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Guest Opinion

Boston's next steps to address the opioid crisis

BY MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

In big cities and small towns across the United States, the opioid epidemic is tearing families apart. It is inflicting incredible pain, and it will have implications for years to come. In Boston, we've made this issue a top priority. And now, we're ready to take the next step with a new strategic plan called Melnea Cass/Mass Ave. 2.0.

This new plan focuses on a neighborhood in Boston that has been hardest-hit by the addiction crisis: the intersection of Melnea Cass Boulevard and Mass. Ave. in the South End, often referred to as Mass/Cass. For decades, this has been a hub of vital services for people struggling with substance use disorder, mental health issues, and

homelessness. It's one of the places where the city and its wide array of partners, including nonprofits, medical centers, and service providers, have dedicated the most resources to outreach and treatment programs. People from throughout the state and region have been drawn to the area due to the availability of treatment, health care, and shelter. We recognize the impact this is having on the surrounding communities which have borne a disproportionate share of the issue. In addition to those struggling with addiction, we also need to make sure that the neighbors, families, schools, and businesses in the area get the support they need.

That's why this neighborhood is ground zero for our response. Focusing on this area, we will be able to reach the most people in need of

life-saving care, and address pressing safety and quality-of-life concerns for the surrounding community as well. At the same time, we're expanding services citywide, and calling for improved access to resources outside Boston and throughout the region.

The 2.0 plan is informed by public health and public safety professionals, community members, and people recovering from substance use disorder themselves. This plan has three focus areas: public health, quality of life, and public safety. We're hiring new staff members designated to work in the area, and funding for new programs and initiatives to get more people the help they need. Our plan lays out specific, achievable, and measurable

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Building the New BMC



(L to R) Chair of Boston Medical Center's Philanthropic Trust and Building the New BMC Co-Chair Randi Cutler of Boston; Boston Medical Center's Surgeon-in-Chief and Chair of Boston Medical Center's Hospital Board of Trustees, Jennifer-Tseng, MD, MPH, of Newton; Boston Medical Center Health System Board Chair James Phalen of Duxbury; Boston Medical Center Health System President and CEO Kate Walsh of Boston; CEO and Chairman of Analysis Group and Chair of Boston Medical Center's Hospital Board of Trustees Martha Samuelson of Newton; Boston Medical Center Philanthropic Trust Member and Building the New BMC Co-Chair Susan Donahue of Norwell; Executive Chairman of Bob's Discount Furniture and Building the New BMC Co-Chair Ted English of Boston; Chef and Owner of MIDA, in Boston's South End, Douglass Williams.

Boston Medical Center (BMC) celebrated the conclusion of its sixyear campaign, Building the New BMC, which raised more than \$450 million. The endeavor included a campus redesign—including a newly expanded Emergency Department—and also supported a variety of research efforts and essential programs that address the unique needs of BMC's patient population.

Fund Our Future!

BY ANNA ZHAO JOSIAH QUINCY UPPER SCHOOL STUDENT

What do we want? Fund Our Future! When do we want it? Now! For the past 25 years, Massachusetts public schools have been underfunded by more than 1 billion dollars each year, according to the state's Foundation Budget Review Commission.

Last month, I started my junior year at the Josiah Quincy Upper School, and I'm one of the many students across the state who understands what it's like to attend a public school that has been underfunded by the Massachusetts legislature.

After years of pressure from students, parents, educators, and community advocates, the state legislature's Education Committee released a bill on September 19 that, once fully implemented, would increase state funding for local schools by \$1.5 billion each year.

The State Senate passed the bill on October 3. As State Representatives examine the bill, they should consider the obstacles that students like me face when our schools aren't funded for success.

The school which I currently attend is housed in a building that was built in the early 1900s. Our building's fire alarm system consists

of bells that has to be rung manually in case of fires. Manually. There are never enough textbooks to go around in classrooms and, when there are enough, they are either tom or decades old.

We share run down Chromebooks, while students who attend fully-funded schools, in wealthier communities, often enjoy updated and personally-assigned technology.

I watch my teachers pay out-ofpocket for essentials like pencils and papers simply because the school budget isn't sufficient.

Unfortunately, the examples I

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Halloween Happenings

Saturday, October 26

Haunted Graveyard Tour South End Burying Ground, 3:00pm

Halloween is approaching, and so is this year's Haunted Graveyard Tour at the South End Burying Ground on Washington Street between East Newton and East Concord Streets in Boston's historic South End. South End News contributing writer Michele D. Maniscalco will share the surprising history of the burying ground, which operated between 1810 and 1866, as well as other spooky and lurid tales from South End history while exploring the burying ground. The tour is free and open to the public.

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Election Day Is Tuesday, November 5

The deadline to submit absentee ballot application for the is November 4, 12 PM.

More information at www.boston.gov/departments/election

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Beacon Hill

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019 10 A.M. @ 150 Charles St. rain date: Sat, Nov. 16, 2019

Back Bay

Thursday, Nov. 7, 2019 7:30 A.M. @ 65 Beacon St. rain date: Thurs, Nov. 14, 2019

South End

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019 7:30 A.M. @ 400 Tremont St. rain date: Thurs, Nov. 21, 2019

Bay Village

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019 7:30 A.M. @ 10 Park Plaza rain date: Tues, Dec. 10, 2019

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Dioid

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goals for the months ahead. We will improve coordination between city services and make sure that city agencies and our partners are working together as efficiently and effectively as possible. It will allow us to get more people off the streets and into treatment, and make the neighborhood safer for everyone.

This new plan builds on the work we've done over the past 5 years. Since I took office in 2014, we have invested \$64 million across several City departments to address the addiction crisis. We created the first municipal Office of Recovery Services in the country. We created a 24-hour hotline to connect people to quality, affordable addiction treatment. We're investing in shelters, street outreach workers, and training for first responders. We're suing the pharmaceutical industry that played a role in creating this crisis, and making sure that they help fund the relief efforts. And we have a plan to build the comprehensive recovery campus on Long Island that our entire region needs.

To me, this work is very personal. I am

a recovering alcoholic. I understand how addiction can take hold and derail a person's life. I believe that we need to address this issue with empathy and compassion. We also need to focus on the root causes. Often times, when people turn to addictive substances, it's out of loneliness or desperation. It's an outcome of trauma, fear, and poverty. Stigmatizing the disease of addiction only discourages people from getting help for themselves and their families. People don't need more judgement, they need more help. Building a strong, loving community that lifts people up is one of the most important things we can do. This work will save lives and change our city for the better. This is an opportunity to set an example for the nation, and help other communities rise up from under this crisis, too.

I encourage everyone to read the Melnea Cass/Mass Ave. 2.0 plan at Boston.gov/ Recovery. This is also where you can learn more about the work we're doing citywide, and how you or a loved one can get access to help. This is one of the biggest challenges we'll face as a city, and we're rising to the occasion, together.

Join us to raise funds to provide daily financial and emotional support for children with cancer and their families.



Childhood cancer is devastating, not only for the child, but for the entire family. These families desperately need additional support to cope with the many harsh challenges that they face while battling their child's cancer. The Tomorrow Fund supports children with cancer who are treated at Hasbro's Children Hospital. 100% of the funds that are raised during our walk will be donated to The Tomorrow Fund.



Walk with us on the beautiful South Kingstown Bike Path starting at Kingston Train Station

Noon on October 26th

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Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

I despise the way dog addicts attempt to get their dog into places where pets aren't allowed, by claiming the pet is a "comfort dog" or a "therapy dog." What a load. These people are using minor health stuff as an excuse to bring their mutt everywhere. "Therapy dogs" are faddish nonsense. Americans have gotten

Also, I know of a guy who doesn't date because he says his mutt fills that role. So strange. It's dysfunctional to turn to dogs for a relationship. A dog is not a substitute for human companionship no matter what you say.

Ummm. When has Ask Dog Lady ever suggested a dog as a substitute for human companionship? What side of the bed did you wake up on? Obviously, the side of the bed with no dogs allowed. Dogs are not substitutes for human companionship. They are emotional blace holders. They can fill the empty spaces with warmth, joy and humor. By the way, have you thought of getting a dog? A pet might ease the chip on your shoulder.

Grudgingly, Dog Lady agrees with you about "comfort dogs," also known as "emotional therapy" dogs. These pets - and the loose guidelines governing their access to airlines, no-pet apartment buildings and other places where dogs are not allowed-make Dog Lady uncomfortable. Some people abuse the privilege of bringing a dog everywhere with a doctor's

note. This free-range flouting of society's rules and conventions has given rise to the sort of anger you exhibit. In this case, no one can blame you.

Dear Dog Lady,

-Harry

I am looking for a pet dog. My hands down favorite breed is the Boxer. However when I previously owned a Boxer, me and my roommate walked the dog multiple times a day and gave the dog rigorous play time. That was several years ago. Now, I live alone and work a full-time job. I still love Boxers. However, I fear my current lifestyle would be hard on a dog with such a high energy level. I am curious and wonder if you have a suggestion as to which breed would be ideal for me now.

Dear Cee,

Dog Lady is very reluctant to suggest a dog that doesn't need exercise because, well, she doesn't believe such a creature exists. You

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Halloween

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Sunday, October 27

Chandler Street at the Corner of Clar-

Come See Wally!

Bouncy House, Face Painting, Food, Treats. Live Music, Petting Zoo

Concord Square Pumpkin Carving 2-4pm

10am - 4pm

The final SoWa open market of the season, and sowa's annual halloween bash! We'll be celebrating on october 27 along with the region's best makers, farmers, brewers, vintage vendors, and food trucks. Check out

SoWa Costume Contest (Humans +

Pumpkin Painting: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

on Thayer St (Free!)

Live Music: by Bradley Copper Kettle and Friends, sponsored by Capital One Cafe

Face Painting: By Fun Face Express on Thayer St

Brewer: Four Quarters Brewing 2019 SoWa Costume Contest, 12 PM - 2 PM)

All costumes are eligible for entry, but the more creative, the better! Check out the categories and prizes.

Humans: To enter, stop by the chalk wall located at 460 Harrison Ave between 12 pm - 2 pm. We will collect your contact info and snap a photo. Winners will be posted on Facebook + Instagram the following day!

Human Prizes: 1st place: \$500

2nd place: \$250 3rd place: \$150

Pets: Pet parents, bring your pups by the

chalk wall located at 460 Harrison Ave from 12 pm - 2 pm. We will collect your contact info and snap a photo. Winners will be posted on Facebook the following day!

1st Place - The best dressed pup will win a gift set from 2 Dogs Treats.

2nd Place - The second place winner will take home a bow tie and collar from

Thursday, October 31

The Friends of Titus Sparrow Park Halloween Party 5-6pm

Refreshments, roving entertainers, pre trick-or-treat fun

The Revolution Hotel

Bring your pup in their best Halloween costume to The Revolution Hotel on October 31 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm to win amazing prizes from Polkadog Bakery and The Revolution Hotel. Hang out and grab a drink from our cash bar and get free treats from Polkadog Bakery for your four legged friend!

First place winner will walk home with a 3 pack of Polkadog Bakery's top selling treats, a \$25 gift card to one of their stores, and a 1-night stay at The Revolution Hotel.

Second place will receive a cod skin tube. chicken strip tube, a \$10 gift card to one of their stores, and a 1 month membership to our coworking space, Conspire.

Third place will receive a cod skin tube, a \$5 gift card to one of their stores, and some of The Revolution Hotel's best swag

This event is family friendly. All friendly well behaved dogs (and humans) are welcome

Amajority of this increase will go towards the districts with the greatest needs and fewest resources, addressing English Language Learners, students of color and low-income

Students, parents and teachers have always known our schools are underfunded. but with a clear confirmation from the state government itself, there is no excuse for inaction. It's time for us to speak up! It's time for us to take action! All students, regardless of their language, income, or ethnicity to deserve a quality public education. What do we want? Fund Our Future! When do we want it? Now!

Anna Zhao is a junior at the Josiah Quincy Upper School. She lives in the South End.

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RAIN DATE: Sunday, October 27

Tadpole's Halloween Block Party for Kids 2-4pm

endon Street

SoWa's Halloween Bash

the event lineup below.

Pets) - Details Below

Fund our Future!

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share are not specific to just me or BPS students, but are all too familiar to students enrolled in underfunded urban, rural and suburban school districts across the Commonwealth. In one of the wealthiest states in our nation, this simply shouldn't be the reality.

Underfunding affects us in other harmful ways, too. In 9 out of 10 cases, hundreds of students are assigned to only one counselor, and the majority of schools in Boston and other low-income school districts did not staff a full-time nurse until this year, when the Boston Teachers Union won a full-time nurse in every school through their union contract. I've experienced going to the school nurse's office only to find it empty and having to return to class enduring pain or illness or be sent home, resulting in lost time and learning.

I've seen friends who had cuts on their hands or arms turned away by nurses because they didn't have enough bandaids. Without a doubt, health and safety are fundamental human needs. Our right to health and safety should not be suspended when we walk through our school doors.

As the clock continues to tick almost four years after the Foundation Budget Review Commission published its damning recognition of the severe underfunding of Massachusetts schools, the Education Committee's legislation, as passed by the Senate, would go a long way towards addressing these issues by greatly increasing funding for local school districts.

Dog Lady

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could explore breeds such as Bernese mountain dogs, bulldogs, retired greyhounds as Dog Lady has heard anecdotally these are couch potatoes waiting to happen. However, don't take this info to the bank because this information is untested. You might consider an older shelter dog who is abandoned because of time and circumstance. You could save an elderly dog's life.

All dogs love exercise and walks. Dog Lady doesn't think you should start a new dog adventure by planning what you won't do. Somehow, that stance doesn't seem fair to the animal. Instead, think of what you can do. You're working. So investigate hiring ancillary help such as dog walkers and doggy day care to take your dog out for a walk or run when you're not able. There are many services out there to support you.

Write: askdoglady@gmail.com

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU19P2281GD

In the matter of: Thomas Covino Of: Boston, MA

RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health (Boston of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Thomas Covino is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Department of Mental Health (Boston of

Westborough, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114

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.

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stating the specific facts and gounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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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.

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, The Trial Court, Probate & Family Court

Suffolk Probate and Family Court, 24 New Chardon Street, P.O. Box 9667, Boston, MA 02114 Docket No. SU19P1917GD

NOTICE AND ORDER: Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor In the interests of **Neveyah Angell Hamilton** of **Boston, MA** Minor NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES **1. Hearing Date/Time**: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian

of a Minor filed on 08/20/2019 by Andreya Jones of Boston, MA will be held 11/05/2019 08:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing Located in Boston Located Suffolk Probate and Family Court.

2. Response to Petition: You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. 3. Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. **4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing**: A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

ORDER TO PETITIONER(S)

IT IS ORDERED THAT copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served in hand on the minor. (if 14 or more years of age and not the petitioner) he guardian, the parents of the minor, and any other person if ordered by the Court, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date listed above.

If Service in hand cannot be accomplished on any interested party, IT IS ORDERED that copies of this Notice and the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on the interested party by leaving at and mailing by regular first class mail to last and usual place of residence of the interested party at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of hearing listed above.

If the identity or whereabouts of an interested party is not known, IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that copies of this Notice and Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor be served on all interested persons at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date by publishing a copy of the Order and Notice once in South End News, Boston public ation to be at least **Seven (7)** days prior to the hearing date.

If required, service on the United States Veteran Administration and the Department of Children and Families may be accomplished by regular first class mail at least Sever (7) days prior to the hearing.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights

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Date: September 13, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Zoning News

South End going to the dogs: Failed pressedsmoothie joint on Tremont Street to be replaced by dog-grooming and petsupply place

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The Zoning Board of Appeal this week gave a wag of approval to plans by a pair of dog walkers and groomers to open a brick-and-mortar grooming and pet-supply store at 643A Tremont St., where a previous tenant learned the South End had a limited appetite for pressed smoothies.

"Frankly, there's a lot of dogs in the South End and people have been asking for this, from these guysspecifically," Boston Dog Butlers attorney Nick Zozula told the board at a hearing. The company currently operates as a "virtual company," traveling around the South End to provide services at clients' homes.

A veteran pet-services provider from the Fenway rose to support the proposal, agreeing that the South End has "the biggest concentration of dogs in the city or one of them."

Caliga—she told the board she legally goes by just one name, the right to which she applied for "after Cher, but before Madonna", said hard-charging South End residents "really, really need this grooming service, not just want it," and that Boston Dog Butlers really knows and cares about dogs, to the point that she routinely recommends it to South End residents.

The mayor's office and the office of City Councilor Ed Flynn also supported the proposal. Nobody spoke against.

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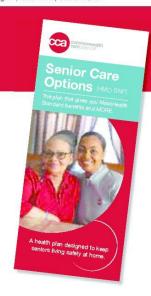




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Public Meeting

Lower Roxbury Properties

Saturday, November 16

6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Boston Water & Sewer Commission 980 Harrison Avenue, 2nd Floo Roxbury, MA, 02119

Project Description:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) invites you to a community meeting to gather community input on the future of two publicly owned properties in the Lower Roxbury neighborhood:

1.) Parcel X-26B, known as the Frederick Douglass Peace Garden, located to the rear of 1008-1012 Tremont Street in the South End Urban Renewal Area

2.) 0 Warwick Street, a parcel abutting 90 Windsor Street in the South End Urban

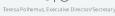
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Community Meeting

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, November 4 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Bolling Building 2300 Washington Street 2nd Fl. School Committee Room

Boston, MA, 02119

Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee (RSMPOC) was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. Since the launch of PLAN: Dudley Square the RSMPOC meetings also include progress reports on the initiative. All meetings are open to the public and community input is desired. The location of the RSMPOC meetings has changed for the rest of 2019 and will be held in the evening on the first Monday of the month at the Bolling Building in the 2nd Floor School Committee Room.

PLAN: Dudley Square workshops are typically every third Monday of the month, location varies. For more information on the upcoming meeting, including the draft agenda and all materials from previous RSMPOC meetings, please visit bit.ly/theRSMPOC.

Please come join your neighbors to help shape the future of the neighborhood!

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