



CHARLESTOWN

PATRIOT - BRIDGE



Billy Durette in front of one of his panels dedicated to the story of Lt. Charles Dolan, one of many in the new Charlestown Veterans History Project. The first-fruits of that project were on display last Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Knights Hall. Many recently uncovered stories of heroism were told.

Veterans Project reveals stories untold

By Seth Daniel

Several members of the veterans' community in Charlestown, led by the Town's foremost authority on such matters, Billy Durette, have been carefully compiling a treasure trove of stories surrounding veterans from Charlestown who served during World War II and World War I.

It's an effort called the Charlestown Veterans History Project, and residents were treated to the first-fruits of that effort last Saturday afternoon at the Knights Hall – where a handful of detailed

stories about Charlestown veterans were presented in outstanding detail.

"This is just a smattering of what we have," said Durette on Saturday. "There are so many stories to tell. The goal of our project is to collect all the stories of what every veteran from Charlestown did during every war. I've done a great study of those who have served from our neighborhood. I would venture to say no one has done it to this extent. If you watch Ken Burns's documentaries, he'll

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CNC COMMUNITY CORNER

Due to Election Day, the monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will be held on Thursday Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St. The public is encouraged to attend. We encourage you to vote on Tuesday, and to consider entering the election of new CNC members. Nomination papers are due tomorrow Friday, Oct. 26. See www.charlestownneighborhoodcouncil.org for documents and instructions.

Leggat McCall says they will not fail on One Charlestown

By Seth Daniel

One of the top officials at the Leggat McCall development company said the Boston-based construction leader is staking its reputation on making the Bunker Hill redevelopment project a success.

That was something that couldn't be accomplished in the last go-around, which saw the plan and project team fold in late 2017. Now, with a team of Corcoran and Leggat, the new plan is getting ready for a rollout.

A company that puts more than \$1 billion of new construction in the ground per year, most of it in Greater Boston, Leggat Co-President Eric Sheffels said at a remote City Council working session in the Harvard-Kent School on Oct. 18 that they could not entertain the idea that they would come up short like the previous development team did.

"Obviously we're on the hot seat in trying to figure out how to create a viable project that is acceptable to and cherished by all of the various constituencies here,"

he told the packed room, the first time Leggat has been able to speak freely since getting the development designation last spring. "This is not something we can fail at. We do too much business in the area to fail at this. We took this project because we felt our extensive experience doing development in the private sector will allow us to bring creative solutions to these complex problems."

Leggat has been designated with the former developer, Corcoran, to complete the new project. Gone is Corcoran's initial partner, SunCal, and a new plan has been crafted that will begin to shore up details in the fall and early next year. Sheffels said in a perfect world they could break ground in early 2021, and that Leggat planned an overall spend of \$1.25 billion on the project – a project that will also be subsidized in creative ways.

Councilor Lydia Edwards chaired the working session and said there aren't yet any details of the plan formed. While some are frustrated by that, she said it should be considered a win for the

community.

"There is no formal plan right now and I think that's a good thing," she said. "The plan is to have your voices inform what going to happen here. It may be frustrating that we don't have any absolutes right now, but we do not want them to deliver an pre-determined plan to us."

Boston Housing Authority (BHA) Director Bill McGonagle and Sheffels detailed the project, noting that at no time can they go over the 2,700 unit maximum. In addition, all of the 1,110 public housing units will be redeveloped along with market units, perhaps a 200-unit affordable senior building, and maybe some workforce housing for those already in the neighborhood feeling the crunch of skyrocketing housing prices.

Sheffels said they are required to put all but 100 of the public housing units back on site. That said, if the numbers work, they can be compelled to bring those units back to the site.

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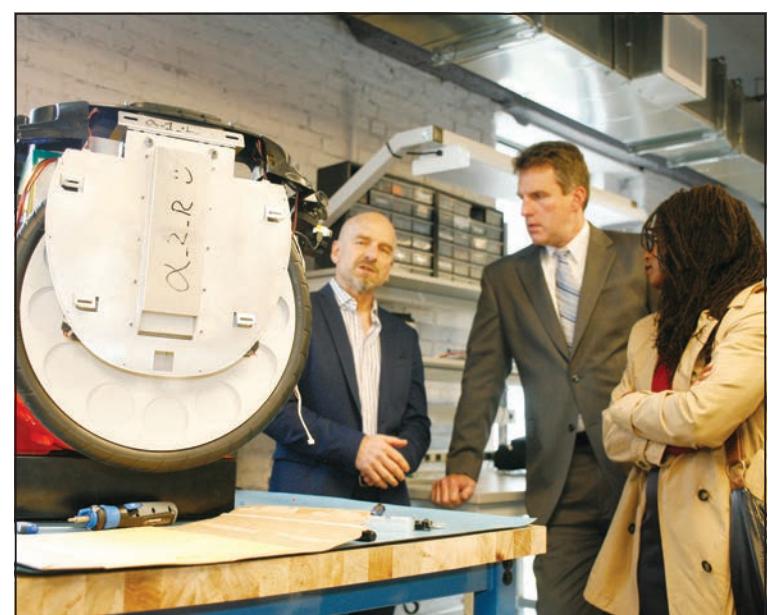
Robot pals developed in Charlestown could change the future of cities

By Seth Daniel

The vision of the future has come clearer in Charlestown's 'Lost Village' on an out of the way corner of the Town about a block behind the End of the World Tavern.

It's a strange place for transforming society at large, but the owners of Piaggio Fast Forward on Roland Street believe that their companion robot 'Gita' will change the way people move around in Boston and other urban areas.

The small little robots – about two-feet tall, circular and equipped with two large bicy-



Piaggio Co-Founder Jeffrey Schnapp (left) shows off a Gita robot being worked on to Secretary Jay Ash and Councilor Lydia Edwards.

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EDITORIAL

Townie Tidbits

BY SAL GIARRATANI

LATEST NEWS ON NEW CHARLESTOWN BRIDGE

The Charlestown bridge was built in 1898 which makes it 120 years old which is older than most bridges anywhere around these here parts.

It hasn't turned around since the early '50s when I was still a pre-school toddler. Oh, and the bridge goes roundand round , not up and down.

Now we have heard finally a new bridge will replace this old bridge.

I heard it may take up to five years to do so. At first we heard the repairs would happen while lanes were partially closed. However, here is the latest and it does make good traffic sense.

A new temporary bridge will go up next to the old bridge, carrying traffic back and forth between the North End and Charlestown. It will look like bare bones, but it will carry traffic until the new one is completed.

Between Sullivan Square, the Alford Street Bridge, the underpass and Charlestown Bridge, things will be quite challenging for motorists for some time. We've

got no choice except to make the best of progress.

ANNUAL VETERANS BANQUET

Attention veterans and active military personnel from Charlestown.

The Abraham Lincoln Post 11 GAR invites you to the Annual Veterans Banquet Wednesday, Nov. 7, to be held at the Knights of Columbus. seating is limited please call Joe Zuffante at 617.477.7494. Dinner is free.

BOBBY POWERS :CHARLESTOWN'S NEWEST AUTHOR

Last Thursday (Oct. 18) down at The Cooperative Bank on Main Street, the legendary Mayor of Charlestown Bobby Powers held court inside the bank for his book signing event for Bobby's new book

"CHARLESTOWN : A CORNERSTONE OF AMERICA," a series of poems dedicated to Townies he has known over the years. Our State Rep Danny Ryan showed up and he ended up buying a couple of books himself.



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Sheffels said they are looking at building four-story buildings on Bunker Hill Street, with two 10-story buildings further into the center of the development. There would be a total of 15 buildings on the site, most of them in low structures with parking on the surface.

They will complete it in seven or eight phases, which will prevent them from having to relocate most existing tenants.

"I think we're going to seriously be able to minimize the possibility of any off-site relocation," McGonagle said. "I am very confident we'll be able to really, really minimize the relocation of families who don't want off-site relocation."

That will be accomplished by making the first building in phase one completely affordable housing, which Sheffels said would run contrary to the rest of the development – which contains public housing units side-to-side with market rate units. That first phase will see the demolition of 63 units of existing housing, and the creation of 160 family units. That, they said, is simply a plan that will allow for not having to relocate families outside of Charlestown.

The financing for the project has been one item of major curiosity. Most of the financing will come from private investment, with Leggat saying it planned to have a \$1.25 billion spend.

However, McGonagle said it could not be accomplished on private investment alone.

"So what we have now is a number of units that will generate around \$1 billion in private investment, but we'll have to supplement that," he said.

One of the supplements will be using Linkage fees – which are monies paid by developers to create affordable housing, though McGonagle said he wanted to limit that type of funding. The same was true for the Community Preservation Act (CPA) money.

Instead, the major supplement will be from a District Improvement Financing (DIF) program. That program will

allow the City to issue bonds in anticipation of the future property taxes paid on the market rate units. When the property taxes begin to come in from the market rate units on the development, that money will be used to pay down the construction bonds used to finance a portion of the overall project.

"It's not much of a leap from the original mission, which was to use the market rate units to cross subsidize the affordable units," he said. "What's very important to me is I am absolutely convinced this is a financeable project."

He said they are still in discussions with the City about that plan, working carefully with the City's financial departments to iron out that plan.

Many in the community took a careful approach to the development.

Tiara Murphy, president of the Charlestown Residents Alliance (CRA), said they have been working all summer with Leggat and the BHA on the new plan and are very happy so far.

"We are excited the planning process is moving ahead and the plan will ensure redevelopment of the 1,110 units of existing housing in a mixed-use development which we can all be proud of," she said.

The CRA will be asking for development fees in order to hire staff for their organization in the future, and also to be able to bring in a world-class reading program to help children in the development catch up on reading scores.

Elaine Donovan, who had compiled a coalition of residents from the overall neighborhood, said they still have some concerns, but are ready to move ahead together.

"It's not secret we were opposed to the original plan," she said. "So I want to say the height and density is a concern for us. We have yet to see the new plans though...We want to work with the CRA. The new CRA is unbelievable. The change is quite obvious and we're moving in a positive direction and we

want to move together."

Mark Russell, a longtime resident, and Tom Ward, a resident who represents Local 7 Ironworkers, were both concerned about construction techniques and union labor.

"We are concerned about the building materials – steel is ideal," said Ward. "Public housing has always been built with steel, brick and mortar. Wood-framed, pre-fabricated crap should not be build down there...We're looking forward to working on these projects."

Ward said there is a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on the first phase, and he would like to see it in other phases too.

Sheffels said they would not be using wood-framed construction.

"Is this going to be a wood-framed structure built with non-union workforces?" said Sheffels. "The answer to that is not it will not be. We fully intend it will be steel construction."

Edwards said she didn't anticipate another working session until after the first of the year. The project will likely be filed with the City in the first quarter of 2019.

One big issue for Edwards is getting a new Impact Advisory Group (IAG) on the project that has some new appointments and is expanded.

BPDA Project Manager Raul Duverge said they would contact the former IAG members to see if they are still interested in serving, but that they would also open it up to new appointments. While expanding the IAG would violate an executive order from the mayor, Duverge said they would take the request under consideration for this project.

Edwards said afterward she was particularly happy to see so many young people from the Bunker Hill development and the Turn It Around program in attendance. She estimated that there were about 60 youth from the development at the meeting.

"All of Charlestown is on the same team and they showed up," she said, noting that she is "cautiously optimistic" at this point.

BE THE TALK OF THE TOWN

The Charlestown Patriot Bridge is interested in publishing the memories of Charlestown residents in print. If you or someone you know would like to share your experiences, please send email to editor@charlestownbridge.com

Temporary bridge to reduce construction impacts on North Washington Street

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) has announced that it is finalizing plans for the construction of a temporary bridge structure which will carry all modes of travel during work on its \$177 million project to replace the City of Boston-owned North Washington Street Bridge.

Details are currently being finalized regarding the temporary bridge, which will likely be constructed beginning in 2019, and will help optimize the schedule of work and reduce the project duration by several months. The addition of the temporary bridge is not expected to impact the overall project budget.

The temporary bridge will be located next to the current bridge structure and will help promote reliable travel and min-

imize impacts to MBTA bus service. This will ensure that motorists have a minimum of three total travel lanes throughout the duration of the project, while providing access for bicyclists and pedestrians and reducing the need to rely on the existing bridge structure to carry traffic.

"We are committed to carrying out this major project and replacing this bridge structure in ways that minimize the impact on the traveling public and local communities," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "By adding a temporary bridge to our construction process, we will ensure that there are always at least three total lanes of travel available for vehicles as well as bicycle and pedestrian access, and we will help optimize the construction operations to reduce the overall duration of work."

City Chief of Streets Chris

Osgood said the new plan is very positive news.

"The City of Boston is pleased to join with our local, state and federal partners on this comprehensive plan that will expedite the rebuilding of the North Washington Street Bridge," said Boston Chief of Streets Chris Osgood. "With any construction project, we place a premium on ensuring residents are able to travel safely and efficiently around our city. We look forward to exchanging dialogue with our West End, Charlestown, and North End neighbors for the duration of the project."

The addition of this temporary bridge structure will help improve bridge demolition and construction operations, and eliminate the need to reduce traffic to one lane in each direction during demolition of the main span. Pedestrian and bicycle access will be main-

tained on the temporary bridge, which will also mark and carry the historic Freedom Trail.

The existing playground in Paul Revere Park will need to be relocated prior to the addition of the temporary bridge. It will be relocated within the park, further west towards the North Bank Bridge. This new community asset will be rebuilt with improved amenities and will be located further from the construction zone.

A series of public meetings in Charlestown, the North End, and the West End, will be held to inform the public about the details of this construction plan. More details about these meetings will be provided as they are finalized.

Utility relocation work has already begun on the project and will result in the following changes to the traffic pattern on the bridge.

•Site Preparation: Oct. 13-27,

Preparatory work including surveys, bearing measurements, installation of signage including variable message boards, installation of air quality monitors, and borings will be taken on the piers in the median on both sides of the bridge. This will result in no travel impacts.

•Utility Relocation: Oct. 21-27, Electrical utility relocation and upgrades on the south end of the bridge at Keaney Square will continue overnight on weeknights by Eversource and on Saturday morning by Comcast. This will result in overnight off-peak lane closures of three southbound lanes at the Keaney Square intersection; Saturday off-peak lane closures of two northbound lanes at the Keaney Square intersection. Work hours will be overnight on weekdays (7 p.m.-5 a.m.); Saturday daytime (7 a.m.-3 p.m.)

Obituaries

Maureen Szymkowski

Of Charlestown, formerly of Ireland

Maureen (Mortell) Szymkowski of Charlestown, formerly of Ireland, died on Oct. 16.

She was the loving mother of Patrick Szymkowski of Charlestown, Joseph Szymkowski and his wife, Okhwa of Texas, Kathleen Szymkowski and her beloved, John Fitzpatrick of Charlestown, Roman Seain Szymkowski and his wife, Pamela of Windham, N.H., and Konrad Szymkowski

and his wife, Savitri of Franklin, N.H. Maureen is also survived by 12 cherished grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated for Maureen on Saturday morning, Oct. 27 in St. Benedict Church, Somerville, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited.

Arrangements are by George L Doherty Funeral Service, Inc., Somerville. For additional information, visit: dohertyfuneralservice.com.

CHARLESTOWN BEAT

POLICE/COMMUNITY MEETING: Meet the police & discuss public safety issues on the last Wednesday of every month at the police station, 20 Vine Street, at 6:00 p.m., 2nd floor, community room.

POLICE RELATED INFO: Contact the District A-1 Community Service Office at 617-343-4627.

REPORT DRUG DEALING: Contact the District A-1 Confidential Drug Line at 617-343-4879.

Larceny

10/16/18 - A victim on Rutherford Avenue reported unknown person(s) entered his home between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., and stole money and electronics. There were no signs of forced entry at this time, and the matter is under investigation.

Drugs

10/18/18 - As a result of a drug investigation in the area of

Chelsea Street, two individuals were placed under arrest charged with possession of a Class B substance (cocaine).

Robbery - Bank

10/19/18 - Officers responded to Austin Street for a report of a bank robbery. As a result of the subsequent investigation, an individual was placed under arrest and will be charged accordingly.

CMA to celebrate 20th annual gala Nov. 3

By Seth Daniel

As the Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA) comes together on Nov. 3 for their 20th annual gala, organizers said it will be a time to reflect on where the organization was and what it has become now.

Originally started in 1998 as a way for new mothers to connect, the CMA has morphed into a social organization that now also has a mission of helping out in many ways around the Town.

"People may not know all of the things we do now, including \$20,000 in college scholarships, which is a big focus now," said Abby Belge. "It's not just for a fun party and there are a lot of behind-the-scenes things we do. I think the organization has come a long way from what it was - which was moms trying to go out for a night to socialize. It started to meet that need, but has evolved into a public service organization too."

Katie Darci said they are

thrilled that the gala on Nov. 3 has already sold out, and she wanted to acknowledge all the sponsors and participants. She also said while the event is sold out, donations are still welcome.

Darci said the CMA turning 20 is a chance to let the entire Town know how they have changed, and may not be the same organization that people came to know in the early years.

"It is a platform for people in Charlestown to effect positive change," she said. "The mission is for people to stay in Charlestown, thrive in Charlestown and to be family friendly...There are a lot of families that start out somewhere else in Boston and they have a child and then move to Charlestown. Some of them eventually move to the suburbs when they have another child, but a lot stay now."

Those that stay have found the CMA is a great way to socialize and also raise money for the Town.

In addition to the scholarships, the CMA regularly helps with volunteers and financial contributions at the Charlestown Working Theatre, the Bunker Hill Development, the Boston Public Schools, Charlestown High School, Bunker Hill Community College, as well as having diaper drives and toy drives throughout the year.

"The organization has evolved in to something different," said Belge.

Added Darci, "We're going to take a moment to mark the 20th, but then we're going back to work afterward."

The organization now boasts about 1,500 families in its membership, and many of them remain very active in the organization.

"It has become a very large organization, especially for one square mile, and it began with just a handful of moms looking to connect," said Belge. "That's a pretty great story."

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1

Wolfselt, Hanna
41-43 Brighton Street LLC
Lyall, Amanda E
Cain, Shannon L

SELLER 1

Maria Assunta IRT
Taylor, Bradlee A
Murphy, Amber F
Rutherford Landing LLC

ADDRESS

55 Baldwin St
41 Brighton St
22 Park St #1
463-471 Rutherford Ave

PRICE

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\$640,000
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Paws & Play Dog Park (Revere)

Bremen Street Dog Park (East Boston)



Get Seasonal with the Grub

Did you know that canned pumpkin is good for your dog's diet? The fiber in pumpkin can help with digestive issues, while the antioxidants & essential fatty acids promote healthy skin, fur and urinary health.

Try mixing 1-2 teaspoons of canned pumpkin in your dog's food.

Chocolate Poisoning in Dogs

Milk chocolate:
0.5 ounces or more per pound of body weight

Dark or semi-sweet: 0.13 ounces or more per pound of body weight

Bakers chocolate:
Any amount can be very dangerous and considered an emergency.

Enjoying the Festivities



Many pet owners love to share the Halloween spirit with their pets.

Here are a few safety tips to keep in mind:

SAFETY FIRST! If you take your pet Trick-or-treating, dress them in reflective clothing. You'll be able to see them better, and so will everyone else! It will be harder for them to run off if they get excited, or get caught in a parade of Trick-or-treaters.

KEEP AN EYE ON CANDY! Chocolate can be deadly to dogs, so make sure your kids know to keep the sweets away from Fido. Not all candy makes it in the bag either! Keep a lookout to make sure Fido isn't finding any chocolate treats on the ground.

Food can become a problem during Thanksgiving as well. Keep an eye on pets trying to steal from the feast.



BUNDLE UP!

Fall will bring chilly days and colder nights. If your pet primarily lives outside, make sure it has a warm place at night. Small pets should also be watched closely during the cold months, and kept as warm as possible. If they will let you, a jacket or sweater is the perfect protection against our New England weather! A sweater will keep them warm, and reduce the chances of them getting wet, and possibly sick.

ALLERGIES

Fall allergies are not reserved strictly for us. Our pets are just as susceptible to allergens. If you notice your pet scratching more than usual, you may want to schedule a checkup with your vet to identify any possible allergies. Keep an eye out for biting, cloudy eyes, and abnormal behavior. Keeping leaves raked and grass short will help to alleviate the concerns of allergies for your pet this season.

PESKY PESTS

The fall months are known for all kinds of pests, especially fleas and ticks. Check your pet after coming indoors to make sure they have no hitchhikers. Be careful about where your pets play, and don't let them out of your sight for too long.

Fall is all the critters last chance to prepare for hibernation, rabbits, squirrels, and others your pet may chase after are everywhere. Most importantly, watch for coyotes as they are common in Suffolk county.



Join us for the 33rd Annual Halloween at Monument Square

Wednesday, October 31st at 5 p.m. at the Monument Steps



Thank you to the Charlestown Community for collaborating to create a safe, fun and memorable holiday.

Happy Trick or Treating!

SPECIAL TOWNIES HOLD RAFFLE NIGHT

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Special Townies is a neighborhood organization dedicated to providing recreational activities to

special needs children. Friday, Oct. 19, was a raffle night for a \$10,000 drawing. Tickets were \$100 a piece and the proceeds go to Special Townies.



Lisa Burke and Christine Ronca.



George Dighton and Elena Albanese.



Kelly Tucker and Alison Humphreys.



John Taglilatela stands ready to perform his solemn duties of raffle drawing.



Special Townies Committee members Debbie Hughes, Karen Scales, Pam Sullivan, and John Taglilatela.



Lisa Wise, Ginny Ellington-McLaughlin, and Joe Ronca.

Riding successes, Harvard-Kent files to expand to sixth grade

By Seth Daniel

One cannot get too much of a good thing, and with that principle in mind, Principal Jason Gallagher announced on Tuesday that the Harvard-Kent School has petitioned Boston Public Schools to allow them to expand to add a sixth grade.

The letter was sent to Interim Supt. Laura Perille last Friday, Oct. 19.

Their proposal letter is co-signed by families, faculty, and leading local partners including the MGH/Institute of Health Professionals, the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, City Councilor Lydia Edwards and State Rep. Dan Ryan.

In the letter, Principal Gallagher stated, "As the Harvard-Kent's core values state, our students, staff and families have deep PRIDE in the work that we do in our school building and in the community surrounding us."

Gallagher continued, "We want to expand this work to serve more students and families by expanding to Grade 6 in 2019."

The Harvard Kent Elementary School has 88 percent of students defined as high needs, and has been a Level 1 school. In 2018, 51 percent of Boston Public Schools high needs students met or exceeded their MCAS targets.

At the Harvard Kent, 83 percent did. The expansion plan would add a sixth grade to the existing K-5 operation in Hayes Square.

"As a family, we love being part of the Harvard-Kent community," said parent Becky Adamonis. "At the Harvard-Kent Elementary School my children are engaged academically, physically, socially and emotionally. They have flourished under the guiding principles of the school."

Adamonis is the mother of two students at the Harvard-Kent Elementary: August, Grade 1 and Thomas, K1.

In 2018, the Harvard-Kent is one of 22 Boston Public Schools to "Meet or Exceed all Achievement Targets" through exceptional teaching, targeted academic and social-emotional supports and student-centered enrichment opportunities.

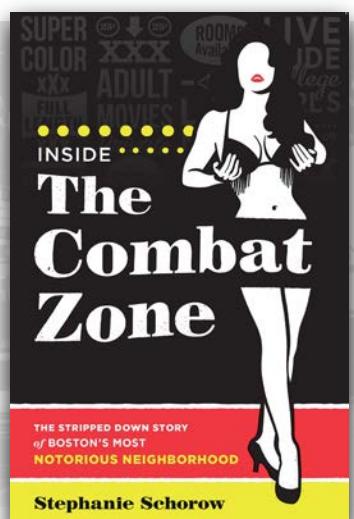
"Giving Harvard-Kent students the opportunity to remain in the school for Grade 6 will better prepare them academically and social-emotionally and be better prepared for the challenges in Grades 7-12," said Diane Gould, MGH/IHP and Harvard-Kent partnership liaison.

To grow, the Harvard-Kent will require the renovation of one large existing classroom, which would be subdivided into two or three smaller classrooms. The school could begin offering a sixth grade, if the plan is supported, as early as the fall of 2019 in their current facility.

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focus on a few people, but not on the mass of one area. We had more than 300 Purple Hearts here in Charlestown in World War II."

An estimated 5,000 served from Charlestown in World War II and about the same number came from

the Town in World War I. Many of their stories were partially known, or not known at all until the Project got underway.

There was the recently uncovered story of Lt. Commander John F. Delaney Jr., who was an

engineering officer on the USS Yorktown in WWII. Delaney was born in Charlestown and graduated Boston Latin and the Naval Academy. He was on the Yorktown during the Battle of the Midway and received a Silver Star

for his actions on that day.

"Lt. Delaney was the engineer on that ship, and in the 1976 movie 'Midway,' Larry Csonka played the engineer in that movie," said Durette. "We now know Csonka was playing John Delaney from Charlestown. Who would have known? He remained in the Navy and eventually became an admiral. He's buried in Annapolis. This was a real score. That was one I just found out about, fresh off the presses."

Then there is also the WWI story of 1st Lt. Walter Avery, who was one of the country's first war aviators. He attended Boston Public Schools growing up in Charlestown and graduated from Tufts in 1914. He was one of eight chosen to go to flying school, and then was one of 50 sent to fly missions with the British.

In 1918, while flying at low altitude, his plane was hit by machine gun fire and he went down.

"He was shot down behind enemy lines, was captured, escaped, then was captured again and finally made it through past enemy lines," said Durette. "We actually have video of him during



Former Charlestown Historical Society President Jack Alves with current President Julie Hall .

his service."

Overall, Durette said he and others are very proud of what they've accumulated and believe it will be invaluable to generations to come. He said it's something that, having been raised in Charlestown, he felt compelled to do.

"You come in at an early age and you see the Parade and the Battle of Bunker Hill re-enactment and you grow up around so many veterans," he said. "You're almost born a patriot when you live here. That's the best way to say it."



Thank You, Charlestown!

Our Celebration of Community event on October 18 was a time for us to recognize the more than 30 Charlestown community partners that support our students and help our commitment to improving the health and well-being of Charlestown and the Greater Boston community. We look forward to strengthening our partnerships in the years to come.

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Joe Zuffante and Danny Noonan take in the exhibit on Saturday.



Fred Barbetta and Eddy Loan read about 2nd Lt. George Meehan.

HARVARD-KENT SCHOOL PARENTS HOLD FUNDRAISER



Harvard-Kent teachers Maura McDonough, Danielle Aucoin, and Carla Marrero.



Fellow parents Rana Kannan and Mike O'Shea compare their kids' experiences at Harvard-Kent.



Parents Mike Tassone with Emily and Dennis Rasmussen.



Fellow parents Duke Adamonis and Jemia Cunningham-Elder talk about the Harvard-Kent.



Sarah Garant, with organizers Becky Adamonis and Natalie Mangrum.



Parents Jenn Phalen and Debbie O'Shea.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Harvard-Kent Parents Association held its Fall Fundraiser at Blackmoor Bar And Kitchen on Thursday, Oct. 18. It was a



Parent Natalie Mangrum hangs with Harvard-Kent teachers Christine Jones, Michelle Magliozi, and Maria Marcella.

VOTE EARLY BOSTON 2018

Monday, October 22 – Friday, November 2

Registered Boston voters can vote at any early voting location in the City, including City Hall. Pick a time and place that is best for you.

WEEK 1:

MON. OCT. 22, 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

TUES. OCT. 23, 12 – 8P.M.

Boston City Hall (Downtown)
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

Holy Name Parish Hall (Roxbury)

Dot House Health (Dorchester)

Tobin Community Center
(Mission Hill)

WED. OCT. 24, 9A.M. – 5P.M.

Boston City Hall (Downtown)

THUR. OCT. 25, 12 – 8P.M.

Boston City Hall (Downtown)
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

All Saints' Church (Dorchester)

Honan-Allston Library (Allston)

Margarita Muniz Academy (Formerly Louis Agassiz Elementary School)

(Jamaica Plain)

FRI. OCT. 26, 9A.M. – 5P.M.

Boston City Hall (Downtown)

THUR. NOV. 1, 12 – 8P.M.

Boston City Hall (Downtown)
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Community Ctr. (Dorchester)

ABCD Thelma D. Burns Building
(Roxbury)

The Blue Hills Collaborative
(Hyde Park)

FRI. NOV. 2, 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

WEEK 2:

MON. OCT. 29, 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

TUES. OCT. 30, 12 – 8P.M.

Boston City Hall (Downtown)
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

Harvard-Kent School (Charlestown)

Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (South End)

Wang YMCA of Chinatown
(Chinatown)

WED. OCT. 31, 9A.M. – 5P.M.

Boston City Hall (Downtown)

THUR. NOV. 1, 12 – 8P.M.

Boston City Hall (Downtown)
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

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Boston City Hall (Downtown)

WEEKEND VOTING:

SAT. & SUN. OCT. 27 & 28, 10A.M. - 6P.M.

Paris St. Community Center
(East Boston)

James F. Condon Elementary School
(South Boston)

Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy
Neponset Campus (formerly known as St. Ann's School) (Dorchester)

Perkins Community Center /
Joseph Lee School (Dorchester)

Mildred Ave. Community Center.
(Mattapan)

Roche Community Center
(West Roxbury)

Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building
(Roxbury)

Copley Square Library (Back Bay)

Jackson Mann School (Allston)

In order to vote early or on Election Day, you must register to vote by October 17.

If you miss the early voting period, you can still vote on Election Day,
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Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a Community Outreach Meeting for a Proposed Marijuana Establishment is scheduled for:
Date: Tuesday, October 30th
Time: 6:30PM
**Location: Knights of Columbus Hall,
545 Medford St., Charlestown, MA 02129**

The Proposed Marijuana Establishment is anticipated to be located at:
116 Cambridge St., Charlestown, MA 02129
There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

If you have any questions about this meeting or have comments about the proposal please contact:
Quinlan Locke - Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services
Quinlan.locke@boston.gov 617-635-3549

Please note, the city does not represent the owner(s)/developer(s)/attorney(s). The purpose of this meeting is to get community input and listen to the residents' positions on this proposal.



Joan Snow, Patricia Farris, Cheryl Hodge-Spencer hold their awards in front of a mural of the Battle of Bunker Hill.



Judith Evers and Tommy Gorsu

THREE WOMEN VETERANS HONORED

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The J.W. Conway American Legion Post honored three women veterans who have served as Post commanders during a ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 21.



Department Of Mass American Legion Adjutant Milton K. Lashus, YNSN Zhane Brown serving on the USS Constitution, and Chairman of Past Commanders Arthur Hurley.



Department Of Mass American Legion Adjutant Milton K. Lashus, Past National Commander Jake Comer, and Department Commander Fred White.

FOR THE RECORD

Boston Police Hiring Information Session

Get information on BPD hiring and selection process, timeline and recruitment, and The Application and Background Investigation. The meeting is on Thursday, Oct. 25, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury.

Public meeting for marijuana dispensary

A Community Outreach Meeting will be held to discuss a Proposed Marijuana Establishment located at 116 Cambridge St., Charlestown. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford St.

Eden Street Park Meeting #2

Please join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for the second in a series of community meetings about Eden Street Park. They will be sharing three design concepts and hearing what residents have to say about them. For more information, please call Allison Perlman at the Boston Parks and

Recreation Department (617) 961-3035 or email Allison. The meeting takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Edwards Middle School, 28 Walker St.

Abutter's Meeting for 94 Bunker Hill St. (WILL BE RESCHEDULED)

A meeting to discuss a proposal to build a new addition on back of the building as plans remodel existing three family house with three new kitchens, new bathroom, update electric and plumbing per code, install new sprinkler and new fire alarm. When: TBD Where: TBD

Abutter's Meeting for 22R Parker St.

A meeting to discuss a proposal to demolish the existing carriage house and to build a free-standing, single-family structure in substantial conformity with the footprint of the existing carriage house, thereby increasing the total dwellings on the subject parcel to three families. When: Thursday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m. Where: 22 Parker St., Charlestown

2018 STORYBOOK BALL A SUCCESS



Charlestown residents Andrea and Justin Rosen celebrated a great success with MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC) on Saturday, October 13, when the hospital's premier annual event, Storybook Ball, raised over \$2.1 million for pediatric care. The Rosens sit on the committee of the event, which showcased the work of the Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at MGHfC. In the theme "101 Dalmatians," Rafanelli Events transformed Back Bay's Castle into the iconic streets of London and brought to life a story of community through black and white visuals inspired by the beloved puppies.



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New residential building at Hood Park tops off Oct. 25

By Seth Daniel

Hood Park will celebrate the topping off of their newest construction project on Oct. 25, with a topping off ceremony on the site at 500 Hood Park Drive.

Dubbed 'The Harvey' after founder Harvey Perley Hood (H.P. Hood), the 177-unit residential building will be the first residential project on the Park.

The building also houses 23 affordable units onsite and parking underneath.

Crews broke ground on the development almost two years ago.

The topping off comes just as Hood Park and Trademark Partners begin official meetings with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) this week. This past Monday, the

newly formed Impact Advisory Group (IAG) held its first meeting, and on Wednesday (too late for deadlines), the general public was invited to a BPDA meeting as well.

The process will continue throughout the fall, and will be supplemented with Hood Park issue-specific meetings as well.



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NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

HARVEST FAIR AT ST. JOHN'S

On Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. John's Episcopal

church will be holding its 179th annual Harvest Fair. Well known for its delicious turkey dinner and homemade apple pies, the fair

will have something for everyone! Get the kids out of the house to enjoy the face painting, crafts, games, and toys!! Start your hol-

iday shopping early!! There will be many gift baskets and silent auction items, including Bruins and Red Sox tickets, a craft beer basket and our designer clothing boutique!! As always, there will be delicious baked goods that you don't want to miss!!

CREEPY HALLOWEEN IN THE GARDEN

The Gardens for Charlestown is hosting its annual Creepy Halloween event on Oct. 27 (rain date: Oct. 28). Pony rides, face painting, games and crafts will be available for children and a Bake Table of sweets and savories will keep the parents busy. Admission is \$10/child and pony rides \$5. Time: 10 a.m. -1 p.m.. The garden is at the intersection of Main and Bunker Hill streets.

CMA AND THE LIONS CLUB TEAM UP FOR HALLOWEEN

For many families Halloween is a fun time of year. Yet, for children who manage complex medical conditions, Halloween can be a time when they are unsafe or excluded. This is the reality for children with life-threatening food allergies, childhood diabetes, as well as any child requiring a special diet. This Halloween, The Charlestown Mothers Association and The Lions Club are teaming up to promote The Teal Pumpkin Project in our neighborhood, in order to help these children be safe and included.

Participation is simple. First, put out a teal colored pumpkin on your doorstep (found at CVS or Michael's) or hang up a teal pumpkin flyer. Second, offer non-food trinkets in a separate container in addition to the usual candy. A simple way to offer them is to say to each child, "You can choose a candy or a toy!" That's it! If you would like to print out a flyer, please see FARE's website at www.foodallergy.org.

Additionally, CMA will sponsor The Switch Witch Table on The Training Field where all children can trade candy for toys! Any child with a special dietary need should let the person running the table know or contact tealpumpkinctown@yahoo.com to fast track through the busy line. With these initiatives, we can make Charlestown the most inclusive Halloween in the city! We will be creating a map of houses participating in Teal Pumpkin to help guide trick or treaters. If you would like your home to be included, please email tealpumpkinctown@yahoo.com by October 26.

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ROBOT (*continued from pg. 1*)

cle-like tires – has the odd task of following its human owner around. That task is designed to help people walk more freely as the robot carries things like groceries, books, and anything that one now has to lug in a backpack or their arms. Using Bluetooth technology tied to one's cell phone, a complex series of cameras and sensors informs the Gita about where to go and how fast to go there. That leaves the pedestrian freer to “hold the hand of their partner or make sure their children are safe,” said company officials.

At times, it can remain several feet behind the owner, but at other times it can speed up to be right next to the owner – such as when it is in a crosswalk. All of that and more were unveiled

during a public event with State Secretary Jay Ash, State Rep. Dan Ryan and Councilor Lydia Edwards – among others – on Tuesday morning in the Piaggio headquarters in Charlestown.

“Unlike a lot of robot companies that focus on sending robots out to do tasks without humans, we say let’s develop products that extend and expand human capabilities,” said Jeffrey Schnapp, co-founder and Chief Visionary Officer. “If I’m a person who has mobility problems, we can create a vehicle that understands sidewalk etiquette and can help.”

In fact, COO Mitch Weiss said they have developed a user profile, and it ranges from hip, urban young people looking to live without a car or rideshare, as well as those in their 50s and

beyond who are looking for help getting around.

“That’s our first application, to get people to ditch their second car,” he said. “We did a lot of market analysis and it’s astronomical how many short trips people use their car for. We believe they would be easily replaced with the Gita. It can also supplant the need for Uber.”

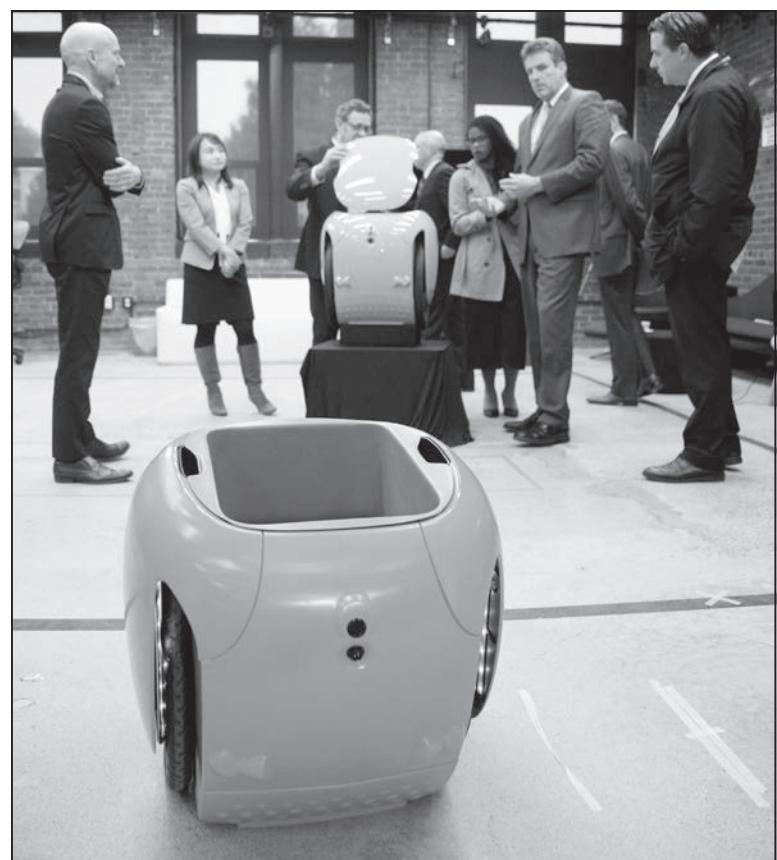
Added Schnapp, “A big part of what we’re doing is trying to increase the pedestrianism of our cities and get people out of their motor vehicles...Let Gita hold your stuff...Gita is a way to invite you to walk more and not have to carry all of your stuff – including groceries...We want people to walk. We want them to engage in their community.”

Right now, Piaggio has created 50 Gita’s at its headquarters and are working out the bugs, but they are primed to begin manufacturing next year. Schnapp said they plan to manufacture 6,000 vehicles in 2019, but would ramp that up to about 32,000 in 2020 – giving the company 40,000 vehicles made by 2020.

While they do foresee uses in fleet, such as for supermarkets or municipalities or factories, the prime focus will be on consumers.

Weiss said they will go 7 mph and can go at full capacity with a full payload at an 8 percent grade, but would have reduced speed at a 16 percent grade. So far, they haven’t mastered how it would work in the snow, Weiss said, noting it would likely perform like a bicycle.

Ash said he sees many different applications for the Gita and was excited to learn more about it. “This is another chapter of the cool stuff that is happening in



Piaggio Fast Forward of Charlestown unveiled the new Gita robot (foreground) to State Secretary Jay Ash, State Rep. Dan Ryan and Councilor Lydia Edwards at an event on Tuesday morning. The robots look to promote walking by carrying people’s “stuff,” automatically following behind them on the sidewalk. The Gita can do everything from carry books on a college campus to having a refrigeration unit in it to carry groceries home.

TOWNIE SPORTS

MEN'S SOCCER TIES ON THE ROAD

Charlestown FC (the Premier Over 40 Boston soccer club) played to a tie game on Oct. 21 against the Warthogs FC in Foxborough, but still remain at the top of the table. The team needs to win at home in the last match of the season on Nov. 4 in order to secure a spot in Division 5 for the Spring 2019 season. Charlestown is still undefeated with a 4-0-4 record this season and two more games to be played on Oct. 28 and Nov. 4. For more information visit the league’s website at <http://othsl.org/cgi-bin/socman.pl?DATA-DIR=18f&LDN=m6s>.

A special thank you to the team’s main sponsor, Monument Tavern, which is sponsoring the team’s equipment, as well as hosting the team every Sunday morning after the games.

IS THAT A WRAP?

Former standout Vermont defenseman Patrick Cullity may have reached the crossroads of his nine-year professional career. After a successful run as a Catamount backliner (two goals, 23 assists), Patrick added impressive ECHL (14 goals, 73 assists) and AHL (one goal, 20 assists) stats to go along with his rugged on-ice reputation, a “family” trademark passed on from a gifted gene pool. Congrats, Patrick, it was a “heckuva” ride.

HIGHSCHOOLFOOTBALL: STATE PLAYOFFS BEGIN

•Division 3 North: Billerica

(2-4) at Tewksbury (6-1), Saturday at 1:30 p.m. TOWNIE ROOTS: Billerica junior QB Nolan Houlihan has tossed 11 TDs and ran for two more.

•Division 4 North: Melrose (4-3) at Gloucester (6-1), Friday at 7 p.m. TOWNIE ROOTS: Assistant Coach Jim Kent.

•Division 6 North: Ipswich (6-1) at Northeast (5-2), Saturday at 1:30 p.m. TOWNIE ROOTS: Northeast senior fullback/line-backer Sean O’Brien has rushed for six TDs and tallied a pair of two-point conversions. Teammate junior signal caller Owen Halley has run for two TDs and added a two-point conversion.

•Division 7 North: East Boston (2-5) at Latin Academy (4-3), Friday at 5 p.m. TOWNIES: East Boston senior receiver/safety Noah Shiner has enjoyed a solid season. Jets freshman tight end Michael Egan has shown signs of a bright future.

•Division 8 North: Charlestown (4-2) at West Roxbury (5-2), Friday at 5 p.m. TOWNIES: Head Coach Dave Cahill has taken his squad to the next level led by a plethora of standout skill players that include senior quarterback/line-backer/punter Steven Williams (six passing TDs), junior tailbacks Jahwon Ryan (46 scoring points) and Amari Forbes (two rushing TDs), and key contributors Terrell McQueeney, Melvin Jones, Reggie Osirus, Julian Curry, Jeremiah St. Louis, Chris Michel and Ricardo Darius.

Massachusetts,” he said. “This would have applications we don’t even know yet. We were just at Raytheon and I could see this being a valuable thing to follow the workers around at a place like Raytheon.”

Schnapp said they are currently

looking for about 10,000 square

feet to build a manufacturing

facility near Charlestown, and they are

also looking for places to pilot the Gita while they work out the bugs outside of the lab.

“We think the Gita will play a big role in people’s lives,” said Schnapp. “We’re in this for the long-term.”

Piaggio has been located in Charlestown for the past three years, and moved to its headquarters on Roland Street last April.

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