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## KIT FOR KIDS

PHOTO BY SETH DANIEL

Imani Rhudd learns how to get on a bicycle from a member of the KIT Cycle Team during the first annual KIT for Kids Bicycle event at English High School track on Saturday, Oct. 24. The event was a collaboration between KIT, based in Arlington, the Boston Police and HOPEWorldwide. KIT members had wanted to be able to share their skills with young people in Boston about how to safely and correctly ride bicycles, especially in a time when many kids aren't getting enough physical exercise and activities like basketball are deemed too risky. The event was a success, organizers said, and they will try to replicate it next year as well. All 14 participants were treated to a brand new, high-quality bicycle to take home at the end of the day. See Pages 10 and 11 for story and more photos.



## First community meeting held for Egleston Square Branch renovation

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The first public meeting regarding renovation of the Egleston Square branch of the Boston Public Library (BPL) was held on October 29, where the public was invited to listen to the project proponents and make comments or ask questions about the future of the library.

BPL President David Leonard said that this meeting is the first in a series of meetings about the Egleston Square branch, and that renovations to this branch have "long been advocated for by members of the community."

Leonard said that there has been a "very robust investment in our branch system and the system as a whole" over the past seven to 10 years, and thanked Marty Walsh's investment in the library system "at unprecedented

levels."

With many BPL branches currently under construction or recently renovated, including the Jamaica Plain and Roxbury branches, the Egleston Square branch is due for some updates.

Leonard said that a library renovation begins with a programming study, followed by design, and then construction.

"The programming study looks at the conditions of the branch, the desires and needs of the community, and the expertise of library staff," he said.

For this branch, the BPL and the project team are considering two options: a renovation of just the library itself, or a renovation of the library plus the addition of affordable housing to create a mixed use building.

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## Local elected officials weigh in on presidential election, ballot questions

BY LAUREN BENNETT

As the country awaits the outcome of the presidential race, many of the city and state's elected officials have spoken out in support of the democratic process, saying it's important that every vote is counted.

As of election night, the City reported that nearly 83 percent of Boston voters voted for Joe Biden, while 15.64% voted for Donald Trump. Mayor Marty Walsh said on Wednesday that the turnout in Boston was 63.51 percent, slightly down from the 66.75 percent turnout in 2016. It was also reported that al-

most 75 percent of Bostonians voted "YES" on Question 1, which expands access to motor vehicle mechanical data, and that nearly 62 percent of voters voted "YES" on Question 2, which would create ranked-choice voting in the state of Massachusetts. Statewide, voters voted "YES" on Question 1, but "NO" on Question 2, much to the dismay of supporters of ranked choice voting, including City Councilor Matt O'Malley.

"The next days and weeks will be stressful, but I'm confident that Vice President Biden will

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## Reunión pública de la biblioteca Egleston

BY LAUREN BENNETT

La Biblioteca Pública de Boston (BPL) presentó una reunión pública el 29 oct. con respecto a la renovación de la biblioteca Egleston.

El presidente de BPL, David Leonard, dijo que la reunión es la primera de una serie de reuniones sobre la biblioteca local,

y que las renovaciones "han sido deseadas durante mucho tiempo por los miembros de la comunidad".

Leonard agradeció al alcalde Marty Walsh por una "inversión muy sólida en nuestro sistema de bibliotecas" durante los últimos 10 años.

La renovación comenzaría con un estudio de un año para anal-

izar las condiciones de la biblioteca, los deseos y necesidades de la comunidad y la experiencia del personal.

La ubicación de la biblioteca seguirá siendo la misma, cerca del transporte público en Columbus Ave. El edificio de la década de 1950 está en buenas

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# JPNC hears updates from committees, including several zoning matters

BY LAUREN BENNETT

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) met virtually on October 27, where they heard updates from the committees.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

Public Service Committee chair Michael Reiskind reported that the committee had discussed efforts between the Longfellow Area Neighborhood Association (LANA) and the Roslindale Wetlands Task Force to get the city to purchase 104-108 Walter Street and add it to the protected wetland area as well as build affordable homes on the parcel.

Louise Johnson said that “LANA has been very active” about this since the parcel became available. She said that there is currently a house on one of the properties, which the group wants to use to create up to four affordable housing units for home ownerships.

She said that the city is “interested” in this proposal, and that it would be a “nice thing to help them in their efforts by writing them a letter of support.”

There were mixed reviews from council members on sending the letter.

“I think it’s a little optimistic

to think the City would buy this, especially at market rate,” JPNC member Max Glikman said. He added that “I think it’s a little outside our jurisdiction.”

Reiskind said that the JPNC has worked with LANA on the design on the new Arnold Arboretum research building, as well as various other issues regarding the Arboretum “on both sides of the border. But he said “this one is a little further out and not quite in the same category, but close.”

Ultimately, the JPNC did not vote on whether or not to send a letter of support for this matter.

“There were too many questions yet to be answered that it seemed premature to have a vote,” JPNC Chair Kevin Rainsford told the Gazette.

The matter will be discussed again at the November 10 meeting of the Public Service Committee

## HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT

Housing and Development Committee Chair Carolyn Royce reported on the committee’s discussion of Phase One of the proposed Mildred Hailey redevelopment. The JPNC voted to submit a letter to the BPDA in support of the project.

## ZONING COMMITTEE

There were eight matters to be voted on from the Zoning Committee. The following projects were approved by the JPNC:

1.) A proposal for Cappy’s Pizzeria at 304 Centre St. to get rid of the proviso from the previous owner and change it to a new owner’s name was approved with the standard proviso that the approval is limited to this business owner only.

2.) A proposal at 83 Wyman Street #2 to renovate the attic to include an office and a family room was approved. The family who lives there needs the extra space to accommodate working from home, and no exterior changes to the building will be made, according to Chair David Baron.

3.) A proposal at 7 Arborview Road to build a two-story, 268 square foot addition in the rear yard with a landscape terrace and a 62 square foot addition in the front yard to create a vestibule was approved with the proviso that the applicant has to store landscaping equipment on the side of the property, as an abutter was concerned about damage to their property.

4.) A proposal at 36 Neillan Crescent to knock the existing one story structure off of its foundation and build a 2.5 story addition was approved. The project came before the Jamaica Hills Association with multiple proposals, and they came to an agreement about which one would be best, Baron said.

5.) A proposal at 66 Pershing

Road to create a finished living area in the basement and patio work was also approved. The proposal originally included the demolition of the existing garage and the construction of a new attached garage with a mudroom, as well as extending the existing dormers on the third floor to create more living space, but the homeowner has decided to table those projects for now because of a disagreement with an abutter about the current proposal.

The Jamaica Pond Association voted not to oppose the basement and patio work, and the JPNC did the same.

6.) A proposal at 32 and 32R Perkins street to convert the existing three family house to a two family house, as well as create a second kitchen in the basement for the first unit and build an addition for a rear deck and stair was approved, but the second kitchen was not. The proposal also included the demolition of the existing carriage house and build a new single family home.

“The owner of that project is now going forward on a different plan to turn the existing three family house that’s at the front of the property to a two family dwelling and building a single family house in back,” Baron said. “When the developer was pressed on it, they were sort of fuzzy about the purpose of the second kitchen.”

Baron also called the proposed units “enormous, luxury units.”

The project that was the most controversial and ended up not

being approved by the JPNC was one at 12 and 29 Rock Hill Road to combine three lots into one and create a new four story building with 12 residential units at 32 off-street parking spaces.

Baron said this “proposal has been around a while,” and at the end of 2018 a proposal from the owner of the property, Matthew Hayes of JP Auto Body, for 14 units and 26 parking spaces, was heard. The ZBA has since denied that proposal without prejudice, and many neighbors on nearby Cranston Street have concerns about the proposal as well.

The latest proposal of 12 units and 32 parking spaces—20 of which would be in the new building and 12 in an adjacent building—has both “opponents and supporters,” Baron said, which “came down largely to parking and traffic and also design to accommodate parking.” Two of the units are proposed to be affordable.

The recommendation of the committee was to “strongly approve,” but residents and the JPNC had mixed feelings about the proposal.

JPNC Chair Kevin Rainsford said that “if this project was in any other neighborhood,” then the “meeting would have been held with a neighborhood association. Unfortunately in Hyde Square there isn’t a neighborhood association so that meeting never happened. We get pushed into the ones being responsible for being the voice of the community.”

Others said that the housing, especially affordable housing, is needed, and that the project should be approved.

The JPNC ultimately could not come up with an approvable motion in favor of this project, so they did not vote in support. They said that they “urge” the developer to meet again with the neighborhood to come up with a proposal that would work for the most people.

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# Potential loss of seats for exam schools still a guessing game for JP

By SETH DANIEL

More than two weeks after the School Committee approved a controversial new, one-year admissions process for the City's three public exam schools, little official numbers are known about how many seats would be allocated to each zip code – including Jamaica Plain.

Knowing those numbers is the key to figuring out how many seats a neighborhood will gain or lose in this year's process – which is based more on zip code and Grade Point Average (GPA), while eliminating the traditional entrance exam. Exam schools include Boston Latin School (BLS), Boston Latin Academy (BLA)

and the John D. O'Bryant School. Students eligible for seats next year are in the 6th grade, 8th grade, and a limited number for 9th grade. Under the new program, students would have had to maintain a 'B' average last fall and winter to even be considered for a seat in the new process.

However, the nitty-gritty of the argument for a neighborhood like JP – which has a low school-age child population, a high median income, and has traditionally had disproportionately more students go to the exam schools than other neighborhoods – is just how many seats will be lost.

The Gazette has been requesting that information from the Boston Public Schools for the

past two weeks, but it has yet to be announced or provided.

Analysis by the Gazette and other education think-tanks in Boston seem to suggest JP could have their access to exam school seats this year cut in half – going from 72 seats to JP students last year and having 36 seats available in this year's new process.

Last year, there were 120 JP students that applied for consideration and 72 were given invitations to the three schools. That was 7.5 percent of the total invitations despite the neighborhood having only 5.1 percent student population. Of those invites, by and large students chose BLS as their school. There were 43 invites to BLS, 26 to BLA

and 8 for O'Bryant amongst JP students last year.

Some have postulated the new process could mean a reduction of approximately 50 percent of the total seats for JP – that coming in an analysis by the Shah Foundation. That analysis for the Shah Foundation was done by Ross Wilson – a form BPS staffer – and he postulated a total of 36.72 seats would be allocated to the 02130 zip code under the new formula. Rounding down to 36, that would mean a loss of 36 seats in JP for the coming year, making it an exact 50 percent reduction in seats under his calculations. It cannot be discounted that some seats might come to JP from the first

20 percent set aside for the highest achievers citywide, however.

Nothing is certain until BPS reveals its official numbers.

The new plan had wide-spread support from City leaders at the Oct. 21 meeting, and from education reform organizations and social justice organizations – a measure of support that has been solidified well before COVID-19 when the Exam School Admissions Working Group was formed over a year ago to devise a more equitable way to admit students to the three schools.

The invitation and selection process for this year's exam school admissions is expected to begin this month.

# Baker announces new COVID guidelines and restrictions, including new nighttime stay at home order

By LAUREN BENNETT

Following days of new coronavirus cases over 1000, Governor Charlie Baker on Monday afternoon announced several new guidelines and restrictions to help stop the spread of the virus in Massachusetts.

On Sunday, the state's Department of Health (DPH) reported 1139 new cases, 613 people in the hospital, and 113 people in the ICU. He said the seven day average for the state remains at 1.8 percent.

Since Labor Day, which the governor pointed out was 55 days from the press conference, the number of daily new cases has grown by nearly 300 percent, and there has been a 145 percent increase in hospitalizations.

He said that the "data points to the need to do something about these trends now," but that shouldn't include closing schools, as "schools are not spreaders here or anywhere else," he said.

"The simple truth is this: too many of us have become complacent in our daily lives," Baker said. "If we do nothing, we'll create capacity problems for our healthcare system by the end of the year," he continued.

He said that Massachusetts remains one of the "most aggressive testers in the country," and continues its contact tracing program.

Baker announced on Monday "a series of targeted interventions" to help slow the spread of COVID-19, including a new stay

at home advisory between 10pm and 5am, where residents should stay at home except for purposes of work, grocery shopping, or healthcare reasons, as well as taking a walk.

Additionally, restaurants must stop providing table service at 9:30pm, and sales of alcohol at all restaurants and stores must end at 9:30pm. Also required to close between the hours of 9:30pm and 5am are adult-use marijuana dispensaries, indoor and outdoor events, movie theaters, performance venues, youth and amateur sports, casinos and horse tracks, hair and nail salons, gyms, pools, museums, and more.

Changes to the gathering order were also made, including reducing the gathering limit to 10 people. Outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people. The face covering

order has also been updated to mandate that anyone over the age of 5 wear a face covering in public at all times. There are no more exemptions for maintaining social distance.

These guidelines go into effect on Friday, November 6 at 12:01am.

"The intent is to cut down on the transmission that we all know is occurring in social gatherings," and Baker said that personal responsibility is also a key factor at play.

"I hope that we can encourage everyone to act responsibly," he said. "Our message here is very simple: we can't afford to continue to do what we've been doing." Baker continued to advise residents to avoid gathering with those outside of their household, and to get tested.

"We want to do everything in our power to avoid reverting

back to Phase One or Phase Two of our reopening plan," he said. He said that employers should continue to have their employees work from home wherever possible, and urged young people to stop holding large house parties.

He said he would be working with local governments on ways to stop the parties from happening.

He said the gatherings, "especially unregulated gatherings, even if they're small, where peo-

ple let down their guard," are "places where COVID spreads."

Baker told residents that he is "requesting that you make real sacrifices" to help keep schools and the economy open.

"We all need to show it the respect that it demands," the governor said in reference to the virus.

The full list of new guidelines and restrictions can be found at mass.gov.

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# JPNDC Completes 47 Affordable Homes, Breaks Ground on 44 More

STAFF REPORT

Construction began this month of a 44-unit affordable apartment building at 25 Amory Street in Jackson Square. Just half a mile away, the finishing touches were put on the Hattie Kelton Apartments at 61 Heath Street, 47 affordable apartments

with ground floor retail space. Both are projects of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC), the second with the partnership of the Back of the Hill Community Development Corporation.

“Every time we hand someone the keys to their beautiful new home, it’s one small victory,” said

JPNDC Chief Executive Officer Teronda Ellis. “It’s tremendously gratifying to know that 91 families who are priced out of Boston’s housing market can make their home here in Jamaica Plain.”

At both the Hattie Kelton Apartments and 25 Amory Street, approximately 40 percent of units are reserved for households earning below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI). At least two-thirds are two- or three-bedroom apartments, responding to the need for affordable housing for Boston families.

The first residents moved into the Hattie Kelton Apartments in early 2020 and families continued arriving during the COVID-19 shutdown. “Living here has been a great experience so far! said Phyllis Mills, who has joined the building’s new Resident Leadership Team. “The way that management and the JPND team are superefficient and attentive to our needs makes me feel safe and comfortable... I really enjoy the environment.”

Completion of the 25 Amory Street project is expected in early 2022.

Major financial support for the projects has come from the City of Boston Department of



The newly completed Hattie Kelton Apartments at 61 Heath St.. The building includes 47 affordable apartments and ground floor retail space. Credit Greg Premru



A rendering of the building at 25 Amory St., where construction just began in October. Credit ICON Architects

Neighborhood Development, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, Section 8 and Mass Rental Voucher Program subsidies administered through Massachusetts Boston

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## Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



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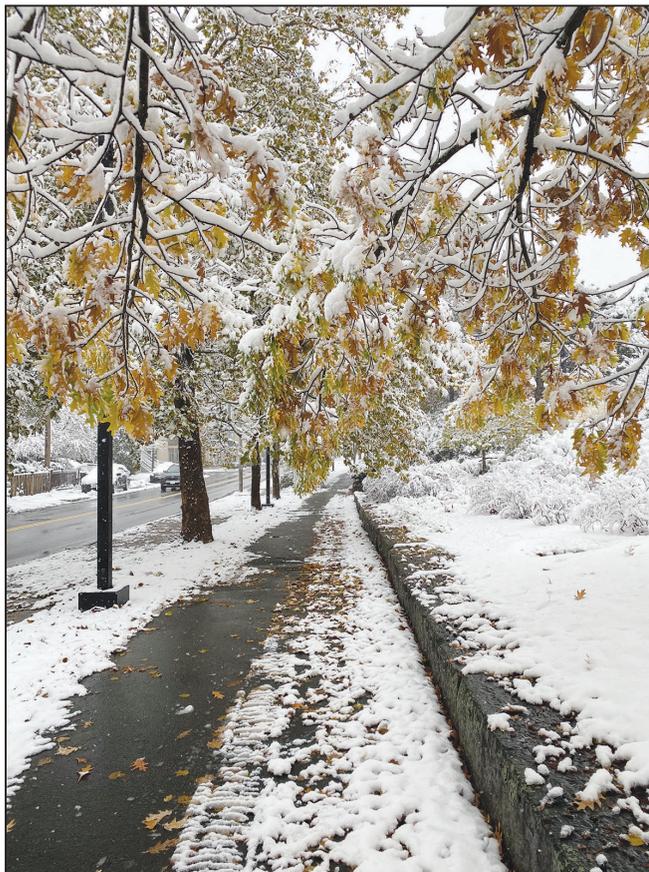
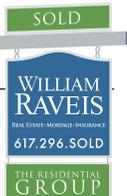


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## FIRST SNOW

PHOTO BY LAUREN BENNETT  
Boston saw a pre-Halloween snowfall on October 30, when many trees along the Southwest Corridor (pictured here) and all over the city still had leaves and were weighed down by a blanket of white.

# Egleston Square

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Maureen Anderson of the Boston Public Facilities Department spoke a little bit about the scope of the project, which she said includes the evaluation of the physical condition of the existing building, identifying demographic trends in the neighborhood, strengthening the connection to the Egleston Square neighborhood, and more.

The programming study is a 12 month process split into three phases: information gathering, the development of program options, then settling final planning options. She said the study will be completed in June.

Philip Chen of Ann Beha Architects said that even if the affordable housing option is chosen, the main focus of the project is “a revitalized library for the Egleston Square neighborhood and the community.”

He talked about some of the pillars of the BPL system, including providing knowledge, information, and technology access to young children, teens, and adults.

Taylor Cain, the director of Boston’s Housing Innovation Lab, talked about Housing With Public Assets, which she said looks at how the needs of Bostonians can be met through public buildings such as libraries.

She said that a goal of the project is to “prioritize thoughtful design principles as we think about both the library uses and how library and housing uses can interact together.”

For library programming, demographics will be looked at when determining what programming will be most beneficial to this neighborhood, the team said. They also said that the current location for the library is a good one for this neighborhood, as it is close to public transit and easily accessible on Columbus Ave. right on the border between

Jamaica Plain and Roxbury.

Steve Gerard of Ann Beha Architects said that the existing building itself is “in fair condition,” as it was built in the 1950s. The library is a fairly small box, but positives include its location on Columbus Ave., its open floor plan inside, lots of daylight thanks to windows on the north and south sides, and outdoor space.

“The building definitely is in need of some improvement,” he said, as it is small and all spaces inside are “undersized, especially the community room.” He said that there is also a lack of technology and the space feels dated and has accessibility and energy efficiency issues.

Gerard said that existing areas that need improvement include the entry, the service desk, the adult, children and teen areas, the community room (to be updated with a maximum of 100 seats), staff work areas, restrooms, and garden space that can double as educational space.

He said that possible new areas could include a multi-purpose classroom for different ages and different types of programs, as well as study rooms.

He then talked about the potential for Housing With Public Assets, which could include different types of housing, varying numbers of units, how tall the building should be, and how the units could be arranged, as well as how the housing and the library space could interact.

Anderson explained that a developer would own the housing portion of the building, as “the BPL is not in the business of managing housing,” she said.

He said that the team will start to look at some options and present them to the community in the new year at the next public meeting.

“The diversity of this neighborhood is something that we find both unique and special...” Chen said. “These libraries are for neighborhoods; they’re for the users of these neighborhoods...”

we want to make sure that the library does serve the interests of those in this neighborhood and all its diversity.”

Many residents advocated for any housing to be 100 percent affordable at income levels consistent with the residents in the neighborhood. Other suggestions included more open space and a cafe with hot coffee and tea for people to enjoy while at the library.

“Our plan now is to take the feedback and research and incorporate them into the programming of the library and the housing,” Chen said. After coming up with some options and testing different ones out, the team will come back to the community later on this winter.

More information about the programming study can be found on the BPL website, along with the community survey. Additionally, paper copies of the survey are available for pickup and drop-off at the Egleston branch.

# Reunión

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condiciones, pero carece de espacio, accesibilidad y eficiencia energética.

Posibles adiciones podrían incluir un aula de usos múltiples para diferentes edades y diferentes tipos de programas, así como salas de estudio.

BPL y el equipo del proyecto también están considerando agregar viviendas asequibles.

Un desarrollador sería el propietario de la parte de vivienda del edificio, ya que la BPL no se dedica a administrar la vivienda.

El arquitecto Philip Chen dijo que incluso si se elige la opción de vivienda asequible, el enfoque principal del proyecto es “una biblioteca revitalizada para el vecindario de Egleston Square y la comunidad”.

El equipo comenzará a buscar algunas opciones y las presentará a la comunidad en la próxima reunión pública.

“La diversidad de este vecindario es algo único y especial,” Chen dijo. “Queremos asegurarnos de que la biblioteca sirva a los intereses de los que viven en este barrio.”

Muchos residentes insistieron

en que cualquier vivienda fuera 100 por ciento asequible a niveles de ingresos consistentes con el área. Otras sugerencias incluyen más espacio abierto y un café.

Se puede encontrar más información sobre el estudio de

programación en el sitio web de BPL, junto con una encuesta comunitaria. Además, hay copias físicas de la encuesta en la biblioteca de Egleston.

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# City Health officials say cases surging due to small gatherings

BY SETH DANIEL

City officials are warning residents that part of the uptick in COVID-19 cases seems to be clusters in households that seem to be coming not from blockbuster parties, but rather small gatherings that most feel are safe – but end up being COVID spreading events.

Ahead of Gov. Charlie Baker's new 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew on Monday, City Health Chief Marty Martinez and other health officials said they are looking to help people understand how the virus is now spreading.

"It's about multi-generational households in units where people live with two or three different people and have frequent contact with them every day," he said. "It's not just households, but also the really informal small, get-togethers. You have two or three people get together to watch the game. They all know each other and feel they are fine, but one person has COVID-19 and it spreads to the other two people and they take it home to a household. That's part of what we're seeing in the 39 and

under age group. Not doing these things is difficult to do as it gets cold and we get into the holidays.

"There is a lot that individuals can do right now," he continued. "We've just got to double down on it and people need to be careful and avoid these get-togethers. There are super-spreader events, but these are small scenarios that are happening and they increase the spread."

To that end, the City and the Boston Police Department (BPD) were out in force over the Halloween weekend to clamp down on house parties, whether inside or outside and fine the owners if things got out of hand.

"Prevention is one piece but it's also the messaging," he said. "A party, even a small one, that puts you at risk and everyone else around you at risk. It's very important we keep that in mind and we encourage people to think about that. Enforcement is part of it too, and we're tying that together with the BPD."

That was followed up by a more stringent regulation from Gov. Baker on Monday about gatherings, even at private homes.

The new gatherings order also requires that organizers of gatherings report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community and requires organizers to cooperate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

## •CASES SOAR FOR LATINO RESIDENTS

The COVID-19 case data is no doubt on the rise in Boston, but is still far from the surge in April, Martinez assured.

As of Oct. 24, the daily rate in Boston was 121.3, as compared to April's rate of 331. However, the summer low for cases was 20.6. The positivity rate for testing was at 7.8 percent citywide on Oct. 24.

One of the caveats of the most recent surge is that rates for LatinX populations have gone much higher than in the initial surge, while the rates for Black/African American populations have gone down compared to April. In es-

sence, they've switched places.

However, he said it's a much younger group of people being

affected now, particularly those under 39 and LatinX across every neighborhood in Boston.

## Walsh addresses election, coronavirus in latest update

BY LAUREN BENNETT

Following the election, Mayor Walsh held a press conference on November 4, where he talked about voter turnout and moving forward with the election process, as well as provided an update on coronavirus.

Walsh said on Wednesday morning that the Boston turnout of all registered voters was 63.51 percent, which was slightly below the 2016 turnout of 66.75 percent. He said that this includes early voting, in person voting, and a "large number of our mail-in ballots."

He said that the city will continue counting ballots post-marked by November 3. He also reminded residents that results are still unofficial until November 13, which is the deadline for overseas military and absentee ballots. "The work is still going on and every vote must be counted," Walsh said.

This is true for states across the country as well, as no official call has been made on the presidential race. "Many states are still counting ballots, as we know," Walsh said. "We have to be patient and we have to respect the democratic process. It's important that we're clear about our values and we want to continue to set a good example."

Walsh then addressed COVID-19 in the city, saying that as of Tuesday, Boston had 69 new cases of the virus and no new deaths.

Last week, Walsh launched a COVID-19 testing pledge, called "Get the Test Boston" to encourage residents to get tested. He said that City employees who are eligible for benefits will receive one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during work hours.

He said that more people were tested and fewer tested positive during the week of October 30, and he continues to urge residents to go out and get tested. He said the lower positive rate is "good to see, but it's too soon

to say that we stopped the trend."

"Our numbers continue to be higher than what we need them to be in Boston, and hospitals have been seeing more activity," Walsh said. "Those are the realities that we have to address."

He talked about the measures that Governor Baker put in place earlier this week that go into effect this Friday.

"These measures, I want to be clear, these measures are there to help us stop the spread of the virus," Walsh said. "These are not easy to do." But he said they are "in line with the cautious approach" taken by the city since the pandemic began.

He also acknowledged that this continues to be difficult on restaurants and small businesses, but warned that "if we don't get the virus under control," it could turn south very quickly. "I don't want to have to shut everything down," he said. "This is a public health response."

He said he will continue supporting restaurants and other small businesses with various resources moving forward.

Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross also addressed questions about potential violence in the city as election results continue to roll in and demonstrations are expected.

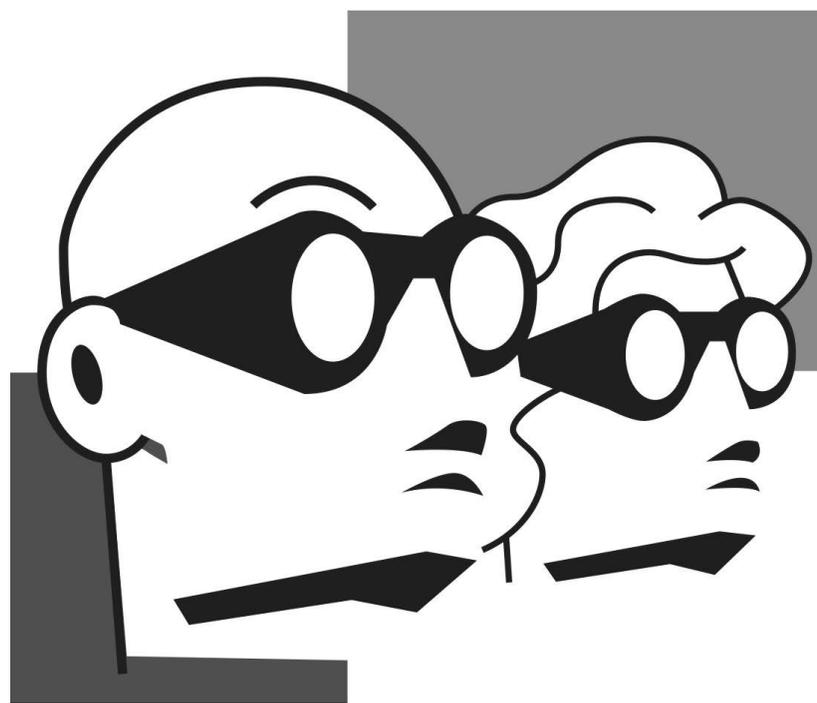
Walsh said he does not have concerns about violence in the city, and asked people to "demonstrate peacefully" if they choose to participate in marches.

"If you're going to march in the streets of Boston, wear a mask," he added.

"The voter turnout yesterday was phenomenal," Commissioner Gross said. "When you voice your first amendment rights, do so with the voices of logic, not the ignorance of destruction. We need your eyes and ears. If you see something, say something."

He said the city is prepared for both the "worst" and "best case scenarios," but thanked Bostonians for coming out and "voting peacefully" on Election Day.

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# The GBLN commission's report on status of Latinx-led nonprofits

By JOHN LYNDIS

The Greater Boston Latino Network (GBLN), which includes the Jamaica Plain's Sociedad Latina and the Hyde Square Task Force, recently commissioned one of two studies to assess the status of Latinx-led nonprofits in Boston and to better understand the challenges facing this sector.

GBLN, along with Amplify Latinx—a non-partisan convener building Latinx economic and political power in Massachusetts, jointly released two studies earlier this month that also highlighted the critical role that Latino Community Based Organizations (CBO) play in supporting the city's growing Latino community, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These organizations and their leaders have taken a first-responder role during the COVID-19 health and economic crisis, requiring many Latino nonprofits to pivot and provide basic human services and a critical safety net within their communities," said the report.

According to the reports, there are 80 Latino nonprofits in the Commonwealth that focus on serving Latino residents, a demographic projected to reach 15.3 percent of the state's population by 2035. These 80 Latino organizations constitute less than 1 percent of the state's 9,223 non-profit organizations identified in a 2014 inventory of all nonprofits in Massachusetts. The City of Boston has the largest number of Latino organizations at 37 but the organizations' average of net resources is less than \$4 million.

"One out of every five Bostonians identifies as Latinx, and 43 percent of public school students in Boston are Latinx. But many people still think of Boston demographically along a Black/white binary," said Karen Chacon, Co-Chair of GBLN. "Our report addresses this social reality and confirms the need to recognize Latinx-led and Latinx-serving nonprofits as vital anchor organizations."

While Latinx-led nonprofits and their central contributions to Latinx communities and overall civic life are impressive the reports found that many Latinx organizations remain invisible to many power brokers and philanthropy in Boston and the state.

The reports found that existing Latino organizations are struggling with financial stability as funding remains sparse with less than 2 percent of philanthropic dollars being directly invested in Latino-based organizations. Nine-

ty-seven of the total net assets of Latino organizations are concentrated in just six cities in Massachusetts--Boston, Chelsea, West Springfield, Lawrence, Holyoke, and Worcester--while the population that Latino nonprofits serve is swelling and requires more services.

"In spite of contributions critical for the well-being and economic mobility of the Latinx community and Boston as a whole, the sector of Latinx-led community-based organizations is facing enormous challenges that, if not resolved, can threaten the very existence of many of its organizations," read the report. "Such challenges include a reality that organizations must provide a range of services and serve as political and civic advocates in the Latinx community. Further, Latinx-led nonprofits are being forced to do more with less. As the Latinx community grows amid persistent inequality, resources are dwindling or not keeping pace with increasing demands."

In a time of public health and racial justice crises disproportionately affecting socially and economically marginalized communities of color, community-based Latinx organizations are first responders supporting and working directly with families, youth, and elders.

"Many frontline workers are from the Latinx community," read the report. "They are providing essential services across Greater Boston. Far too many are living in overcrowded conditions and experiencing housing and food insecurity. Immigration issues continue to present complex challenges for Latinx individuals and families living under the threat of detention and deportation. In this climate, the Latinx community is heavily dependent on the community-based organizations."

According to the report these organizations support and empower the Latinx community with culturally relevant and linguistically appropriate services and programming.

"Individually and collectively, Latinx-led and Latinxserving organizations are creating and providing a critical safety net anchoring and buoying the Latinx community," read the reports. "It is time to acknowledge that Latinx community-based organizations play an essential role in Greater Boston."

The two studies are not about the role and work of individual organizations but rather how, as a collectivity of organizations, this sector is implementing services and resources to enhance Latinx community-building and overall well-being.



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# Jamaica Plain non-profit receives city mini-grant

By JOHN LYNDS

Jamaica Plain's Dominican Development Center (DDC) was one of several organizations to receive a mini-grant last week from the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) to help support nonprofits that work in immigrant communities.

Mayor Martin Walsh said each \$5,000 grant to the DDC and 19 other nonprofits will help celebrate Boston's rich cultural diversity and applaud the work immigrant-serving organizations here and across the city do each and every day.

"The coronavirus pandemic shined a bright light on the disparities in our community," said Mayor Walsh. "Immigrants have been on the frontlines from the

beginning and they have also been the most impacted. This year especially, we need to celebrate immigrant contributions to our community and recover from this pandemic in a more equitable state than we entered it."

The mini-grants are funded through corporate sponsorships for We Are Boston, an annual end-of-the year reception that honors the contributions immigrants have made to our City. This year's We Are Boston 2020: From Resilience to Equity is on November 19 from 5-6 pm.

Funding to the DDC will support the Latino Workers Leadership Empowerment Program to develop leadership skills among Latina immigrant workers confronting worker rights violations

during and after the pandemic.

Located on Seaverns Avenue in JP, the DDC's Latino Workers Leadership Empowerment Program helps support Latina immigrant workers who are confronting worker rights violations during and after the pandemic. Through its grassroots organizing effort, the DDC works in collaboration with other coalition members to support Latina Workers confronting worker right violations and all kinds of abuse because of the anti-racist and-immigrant environment.

"Funding will be used to continue and expand our leadership program and workforce development efforts for job opportunities and protections for almost 200 hundred domestic workers al-

ready impacted by COVID 19," said the DDC. "Two hundred and fifty five of these workers contracted the virus."

The program runs every other week for 8 weeks between 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm.

Walsh said these mini-grants are made possible through the contributions from We Are Boston 2019 sponsors including State Street Corporation, Arbel-la Insurance Foundation, Eastern Bank and Verizon; and this year's corporate sponsors include Arbella Insurance Foundation, Eastern Bank and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

For this year's We Are Boston 2020: From Resilience to Equity on November 19, Mayor Walsh will recognize the successes of

the past year and name this year's honorees. The evening will culminate with the City's new Cabinet Chief of Equity, Dr. Karilyn Crockett, speaking on the convergence and divergence of African American and immigrant struggles and how the corporate and philanthropic sectors can support the fight for equity for all.

"We picked this year's theme because 'resilience' means the ability to recover quickly from difficulties, and that is exactly what our immigrant communities are doing during this pandemic. And this resiliency, this strength, is what gets us to equity," said Yusufi Vali, Director of the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement.

# English High holds first ever alumni 'Assembly' webinar

STAFF REPORT

More than 100 English High alumni and supporters last week joined the English High School Association's first in a series of webinars in preparation for the school's 200th anniversary in 2021.

"It was a great time for the first ever English High School Association Assembly webinar," said Michael Thomas, President of the English High School Association. (EHSA) "If you're in one

of the photos, let us know what you thought of the event."

Presenters included EHS staff and faculty and distinguished EHS alumni representing classes from 1944 to 2019. Alumni learned what's happening at today's English High School and to know that the school's original educational mission is being carried forward to new generations.

Speakers included Master of Ceremonies, Mike Thomas; EHS Headmaster Caitlin Murphy, Alumni speakers: Lisa Martinez,



More than 100 alums logged on for the first webinar to begin hyping up the 200th anniversary of English High School, located in Jamaica Plain for the last several decades.

Carmen Corbie-Cohen, John Talbot, Robert Prince, Cedric Turner, Allan Kiser, Naby Diallo and Joe Carter. Lt. Colonel Enoch "Woody" Woodhouse II, Class of '44 and one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen closed the remarks with an inspirational call to volunteerism for the school.

"All English High grads are invited to connect with English High School Association by visiting our website (englishhighalumni.org) and joining our mailing list. This will keep you in the loop on upcoming English High Alumni events including our fantastic 200th Anniversary

Celebration scheduled for October 2, 2021 at the JFK Library in Boston.

"This was a great complementary event to our momentum towards our 200th Anniversary celebration in Oct, 2021. Stayed tuned for several more webinars, on topical subjects like: CDC and COVID19, Fundraising and Alumni Profiles," Thomas concluded.

The English High School Association (EHSA) was formed in 1853 to honor the history, pride and traditions of the English High School by continuing a legacy that supports and in-

spires students in their educational pursuits and celebrates distinguished alumni. Then as in now the EHSA is committed to providing the English High students of today with quality academic instruction and college scholarship aid. The English High School, America's first public high school was founded January 15, 1821 by the School Committee at a town meeting held in Boston's historic Faneuil Hall. To get involved in the Association, go to <https://www.englishhighalumni.org/> or call Mike Thomas EHSA President 857-547-1391.

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JPAC is a volunteer organization which has been kept thriving over the years by a small (and

getting smaller!) group of dedicated individuals, board members, artists and art supporters.

If JPOS is important to you, please join us to plan the future of the organization and the event overall. We need volunteers, members, and boots on the ground help to keep the show going. Bring yourself, bring a

friend, neighbor, or colleague ...anyone who values the arts and the vibrancy it brings to Jamaica Plain.

Please R.S.V.P. on our Facebook event. The Zoom link will be shared via email and posted in the event on Monday, November 9th.

New members always wel-

come!

The Jamaica Plain Arts Council is a non-profit organization supporting artists in the Jamaica Plain community, through its annual Open Studios, periodic exhibitions, professional development offerings, and a commitment to cultivating local audiences for the visual arts.

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## KIT FOR KIDS BICYCLE EVENT AT ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL

PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

The KIT Cycle Team of Arlington, HOPEWorldwide charity and the Boston Police Department came together on Saturday, Oct. 24, at the English High School track to gift new bikes to 14 kids from in and around JP – as well as to sponsor a full day of riding lessons and road safety. It was the first time ever for the event, and it was such a success organizers said they will look to replicate it next year – and have already heard from more stakeholders in the community that would like to participate in the future.

KIT Bike Club is a group of

serious riders and racers from Arlington, Lexington and Waverly, and a group within the club decided this year they wanted to share their skills with kids in Boston. With COVID-19 limiting physical exercise opportunities for children in the city, it was the perfect time to introduce bikes and bike safety to the kids – as riding has been said to be a very virus-safe and effective way for kids to stay active.

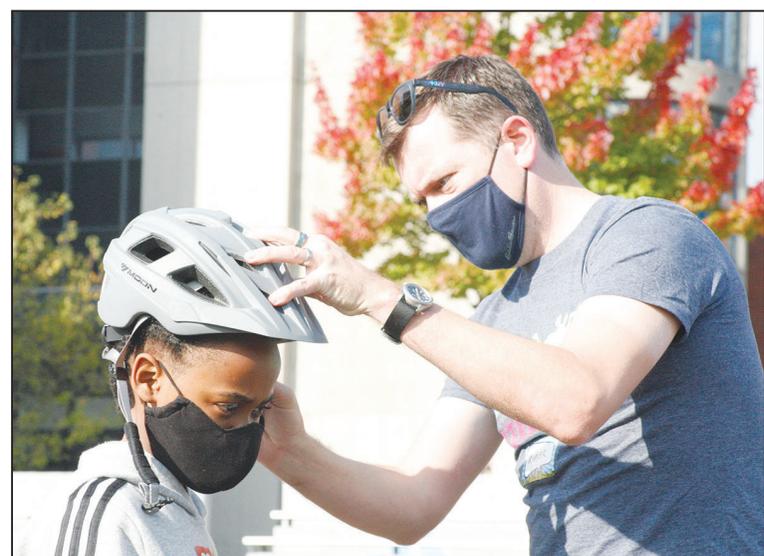
At the end of the day, following the expansive program, children were able to take home their brand new bicycles.



Jeremy and Brian Hernandez warm up and get ready for the bike safety academy, which used stations to teach basic skills and more advanced biking skills.



Participants Angelica and Angelina Pena were excited to answer questions about the rules of the road when riding a bike.



Khalil James gets his new bike helmet adjusted at the event by KIT member Trapper Markelz.



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Ashlan Musante, Haley Glenn, Lillian Hislop, Boston Police Officer Daryl Owens at the snack and water table.



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# School Committee Chair resigns over comments during hearing

By SETH DANIEL

School Committee Chair Michael Loconto resigned following comments he made during the marathon Exam School hearing on Oct. 21 that seemed to mock the names of Asian parents testifying against the change to the process.

Loconto resigned on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 22, and issued an apology later.

“I want to apologize for the comments I made last night,” he wrote. “It was not ever my intention to mock anyone. I know

what was in my head and in my heart, but I make no excuses. I know how my words were heard and how they hurt. I have always tried to lead my life, publicly and privately, by treating people with dignity and respect. To those who I offended, I offer again my sincerest apology and ask for your forgiveness.”

The matter was first pointed out online by Councilor Annissa Essaibi George, who was watching the hearing live and questions what was just said. By Thursday morning early, the councilor had called on him to

resign.

“Mr. Loconto’s behavior last night was unacceptable,” said Essaibi George. “I’m deeply appalled, personally offended, by his words. I watched and heard it live. It is unconscionable that he would mock and disparage our families. Our school communities and our City deserve more. It’s time for his resignation.”

The comments came at around 11:30 p.m. in a meeting that began at 5 p.m.

When three speakers against the plan were announced, two of

them with Asian names, Loconto appeared to allegedly mock their names in introducing them – though he disputed that later in the meeting saying he was referring to a children’s book character in a light moment.

“So, that was Shinya Shan Shan na and boo boo and David,” he said according to the live transcript.

Later a letter signed by 17 Boston elected official, including Councilor Lydia Edwards, decried the incident.

“This type of discrimination cannot and will not be tolerated

from any leader who has the privilege of serving our communities, especially at a time when we should all be coming together to solve the crises stemming from this pandemic,” read the letter. “Mr. Loconto’s resignation is a step in the right direction. But we must not lose focus. We must restore trust with BPS families, and urge action to ensure accessibility, inclusion, and equity in all decisions in the City of Boston, Suffolk County, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts.”

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# New book by Anthony Sammarco highlights history of Jamaica Plain

By JOHN LYNDS

Known in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries as the Jamaica End of Roxbury, the neighborhood of Jamaica Plain evolved from agrarian farmland for over 200 years into one of the more dynamic and inclusive neighborhoods of twenty-first century Boston.

A new book by Anthony Sammarco, noted author and historian of over sixty books on the history and development of Boston, entitled, "Jamaica Plain Through Time" Sammarco explores the development of Jamaica Plain from farmland to an urban hub in Boston.

According to Arcadia Publishing this photographic history of Jamaica Plain, Sammarco, with contemporary photographs by Peter B. Kingman, has created a, "fascinating book that chronicles the neighborhood from the late nineteenth century through to the twenty-first century."

"Jamaica Plain became one of the earliest streetcar suburbs of Boston with various forms of transportation linking it to downtown Boston," said Sammarco in his introduction of the new book. "With horse drawn streetcars, the Boston & Providence Railroad as well as the Boston Elevated Railway, by the turn of the twentieth

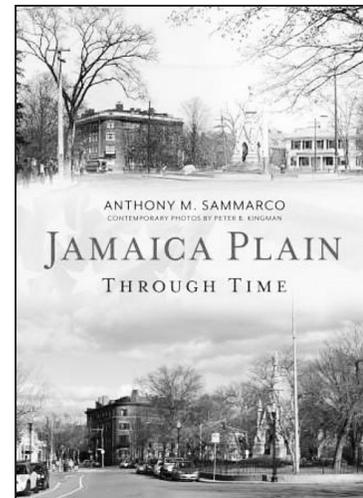
century, the ease of transportation allowed a thriving nexus of cultures to move to a community that not only saw tremendous residential and commercial development, especially with the numerous breweries along the Stony Brook, but also greenspace and open lands that were laid out by Frederick Law Olmstead as a part of the "Emerald Necklace" of Boston. Its bucolic setting led to Jamaica Plain being called The Eden of America."

In the book, Sammarco points out that in the twentieth century, Jamaica Plain was also to become the location of numerous hospitals and institutions that provided care for Bostonians.

"The Faulkner, Washington, Shattuck, Vincent Memorial, Massachusetts Osteopathic and the Veterans Administration Hospitals; the New England Home for Little Wanderers and the Trinity Church Home; the Boston School of Physical Education, the Eliot School, the Perkins School for the Blind and the Nursery for Blind Babies; the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Children's Museum all contributed to Jamaica Plain's pride of place in Boston," Sammarco continues.

The book can now be found

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Author and historian Anthony Sammarco has released a new photo history book on Jamaica Plain entitled, "Jamaica Plain Through Time."

# Community Servings awarded 10-year Cummings Foundation grant

Community Servings is one of 30 local nonprofits sharing in \$10 million in funding from Cummings Foundation. The Jamaica Plain-based organization will receive \$333,300 over 10 years.

Founded in 1990, Community Servings provides medically tailored meals and nutrition services to individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses. As medically tailored meal services are further integrated into patient-centered models of care, Community Servings expects to continue its rapid growth.

"We are so grateful to the Cummings Foundation for this award and the \$100,000 grant we received from them in June; it is an incredible demonstration of support of the healing power of food and our team's mission to prepare and deliver nourishing meals," said David Waters, CEO of Community Servings. "Food heals, and with the support of Cummings Foundation, we will be able to help more people struggling with illness to lead richer lives and have better medical outcomes."

The grant funds will support Community Servings' ambitious 10-year growth plan to expand production and delivery of home-delivered medically tailored meals and nutrition services to individuals, their dependent children, and caregivers affected by illness and hunger.

"Greater Boston is so fortunate to have nonprofits like Community Servings that are listening to the community and

working to meet its needs," said Cummings Foundation grants manager Christina Berthelsen. "By providing a full decade of support, we hope to alleviate some of the constant fundraising burden, enabling nonprofit staff to spend more time actually providing services."

This long-term funding is part of the Cummings \$20 Million Grant Program, which supports Massachusetts nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties.

In the first phase of this philanthropic initiative, 130 nonprofits were awarded \$100,000 each in June. In the second phase, just completed, repeat grant winners were considered to have their \$100,000 grants elevated to 10-years awards of \$200,000 to \$500,000 each.

Nonprofits contending for the extended funding made presentations via Zoom to a panel of Cummings Foundation volunteers. These community volunteers selected 19 of the 30 grant winners. The other 11 recipients had been determined in June by Foundation team members.

"As a way to share the economic power of the Foundation, we have created a system through which volunteers decide more than half of all our grant winners," said Berthelsen. "We benefit from their diverse backgrounds and perspectives; they benefit from an enlightening learning opportunity; and the nonprofits often benefit from increased exposure and new advocates."

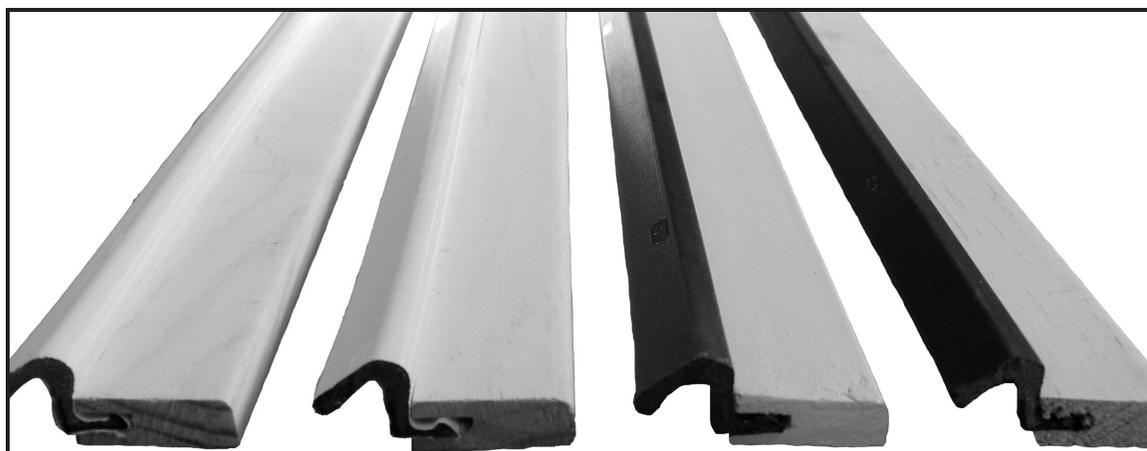
Through the Cummings \$20 Million Grant Program, Cummings Foundation gives back in the area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate, Cummings Properties. Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings,

the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 10 million square feet of debt-free space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$280 million to greater Boston non-

profits alone. It increased its annual grant program from \$20 million to \$25 million during the current 2021 cycle.

The complete list of Cummings Foundation grant winners is available at [www.Cummings-Foundation.org](http://www.Cummings-Foundation.org).



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# JP man arraigned on conspiracy to commit child rape, child exploitation charges

A hospital pharmacist from Jamaica Plain was arraigned last week on charges he conspired with another individual to sexually assault an infant, as well as possessing and distributing child pornography and other charges after a search warrant executed at his Jamaica Plain home, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins said.

Brandon Bair, 32, of Jamaica Plain, a doctor of pharmacology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, was arraigned yesterday in the West Roxbury Division of the Boston Municipal Court on charges of conspiracy to commit rape of a child; enticement, solicitation or employment of children in child pornography; dissemination of child pornography; possession of child pornography and dissemination of obscene matter to a child. All of the charges were issued following the execution of a search warrant yesterday morning. Additional charges are expected as the investigation continues.

Assistant District Attorney Alyssa Tochka of District Attorney Rollins' Human Trafficking

and Exploitation Unit requested that Bair be held without bail pending the outcome of a dangerousness hearing. Judge Catherine Ham allowed the motion. That hearing will take place Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

"These are incredibly disturbing allegations. Victims exploited through child sexual abuse material such as this have not only had their childhoods stolen through rape and abuse, but their darkest moments have been shared for the sick pleasure of others online to view and continually exploit them. The survivors of these crimes struggle to heal from their trauma with the knowledge that, even years later, individuals continue to download and distribute the evidence of their abuse," District Attorney Rollins said. "These charges represent some of the most horrendous acts we see in law enforcement."

An investigation by the Boston Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, with the assistance of Homeland Security Investigations, Massachusetts State Police, and law enforcement in oth-

er states began in August 2020 in response to a Cybertip received by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

During the course of the investigation, detectives obtained a search warrant for Bair's user account on the app Kik. The search revealed nearly 1,000 images of suspected child sexual assault material depicting the rape, abuse and exploitation of children as young as infants, prosecutors said. Bair is accused of possessing and sharing these documents through the app. He is also accused of using the app Discord to conspire with another individual to forcibly rape the individual's infant child.

In addition, the investigation found that Bair befriended an underage child on Snapchat and used the app to send the child an explicit image of himself, prosecutors said.

"As humans of conscience, it's nearly impossible to imagine anyone harming a child in this manner. But as District Attorney, I can tell you that these acts happen far more often than any of us would like to believe," District Attorney Rollins said.

"I'm grateful to the Boston Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the partner agencies that worked with Suffolk prosecutors to build a criminal case against this individual. We will continue to work together to hold him accountable, as well as anyone who would sexually exploit a child.

"This individual is accused of using apps that are popular among children and teens to commit these crimes. It's important that parents and those who have children in their lives are aware of the risks that young people face online, even when we believe they are in the safety of their own homes. To help address these risks, my Office has created an online safety training program for children, parents and professionals called Stop Block and Talk to help equip them with the information and skills necessary to stay safe online."

Stop Block and Talk presentations are available to schools, youth serving agencies, parent groups and professionals who work with young people across Suffolk County. Click here for

more information.

While the victims and witnesses of any crime should call 911 in an emergency, there are additional resources available to report suspected crimes against children. In Suffolk County, survivors of child abuse and exploitation and their non-offending caretakers can receive comprehensive services at the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County. The CAC can be reached at 617-779-2146. Anyone who believes that a child in Massachusetts may be the victim of abuse can call the Department of Children and Families' Child at Risk Hotline at 1-800-792-5200. Those concerned that a child is being exploited online may report a Cybertip to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-THE-LOST or [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com).

Nicole Bresnahan is the assigned Victim Witness Advocate. Bair was represented at arraignment by Anthony Musto. He returned to court Tuesday, November 3.

## Man held without bail in JP homicide had several open cases alleging violent incidents

BY SETH DANIEL AND STAFF REPORTS

When Uhmari Buford allegedly stood over Augusta Carter in the courtyard of the Mildred Halsey Apartments and coldly fired a handgun several times at the victim, who lay wounded on the ground, he was also the suspect in several other open cases alleging violent acts such as robbing a livery driver in Mission Hill at gunpoint last fall.

Buford is charged in the Oc-

tober 21, 2020 fatal shooting of Augusta Carter and he faced arraignment last week, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins said.

Buford, 26, was arraigned in the Roxbury Division of the Boston Municipal Court on charges of murder, carrying a loaded firearm without a license, unlawful possession of ammunition and discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a building.

It wasn't the first time, how-

ever, he had been arraigned this year for alleged acts of violence. Sources indicated he had been bailed in cases that included the Mission Hill robbery, as well as a firearms case earlier this year – among other things too like intimidation of a witness. When he allegedly murdered Carter last month, he had multiple open cases that had been brought to charges within the last 12 months.

At the request of Assistant District Attorney Elizabeth Riley-Cunniffe last week, Judge David Weingarten ordered Buford held without bail for the pendency of the case, something that wasn't done in his previous cases alleging violence.

Judge Weingarten additionally revoked Buford's bail for a period of 60 days in three pending criminal cases. According to prosecutors, Buford has a 2020 case pending in the Roxbury Division of the BMC charging witness intimidation and disturbing the peace and two open cases in Suffolk Superior Court, one charging firearm offenses

for which he was arraigned in July and the other a 2019 case charging two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and one count of assault and battery.

The victim, Carter, 45, was among a group of individuals standing in a courtyard in the area of 950 Parker Street shortly before 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, when a gunman approached on foot. The assailant shot Carter multiple times, then stood over the victim's body and fired twice more before fleeing, ADA Riley told the court at arraignment.

Boston Police arrived at the location to find Mr. Carter suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was rushed to Boston Medical Center, where he was pronounced deceased.

Buford was identified as the shooter through security camera footage and witness interviews. He was taken into custody at a residence in Brockton on Friday afternoon, Oct. 23.

"This individual is alleged to have committed an execution in

the middle of a neighborhood, near a playground, without regard for the lives of anyone in the area. The residents of our community deserve better, and Mr. Carter's family and loved ones deserved better. My staff and I are here to provide this family and every homicide survivor with resources and assistance to begin the long and grueling process of healing. We're also here to help the community that has been shaken by yet another act of violence," District Attorney Rollins said. "I have made a commitment to the people of Suffolk County to dedicate my Office's efforts and resources to combating serious and violent crimes that cause the greatest harm in our communities. Violence will not be tolerated, and anyone who would take a life and inflict this immeasurable harm will be found and held accountable for their actions. The Boston Police did an exceptional job in this case and their work should be commended."

Buford returns to court November 24.



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# COVID positive test rate remains above 5 percent in Jamaica Plain; Mayor urges all to get tested

By JOHN LYNDIS

As Boston tries to get a handle on the city's COVID-19 spike the positive test rate in Jamaica Plain remains above 5 percent according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week the BPHC reported that of the 21,182 Jamaica Plain residents tested for COVID 5.7 percent were found to be positive--an increase of 3.6 percent from the 5.5 percent reported at the end of last month. The citywide average is 7.2 percent of those tested--a 7 percent reduction over the course of last week two weeks.

According to the BPHC data, Jamaica Plain's infection rate also increased.

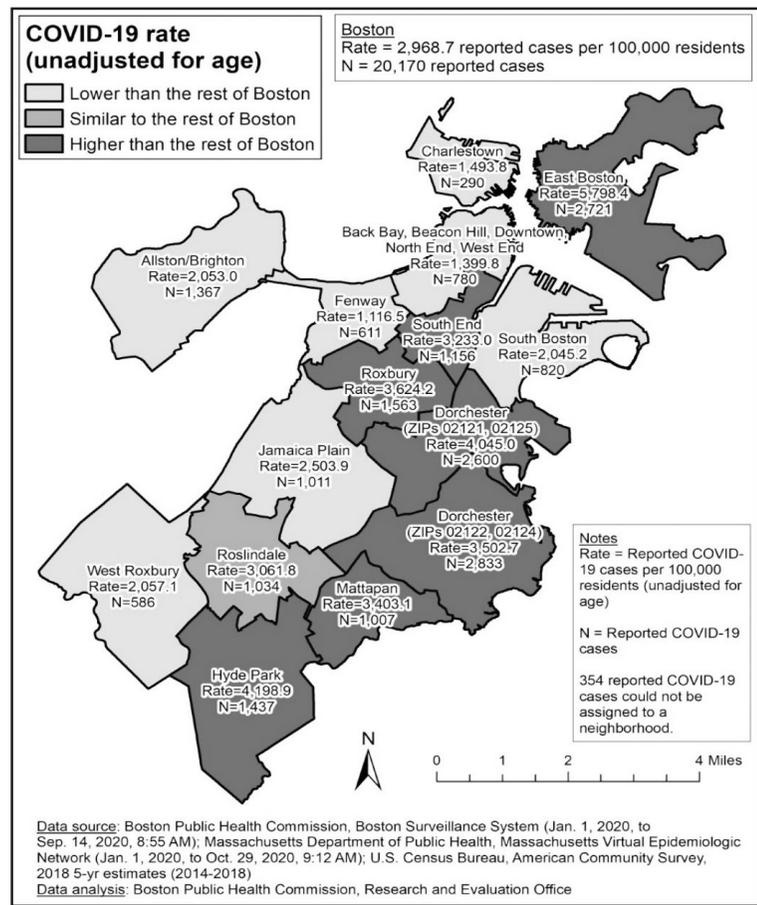
Jamaica Plain went from 227.8 cases per 10,000 residents to 250.3 cases per 10,000 residents--or a 9.8 percent increase.

However, Jamaica Plain remains several points under the citywide infection rate average which is now at 296.8. cases per 10,000 residents.

Ninety-one more Jamaica Plain residents became infected with COVID-19 in the past two weeks and the number of total cases here went from 920 cases two weeks ago to 1,011 cases last week.

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 last week were set at 21,395 cases and deaths from the virus were totaled at 874. This seems like a huge jump from last week's numbers but the BPHC explained the numbers posted Tuesday, "include a one-time increase that is part of



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

an ongoing effort to ensure data accuracy in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The additional cases are no longer active and were contacted appropriately when the individual tested positive. The additional deaths are spread out over the last 3 to 6 months."

In response to the spikes here and across the city, Mayor Martin Walsh is urging everyone to get tested in order to stop the spread.

The philosophy of Walsh's administration is now, 'the more people who know they have COVID, the more we can isolate the sick from the healthy'.

In order to ensure more people get tested Walsh said Tuesday the city has continued to add free testing resources, especially in neighborhoods with higher case rates.

A complete list of testing sites in the city can be found at, [www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/covid-19-testing-sites](http://www.boston.gov/departments/public-health-commission/covid-19-testing-sites).

"As we see an increase in COVID-19 activity, it is vital that we continue to ensure access to testing, especially in neighborhoods and communities where there's a greater positivity rate. And, in addition to the City of Boston providing availability," said Walsh. "I need every Bosto-

nian to get tested, even if they aren't showing symptoms, so individuals can protect their health and the City can be guided by accurate public health data."

The Mayor said at the nearby Roxbury mobile site in Nubian Square, there were 841 COVID-19 tests given.

The Mayor noted that the City has passed the 20,000 case mark, or 2.9 percent of Boston's population, a clear indicator of the reach of the virus and the work needed to prevent further spread.

Last week Walsh unveiled the city's "Get the Test, Boston" pledge, campaign, and social media toolkit. The new initiative to encourage everyone to get tested regularly for COVID-19.

He discussed the importance of getting tested as part of keeping yourself and your family safe, and helping the City track the presence of the virus and respond effectively.

"The City is currently investing in more testing resources, more contact tracing capacity, and more ability to support people who need to quarantine," said Walsh. "But, despite increased access, we've seen our daily testing numbers fall off in recent weeks."

The Mayor said we need to get more people tested, and asked for everyone's help.

"Reasons to get tested immediately include having COVID-like symptoms, having been exposed to someone with a confirmed case, having been part of a large gathering, or having recently traveled," he said. "In addition the virus is spreading among people who don't have symptoms who may not know they've been exposed. So we want everyone to be proactive and get tested if you are leaving your house for any reason."

The Mayor said that he gets tested regularly and that it's a quick and painless experience. He also called it an opportunity to arm yourself with knowledge and be part of our community's defense against this virus.

"We will soon have stickers available at our mobile testing sites that say "I got the test" to help raise awareness and show there is no stigma to getting tested," he said. "We also have a social media toolkit available and we're asking everyone to promote the importance of getting tested throughout their networks."

The Mayor recognized that work hours can make it harder to find time to get tested, so he is asking employers to make it easier for workers to get tested.

"The "Get the Test, Boston" Pledge is a commitment that employers and individuals can make to support testing access," said Walsh. "It keeps your workforce healthy and productive, it prevents an outbreak that could hurt business, and it's a way to help our city avoid having to roll back reopening. The City of Boston is taking the Pledge and offering eligible City employees one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during work hours. Employees will receive regular compensation for their time spent testing, and will not be required to use sick or personal time for that hour."

Other employers can fulfill the Pledge in ways that work for them and their industry.

"All you have to do is encourage your employees to get tested and provide them with information about how and where to get tested," said Walsh. "You can also consider giving paid time off, or other forms of flexibility, for workers to get tested during work hours."

son's: How A Massachusetts Soda Fountain Became a Roadside Icon, Jordan Marsh: New England's Largest Store, The Baker Chocolate Company: A Sweet History, and Christmas Traditions in Boston have been bestsellers.

Sammarco has taught history at the Urban College of Boston, where he was named educator of the year and serves on the Leadership Council.

For his work in history he has received the Bulfinch

Award from the Doric Dames of the Massachusetts State House, a lifetime achievement award from the Victorian Society, New England Chapter and the Washington Medal from Freedom Foundation and was named Dorchester town historian by Raymond L. Flynn, mayor of Boston.

He was also elected a fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society, is a member of the Boston Author's Club and a proprietor of the Boston Ath-

enaum.

He splits his time between

living in Boston and in Osterville on Cape Cod.

## Book

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on Amazon for \$23.44 in paperback form.

Sammarco is well known in Boston and within historical circles of the city. He lectures widely on the history and development of his native city of Boston. His books--Lost Boston, The History of Howard John-

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# Election

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soon be president-elect," O'Malley told the Gazette.

He said he is "cautiously optimistic" as votes continue to be counted in several key states across the country. "I want to make sure that every vote is counted," he said, adding that he believes Donald Trump is "the most divisive person to ever serve as president."

O'Malley also said he is "disappointed in the outcome of Question 2," and said that he is "hopeful" that "we'll continually advocate for it."

He said he was "glad to see Question 1 passed overwhelmingly," as he believes this will give consumers more choice when it comes to repairing their vehicles.

Senator Chang-Diaz won her seat again in the Second Suffolk District, receiving 60,520 votes, or 98.78 percent of the vote.

"We're in for a long couple of days, but that's okay. We know it takes time to count every ballot; we expected this to be the case and we're prepared for it. It's important to be patient as we wait for the results and to channel our energy towards ensuring the vote count we receive is full and accurate. I'm joining that fight by supporting the Protect the Results coalition and rallies downtown, in Nubian Square, at Holy Name church, and in localities across the state," Chang-Diaz told the Gazette.

"We're still waiting on the results of the Electoral College, but last night made one thing clear: Joe Biden has won a moral mandate. He already won the popular vote by millions of ballots, and that's only expected to grow as more votes are counted. In a more democratic system, that would be sufficient."

Chang-Diaz is also a supporter of ranked-choice voting, and said that she is "deeply disappointed that Question 2 lost..."

Ranked choice voting had wide, bipartisan support and its passage would have been a victory for expanding voter voice in Massachusetts. The focus on the Presidential race may have made it difficult to cut through the noise, but this is a real missed opportunity to ensure fairer, more inclusive elections in our Commonwealth going forward."

State Rep. Liz Malia also won re-election in the Eleventh Suffolk District, receiving 17,159 votes, which was 98.87 percent of the vote. Nika Elugardo kept her seat in the Fifteenth Suffolk District as well, receiving 13,854 votes, which was 98.80 percent of the vote.

Governor Charlie Baker said at a press conference on Tuesday that he did not vote for either Donald Trump or Joe Biden, saying "I blanked it."

The governor, along with Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, released a statement supporting the democratic process and peaceful demonstration.

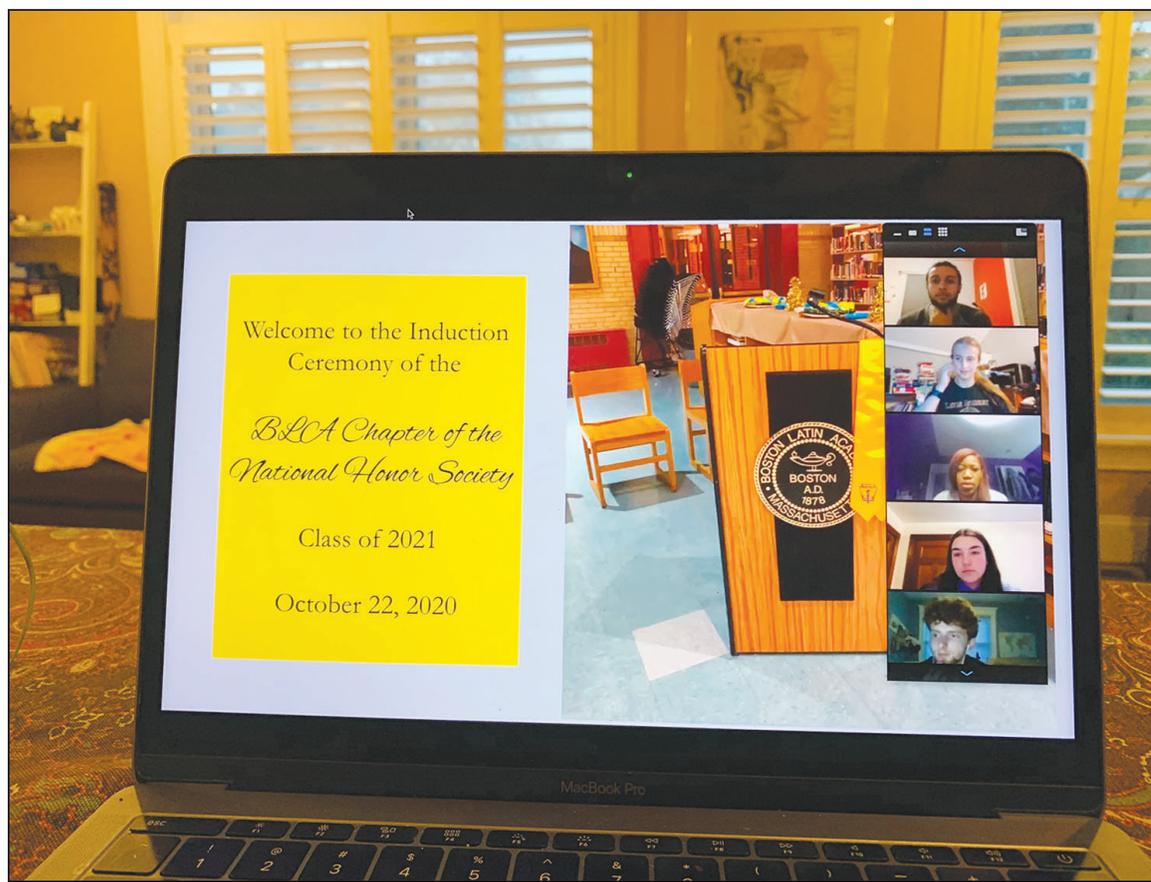
"The United States of America depends on every American having the freedom to cast their vote and for every vote to be counted," the statement reads. "Every American, regardless of political affiliation, especially the President and every candidate on the ballot, should be united in supporting this process. Regardless of who wins this election, the challenges facing the Commonwealth and the nation remain: defeating the pandemic, rebuilding the economy, and supporting those who need help in these difficult days. When the results are finally determined, we are hopeful that all candidates, especially the two running for the most powerful office in the world, set aside partisanship to improve the lives of all Americans. While many anxiously await the results of this critically important election everyone must exercise their First Amendment right peacefully if they choose to do so, and we ask everyone to be respectful of one another."

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The organization distributed activity bags with different games, crafts, and candy.



Centre St. was not bustling with kids donning costumes this year, but many places still tried to show their Halloween spirit with some decorations.

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The cover of the book *Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book* was hung at the Connolly Branch of the BPL, one of the starting routes for the Story Walk.

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## EDITORIAL

### There was only one “Bond....James Bond”

The passing last weekend of Sean Connery, who became known to everyone throughout the world for his role as James Bond in the 1960s films, was a sad event for all of us who grew up mesmerized by his performances.

Although many other actors have played the role over the years in the subsequent Bond movies, none came even close to epitomizing the charm, strength, and sense of humor that Connery brought to the role. (We have enjoyed the most recent Bond films starring Daniel Craig, though his Bond is of an entirely different sort than Connery's.)

Sean Connery's performances in those iconic films have stood the test of time. They are every bit as much fun and enjoyable to watch, no matter how many times we see them, principally because of Sean Connery.

Beyond his Bond roles, Connery starred in countless other outstanding films over the next 40 years and earned an Academy Award. Off-camera he also was a larger-than-life figure. He was well-respected and beloved among his peers and was an outstanding professional actor in every sense of the word.

He overcame his hard-scrabble background as a youth growing up in Scotland through hard work and determination and never forgot where he came from.

Although he was named People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive -- at the age of 59 -- his off-screen persona was hardly the raconteur he portrayed as Bond. Sean Connery was married to the same woman (his second wife) for 45 years, quite a feat in the movie business.

We came across a quote from his wife, Micheline Roquebrune, which in our view epitomizes the ideal that all men -- real men -- should strive for:

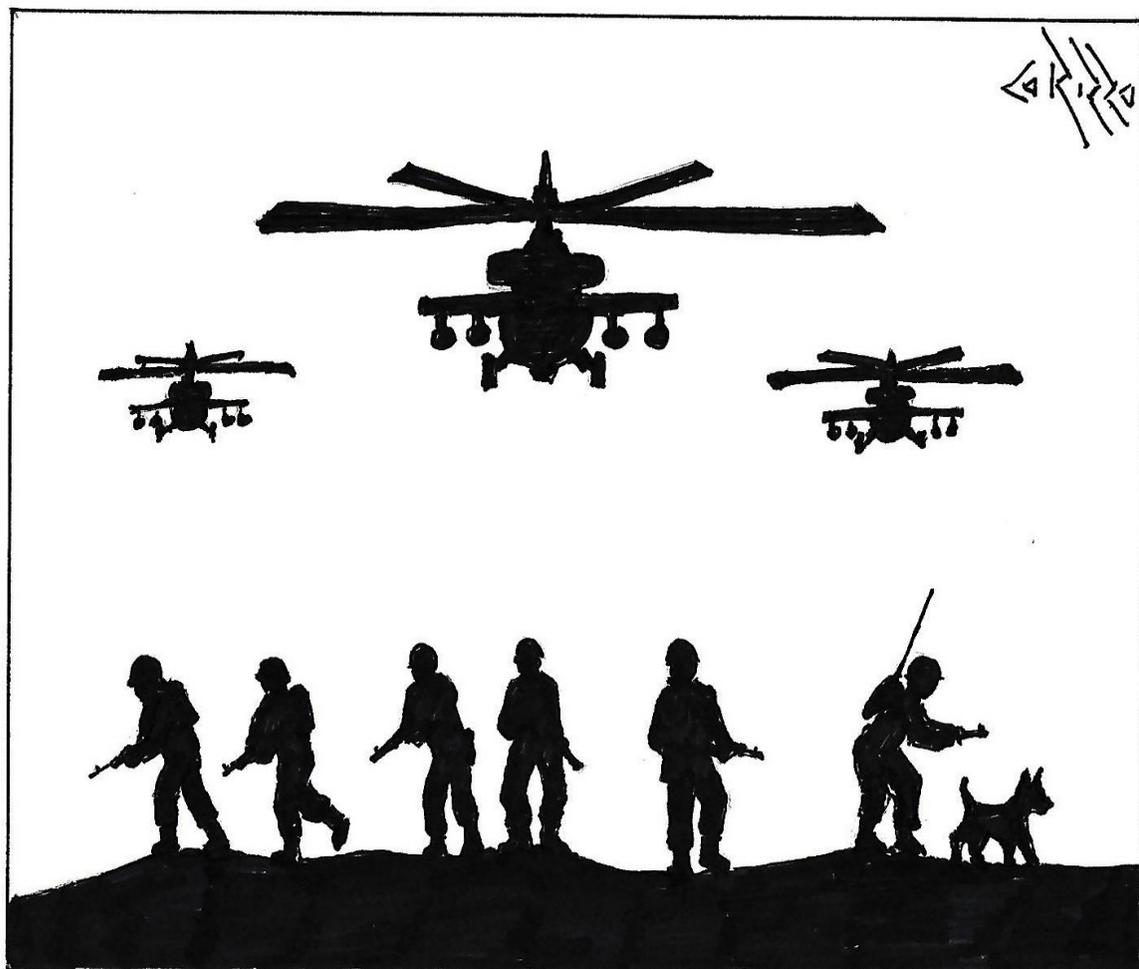
“He was a model of a man,” she said.

Her words bring to mind the lines of Marc Antony from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar when Antony eulogizes Caesar:

His life was gentle, and the elements  
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Sean Connery brought fun and joy to hundreds of millions of people for generations.

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## OP-ED

### The sun is shining

Dr. Glenn Mollette

The Sun is shining today and will rise tomorrow. For more years than we know the Sun has followed this same pattern.

The rising Sun is a good pattern for all of us. We know each day we can count on the Sun. Somedays the Sun is hidden by clouds but it's there. Too often we forget to notice the Sun. Often it feels too hot or we wish it would warm up. We are never completely satisfied with the job the Sun does. Too hot, not hot enough. Too bright. Through all of our life's discontents with the Sun's performance, the Sun keeps performing. Throughout my lifetime I don't know of a day that the Sun has let me down. It just keeps on glowing regardless of the day or world events.

I remember the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. His death was one of the darkest days I can remember as a child but the Sun never ceased to shine.

When Americans came home from Vietnam in boxes and thousands of funerals were held

around the country, we mourned but the Sun kept shining.

I've buried a wife and a baby and it seems like looking back that for a period of time I doubt that I even noticed the Sun was shining. Often life's traumas block the Sun from our eyes even if we are staring right into its rays.

Millions of Americans are unhappy with the election, and some aspects of American life. We don't like Covid-19, unemployment nor the unrest that is all over our country. We sadly have become alienated from good people who have different opinions than we do and this is tragic.

Today we need to look for the Sun. The Sun is not political. The Sun shines on the Democrats and the Republicans. The Sun shines on sinners and the righteous. The Sun takes care of the planet providing our warmth, growth and our very lives. We take the Sun for granted. So often we don't even pay attention to all the Sun does and provides. However, we need the Sun. We do hear about the importance of clean water

and air but are you grateful for the good air and water that you do have?

Take time to notice the Sun today. A clear day or a cloudy day will find the Sun shining. Another day of life means another day to enjoy all that God has created and made. I've never known a day of life without the Sun. I've never known a day that I couldn't find good people with whom to talk. I've never experienced a day that I didn't feel there were people to love and people who cared about me.

God has provided the Sun and as long as our creator wants it to shine it's going to shine. Today, let the Sun shine on you.

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# LETTERS

## This is a good start

Dear Editor:

I applaud Boston Public School Committee's move to allocate Exam School seats based on zip code population. While this decision may reduce Exam School spots for Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury students, the increased seats for East Boston and Codman Square students begins to undo the effects of racism and classism on Exam School enrollment. Jamaica Plain and West Roxbury are affluent, predominantly white neighborhoods. JP and West Roxbury's over-representation in the elite Exam Schools reflects a long local and national history where educational opportunity is concentrated in white communities, to the particular exclusion of Black, Latino, and non-English

speaking children. By allocating specific spots for students from lower-income neighborhoods which are home to higher Black and Latino populations, the School Committee has laid the ground-work for a more equitable and racially just Boston. This is a good start. Moving forward, I invite the School Committee and the families in Boston, to continue to reform the Exam Schools to undo the effects of racism on our city. These exam schools, and the concentration of educational opportunity they represent, has always been an obstacle to making each Boston middle and high school an elite and well funded place for our children to learn. Let us all rally to continue this important work.

DAVID VITALE-WOLFF

## Jamaica Plain National Guard soldier receives new rank

Major General Ray Shields, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Patrick Lane from Jamaica Plain, and assigned to the Headquarters and Support Company, 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters received a promotion to the rank of sergeant on September 1, 2020.

Army National Guard promotions are based on overall performance, attitude, leadership ability, and development potential.

These promotions addition-

ally recognize the best qualified Soldiers and attract and retain the highest caliber Citizen Soldiers for a career in the New York Army National Guard.

For more information about the New York Army National Guard, visit [www.dmna.ny.gov](http://www.dmna.ny.gov) or [www.1800goguard.com](http://www.1800goguard.com)

The New York National Guard (New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs) is the state's executive agency responsible to the Governor for managing New York's Military Forces, which consists of nearly 20,000 members of the New York Army National Guard, the New York Air National Guard, the New York Naval Militia and the New York Guard.

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# LEGAL NOTICES

## LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, SS. DOCKET NUMBER: 16P1053

To all persons interested in the matter of: Constance Cecil of Boston in said County of Suffolk-a person under conservatorship.

A petition has been presented to said Court, for license to sell a private sale certain real estate of Constance Cecil of Boston in the County of Suffolk, for maintenance and praying that the petitioner Albertina Cerveira-Hajjor may be licensed to sell convey the same of said real estate.

Two certain parcels of land with the buildings thereon situated in that part of Boston called West Roxbury, with a mailing address of 8 Glenside Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts 02130, and being Lots marked K and L on a plan of lots in West Roxbury and made by E.L. Moulton, Surveyor, dated December 14, 2912, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds at the end of Volume 3708, said lots being together bounded and described as follows: NORTHWESTERLY on a Glenside Avenue as shown on said plan, ninety-nine and 84/100 (99.84) feet; NORTHEASTERLY on land now or formerly of Coffin, sixty-seven and 82/100 (67.82) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY on land now or formerly of Bard and lot marked 10 on said plan, one hundred and 91/100 (100.91) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY on lot marked M on said plan, sixty-six and 39/100 (66.39) feet.

Containing 6739 square feet of land, be said contents or any of said measurements more or less or however otherwise the said premises may be bounded, measured and described.

Being the same premises described in Deed of Gail P. Kingsley, Executrix of the Estate of Susanne L. Richardson dated January 12, 2007, and recorded at the Suffolk Registry of Deeds at Book 43303, page 249. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before

ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 9th day of November 2020, the return day of this citation.

Witness, BRIAN J. DUNN, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 29th day of October 2020.

Felix D. Arroyo,

Register of Probate

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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. SU20P1611GD

In the matter of:

Khalik L. Coaston

RESPONDENT

Alleged Incapacitated Person

Of: Jamaica Plain, MA

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Keathea L. Coaston-Gilmore of Jamaica Plain, MA in the

above captioned matter

alleging that Khalik L. Coaston is in need of a Guardian and

requesting that Keathea L. Coaston-Gilmore of Jamaica Plain, MA (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 11/18/2020. 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: October 22, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo,

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## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court

24 New Chardon St.

Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL

ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU16P1109EA

Estate of: Maria Rivers

Date of Death: 03/09/2016

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal

Adjudication of Intestacy and

Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed

by Eva M. Gilbert of Brockton, MA requesting that the Court

enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief

as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from

the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object

to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must

file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 12/03/2020.

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 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: October 22, 2020

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Docket No. SU20C0230CA

In the matter of: Susan Zhou-Kelley

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by

Susan Zhou-Kelley of Boston, MA requesting that the court

enter a Decree changing their name to:

Susan Yang Zhou-Kelly

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the

petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and

Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of

11/27/2020. This is NOT a

hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a

written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 22, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo,

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## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court

24 New Chardon St.

Boston, MA 02114

(617)788-8300

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

AND MAILING Docket No. SU20D0783DR

Jose De Pina Fortes Tomar vs.

Zee Maria Correia

Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the

defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with

Mass.R. Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom. Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to

the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B.

Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an

Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against

the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found

within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts

are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore

not practicable, and the defendant has not voluntarily

appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant

is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise

move with respect to the amended complaint herein

on or before the return day of 12/10/2020.

If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing

and adjudication of this matter. Date: September 30, 2020

Hon. Frances M. Giordano Justice of Probate and Family

Court

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## PLEASE WRITE...

The Gazette welcomes letters to the editor. Word limit: 500. Deadline: Friday at 5 p.m. one week before publication. Letters may be emailed to [letters@JamaicaPlainGazette.com](mailto:letters@JamaicaPlainGazette.com).

Please include address and telephone number for verification purposes. Anonymous letters will not be published. More information: 617-524-2626

# COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE HOSTS GRAB-AND-GO HALLOWEEN EVENT

On Saturday, October 31, 2020, the Community Service Office from Jamaica Plain's District E-13 police station welcomed over 100 local children in a Grab-and-Go Halloween event. Special thanks to the Police Athletic League, Whole

Foods Market in Jamaica Plain, Tree of Life, Hyde Square Task Force, Boston Public Libraries and Sergeant Chris Morgan in making this such a successful event. It is always great to see happy children enjoying some safe Halloween fun.



The Police Athletic League, Whole Foods Market in Jamaica Plain, Tree of Life, Hyde Square Task Force, Boston Public Libraries and Sergeant Chris Morgan made the event a success by donating items.



The District E-13 station on Washington Street welcomed over 100 local children in a Grab-and-Go Halloween event.



On Halloween night, the Community Service Office from Jamaica Plain's District E-13 police station handed out pumpkins and candy to over 100 local children.



Local children came dressed in their Halloween Costumes for the Grab-and-Go event.



A Jamaica Plain family shows off their pumpkin and other goodies.

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