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## SPRING FLING AT THE K OF C

Photos by Seth Daniel

Somewhere between St. Patrick's Day and Bunker Hill Day lies the Spring Fling – and City officials were on hand at the Knights of Columbus Father Daniel Mahoney Hall on Thursday, April 11, to celebrate spring. Sponsored by Mayor Martin Walsh's Age Strong Department, State Rep. Dan Ryan and the Flatley Companies, the celebration featured lunch and plenty of music. Here, Judy Burton, Theresa Fraga and Liane Devine sing an Irish favorite. Meanwhile, Councilors Michael Flaherty, Anmissa Essaibi George, Lydia Edwards and Michelle Wu join sponsors Mayor Martin Walsh and State Rep. Dan Ryan for a photo. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.



## City's Capital Budget includes \$3 million for new turf field

By Seth Daniel

Mayor Martin Walsh has chosen to announce his new four-year Capital Budget on Bunker Hill Street next Tuesday, April 23, and

among several high-ticket items for the Town will be a \$3 million replacement of the Charlestown High Turf Field – one of the most heavily-used fields in the City. The Capital Budget 2020-

2024 was released quietly on Wednesday morning despite the official announcement at the BHA Building on Bunker Hill Street next

(BUDGET Pg. 2)

## Charlestown's oldest resident keeps young with art and attitude

By Seth Daniel

Irene Morey has lived 103 years and seen just about everything in modern history – from two World Wars to the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy – but her focus in all those long years, and her secret to keeping young, is choosing one's attitude.

"Everything should be in moderation," she said last week. "If you want to be happy, be happy.

If you want to be a grouch, get off my couch."

Another secret to being young ,she shared slyly, is that she's really only 26.

"I was born on leap year, so that makes me only about 26 even though people say I'm 103," she laughed.

It's with that spirit that the Navy Yard resident approaches each and every day.

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Irene Morey of the Navy Yard with her best friend, Architect Peter Wells. Morey recently celebrated her 103rd birthday and says if one wants to be happy, then just make a decision to be happy.

## CNC COMMUNITY CORNER

The monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday May 7 at 7pm in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 545 Medford Street. Our City Councilor Lydia Edwards will be there. The public is encouraged to attend.



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# EDITORIAL

## PLASTIC BAG BAN MAKES SENSE

There presently are 90 communities across the state that have banned the use of those ubiquitous single-use plastic bags that typically are found at check-out counters in all kinds of stores -- and which then typically end up strewn by the wind across our beaches and end up in our coastal waterways.

The Massachusetts legislature is considering a bill that would impose a state-wide ban, following the lead of Hawaii and California.

Environmental groups strongly support the ban, as does the Massachusetts Food Association, a trade group representing the supermarket and grocery store industry.

We also support a ban of these bags, which in our view represent the ultimate expression of our throw-away society that has proven so disastrous for our environment.

While these thin-film bags are recyclable on their own, they cannot be placed with other plastics because they literally will destroy the machines that process heavier plastics. (So if you are throwing these bags in with your plastic water bottles, you are doing more harm than good!)

However, looking at the larger picture, we are struck by this statistic: A full 32 percent of the 78 million tons of plastic packaging produced annually is left to flow into our oceans -- the equivalent of pouring one garbage truck of plastic into the ocean every minute.

Environmentalism is sort of like the weather: Everybody talks about it, but very few of us do anything about it. But each of us must take some degree of personal responsibility for making the planet a better place. The new Netflix series on the environment is sad and scary, both for the ecological damage that we already have caused all over the world and for the implications for the future.

One-use plastic bags certainly are convenient, but they are terrible for the environment. A ban on these bags will require each of us to bring a reusable bag for our shopping -- but that degree of inconvenience is a small, small price to pay for making our environment a better place.

## TIGER'S MAGICAL WEEKEND OF REDEMPTION

We wish to state upfront that we are not golf fans.

But every now and then, there are moments in the realm of sports that transcend what is achieved on the playing field, ice, links, or court.

For example, the 1980 gold medal victory by the U.S. hockey team (captained by Winthrop's own Mike Eruzione), the 1967 Impossible Dream Boston Red Sox, Lou Gehrig's iconic speech at Yankee Stadium, and just about everything that Muhammad Ali accomplished readily comes to mind.

Such was the case this past weekend when Tiger Woods won the Masters golf tournament. After more than a decade of personal, physical (four back surgeries), and professional setbacks -- admittedly some self-inflicted -- Tiger's incredible, come-from-behind triumph spoke more about the human spirit than it did about golf. His victory was the ultimate redemption of a man who has achieved the greatest heights, but who had fallen to rock bottom.

When Tiger was embraced by his children and his mom after the last hole, we recalled a similar moment when he won his first Masters 22 years ago, with his late dad being present, when Tiger was a 21-year-old kid who destroyed the field by 12 strokes, still the record for margin of victory at the Masters.

But the close-ups of Tiger's face this weekend throughout the tournament revealed the visage of a middle-aged man, older and wiser, but no longer innocent -- and when he took off his cap at the end, his bald spots revealed that Tiger is not a kid anymore.

Tiger always has been a humble person and, despite his wealth and fame, has managed to put it all into perspective because of his modest upbringing and the adversity he faced because of his mixed race.

He did so once again in his post-victory interview. When he was asked how special it was for his mom to be there, he acknowledged that was true, but he quickly pointed out that he would not be where he is today without his mother, "because she was the one who packed me and my equipment into our Plymouth Duster and drove me for hours so I could play in tournaments when I was a youngster."

Those words truly touched us -- and we know we join not only with the sporting world, but with people of all backgrounds, in congratulating Tiger Woods on his greatest triumph -- which was about a lot more than winning a golf tournament.



## BUDGET (from pg. 1)

week. Within that plan was an unexpected expenditure of \$3 million for the turf field, which has garnered a great deal of discussion within the last year due to the deteriorating nature of the 13-year-old field. Many called for it to be replaced late last year when holes appeared, and it was "bunching" up in numerous places -- not to mention the constant battle against wayward rubber pellets.

Last fall, the City did make repairs to the field, but Parks Department officials said the Town needed to fight to get the field in the Capital Budget.

It appears that fight was won.

The Charlestown High field was one of four turf fields citywide to be put on a high-priority replacement program -- each at a cost of about \$3 million.

"I want to thank the Mayor's Office and the Parks Department for prioritizing the investment in the field turf at Charlestown High," said State Rep. Dan Ryan. "These turf fields allow for maximum use of the facility. The upfront replacement costs pay for themselves in terms of usage and less daily maintenance."

Councilor Lydia Edwards said she was encouraged that open space was a priority in Charlestown.

"I am excited to see investment in our open space," she said.

While getting in the Capital Budget is step one, it doesn't necessarily mean that work crews will be dispatched to the

field tomorrow. Rather, it means that the project is identified, and money has been set aside for it. The date of the actual construction could be as far out as 2024.

The turf field wasn't the only goodie included in the Capital Plan.

•A total of \$1 million was set aside for the complete re-design of Ryan Playground, including design services for new ballfields, new playgrounds, new basketball courts, better parking facilities, an improved HarborWalk, improved lighting and a coastal resiliency plan. Meetings for that major undertaking will likely be scheduled some time later this year.

Rep. Ryan said he looks forward to those visioning meetings in the coming months as this major project gets off the ground.

"The Ryan Playground is truly a jewel along the Mystic River," he said. "Generations of Charlestown kids have learned to appreciate 'America's Pastime' down there. I look forward to the opportunity for visioning that space to maximize its use for generations to come."

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•The Warren-Prescott School was one of four schools citywide to receive funding in the Capital Budget for improved fire alarm systems and electrical work. The Warren-Prescott and three other schools will have \$2.564 million to use to improve Fire Alarm systems, and they will also have \$3.091 million to improve electrical systems.

•Another new project now in the Budget is re-design and rehabilitation of the Cambridge Street Bridge. The \$2.75 million project is currently in design and will involve rehabilitating and repairing it.

•Other projects in the Budget, but previously known include the Engine 50 Fire Station renovation, which is nearly complete; and the Edwards/Eden/McCarthy Park on Main Street that has a final design and should be in construction very soon. Additionally, \$81 million Alford Street Bridge rehabilitation has also been included, though that project has almost ended now.



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# CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

## "Darkness Vanishes Forever

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

The great hymn sung at the Easter Vigil is called the Exultet. It is an ancient piece and arguably one of the greatest proclamations that has ever been compiled about our salvation and the meaning of Easter. After the dramatic entry of the priest and ministers into the darkened church on Saturday evening and the lighting of the Easter candle, the priest sings out, "CHRIST OUR LIGHT!" – to which the people respond, "THANKS BE TO GOD!" The Easter Vigil has started and the community celebrates the truth of Christ's Resurrection.

The implications of the Resurrection are proclaimed in the Hymn that invites the world and all creation to rejoice because "Christ has conquered ... and Darkness vanishes forever." The beautiful chant reviews all of salvation history remembering the fall of Adam and Eve and proclaims it a "Happy Fault, a Necessary Evil – which gained for us so great a Redeemer". "This is

the night ..." is proclaimed over and over in a style that emphasizes the immensity of the event.

In truth, the moment is too huge for us to capture. We live so deeply in our own skin and sinfulness that it is almost impossible to imagine freedom from the power of darkness in our world and in our lives. The powers of darkness have so creatively and effectively duped us into believing in a God who is limited in love and mercy that we don't get the full impact of the Easter message. We see ourselves and not the God who created us as the center of this drama. With ourselves at the center-point we believe that all love and mercy must be somehow filtered through our senses and abilities.

The Easter proclamation denounces this self-delusion: "The power of this holy night dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy." The freedom that is offered us tonight can change our lives

- can make everything different! For it is in Jesus Christ, in and through our baptism in the Son of God that we are free.

The Church teaches that we are "An Easter People". What does that mean? For me this message gives to each of us the capacity to say NO to darkness; to hunger, violence, injustice and all of the "isms" of our time that diminish the dignity of people near and far. Not only does Easter give me a personal hope for tomorrow, it compels me to make tomorrow other than it would be if Christ had NOT risen from the dead!

With Christians throughout the world this Easter we proclaim, "Father how wonderful your care for us! How boundless your merciful love!

May the Hope that is ours in and through the Resurrection of Christ shine brilliantly in your life and through you, lessen the darkness of this world.

## Figs Restaurant to participate in Boston Bakes for Breast Cancer

Enjoy dessert for one week while also helping fight breast cancer during Boston Bakes for Breast Cancer from May 6 through Mother's Day, on May 12. Restaurants, supermarkets, bakeries, cafés, and ice cream shops throughout Massachusetts will participate in this year's 20th annual Boston Bakes, including Figs in Charlestown.

Establishments have the option to designate all sales of one specific dessert or 50 percent of proceeds from their entire dessert menu to support breast cancer care and research. Proceeds raised will benefit the nonprofit breast cancer organization Bakes for Breast Cancer which will support the research of Dr. Rachel Freedman at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Dr. Freedman's clinical trials will focus on treatment for older breast cancer patients, an area of research that has been vastly under subsidized.

Twenty years ago, Carol Sneider, Founder and President of Boston Bakes for Breast Cancer, set out to create a simple event so that anyone could make a difference in the fight against breast cancer.

"What began with 42 pastry chefs committed to donating their culinary creations to raise money for breast cancer research, has grown to over 200 of Boston's favorite dining spots and shops participating in our annual event," says Sneider. "During one week, anyone can help raise much needed funds simply by ordering dessert or purchasing a sweet at one of our participating locations throughout Massachusetts— it's that easy," Sneider adds. Since its inception, the event has raised more than \$1,500,000.

This year's event will be dedicated to the memory of Cristina Moniz-Baltatzidis, a friend and longtime supporter of Boston Bakes for Breast Cancer.

For more information, a list of participating establishments, or to learn more about how to become involved in Boston Bakes for Breast Cancer, visit [www.bostonbakesforbreastcancer.org](http://www.bostonbakesforbreastcancer.org), follow Bakes for Breast Cancer on Twitter and Instagram. Dessert lovers can also visit <http://www.bakesforbreastcancer.org/get-involved/shop/> and have a sweet treat delivered.

## Townie Tidbits

By Sal Giarratani

### CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL BAND

If you are a Civil War buff, you might want to take note of the following: On April 28, at 1 p.m., at St. Mary's Church, you can listen to some great music from the Civil War Memorial Band. Admission is free to all. Check it out.

### OFFICE TOWER OKAYED FOR HOOD MILK SITE

According to a recent Boston Globe story, the site of the former Hood Milk plant site could be the site of much new commerce and a major step towards redevelopment of the entrance area between Rutherford Avenue and the elevated highway.

The Boston Planning and

Development Agency has approved a 232-foot-tall office tower on the site. Indigo Ag, a plant-science company, intends to move from its present nearby locale into the tower. Seems they could be breaking ground later this year. It will be the latest step in a complete makeover of the former Hood site, after then company left Charlestown some 20 years ago. Eventually, planners see a 20-acre campus of housing, office buildings, open space and a hotel.

Tucked between North Station and Assembly Row with both highway access and the MBTA Orange line, you can bet before we all notice, it will start turning into what has developed down by TD Garden, North Station and Causeway Street. Rapid growth will come, and this is why it is important for community activists

to stay atop this developing story because it isn't going away.

### WILL WARREN BECOME A FAKE TOWNIE NOW?

"Elizabeth Warren has opened her presidential campaign headquarters in Charlestown," by Victoria McGrane, Boston Globe: "Elizabeth Warren has moved her presidential campaign operation to Charlestown, settling into a largely residential neighborhood steeped in Revolutionary War history and more recently made famous by Ben Affleck. Warren's team declined to provide an exact address for their new digs, but there's not a lot of office space in the neighborhood. About 60 people moved into the new headquarters earlier this month, the spokeswoman said."

## MOREY (from pg. 1)

For years she has been an artist, sketching daily with charcoal and exhibiting with the StoveFactory Gallery in Charlestown.

"I do charcoal drawings every single day, and I do Tai Chi, Sudoku and Crossword puzzles," she shared. "I don't even see my sketches. I just close my eyes, meditate and sketch. They come out like Picasso's sort of. I do that every day. I've sold some of them. I don't even know what's on the paper when I'm drawing them. It's kind of a meditation thing."

She stressed that Sudoku and the crossword puzzles are a major key to keeping her mind sharp. She said without doing those things daily, she fears she would begin to lose her mental sharpness.

Morey was featured on the "Chronicle" television show last month and has gotten quite a bit of publicity from that. But many in Charlestown have already been familiar with her and, especially, her art. Even though she moved here 16 years ago, her husband, the late Robert Morey, was born and raised in Charlestown. He became a famous artist from the Town, painting portraits of John F. Kennedy and also designing official seals for the government.

"I was at the Kennedy inaugu-

ration and my husband worked for him," she said. "He got to know him in Charlestown when he was running for Congress. Then he supported him for Senate and for president."

Like many who have surpassed the 100-year milestone, Morey said the biggest change she has seen in her life is the movement towards technology – particularly smart phones.

While she doesn't shun technology, she said, she has some concerns about social media.

"I'm not too savvy when it comes to technology, but I have some apps on my phone that I like," she said. "I don't like Facebook. I like to have real friends. I love people and I love to see my friends and talk to them face to face. I don't need to see what they post on Facebook. I think we need to start talking to people again."

In addition to her life of moderation, one cannot overlook the genetics in her family. She said she had a grandmother who was 105 and he sister is 101.

"You know, God is good, and I've had a great life."

## BE THE TALK OF THE TOWN

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# Superintendent Search Committee recommends three – one with local ties

By Seth Daniel

Three candidates have been forwarded to the Boston School Committee for consideration as the next superintendent of schools – including one candidate who attended Boston Public Schools and is now the headmaster at Cathedral High in the South End.

The announcement came Wednesday morning, noting that the Superintendent Search Committee had decided on three finalists. They include Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Marie Izquierdo, and Dr. Oscar Santos.

The finalists come from a very diverse initial list of 150 candidates that were narrowed down to 39. The Search Committee has been conducting private interviews of the semi-finalists for the last month, using the help of search firm Isaacson, Miller.

School Committee members

said they were very happy with the job done by the Search Committee.

“The Superintendent Search Committee has done a tremendous job carefully assessing candidates to ensure our next superintendent will continue making necessary progress for the Boston Public Schools,” said Boston School Committee Chair Michael Loconto. “It’s imperative that our next district leader shares our commitments to equity, closing achievement gaps, and providing a high-quality education for students of all backgrounds. We are pleased to see all three finalists share our values, and we look forward to a thoughtful public dialogue.”

Initially, one of the most intriguing candidates is Santos, who is currently the Cathedral High head of school. More importantly, Santos is one of the first superintendent candidates in a long time to have actually attended Boston



Dr. Brenda Cassellius.



Marie Izquierdo.



Dr. Oscar Santos.

Public Schools, graduating from Boston Latin School. Santos previously served as Superintendent of the Randolph public schools from 2010-2013; and worked in the Boston Public Schools in various roles from 1996-2010, spending his last six years as headmaster of Boston International Newcomers Academy. He is married and the father of two children.

The other candidates – one from Minnesota and the other from Miami – are as follows:

- Dr. Brenda Cassellius, who was recently Commissioner of Education for the state of Minnesota. Serving as Commissioner from 2011 through a change in administration earlier this year, Cassellius enacted comprehensive education reforms, including historic new funding for schools, enactment of all-day kindergarten, state-funded preschool for 25,000 children, and has overseen historically high

graduation rates. She has also served on the board of directors for the Council for Chief State School Officers, and contributed to the development of, “10 Equity Commitments,” which education chiefs across the country worked to adopt to further equity goals and outcomes. Cassellius began her career in 1990 and has previously worked as a paraprofessional, teacher, administrator, and superintendent in Tennessee and Minnesota. She is married and the mother of three children.

- Marie Izquierdo, chief academic officer for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools in Florida, a position she has held since 2013. During her leadership, there has been an 18 percent increase in schools receiving average or high state accountability scores, narrowing of the achievement gap in several student populations, increased graduation rates, and an expansion of academically rigor-

ous programming. Izquierdo has more than 25 years of experience in education. After becoming principal of a Miami elementary school in 2004, when she oversaw its turnaround efforts, Izquierdo then worked as a regional director for turnaround for the Florida Department of Education in 2009, when 79 percent of targeted schools saw improvement. She returned to Miami-Dade in 2010, serving as Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant Superintendent of Academics before her being named to her current role. She is married with three children.

The co-chairs of the Superintendent Search Committee are Alexandra Oliver-Dávila, vice chairperson of the Boston School Committee and executive director of Sociedad Latina; and J. Keith Motley, former chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston.

“I’m proud of the Superintendent Search Committee for working tirelessly to find diverse, qualified candidates who deeply understand the issues facing an urban school system like BPS,” said Oliver-Dávila. “It’s critical that we choose a leader who is committed to equity and understands the broad range of needs of the students and families we serve.”

Said Motley, “All three of these candidates are exemplary and any of them could be a strong leader of the Boston Public Schools. Each candidate has a deep and multi-faceted experience in public education that make them strong contenders for the role of Superintendent.”

The School Committee will now move to a more public portion of the search process, with public interviews scheduled over the next two weeks, starting on Monday, April 22. There will be no forums north of the city except for an interview of one of the candidates at East Boston High



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## CANDIDATES (from pg. 4)

### School.

The schedule is as follows:  
Panel Discussion With Community Partners (Televised and livestreamed on Boston City TV):

•Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 22-24

Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Location: Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington Street, (School Committee Chambers), Roxbury

School Committee Interviews (Televised and livestreamed on Boston City TV)

•Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 22-24

Time: 1-3 p.m.

Location: Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington Street, (School Committee Chambers), Roxbury.

Panel Discussion with BPS Students and Teachers

•Monday, April 22 (For Marie Izquierdo)

Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Location: East Boston High School, 86 White St.

•Tues., April 23 (For Brenda Cassellius)

Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Location: Mildred Avenue K-8 School, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan.

•Weds., April 24 (For Oscar Santos)

Time: 4-5:30 p.m.

Location: Mildred Avenue K-8 School, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan

Panel Discussion With BPS Parents, School Leaders (Televised and livestreamed on Boston City TV)

•Monday, April 22-Wednesday, April 24

Time: 6:30-8 p.m.

Location: Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington Street, (School Committee Chambers), Roxbury.

## Options running out for Post Office, officials ask for help

By Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Post Office is running out of options, officials said, after a plan to relocate in the Bunker Hill Mall has seemingly fell through.

Kurtis Bullard, a real estate specialist with the USPS, said there had been a plan to relocate to a dentist office within the mall, but that recently fell through. Now, he said, they are calling on the public and Charlestown's realtors to help them find a suitable location.

"If anyone knows about any location, send that information my way because we are having challenges locating viable solutions for this retail post office," he said this week...There was a plan for quite a while to relocate into a dentist office in the Mall. The timing was just not working out though."

The Post Office lease at the current location in the Mall (next to CVS) ran out in December 2018, but it has been extended for a time until the CVS is ready to

begin construction on its expansion into the space.

Now, with that construction looming, it seems time if of the essence and, perhaps, the community will need to come through for the USPS to save the location.

Anyone who would like to suggest an option can reach Bullard at Michael.k.bullard@usps.gov or by phone at (336) 430-4937.

## REP. DAN RYAN HONORS MALONE



State Rep. Dan Ryan recently honored Victim Rights Law Center's Executive Director Stacy Malone at the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance's Award Ceremony in the State House. Malone was honored with the Gerard D. Downing Leadership Award from MOVA for her innovative work and unfailing commitment to helping survivors of sexual assault. Both Malone and Rep. Ryan live in Charlestown.

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## Historic House of the Month

### Middlesex Canal Houses

By Nancy Hayford Kueny

The Middlesex Canal which operated from 1803 until 1853, carried agricultural products, timber, granite, raw materials and rafts of logs from East Chelmsford (now part of Lowell) to Charlestown, and returned north carrying manufactured goods and ocean trade products from Boston. Heading south, the canal passed through Billerica, Wilmington, Woburn, Winchester, Medford, and Somerville. The southern terminus was the Charlestown Mill Pond (created 1670-75), which eventually became the land fill that encompasses the area to the west of Main Street (in the vicinity of Rutherford Avenue and beyond). In 1803 the Middlesex Canal Corporation purchased the Mill Pond, its dams and tidal power mills and a large parcel of adjacent

Charlestown land. By 1845 there were five Greek Revival homes on the canal property located at 372-380 Main Street where they stand today.

Gov. John Hancock signed the Middlesex Canal Corporation Charter in 1794. The thirteen member board of directors chose the prominent lawyer and Attorney General (later Governor) James Sullivan, the son of Irish immigrants born in Berwick, Maine, in 1744 to be the president of the Corporation. Sullivan Square is named after James and his son John Langdon Sullivan, later a Canal Superintendent. Loammi Baldwin, was appointed first Canal Superintendent as well as the Chief Engineer overseeing the canal construction. Loammi is also known for overseeing the construction of a dry dock in the Charlestown Navy Yard, as well as discovering the Baldwin apple in Wilmington while surveying the

proposed canal.

The canal, 27 miles long, was comprised of 20 locks, 8 aqueducts (required to raise the canal above large streams) and 48 bridges. The canal was dug entirely by hand using pickaxes, shovels, wheelbarrows and various other tools. In 1803 it was finally completed and canal business commenced. It would have taken a horse and wagon three or four days to carry a few tons 27 miles on poor roads, but a canal boat could make the trip from East Chelmsford to Charlestown in a day carrying 15-30 tons of goods. In addition to carrying goods on canal boats drawn by horses or oxen, packet boats utilized the canal to carry day passengers on excursions. Judge Samuel P. Hadley of Lowell described the canal as a "beautiful ribbon of water enclosed in green banks" with long lines of Lombardy poplars flanking each side of the canal. The canal boats would sometimes stop so that the passengers could collect lilies. In winter when the canal was frozen the canal was often used for ice skating excursions. It is further noted that the proprietors gave license to individuals to cut blocks of ice in the winter, ice being a precious commodity at the time.

After reaching the Charlestown Mill Pond, the canal boats could pass through locks into the Charles River. From there, they could be towed via a tow line across the Charles to the Boston side. Here, they could enter the Mill Creek Canal, which passing along what are now streets: Canal Street, then on to Haymarket, along Blackstone Street, through Dock Square and on by South Market Street in order to reach the Harbor at the Town Dock (now the site of the Quincy Market North Building).

A survey of the Charlestown canal property from 1844 indicates that at that time there were two canal worker's homes, a workshop, three sheds, a blacksmith shop, a large stable, the collectors office, a lock tenders house, and last but not least, the Bunker Hill Tavern at the corner of Main and Essex Streets.

The centerpiece of the Main Street canal houses is the double



*The Middlesex Canal Houses.*

Greek Revival house with brick ends and paired chimneys built circa 1835, located at 374-376 Main St. and seen on the 1844 survey. The main façade of this three storied pair features six bays with double entrance doors in the center. Richard Frothingham, a canal employee, lived at 374 Main. Born in Charlestown in 1812, he began his work with the Middlesex Canal Corporation in 1834 and remained there, working up through the ranks until the Corporation was liquidated in 1860. He eventually became Treasurer of the Corporation and later in life held several governmental offices. 376 Main was occupied initially by Thomas Greenleaf who was a carpenter and also the lock tender at Lock #3 (the Malden Road Lock) located on the Charlestown Neck.

Flanking the double house are three additional Greek Revival single family residences located at 372, 378 and 380 Main St. These homes were built circa 1845, and were not shown on the 1844 survey. Henry Burr, lumber dealer, lived at 372. William Frost, carpenter, lived at 378 and Charles Woodbury, carpenter and trader, lived at 380. Interestingly the majority of the early owners were involved in the building trades.

These five homes are straightforward renditions of the Greek Revival style which sometimes feature elaborate columns and entry porches as well as elongated first floor windows. The three

single-family homes gabled end faces the street, giving the façade the characteristic appearance of a small Greek temple. Two of these homes still retain their original sidelights flanking the entry doors and 380 Main still has an elaborate entry porch, both hallmarks of the style.

As innovative as the Middlesex Canal was, her demise was eventually caused by a more powerful innovation, the steam railroad. Completed in 1835, the Boston and Lowell Railroad's path ran very close in places to the Middlesex Canal, which must have been a visually jarring juxtaposition. Ironically, the Canal played a role in the building of the railroad by transporting the granite ties and cast iron rails used to build the track. Additionally, the first locomotive, manufactured in England, was transported north in pieces by the canal boats before being assembled. The Middlesex Canal was considered to be one of the first and finest examples of the new field of civil engineering. This incredible handmade wonder, which served as a prototype for other canals throughout the country including the Erie Canal, ceased operating in 1853.

Sources: "The Old Middlesex Canal" by Mary Stetson Clarke, "Boston Landmarks Commission Survey, A Field Guide to American Houses" by Virginia Savage McAlester, [www.middlesexcanal.org](http://www.middlesexcanal.org), Middlesex Canal Museum, Billerica.

## For the Record

•Celebrating the City's Investment in Historic Preservation

What: The Community Preservation Act uses funds to support historic preservation, affordable housing, and parks and open space. On April 22, we'll be celebrating an \$11 million investment towards 35 historic preservation projects. Memorial Hall is a 1791 mansion serving veterans and the larger community. It's also the home of Abraham Lincoln's Secretary of War. This fall, \$500,000 in Community Preservation Act funds will go to restoring the exterior of Memorial Hall.

When: Monday, April 22, 4 p.m.

Where: Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.

•Abutter's Meeting for 118 Elm St.

What: A meeting to discuss a proposal to build a third floor addition with second floor layout changes and a new kitchen on the first floor. The existing third floor attic with a sloped roof will be removed. A flat roof with a roof deck accessed via stairs and a hatch.

When: Tuesday, April 23, 6 p.m.

When: 118 Elm St.

•Abutter's Meeting for 28 Monument Square.

What: A meeting to discuss the construction of a new single family, 4-story building to replace building torn down in 1962 on the same location.

When: Wednesday, April 24, 6 p.m.

Where: 28 Monument Square.

•Abutter's Meeting for 324-330 Bunker Hill St.

What: A meeting to discuss the construction of a 9 unit residential building with below grade parking. (See ALT910272 to combine lots). This will be a combined meeting with the Charlestown Neighborhood Council Design Committee.

When: Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.

Where: St. Francis de Sales - Lower Hall, 303 Bunker Hill St.

•Zoning Board of Appeals  
When: Tuesday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.

\* 146-146A Bunker Hill St  
Where: Boston City Hall Room 801, 1 City Hall Square.

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# Call for a Master Plan gaining momentum as organizations band together

By Seth Daniel

Momentum has gathered very quickly this week in the grass-roots call for a proper, third-party Master Planning process for Charlestown, with numerous organizations reporting a productive meeting last Saturday morning at Memorial Hall.

Starting the ball rolling about a month ago was an alliance between the Charlestown Preservation Society's incoming President Amanda Zettel and the Charlestown Historical Society's President Julie Hall. The two have made a call for a Master Plan that addresses every square inch of the Town and adds protections for its historic pieces and solves the existing problems that recent development has caused.

To date, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA)

has said it hopes to do planning around the edges of the Town – such as Sullivan Square and Rutherford Avenue – but not in the Town directly.

It's not enough, both Zettel and Hall said.

"Their official response is they will use the ImagineBoston plan to define Charlestown's growth," she said. "We're mentioned on like six pages of a 492-page plan. That study does not offer any solutions to our current challenges. Any development or growth without solving our current problems will only compound the problems we are seeing now."

Hall said their alliance has now brought on many other organizations and residents.

"The fact we got that many people to show up on a Saturday morning with one week's notice shows the strength of the relation-

ships Amanda and the Preservation Society have," she said. "It makes total sense for us to work together. The Historical Society has been a Townie organization historically. I feel thankful they let me in. The Preservation Society has been more of the new people. This is a real grass-roots effort of two organizations working together with one goal in mind – protecting the Town with all the organizations saying in unison we need a Master Plan...We might not agree on why we need one or what the end result should be, but I think we can all agree we need some oversight to the situation we have now."

Saturday's meeting brought together representatives from the Charlestown Mother's Association, CharlestownDogs, the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, the Collaborative School, Christ Church, Charlestown Youth Hockey, Charlestown Lacrosse, the Waterfront Coalition, Flagship Wharf, Friends of Sullivan Square, the Nautica Building, Navy Yard Community Association, We the People 02129 and residents of various streets like Baldwin Street, Elm Street and the John Harvard Mall.

Zettel and Hall said they are now calling the alliance, the 02129 Neighbor Alliance. Already, they have put up a website and founded a steering committee. Their e-mail contact is hello@02129neighboral-

liance.org.

They have tentatively scheduled another meeting for May 11.

Zettel said they would like the Master Plan to address development and growth in all of Charlestown, as well as look at the existing problems and try to solve them through planning.

With a Master Plan, she said, there can be more predictability if, and when, developers enter the Charlestown market.

"The plan will define what the community's wants and needs are in various parts of the Town," she said. "It will define if we want a grocery store, a post office, an ambulance facility and other such things. If we try to meet all of those needs in just one development, it won't work. If we spread things out through many developments all over Charlestown, that would work. Developers tell us the number one thing they want is predictability. If they go in knowing the community wants a grocery store or a place for the post office, they can know that when they present their plan instead of such things coming out at an IAG meeting. With a plan, we would clearly have an idea of where mitigation money should go well ahead of the last meeting, like what happened at Hood."

The Hood Park mitigation process has left a bad taste in the

mouths of many in Charlestown, particularly this new group. Though it had nothing to do with Hood, the City – particularly the Mayor's Office – negotiated a 30,000 sq. ft. space within Hood Park at the last minute without community input. That resource came after the IAG process was mostly completed and would support healthy foods programming within the Boston Public Schools.

"We don't want that to happen, especially as the plan for the Bunker Hill Community College parking lot and One Charlestown," said Zettel.

Added Hall, "We want a seat at the table in the planning process."

Both said that time is of the essence right now because they want to get money in this year's City Budget to pay for an independent third party planner. They said they don't want the BPDA to do the planning, nor do they want the community to take over the process. They would like a third party to coordinate both sets of priorities.

"Time is of the essence because the City is working on its budget," said Zettel. "We're hoping to influence that Budget to include money for this Master Plan...The City has priorities for Charlestown and the Town has its own priorities. We need someone in between to look at the big picture."



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## Suspect in rape, kidnapping case deemed dangerous, held without bail

Staff Report

The Bunker Hill Development resident charged with 10 counts of aggravated rape and kidnapping in a January incident that captured the attention of the entire region has been deemed 'dangerous' and

will be held without bail.

Last Thursday, April 11, Judge Heidi Brieger of Suffolk Superior Court heard arguments last week on whether Victor Pena was a danger to the community.

In the end, the judge found that he was a danger to the community if released and ordered him held

without bail.

The materials in the case were also impounded from public view, meaning that the details of the case will not be known to the public until the trial – if there is one.

The next court date for Pena is May 9.

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## SPRING FLING AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Photos by Seth Daniel

If one is looking for Spring Fling, they can find it in Charlestown directly between St. Patrick's Day and Bunker Hill Day. And what better time to celebrate than on one of the first mild days of the year? Scores of elderly residents filed into the Knights of Columbus on April 11 to celebrate spring as part of the Age Strong Department's new Spring Fling. Due to far too

many St. Patrick's Day luncheons, and plenty of events already on the docket for Bunker Hill – organizers decided that a spring celebration was in order. As it was, the time turned out to be perfect timing.

There was food, dancing, music and plenty of spring smiles in the room.



Joanne Leslie and Lili Sgro.



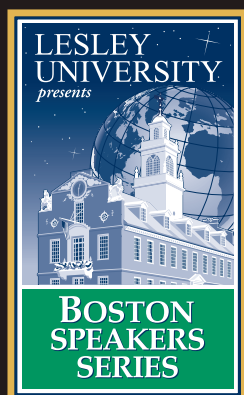
Age Strong Director Emily Shea with Roseanne Sheehan, Doc Sheehan and Elaine McCarthy.



DJ Alan LaBella and State Rep. Dan Ryan got everyone dancing after supper.



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## SPRING FLING AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Mayor Martin Walsh talked to the crowd about the new initiatives for the Age Strong Department, including property tax breaks and heating equipment replacement programs.



State Rep. Dan Ryan welcomed everyone to the luncheon and introduced the guests.



Councilor Lydia Edwards chats with Anne Castro and Lola Saviano.



Gordon Gillis, of Charlestown, had an original 1875 Battle of Bunker Hill Centennial newspaper that he was showing to guests. Only 100,000 editions were produced, and he said not many were saved. His edition was procured from the wife of former President Grover Cleveland many years ago. It's only one magnificent piece in Gillis's amazing collection of artifacts.

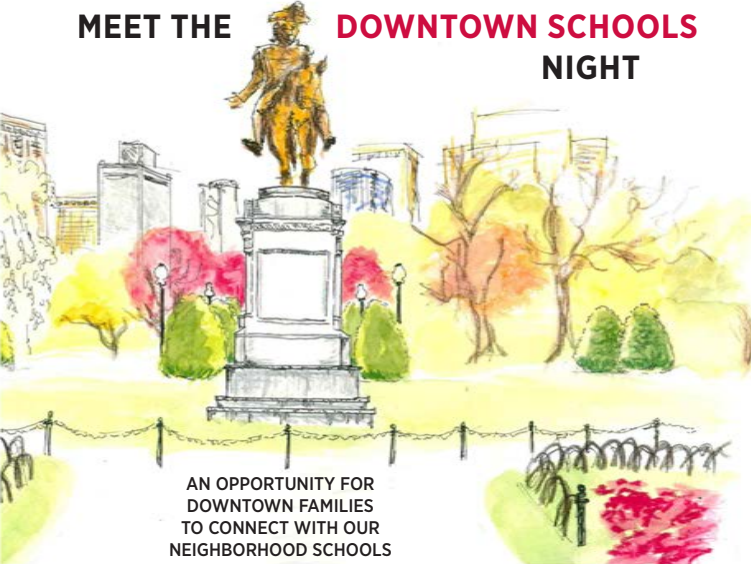


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# BPDA hosts youth group in preparation for first youth IAG member

By Seth Daniel

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the Turn It Around program met at City Hall last week in anticipation of the first youth seat that will be included in the One Charlestown Impact Advisory Group (IAG) review process.

It is the first time in recent memory that a young person was nominated and served on an IAG in the city, though the director of Turn It Around was nominated by State Rep. Dan Ryan during the previous IAG for One Charlestown.

“The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) welcomed Councilor Lydia Edwards and students from the Charlestown Coalition's Turn it Around program to speak with BPDA staff about the City's ongoing planning

and development efforts, as well as different ways they could become involved,” read a statement from the BPDA.

“We are so excited to lead here in Charlestown,” said Councilor Edwards. “I'm not the least bit surprised that these young Townies demanded, and got, a seat at the table. They love Charlestown, their home, and are so honored to help design the future. I want to acknowledge the work of Turn it Around. That organization is doing such incredible work with our youth.”

The visit came on the heels of Councilor Edwards' request to include a youth seat on the IAG for the One Charlestown redevelopment project. The kids toured the BPDA's model room to better understand the City's development landscape. Members the BPDA



Members of Turn It Around and the BPDA – including Charlestown's Chris Breen and Councilor Lydia Edwards – pause for a picture during the workshop.

staff then explained the agency's mission and spoke to the kids about the planning, development, review and approval processes.

The visit was capped off with an active discussion about the importance of community engagement, specifically as it relates to getting Boston's younger residents to participate in shaping the future of their neighborhoods.

The review of the new One Charlestown, developed now by Leggat-McCall, is expected to begin this spring.



Photos courtesy BPDA

BPDA Project Manager Raul Duverge explains to the Turn It Around youth group how the Article 80 review process works in Boston.



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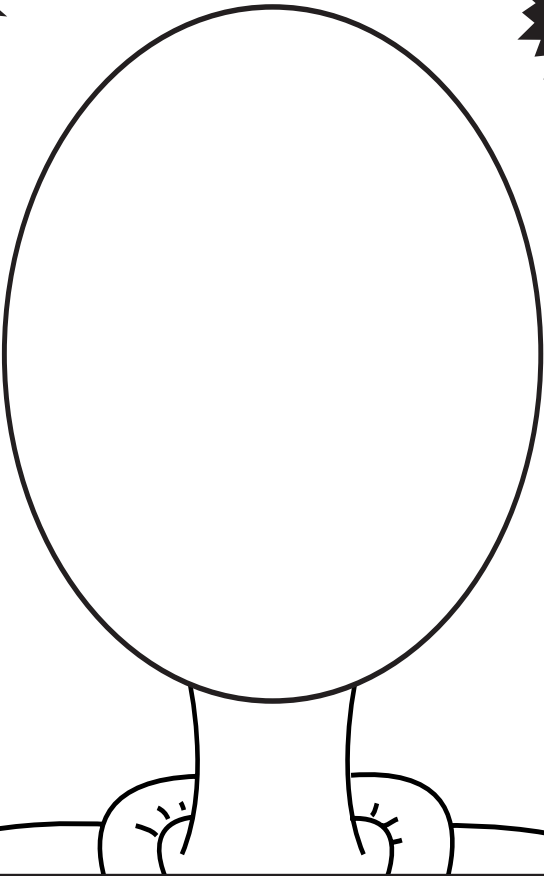


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## Clougherty Pool to open Saturday, June 22

Summer is coming and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is pleased to announce that the City of Boston's two outdoor pools, the BCYF Clougherty Pool in Charlestown and the BCYF Mirabella Pool in the North End are opening for the season on Saturday, June 22. These pools, along with 16 pools open year round, are operated by BCYF, the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency.

BCYF Clougherty Pool rates for the entire season: Adults (20 - 54): \$15; Youth and teens ages 12 - 19 Free; Adults (55 and older) and Active Military (with ID): Free. Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult in the water at all times. Memberships are available now at the BCYF Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St., Charlestown or

at the pool beginning June 22.

BCYF Mirabella rates for the entire season: Adults (20-61): \$20; Teens (13-19): \$10; Youth and Seniors (ages 6-12, adults 62+): \$5; Youth under 6 and Active Military (with ID): Free. The rates are double for non-Boston residents. There are no day or guest passes. Memberships will be available beginning on May 13 at the BCYF Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet St. in the North End or at the pool beginning June 22. Money orders are the only accepted method of payment.

Also opening June 22 is the City's "Family Friendly Beach" at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston. The beach will also be open seven days a week and offers families access to an enclosed stretch of beach on

Boston Harbor, restrooms with changing tables, picnic tables with umbrellas, outdoor showers, beach game equipment, and wifi. Membership for the beach for the entire season is \$5 and are available June 1 at the "K" Street entrance of the center.

The outdoor pools and beach will remain open seven days a week until Labor Day. All locations will have experienced, certified lifeguards on duty. BCYF Curley facilities are accessible for people with disabilities and both outdoor pools are equipped with lifts from the deck into the water. For programming information, the membership application, and hours of operation, visit Boston.Gov/BCYF.

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### LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY

The Charlestown Little League will have its Opening Day Parade and Ceremonies on Saturday, April 27, at 8 a.m. Mayor Martin Walsh and other elected officials are confirmed to attend. The Parade starts at 8 a.m. at Harvard Kent School, and will proceed to Ryan Playground, where they will begin the season.

### CHARLESTOWN GIRLS SOFTBALL

Charlestown Girls Softball will start up next week with 10 and under playing on Tuesday night

(April 23), 12 and under will be playing on Thursday night (April 25) at the high school field. Games are at 6 p.m. The League is still looking for players between the ages of 4 and 12. Those interested can email [charlestowngirls-softball@gmail.com](mailto:charlestowngirls-softball@gmail.com), or call (617) 201-4507.

### COLLEGE LACROSSE

Salem State junior midfielder Rose Sullivan scored a goal and rifled four shots in the Lady Vikings 22-9 setback to Wentworth. In a 15-7 triumph over MCLA, Rose added a pair of goals and five shots...Franklin Pierce (4-3) junior attacker Colin Doherty scored a goal and rifled two shots but the Ravens fell to LeMoyne by a score of 20-6...Nichols junior midfielder Hugh O'Donnell tallied a ground ball and a shot in the Bisons 13-10 setback to Curry.

## Registration now open for Boston neighborhood basketball league

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced that registration is now open for the 50th annual season of Boston's favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL), kicking off on Monday, July 8.

BNBL is the oldest municipal

basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under.

Encompassing recreation, sports, and community engagement, BNBL's real value is in helping make Boston happier and safer in the summer months by provid-

ing a physical outlet for youngsters throughout the city. Over 1,500 players on 150 teams will participate in this year's league at 20 sites throughout the city. BNBL is played at Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship

games played in mid-August. To register online for BNBL go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/ActivitySearch>.

BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale,

South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Pee Wee BNBL is done on-site at the Pee Wee locations.

For more information, please email Charlie Connors at [Charles.Connors@boston.gov](mailto:Charles.Connors@boston.gov) or call (617) 961-3093.

## SEN. DIDOMENICO JOINS STOP & SHOP WORKERS ON PICKET LINE



Sen. Sal DiDomenico recently joined Stop and Shop workers in the United Food and Commercial Workers Union 1445 in Everett and Revere on their picket lines in front of their stores. On April 12th, 31,000 Stop & Shop workers went on strike across New England for a fair wage, affordable and accessible healthcare, and a reliable retirement plan. "Once again, we have another corporate giant who refuses to treat its employees with dignity and respect," said Sen. DiDomenico. "I have been a frequent shopper at Stop & Shop and I will no longer step foot in any of their stores until they come to a resolution with the union workers and provide them a fair contract. I am proud to support Stop and Shop workers in their fight for fair wages, affordable health care, and a dependable retirement, and I will continue to stand with them in this fight and urge everyone to respect their picket line."

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## RED SOX STAR JACKIE BRADLEY JR. VISITS CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL



Popular Red Sox mascot, Wally gives a big hug to an appreciative Charlestown High student.

Boston Red Sox star Jackie Bradley Jr. was a huge hit with Charlestown High School students during an appearance at the school last Friday.

Bradley spoke with students, posed for photographs, signed autographs, and took questions about his high school, college (University of South Carolina) and professional baseball career.

Bradley is the starting center-fielder for the defending World Series champions. He is considered one of the best all-around defensive players in the game, having won a Gold Glove last season. He was named the 2018 American League Championship Series MVP following the Sox' victory over the Houston Astros.



Jackie Bradley Jr. receives a special gift from a Charlestown High School student as Wally shows his approval.



Jackie Bradley Jr. spread the good cheer to Charlestown High School students during a visit to the school last Friday.



Jackie Bradley Jr. and Sox mascot, Wally the Green Monster, join the Charlestown High baseball team for a photo.

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## RED SOX STAR JACKIE BRADLEY JR. VISITS CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL



Jackie Bradley Jr. signs autographs a hat for a Charlestown High student and Red Sox fan.



Charlestown High faculty and staff welcome Boston Red Sox star Jackie Bradley Jr. to the school on April 12.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

### ABUTTER'S MEETING

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) Development Committee and the City of Boston will hold an abutter's meeting to discuss the proposed nine-unit residential building on Sawyer's Lot, 324-330 Bunker Hill St. The proposal will include a new drainage system and parking below the building. The meeting will take place on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis de Sales Lower Hall, 303 Bunker Hill St.

### "E"INC'S THIRD THURSDAYS

Children ages 5 to 7 are invited to come explore a new topic each month with hands-on science activities, games, art activities, story time, and more at "e" inc.'s Science emporium.

On April 18 from 6pm - 7:30 p.m. the topic will be Volcanos. Space is limited to please register online at <https://www.einc-action.org>. \$5 registration fee covers activities, art projects, and a snack. the "e" inc. science emporium is located at 114 16th. street, room 1030 in the Charlestown Navy Yard. There is 2-hour free parking on Medford St.

### FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT AT BUNKER HILL MALL!

Charlestown's EF Financial invites you to a free shredding event on April 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at Whole Foods Market/Bunker Hill Mall. Celebrate Earth Day by properly disposing of old, unneeded documents. Bring sensitive and confidential paper-based materials for shredding and recycling (no need to remove clips or staples!). Newspapers, magazines and paper where privacy is

not an issue will NOT be taken. Limit 8 bins/boxes per person. Sponsored by EF Financial ([www.EF-Financial.com](http://www.EF-Financial.com)), Charlestown, Mass.

### CHARLESTOWN & BEYOND CELEBRATES CHARLESTOWN

Special guests Jack and Marie Alves will join host Kathy "Cookie" Giordano to talk about 'growing up in Charlestown' on Thursday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. Jack and Marie have been, and remain, involved in many aspects of Charlestown life for over 70 years. Their recollections will both steer up your personal memories and add little known background information on many of the 20th centuries events. You won't want to miss this wonderful couple's interview.

Charlestown & Beyond appears on BNN-TV Boston Comcast channel 9, RCN channel 15 and Verizon channel 1961 on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Reruns can be seen on the same TV stations on Thursdays at 11:30 p.m., Fridays at 1 p.m., Saturdays at 9 am and Sundays at 5 pm. It can also be seen on YouTube at Charlestown and Beyond and Facebook at Charlestown & Beyond. To contact Cookie go to [kathy.gio46@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.gio46@gmail.com) or call her at 617-477-1406.

### 2019 / 2020 REGISTRATION FOR GYM HOCKEY

Registration for the 2019/2020 season is being held on Saturday - May 11th 2019 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Mishawum Community Room, 95 Dunstable Street, Charlestown, MA. There is a registration fee which is not due

until September when the season begins. Ages are : 4 years old by October 1, 2019 to 9 years old (anyone who turns 10 years old before 2/1/20 is too old. You do not have to live in Charlestown to play.

### HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY

This week the Harvest on Vine Food Pantry is requesting macaroni and cheese and cans of pineapples. Any donation of non-perishable foods that you could make would also be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry at 49 Vine St. (Hayes Square), The Cooperative Bank at 201 Main St. and at the Parish Center on 46 Winthrop St. (across from the Training Field). Financial donations can be sent to: Harvest on Vine, Parish Center, 46 Winthrop St., Charlestown, MA 02129. For more information, call Tom MacDonald, director, at 617-990-7314

### FOOD PANTRY TO DISTRIBUTE HAM DINNERS

The Harvest on Vine Food Pantry will be giving out ham dinners on Tuesday, April 30th. Pre-registration to receive a dinner is necessary and will take place Monday through Wednesday, April 22 through 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pantry's office at 49 Vine Street. For more information contact Tom MacDonald, director, at 617-990-7314.

### CHARLESTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

The CNC Development

Committee will be hosting a meeting for review of the proposed development plans for 324 - 330 Bunker Hill Street (Sawyer's parking lot) in conjunction with an Abutter's meeting facilitated by Quinlan Locke, Charlestown Liaison to the Mayor's Office.

This meeting will be on Thursday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at Saint Francis de Sales - Lower Hall 303 Bunker Hill St.,

### CMA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

The Charlestown Mothers Association is pleased to offer up to \$15,000 in college scholarships, to men and women who have been residents of Charlestown for at least five years, and will be attending college full-time this fall. The amount of each scholarship awarded will be determined by the CMA Scholarship Committee. Copies of the application are available at the "Scholarship" tab on the CMA website, [www.charlestownmothersassociation.org](http://www.charlestownmothersassociation.org), and also at the Charlestown Branch Library, at the circulation desk. The completed application is due by April 30, 2019.

### HARVARD-KENT SPRING FUNDRAISER

The Harvard-Kent Parents Association Spring Fundraiser will be held on Friday, May 3, from 5-7 p.m. at The Warren Tavern. \$20 suggested donation

at the door and \$10 raffle tickets will be sold at the door. Thank you to the Warren Tavern for donating the space and appetizers. For more information please email [harvardkentparents@gmail.com](mailto:harvardkentparents@gmail.com).

### TURN IT AROUND BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - SEEKING PLAYERS AND SPONSORS

The 5th Annual Turn it Around Basketball Tournament is set for Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Charlestown Community Center. The Charlestown Coalition is looking for players and sponsors to join them in hosting this youth event. For more information contact Ginaya Greene Murray 617-726-6684 or email [ggreene-murray@partners.org](mailto:ggreene-murray@partners.org).

### HARVEST ON VINE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER APRIL 25

This year's annual fundraiser for Harvest on Vine food pantry will take place on Thursday, April 25, at the Knights of Columbus #62 on Medford St. Tony V. And Karson Tager will entertain, food catered by Boston Beer Works. There will be great raffle prizes and a LIVE auction as well. For tickets contact Maribeth McKenzie-MacDonald 617-750-1937 or [maribethmacdonald@yahoo.com](mailto:maribethmacdonald@yahoo.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.

**CHARLESTOWN POLICE STATION:** Contact at 617-343-4888.

**RESERVE THE COMMUNITY ROOM:** Contact Christine Vraibel at [christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov](mailto:christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov).

#### Warrant Arrest

04/11/19 - Officers in the area of Monument Street placed an individual under arrest for an outstanding Charlestown Court warrant.

#### Violation of the Auto Laws

04/14/19 - As a result of a motor vehicle accident on Ferrin Street, an individual was placed

under arrest for driving to endanger and being a disorderly person.

#### Aggravated Assault

04/14/19 - Officers responded to Medford Street for a report of shots fired. As a result of the subsequent investigation, it was ascertained that a victim had transported himself to Massachusetts General Hospital with a non-life

threatening gunshot wound to the thigh. The matter is under investigation.

#### Drugs

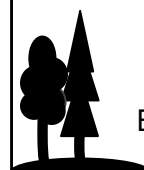
04/15/19 - As a result of a drug investigation in the area of Main Street, an individual was placed under arrest charged with trafficking a Class B substance over 18 grams.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD ROUND UP

### FIRST CHURCH EGG HUNT APRIL 20

On Saturday, April 20, hop on over to the First Church in Charlestown at 10 Green Street for their annual Easter egg hunt and more. The event will run from 12-2 p.m. and will include a visit from the Easter bunny, a petting zoo, free raffle for great prizes and more. All are welcome.

### SUMMER REGISTRATION "UP AT THE CLUB"

Register now for a great Spring and Summer at the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club. There are

many new and continuing programs on offer for the upcoming seasons. Call 617-242-1775 or visit the Club at 15 Green Street for more information.

### A FUN DAY OF SWAPPING AND SHOPPING IS AHEAD: THE CHARLESTOWN CHILDREN'S CLOTHING SWAP

The Charlestown Mothers Association and The Charlestown Community Center have partnered to create the first Charlestown Children's Clothing Swap! It will be held at The

Charlestown Community Center at 255 Medford St. from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday April 27. Bring your clean, gently worn items to the Community Center between 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and place your items on pre-marked tables that will be separated by category and size. This event is free and open to all Charlestown Residents; you do not have to be a CMA member. Bags will be provided to the first 100 people; so get there early! Expecting families are also welcome! Left over items will be donated to local community organizations. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [emile\\_baker@yahoo.com](mailto:emile_baker@yahoo.com)

## AROUND THE CITY

### MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

Tony Award-winning musical featuring the true story of a 1956 impromptu recording session at Sun Records, when Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis jammed together, is presented April 25-May 19, at Greater Boston Stage Company, 395 Main St., Stoneham. \$50-\$60; seniors, \$45-\$55; students with valid ID, \$20; Thrifty Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m., \$15 at the door. 781-279-2200, [greaterbostonstage.org](http://greaterbostonstage.org).

### CAROLINE OR CHANGE

Moonbox Productions presents Tony and Olivier award-winning Musical, April 20-May 11, Boston Center for the Arts Wimberly Theater, Calderwood

Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston: Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday matinees, 3 p.m.; April 21, 7 p.m.; April 23, 7:30 p.m. \$60; seniors, \$50; students, \$30. [bostontheatrescene.com](http://bostontheatrescene.com), 617-933-8600.

### SPECTACLE MANAGEMENT EVENTS

The Price Is Right Live stage show appears April 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Lowell Memorial Auditorium, downtown Lowell, \$32.50-\$82.50, 978-937-8688, followed by Marizia, April 20, 7:30 p.m., to benefit the Saab Center for Portuguese Studies, \$39-\$79, [lowellauditorium.com](http://lowellauditorium.com), 800-657-8774. Illusionist Rick Thomas dazzles audiences April 18, 7:30 p.m., at Lexington's Cary Hall, \$39-\$59, [caryhalllexington.com](http://caryhalllexington.com), 800-657-8774.

### BLUE HERON

The group presents Guillaume de Machaut's "Remede de Fortune," April 26, 27, at 8 p.m., First Church in Cambridge, 11 Garden St., Cambridge. Matilda Bruckner retired from Boston College, delivers a free pre-concert talk at 7:15 p.m.. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets 0-\$75.

### THEATER UNCORKED

The group presents AR Gurney's play "Sylvia," April 18-21: April 18, at 7:30 p.m.; April 19, 20, 8 p.m.; April 21, 2 p.m., Boston Center for the Arts Calderwood Pavilion, Deanne Hall, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. \$45; seniors, \$40; students, \$35; [bostontheatrescene.com](http://bostontheatrescene.com).

## Peace Park wins second 'Love Your Block' grant

By Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Coalition won a second Love Your Block grant from the City of Boston – one of only a few – to continue to maintain the Peace Park that was dedicated last June.

Ginaya Greene-Murray of the Coalition said they won a \$500 grant this year in the competitive process to help spruce up and maintain the new park – which is identified as a place of solace and healing.

Last year, the Coalition won a coveted \$2,700 grant to create the Peace Park and hold an unveiling ceremony, which was attended by about 200 people.

"I think people really appreciate what we did and also see how important it was to the McGrath

family – whom it was dedicated to some 40 years ago," she said. "I think people really understood what our mission was at the Park and saw it as a sanctuary to go to for a quiet time or for lunch...To have that in the Town is meaningful because so many here have been affected by loss and substance abuse disorder. We need a quiet place to get away to reflect. This space was there the whole time but didn't work well for what it was. Now, with the designation for peace, it brings a lot more to it."

This year, the Peace Park grant will be used to help clean it up, plant flowers and put down some mulch.

Greene-Murray said the grant will go a long way towards sustaining the momentum that was created last summer with the Peace Park unveiling.

### Memorial Services Arranged



### Mary J. Fitzgerald

September 14, 1932 - November 10, 2018



A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlestown on April 26, 2019 at 11 a.m. For those who wish, memorial gifts may be made to: Boys Town Father Flanagan House, 14153 Grodinsky Circle, Boys Town, NE 68010.

Assisting the family is the Perkins-Parker Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Waterbury, VT.

To send online condolences please visit [www.perkinsparker.com](http://www.perkinsparker.com) or the funeral home Facebook page.

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