

## Guest Opinion

### United South End Settlements regarding the graffiti defacement of our building

BY MAICHARIA WEIR LYTLE  
PRESIDENT & CEO,  
UNITED SOUTH END SETTLEMENTS

Yesterday we were saddened and angered to learn that our building, the Harriet Tubman House,

located at 566 Columbus Avenue, was vandalized with graffiti containing inaccurate messages concerning the preservation of the iconic Honor Roll mural, created by the late artist Jamal Parker. Clearly this must

have been done by people who do not know, care about, or respect our neighborhood or United South End Settlements' (USES) long history of

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Photos courtesy United South End Settlements

## Crime

### Officers Arrest Male for Armed Robbery

SUBMITTED BY BOSTON POLICE  
DEPARTMENT

At about 5:11 PM on Sunday, July 26, 2020, officers assigned to District D-4 (South End) responded to a

radio call for a robbery in progress in the area of 1747 Washington Street (7-11) in the South End. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the two victims who stated an unknown male suspect had entered the store

and attempted to steal several items. The victims stated they attempted to stop the suspect in an effort to prevent him from stealing the items. In the

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## Vote!

### Here's how

The Massachusetts primary election is on Tuesday, September 1.

First, be sure you are registered to vote. <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/VoterRegistrationSearch/MyVoter-RegStatus.aspx>

### Absentee or Mail-In Ballot

"If you are able to do so, the best way to ensure that your ballot is counted is to deliver it in person," Secretary of State William Galvin said in a statement, "If you are able to do so, the best way to ensure that your ballot is counted is to deliver

it in person,"

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



Photo courtesy Friends of Melnea Cass Boulevard

## Guest Opinion

### Support the Trees on Melnea Cass Boulevard: We Demand a Public Tree Hearing

To: Commissioner Ryan Woods  
Corporation Counsel  
Eugene O'Flaherty  
Re: Request for a public hearing concerning tree removal along From Friends of Melnea Cass Boulevard and others

Dear Commissioner Woods and Attorney Flaherty:

We write to support the request from the Conservation Law Foundation for a Chapter 87 Public Shade Tree hearing with the city's Tree Warden concerning the removal of more than 100 mature trees in Lower Roxbury along Melnea Cass Boulevard. Our organizations include local residents concerned about this project and the impact the loss of trees will have on air quality, ambient temperature, and

livability in this neighborhood, part of a designated severe heat island in Boston's Climate Ready Boston Final Report from 2016. Quoting from Mayor Walsh's 2019 Climate Action Plan: "By 2050, Boston's summers may be as hot as Washington, DC's summers are today; by the end of the century, they may be hotter than Birmingham, AL summers are today."

This reconstruction project was designed years ago, under a different administration, and before decision-makers understood the increased severity of climate change. Today, during this summer heat wave, we are witnessing Roxbury's future: it, like the rest of Boston, is hotter and hotter. Trees are a critical tool for

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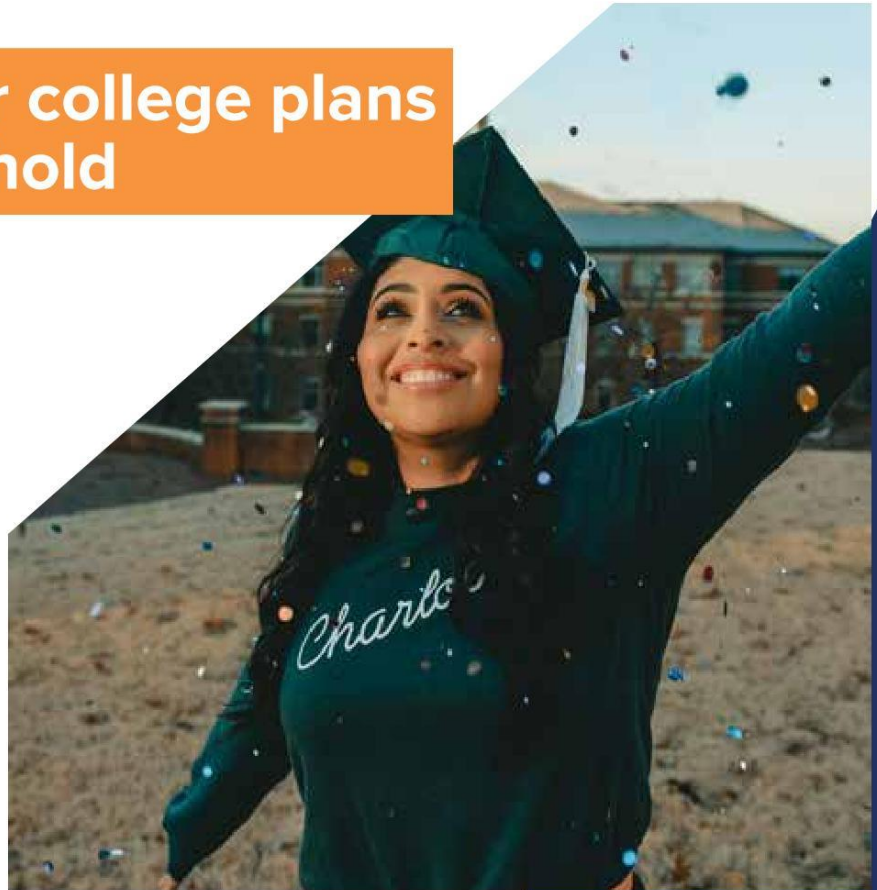
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## ASK DOG LADY



### Advice on Pets, Life, Love

BY MONICA COLLINS

Dear Dog Lady,

How do I know when it's time to break up with my veterinarian? During the past couple of times that I've brought Buxom, my four-year-old bichon frise, to the vet, the doctor seems distracted or impatient. I've asked about foods, behavior, allergies, flea and tick prevention and other things and the doctor acts kind of aggravated to answer these. Also, after Bux got her first shots, the vet recommended we return every year for parvovirus and distemper vaccinations. I get a postcard reminding me that it's time to bring Bux in (she hates going and seems to know where we're headed and digs her heels in). I have heard from some of my dog pals that other vets don't require yearly shots and wait up to three years to give the vaccines. I asked my vet about this and again, she seemed aggravated and told me curtly that she prefers to give shots once a

year. What should I do?

—Justine

Dear Justine,

You should look for another veterinarian. There is no point paying for the privilege of seeing a professional who makes you feel uncomfortable. Seems like you are asking the right questions — all the topics you mention are exactly what you should be asking on behalf of Buxom — so the vet's sense of aggravation seems unwarranted. You don't want to waste a medical authority's time but still, any caring, professional vet should discuss your concerns about your dog's health and give you options. Also, about yearly shots, the current thinking is that parvovirus and distemper vaccines should be given every three years. Your current vet may be using the shots as a poor excuse to get you in the office and collect the fee.

Ask your dog friends for recommendations about other veterinarians. Interview a couple of contenders. Bring Buxom along. Your relationship with a veterinarian can last a long time. You want someone who is empathetic but sharp, substantial and kind.

Dear Dog Lady,

A friend wrote me an email that his dog Bongo seemed listless and thirsty. His husband took the dog to the veterinarian and two days later I got another email that Bongo had died. I sent my sympathies but feel I should do more? What?

—Tom

Dear Tom,

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### Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, September 14  
6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Registration  
[bit.ly/3gXMnxu](https://bit.ly/3gXMnxu)

#### 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:  
- October/Octubre/Oktòb 5  
- November/Noviembre/Novanm 2

For interpretation services, contact the planner listed below one week before each meeting.

Para los servicios de interpretación, comuníquese con el planificador que se indica a continuación una semana antes de cada reunión.

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#### Contact:

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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.

## Dog Lady

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*A donation in Bongo's name to an animal charity would be a gracious gesture. When people lose their pets, the sadness and grief can be the same—or deeper—than if they lost a human relative.*

Dear Dog Lady,  
I just moved into a new house with my

mom. Her boyfriend comes to visit with his dog, a big 109-pound German shepherd. When I went to pick up the dog's toy he barked and tried to bite me. I'm afraid I will have to live in fear! I really don't want to get bit. Is there something I can do to have him trust me?

—Mike

Dear Mike,

*Yes, ignore him. Don't feed him, walk him, try to grab his toys, or worry the big German shepherd doesn't like you. Talk to your mother and her boyfriend about the dog and let them*

*know what happened. Tell them you feel unsafe with the big dog. If the boyfriend is half the man your mother thinks he is, he will handle the situation. He's the one responsible for his dog and he should be the one to help you learn to trust the animal.*

Write [askdoglady@gmail.com](mailto:askdoglady@gmail.com)

## USES

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service to this community.

We are thankful for the hundreds of neighbors and South End organizations who have supported USES and given constructive feedback regarding the difficult decision to sell 566 Columbus Avenue. We are grateful that this resource will preserve USES for future generations of mostly black and brown families living in low income households in Boston, while ensuring that the new development will also meet community needs important to us like nonprofit space and affordable housing.

USES's mission has always been centered on disrupting the cycle of poverty. For more than a century, and in the spirit of Harriet Tubman, we have demonstrated that Black Lives Matter and promoted and showcased Black art.

For the record, preserving the iconic Honor Roll mural has always been a top priority for USES and New Boston Ventures. We have worked with the artist's widow Carolyn Parker, esteemed architect David Lee and others on how best to preserve the mural. Preserving the mural is not just about preserving public art but also about preserving an important part of our neighborhood and African American history.

A few days prior to this incident, there

was a march by a small group of dissenters, many of whom do not live in this community. Their goal is to preserve a building. Ours is to continue providing much-needed services for the mostly Black and Brown families we serve today, and into the future, especially now as our families are being hit hardest by the coronavirus pandemic.

We respect free speech. We respect difference of opinion. We also believe that vandalizing the public view of the mural and defacing a building is not only shameful, but also destructive and disrespectful.

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## Tree

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us to meet and adapt to the challenges that this future holds. In his testimony at a June 2019 City Council hearing on our urban forest, Chief of Environment and Energy, Chris Cook acknowledged the outsized environmental value that mature trees play.

In the 1960s residents of Boston successfully fought against the construction of Interstate I-95 and the Inner Belt, highways that would have cut through Boston and displaced families, increased air pollution, and removed green space in the heart of the city. Their advocacy ensured that this section in Roxbury, already cleared for the project, would become a greener and more community-friendly boulevard for a primarily Black neighborhood of Boston. That road, now known as Melnea Cass Boulevard named in honor of the Boston civil rights leader who fought for decades for racial equity in Boston, today is lined with over 600 mature trees that provide the community with clean and cool air, pleasant walkways, storm water run-off flooding protection and a sense of pride.

An aerial photograph of Melnea Cass Boulevard from Imagine Boston 2030 shows a wide swath of green lining the Boulevard. Sadly many of those trees are gone, as vacant parcels have been developed. With this reconstruction project,

we are at risk of losing many more trees from both sides of the street. Even among those trees to be "preserved", over 200 will have their roots cut, shortening their life span and leading to even further loss. Is this environmental justice: To hope that maybe in 30 or 40 years we will have the equivalent canopy? What will those intervening years be like for the neighborhood? Who will suffer most from severe heat, dirtier air, and less livable streets? We request a Chapter 87 public hearing on the removal of these 100 shade trees so that the community's voice can be heard.

Sincerely,

Friends of Melnea Cass Boulevard, Alternatives for Community and Environment, Black Boston COVID Coalition, Black Economic Justice Institute, Charlesgate Alliance, Charles River Watershed Association, Friends of the Public Garden, Garden Club of the Back Bay, Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association, Mass Audubon, Massachusetts Climate Action Network, Mount Pleasant, Forest & Vine Neighborhood Association, Muddy Water Initiative, Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, Next Leadership Development Corporation, Nubian Square Neighborhood Association, Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation, Olaleye Communications, Inc., Roxbury Neighborhood Council, Roxbury Path Forward Neighborhood Association, Speak for the Trees, Boston, Sierra Club Chapter of Massachusetts, Tree Eastie, Trees for Water-town, United Neighbors of Lower Roxbury

## Crime

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ensuing altercation, the suspect punched one of the victims in the face. However, the victims were able to retrieve the store property from the suspect before he fled the area.

The victims stated the suspect then returned to the store, significantly more agitated, and brandishing a switchblade. The victims stated the suspect lunged toward them with the knife in hand, grabbing various items from the rack before again fleeing the store, successfully stealing multiple items in the process.

A description of the suspect was broadcast and additional units began searching the area for him. While in the area of

Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard, officers observed a male matching the description of the suspect. Officers identified the male and placed him under arrest.

Officers arrested the suspect and is expected to be arraigned in Boston Municipal Court on charges of Armed Robbery, Assault by means of a Dangerous Weapon to wit Knife, Assault and Battery, and Larceny Under \$1200. Additionally, the suspect was discovered to have multiple active warrants for various charges including Possession of Class A Drugs, Assault and Battery by means of a Dangerous Weapon, and four warrants for Shoplifting.

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1	2-bedroom**	30% HH Income	up to 50% AMI	
2	2-bedroom*	30% HH Income	up to 50% AMI	
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6	\$44,500	\$74,200	N/A

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## Vote!

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### Early In Person Voting

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Sunday, August 23, 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m. Boston Public Library, McKim building.

Monday, August 24, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. City Hall Election Department  
 Tuesday, August 25, 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

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 Wednesday, August 26, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. City Hall Election Department  
 Thursday, August 27, 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. City Hall Election Department  
 Friday, August 28, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. City Hall Election Department

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION		Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU19P2624EA
Estate of: <b>Blanche Estella Spann</b> Date of Death: <b>10/05/2019</b>		Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300
To all interested persons: A petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by <b>Richard Francis Spann of Chesapeake, VA</b> requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that <b>Richard Francis Spann of Chesapeake, VA</b> be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond in an <b>unsupervised</b> administration.		
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 09/18/2020.		
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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you.		
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)		
A Personal Representative appointed under MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file 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: August 07, 2020 <i>Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate</i>		

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. SU20P1265GD
In the matter of: <b>Mario Santiago</b> Of: <b>Boston, MA</b>	RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person	Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston M Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that <b>Mario Santiago</b> is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Public Garden Services of Braintree, 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 08/28/2020. 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: July 30, 2020 <i>Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate</i>		

DOMESTIC RELATION SUMMONS		Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Docket No. SU20W1067WD
Parisse Odom vs. Marlisa Salley		
To the above named Defendant:		Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street PO Box 9667 Boston, MA 02114
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Parisse Odom 65 Mclellan St Dorchester, MA 02121		
a copy of your answer to the complaint for custody, support and parenting time filed 08/06/20 which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Register of this Court at the above named court either before service upon plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.		
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 6, 2020 <i>Ann Marie Passanis, Register of Probate</i>		

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