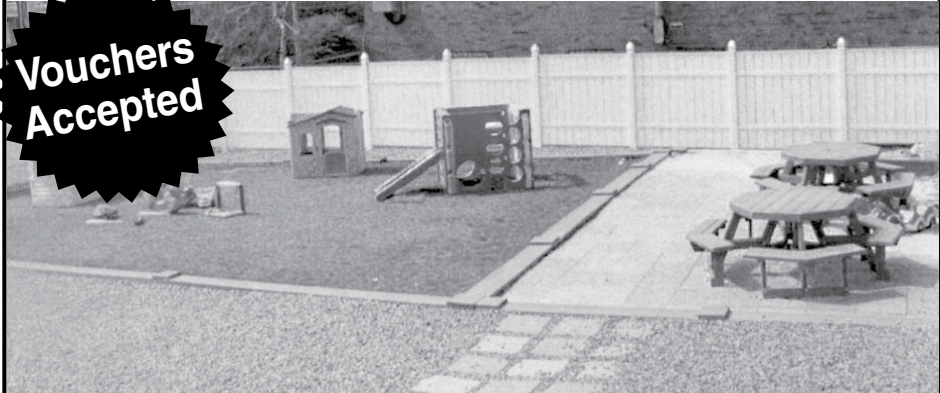
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The Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt) will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit on March 16-19, 2025, by a team representing the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, NEASC).

The New England Commission of Higher Education is one of seven accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 220 institutions in the six-state New England region as well as several other states and American-style institutions overseas.

MassArt has been accredited by the Commission since 1950 (approximately) and was last reviewed in Spring 2017. Its accreditation by the Commission encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, MassArt 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 MassArt
New England Commission of Higher Education
301 Edgewater Place, Suite 210
Wakefield, MA 01880
Email: info@neche.org

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 March 19, 2025. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.

Wu huddles with clergy, activists ahead of session with Congress

(Continued from page 1) Columbia Road, Bishop William Dickerson II of Greater Love Tabernacle, Mark Scott of Azusa Christian Community in Four Corners, Maria-ma White-Hammond of Dorchester’s New Roots AME Church, Father Mark O’Connell of the Archdiocese of Boston, Father John Curry of St. Peter’s Church, Bishop Nicolas Homicil of Voice of the Gospel Taberna-

cle Ministry in Mattapan, Willie Bodrick II of 12th Baptist Church in Roxbury, and Gregory Groover of the Charles Street AME Church in Roxbury. In the meeting, which

The Reporter attended, they told the mayor that many of their congregants are scared and fearful. Some aren’t coming to church, others aren’t sending kids to school, and few will venture out to get help in any fashion. Additionally, they said, undocumented parents are distraught about separation from children born here and have been writing important phone numbers in permanent marker on children’s arms in case something happens.

“We run a food pantry, and no one will come out to get food anymore,” said Pastor Homicil. And Rev. Bodrick said he hoped the mayor would communicate the “frenzy” and “fearmongering” that recent policies and statements have caused. “They are talking about the end of TPS (Temporary Protective Status),” said Bodrick. “So, we’re talking about the removal of hundreds of thousands of people back to an island without a clear agenda. It’s going to create fear, and a frenzy and people are going to hide and do what they need to do.”

He added: “I am the pastor of a church that was on the Underground Railroad, and we’ve always been a sanctuary for people... At this moment, all churches are going to have to be spots on this new Underground Railroad, if you will.” He noted that what the federal border czar, Tom Homan, said to Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox about “bringing hell to Boston” was not helpful. “What was said to the commissioner was unnecessary, and we should speak up,” Bodrick said. “This is a moment to speak truth to power and we shouldn’t be afraid.”

Rev. Hall spoke to the fact that many people who are naturalized US citizens are also afraid. “I didn’t realize so many individuals who are citizens, but who came from another country a long time ago, were experiencing this fear and staying home as well,” she said. “My prayer is that you would share with the Oversight Committee that the fear has a far reach beyond just someone who came here two months ago and that influx they think is all that’s being impacted.”

She added, “Whoever is planning to come to Boston to bring hell; well, we’re from Heaven. Last time I checked that’s the dominant power.”

Pastor Scott said he hoped that the mayor would relay that these policies have a negative effect on public safety, including in domestic violence situations where those in abusive relationships are afraid to come forward or those who have been victims of crime are afraid to report it.

The archdiocese’s O’Connell said he hoped the mayor could coordinate all faith leaders to get correct information, rather than the rumors that are swirling around.

“We have people not coming to church and the fear is real,” he said. “However, the fear is also a strategy being used against us. What I think would be very beneficial is we as a group keep each other informed of what is really happening – are they really coming into churches or schools?”

Added Rev. Groover, “I hope you will accentuate that the policies President Trump wants to implement will have adverse impacts on the issue that Boston in its recent years has become an unapologetically diverse city. We’re not ashamed of that. Diversity is a foreign language to them, but it’s who we are... We’re proud of that and stand on that.”

All the leaders agreed to stand on what they do best – pray – and to have a special time to do so within their services this week as a boost for Mayor Wu and the City of Boston. Others talked about organizing a community time of prayer at a central location in Boston at 10 a.m. on March 5, which is also Ash Wednesday for Christians.



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§5-304 & §5-405
Docket No. SU25P0360PM
IN THE MATTER OF:
ALONZIE JONES
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Bostonian Nursing Care & Rehab Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Alonzie Jones is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jonathan J. Davey, Esq. of Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Personal Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/20/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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The Tier Classification Submittal and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-38604 at <http://public.dep.state.ma.us/SearchableSites2/Search.aspx> or at MassDEP, Northeast Regional Office, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA, 01801, 978-694-3200. Additional public involvement opportunities are available under 310 CMR 40.1403(9) and 310 CMR 40.1404.



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CONNECT THE DOT:
BGCD Hosts Fun Family Skate Night for Members During February School Vacation: During the February School Vacation Week, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted a special Family Skate Night event for our Boston PreK, Challenger Sports, and Dorchester Family Engagement Network members. The night was filled with tons of laughs, building friendships, developing new skating skills and creating lifelong memories. We would like to thank our friends at Dorchester Youth Hockey for providing the ice time at Devine Rink, the members of the Boston Police Department's Bureau of Community Engagement, and to all of the volunteer "buddies" who came out to assist the participants on the ice.

To learn more about Programming at BGCD, please contact Pete Nash at pnash@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Partners with New Balance for Special End of February Vacation Week Carnival: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester closed out a successful February School Vacation week with a fun filled Carnival for our members. The Carnival included fun, interactive inflatable games, face painting, a delicious variety of carnival foods including snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn. We would like to thank our volunteers from New Balance who joined us for the third consecutive year of the carnival and helped to staff all the stations. Shout out to our members and staff for an amazing February School Vacation week. We had so much fun with our themed days, field trips and special activities that have created memories for a lifetime. To learn more about Volunteering at BGCD, please contact Macy Pierce at mpierce@bgcdorchester.org.

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RECENT OBITUARIES



COSGRAVE, Andrew J. “Andy”, 92, of Dorchester, formerly of Co. Cork, Ireland. Husband of Ann (Mannion) Cosgrave. Father of Raymond Cosgrave and his wife Sara of Holbrook. Grandfather of 1. Brother of Tom Cosgrave of London, and the late Larry Cosgrave of Limerick, Maurice Cosgrave of Dublin, William Cosgrave of New Zealand, Michael Cosgrave of New Zealand, Matt Cosgrave of Cork, Reene Daugin of Dublin, and Fanny Burns of Dublin. Andy is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

CROWE, Thomas William, 63, of Canton, originally from Dorchester. He worked for many years at John Hancock Insurance/Manulife. He is survived by his sister, Catherine Speicher and her husband, Greg; brother, John Crowe and his wife, Tammy; and

sister, Mary Crowe. Tom was predeceased by his parents, Anna F. Crowe and William T. Crowe; and nephew, Anthony W. Crowe all of Lower Mills. Tom leaves behind many family members in England, Ireland, South Africa, Australia and beyond. Please consider donating to Friends of the Canton Public Library, 786 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021.



FLANAGAN, Barbara (Foley), of Dedham, originally of Dorchester. Daughter of the late John and Mary (Flaherty) Foley. Wife of the late Francis X. Flanagan. Mother to Maureen, Frank and Joseph; and mother-in-law to Dan, Karen and Leontia. Grandmother to 9. Sister to Mary and the late Agnes, Peggy and her brother, Jack. Aunt to many nieces and nephews. Barbara was

a Court Stenographer and Legal Secretary at The Industrial Accident Board, Boston, Executive Secretary at The Dedham Housing Authority, Dedham and Headmaster’s Secretary at Park School, Brookline, prior to retirement. Donations in Barbara’s memory can be made to Saint Mary of The Assumption Church, 420 High St., Dedham, MA 02026.



GUNN, Marlene Anne (Dorsey), 82, of Middleborough, formerly of Braintree, originally from Dorchester.

Marlene was the wife of Thomas C. Gunn. Mother to Robert Dorsey and his wife, Bonnie, of Braintree, the late James M. Dorsey and his wife, Teri, and the late John T. Dorsey and his wife, Maryanne. She held a variety of administrative roles throughout her career from Gillette (where she met her future husband) to the Blue Hills Collaborative to her final role before retirement as the secretary to the Superintendent of the Braintree Public Schools. Non-deductible donations to honor Marlene may be made in her memory to the Mary Ellen Gunn Coffey Scholarship Fund, c/o Rockland Trust, 272 Columbia Road, Hanover, MA 02339.



JUTKIEWICZ, Mary A. (Fulford) of Dorchester, Pembroke, and Maine. Wife of the late Edwin J. Jutkiewicz, Sr. Mother of Edwin Jutkiewicz, Jr. of Texas, Ralph Jutkiewicz of Portland, Maine, Karen

Mark Gill Walsh, BPD, at 51



Mark Gill Walsh, 51, of Milton, passed away on Feb. 20 after a rapid and courageous battle with the flu, sepsis and subsequent cardiac trauma at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Born on Sept. 11, 1973, at St Margaret’s Hospital in Dorchester, Mark’s zest for life and unwavering spirit touched the hearts of all who knew him.

Mark was the beloved husband of Christine L. Walsh (LaCouture), a devoted father to John Daniel and Conor William Walsh, and a loving son to Ann M. Walsh of Milton and North Falmouth and his late father, Daniel D. Walsh. His familial warmth extended to his siblings, Maura W. Sargent and her husband Forbes of Milton, Siobhan W. Sullivan and her husband Edward of Dorchester Lower Mills, Daniel P. Walsh of Milton, and Brieghe W. O’Connell and her husband Jake of Milton. His role as a doting Uncle to Kitty (her husband Hisham) and Charlie Sargent, Caroline and Mary Kate O’Connell, and Clare and Eddie Sullivan brought him immense joy, spirited political debates, and hosting sports viewing parties. Mark’s life was further enriched by his big, lovable fur baby Oliver, who was a constant source of friendship and comfort after a long day of police work.

Mark’s academic and athletic prowess shone brightly during his years at the Glover, Pierce and Milton High schools, where he was a standout athlete on both the basketball and baseball teams. As a youth, Mark made a name for himself as a clutch home run hitter on his Babe Ruth baseball team that set the stage for his lifelong love of sports. He continued his education at Curry College, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice.

Prior to his death, Mark was a detective in the Boston Police Department assigned to A-1 Detectives. He joined the department in October 2005. His prior assignments as an officer included District D-4, the Youth Violence Strike Force, and District C-11. He was repeatedly cited and admired for his dedication and commitment to public safety in the city of Boston which included being a first responder to the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing from his station across from the finish line on Boylston Street.

His earlier years were marked by his role as a Boston Municipal Police Officer and his work as a page at the State House in Boston where he formed lifelong friendships. Mark’s commitment to his profession and the well-being of his city was evident in the passion and integrity with which he approached his duties.

His interests were as varied as they were engaging. A long-term Patriots

fan, Mark was a season ticket holder and traveled to several Super Bowls to cheer on his team. An avid golfer, he relished the challenge and camaraderie found on the links with his fellow officers and Milton crew. Cooking was another passion. He was known for his prowess with the barbecue grill and smoker and he delighted family and friends with his culinary creations. Summers were often spent lounging by his pool, where he enjoyed the simple pleasure of relaxation in the company of his loved ones, especially watching John and Conor reinforcing their swimming lessons in their pool as well as at both Nantasket Beach and Old Silver in North Falmouth.

Above all, Mark treasured the time spent with Chrissy, the love of his life, and his boys, whether it was supporting them in their sports endeavors, cheering Chrissy on during her Boston Marathon runs, or simply enjoying their company. His pride in his Irish heritage was a cornerstone of his identity, and he cherished the opportunity to travel to Donegal, Dublin, Argentina, Chicago, Savannah, and other destinations to “investigate” how their St. Patrick’s Day celebrations compared to South Boston.

Amongst his large and growing family Mark was a strong presence behind the scenes. He was known as a gentle giant who effortlessly slid zingers into family functions, arousing strong and spirited debates among his loving Walsh, McLaughlin, Ford, Hegarty, and Gill cousins. Mark loved holidays and being surrounded by his friends and family.

Although Mark has left us too soon, we will all cherish our time with him and thank his many friends, the amazing unwavering Boston Police community, and his team at Beth Israel Deaconess in Milton and Boston for their loving care in his final days.

Mark’s life was one of service, love, and laughter. His support for his family, his dedication to his community, and his ability to bring joy to every occasion will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to cross his path.

As we bid farewell to Mark G. Walsh, we celebrate a life lived to the fullest, a legacy of love, and a memory that will forever remain in our hearts. His spirit will continue to inspire those who knew him, and his contributions to his family, friends, and community will be remembered with admiration and gratitude. Mark’s journey through life was a testament to the power of kindness, the strength of family bonds, and the enduring impact of a life well-lived.

Please Note: Visiting hours will be held at St. Gregory Church in Dorchester on Wed., Feb. 26, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. to 7:00 pm. A Funeral Mass will be said at St. Gregory Church on Thurs., Feb. 27, at 10:00 am. Burial will follow at Milton Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mark’s memory to support John & Conor’s college education. The link is gofundme.com/f/help-mark-and-family-through-crisis.

Jutkiewicz, Alfred Jutkiewicz, and Gerard Jutkiewicz, all of Medford, Eric Jutkiewicz of Revere, and the late Donald Jutkiewicz. Sister of the late Margaret McDonald, Helen Czupailo, Robert Fulford, and Cathleen Hardiman. Mary is also survived by 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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