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A rendering of the proposed market, restaurant, and some of the condo units on top of the market and over the existing parking lot behind the restaurant.

Doyle's returns?

Proposal could bring back a reimagined version of the beloved restaurant

BY LAUREN BENNETT

In homage to JP's beloved Doyle's, which closed last October, a reimagined Doyle's Restaurant could become a reality under a new proposal. Watermark Development, along with Scales Architecture, presented a mixed-use development proposal for the Doyle's lot at 3484 Washington

St. at a community meeting on October 1. The restaurant would be operated by Brassica Kitchen and Cafe, which has a location at 3710 Washington St.

The project consists of 29 condominium units in total, as well as the restaurant space,

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Hybrid in-person learning plan put on hold at BPS

Large gatherings, parties at odds with getting kids back in school

BY SETH DANIEL

Mayor Martin Walsh and Supt. Brenda Cassellius announced on

Wednesday morning they would be putting on hold the phased-in approach to returning to school – pushing back the return of kindergartners one week – due to an increase in the percentage of positive tests citywide that seem to be coming mostly from those under 29 attending parties and large gatherings.

Walsh and Cassellius said they had set a benchmark of 4 percent positive tests to stop the phased-in plan to return to school and to re-evaluate it. By the end of last week, the percent positive was 4.1 percent – after having

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El regreso a la escuela se pospone debido a COVID

Grandes reuniones, fiestas han causado un aumento en la ciudad

BY SETH DANIEL

El Alcalde Martin Walsh y

la Superintendente Brenda Cassellius anunciaron el miércoles por la mañana que pospondrán el regreso a la escuela debido al aumento del coronavirus en toda la ciudad.

Los casos positivos están aumentando en todos los vecindari-

os, pero particularmente en Hyde Park. La comunidad latina y las personas menores de 29 años son las más afectadas.

Los estudiantes de educación especial y sin hogar continuarán

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Residents gathered on the First Baptist Church lawn on Oct. 1 to listen to guest speaker South Street Youth Center Coordinator Corey Stallings at the monthly Black Lives Matter JP vigil.

Vigil for Black Lives held at First Baptist Church

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Since December 2015, a Black Lives Matter vigil has been held monthly outside of the First Baptist Church on Centre St. The September vigil, which was held on October 1, featured Corey Stallings, Program Coordinator

at the South Street Youth Center, as a guest speaker, as well as young women from the South Street Youth Center to help recite the names of those who have died due to racial violence.

"Since George Floyd's death

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Doyle's

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a roof deck for the restaurant, and a grocery market. There will be 29 parking spaces for the restaurant and market, as well as one parking space per condo, according to Lee Goodman of Watermark Development. The project will span from the corner of Washington Street where the Doyle's building is to where Gartland Street starts, Goodman said.

The market, which is proposed to be built where a two family home currently exists at the corner of Gartland and Washington Street, will have 16

housing units above it. There will be four floors with four units on each floor.

The parking lot adjacent to the existing Doyle's Cafe building will become home to a four story building with seven units that will look more like a traditional triple decker home.

The rest of the units will be built as part of what Goodman called a "Phase Two" portion of the project, and will consist of a three story building with two units on each floor on the triangular lot at the corner of Williams and Mehan Streets.

The roof deck will be a part of the restaurant and will include a bar. Goodman also said that efforts will be made to restore the original Doyle's bar for the

restaurant. There will also be a recreation of the Kennedy Room inside the restaurant, which can seat 48 people and also have tables for dining. The "Braddock Cafe" sign on the building will be replaced with one that says "Brassica Kitchen & Cafe"

To get to the housing above the market, residents will enter off Gartland Street, which provides a separate entrance from the restaurant. The restaurant entrance will be in the back of the building.

There will be two elevators up to the roof deck, Goodman said, one for food and one for people.

Goodman said that Brassica will be paying homage to the original Doyle's restaurant, but putting their own spin on the

classic food that served generations of Bostonians and visitors alike.

A community meeting was held in the Doyle's parking lot on October 1, where dozens of residents gathered at a safe distance to hear the proposal. Goodman said that many of them reacted positively to the proposal.

Next steps include filing for a rejection letter at the city's Inspectional Services Department. Goodman also said that he heard feedback from residents who want to see additional slides in the presentation that share more information, which he said the team is working on putting together before the next meeting.

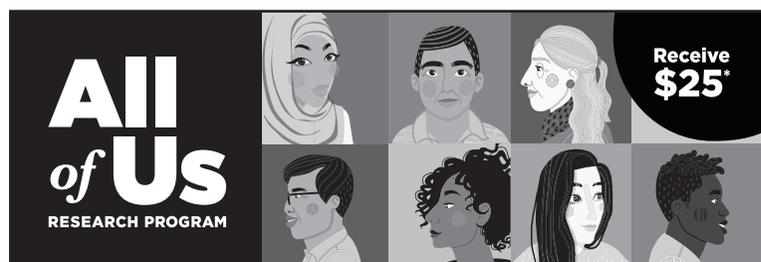
He also said that he heard feedback asking if it was possible

to add additional green space to the site, which the team is exploring as well.

Goodman also said he hopes to have another community meeting within the next few weeks.

"My hope is to have one quickly before the weather gets too cold," he told the Gazette. He said having the in-person meeting outside in the parking lot worked very well, especially with the amount of community interest in this project. There will be more opportunities for the neighborhood to hear the proposal and provide feedback as the process kicks off.

"We're excited," he said.



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recibiendo educación en persona.

"La decisión que estamos tomando hoy es la correcta y permite que nuestros estudiantes más vulnerables continúen asistiendo a la escuela", dijo Walsh, "Si es demasiado peligroso para eso, volveré a cerrar las escuelas."

Dijo Cassellius, "Estamos observando las métricas de salud pública para evaluar nuestros

planes y ajustarlos en consecuencia".

Los estudiantes comenzaron la Fase 1 completamente en línea. La Fase 2 comenzó el 1 de octubre y consistió en que los estudiantes con mayores necesidades regresaran a la escuela. La Fase 3 se ha retrasado hasta el 22 de octubre como muy pronto, e incluye el regreso de los niños del kinder.

Muchas escuelas privadas han comenzado a estudiar en persona y continúa operando de esa manera. Walsh dijo que el distrito es complejo y no se

puede comparar con una escuela privada que tiene un sólo sitio y es más fácil de asegurar.

El aumento de los casos de coronavirus en Boston se puede atribuir a los jóvenes que asisten a fiestas y grandes reuniones. El alcalde pidió a la gente que priorice la educación de los niños en lugar de tener fiestas.

"Les pido a todos que eviten fiestas y grandes reuniones de todo tipo", dijo. "De ahí provienen nuestros casos positivos. Por favor, no organice una fiesta antes de que nuestros hijos regresen a la escuela".

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been below 2 percent for most of the summer months, according to Health Chief Marty Martinez. Positive cases are increasing in every neighborhood, but particularly in Hyde Park, he said, and most of those positive citywide are under 29 and disproportionately Latino or Latina.

The pause in the school return plan does not affect the highest-needs special education and homeless students that returned to school on Oct. 1 – though they were not able to go to school Wednesday. They will continue to go to school, and the decision was largely framed around being able to keep them in school and keep them safe while the rest of the student population continues to work from home or in learning hubs outside of school buildings.

“The critics are going to criticize us and criticize me, but the decision we’re making today is the right one and that is to allow our most vulnerable students to continue to go to school. If I feel

it’s too dangerous for that, I’ll shut school down again. I’m not too shy to do that.”

Said Cassellius, “We have decided to continue prioritizing our students with high needs for in-person learning. Our hybrid approach is opt-in...We are closely watching public health metrics to see if this is a trend or a bump in the road and if we need to evaluate our plans and adjust accordingly.”

The decision was immediately backed by the Boston Teacher’s Union (BTU), which has advocated a conservative approach to returning to in-person school since early last summer. BTU President Jessica Tang said her members supported the Administration’s decision, but hoped there would have been more planning for this scenario ahead of time.

“(The) highest need students and families are our top priority right now – and we are in active dialogue with the Boston Public Schools to ensure we have the appropriate staffing in place to support those students and families, without violating the safety guidelines and agreement that

the district and city themselves previously proposed and which was jointly agreed upon,” she said in a statement. “While the safety agreements agreed to by the City of Boston, BPHC, and the BTU make in-person work optional effective (Thursday) and until the rates go below 4%, we do expect many educators will be opting to work in-person – despite the increasing risks – in order to support our highest need students while we work with stakeholders to establish a framework for safe, rational scheduling. “We are disappointed that recommendations we had previously put forward to establish a contingency plan for this scenario had not previously been adopted by BPS, despite educators putting forward many solutions to ensure we had scheduling plans in place in the event positivity rates exceed 4% as they now have,” she continued.

In the phased-in return plan, students started Phase 1 completely online. Phase 2 started on Oct. 1 and consisted of the highest needs students returning to school. Those students will continue to go to school under

the announcement, but Phase 3 – which included K0, K1 and K2 students returning on Oct. 15 – has been pushed back to Oct. 22. Even that, though will be evaluated.

The other phases for other grades and high school have not been moved back yet, but could be if numbers do not come below the 4 percent benchmark.

Walsh said the district is complex and cannot be compared to a private school that has one location and is easier to safe-guard. Many private schools have started school in-person and continue to operate that way.

“The complexity of our district compared to a private school is different,” he said. “A private school is one school and they can get protocols in that one school much easier. Our district may have a student waking up in Dorchester and their school is in Brighton and we have to bus them all the way over there. I’m glad we did the phased-in approach because it allows us the opportunity to not disrupt school. I’m hoping we can get the numbers down and then move forward with our

phased-in approach. We’re living with COVID-19.”

He said the City and the COVID-19 numbers are nowhere near the benchmark for having to shut everything down. He said there is a long way to go before that happens. In fact, he said the 4 percent benchmark for pausing the school re-opening is rather conservative, as most state and federal guidelines recommend a 5 percent positive test rate as a floor for re-evaluating plans. However, Walsh said it is in line with their cautious approach to re-opening.

Part of the reason for the uptick in positive tests has been the pattern for many in the city to attend large gatherings and large backyard parties – particularly young people. The mayor again asked people to prioritize children getting back to school ahead of going to a party, as both seem to be in direct correlation. “I’m asking everyone to avoid parties and large gatherings of all kinds,” he said. “That’s where we’re seeing our numbers come from. Please don’t put a party ahead of getting our kids back into school.”

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Early voting in Jamaica Plain to kickoff Oct. 17

BY JOHN LYNDS

Amid a global pandemic, historic racial unrest and a faltering economy voters will head to the polls on November 3 during arguably one of the most contentious U.S. Presidential elections since 1860.

Last week, Mayor Martin Walsh reminded Jamaica Plain

residents and residents across the city that voter registration deadline for the Nov. 3 election is October 24 and registered voters can begin early voting in the Presidential election later this month.

Walsh also announced that early voting in Boston will begin on Saturday, Oct. 17 and end on Friday Oct. 30.

In Jamaica Plain, the city has expanded early voting operations in the neighborhood.

“We now have 27 unique sites across the city where you can vote early and in-person, including City Hall,” said Walsh. “All of these locations, during the early voting period, are open to all registered voters in Boston. You can vote at any one of them.”

The early voting site in Jamaica Plain will be at the Margarita Muniz Academy Gymnasium at 20 Child Street.

Early voting at this site will be on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 25 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

“Every voting site will be prepared for health and safety, with social distancing, cleaning, and PPE,” said Walsh. “If you would like to vote by mail, and you haven’t submitted your ballot application yet, you can do so until October 28. You can now apply online at the Secretary of State’s website. The Election Department has started mailing out the first vote-by-mail ballots to those who requested one this week, and will continue to do so as applications are received. When you get your ballot, you should complete it, sign it, and return it with the envelope as

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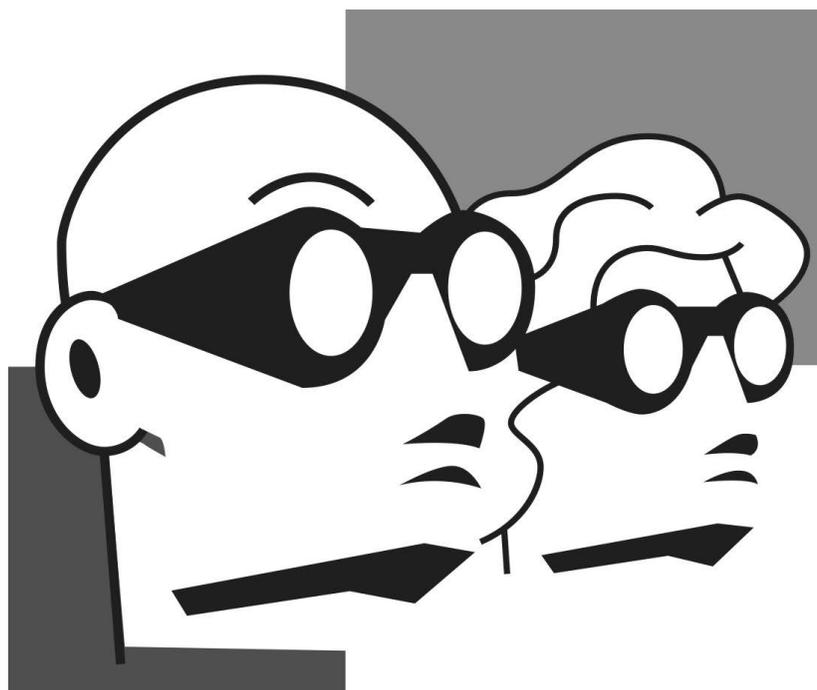
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Voters can also deposit vote-by-mail ballots at any early voting location while it is open for voting or at a Jamaica Plain

ballot dropbox.

Jamaica Plain’s is located at the Jamaica Plain Branch Library at 30 South Street.

The dropbox will be available seven days a week until 8 p.m. until election day on Nov. 3.

The elections and candidates on the Nov. 3 ballot in JP are shown in the chart above.

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Walsh is open to making outdoor dining a permanent option

BY SETH DANIEL

One of the silver linings to living with COVID-19 this year has been the expansion of outdoor dining options in Jamaica Plain, and the enthusiastic success that it has found with customers and purveyors alike.

Whether stretching out at a table on the sidewalk for dinner or getting some respite in one of the creative patios constructed by restaurateurs, the program has proven so successful that many would like to see it continue.

Count Mayor Martin Walsh as a convert.

In comments at an online meeting in the South End on Monday, Walsh said he was open to looking at making such permits granted for restaurants this summer a more permanent fixture citywide even after COVID-19.

“We’re having a conversation now about that,” he said. “I like the fact we have outdoor dining and it’s added a whole new and different dynamic to the communities. I love the idea...I hope to pick it up in the spring and have a conversation then with Licens-

ing to make it permanent.”

Outdoor dining became a necessity to keep restaurants open in the initial COVID-19 opening restrictions levied by the state in June, but the warm and pleasant summer months also made the outdoor option very popular amongst diners from the community and those that might be visiting as well. Adding in the creativity of the restaurateurs to create a fun space that was comfortable and safe, and the swim-or-sink introduction became a valuable amenity for businesses across the downtown neighborhoods.

The City just recently extended the outdoor permits that have been granted already to Dec. 1, as they were to expire on Oct. 31. They also instituted a grant program to help permitted restaurants to get heating equipment and to make seasonal accommodations to the spaces. For most restaurateurs, the winter is a scary reality that is coming very soon, when even outdoor dining likely can’t be a saving grace. The push now is to assure diners that it is safe to come inside and that COVID-19 precautions and air circulation systems create

as safe environment to come in from the cold.

However, those that can weather

the storm have also expressed the desire to make this summer’s accommodations a reality next

spring and summer too.

So far, Mayor Walsh is also on board with the idea.

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Special Section

Several schools' and kids' activities back up and running with COVID measures in place

BY LAUREN BENNETT

COVID-19 put a damper on many activities and educational opportunities for children when many of them had to close earlier this year. Heading into fall, many of Jamaica Plain's schools and extracurricular activities are back in action with some modifications to keep kids, instructors, and families safe. The Gazette spoke with a few of them to learn what is being offered and what the protocols are.

Adventures in Montessori Early Childhood Center

Located at 65 Rockwood St. in Jamaica Plain, Adventures in Montessori Early Childhood Center offers a true Montessori experience for young children in the Boston area. The school's director, Professor Theodora Koziol, told the Gazette about some of Adventures in Montessori's programming and COVID-19

protocols as it is fully reopen this fall.

"We have completely reopened, very safely," Koziol said, after being closed for four months as per state mandate.

While the school was shut down, it was offering Zoom programming for children, which Koziol said was successful.

Since the school has reopened for in person classes, staff are screened daily, and the temperatures of everyone coming into the building are evaluated. Additionally, daily staff members and children are tested each morning before entering the building, she said.

Montessori learning takes a very international approach, Koziol said. "We represent every single part of the world," she said—"not only the teachers, but also all of our children. In the Montessori style and philosophy, we respect ourselves, we respect others, and we respect the



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JP Taekwondo is holding outdoor classes on the Eliot School's lawn.

environment."

She said the school employs teachers from Spain, Portugal, Russia, Haiti, China, Italy, and Eastern Europe, among other places.

Currently, 42 children are enrolled at Adventures in Montessori, and the school serves the communities of Jamaica Plain, Brookline, Roxbury, Roslindale, Newton, and many other surrounding communities, Koziol said.

"We're very blessed in this setting because it's very bucolic," she said. The school is "surrounded by nature," and features

two playgrounds surrounded by trees, flowers, and wildlife such as turkeys, squirrels, rabbits, and more that the children like to watch.

Children learn about the changing weather patterns in New England, and have participated in planting outside.

The school has been operating for the past two and a half years, over which Koziol said many events have occurred that she hopes will return once we get back to what she calls more "conventional times."

The school held a Thanksgiv-

ing celebration where children and their families were invited to bring food from their culture to share with everyone else, and a special Grandparents Day celebration as well.

Koziol also spoke of the school's fine arts program, as well as its language instructors, who help teach the children languages like French and Mandarin, as "language is very important to Montessori schools," she said. "I'm amazed as to how rapidly the children learn another language," she said.

She also said the school offers music instruction to students as well, with socially distanced classes outside led by a teacher who plays guitar and sings. "It's wonderful to have movement and music as a continued part of the program," she said.

"You can't have an outstanding school without outstanding teachers," Koziol said, "being that flavor of Montessori philosophy and the international education right into this building."

Koziol said that this is the ninth school she has headed, and she said she "thoroughly enjoys" her role at the Adventures in Montessori. "It's most exciting because of the fact that we have come to the other side in these stressful and tumultuous times. I could never have done it without the help of a terrific staff," she said. She said that parents have

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also offered “wonderful feedback” on the school’s programming.

Having the children back in a classroom setting has its challenges, but she said that “the world has changed for them as well” and it’s important that they are learning in a safe environment.

She said that the school has a cleaner who comes every evening, even before the pandemic, and staff cleans throughout the day as well.

Tours of the school are still offered from 6:00-7:30pm, and the building is cleaned after that window in order to ensure it is sanitized and safe for students and staff the next morning.

“We would love to show our beautiful classrooms, our spacious windows, and our Montessori school to the public,” Koziol said.

For more information about Adventures in Montessori Early Childhood Center, visit <http://adventuresinmontessori.org>.

Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts

The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts is a staple in the Jamaica Plain community for providing children and adults with art lessons in many different disciplines.

The school typically provides lessons at its schoolhouse on Eliot St. as well as collaborates with the Boston Public Schools (BPS) on lessons for kids in the schools, but this year, things are looking very different.

“In a normal year, we would be teaching between 2,000 and 2,500 kids” in woodworking classes, after school programs and more, said Eliot School Executive Director Abigail Norman. “We’ve been doing that for many years. That program has really grown.”

This year, that program will continue, and art will be taught to at least 1,300 BPS students, she said.

“As partners, we’re, for the most part, not sending our teachers physically into the schools,” Norman said, due to the risk bouncing from location to loca-

tion poses for both the teachers and the students.

Instead, teachers will teach their art classes remotely, but to be able to do so, “we need to get individual art kits to kids,” Norman said. Normally, each classroom is provided with lots of crayons, markers, paper, and other supplies, but this year, those supplies will need to be packaged into kits and delivered to households.

While the partnership program itself is grant funded, Norman said that it will not cover the cost of distributing supplies in this manner, so help from the community is needed to be able to purchase supplies that can be separated into identical kits so each student receives the same supplies.

Right now, the schoolhouse remains closed, Norman said. Though she is not sure if it will be feasible, the school is looking into turning its annex classroom into a small video studio for teachers to use to do their online lessons.

“It’s very hard for people to teach at home with their own children and spouses and cramped quarters,” Norman said.

“Our other significant program is our Teen Bridge program,” Norman said, “which mentors a group of...kids who enter in eighth grade and stay through their senior year.” The first group of seniors are going to graduate this year, as it has been five years since the program started, which Norman called “really incredible.”

This program went online starting in March, and the students have been working on a project with a resident artist all summer that consists of audio interviews and a cut paper animation project that will be pieced together to create a video.

Norman praised the work of these students and said that the project was “amazing,” especially after being completed in large part virtually. She said that the project will be unveiled in early December, and a date will be announced soon.

Additionally, there are two groups of people working on research for the Eliot School, Norman said. The first is a team

of six business people who are looking at an online course option for the school “to see if it would be financially and logistically feasible for us to operate that,” and to decide what things would be taught via that method.

The other group, led by Forte Architecture + Design, is working on a research project to “see if it is feasible to reopen our schoolhouse and annex classrooms” safely and how that might be done,” Norman said.

Both groups are expected to have reports sometime in

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mid-November, she said.

Also, a survey was recently issued seeking feedback from students about how they feel about online and in-person learning, as well as “what their main concerns and interests might be as we consider those two options,” she said.

A “very generous neighbor” has also donated \$30,000 to hire a maintenance team for fall and winter to complete work that is otherwise difficult to do while the schoolhouse is open and operating. They have installed a complete dust collection system in the woodshop, which Norman said is a “huge step for us.” Addi-

tionally, soundproofing has been installed for the woodshop, classrooms are being renovated, walls are being plastered and painted, and deferred maintenance is also being taken care of. She also said that installation is complete of woodshop equipment that was gifted to the school last winter.

“When we do reopen, or classrooms and interior are going to be so nice and improved,” Norman said. “We are very, very grateful for that special donation.”

Even though the schoolhouse is closed, the yard remains open for various activities like JP Taekwondo classes and JP Centre Yoga classes as well. On Sundays at 4:00pm through the end of October, there are also free jazz concerts available. All activities require preregistration to comply with COVID guidelines, Norman

said.

For more information about the Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts, visit <https://eliotsschool.org>.

Tony Williams Dance Center

The Tony Williams Dance Center, located at 284 Amory St. #5, offers dance lessons to people of all ages in many different forms, from jazz to hip hop to ballet.

Tony Williams said that the dance center reopened in late August with a summer dance camp, and reopened for the fall semester on September 8.

“We’re trying to keep afloat,” he said, adding that enrollment is down 30 to 40 percent of what it was last year.

He said he is in negotiations with the Jamaica Plain Neigh-

borhood Development Corporation, the landlord for the space, and he hopes something can be worked out. “I just want to keep the doors open,” he said.

Though this is his business and his livelihood, “it’s not so much a personal thing. I want to keep the doors open for the community and the kids,” as they are being negatively affected by this virus.

He said that the summer dance camps were very successful, and “even though the numbers were down, it was so gratifying to see the children back in the studio.”

He said that despite the lower enrollment, “we’re doing well.” Parents are required to drop their kids off at the front door, all students have to wear masks at all times, the studio is cleaned in

between each class and surfaces are frequently wiped down.

“So far, knock on wood, we haven’t had any COVID issues at all,” Williams said.

He said that a grant from the Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation was recently received to provide scholarships for kids who are serious about dance and can’t afford to pay for classes. He said auditions will be happening in November for those scholarships, and then students will rehearse the Urban Nutcracker, but there will be no live performance this year.

“This would have been the 20th anniversary,” he said of the show. Instead, there will be a virtual gala in December where a video performance of the Urban Nutcracker will be showcase. Even though the live performance is cancelled, students are still given the opportunity to learn and dance the show.

Williams said that this fall, all classes that are typically offered are still being offered, including hip hop, tap, ballet, lyrical, and more. There are also “First Steps” classes for kids as young as three and four, and adult flamenco classes which will be starting up shortly.

“We’re not dead,” Williams said. “We’re still breathing.”

He said some Zoom classes are also being offered, which “seems to be working out.” He said that they are mostly for the ballet program and allow for a hybrid model where students come twice a week to the dance studio and remain six feet apart, and the third class of the week will be done on Zoom.

“I’m most impressed with the...kids coming and wearing masks,” Williams said. “They are diligent about wearing masks. They don’t question it, they don’t complain about it. They’re really troopers with abiding by the COVID protocols.”

For more information about the Tony Williams Dance Center, visit <http://tonywilliamsdance-center.com>.

BCYF Curtis Hall

Boston Centers for Youth and Families are currently offering limited programming and participants must pre-register. More activities and classes are expected to be added soon. For more information, visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/boston-centers-youth-families/bcyf-curtis-hall>.

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Walsh calls on neighborhood grocery stores, bodegas and corner stores to join double up food bucks program

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Mayor's Office of Food Access announced the City of Boston is looking to support and partner with more small grocery stores, bodegas or corner stores to bring affordable fresh produce to their community as part of the Boston Double Up Food Bucks program, which will expand SNAP to more stores. Additionally, through this partnership, participating stores will receive technical assistance from the City of Boston. This will include one-on-one training, monthly visits and calls, program performance report, and program coaching.

The Double Up Food Bucks program is a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) incentive program that reduces hunger and improves the access to healthy food by offering 50 percent off fresh fruits and vegetables at participating stores. SNAP customers can get a daily discount of up to \$10, and stores are then reimbursed the discount that customers receive.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has made it harder for families to put food on the table, and the City of Boston has made it our mission to ensure no one in our city goes hungry," said Mayor Walsh. "The Double Up Food Bucks program makes SNAP benefits go farther,

and helps residents get the fresh, nutritious food they need. I encourage stores to opt into this important program, and help both their businesses, and their communities."

In 2019, an additional 85 percent of SNAP transactions were reported under Double Up Food Bucks, compared to 2018. This means more families have additional money to spend on other needs, and small stores have increased demand for fresh produce. Technical assistance will be provided to all stores participating in the program. This will include updated POS systems, store improvement, marketing support, one-on-one training and more.

OBITUARIES

William Mouradian

Owner of Billy Jacks Restaurant & Bar in Hyde Park and Billy's Cowboys Football team



William Mouradian of Boston died on Sept 24.

William was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran of World War II and the late owner and proprietor of Billy Jacks Restaurant & Bar in Cleary Square, Hyde Park and late owner of Billy's Cowboys Football Team.

The son of the late Abraham and Arousaig (Cacherian) Mouradian, he was the loving husband

of the late Joan "Junie" Scordino, father of William Mouradian and his wife, Joanne of Roslindale and Jo Ann and her husband, William Welch of E. Walpole; brother of George Mouradian, Mary Garabedian and the late Solomon "Sully" Mouradian. He is also survived by five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

For further funeral details, visit Mann Rodgers Funeral Home website.

BLM

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in May, there has been of course a resurgence of interest as there has been across the country," said Penny Wells, an organizer of the event. "We hope to maintain that until there are significant changes in the culture."

Wells said that the gathering follows a similar format each month, and is a "vigil as opposed to a protest march."

Each month features a different guest speaker: "someone from the community who can talk about how their work or their special interests relate to the concerns of the Black Lives Matter movement," Wells said. Then, there is a recitation of names of people who have died from racial violence.

After that comes a 20 minute silent standout, followed by an-

nouncements and a Black Lives Matter Chant. Wells called the event "an hour, predictable, educational, and motivational."

She said that about 160 people came out to this past vigil, and around 200 came over the summer.

"It works well," she said. "It's always outdoors; there's a lot of space to spread out along Centre St. People can socially distance and everyone is wearing a mask."

She said that at the September vigil, people were spread out from JP Licks down to Pond St. on both sides. The standout gets "a lot of honking," and "some dissent," but not much, she said.

In his prepared remarks, Corey shared what it feels like to be Black in Boston, as well as called for everyone to support the Black Lives Matter movement and Black people and businesses in the City.

"I seen even as a child no matter what you do or how hard you work you will still be black and not just be black, but Black

first before anything, growing up now its smack-dab in your face.

I've worked hard, I got an education, I have devoted 18 years of my life giving back to other people and the community and still when I cross the street I still see people quickly try to lock their doors (click - click)," he wrote.

"I was able to travel around the world for work as a lead ed-

ucator with Adobe through their Adobe Youth Voices initiative, met people from all around the world and each time would come back so inspired, so ready to help the world in any way I could and as I pass woman on the street a bunch of them still clutch their purses or walk to the other side of the street to the point there are times I tried to walk as far

away to make ppl [sic] feel more comfortable."

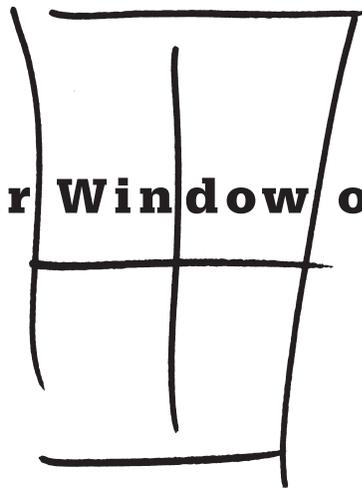
Stallings told the Gazette that he "loves JP" and called the neighborhood "very inclusive, open, and welcoming in being able to say how you feel."

The Black Lives Matter JP vigils are held the first Thursday of every month in front of the First Baptist Church.

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Walsh, Boston Fire Department participate in beam raising for new Engine 42 firehouse

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The City of Boston, along with the Boston Fire Department, celebrated a beam raising on September 25 for the new Engine 42, Rescue 2, District 9 firehouse that is expected to open in early fall of next year.

Firefighters and others looked on as construction crews lifted the final beam into place.

The \$23.5 million firehouse

will have state-of-the art facilities and a “design that has the health and safety of the firefighters as a top priority,” according to Boston Fire Commissioner John Dempsey.

The firehouse, which is located at 1870 Columbus Ave. in Roxbury, is being transformed from a one story, 10,600 square foot building to a two story one with more than 23,000 square feet of space. It will be energy efficient,

and offer separation between equipment and living space for the firefighters, as well as a “pressure positive air flow that compartmentalizes the building into sections, reducing the time that firefighters are exposed to occupational cancers,” Dempsey said at the event.

“The fire department is anxiously awaiting the opening of this building,” Dempsey said. “We look forward to our projected opening date of September of next year, or hopefully sooner.”

Retired Fire Commissioner Joe Finn expressed his thanks to the entire Boston Fire Department for their work throughout the COVID crisis, working to keep the city safe.

“The planning of this new firehouse, quite honestly, started probably about seven years ago, when I became the mayor,” Mayor Marty Walsh said. He said that Finn came to him and talked about the “poor conditions” and how occupational cancer affects firefighters in the City.

“This pandemic has shown us how important it is to invest in community health and safety,” Walsh said.

This firehouse will be the first new one built in more than 30 years in Boston. Walsh said that the investment in this firehouse “will provide positive implications on the entire city. This is a state of the art firehouse, a modern firehouse [with] best practices inside. Our firehouses are



Mayor Walsh signs the final beam to be installed on the new Engine 42 firehouse on Columbus Ave. in Roxbury, the first new firehouse in in the City in 30 years.

second homes to our firefighters.”

The firehouse will also include a training room to keep firefighters up to date on their training without having to travel far.

The station will also feature public art funded by the City’s Percent for Art program, which comes from one percent of the City’s capital borrowing for the creation of art.

“This fire station is one of many that’s going to follow that represents our commitment to

protecting firefighters’ health and safety,” Walsh said. Though construction was halted for two months in March and April, the crew are well on their way to getting the building up for next fall.

Walsh thanked all who are involved in this project, and gave a special thanks to the City’s first responders for their hard work during the COVID crisis.

“To be quite honest with you, Boston Fire Department, Boston Police Department, EMS; didn’t pick sides,” he said. “You all worked together and you’ve been able to keep the people of Boston safe and comforted in their time of need.”



Construction workers install the signed beam after it is lifted into place by a crane.

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Arlington cycle club forges partnerships to put on first-ever event in JP

BY SETH DANIEL

Things happen fast when members of the Keep It Tight (KIT) Cycle Team are pushing the pedals in races, on mountain trails or within team events, but few things in the club have come together as quickly and successfully as a new bicycle training event that will come to Jamaica Plain this month – a carefully social-distanced program that will teach a group of selected kids from in and around the neighborhood how to ride a bike.

And they may even leave with more than just this new skill too.

Art Trapotsis said KIT is a bike club made up of serious riders from Arlington, Lexington and Watertown, and they had been wanting to do some sort of event in the city to share their skills with kids who may not know how to ride a bike – as biking has been identified during COVID-19 times as a great way for kids to get good, socially-distanced exercise in the absence of school physical education classes

and school recess time.

“I’m actually blown away how quickly this came together over the last six weeks,” said Trapotsis. “We’re a bunch of pretty serious cyclists that live in a privileged community. A lot of us are racers and a lot of us like to just ride bicycles thousands of miles a year. Beyond that, there was a core group of us that wanted to see if we could make some sort of difference with bikes in a tangible way. We wanted to not just raise money, but also to participate in the event. The idea is to teach these young people all the things we take for granted.”

With an idea in hand, Trapotsis reached out to KIT member Richard Hislop, another serious cyclist who also is a minister at the Boston Church of Christ’s Arlington region. Hislop was eager to help, he said, and reached out to the church’s benevolence non-profit, called HOPE Worldwide – which stages a large fundraising walk in JP at Franklin Park every spring. He also reached out to long-time Boston

Police Officer Daryl Owens. Between HOPE Director Ken Lowey and Officer Owens, and the strong efforts of the KIT volunteers, they were able to secure English High School for the instructional event, and Owens was able to reach out to Boston Police in JP who were familiar with young people that would benefit from, and enjoy, the new program.

“We really see this as a peace-making event in a time of so much racial tension and economic disparity,” said Hislop.

However, then came the need for something to ride for each of the 17 or so kids that have been carefully chosen by Boston Police to attend (it isn’t an open public event due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions). KIT began raising money, and HOPE Worldwide also put out the call to its network. The goal was \$6,000, and within days they had \$5,000. Now, the event is completely funded. Trapotsis and Hislop said they had reached out to some other local organizations, but many weren’t sure about the vision

for the event. Landry’s Cycles, however, caught the idea and provided all of the new bikes that will be used at a discount price. It’s seemingly a very complicated effort that ended up coming together in a way where all the pieces fell together in order for KIT to be able to pass on their skills to kids in JP that may not have bike-riding experience.

“We have the supplies, and we have the funding,” said Hislop. “What’s really good is this model is sustainable. Any funding we got above our goal simply goes to next year’s event – our 2nd annual Bike for Kids Day. The event is sustainable because now we have the partnerships.”

Now, the only thing left to do is the fun part, teaching kids how to ride a bike at English High on Oct. 24. The plan is to include the local Boston Police community service officers, KIT volunteers and HOPE Worldwide volunteers – though the numbers of volunteers have been limited due to COVID-19 regulations, Trapotsis said.

They will have several stations at English, including ‘Ground Zero’ where they teach the basics to young people who have never gotten on a bike. There will also be stations for how to turn safely, how to navigate when around other bikes, and other situations one might experience when on a bicycle – things the KIT members practice daily or weekly.

Trapotsis said they are simply excited to be able to coordinate and bring the program to JP – and intend to make it a yearly event.

“This year, if we can have an impact on just one kid and help them have a great day and learn a new skill, it will mean the world to our team,” he said. “We want to do this year over year. It’s why we’re calling it the first annual event.”

The event will take place at English High on Oct. 24, but it isn’t open to the public due to the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings.



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Baker will allow Halloween; advises against indoor parties; lets communities make their own decisions

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Governor Charlie Baker held a press conference from Salem on October 6, where he discussed Plans for Halloween in Massachusetts.

Baker said that Halloween will still be allowed to happen this year, but he urged residents to participate in activities with caution.

He said that “the reason we’re not cancelling Halloween is because that would have turned into thousands of indoor Halloween parties, which would have

been a heck of a lot worse for public safety and for the spread of the virus than outdoor, organized, and supervised trick or treating.”

Baker said that “we will be putting out tips and advice with respect to Halloween.” He continued, “You won’t see us put out what I would refer to as rules or mandates.”

He said that “we do want local communities, in this particular case, given how different many of our communities are across the Commonwealth, the opportunity to make their own call with

respect to how they want to see Halloween operate.”

When it comes to trick or treating, the governor said that the “best way to treat Halloween is to trick or treat safely,” in small groups, and avoid crowds.

“Wear a mask,” he said, “and not just a mask of Superman or Wonder Woman, like a real mask.” He also advised homes who would like to give out treats to do so using a cookie sheet with “some sort of little candy bag or wrapped candy itself.”

For those who want to hand out candy, he said they should

wear a mask, keep interactions with people “very short,” and to wear gloves. He also advised parents to check their kids’ candy before eating, as always.

Baker strongly advised against indoor gatherings and parties, calling them “a really bad idea.”

He said that “people ought not to have indoor gatherings with their friends and neighbors,” and “the best thing you can do if you want to celebrate halloween is find a way to get outside and just be careful and cautious, wear a face covering, keep your distance,

and take advantage of all the guidance that’s been out there previously about the best way to avoid further infection.”

Baker said that with the guidance from the state, local communities can make their own decisions regarding Halloween.

“I think our view on this is there are some very simple things that people can do to manage their kids and themselves with respect to halloween, outdoors, that most people would agree is a heck of a lot safer than what they might choose to do as an alternative,” he said.

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COVID-19 UPDATE FOR JP

City of Boston enters 'red' category on state map

By JOHN LYNDIS

Jamaica Plain saw a 3.3 percent increase in the COVID-19 infection rate since Sept. 18 but is still below the citywide average.

According to Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) data released last Friday, Jamaica Plain's infection rate went from 204.8 cases per 10,000 residents to 211.7 cases per 10,000 residents. However, Jamaica Plain remains several points under the citywide infection rate average which is now at 244 cases per 10,000 residents.

Twenty-eight more Jamaica Plain residents became infected with COVID-19 in the past two weeks and the number of total cases here went from 827 cases

two weeks ago to 855 cases last week.

Of the 14,807 Jamaica Plain residents tested 4.5 percent were found to be COVID positive, up from the 2.6 percent reported on Sept. 18, this is a 73 percent increase in those testing positive for the virus in the neighborhood. Since testing began in the neighborhood 4.8 percent of Jamaica Plain residents have been found to be COVID positive.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus rose by 0.3 percent last week from 17,649 cases to

17,774 confirmed cases. So far 14,98 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus and the total number of fatalities in the city remained at 764.

During his daily press briefing on the virus last Friday, Walsh said Boston had entered the "red" category on the state map on Wednesday, September 30.

"That means Boston is seeing eight or more daily cases per 100,000 population," said Walsh. He said this move was expected, but to note that this map is based on one metric--raw number of cases per day.

"We're also looking at the positive test rate and the hospital data and trends over time," he said. "Everyone must focus on what we can do to keep the

activity down, and that is part of living with the virus. While the City is bringing resources and information to where it's needed, we also need everyone's help. That especially includes our young adults, among whom we continue to see the most cases. If you have to go to work, or if you're running a business, the City has resources and information that can help you stay safe."

He said that every single person, in every neighborhood, must continue to follow the guidelines the City has laid out, because they've been proven to work."

Those include wearing a mask; washing your hands; keeping six feet of distance as much as possible, and having your mask on if you're unsure if you're keeping that distance; and following all the guidelines for your industry, or your college or workplace.

The Mayor also urged people to not go to gatherings, especially not to house parties or cookouts where people are mingling. "This is where we are seeing most of the transmission right now," said Walsh. "We must all make smart choices to protect our health, our family's health, and the health of our commu-

nity." Then on Wednesday, Mayor Walsh invited Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez to share the latest COVID-19 data in Boston during a press conference.

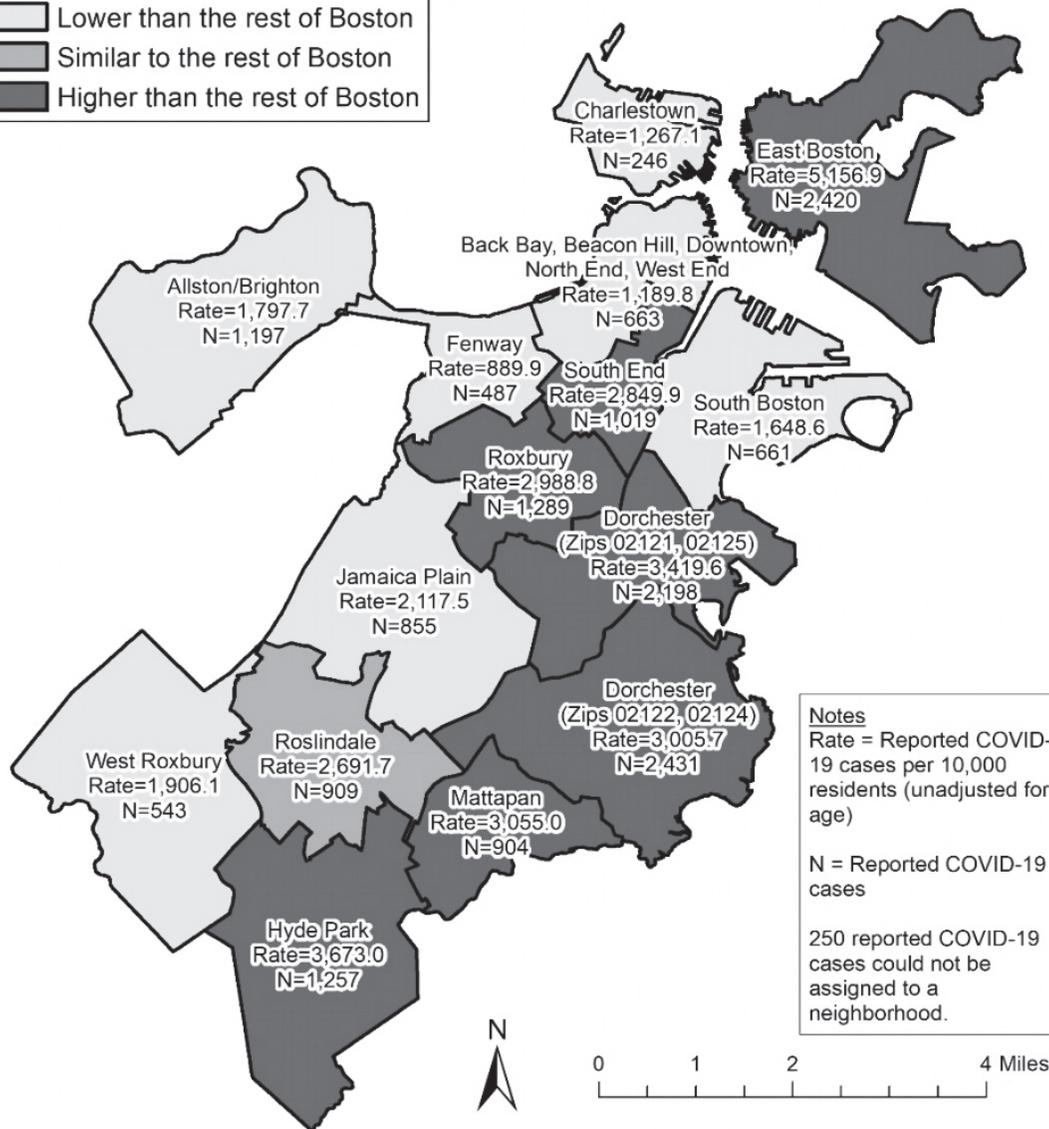
Chief Martinez said that since the beginning of the pandemic, the Administration has been committed to sharing data with residents in a timely and transparent manner, including at both boston.gov/coronavirus and bphc.org.

"The average number of positive tests increased over the previous week, from 65.6 to 73.0 per day, and the average positive test rate was 4.1%, up from 3.6%," said Martinez. "We continue to respond to this activity with testing resources, with outreach in multiple languages, and with door-to-door and business-to-business outreach in communities seeing the biggest increases. This is the first time since early June that the citywide positive test rate has surpassed 4%, our threshold for reassessing where we stand with reopening. The Administration has been consulting with our experts at the Boston Public Health Commission and at the state about what kind of guidance this data calls for."

COVID-19 rate (unadjusted for age)

- Lower than the rest of Boston
- Similar to the rest of Boston
- Higher than the rest of Boston

Boston
Rate = 2,550.6 reported cases per 100,000 residents
N = 17,329 reported cases



Notes
Rate = Reported COVID-19 cases per 10,000 residents (unadjusted for age)
N = Reported COVID-19 cases

250 reported COVID-19 cases could not be assigned to a neighborhood.

Data source: Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Surveillance System (Jan. 1, 2020, to Sep. 14, 2020, 8:55 AM); Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (Jan. 1, 2020, to Oct. 1, 2020, 10:01 AM); U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 5-yr estimates (2014-2018)

Data analysis: Boston Public Health Commission, Research and Evaluation Office

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ZBA refers 73 Sheridan St. petition to law department

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The proposed project at 73 Sheridan St., which consists of eight residential condominiums, split into two three family buildings and one two family dwelling building, has been a point of contention for years for some of the project's abutters, who came before the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) on October 6 to petition the permit issued by the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) in June.

The project, which is proposed by Watermark Development, calls for those three buildings to share party walls, and 10 off

street parking spots will be provided on the lot. The existing building on the lot will be demolished.

Several abutters to the project, are seeking "a determination that the Inspectional Services Department erred in issuing the permit..." for this project, according to the ZBA. "The permit was issued as an allowed use," and the developer has stated that the proposed project can be built as of right.

Attorney Brian Wells, who represented six abutters, said at the hearing that he and the abutters were "asking you to invalidate the permit." He said

that the issued permit was "in violation of multiple provisions... I'm not sure how it got through," he said. He read a passage from the Article 55 of the zoning code: "...it states that any structure or combination of structures, including townhouses or rowhouses or however you put them together, the limit is three dwelling houses..."

Attorney Don Wiest, who represented Watermark Development, said that "there is no limit in the zoning code about how many dwellings can be placed on a lot."

He also cited the zoning code, saying that in a 3F subdistrict,

which is where this property is located, the maximum number of dwelling units per building is three, but reiterated that there is no limit on buildings per lot.

He said that all other requirements, such as height, parking, and distance from lot lines, are met, as asked by ZBA chair Christine Araujo.

Marc Joseph, a Plans Examiner for the ISD, explained that each townhouse is one building, and "each one can have three units based on the size of the lot." He also said that townhouses and rowhouses are allowed in this particular subdistrict, and "in each building, the require-

ments have been met."

Wells responded by reading back from the zoning code again. He said that in a 3F subdistrict, the maximum number of dwelling units in any combination, which includes townhouses or rowhouses, "shall be three."

ZBA chair Christine Araujo requested that all parties provide information in writing to the Board of Appeal office no later than October 16, and the ZBA voted to refer this matter to the city's law department for a decision.

"This is purely a technical discussion, and we need a technical analysis," Araujo said.

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National Grid releases details for Net Zero Plan for 2050

STAFF REPORT

National Grid released its Net Zero by 2050 Plan, aimed at achieving net zero by 2050, including emissions from the sale of electricity and gas to customers. The plan builds on a recently announced Responsible Business Charter which laid out the Company's commitments to the environment, em-

ployees, customers, and communities.

"Our Net Zero by 2050 Plan outlines our approach to exploring a wide range of solutions until we can deliver the affordable, reliable clean energy future our customers want and deserve – no later than 2050," said Badar Khan, President, National Grid US. "We don't have all the answers yet, and the path to both increase renewable energy and

decarbonize heat will be challenging. We believe our electric and gas networks have a vital role in helping achieve net zero emissions and our announcement today is the beginning of a transformative journey of our business."

The Company's Net Zero by 2050 Plan identifies 10 key areas of focus:

- Reducing demand through energy efficiency and demand

response;

- Decarbonizing the gas network through use of renewable natural gas and hydrogen;
- Reducing methane emissions from our own gas network while working with the industry to reduce emissions through the entire value chain;
- Integrating innovative technologies to decarbonize heat;
- Interconnecting large scale renewables with a 21st century

grid;

- Enabling and optimizing distributed generation;
- Utilizing storage;
- Eliminating SF6 emissions;
- Advancing clean transportation;
- Investing in large scale carbon management.

Learn more about the National Grid US Net Zero by 2050 Plan: <https://www.national-gridus.com/responsible-business-commitments>

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU20P1773GD In the matter of: David G. Shedlack RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person Of: Jamaica Plain, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Middlesex Sheriff's Office of Medford, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that David G. Shedlack is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The

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A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU20P1585GD In the matter of: Dorothy A. Golbranson RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person Of: Boston, MA To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Brigham & W Faulkner Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Dorothy A. Golbranson is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is 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 10/09/2020. 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. Date: September 10, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU20P1759EA Estate of: Louis M. Sandman Date of Death: 12/12/2019 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Michael Sandman of Brookline, 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: Michael Sandman of Brookline, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/05/2020. 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

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Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE Docket No. SU20P1685EA Estate of: DOUGLAS WILLIAM FLOWER Date of Death: 07/28/2020 To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner NOLLY E CORLEY OF BOSTON MA A Will has been admitted to informal probate NOLLY E CORLEY OF BOSTON MA Has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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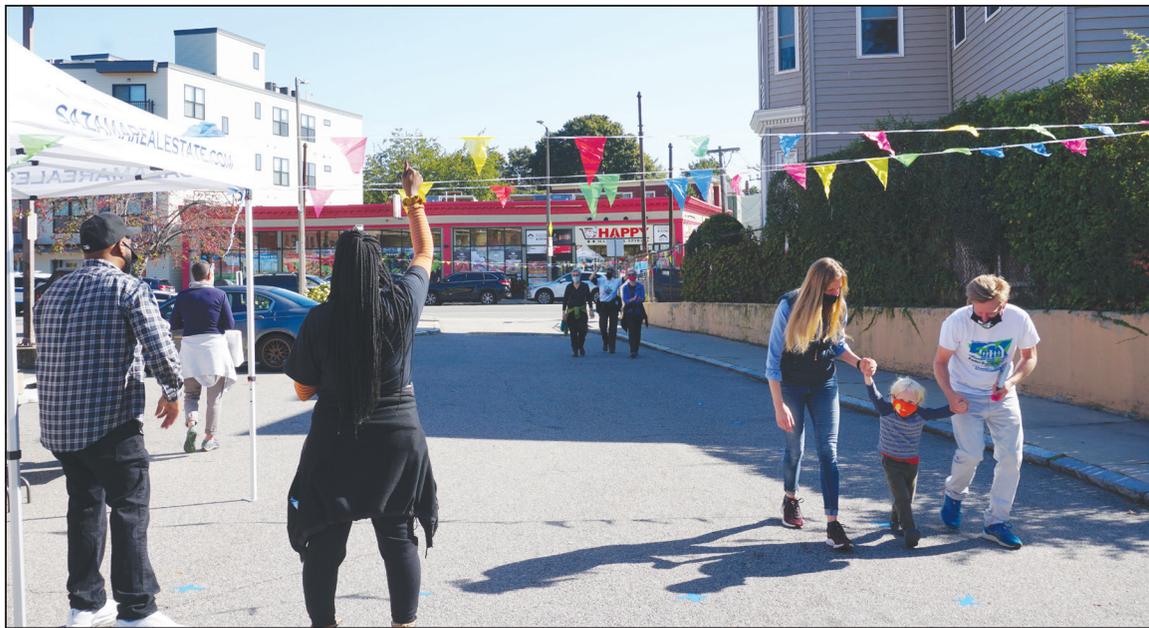
South Street Youth Center holds socially distanced 5K

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The South Street Youth Center held its third annual Family Fun Run Run on October 3, though this year it was a socially distanced “Family Mindfulness 5K Walk,” South Street Youth Center’s Program Coordinator Corey Stallings said.

located at 17 St. Rose St. Rear, has a mission of providing “a safe, educational, and engaging space during out-of-school time for young residents of the South Street Development,” according to its website. Stallings said that there are about 65 young people who are involved with the organization.

South Street Youth Center, Stallings said that South



JP residents safely gathered in front of 125 South Street to start their time in this year’s Family Mindfulness 5K Walk, led by South Street Youth Center.

Street Youth Center has “been doing a lot of work with the Olmsted 2022 foundation,” he said, and “trying to preserve the land over there,” referring to Hellenic Hill, where condos were proposed to be built.

“It is a phenomenal event,” Stallings said of the run/walk. South Street Youth Center partnered with other organizations, and had more than 100 runners for the first two years.

This year, due to COVID-19, things looked a little different than usual.

“I was so scared because we were trying to pull something

off during a pandemic,” Stallings said. “How can we do it safely? Who’s going to show up?”

He said that 85 participants came this summer, and the organization “made sure every single group was completely distant,” he said. Everyone wore masks, and masks were also distributed for free by South Street Youth Center.

“I was nervous about it,” he said, “but we pulled it off.”

He also said that the Boston Housing Authority “came through and really helped us to get it going in terms of money and support.”

Stallings also thanked neighbors for their generous support to the organization over the years and especially this year. He said that more than \$21,000 has been raised so far.

“Because of COVID, people aren’t really donating anymore,” he said. “We had to be creative to do something safely to try to raise money. We don’t get state or federal funding.”

With those restrictions, any money for the organization has to be raised themselves or donated from generous community members and businesses.

“It takes neighbors like that and companies that want to try to give back so we can flourish another 25 years,” he said.

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by Sarah Carroll



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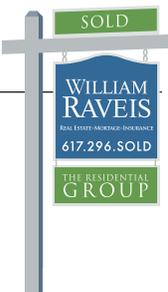


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EDITORIAL

Make the most of the long weekend

The arrival of Columbus Day means that the fall season squarely is upon us, the time of year that has special meaning for all of us in New England, even amidst a pandemic.

With the weatherman forecasting a beautiful weekend with warm temperatures and sunny skies, we hope that as many of our readers as possible will be able to partake of the simple pleasures of a hike in the woods or a long drive to enjoy the crisp, clean air and the autumn colors.

We realize that for each and every one of our fellow Americans, this is a time of high anxiety on so many levels, and that we have been living this way for the past seven months -- with more to come.

But each of us must find a way to deal with the stressful times in which we find ourselves. From our experience, enjoying the great outdoors with our friends and family is the best prescription for de-stressing in any situation.

We urge all of our readers to make the most of the long weekend while we have the chance to do so before the colder weather of winter sets in.

Take a long walk, preferably a hike, whether along the shore, or in the mountains, or even as nearby as the Blue Hills. We promise that just being outside and taking in the natural world in the crisp air, away from the noise of our daily lives, will do wonders for our emotional and physical well-being.

TWTWTW x 100

In the 1960s there was a TV show, That Was The Week That Was (also known as TW3), that took a satirical look at that week's news events.

However, this past week's events have moved from the realm of farce to dangerousness, both on an individual and collective level, for all Americans.

We are speaking of two comments made by President Trump in the past seven days.

The first occurred in the presidential debate when Trump squarely was asked if he would denounce white supremacist groups.

Trump did not do so, and instead told these far-right, extremist, hate groups to "Stand back and stand by," a virtual clarion call for them to sow disruption before and after the election.

The second took place a few days later when Trump was about to be released from the hospital after his treatment for the coronavirus and he made this incredible statement via Twitter:

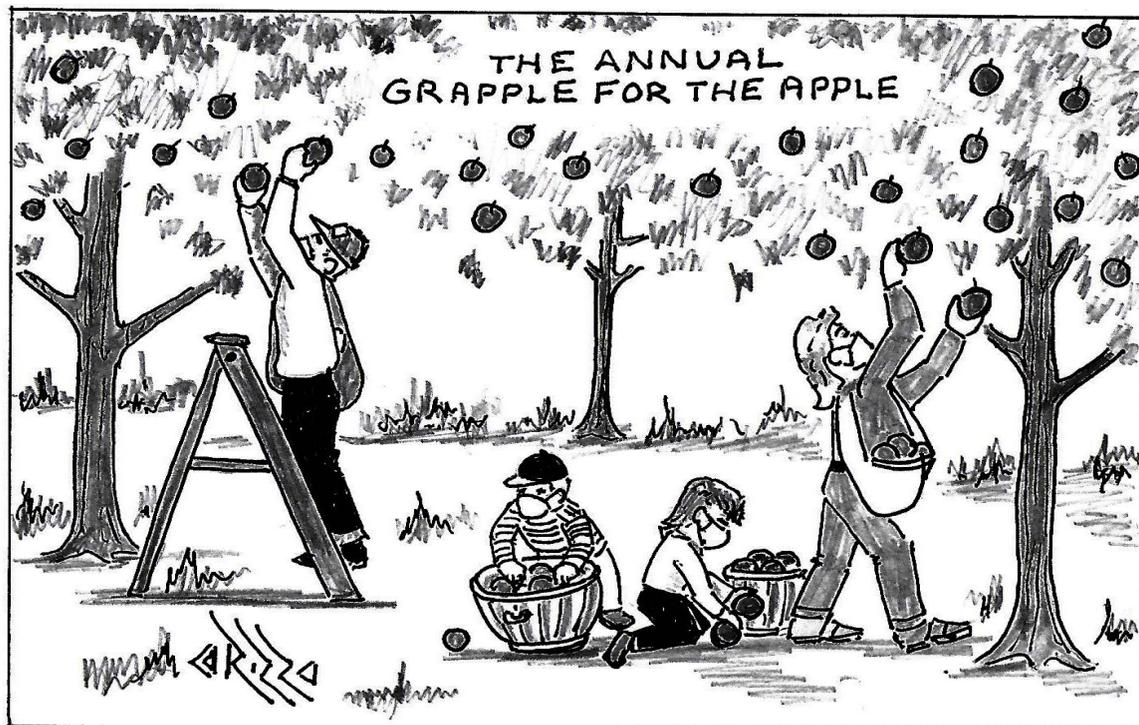
"Don't be afraid of covid. Don't let it dominate your life" -- thereby completely ignoring the 210,000 Americans who already have lost their lives because of COVID-19 (with another 200,000 deaths predicted by the end of this year), not to mention the large number of the White House staff who have contracted the disease.

In light of Trump's comments, we urge our readers to do two things:

First and foremost, always wear a mask and stay at least six feet apart from other people, even outdoors, to ensure the safety of yourself and others from COVID-19.

Second, be sure to register to vote. The deadline in Massachusetts is October 24 and is easily doable on-line (just type "Register to vote in Mass." into Google).

Each of us has the power to change the trajectory of America's future.



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GUEST OP-ED

Something needs to be done about evictions

BY SHANE FOWLER

Hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts residents are at risk of displacement and homelessness if evictions are allowed to continue unabated without any protections from the legislature. Massachusetts has deployed various strategies to mitigate the harms from the COVID-19 pandemic, but its most effective strategy, a statewide moratorium on housing evictions, is set to expire on October 17. Last week, Governor Charlie Baker announced his unwillingness to extend the moratorium; in doing so, the Governor removed the crutch keeping the system upright. With evictions set to resume, the housing crisis that loomed over the state is now here. The next great public health crisis has arrived, and Massachusetts is unprepared.

Recent predictions suggest that 21 percent of renter-households in Massachusetts, representing close to half a million people, could be at risk of eviction by the end of the year. Employment disruptions and lost income due to the pandemic have stymied renters' ability to keep up on payments. According to tabulations of the Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey, 15 percent of Massachusetts renters, representing 348,000 people in 151,000 households, were behind on rent. Notably, due to persistent housing dis-

crimination, Black and Latinx households are disproportionately affected.

An avalanche of evictions will overwhelm our legal system. The Boston Bar Association reported in 2019 that tenants are unrepresented in 91.3 percent of eviction cases. Anecdotally, at the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, the second largest legal aid provider in Boston, we only have the capacity for about 60 individual housing cases at once. As a result, the bulk of tenants facing eviction will be forced to represent themselves. The inequities of this arrangement become blindly apparent when pro-se defendants are forced to litigate against institutional landlord lawyers.

Further, housing courts will be expected to juggle an unprecedented amount of cases in unprecedented circumstances after the moratorium expires. Considering valid safety concerns, housing courts will need to rely on virtual hearings and trials at the expense of low-income tenants that may not have the requisite technology. The issues highlighted raise due process concerns, a core principle of our legal system, and likely will lead to miscarriages of housing justice.

Housing is a human right, but when we tolerate anything less there are societal consequences. Housing instability increases public costs. For example, a 2018

study found that unstable housing among families with children will cost the U.S. \$111 billion in avoidable health and education expenditures over the next 10 years. Housing instability is deeply intertwined with many social, economic, and health issues. It negatively affects an individual's ability to maintain a job, acquire a quality education, or routinely secure food. Housing instability leads to overcrowding and homelessness.

Overcrowded housing is closely-related to elevated COVID-19 rates in communities. Homelessness is not only a moral tragedy, but also impacts the availability of healthcare resources, magnifies a community's reliance on police, and harms business and tourist attractions, particularly downtown. If we do nothing in this moment, we negligently contribute to our country's housing injustice.

For all these reasons, the Commonwealth needs to pass the Housing Stability Act. The Housing Stability Act -- Bill H.4874 - offers a systemic solution to prevent the ensuing flood of evictions. The Act guarantees housing stability during the COVID-19 crisis by banning evictions due to nonpayment of rent for any tenant unable to pay directly or indirectly because of the COVID-19 crisis. The eviction ban covers rent due at the

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JPA approves basement work at 66 Pershing Road, \$1000 donation to 'Tools for Schools' program

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) met virtually on October 5, where they again heard a zoning matter at 66 Pershing Road, as well as voted on donating money to Rep. Nika Elugardo's Tools for Schools program, which provides headphones for students learning at home.

66 PERSHING ROAD

The JPA previously heard a proposal for 66 Pershing Road in August, where architect Carol Marsh presented a proposal to demolish the existing garage and build a new one that is attached to the house with a mudroom, finish the living area in the basement, and extend the existing dormers to create more space on the third floor.

Abutter Nick Balasalle and his wife expressed some concerns with the proposal in August, saying that he felt that the new garage will be too close to his property line, and that the proposed dormers would block views

from his windows.

This month, Marsh came before the JPA with a proposal just for the basement work. She said the garage/mudroom and third floor portions of the proposal are off the table as they "need time to figure out what makes sense."

She said that the basement space will offer more living space for the family, which includes young children. The mechanical units will be kept where they currently are.

She said that the homeowners are not considering renting out this new space; it will be used for them personally. The zoning relief required for the basement work would be for the Floor Area Ratio, which is going from .4 (which is what is allowed) to .5. Marsh added that the stair from the deck would also be relocated.

"We've never objected to the basement work and the only really new thing to the basement to us is the reconfiguration of the stairs," Balasalle said. He did, however, say he had concerns about the False Cypress trees

that are on his property and "approaching 90 to 100 years old." He said that he is worried about construction equipment and supplies being placed in the backyard near his property line and damaging the trees, so he said he would like to know how the construction would be managed.

Marsh said that neither she nor the family want to see those trees damaged either, so it "would be our intention to put into the construction documents that they hold back from the fence [or] property line some designated amount," she said. She added that there is less concern with this project because most of the work is confined to the house itself.

The JPA voted not to oppose the basement work.

JP BAPA UPDATE

JPA member Michael Reiskind, who is also a member of the Jamaica Plain Business and Professional Association (BAPA), gave an update about what the organization had discussed at its most recent meeting. He talked

about four new businesses that have opened or are expected to open soon in the neighborhood, including Cada Dia Nutrition, a smoothie and tea cafe on Burroughs St., as well as a new consignment shop called DVSTY at 713 Centre St.

He said the group also discussed how restaurants can be kept open during colder weather, and talked about the pros and cons of electric versus propane heaters.

Also a topic of discussion was how to handle Halloween during a pandemic.

"The best idea we've come up with is to have kids get into their costumes early," Reiskind said, and have their parents take their pictures, which will be made into a slideshow that will be projected onto the JP Licks building at night using the new projector.

He said that the City is encouraging parades, but Centre St. usually sees 1000 families on Halloween night, he said, so

even having 300 families spread apart would be hard to manage.

There was a suggestion to close down Centre St., but there is no alternative route for the 39 bus, so that is probably not a viable option.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS

The JPA voted to approve a \$1000 donation to Rep. Nika Elugardo's Tools for Schools program, in which she is raising money to buy school supplies, especially noise cancelling headphones, for students who are learning remotely.

The program has a focus on Mission Hill, and will provide headphones for students, as remote learning can present many distractions to students, whether it be siblings also learning remotely or younger siblings playing in the house. These headphones will make it easier for students to concentrate on their work in a home setting.

Police make drug bust in JP

BY JOHN LYNDS

Last month Jamaica Plain officers assigned to District E-13 arrested a Boston man for drug dealing near a school that has been plagued by addicts shooting up drugs on school grounds and a shooting last year that killed two men.

The incident occurred on Saturday Sept. 19 when District E-13's Drug Control Unit arrested Wayne Clark, 63, of Boston, on drug related charges following an investigation in the area of the Nativity Preparatory School located at 39 Lamartine Street in Jamaica Plain.

The officers were conducting surveillance in the area due to numerous recent community complaints regarding illegal drug activity, including ongoing recoveries of numerous uncapped hypodermic needles in the school parking lot and playground.

Officers approached and stopped the suspect after observing a street level drug transaction at which time they recovered a total of 47 plastic bags containing 13.1 grams of crack cocaine as well as 10 grams of fentanyl and \$235.00 in U.S. Currency.

The suspect was placed in

custody on scene without incident and will appear in Roxbury District Court on numerous charges including Distribution of Class A Drugs (2nd and Subsequent), Possession with Intent to Distribute Class B Drugs (2nd and Subsequent) and Trafficking Class A Drugs.

This arrest comes as we, as a community, begin to turn our attention towards phased re-openings of our classrooms across the city with a focus on the safety of our students, staff members, school facilities and schoolyards.

The school's president Brian Maher recently told Boston 25 News the school has been largely vacant since March, which he believes resulted in people congregating on the grounds.

Maher said he and his staff regularly patrol the grounds to look for discarded needles after students returned for in-person learning on September 10th.

"It continues to be our goal to protect the City's most vulnerable while balancing public safety and quality of life concerns for those who live and work in this area. The opioid epidemic did not go away during the COVID-19 pandemic," said city officials in a statement. "The public health



Boston Police confiscated 47 plastic bags containing 13.1 grams of crack cocaine as well as 10 grams of fentanyl and \$235.00 in U.S. Currency.

emergency presented new challenges and exacerbated existing inequities. While we continue our work to stop the spread of COVID-19, we also continue to provide supportive services for individuals struggling with substance use disorder."

There are 14 needle kiosks throughout the city where people can safely dispose of used needles.

Last June there was a double fatal shooting at the intersection of Bolster and Mozart Streets between the Nativity Preparatory School and the JFK Elementary School. The two schools are less than a 4 min walk from each other.

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350 Mass holds standout on Jamaicaway, calling for strong climate bill

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Recently, climate organization 350 Massachusetts for a Better Future, better known as 350 Mass, has been holding several standouts across the state using the format of old Burma-Shave advertisements, which consisted of signs along highways that created rhyming statements.

350 Mass is, according to its website, “a powerful statewide social movement to confront the climate crisis, hold our politicians accountable and undermine the destructive influence of the fossil fuel industry.”

The name is derived from 530 parts per million, which is the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere that has been determined to be safe, the website

states.

The Gazette spoke with Julie Taberman and David Klafter of 350 Mass to learn more about the recent standouts, particularly one on the Jamaicaway that took place on September 25.

“The fact that there’s an emerging crisis around climate change is becoming increasingly clear,” Klafter said. “I think the science is clear—it’s only going to get worse unless we do stuff about it.”

Taberman added that as a grandparent, she has “skin in the game” with her children and grandchildren. She said that she has realized “how small the window is to act on this really quickly.”

These recent standouts are in response to the current Mas-



Members of 350 Mass hold the signs they made for the standout. Read from right to left to get the message the group intended.

sachusetts legislature’s climate bill.

“This fall is a crunch time,” Taberman said. “We don’t want a watered down bill.”

350 Mass operates as a “series of nodes” across the state, which act as different chapters of the organization and “get legislators to move in the direction of where we want to move in,” she said. “It’s a very public way to put pressure on legislators.”

Klafter said these standouts have been a good way to get people out of the house to advocate for these issues.

“We, like everyone, have been a bit frustrated by being homebound; not getting out as much,” he said. “Normally we would do more actively meeting people, talking, but we can’t do that not in the same way. People can get out and show themselves and be visible.”

Altogether, Taberman said there were eight signs with “little pithy statements on them” that call for the legislature to pass a “strong climate bill.” Klafter added that this includes deeming the proposed Green New Deal “essential as a demand.”

Taberman said that “we want-

ed something that would get people’s attention as they drove by. Visuals make it more impactful.” She said that at the Jamaicaway standout on the evening of September 25, there was “quite a bit of horn honking, waving, thumbs up. People really resonated with it.”

The eight signs read “Situation Dire, House on Fire, Must Move Faster, Stop the Disaster, Climate Action Now, 350 Mass, Call Your State Rep., and Strong Climate Bill 2020.”

Klafter said that “hopefully it will generate some phone calls to the legislature,” especially with the upcoming election.

“We as a nonprofit are not endorsing people,” he said, but “we do want people to think about climate as they make their decisions.”

Klafter also said that connections between different issues and groups is very important for 350 Mass.

“As an organization, we always want to make connections,” whether it be Black Lives Matter or economic justice for all. “As a group, we do try to work with groups that are concerned about all the issues.”

Aside from the Jamaicaway, 250 Mass has held these standouts on the North Shore, as well as in Frammingham, Lowell, Franklin, Watertown, Cambridge, and others.

“We are going to continue to do them,” Klafter said, suggesting another one along the Jamaicaway or in Allston-Brighton or Brookline.

“Anywhere where we can stand where there’s traffic slowed down enough that people can get a look at the signs” would be a good place, he said.

“We’re eager for them to not back off the environmental justice components of the bill,” he said, referring to the legislators. He said that the group would like to see from the legislature “a strong commitment to pushing forward with renewable energy in various forms,” including offshore wind and solar.

Both Klafter and Taberman agreed that 350 Mass’ approach is that climate issues are a “holistic problem,” as Klafter put it.

For more information about 350 Mass and its work, visit <https://350mass.betterfuture-project.org>.

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start of the COVID-19 state of emergency through 12 months after the state of emergency has ended. The Act also protects homeowners and small landlords by banning foreclosures due to missed mortgage payments throughout the same period.

Finally, the Act establishes an Oversight and Advisory Board of members from the hardest hit communities to make recommendations on how the COVID-19 Housing Stability and Recovery fund is administered.

The positive effects of the Housing Stability Act are obvious: more protections for tenants and homeowners; less homelessness for adults and children; finally, less pain and despair in the Commonwealth. The novel

coronavirus has upended our way of life. But we should not let it uproot folks from their homes. To stop the imminent housing crisis, please act by calling your legislator in the Massachusetts State House and urge them to vote yes for Bill H.4878.

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