# South End News

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**Local news for and about Boston's best neighborhood**

## Dual public-health crises plague South End businesses

By Michele D. Maniscalco

The Worcester Square area received sad news last week when a Friday, February 5 Tweet from the Boston Sun announced the closing of a neighborhood favorite, Andre's Café, quoting owner Haido Barnett as being "relieved" after years of battling Methadone Mile and more recent COVID-related problems with "too little help."

Even before the COVID-19 dining restrictions began challenging the industry almost a year ago, South End restaurants and cafés

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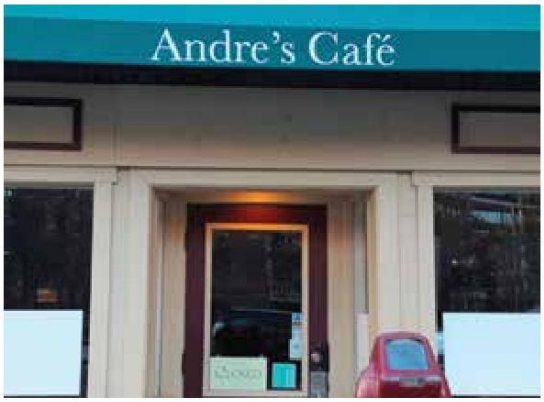


Photo by Michele D. Maniscalco

## New Cross outside the Cathedral

By Patrick O'Connor

A cross depicting Jesus crucified has been moved from the Jeanne Jugan Nursing Home in Somerville, which is a former Catholic nursing home operated by the Little Sisters of the Poor, and moved to the front entrance of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Donated in memory of their parents by Bishop Robert Deeley of Portland, Maine and his brother, Rev. Kevin Deeley, the cross was refurbished by the Fallon Company.

## 12-year-old South Ender Jay'dha Hosting Self-Care Workshop

### For Girls Over School Break

Submitted by Slowey McManus Communications

Community activism started for 12-year-old Jay'dha Rackard after seeing the effects of the opioid academic right in her backyard. Living in, and at the time also attending school in, the South End, Jay'dha and her peers had to grapple with used needles on their playground and walking past individuals in need of help. These difficult first-hand experiences that Jay'dha and her peers were being thrust into sparked the realization of the importance of self-care.

Knowing that not everyone has access to self-care tools, and how in the age of covid self-care is as important as ever, Jay'dha got the idea for a workshop for girls her age. After applying for—and winning—a $20,000 grant, Jay'dha has organized a self-care workshop for girls aged 10-14 over February break. Girls will be given supplies to make face and body scrubs, lip gloss, bath bombs, t-shirts, as well as take lessons on self-care, self-expression through poetry, dance and yoga, and participate in a photoshoot.

All supplies, including PPE, will be provided for the participants. Girls in the workshop for 12-14 year olds will even be given their own laptop.

This program is just the start for Jay'dha, who has recently given Boston Mayoral Candidate Andrea Campbell a tour around the neighborhood she lives in. She is also soliciting donations of feminine hygiene products to donate to those who need it, and dreams of saving up enough money to travel the world and help children in need.

Jay'dha Rackard

The program is at a studio in Hyde Park next week from 11am-3pm Monday-Wednesday for ages 12-14, and Thursday-Friday for ages 10-11. It's a large space with social distancing protocols.

If you're interested in the program or would like to donate items, email jbrackard@gmail.com

## Black History Month

## Melnea Cass

**"If we cannot do great things, we can do small things in a great way."**

Bonnie Hurd Smith
Courtesy Boston Women's Heritage Trail

Melnea Cass

Melnea Cass Boulevard in Lower Roxbury is named for one of Boston's most beloved and effective advocates for African Americans in Boston, Melnea A. Cass (1896-1978). She was relentless in her pursuit of educational and economic opportunities and racial justice for her community. Known as the "First Lady of Roxbury," Melnea Cass's activities ranged from volunteering on committees, serving on boards, and accepting city-appointed com-

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## Business

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closest to "Mass and Cass", the area of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard, were contending with open and pervasive drug use, sales and paraphernalia surrounding their storefronts; window breaks and robberies; intoxicated and mentally unstable people demanding money and food from restaurant staff and patrons; public elimination and more were already making food-service owners, employees and diners uneasy, and some owners report that the problem has intensified during the pandemic.

The South End News could not reach Barnett by press time, but other business owners shared their experiences.

Nick Theodoropoulos, the smiling face of the restaurant Code 10, both behind the counter and at doorstep deliveries, came to the U.S. from Greece seven years ago and joined his stepfather in the family business at the corner of Washington Street and East Concord. Theodoropoulos said the café has not put out its customary sidewalk tables the past two summers because of negative activities.

"...we cannot put tables outside in the summer. They sit at the tables and change clothes, shoot drugs. It drives customers away during the summer. Some customers are afraid to walk in the door because they stand outside and ask, 'Are you going to get something to eat? Can you get me food? Sometimes they pull out a knife and start fighting with each other. Sometimes they are really aggressive when customers say no. It causes a public fear."

Theodoropoulos said such incidents repel diners. "Some of the drug addicts pull their pants down and pee right in the street. A customer saw it and said, "What is this? That's disgusting.' They never came back. He added, "It's really scary when you see someone with a knife trying to stop cars turning at the corner. It really affects our business in a negative way. It's not just me, but all the businesses in the South End area."

Theodoropoulos thinks that drug dependent denizens of the area being failed by the public health system. "The city should take care of them in a better way than they do right now. They should get better treatment and medication so they could have a normal life."

The 2015 opening of restaurant Café Quattro, 817 Harrison Avenue, roughly coincided with homeless and drug treatment services relocating to the Mass and Cass area after the fall, 2014 closure of Long Island. After closing his former Beacon Hill location when his landlord abruptly doubled his rent, Butland searched for two years for a new location before rejuvenating the long-empty storefront at 817 Harrison Avenue and filling it with the aroma of delectable pizza, pasta and sandwiches and with happy customers.

Butland has seen the gamut of illegal and unsafe activities both inside and outside his shop, including a December 2019 break-in resulting in significant property damage and loss. He observed, "Aside from the break in, we witness open drug use, open drug sales, extreme aggressiveness, regular verbal assaults, threats of violence, loitering, overdoses, and a lot of going to the bathroom in the open. There is also very little adherence to mask guidelines and when we ask people to put on a mask, or to at least step back from the takeout window, we are usually met with aggressive behavior and verbal assault, which can tend to scare paying customers away."

While Butland has seen these activities for years, the pandemic has exacerbated the problems. "The pandemic has definitely amplified these behaviors," he said. "I think a lot of it has to do with lack of adherence to Covid safety guidelines. I have so many people coming at us without masks and acting aggressively towards my employees that I had to move to a takeout window only model early on during the pandemic. I just can't in good conscience put my staff and myself at risk...My staff tries to remain vigilant and safe

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## Food Pantries

### Information from the City of Boston

**Haley House Food Pantry**, 23 Dartmouth Street, Thursday, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 617-236-8132

**Rosie's Place/Pantry**, 889 Harrison Ave.,Mondays: 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays: 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 4:30-6:30 p.m., 617-442-9322

**Salvation Army/South End Food Pantry**, 1500 Washington Street, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 617-536-5260.

**Catholic Charities/El Centro del Cardena**, Monsignor Reynolds Way, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 617-522-4040

**Boston Medical Center Food Pantry**, 1 Boston Medical Center Yawkey B, Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. -4 p.m., 617-414-3834

**Grant A.M.E./Self-Help**, 1906 Washington St., First and third Thursday of the month: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., 617-427-0670

**American Red Cross/Mobile Market**, 1033 Massachusetts Ave., Times vary, call ahead: 617-375-0735.

**Islamic Multi Service Organization**, 722 Shawmut Avenue, Second Sunday of the month: 1:30 - 4 p.m., 617-442-2805

**Union United Methodist Church Food Pantry**, 485 Columbus Ave., Second Tuesday of the month: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., 617-287-1020

Locations and times are subject to change. Please check back to confirm information before you head to a meal pickup site or food pantry.

*Visit https://www.boston.gov/departments/food-access/map-covid19-food-resources for a full list of pantries.*

## Crime

# Court rules Lenox drug dealer convicted of shooting rival deserves his life sentence

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The Supreme Judicial Court upheld on February 4 the sentence of life without parole for Garrett Jackson for putting a bullet in the back of a rival druh dealer's head in the Lenox development in 2009.

The state's highest court said the judge in the case conducted jury selection impartially, that a photo shown to jurors of the victim's head with rods showing where the bullet had entered his skull and exited through his eyeball was not gruesome enough to prejudice him and that there was nothing wrong with the way prosecutors had a police officer testify to show how a woman who provided key information to police tried to change her story on the stand. The court concluded it had no reason to overturn Jackson's 2011 conviction for first-degree murder.

According to the court's summary of the case, Jackson, then 22, shot Tommy Speed from about two inches away in the entryway of 18 Trotter Ct. on Feb. 11, 2009 because he was frustrated at the way Speed, a construction worker who also doubled as a crack dealer, controlled the crack trade in the development, a business Speed and his pals wanted a bigger part of.

The court summary noted that "At the time of his death, the victim was thirty-eight years old, and had been selling "crack" cocaine in the area around the Lenox public housing development (Lenox) in the South End section of Boston for many years. He ran a solo operation and had acquired master keys that opened several of the Lenox buildings, facilitating his access to resident clientele. The victim was the preferred local source for area addicts, both because of the dependable quality of his product and because he was personally well liked. When he was present in and around Lenox with crack cocaine, however, the victim expected customers would come to him for all of their needs before turning elsewhere, and he insisted other crack dealers relinquish all area sales to him."

Still, the summary continued, Speed tolerated the younger upstarts - who, however, had to constantly watch him get sales they wanted, in part because he sold better quality

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## Business

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the best they can. We try to keep a positive attitude in a tough situation. Many times, by the end of the night, we are completely mentally worn out and exhausted. We tend to get used to certain behaviors, but a lot of it is completely unacceptable."

Butland has, however, been heartened by police support. "The police from D-4 are amazing. In addition to frequenting the cafe, they also try to keep an eye on us to make sure we are ok. I think they have a lot of empathy for my staff. Many officers have given us their personal numbers so we can reach them directly if we need help. They have always been there in seconds when we need them. I have also witnessed many examples of officers showing empathy for individuals outside that need assistance: buying them food, giving them rides to get help, and directing them to services that can help them." Since the pandemic began, Butland's operating costs have spiraled, both for inventory and for PPE.

"Our industry as a whole has been decimated by the pandemic. I think the effects are intensified in our section of the South End. We pay a premium rent, and rely heavily on foot traffic, and it's just not there. Our pricing has largely stayed the same. Just last week, I had a business meeting with one of my longtime suppliers, and after watching in horror as someone went to the bathroom outside the restaurant, he turned to me and said, 'You've gotta get out of here.' When people hear what we pay for rent, then they see the environment that we work in, they are utterly flabbergasted."

At the corner of Mass. Avenue and Harrison Ave., Grille 705 has been highly impacted the beginning of relocation of addiction and homeless services to Mass and Cass. For years, the restaurant was a busy stop for bathroom facilities by many homeless people and others who came into Boston for services, and many of those people were not paying customers.

Grille 705 owner related his experiences. "My business is affected too because of the increase of drug addict people in the neighborhood. People overdose around here often, and there is a lot of human waste in the back alley on Trask street. Every morning we come to see trash all over the place because homeless people take trash out of the dumpster and leave them on the floor, and some stupid city worker comes at 7: 00 AM and writes a violation for site cleanliness. When I purchased my commercial condo in 2007, the real estate tax was around $14,000.00 and now it is around $27,000.00. I don't understand why the taxes go so high in this neighborhood. I am fed up with these people and the city is not doing anything about it."

As the city transitions to a new acting mayor, it remains to be seen whether there will be a new approach to supporting South End business owners facing this unique dilemma.

bpda | Virtual Public Workshop

PLAN: Nubian Square
Parcel P3 Workshop

**Monday, February 22**
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

**Zoom Link:** bit.ly/36z6AXe
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864
**Meeting ID:** 160 732 2394

**Event Description**
Please join members of the PLAN: Nubian Square team on Feb. 22nd from 6-7:45pm to discuss Parcel P3. During this workshop we will specifically review existing site conditions and conduct visioning exercises to guide the future RFP. For more information please visit bit.ly/PlanNubian.

Únase a los miembros del PLAN: equipo de Nubian Square el 22 de febrero de 2021 de 6 pm a 7:45 pm para discutir el lote P3. Durante este taller, revisaremos específicamente las condiciones existentes del sitio y realizaremos ejercicios de visualización para guiar el futuro RFP. Para obtener más información visite bit.ly/PlanNubian.

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bpda | Virtual Community Meeting

Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

**Monday, March 1**
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

**Zoom Link:** bit.ly/3ibT8Nz
**Toll Free:** (833) 568 - 8864
**Meeting ID:** 161 848 8944

**Event Description**
The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. The committee meets monthly to discuss development and planning in Nubian Square. All meetings are held on zoom and open to the public. For more information, on how to Join, Engage, and Take Action, please visit the website.

**Upcoming meetings/Próximas reuniones/Dat pwochen rankont yo se:**
March/Marzo/ Mas 1
April/Abril/Avril 5
May/Mayo/ Me 3

For interpretation services, contact the planner listed below one week before each meeting.
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**South End Writes**

**Heal Yourself by Amy Scher, "accidental guru"**

Tuesday, February 23, 2021, 7:00 PM 8:00 PM

Amy Scher, an energy therapist specializing in mind-body healing, and bestselling author of How to Heal Yourself from Depression When No One Else Can: A Self-Guided Program to Stop Feeling Like Sh*t, will talk at South End Writes via ZOOM on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 PM. Her previous books are titled, How to Heal Yourself When No One Else Can and This Is How I Save My Life .

**Alice Henderson: A SOLITUDE OF WOLVERINES**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 7:00 PM 8:00 PM

A Solitude of Wolverines is the first book in a thrilling new series by Alice Henderson featuring a wildlife biologist who courts trouble as she saves endangered species and a mysterious killer who buries his dead in the land she helps preserve.

Henderson's writing is heavily influenced by her work as a dedicated wildlife researcher. Using a variety of methods including bioacoustic studies, she undertakes wildlife surveys to determine what species are present on lands that have been set aside for conservation. There she scopes out signs of poaching and devises ways to improve habitat. Using geographic information systems (GIS), she also designs wildlife corridors and builds habitat suitability and species distribution models. She has surveyed for the presence of grizzlies, wolves, spotted owls, wolverines, jaguars, endangered bats, and more.

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## Melnea

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missions, to giving money to students who graduated from school.

Born in Richmond, Virginia in 1896, Melnea Agnes Jones's father worked as a janitor, her mother as a domestic worker. Melnea's father wanted a better life for his children, including a proper education, so he moved the family to Boston's South End when Melnea was five years old. She attended the Boston Public Schools. Three years later, her mother died and the children's "Aunt Ella" stepped in to take care of them. She soon moved the girls to Newburyport, Massachusetts, under the care of Amy Smith where Melnea attended grammar school. Melnea returned to Boston to attend Girls' High School for one year when Aunt Ella, recognizing her niece's striking intelligence, found the money to send Melnea to St. Frances de Sales Convent School in Rock Castle, Virginia, a Catholic school for African American and Native American girls. Melnea Jones graduated in 1914 as the valedictorian of her class.

Returning to Boston, Melnea looked for work as a salesgirl. Denied opportunities because she was African American, she took a position as a domestic worker until her marriage in 1917 to Marshall Cass, a soldier in the Army during World War I. Their first child, Marshall, was born while Marshall Sr. was away on duty; when Melnea's husband returned from the war, the Casses had two more children, Marianne and Melanie.

At about this time, Melnea Cass became involved in her community as an activist. With her mother-in-law's encouragement, when women achieved the right to vote in 1920 Melnea helped organize African American women to register and cast their first vote. At the same time, she encountered William Monroe Trotter, one of Boston's most militant civil rights activists. Melnea Cass was deeply influenced by his lectures, protest meetings, and his newspaper, The Guardian. She joined the NAACP and volunteered what time she could while raising her children.

By the 1930s, Melnea Cass was a force for positive change in Roxbury. She volunteered her services for the Robert Gould Shaw House, a local settlement house and community center named after the commanding officer of the all-Black Civil War regiment. She founded the Kindergarten Mothers to encourage early education. She contributed her time and talent to the Pansy Embroidery Club, the Harriet Tubman Mothers' Club, and the Sojourner Truth Club. She worked in the Northeastern Region of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs as a secretary and helped form the Boston chapter of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, a national organization that developed and sustained African American communities all over the country.

Melnea Cass served as the president of the Women's Service Club for more than fifteen years, during which time she initiated the Homemakers Training Program to assure domestic workers of social security and other benefits. She worked to expand employment opportunities for African Americans in stores and hospitals—drawing, of course, on her own experience—often attending protests against racist hiring practices. With Muriel and Otto Snowden, she helped to found Freedom House, a nonprofit, community-based organization dedicated to human rights and advocacy for African American rights in Boston. Freedom House programs also addressed urban renewal, minority employment, education equality, and interracial cooperation within the City of Boston.

In 1950 Boston Mayor John Hynes appointed Melnea Cass as the only woman charter member of the anti-poverty agency Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), which assisted people who lost their homes to urban renewal efforts. From 1962 to 1964, she served as president of the Boston branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and organized demonstrations against the Boston School Committee's policy of segregation. In 1966, Governor John Volpe declared May 22 Melnea Cass Day in honor of her 70th birthday and years of volunteerism. More than 2,000 people joined the celebration.

In 1968, the Governor dedicated the Melnea Cass Metropolitan District Commission Swimming and Skating Rink in Roxbury to improve the lives of inner city youth. From 1975 to1976, Melnea Cass was chair of the Massachusetts Advisory Committee for the Elderly. During her lifetime, she received honorary degrees from Northeastern University (1969), Simmons College (1971), and Boston College (1975) prompting friends to call her "Dr. Cass." She was also named "Massachusetts Mother of the Year" and a "Grand Bostonian."

Three years after her death in 1981, the City of Boston opened Melnea Cass Boulevard. The YWCA in Boston's Back Bay is also named for Melnea Cass to acknowledge her tireless work for children, families, and career development.

Melnea Cass's motto in life: "If we cannot do great things, we can do small things in a great way."

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## Crime

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crack than the "bunk" they had to offer. Once, while Jackson, his pals and Speed were hanging out outside a Shawmut Avenue pizza place where crack users and sellers congregated, the younger guys watched in frustration as one user approached:

The victim quickly claimed the customer for himself, leaving the others to grumble about the "effed up" situation and how "somebody has got to be out of here."Inside the pizzeria, the defendant and others continued complaining that it was "time for somebody to take a walk ...so somebody else can get some money."

And that really irritated Jackson and two of his pals, enough that around 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 11, Jackson shot him so close that police found gunpowder residue on the back of Speed's head - as two of Speed's customers watched. He then ran out the back of the building and into a truck, which then sped off.


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## Resources for Immigrant Communities: What's available?

Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign (NILC & CLASP)

The PIF Campaign has developed a quick reference guide on immigrant eligibility that provides a general overview of some of the federal public programs available to support individuals and families during the COVID-19 crisis. In light of implementation of public charge regulations, we have also included clarification about whether certain public programs are taken into account for public charge purposes. The guide includes links to deeper dive resources on eligibility from our partners. https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/

## Suffolk County Resource Guide

Suffolk County District Attorney, Rachel Rollins

This is a collection of resources currently available in Suffolk County, Ma, compiled by the staff of the Juvenile Alternative Resolution Program of the Juvenile Unit at the Office of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins. It is not a complete list, and you should continue to consult relevant experts and your care providers when appropriate. This guide is intended to be a starting point for residents and service providers for finding resources to assist during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Our current circumstances are fluid and evolving; information, services, and recommendations may change over time. We advise you to contact any of the included services outlined here ahead of time to ensure up-to-date accuracy. https://www.suffolkdistrictattorney.com/

## DTA SNAP and Cash Benefits During COVID-19

Massachusetts Legal Services

To view a general overview of DTA policies and how to ensure folks can access benefits, please visit MLRI's COVID-19 page: https://www.masslegalservices.org/DTA-COVID-19

## Hunger and Food Resources for Households

Project Bread's Hunger and Food Resources page offers information for families and households on school meal sites and locations; the Food Resource Hotline (to get connected to food, and for SNAP application assistance); and policy updates (state and federal level). http://www.projectbread.org/

Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB)

GBFB partners with 500+ hunger-relief agencies, including food pantries, community meal programs and other food assistance providers throughout the nine counties and 190 towns and cities across Eastern Massachusetts. These efforts have doubled in the wake of COVID and increased food needs. This page offers information on food pantries across the state, as well as additional resources for food assistance, including school meal sites. https://www.gbfb.org/

## Massachusetts State Updates & Resources

State of Massachusetts (Governor's Office) and MA DPH is working closely with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide updated information about the novel coronavirus outbreak. https://www.mass.gov/ offers:

Prevention and treatment
Cases, quarantine and monitoring
State of emergency
Printable fact sheets and FAQ
Emotional health and well-being resources
Press release
MA 2-1-1

## SIREN COVID-19 Resource Page

Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network (SIREN)

sirenetwork.ucsf.edu/covid-19-resources includes resources on a national level such as:

Social needs surveillance
Recent news articles about COVID and health equity
Resources for clinicians and patients
Insurance coverage and codes for COVID-related health-

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**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. SU20P2344GD

In the matter of: **Marc Derolus**
Of: **Boston, MA**

RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Marc Derolus** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Vela Derolus of Brockton, MA or Carol Laeroche of Brockton, 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.

**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 **02/05/2021**. 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: December 24, 2020
***Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate***

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & MAILING**

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**
**The Trial Court**
**Probate and Family Court**

**Yazmin Cuevas**
**vs.**
**Nelson Perez**

Docket No. SU19W1392WD

Upon motion of plaintiff for an order directing the defendant 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 **Custody/ Support/Parenting Time filed on August 29, 2019**

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
PO Box 9667
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

Defendant(s) cannot be found within the Commonwealth and defendant(s) present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant(s) has, have not voluntarily appeared in this action.

It is **Ordered** that the defendant(s) is/are directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint/petition herein on or before the return day of **April 15, 2021.**

If you fail to do so the Court will proceed to a hearing and adjunctation of this matter.

Date: January 29, 2021
***Virginia M Ward, Justice of Probate and Family Court***

## South End Community Health Center

**Get Vaccinated for COVID-19**

Following the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' vaccination plan, we are offering the vaccine patients who are eligible in Phase 1 and Phase 2:

- Phase 1: Clinical and non-clinical health care workers
- Phase 1: First responders (EMS, Fire, Police)
- Phase 1: Home-based health care workers
- Phase 2: People who are 75 years old and older

If you are an eligible patient, call 617-568-4870 to schedule your vaccination appointment.

Your help is critical to reducing COVID-19 in our neighborhoods. Stay home when at all possible, wear a mask when you leave home, wash your hands well and often, and get tested when needed.

**COVID-19 TESTING**

- Hass Center
- 400 Shawmut Avenue, Boston
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- 8:30am to 11:00am
- Call 617-568-4500 to schedule an appointment

**Las pruebas del COVID-19 están disponibles en:**

- El Hass Center
- 400 Shawmut Avenue, Boston
- Lunes, miércoles y viernes
- 8:30am–11:30am

Se requiere pre-registración: por favor llame al 617-568-4500.

*www.sechc.org*

## COVID-19 RESOURCES

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care services
Pharmacy delivery services
Vaccination scams/exploitation
Housing
Employment/income concerns
Utility concerns
Social isolation
Advocacy opportunities

### The City of Boston

The City of Boston has a free texting service to provide daily updates and information about the coronavirus. Text BOSCOVID to 99411 to opt-in for English. Language and communications access remains a priority for Mayor Walsh, so this text service is also available in Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Cabo Verdean Creole, and Portuguese.

Text BOSEspanol for Spanish
Text BOSKreyol for Haitian Kreyol
Text BOSFrancais for French
Text BOSKriolu for Cabo Verdean Creole
Text BOSPortugues for Portuguese

Updates in 10 total languages can additionally be accessed through boston.gov/coronavirus#multilingual-help. Each language has its own page and hosts multilingual print materials distributed citywide.

HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOSPITAL CAPACITY

On April 2nd, Mayor Walsh announced that construction begins at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to add 500 beds for treating homeless adults who have tested positive for COVID-19 and need care, but do not require full hospitalization.

The City has released a Request for Proposals to secure a partner organization to operate the facility. If necessary, the Convention Center beds will be opened up for hospitals to use for sub-acute COVID patients in the general population.

These 500 beds will bring Boston's total number of new beds for homeless individuals to over 1,000. This includes Boston Medical Center's Newton Pavilion facility, which the City and State are working to re-purpose as a medical facility for homeless residents affected by the coronavirus.

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**Don Green**

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