



CHARLESTOWN

PATRIOT-BRIDGE

Weissman hopes her story can help end Cervical Cancer

By Seth Daniel

Kate Weissman was only 30 when she got the news that changed her life.

Full of energy and just embarking on her life's journey, a simple phone call on Oct. 6, 2015 to her Charlestown home derailed all of her plans and left her to grapple with having Cervical Cancer and fighting for her life.

But it was a fight that she said didn't need to happen, and one that she says other women can easily avoid.

With January being Cervical Cancer Awareness month, Weissman said she wants everyone in Charlestown to know her story



Kate Weissman and her husband, Matt Eonta.

so that perhaps women and families can get the facts on a vaccine that

can prevent Cervical Cancer and the months and years of fighting she is and has endured.

Cervical Cancer is caused by the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), and while that virus is conquered by some immune systems, it isn't for others. One of the misconceptions about Cervical Cancer is that it is an "easy" cancer that can be accomplished by a hysterectomy, but that wasn't the case for Weissman.

After finding out she had cancer, she later found out that it had spread to her lymph nodes, making the condition a fight for her life. She spent nearly a year fighting the disease, enduring six rounds of chemotherapy on two separate

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Can nips be banned? Litter and public drinking cited as reasons

By Seth Daniel

Like flowers and Christmas lights, liquor nip bottles have become part of the landscape in Charlestown and other neighborhoods of the City.

They are strewn about the sidewalks from Thompson Square to Hayes Square to The Neck. Last Friday morning, walking from Rutherford Avenue to Thompson Square, one nip bottle was observed.

Followed by another and another.

By the end of the two-block walk from the stoplight to Thompson Square, there had been 29 nip bottles counted strewn about the sidewalk and grassy areas abutting the street.

Along with that, public drinking in the Square has picked up somewhat, with the worst results playing out at the businesses like 7-Eleven where customers and employees often bear the abuse of those who have had one too many



Nips Galore: Little liquor bottles dot the landscape in Thompson Square and other areas of Charlestown like flowers in a garden. More than 25 were counted in a two-block walk from Rutherford to Thompson Square last Friday.

nips.

In some areas, nips - which are 50 mL servings of liquor sold in many varieties - have been

banned, and the first such ban started on the other side of the Bridge in Chelsea.

That ban was put in place last summer, and City leaders and Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes said they have found a noticeable change in public drunkenness and litter caused by nip bottles.

"I do notice a little difference," said Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino. "I think it's been fairly effective."

That ban, however, is being challenged in court by several Chelsea liquor stores and the state Package Store Association. Retailers there went along with a ban on the nip bottles, but pushed back when Chelsea tried to ban other small liquor bottles. That was mostly because they reported their businesses were suffering from not being able to sell those products.

It's estimated by some that close to 70,000 nips are sold every day

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Moving Forward

Mayor's State of the City focuses on using Boston as example of how to keep government running

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Martin Walsh took a decidedly national tone in his State of the City address at Symphony Hall in the Back Bay on Tuesday night, unveiling few new local initiatives, but highlighting past successes in the City as an example for national leaders to move forward with ending the government shut-down.

It was a speech delivered to Boston, but seemed to be playing to a crowd far beyond the city lines - perhaps testing the waters for higher office, some have said in the moments and hours following the speech.

In a moment where Walsh's passion showed through, as he brought the 25-minute speech in for a landing, he called on national leaders to look to Boston - the leader of cities. He delivered that ending to a rousing round of applause as the crowd of elected officials and municipal employees rose to their feet while he shouted out the final stanzas of the oratory.

"As we begin our sixth year together, I want you to know my door remains open to every voice, every idea, every dream, always. I invite you in, to help make Boston

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YOUTH BANTAM HOCKEY



Photo by Katy Rogers

Ryan Hodgin of Charlestown races across the rink in a home game against Winthrop on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Emmons-Horrigan-O'Neil Rink. Charlestown was victorious 2-1 in the rivalry.

CNC COMMUNITY CORNER

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council wishes to invite interested residents to submit nomination papers for the one remaining "at-large" seat on the Charlestown Neighborhood Council. Candidates will need to collect signatures from 25 Charlestown residents who are 18 years of age or older and mail the completed list to the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, PO Box 397, Charlestown, MA 02129 by Feb. 1, 2019. Candidates are expected to present themselves for consideration to the CNC at the monthly meeting on Feb. 5, 2019, Knights of Columbus Hall, Medford St., at 7 p.m. The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will seat the successful candidate at that meeting.

Nomination papers and instructions are available on the CNC website, at the Charlestown Library or from any current member of the CNC.

EDITORIAL

WHAT WOULD DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING THINK?

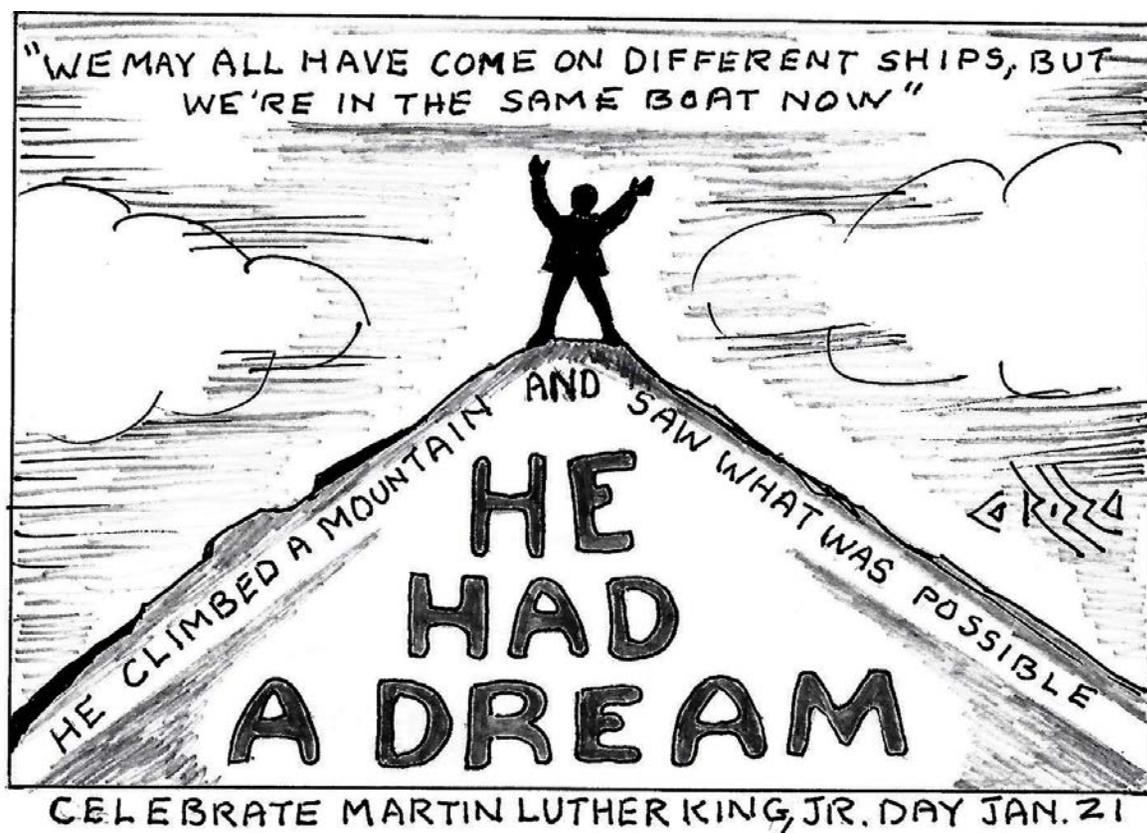
When one considers that it has been almost 51 years since Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated, it is easy to understand why so many of our fellow Americans today have so little understanding of who he was and what he accomplished.

Every school child for the past generation knows well the story of Martin Luther King. But an elementary school textbook cannot truly convey the extent to which he brought about real change in our country. To anyone under the age of 50, Martin Luther King is just another historical figure. But for those of us who can recall the 1960s, a time when racial segregation prevailed throughout half of our country and overt racism throughout the other half, Martin Luther King stands out as one of the great leaders in American history, a man whose stirring words and perseverance in his cause changed forever the historical trajectory of race relations in America, a subject that some historians refer to as the Original Sin of the American experience.

However, as much as things have changed for the better in the past 50 years in terms of racial equality in our society, it also is clear that we still have a long way to go before we can say that all Americans are judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character, as Dr. King famously put it in his speech at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963.

It is clear that there is a movement in our country that seeks to take away many of the hard-fought gains of the past 50 years. The shootings and deaths of African-Americans while in police custody that have shocked all of us in the past few years are just the tip of the iceberg. Much more significant have been the judicial decisions that have stripped away key provisions of the voting rights act, the disproportionate treatment and incarceration of minorities for drug-related offenses, and the voter ID laws and gerrymandering in many states that, in the words of a federal court in North Carolina, attain with surgical precision the goal of preventing people of color from being fairly represented in government at all levels.

"What would Dr. Martin Luther King do?" we often ask ourselves. We can't say for sure, but we do know that he that as much as King accomplished in his lifetime, he would be the first to understand that his work for which he gave his life still is far from done -- and we can only hope that his spirit and courage can continue to inspire this and future generations to bring about a world in which all persons are treated with dignity and respect.



CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

Quiet isn't peace

By Very Reverend James Ronan, VF – Pastor, St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish

When my four brothers and sisters and I were in the back seat of the car on some sort of a trip somewhere, the usual squabbles and arguments came to happen. When my mother or father sought to quiet us down and get some peace in that old Ford, it usually got louder before it got quieter with accusations like, "But she/he started it!" Finally, we were all told to be quiet; and so we were.

Yet I recall that quiet did not mean peace.

The absence of war is not the definition of peace, although it is one major part of having peace. It might be said that the opposite of peace is violence. Dom Helder Camara, the late prophetic Archbishop of Recife, Brazil, once defined violence as anything that diminishes the dignity of another. That "anything" can be a word, action, or even silence that serves to deny or denigrate another person. Using this definition, we live in a very violent world and one can see that the violence in one's own life is both outside and inside. Violence is ugly in any form, no matter how it is known or experienced. The fact that our culture has made violence a form of entertainment is a tragedy and one for which we are paying dearly.

Our Catholic tradition has long taught that one fundamental cornerstone of our moral teaching is the dignity and worth of each person at every stage of life and in any state in life. Each human life is precious and possesses incalculable value. Each life is from God and created in the image of God. This principle is the underpinning of all of our moral and social teaching as a Christian community. From our stand against abortion to the immorality of the death penalty; our commitment to the poor and our social services to the hungry and homeless; everything of this nature and more flows from our understanding and belief in the dignity of each person. Violence, it follows, willfully chosen and enacted in whatever form is wrong.

So many people are searching for that something that will satisfy and yield peace and, at times, the need can be so great that it leads to a sense of entitlement. This attitude only serves to diminish others and is a guarantee that peace will not be found. There are those who believe peace occurs only through one's own making, by working hard and accumulating stuff. This way only leads to disappointment as time passes and it is discovered that peace continues to elude them.

Peace cannot be found in things or in diminishing others. Christianity holds that peace is a gift and is the clear sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit. True peace is only found inside oneself and cannot be mandated or forced, purchased or acquired. In my experience, peace arrives when there is a harmony and togetherness with me, myself, and God. It is usually a conscious choice to be in relationship with God – with a mature self-acceptance and faith that God is present, holds us close, and sustains us in all situations.

Yes, peace begins with fostering an honest relationship with God who through love, graces us with the ability to nurture a sense of self-respect, respect for others, and a moral compass to help us realize what really matters in life. And then, even when in the midst of turbulence on all sides, we can find peace. What a gift!

The back seat of the Ford did eventually become peaceful as each of us was called to mutual respect and fairness that helped us grasp that we were all equal, no matter our age and size. We were also reminded often of God's presence in that car and in our lives, and invited to be thankful for God's blessings. Indeed.



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Councilor Edwards files petition to discourage 'flipping' homes in neighborhoods

On Monday, Councilors Lydia Edwards and Kim Janey proposed a Home Rule Petition to combat housing speculation and establish an investor and commercial property transfer fee.

The proposed bill would enhance the City's housing toolkit by generating millions of dollars for affordable housing and by discouraging the inflation of housing prices through rapid resale of properties. The proposal was assigned to committee on Wednesday's council session.

The bill authorizes the City of Boston to establish a fee of up to 6 percent, split evenly between buyer and seller, on real estate transfers over \$2 million, with an estimated revenue of \$175m - \$350 million based on 2015-2017 sales. Exemptions are in place for owner-occupants, trans-

fers between family members and homes purchased through approved home-buying classes. The bill also would authorize a fee of up to 25 percent on secondary sales, or flips, within a two year period.

"Boston residents are struggling as our economy booms, and our homes have become the new stock market," said Boston Councilor Lydia Edwards. "Housing costs are straining families' resources and pushing talented workers out of our city. This legislation will curb real estate speculation and generate millions to build and preserve affordable housing."

Said Councilor Janey, "We are in a housing affordability crisis. These fees will not only discourage speculation in our housing market and the over-creation of luxury condos, it will also raise much-needed reve-

nue to invest in affordable housing, and help stem the tide of gentrification. I look forward to working with my colleagues on the City Council, the Mayor, and the legislature in passing this law."

Other cities, including New York City, have enacted luxury transfer fees and there is a growing movement in Massachusetts. The Somerville City Council passed a home rule petition in 2018 which is still pending before the legislature. Cambridge began exploring a transfer fee in January 2019. State legislation authorizing a transfer fee has also been introduced by Rep. Mike Connolly and Sen. Joseph Boncore (HD.414 / SD334 - An Act supporting affordable housing with a local option for a fee to be applied to certain real estate transactions).

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statewide.

The Chelsea case is being tested in court right now, with both sides filing briefs detailing their positions, and the rest of the area - including Boston - watching for the outcome.

The City Licensing Board would be responsible for any such ban in Boston and Charlestown, but as of now that is something they aren't considering.

To date, the Board has not considered an outright ban, a spokesman for the Mayor's Office said.

The Board does focus in on individual licensees, and if there is a particular business causing problems, they can institute a provision to curtail sales of nips.

In determining whether or not a no nips/no singles provision would be in the interest of public health and safety, right now the Board

weighs input from the surrounding neighborhood, as well as local police, as part of our community process.

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occasions (once after it came back).

Ironically, it is a preventable disease if young girls get the HPV vaccine, which prevents one from developing the condition that can lead to Cervical Cancer. Weissman said it is a cancer that is preventable and could be eradicated in our lifetime if people are willing to have difficult conversations.

"After the dust settled, I survived and surviving cancer is really not all rainbows and butterflies," she said. "There is a lot of depression with it and survivor's guilt is big. I began to wonder why I had survived while so many of those I met who also had it did not. Cervical Cancer is a preventable disease. Not all cancers are, but it is. It usually happens to women who are pregnant or trying to get pregnant. A common misconception is it is the 'easy' cancer. It is not. A lot of cases can be accomplished with a hysterectomy, but it is not easy to live without your body parts. As soon as they remove it, you go into post-menopause. That's tough to be post-menopause in your 20s or 30s. You also lose the ability to carry children. I'm young and I'll never be able to carry a pregnancy."

Weissman, now 33, actually got the vaccine when she was in college, but it was too late. After surviving her cancer, she decided she had to use her voice to prevent anyone else from going through cancer. One of the ways is educating parents on vaccinating their daughters, even as early as 11.

"For me, it does go back to the fact I survived this and figuring out why I survived it," she said. "A way for me to process surviving it while others didn't is to make it my calling. I understand after

going through Cervical Cancer how much people don't know about it... Women are still dying. I will keep talking about it until that isn't the case. It is a preventable disease if we increase the amount of vaccines kids get."

But, admittedly, it is a highly charged topic.

For parents, the idea of having their 11-year-old take a vaccine to prevent a sexually-transmitted disease like HPV can be unnerving. Many decide that their child isn't sexually active, and thus doesn't need the vaccine.

Weissman said that's just one of the many misconceptions about Cervical Cancer and the vaccine. In fact, she said, one doesn't have to be sexually active to get HPV, as it can spread in other ways like skin to skin contact.

That's one of the stigmas that Weissman said she would like to end with her advocacy. She said if they can fight through the stigma and the emotions of the matter, she believes the facts will win out. And if that happens, suffering like hers can be eliminated for thousands of women.

"Let my story be an example," she said. "It's not taken care of with one surgery. Even if it is, the consequences of that surgery are monumental for women...Thirty years ago we couldn't talk about this at all. Women suffered in silence. The time is up on that. We need to dismiss the stigma and have the tough conversations so we can eliminate this in our lifetime."

For more information, one can go to Cervivor.org or the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network.


Public Meeting

Hood Park Master Plan

Thursday, January 24
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Project Proponent:
Hood Park, LLC

Project Description:
The revised Hood Park Master Plan project consists of a total of approximately 1,735,745 square feet of development spread among a total of 11 buildings with a variety of uses including commercial, office, residential, hotel, and retail. This particular meeting will focus on the sustainability/environmental component of the Proposed Project and will include the following: (i) an overview of the overall sustainability strategy for the revised Hood Park Master Plan, with a focus on the proposed 10 Stack Street building as included in the Notice of Project Change (NPC); (ii) a prioritized conversation with the Impact Advisory Group (IAG); and (iii) a question and answer session with the general public.

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Jan. 17

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Jan. 18

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Peking Duck Day

Michigan Day

Jan. 19

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TOWNIE SPORTS

CYHA UPDATE (as of Dec. 30)

•**MITES:** The Mite 1 Townies have been on a tear this winter as they sit at 11-2 through Dec. 30 and are in first place with the Waltham Mites 4 closing in...The Mites 2 are holding steady in the middle of the pack at 8-6, in third place...The Mite 3 team is on a three game winning streak under coaches Brian Beisel and Paul Cangiano and are at 8-7. They are fighting for first place with the Brookline Mite 6 team...The Mite 4 team is at 6-8 and in fourth place at the moment, but looking to move past Natick into third place. The playoffs for the Mite leagues start the first weekend in March.

•**MIDGETS:** The Charlestown Midget 1 team sits firmly in second place at 4-2-1 behind a powerful Lexington/Bedford team. The prospects look good for a run at first place though.

•**PEEWEE:** The PeeWee AA team is at 6-9-2 at the moment, but crowded in the middle of several teams with similar records. They could move up quick...The PeeWee A team is at 7-8-1 and are in sixth place in a division that boasts 11 teams.

•**SQUIRTS:** The Squirts AA team are at 6-7-4 and in sixth place. In recent action, Natick edged Charlestown 4-3 - Will Sutton with two goals and Lewis Edwards two assists in the loss...The Squirt A squad is 7-10-

1 and in sixth place. In recent action, Murphy scored twice and Collins had a goal and an assist in Charlestown's 7-1 victory over Framingham. Arlington trimmed Charlestown 9-7 - Brayden Fidler O'Neil with four goals, Tommy Bresler 1-2-3 and McKenna two assists in the loss.

•**BANTAMS:** The Bantam AA team is in third place at 8-3-4 and fighting to climb the ranks before the playoffs.

•**U10 GIRLS:** The girls are on an unbelievable tear through their league this season under Coach Melissa Richards, hitting on a seven game winning streak. They are in first place with an 11-1-2 record, in good space ahead of the Natick Comets.

•**U12 GIRLS:** The U12's are in fifth place with a 4-6-3 record, and hot on the trail on the Wilmington Lady Wildcats.

COLLEGE WINTER SPORTS

•**ON THE ICE:** Northeastern freshman wing Micaela Sindoris tallied an assist in the Huskies 7-5 setback to BC...Salem St. senior wing Danielle Kelley scored a goal, junior center Rose Sullivan added an assist, and senior stand-out Jacqueline Sindoris blasted 3 shots on net in the Lady Vikings 2-1 triumph over Salve Regina. In a rematch that resulted in a 3-3 tie, Jacqueline Sindoris dished out 2 assists and Danielle and Rose combined for 5 shots on

net...UMass-Lowell sophomore wing Connor Sodergren contributed an assist and bombed 3 shots on net in the River Hawks 3-0 blanking of Colgate. In a rematch 4-1 win, Connor added another assist...Amherst freshman wing Sean Wrenn rifled 5 shots on net in the Mammoths 4-2 victory over Connecticut College.

HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS

•**ON THE ICE:** Groton sophomore wing Ronan Doherty tallied a goal and an assist in a 4-2 triumph over Hebron. Ronan added another goal in a 3-0 punch-out of St. George...Archbishop Williams junior forward Brody Tuite dished out an assist in a 11-0 pummeling of Matignon... Boston Latin senior backliner Matt Coviello notched an assist in the Wolfpack's 7-3 drubbing of Concord-Carlisle...Reading senior wing Abbie Collins contrib-

uted an assist as the Lady Rockets dropkicked Belmont to the tune of 7-1...Wakefield freshman wing Michael Locke rifled home a goal in a 4-1 setback to Winchester. Michael added an assist in a 3-1 victory over Wilmington.

•**HOOP:** Pope John XXIII senior co-captain Conor Kelly tossed in 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to help Coach Leo Boucher and the Tigers dismantle Maimonides to the tune of 65-47. Conor added 15 points, 14 rebounds and 4 blocks in an 83-31 torching of St. Joseph Prep...Braintree senior sensation Adriana Timberlake drilled home 23 points and grabbed 8 rebounds as the Wamps outlasted Needham by a score of 56-43.

CHARLESTOWN YOUTH BASKETBALL

•**Thursday, Jan. 17 - Rockets vs. Warriors, 6:30 p.m., Community Center; Sonics vs. Clippers, 7:15**

p.m. Harvard-Kent; Phoenix Mercury vs. Connecticut Suns, 7:15 p.m. at Edwards Middle; Wizards vs. Spurs, 7:30 p.m. at Community Center 2; Pacers vs. Hornets, 7:30 p.m. at Community Center 1; Celtics vs. Mavericks, 8:15 p.m. at Harvard-Kent.

•**Tuesday, Jan. 22 - Hornets vs. Wizards, 6:30 p.m. at Community Center 2; Celtics vs. Sonics, 7:45 p.m. at Community Center**

YOUTH HOCKEY DISTRICTS

Districts 1 Playoffs will be held week of January 21. There are no Mass Hockey Districts for Mites - this is for Squirts/U10 and up. This is a single elimination tournament with the winner advancing to the State Tournament in March. There will, for most teams, be games on Monday Jan. 21 (MLK Day). There could also be games Tuesday through Thursday in the evening.

Townie Tidbits

BY SAL GIARRATANI

BUNKER HILL POOP CRISIS

Last week while watching the evening news on Channel 5, one of their big stories concerned the effects of the federal shutdown at the Bunker Hill Monument. According to the TV report, things have gotten so bad up in Monument Square with overflowing trash receptacles that a group of residents from CharlestownDogs has jumped into action trying to clean up the area by the main entrance to the Monument area.

I am trying to figure something out here. Who is causing the messy situation? Can't be tourists because they're not the problem. They usually don't carry poop bags on vacation. Mayor Walsh stated that city workers would step into help during the duration of the shutdown. However, the real issue is why folks keep stuffing the blank into overflowing trash containers or worse dropping their waste onto the ground and walking away wiping their hands clean?

I think it is nice that a group of Townie dog owners have put action to their words as a solution to keeping the area clean. However, this mess doesn't create itself and it is up to those who don't seem to care about cleanliness and willy-nilly add to the messy situation.

We are all responsible for keep-



Photo by Sal Giarratani

TRASH TALK - I don't even know why the National Parks Service has so many waste boxes up on High Street.

ing our neighborhoods clean. We all have to do our part. Right now it seems that isn't being done. Don't blame Trump, look into the mirror. There's the culprit.

Finally, I want you to know I am not bashing dog owners. I have owned many a dog over a lifetime and can remember the names of every single one. As I got older, I got more responsible, meaning I carried poop bags. However, 50 years ago when I lived at 12 Pearl Street across from the Warren Prescott. I had a young dog named "Rebel" a beautiful German shepherd. I used to walk him all over the place and never thought of poop bags. If my dog dropped you-know-what

at will, I kept moving because my name wasn't Will, but that was then and this is now.

The place is a park not an open landfill.

HOLD OVER STATUS AT THE MALL

I just found out that the official term for what is happening to the U.S. Post Office site at the mall is "Holdover Status." Sounds good. Do you think if you or I used that if our lease was up and the owners wanted us out, could we say we are in "Hold Over" status too? Nice to be the government, huh? The USPS isn't even saying, "The check's in the mail."

CHARLESTOWN GYM HOCKEY

Weekly Standings January 12, 2019

	W	L	T
Bryan's Pals	11	0	2
MPTA	8	4	1
A/1 Zume's	2	10	1
Duce 2	4	8	1

Players of the week for 1/12/19

A-1/Zume's - Everyone who came

Bryan's Pals - Frankie M., Even D., Noah M., Owen M.

Duce 2 - Danny L., Jacob B., Jan P., Declan M.

MPTA - Brooke T., Declan T., Luca K., Liam D.

Four (and nearly five) Charlestown youth hockey teams win Mayor's Cup titles

Staff Report

The 2018-19 Mayor's Cup Hockey Tournament, which features the city's youth hockey programs battling for bragging rights, is one the Charlestown hockey community will remember for some time.

Five Charlestown teams reached the finals played at Boston College's Conte Forum on Jan. 13. Townie teams won titles in the Squirt A, Squirt AA, U10 Girls and Bantam AA divisions.

The PeeWee AA team lost an overtime heartbreaker to Dorchester, and nearly delivered a fifth title.

"We are really proud of all our teams and we are appreciative of the City of Boston's work in putting on this great tournament," said Mike Frawley, CYHA president. "Our program has made a huge step forward in the number of kids playing and the number of teams we are fielding. We are lucky to have a great group of volunteer coaches who know hockey and can teach hockey. The results speak for themselves."

The Mayor's Cup Hockey Tournament features teams across several co-ed and girls divisions and is contested at some of the great college and community rinks in the City. This year's venues included Boston University, UMass Boston, Boston College and Warrior Arena. The city's youth hockey associations all participate, including teams from the SCORE program, South Boston, Dorchester, Allston-Brighton, Hyde Park and Parkway (West Roxbury, JP, Roslindale).

The day's finals kicked off with the U10 Girls team, coached by Melissa Richard, taking a 5-3 win over Allston-Brighton to win their 4th straight U10 Mayor's Cup title. Angela Wells recorded the hat trick and goalie Erin Alves made several impressive saves. Abigail Deroeve and Rory Shields also scored goals for the Townies.

Charlestown's Squirt AA team gave up an early goal to Hyde Park, but came storming back with 5 straight goals to take the title 5-2. Coached by Peder Johnson and Joe Flaherty, the scoring in this game was led by Will Sutton, Sam Johnson and Erin Flaherty.

Goalie Andres Jay had a strong game in the net.

In the Squirt A final, Charlestown's Tommy Bresler scored in overtime to win it for the Townies over South Boston 2-1. Wyatt Boucher scored the regulation time goal for Charlestown, which is coached by Joe Deroeve, Brian McNulty and Bjorn Anderson. Finn Kempainen had a great game at Goalie.

The Bantam AA team, coached by Mark Cloutier, Kevin Schaeffer and Harry Sullivan, won the Bantam AA division with a decisive 7-2 victory over Dorchester. Andrew TeDuits, Owen Delvalle and Giacomo Cincotti led the Townie's offensive attack.

Charlestown's PeeWee AA team, coached by Cam Hicks and Rob teDuits, endured a heart-breaking 3-2 overtime loss to Dorchester in the PeeWee AA final. William teDuits and Quinn Rockhill each scored goals for Charlestown.



The Bantam AA team delivered a 7-2 win over Dorchester.



The U10 girls celebrated their fourth-straight Mayor's Cup in a win over Allston-Brighton, 5-3.



Tommy Bresler and Brayden Fidler-O'Neil celebrate Charlestown's 2-1 overtime win over South Boston in the Squirt A Mayor's Cup Final.



The Squirt AA team beat Hyde Park 5-1 to take the cup.

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CHARLESTOWN YOUTH BANTAM HOCKEY IN ACTION AGAINST WINTHROP

Photos by Katy Rogers

Charlestown and Winthrop faced off in a youth Bantam hockey game at the Emmons Horrigan O'Neil Memorial Rink on Saturday afternoon. Ultimately, Charlestown was victorious, winning the game 2-1.



Michael McLaughlin of Charlestown played in a victorious hockey match against Winthrop on Saturday



Charlestown and Winthrop played off in a match at the Emmons Horrigan O'Neil Memorial Rink.



The puck flies in the air during a match between Charlestown and Winthrop.



John Flanagan of Charlestown effectively protects the puck against his Winthrop opponents.



Christopher Gibbons.

Hood Park Meeting: Sustainability & Resiliency
January 24, 2019 at 6pm
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Mike Frawley of Charlestown skates ahead of the rest in an effort to keep control of the puck.



Ryan Hodgkin took to the home ice with his teammates from Charlestown on Saturday.



Matt Flores of Charlestown controls the puck in a match against Winthrop.

Hood Park meetings resume with look at building design

By Seth Daniel

After a break for the holidays, the Hood Park topic-focused review meetings began last Weds., Jan. 9, at the Mishawum Community Center, where representatives spoke in particular about the building on Stack Street that will eventually house the expansion of the Indigo company.

Mark Rosenshein, of Trademark Partners, told the audience that they are focusing on the 10 Stack Street design at the moment and plan to use it as one of many different designs throughout the overall campus plan – which includes several other buildings.

“Any conversation of Hood Park starts with the smokestack of the existing Hood Plant,” said designer Mark Spaulding. “It’s been a transformative element over time... The plan is to maintain that feeling and make it enter into a new era.”

The new building would surround the smokestack and would be just about the same height, using a new screening material to block off the mechanical elements on top of the building. The total height would be 230 feet, with the last occupied floor at 187 feet.

A key element of the design, Spaulding said, was integrating the first floor with the street.

“Ground level transparency will be a feature throughout the design,” he said. “The goal is to have 70 percent transparent environment as you walk through the space. You want to see inside the building so it works with the environment. You don’t want the building to turn its back on the outside... The goal is to provide visual info to the people outside.”

As he said, that will be a characteristic throughout the proposed Master Plan, including the new



Mark Rosenshein, of Trademark Partners, stands in front of a model of 10 Stack Street, which would be the headquarters for Indigo.

parking garage being constructed next door – which has retail features on the first floor.

The design on the building is not all glass, but a 50-50 mix of glass and metal screening on the outside. A unique feature is that the building will have several different angles, rotating it a bit so that there are several faces and not one large box going into the air from the street.

The inside would feature a first floor retail element, and a second floor balcony that overlooks the new green space amphitheatre suggested between the new garage and this building.

It’s a building they hope will be the frame of reference, as new buildings won’t be built within the plan for many years down the road.

“It’s a referential piece because for some time it will be the tallest building in the area,” he added.

Rosenshein said while other parts of the plan are phased in years to come, this building cannot come fast enough. He is hopeful that they could begin construction in July or August, spending 18 months on the shell and core. That would mean

the shell and core could be done by 2020, and then Indigo – the anchor tenant – would move in to fit it out for its uses. That would take about 14 months and lead to an overall spring 2021 opening.

Indigo will take up most (likely two-thirds) of the building, but not all of it. They will also keep the space they are leasing in the main Hood building right now.

“they have expanded to take every square foot we have on campus until we can get this building done,” he said. “We want to keep their headquarters in Charlestown so they don’t leave.”

Already, the company has other operations in Memphis, and recent reports suggest that they have expanded there and are contemplating putting more operations there if they cannot secure space in Charlestown.

Rosenshein said the company is growing astronomically, outpacing what can be built for them. He said they added 272 new employees in the second half of 2018 alone.

“Their growth rate is exponential at this point,” he said. “They have huge demand here and in Memphis. We want to make sure the corporate headquarters stays here... They have filled the space available here and we can’t get this building done fast enough for them.”

The comment period for the project has been extended to Jan. 28, and another meeting on resiliency and environment is scheduled for later this month.

Rosenshein said they will file a supplemental report in the next week on meetings they have had with the Boston Parks Department regarding the Hood Green open space concept and how it will work with redesigns of Ryan Playground.

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NEMPAC announces new Charlestown music programs coordinator

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is excited to welcome its new administrative team member, Nicholas Brown as their Charlestown Coordinator.

Over the past few years, NEMPAC has expanded its music programming to the Charlestown neighborhood. This new role will assist in the development of current and future programs and partnerships, engagement with the community of parents and students, and specifically help develop the curriculum of after-school

and in-school music.

"Being born and raised a New Englander has provided me with an innate sense of the importance of community. As such, I am thrilled at the opportunity to work more closely with a uniquely diverse neighborhood steeped in history - especially within the region that I have always called home!" —Nicholas Brown

NEMPAC's current Charlestown partners include the Warren Prescott BPS School and The Harvard-Kent School where after-school music lessons are

offered on-site, the Good Shepherd School where NEMPAC provides in-school and after-school music programming, The Charlestown Working Theater where after-school programs are run in addition to their annual children's holiday musical, and the Charlestown Nursery School where NEMPAC historically offered music classes.

"I am delighted to welcome Nicholas Brown to our administrative team at NEMPAC! This year it was a priority to invest in our community partnerships in Charlestown and the families, stu-

dents, and organizations in need of programming. I'm fortunate we can continue to build on all that what we've started over the last few years." —Sherri Snow, Executive Director

If you are interested in learning more about NEMPAC's program offerings or have questions about Scholarships or Financial Aid, please contact Nicholas Brown at ctowninfo@nempacoston.org or call 617-227-2270. To learn more, please visit www.nempacoston.org.

This year's programming



Nicholas Brown

expansion has been supported in part by the Charlestown Community Impact Fund, a fund managed by the City of Boston.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. SU18P2679GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 In the interests Of Ariana Tabitha Figueroa Of: Charlestown, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 12/19/2018 by Carmen M. Rodriguez of Lynn, MA and Jesus Perez of Lynn, MA will be held 02/08/2019 8:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114. You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: January 7, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo

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Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. SU18P2683GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 In the interests Of Crystal Savonah Figueroa Of: Charlestown, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 12/19/2018 by Carmen M. Rodriguez of Lynn, MA and Jesus Perez of Lynn, MA will be held 02/08/2019 8:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114. You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other

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Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. SU18P2667GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 In the interests Of Dynasty Isis Figueroa Of: Charlestown, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 12/17/2018 by Carmen M. Rodriguez of Lynn, MA and Jesus Perez of Lynn, MA will be held 02/08/2019 8:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114. You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU18P2563EA Estate of: James T. Cass Date of Death: 05/27/2018 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Roberta Hines of Derry, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Roberta Hines of Derry, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/01/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must

file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 21, 2018 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU18P1134EA Estate of: Jean F. Sullivan Date of Death: 04/24/2018 To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A - Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by John T. Sullivan, Jr. of Stoneham, MA requesting that the Court enter a

formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: John T. Sullivan, Jr. of Stoneham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/14/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 26, 2018 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor Docket No. SU18P2663GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 In the interests Of Serenity Angelize Figueroa Of: Charlestown, MA Minor

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 12/17/2018 by Carmen M. Rodriguez of Lynn, MA and Jesus Perez of Lynn, MA will be held 01/30/2019 8:30 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing. Located at 24 New Chardon Street 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02114. You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to: File the original with the Court; and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing. The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor. A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests. THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice. Date: January 7, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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stronger," he said. "And to our national leaders, I say: If you want to learn how to bring people together, not push them apart, look to Boston. If you want to grow good jobs and rebuild the middle class, look to Boston. If you want to see how social justice strengthens all of us, look to Boston. If you want to cut crime, protect the environment, lift Americans up, leave no one behind, and build a more perfect union? Then look to the city of hope and heart. Look to the city of courage and champions. At a time when cities must lead, look to Boston, the leader of cities."

Walsh also announced in his speech that he and Gov. Charlie Baker – a Republican – will go to Washington, D.C., to urge the government to get things on track and tackle some problems facing Boston.

"One more thing: Gov. Baker and I are going on a road trip," he said. "We have a Republican-led Senate and a Democratic House. So we'll go to Washington with a united front and call for the investments in housing, transit, and the environment that our future depends on. Instead of building a wall, let's show them how to build bridges."

He said afterward to reporters that he and the governor wanted to try to get things moving federally.

"We want to get Washington moving forward and doing their jobs down there," he said. "A lot of what they do affects us...We

will go down there and we're not going to talk about 100 things, but two or three important initiatives."

He said transportation and public housing would be on the top of that list.

He said the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) is a state and federally funded organization that doesn't get the federal funding it should.

"They're getting less and less money and that's not sustainable," he said to reporters.

Walsh did announce a few things that had not been discussed – one of them being a new jazz café slated for the Bolling Municipal Building in Dudley Square and the re-branding of the Elderly Commission into the "Age Strong" Commission. The other new initiative was the announcement that Boston was a finalist for the 2020 NAACP Conference.

The mayor began the speech and continued on for about the first 15 minutes highlighting the things that he has done in the last five years – punctuating the issues of equity for women and minorities, as well as the programs trying to re-build the City's middle class.

"Our City's success is our motivation: to aim higher, work harder, and make sure every single person in our City gets a full, fair shot at these opportunities we are creating," he said. "That's how we truly succeed. That's how we are determined to lead."

That, naturally, led to the ideas of how Boston is leading where the federal government is not.

"The state of our City is strong, but I'm concerned about the state of our union," he said. "What happens in Washington, we feel on the streets of Boston. But here's what matters more: what we do in Boston can change this country. We've done it before, and we'll do it again, because in this time of uncertainty and division, Boston offers a way forward. We are welcoming more voices and expanding our democracy. We are committed to leaving no one behind. And we are not just surviving, we are thriving. There's no federal housing policy, none. But Boston's moving forward. We've created more affordable homes than any time on record."

He said the same thing about

the lack of a federal infrastructure plan, and highlighted the building of roads, bridges, bike lanes, safe streets initiatives, parks and libraries.

"We've shown that differences don't have to divide us," he said. "When we come together, anything is possible. That's democracy in action."

In police news, he said the crime rate citywide has decreased by 25 percent, and 4,100 guns have been taken off the streets in the last five years. He also added that arrests are down 25 percent.

Related to that, he spoke about recovery and his plans for a regional recovery campus on Long Island, noting that the idea is more than just the re-building of a contested bridge.

"Our plan for a recovery campus on Long Island is not about

rebuilding a bridge," he said. "It's about rebuilding a life, by getting that person, and thousands of others across our region, the care they need to get well. That's what we're doing."

Afterwards, to reporters, he again called on the federal government to move forward, saying that politics is about negotiation.

"The president needs to be willing to negotiate," he said. "You don't always get what you want. You listen to all voices and you get some things and not others. That's what makes democracy better. If he gives something to protect the Dreamers and those who are undocumented, maybe he gets some funding. But building a wall is not going to solve the problem for 13 million people we have here who have no pathway to citizenship."

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To request an application be sent, call 617.445.8338 or e-mail your name and complete mailing address to madisonmelnea@gmail.com
Applications can be picked up in person during the days and locations listed below:

DAY / DATE	HOURS	Application Pickup Location
Wednesday, January 30, 2019	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120
Thursday, January 31, 2019	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120
Friday, February 1, 2019	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120
Monday, February 4, 2019	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120
Tuesday, February 5, 2019	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120
Wednesday, February 6, 2019	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	464 Tremont Street Boston MA 02116
Thursday, February 7, 2019	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120
Friday, February 8, 2019	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120
Saturday, February 9, 2019	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	122 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury, MA 02120

Application Deadline for completed applications to be included in the lottery, must be hand delivered to the management office or submitted online by 4:00pm February 13, 2019 or postmarked by February 13, 2019.

Information Sessions will be held during the following dates and times at:

122 DEWITT DRIVE ROXBURY, MA 02120

(Dewitt Community Center Gym)

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2019 5PM-8PM

AND

464 TREMONT STREET BOSTON, MA 02116

(Castle Square Apartments Community Room)

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2019 5PM-8PM

Applications will be available at **BOTH** information sessions

SELECTION BY LOTTERY

Preference given to right to return lease-compliant Whittier Street Apartments tenants relocated due to the redevelopment activities associated with the Whittier Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant.

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1 Person	\$45,300	\$75,500
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5 Persons	\$69,900	\$116,450
6 Persons	\$75,060	\$125,050

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For more information, language assistance, or reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities contact (617) 445-8338 or TDD:1-800-439-2370.

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PATIENT RIGHTS WORKSHOP



Attorney Patricia D. Stewart, founder of Patient Sense, an initiative to advocate and reach out to patients, caretakers, and their families about medical and legal issues involving patients' rights, was the guest speaker at a workshop Jan. 10 at the Charlestown Public Library. Pictured at the event are, from left, Charlestown community leader Betty King, Atty. Patricia D. Stewart, Maria Arias of Mass. Citizens For Life, and Bob Joyce of the Pro Life Legal Defense Fund.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

LIONS CLUB COLLECTED 179 COATS

This year the Charlestown Lions Club collected 179 coats for people in need.

They were delivered to Anton's Cleaners in Somerville to be cleaned free of charge.

After the cleaning, they will be delivered to people in need of a warm winter coat or jacket. The Charlestown Co-operative Bank again was the collection site for these coats and the Lions thank Tom Coots and his staff for their continuing assistance in this worthwhile project. Thanks also

to all the residents who generously donated their coats and jackets.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Charlestown Resident Alliance invites you to register for a FREE 4-Session Financial Education program sponsored by Cambridge Savings Bank. All sessions will take place on Mondays from 6 to 8 p.m., and a free pizza dinner will be served at 6 p.m.. Jan. 28: Budgeting and Saving. February 4: Managing a Checking Account. February 11: Credit. Feb. 25: Fraud. Where: 55 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown. Register by Jan. 25,

to attend: Contact Jenifer Edouard at 857.417.9356 or jedouard@charlestownra.org Limited space available. Attend all four sessions for the opportunity to win a prize.

FLEA MARKET AT THE ART GALLERY

The StoveFactory Gallery presents the "Greatest Artist Flea Market EVER"!!!!!! Artists and Art Lovers will be selling artwork, supplies, gadgets and more on Saturday and Sunday January 26 and 27, from 12:00 to 5 p.m. at the StoveFactory Gallery, 523 Medford Street in Charlestown. Refreshments will be served, park-

ing is free and the building is handicapped accessible. Great bargains!!!!!!

REGISTER FOR ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Adult Confirmation Classes at St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish begin on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m.. If you would like to participate in these classes to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Sr. Nancy Citro at 617-242-4664 or nctiro@stmaryscatherine.org

FRIENDS OF THE CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD 2019 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Join the Friends of the Charlestown Navy Yard as a new or renewing member and enjoy

access to members only benefits at more than 10 local businesses and restaurants. Stay current with Navy Yard and Charlestown developments such as the North Washington Street Bridge replacement and water transportation issues and how they affect you through our website and newsletter. Membership categories are: Individual \$25, Family \$30, Supporter \$50, Patron \$100 and Benefactor \$250. Corporate memberships are also welcome. Contributions are tax deductible. For more information visit our website www.friendscny.org or email: info@friendscny.org FCNY is an independent, non-profit civic organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors to the Navy Yard while preserving its historic character.

For the Record

•Hood Park – The BPDA will be holding the next topic-focused Hood Park Master Plan IAG/public meeting on Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. This particular meeting will focus on the sustainability and environmental aspects of the revised Hood Park Master Plan and will be held at the Mishawum Community Room located at 95 Dunstable St.

This meeting is open to the public so please share this information with your neighbors and other community stakeholders.

•From the Jan. 17 Public Facilities Commission meeting, City Hall:

Mystic Avenue, Main Street, Alford Street; Charlestown – Widening & Relocation, Grant of Location – On a set of petitions by Eversource Energy and the City of Boston

•FILING FOR EXEMPTIONS OR TAX DEFERRALS

The City has many tax relief programs for homeowners who occupy their property as their principal residence. These include residential exemptions, personal exemptions, and a tax deferral program for

seniors.

The online applications for exemptions and tax deferrals are available through Assessing Online starting January 1, 2019. Follow the instructions on Assessing Online to find applications for your property.

The Fiscal Year 2019 filing deadline for exemptions and tax deferrals is April 1, 2019.

•Charlestown Lower Mystic Community Meeting

What: The Mystic River Watershed Association will share feedback and initial ideas for new parks, walking/biking paths and opportunities for better access to the waterfront. A link to their survey regarding the area around the Mystic River in Charlestown can be found here.

When: Wednesday, January 30th, 6:30- 8 p.m.

Where: Harvard-Kent Elementary School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

•Abutter's Meeting for 85 Cambridge Street

A meeting to discuss replacing 45ft of chain link fence in front of the house and 24ft of chain link

fence on the left side of the driveway with 6ft high red cedar fence. Replace 3ft wide chain link gate at the front entrance with 3ft wide red cedar gate. Install 14'-6 1/2 ft wide sliding gate for the driveway entrance.

When: Tuesday, January 22, 6 p.m.

Where: 85 Cambridge St., Charlestown.

•Zoning Board of Appeals, City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, Room 801

When: January 15, 9:30 a.m.

*94 Bunker Hill Street

*13 Mystic Street

When: January 29, 9:30 a.m.

*22R Parker Street

When: February 5, 9:30 a.m.

40 Warren Street

•Charlestown NEW Health will be holding nutrition workshops in the new year with Luisa Siniscalchi at noon in the NEWHealth, 15 Tufts St., Charlestown. The meetings will take place on Jan. 24 (start your day with a healthy breakfast), and Feb. 14 (Healthy Valentine's Day). For more info call (857) 238-1176.

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.

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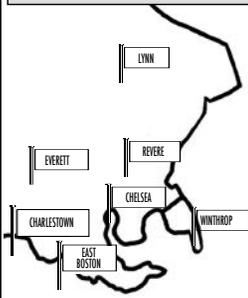
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MGC, Encore indicate they are behind in planning for "big opening"

By Seth Daniel

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) indicated they were behind in planning for the logistics of the big opening for Encore Boston Harbor – perhaps signaling that if things aren't ironed out very soon, the big opening could be a difficult day for residents just trying to get around the Town.

MGC Commissioner Ed Bedrosian Jr. told the Commission on Thursday, Jan. 10, during a regular meeting that they were behind in planning for the Encore opening, that is as compared to their work on the opening of MGM Springfield last August.

The issue was brought to the table by Commissioner Enrique Zuniga, who noted that they had begun significant planning by January for MGM Springfield's August opening.

"We did have a good discussion last meeting about MGM Springfield about how things had gone (with the opening), and the clear insight from that was that advanced planning and teamwork were critical to the smooth opening," he said. "I think it's very relevant that we do that. In fact, I went back and looked at some of the meetings we had a year ago. At that time, we were doing advanced planning for an opening in August."

Bedrosian said they are behind, but he believes experience will help them work through issues faster.

"You are right," he said. "At a senior staff level we are probably slightly behind where we were with MGM. We started things with them a little earlier. The offset to that is the context of MGM was we were opening our first Category 1 property and the learning curve was a lot higher. We've now smoothed off that learning curve so I am confident that if we do engage with our learned staff, we will be in good shape. But it is something that needs to happen quickly."

Bedrosian said the MGC has been operating on parallel tracks with the investigation and the normal regulation – which includes the opening plans – and that the time has come for senior staff to get involved in the opening logistics.

"I hope you took from that presentation (last month) that the ability to have a smooth opening resulted from a lot of preparation and staff effort," he said.

"Earlier staff had been working with Encore on preparations, not dissimilar to what we did in Springfield. The time has come for issues that require both senior staff and Commission attention to be properly prepared for an anticipated opening."

The opening day, and the days afterward, are expected to bring thousands and thousands of people through Charlestown to the site, just over the Alford Street Bridge from Charlestown. A failure by Encore and the MGC to be prepared for that opening could stifle and shut down Charlestown for days.

Gov. Baker appoints Winchester woman to chair MGC

Gov. Charlie Baker appointed Cathy M. Judd-Stein on Tuesday as the new Chair of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC).

Judd-Stein, who has served as Deputy Chief Legal Counsel in the governor's office since 2015, has served as a legal advisor to five Massachusetts Governors, Executive Director of Governor Patrick's Judicial Nominating Commission, and General Counsel for the Massachusetts State Treasury.

Judd-Stein replaces Steve Crosby, who resigned suddenly last fall from the MGC after many years as its leader.

"Cathy's experience in state government and incredible diligence and attention to detail for every task she takes on are some of the many attributes that qualify her to be the Chair of the Gaming Commission," said Baker. "We thank Cathy for her contributions to our administration and look forward to her taking on this critically important position with the Commission. I also thank Gayle Cameron for serving as interim chair since late September."

Said Judd-Stein, "I am honored to have served Governor Baker and Lieutenant Governor Polito these last four years. I thank them for giving me this opportunity to continue working at the intersection of complex, important public and private sector issues and I look forward to working with my fellow Commissioners at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission."

Judd-Stein lives in Winchester, and has served as a legal advisor to five governors, including Baker. She and her husband are the parents of three adult children.

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Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley holds local swearing-in ceremony

By John Lynds

After being officially sworn in to the 116th Congress by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in Washington D.C. earlier this month, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley held a local swearing in ceremony Saturday at Roxbury Community College.

Pressley, who now represents the 7th Congressional District that includes Charlestown unseating incumbent U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano during the Democratic Primary in September, became the first African-American woman to serve the district.

After being sworn in by Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey Pressley addressed the crowd.

“You are a glorious, glorious sight to behold,” Pressley began. “The manifestation of millions of steps, and a million more prayers. I am so grateful to be here with all of you today. To my family, to my fellow elected officials, to my dedicated A-Team, and most importantly to the residents of the 7th Congressional District – thank you for making this moment, today possible.”

Pressley said she did not come to the ceremony to offer celebratory remarks, but simply remarks of vision—vision for the district, for its communities, and for the country.

“We find ourselves in unprece-



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley held a local swearing in ceremony Saturday at Roxbury Community College. Pressley being sworn in by Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey Pressley before addressing the crowd.

dent times,” she said. “Each day, we hear a deluge of hateful rhetoric and even more hateful policies, meant to divide us and make us feel small. But together, we are powerful. Yes, these are unprecedented and uncertain times, unprecedented times which demand unprecedented leadership, unprecedented organizing, unprecedented mobilizing, unprecedented legislating, and unprecedented hope.”

Pressley added that there are many who have characterized the Democrats’ electoral victory as a

referendum against hate, but she sees it as a victory for hope.

“And so it is together, in community, in the 7th Congressional district – here today in Roxbury, Massachusetts – the very place that inspired, fortified and nurtured history makers like Elma Lewis, Paul Goodnight, Malcolm X, Dr. King, and Melnea Cass, and Mel King, and Alfreda Harris, and Sarah-Ann Shaw – it is in this community, at this place, that we come together to fortify ourselves for the work that we will take on together,” she said. “The pursuit of justice and equality and equity, my mother reminded me, is a cradle-to-grave struggle. In the pursuit of justice, the line is not a straight or linear one, it is not always consistent, but it is always worth it.”

Pressley said while the moral arc of justice bends it only does so when we make it bend.

“We must ready ourselves, for both the breakthroughs and the joy of the struggle, and then we can realize the joy of the victory,” said Pressley. “We’ve made our fair share of history together, but I was not sent to Congress just to make history. You sent me there to make meaningful, lasting change – progress on behalf of the residents of the Massachusetts 7th Congressional district – the most diverse and unequal district in our delegation, and arguably one of the most unequal in our country.”

Pressley said she will not do this work alone and on the days that she feels tired or weary she will reflect upon and think of this moment.

“I will think about the hundreds of you in front of me, and the hundreds more that each of you represent,” she said. “Each of you speak for and act on behalf of those you have a loved, and lost, and fought for, and nurtured. We walk through this life not just as individuals but also as manifestations of the people who have shaped us and those whom we carry with us. And so, I recommit to you today, that I am bringing all of you to Washington with me.”

Pressley went on to credit her victory to the voters who believed in the pursuit of equity, equality and justice.

“I know this to be true because, when the rights of our trans family members were under attack, you organized and mobilized and

fought for equality,” she said. “When rhetoric of hate tried to vilify our immigrant neighbors and violently separate their families, you showed up at airports offering legal representation and demanding humanity. When our union brothers and sisters were locked out of their jobs, their livelihood in the balance, you marched. When your loved ones healthcare was under attack, their cancer treatment, their insulin, their lives in jeopardy, you put your bodies on the line to fight for their dignity. When survivors of gun violence, of domestic violence, of sexual violence; when our voices were silenced you built megaphones and amplified their stories.”

She ended by saying, “The work we take on together will not be easy. But it will be real. And it will be worth it. I still believe in the power of us, and change is on the way.”

Twenty-five days without trash services, and one group steps up

By Seth Daniel

With the government shutdown now logging 25 days without operations, that also means 25 days without federal National Parks Service workers at the Bunker Hill Monument to do simple things like take away the rubbish.

That’s where CharlestownDogs stepped in over the last 14 days.

While the government shutdown made headlines 24 hours a day, few recognized any meaningful impacts right off the bat in the Town. However, soon, piles of trash began to build up at the Monument – and the trash barrels were overflowing.

With no one to dispose of the trash, Chris Lovell of CharlestownDogs said his members – who use the Monument park frequently for their dog walking – decided to make a dent in the shutdown.

“I’m pretty proud of CharlestownDogs volunteers who recognized a bad trash and dog waste situation at Bunker Hill Monument Park and took personal action,” he said. “Given the National Park Service maintenance staff has been furloughed, the park trash quickly built up to overflowing. CharlestownDogs has a strong cooperative relationship with the Park Service which means we help each other in any way we can.”

In this case, CharlestownDogs placed signs on the trash receptacles and attached bags for trash.



Members have been taking those trash bags and disposing of them at their own homes. They also have brought replacement bags to hang on the trash barrels, providing trash disposal without having to open the barrels.

It has been a great way to keep the Monument clean for residents and tourists amidst a difficult and long shutdown of services.

“The tourists and visitors, while disappointed to not enter the museum or climb the Monument, are at least not faced with a pile of trash and a spotlight on our broken government,” said Lovell.

CharlestownDogs is an all-volunteer community organization focused on the health and wellbeing of Charlestown. The organization tries to teach responsible dog ownership, which includes smart stewardship of open spaces like the Monument.

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