



# CHARLESTOWN

PATRIOT-BRIDGE

## CITY-WIDE CHAMPIONS



The Charlestown Townies won a thrilling, extra-inning game on Aug. 14 against rivals ADSL to win the Citywide Baseball League championship. Most every member of the Charlestown team shined to pull out a clutch win to cap off a great summer. See Page 10 for story and more photos.

## Progressing

### The temporary bridge is coming soon to North Washington Street project

By Seth Daniel

One of the greatest achievements last year in the early stages of the looming North Washington Street Bridge project was getting approval to build a temporary bridge – allowing work to go faster and smoother while vehicle, bike and pedestrian traffic remains intact.

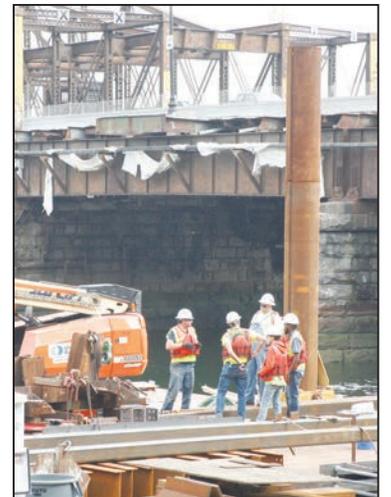
The announcement was a breath of fresh air for those in the Town who have dreaded the impacts of the five-year project for decades.

Now, this summer, the makings for that temporary bridge are being put in place as the monumental utility moving work also continues to be relocated onto a temporary bridge as well.

This month marks the first full year on the project for MassDOT and the contractor, JF White.

“A lot of the first year was getting the permits approved and the design for the temporary vehicular bridge ready,” said Chris Barry of JF White. “I think in the upcoming months, it will start progressing very noticeably and throughout the fall. There will be a lot going on.”

Already, just off City Square



Workers gather last Friday by Lovejoy Wharf to begin work on the steel infrastructure that will house the temporary bridge.

and in Paul Revere Park one can see the new foam abutments, and in the water, the steel infrastructure that will carry the temporary bridge. The materials used for the temporary bridge will not be used in the permanent structure as they are fundamentally different types of bridges. All materials associated with the temporary bridge will

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## Chat With a Planner

### Informal discussion quickly becomes formal meeting

By Seth Daniel

In the continued quest to define the planning process for Charlestown with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), the first of several informal ‘Chat with a Planner’ meetings took place Monday – and the large turnout of Charlestown residents quickly turned the gathering into a regular meeting.

BPDA Coordinator Jason Ruggiero and several BPDA employees were present for the meeting at the Charlestown Library Monday, and what was supposed to be a time to give feedback turned into a confrontation on boundaries and process.

“This meeting is to hear from you,” said Ruggiero in opening comments. “We don’t have anything shaped yet. It’s up to you to

help us get there.”

That led into what has been a long-standing debate over the last several months about what the planning study – slated to start in January – will be called. The BPDA has said they are willing to look at and define the process with the community throughout the fall in these informal meetings. They

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## Back to School

### Kennedy Center to host some of the City’s first Universal Pre-K classrooms

By Seth Daniel

When Mayor Martin Walsh announced the move to Universal Pre-Kindergarten throughout the city earlier this year, the Kennedy Center in Charlestown moved quickly to become one of the first providers in the city to host the effort in their Hayes Square building.

As students go back to school this coming month, at least 30 families will benefit from two classrooms of Boston Public Schools-aligned Universal Pre-K (age 4).

Thara Fuller, the new executive director of the Kennedy Center, said they will have two classrooms available this year, and classes will run alongside their existing

programs for that age group. However, now the curriculum for Universal Pre-K will be in alignment with the BPS’s existing curriculum for Pre-K.

“Because we will be a designated part of the BPS rollout of Universal Pre-K, we will be able to offer a certain number of free

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## N’AWLINS STYLE



The Dirty Water Brass Band performing ‘When the Saints Go Marching In,’ while parading through City Square Park on August 14 during the Friends of City Square Summer Concert Series. The series has been well-attended all summer long, with families and friends coming together Wednesday nights. The final concert will take place on Sept. 11 with 14-year-old guitarist Henry Acker. See Page 7 for more photos.

# EDITORIAL

## WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR RED SOX, NATION?

After 2018's record-setting season in which our Red Sox won the most regular-season games (108) in their history and then vanquished the Yankees, Astros, and Dodgers in the post-season by a combined 11-3 en route to winning the World Series, it seemed that the sky was the limit for 2019.

We had the "best" manager in Alex Cora, guiding a group of young and exciting players -- led by Mookie, J.D., Xander, Andrew, and Rafael -- as well as a pitching staff -- paced by the "unhittable" Chris Sale -- that seemed destined to repeat as world champions.

But a funny thing happened from the end of 2018 to the beginning of 2019: Our Sox came down to earth.

When they did not re-sign their closer, Craig Kimbrel, perhaps the most essential position in baseball today, and then opened the season with a 2-8 start, it was evident that 2019 was not going to be a repeat of 2018.

Injuries piled up, pitchers went on and off the IL, and the magic of 2018 never reappeared. Mookie's ever-beaming smile had been replaced with the grimace of defeat.

As we write this, the Sox stand at 67-59, six games behind Tampa Bay in the extra wild-card spot, with Oakland in between.

In addition, they have a killer schedule in their final 36 games. And with Chris Sale essentially out for the rest of the season, the Sox' chances (which stand at 2.8 percent) of making the playoffs are shortening every day as surely as summer's fading sun. And even if they do make it, will they really be any match for any of the other playoff teams?

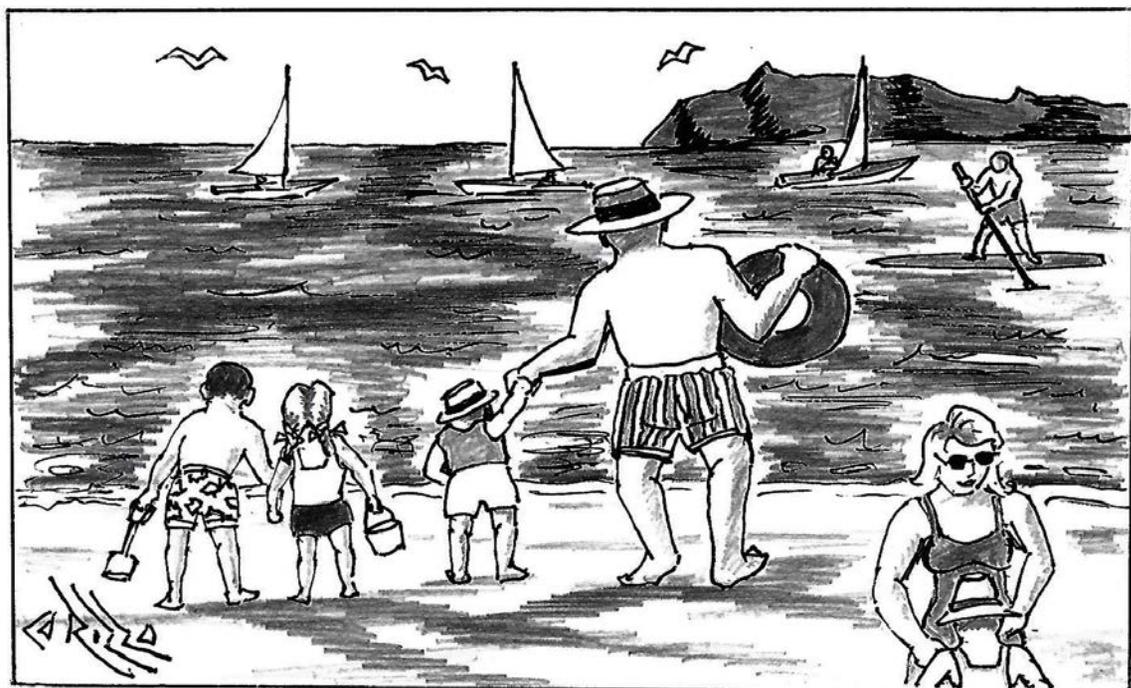
For young Red Sox fans, the disappointment of 2019 offers a life lesson: When you're on top, everybody wants to take you down.

For those of us who have seen this all before, the saga of the 2019 Red Sox brings to mind the line from the Impossible Dream record of the 1967 season (and yes, we still have our well-worn, vinyl album, as well as a CD of it) that has summed up so many Red Sox seasons both before and since:

When April's high aspirations,  
Turned to September's tears.

Let's go, Patriots!

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BEFORE THE SUMMER SAILS AWAY, ENJOY EVERY BALMY DAY

GUEST OP-ED

## When drug prices mean more than sick patients

By Merrill Matthews

The Department of Health and Human Services has a new plan to cut drug spending. But it's not a change for the better.

To lower spending in Medicare Part B -- the component of Medicare that covers advanced, physician-administered medicines -- the agency plans to tie U.S. drug prices to the artificially low prices paid in other countries.

This would harm patients. Price controls may save the government money in the short term, but they would slow the rate of medical progress.

In most developed countries, the government dictates the price of prescription drugs. Governments use this power

to pinch pennies, often at the expense of providing access to the newest breakthrough medicines.

Creating just a single new medicine costs an average of \$1.7 billion and can take more than a decade. And only a handful of drugs sell enough to cover their research and development costs -- much less subsidize ongoing research into new medicines.

If the government decides drug prices, drug developers will have a harder time recouping those investments -- making investment less appealing. Progress towards therapies for illnesses like Alzheimer's and cancer would slow. New drug launches would become rare.

U.S. patients currently have better access to the newest drugs than any other country. Consider

that 89 percent of 290 new drugs released between 2011 and 2018 were available in the United States at the time of their initial launch. By contrast, German patients had access to only 62 percent of these medicines.

Delayed access to new drugs is the unfortunate reality for too many people around the world. If we import their policies, we will import their diminished access to new drugs as well.

HHS's reform puts the financial interests of the federal government before the well-being of actual patients.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### BOSTON CITY COUNCILORS' STATEMENT ON BOSTON CALLING DECISION

Dear Editor,

In the wake of the recent Boston Calling verdict, we are compelled to speak out about our role as City Councilors and our enduring commitment to fight for social inclusion and economic dignity.

The decision of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts to push this case was a grievous misuse of

limited prosecutorial resources in service of a misguided political agenda. This case sets a terrible precedent where government officials who personally received nothing of value can nonetheless face criminal penalties for advocacy that federal prosecutors deem too aggressive. Attempts to criminalize advocacy can only serve to advance the interests of those seeking a society that is less equal and less fair.

Voters sent us to public office to take on issues such as housing affordability, good jobs, environmental protection, civil rights and public safety. As public offi-

cials, it is our job to speak up daily for the constituencies we represent. Our duty to do so is even greater when public land or public resources are at stake. As residents call for action on the issues that affect their quality of life and well-being, we will continue to use our voices to address these concerns.

It is fundamental that city business should be transparent, accessible, and fairly administered according to the laws that hold public officials accountable. As Councilors, we also have an obligation to shape the laws.

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**BRIDGE** (from pg. 1)

be removed and many of these elements can either be recycled or reused in other temporary bridges.

The temporary bridge, which will be constructed using prefabricated components, will carry three travel lanes including one for vehicles heading to Charlestown, two towards Boston, and a single sidewalk on the side closest to the Charles River locks. The lengths of the two bridges will be different as the temporary bridge involves a curve at both ends so that it can be outside the work area for the permanent bridge.

MassDOT estimates at the moment that the temporary bridge will shorten the project by six months.

For those working on the project, it means better safety for workers, and a better system using the Harbor to bring in most materials. That will reduce truck traffic and create a separate work zone for dismantling the old bridge and re-building the new bridge.

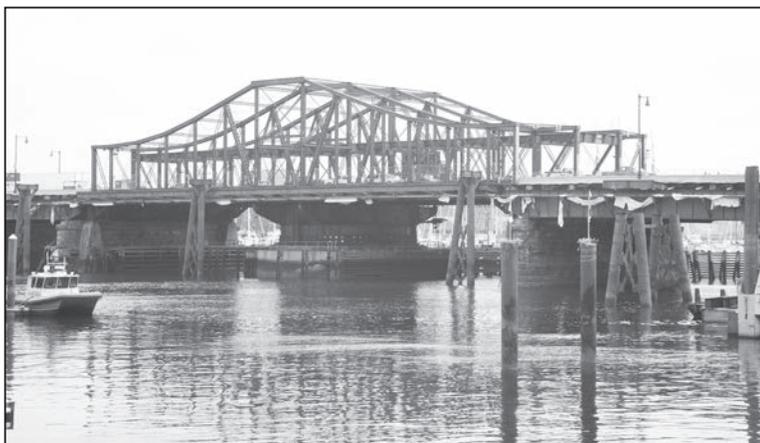
“What it means is all vehicular and pedestrian traffic will be flowing smoothly and also kept away from the work zone,” said Barry. “It gives us the full width of the Bridge to work and not have to worry about the public using part of the Bridge as we work. It also gives us far better access because a majority of the materials will be shipped in and out by barges on the water. Using the temporary Bridge, we can get easier and unimpeded access to the Harbor. It was a proposal we thought would work well and one we moved forward with to get approvals from MassDOT and many other agencies.”

MassDOT Resident Engineer Ahmad Ilyas said the critical path right now is getting the utilities off of the Bridge. He said there is a major 115 kV electric line, as well as natural gas lines and major water/sewer lines. Those have to remain in service the entire time, which makes moving them a delicate surgery.

“That utility work is a critical path for us right now,” said Ilyas, who is on site every day. “Everything has to get off the Bridge before we can move traffic



A new bridge abutment for the temporary bridge on the North Washington Street Bridge project has sprung up in City Square abutting Paul Revere Park. The temporary bridge will loop to the north of the existing bridge and will be put into action in early 2020. It will increase worker safety, community impacts and shorten the project by six months.



The old North Washington Street Bridge will begin to be dismantled starting early next year.

over.”

Ilyas, Barry and JF White Supt. Patrick Wilson said they expect to have the utilities off the Bridge and onto a utility bridge by the end of the year, while also working simultaneously on the temporary vehicular bridge. They estimated traffic could be moved over to the temporary bridge by February or March 2020, but they would meet with the community before making the move. No meetings have yet been planned, but dates will be forthcoming.

The dismantling work will begin after that, and will move from north to south, starting in Charlestown and moving to the North End. They will remove the decking, then take off the steel (which will be shipped out for

recycling), and finally remove the granite piers.

Once the Bridge is dismantled, the new structure will begin to take shape. That is where the temporary bridge and Harbor access will really pay off.

“That work is almost exclusively by barge,” said Barry. “That will be very few deliveries on the ground due to the access to the Harbor.”

Ilyas said they are still predicting substantial completion of the new Bridge by November 2023.

The project’s value is \$176.8 million and this includes the temporary and permanent structures. There are approximately 30 workers at the work zone and additional 20 at off-site locations.

The worker trailer for this

**CMA announces Scholarship winners**

Staff Report

The Charlestown Mothers Association (CMA) is delighted to announce this year’s awards of college scholarships to Charlestown residents. Thanks to the generous support of CMA members, supporters, and sponsors, this year CMA has awarded a total of \$12,500.

CMA has awarded a \$5,000 scholarship to Emily Ringrose, a 2019 Boston Latin School (BLS) graduate, who will be attending Barnard College at Columbia University this fall.

CMA has awarded a \$3,000 scholarship to Lina Huang, a 2018 graduate of Boston Latin Academy (BLA), who attends Boston University.

CMA has awarded John Gaudian and Ann Merullo scholarships of \$1,500 each. John is a 2019 graduate of Belmont Hill School and will be attending Wake Forest University this fall. Ann is a

2019 graduate of BLA, and will be attending Regis College this fall.

CMA is also providing several very qualified applicants with \$250 each, to help with college costs:

- Daniel Bryan, a 2019 BLS graduate, who will be attending Saint Anselm College.

- Rory Carrier, a 2019 Malden Catholic graduate, who will be attending Stonehill College.

- Nuala Conway-Pearson, a 2017 BLS graduate, who attends Wake Forest University.

- Conor Kelly, a 2019 Pope John XXIII graduate, who will be attending Colby-Sawyer College.

- Patrick Kelly, a 2017 Pope John XXIII graduate, who attends St. Joseph’s College of Maine.

- John Reilly, a 2019 Malden Catholic graduate, who will be attending Endicott College.

Congratulations to all these very capable and talented individuals, and CMA wishes them every success.

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We will redouble our efforts by advancing clear and compelling standards for how we expect business to be conducted in the City of Boston and by writing and debating legislation to attack inequality and protect the public good. Every public employee

should feel empowered by these laws to advocate for all people to have a place in our city and full opportunities to thrive.

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# Chief of Naval Operations Weeks begins course at USS Constitution

By Mass Communication Specialist  
2nd Class Jerine Lee

The 22nd Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Heritage Weeks kicked off aboard USS Constitution, in Charlestown, and runs through Aug. 30.

Each week, 100 newly selected Navy Chief Petty Officers and 25 hand-selected senior enlisted mentors from across the Fleet will embark Constitution to immerse the selectees in a robust leadership course, highlighting 19th century square-rig sail handling, naval gunnery practice and 1812 United States Marine Corps rifle drills.

Annually, USS Missouri, berthed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor

Hickam, and USS Constitution host the CNO CPO Heritage Weeks to reinforce naval heritage and tradition, and apprise the new selectees on current naval policy and operational challenges across the Fleet.

"When Sailors reach the rank of chief, they transition into a critical leadership position," said USS Constitution Command Master Chief Jeremy Kingston. "Part of the new expectations placed on them is to be the keepers of our Navy's heritage. Nothing connects them more to our history than living and working like Sailors did here where it all began for the United States Navy in 1797."

The week of training culminates in the ship's crew and visiting Chief Petty Officers getting the

ship underway in Boston Harbor on each Friday: Aug. 23 and 30, from 8 a.m. to noon.

The ship will have four delayed public openings due to the training activities.

•On Thursday, both Aug. 22 and 29, the ship will be open from noon to 6 p.m.

•On Friday, both Aug. 23 and 30, the ship will be open from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

•The ship's normal hours for free public visits and tours are Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Guests of Charleston Navy Yard are encouraged to visit the USS Constitution Museum, which will be open for their standard daily operating hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## For the Record

•From the Aug. 20 License Board meeting, City Hall:

NAVY YARD BISTRO, INC., D/B/A: NAVY YARD BISTRO AND WINE BAR, 1 First Avenue. Holder of a Common Victualler 7 Day Wines and Malt w/ Liqueurs license has petitioned to transfer the license and location from the above - To: Shake Shack Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a Shake Shack 322-328 Washington Street Boston, MA 02108. Approximately 3,014 sq. ft. retail restaurant space with counter and standing area, dining room, kitchen, offices, storage rooms, walk in cooler, restrooms and basement, three entrances and three egresses. Jeremy Fogel, Manager. 11 p.m. Closing Hour.

•Zoning Board of Appeals

The ZBA inspects and reviews buildings for zoning compliance. The board regulates the rules behind what you can build and where you can build in Boston. You can ask for an exception if your project gets rejected because it doesn't meet a City zoning code. You have to go to a public hearing to explain why you think you should get an exception to the zoning code.

\*When: Thursday, August 22, 5 p.m.

Where: 1010 Mass Ave, Boston, 5th Floor  
Proposals: 79 School St.

\*When: Tuesday, Aug. 27, 9:30 a.m.

35-37 Elm St, 49 Monument Ave, and 33 Winthrop St

Where: Boston City Hall, 1 City Hall Square, Boston, Hearing Room 801

•From the Aug. 22 Zoning Advisory Board, 5 p.m., 1010 Mass Ave. 5th floor:

HEARINGS: 5 p.m. 79 School St. Applicant: David McDonald

Purpose: Cut open roof and install a 28 foot dormer and add in bathroom. \*BOA Decision expired.

•Boston Harbor Now is sponsoring the 7th Annual Illuminate the Harbor Fireworks visible from the Navy Yard on Thursday, August 29, starting at 8:30 p.m.

•Chat with a Planner - Members of the BPDA planning team will be available at the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library at 179 Main St. to answer any questions you may have about the future of Charlestown or the planning process.

Feel free to stop by at any time between 5-7 p.m. on August 19, and/or 4-6 p.m. on September 17 to join the conversation.

•Warren Prescott School Dates:

August 22: RSM Day

September 2: Labor Day - No School

September 3: Back to School Bash

September 4: Teddy Bear Tea (K1&K2)

September 5: First Day of School (Students in grades 1 - 8)

September 9: First Day of School (Students in K1 and K2)

•Harvard Kent School Dates:

\*Harvard Kent Back to School Block Party, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 5-6:30 p.m., Harvard Kent Playground. For all new and returning Harvard Kent families. There will be ice cream, entertainment and raffles. There will also be a classroom supply drive with needs of paper towels, tissues and disinfecting wipes. Sponsored by Spaulding and the Harvard Kent Parents Association.

\*K1/K2 SUMMER MEET-UPS

AUG. 28: 9-10 a.m. K1/K2 Meet The Teachers  
K1/K2 Families are welcome to stop by their classroom and meet their new teacher. Note, the rooms will still be in the "setting up" stage but will be completely finished by the first day on Sept. 9. This is your time to ask your teacher all the questions you have that are not covered in the FAQs. Children like this opportunity to see their new classroom and learn about how their day will be structured.

\*Sept.19th- OPEN HOUSE from 5-7 p.m.

•HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM PROPERTY

Since taking office in 2014, Mayor Walsh has made fixing quality of life issues a priority in his administration. From investing in Public Works to making sure community policing is a staple in every neighborhood, we are making sure every neighborhood is clean, safe and a great place to live and work in. Unfortunately some properties in Boston need more help than others, and that's why we are here. If you know of a property that fits one of the following criteria: multiple calls to 911, one that's blighted or just a general concern, we encourage you to reach out to your neighborhood liaison.

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have stopped short of calling the effort a Master Plan though, saying that the technical definition of a Master Plan is something they don't have the capacity to do for a neighborhood.

Many in Charlestown want to hear the words "Master Plan," though, and a good deal of them showed up to set the tone for the process.

"We have to define Charlestown as Charlestown - the Lost Village, the Navy Yard, the dock areas, all the way to the Somerville line, The Neck, the Bridge and even including that little piece that's in Everett," said Dan Jaffe. "This has to be about all of Charlestown."

Betty Stump confronted Ruggiero to ask him if he had plans to pulled an "81D." That is a statute in the Mass. General Laws that enables planning agencies in cities or towns to conduct overall master planning with the state.

Ruggiero explained that the current planning effort would not be an Institutional Master Plan or a Municipal Master Plan, but rather a planning effort focused on Charlestown in the same fashion as East Boston - a process he is also leading.

"We can call this Plan Charlestown," he said. "We're trying to set the boundaries of the study now."

Some comments, however, stuck to the format and purpose of the meeting.

Doug Ross said he was concerned about the developments

surrounding the Town engulfing the central part of the neighborhood.

"I understand preserving the core, but I don't think we want another Bay Village here with a neighborhood surrounded by mountainous high rises," he said.

Annette Tecce said the planning process should address infrastructure issues before anything else - including school capacity, water/sewer issues, fire protection and, of course, traffic.

"My concern is the first thing we're talking about is development and not infrastructure," she said. "We have challenges already going across the Bridge to get to the North End. We're not talking about schools, water and sewer, and transportation - which is known. We're only talking about the heights and density and I think we should be talking about infrastructure first."

Such matters were critical steps in the East Boston plan, and Ruggiero said it could also be a big part of the Charlestown plan. He also said one key component would be to examine the existing zoning for the Town - listening to residents and planners about what is working and what is not.

He added that they are willing to take the show on the road, meeting with any organization or group that would like to give their input.

The next Chat with a Planner will take place at the Charlestown Library on Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 4-6 p.m.



A large crowd was on hand Monday evening for the first Chat with a Planner session at the Charlestown Library. The informal meeting took a formal turn, as many are still concerned about it not being called a 'Master Plan.' Others, however, offered input and concerns about the planning process.

Call the Police Department at 617-343-4627  
for a free security check of your home.

# Charlestown kids join Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for free cruises

In early August, 91 young people from the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club and Courageous Sailing Center set sail to the Boston Harbor Islands on Bay State Cruise Company's flagship Provincetown II on a free All Access Boston Harbor cruise hosted by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

The youth and teens enjoyed a day filled with fun, fishing, environmental exploration and songs and stories of the sea.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor program is a series of free day trips that bring local youth organizations out to Spectacle and Georges Island where they have an opportunity to learn the history of Boston Harbor and the harbor cleanup, explore everything the island has to offer, and enjoy Boston's spectacular urban natural resources.

"What a great way to spend a summer day," said Tani Marinovich, president of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "The Harbor Islands are truly Boston's treasure, and we're certain that

the 230,000 kids and families that have attended these free trips since we began them in 2002 would agree."

Over the summer Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor program

will connect more than 10,000 youth and teens from more than 120 youth development and community organizations to the Boston Harbor Island National and State Park.

The day starts with an inter-

active history of the harbor, complete with storytelling, art and a touch-tank at the Rockland Trust Pavilion. From there, the groups make their way to the dock at the World Trade Center to board the boat and take a short ferry ride out to the islands, where they have

the chance to try fishing, hiking, sports and beach exploration with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Youth Environmental Education staff. The groups enjoy lunch on the island and return to the docks by early afternoon.



A group from the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club spent a day on Georges Island in Boston Harbor in early August as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's All Access Boston Harbor Program that provides free environmental programming to youth groups in Boston and the surrounding towns.



A group of 80 youth from the Courageous Sailing Center in Charlestown spent a day on Georges Island in Boston Harbor in early August as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's All Access Boston Harbor Program that provides free environmental programming to youth groups in Boston and the surrounding towns.

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The Charlestown Patriot Bridge is interested in publishing the memories of Charlestown residents in print.

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Email: [cabotstreet@poahcommunities.com](mailto:cabotstreet@poahcommunities.com) Phone: 781-825-7138 TDD: 7-1-1

Fully completed applications may be submitted online or postmarked no later than 11:59PM on September 23, 2019.

Mail completed applications to:

POAH Communities, PO Box 180477, Boston, MA 02118  
or scan and email to: [cabotstreet@poahcommunities.com](mailto:cabotstreet@poahcommunities.com)

Attend an INFORMATION SESSION to learn more.

Wednesday, Sept 11, 2019  
5:00 - 8:00pm

The Dewitt Center (Gym)  
122 Dewitt Drive  
Boston, MA 02120

Wednesday, Sept 18, 2019  
5:00 - 8:00pm

Franklin Square Apartments  
11 East Newton Street  
Boston, MA 02118

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		4	\$71,100	\$130,350
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# Encore Boston Harbor set to give away sports car

## New Red Card promotions allow free parking during the week

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor is looking to put a little pizzazz in the Labor Day weekend with a full day of giveaways and fun on Sunday, Sept. 1, a day that will culminate with a drawing to give away a McLaren sports car.

Encore President Bob DeSalvio said the giveaway will mark the first big day at the resort casino built on a major drawing. The winner will get a 2019 McLaren 5702 Spider (valued at \$200,000), or the option of \$100,000 cash.

"The car is a big one for us," he said. "The final drawing will be around 7 p.m., but we'll have preliminary drawings all afternoon. We start accepting entries at noon that day and there are drawings all the way from 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We want to get a lot of people involved."

The promotion will feature 10 people drawn from the entries every 30 minutes. Nine of the 10 names will get \$500 in credits, and

the 10th name will get a slot in the final drawing for the car.

"At the end, we take all the finalists and draw the winner," said DeSalvio. "They can take the car or the cash. The others that don't win will get \$2,500 in credits."

There will also be a second-chance drawing at 8 p.m.

"It's a full day of promotions around that drawing that is really the culmination of our entire August promotional campaign," he said.

•In addition, another major promotion now available for Red Card holders is in the realm of parking.

DeSalvio said they have started a promotion for free, midweek parking at the resort. Between 5 a.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Friday, Red Card holders will get free parking. On weekends, parking for Red Card holders is just one credit from their card.

"The idea behind this is that during the week, we have oppor-

tunity in the garage," he said. "We get a lot of customers that ask for this because they go to regional resorts with free parking. We decided we can do it midweek, and then charge \$1 on weekends. That's a way to reward those playing in the casino. They can use the comp dollar on weekends and on weekdays they can park for free."

•DeSalvio said they are also offering deeply discounted hotel rooms (up to 35 percent off) this month in a partnership with Expedia and Priceline.

He said that while they are building up their clientele, they wanted to take the opportunity to reward those with a Red Card.

"The idea is that as we continue to build up the hotel to full occupancy, we want folks to experience it," he said. "We want people to experience the rooms. In the next few months, they start the convention business and discounts go down. So, in the opening period, we wanted to let folks experience the rooms."



Want a sports car? Then a good idea would be to report to Encore Boston Harbor on Sept. 1 for the McLaren sports car giveaway. Pictured here, the 2019 model will be given away in a random drawing at 7 p.m.

## FRIENDS OF THE CHARLESTOWN TRAINING FIELD SPONSORS SUMMER CONCERT

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

An evening of smooth music and neighborly fun was had by all as the Friends Of The Charlestown Training Field sponsored a summer concert by the U.S. Navy Band Northeast VIP Combo on Saturday, Aug. 17. Pleasant music with a fantastic summer evening made for a great time.



Anthony Sarkissian, Emily Winder, Mariana Georges, Travis Winder enjoy a high-stakes game of Uno in the Training Field.



Musician 3rd Class (MU3) Mark LaRosa wails on the sax while Musician 2nd Class Ben Melvin keeps the melodic rhythm going on bass.



Sy Mintz and Maureen Grace enjoy the smooth music on a mellow Summer evening. Mintz was recognized by the Friends on the occasion of his birthday.



Caitie Kelly with her dear family member "Mollie Kelly", Mary Quinn, Patty Awbrey, and "First Lady of the Training Field" Barbara Kelly.



John and Kathleen (third from left) Barefoot hang out with their friends Peter Matchak (second from left), Christina Trethewey, her son Beckett and husband, Ross.



Twins Brennan (second from left) and Avery Fidler (second from right) with their cousin Rylan O'Neil and big brother Jeffrey.



Friends of the Training Field President Bill Kelly with Johnny Kelly, John Quinn, and Dan Awbrey.

# CITY SQUARE: DIRTY WATER BRASS BAND

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

The Dirty Water Brass Band performed "When the Saints Go Marching In" as they paraded around the brick sidewalks of City Square Park on August 14 for the Friends of the City Square Park Summer Concert Series. Families

enjoyed picnics in the grass, and children twirled streamer ribbons while listening to the soul, R&B, and classic New Orleans music of the Dirty Water Brass Band. Friends climbed trees, danced, and skipped along the foundation outline of the former Great House and Three Cranes Tavern.



Dean and Tracy Hoeger, Scott and Melissa Freidman, and David Geoff.



Jack, Lisa, and Danny Corrigan.



Tessa Bingham, 2½ -years-old, playing with a streamer ribbon while listening to the Dirty Water Brass Band.



Geoff Merritt, Kim Keating, and Theo Merritt.



Nick, Alice, Hayes, and Arlo Currie.



Two-year-old, Carter Reig, jumping from rock to rock, where the hearth and chimney of the former Great House and Three Cranes Tavern once stood.



Victoria and Nolan Lynch, Ashley and Joseph McNamara, Meaghan Sanders, and Emmet Lewis.

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### HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY

The Harvest on Vine Food Pantry is requesting boxes of cereal this week. 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.

### ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK IS BACK!

The Artists Group of Charlestown (AGC) is happy to announce that our annual Art in the Park is back on Saturday, Sept. 14, City Square Park from 10-5. Artists from Charlestown and neighboring Boston area will exhibit art work, jewelry, ceramics, crafts, and sculpture under festive tents. Live music will fill the park along with raffle chances for artwork by participating artists. Rain date is Sunday Sept. 15. Don't miss it!

### GORMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND SEPT. 7

Be at the Knights on Sept. 7, to help celebrate 10 years of fund-raising for educational Mark and Michelle Gorman scholarships. This year the party starts at 7 p.m. and will have Irish music from Erin Og and Smokey Cain DJ, 50/50 and door prizes and \$7,500

in scholarships to be awarded. Get your tickets now \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of 10. Call - Ruthanne Brennan 617-257-5753, Melissa Brennan 617-308-7266, Annie Vesey 617-448-6734, Pam McGrath 617-833-9124, Alexa Hingston 617-620-0105, or Kathleen Lacey 617-224-2642. All funds raised support the scholarship program.

### MAYOR WALSH'S MOVIE NIGHTS

Mayor Martin J. Walsh's Movie Nights, part of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's ParkARTS program, returns to Charlestown on Tuesday, August 27. The movie Dumbo! will be shown at 7:45 p.m. at the Training Field - Winthrop St. Snacks and beverages provided.

### SUMMER FITNESS YOGA SERIES

The Parks Department is holding free yoga classes at 55 Winthrop Street on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Instructors will provide flow movement for people of all levels.

### SUMMER NIGHTS IN THE YARD

Fun has come to Charlestown this season thanks to the efforts of the National Park Service, Boston Harbor Now, a non-profit dedicated to providing community access to the Boston Harbor and its islands, Yoga Around Town, Berklee College of Music, Boston Swing Central and Charlestown High School. From swing dancing to live concerts by the sea, residents and visitors alike can expect to create memorable moments with both the community and

waterfront. To learn more about public programming taking place this summer on the waterfront and harbor islands, visit [boston-harborislands.org](http://boston-harborislands.org).

### BRUINS ACADEMY LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY PROGRAM

Charlestown Youth Hockey will be hosting and staffing the Boston Bruins Learn-to-Play Hockey program again this fall. The program is for boys and girls ages 4-9 that have not participated in an organized hockey program before. It will run from Saturday, Oct. 12 to Saturday, Nov. 2. There will be two sessions, one at 10 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. Public registration at the Bruins website. More info on the "Bruins Academy" tab at [CYHA.COM](http://CYHA.COM).

### "E" INC.'S SUMMER SCIENCE DISCOVERY PROGRAM STARTS AUGUST 26

Investigate the 'space we all live in' with a deep dive into the universe at "e" inc. and its Summer Science Discovery Program (SSDP) in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Swinging through Space is part of this summer's new frontiers focus for "e" inc. The camp week for this topic is August 26-30 and includes a field trip to the Planetarium, as well as a night

of constellation watching for the hearty. For more information about the program call "e" inc. at: 617-242-4700 or email us at: [info@einc-action.org](mailto:info@einc-action.org).

### ISEE PREP CLASS AT THE CLLC REGISTRATION OPEN

Charlestown Lacrosse & Learning Center (CLLC) is once again hosting an annual ISEE Prep-Class for 6th grade students during the 2019-2020 school year. There are two options for the class, either on Thursdays or Fridays, both from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Learning Center at 14 Green Street starting the week of 9/9. Space is extremely limited, so register now at [www.charlestownlacrosse.com/registration](http://www.charlestownlacrosse.com/registration) or by calling the center at (617) 242-1813.

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Wednesday Art Labs are open to all ages and projects will be modified according to age groups and abilities. In these sessions, the full hour will be dedicated to arts and crafts. If the available Art Labs don't work with your schedule, families can coordinate to have private art play dates with their little ones. The minimum number of participating children is 6 and we can accommodate a wide range of ages. To view dates and to register, go to [www.essemartstudio.com](http://www.essemartstudio.com)

### CITY SQUARE PARK SUMMER CONCERT FREE TO THE PUBLIC

The City Square Park 2019 Summer Concert Series wraps up with only one event left for this year. Sponsored and supported by the Charlestown Mothers Association, Gibson Sotheby's International Real Estate, Friends of City Square Park, and Rick DuBard's Foundation. This summer's series ends on Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with Henry Acker, a fourteen-year-old gypsy jazz guitarist with abilities far beyond his years. Rain date will be for the following day

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Maloney, Erin M	Flynn, Mary D	79 Bartlett St #3	\$525,000
Brown, Mark M	Brault FT 2014	385 Bunker Hill St #2	\$891,000
Mccarthy, Richard T	Stump, Elizabeth T	7 Church Ct #1	\$440,000
Keighery, Kaitlin	Andrea B Quigley T	19 Cross St	\$1,460,000
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Armenti, David N	Colella, Joseph M	57 High St #2	\$890,000
Smith, Joseph H	Toomey, Kevin J	30 Monument Sq #204	\$900,000
Resor, Thomas	Brandtner, Beth	4 Monument Sq #2	\$1,850,000
Genecco, Timothy D	Ursiny, Michal	50 Monument Sq #7	\$850,000
Mosher, Tyler	Cunningham, Christine M	17 Mount Vernon St #B	\$620,000
Harvey, Sarah E	Reilly, Erin E	48 Mystic St #1	\$460,000
Uri FT LLC	Ruggiero, Joseph E	26 Parker St	\$950,000
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## Post Office could likely remain in Bunker Hill Mall

By Seth Daniel

The saga of the post office looks like it could end soon, and the facility might be staying in the Bunker Hill Mall – though at a new location.

USPS Boston spokesman Stephen Doherty said they are in negotiations right now.

“In Charlestown we’re currently negotiating with the landlord on another location within the same plaza,” he said. “Once that’s finalized and we have a lease, we’ll put the word out for a grand reopening date.”

At the moment, the postal branch in the Mall is operating out of the same location, but a project to expand the CVS is ready to move forward and the lease on the post office space has

long run out.

A manager for the CVS location told community members the store did not push the post office out of its current location. He said CVS only decided to expand because there was a vacant space caused by the post office not renewing their lease.

He said they are not opening a clinic or any new services in the CVS, but rather they are just spacing out the aisles in the existing store to provide more inventory and more space to move around.

It is not certain what space in the Mall the postal service is looking at, but they had been in negotiations off and on earlier in the year regarding a space near the Citizens Bank.

## Townie Tidbits

### REMEMBERING MY UNCLE BILLY AND MY NEPHEW DOMINIC

This past July was the 60th anniversary of my youngest uncle's (Billy Harrington) passing from a horrible year-long battle with cancer. I remember it so well. He was always young and a bit husky, and then as the disease waged battle against him, he shrunk down to about 125 pounds, mostly bone. He had the look of cancer all over his body, and his face looked like that of death.

I watched him battle away at an enemy much too strong for him. I was 10 years old, and he was 37. Up until then, I thought dying was for the old, but slowly and unwillingly I saw death at an early age.

I can still remember that summer of '59 over in Maplewood Square in Malden, where my grandmother had moved the family from Charlestown. I can still see how helpless my mother was. All she could do was watch with her large family. My Grandpa Harrington was still alive probably thinking what my mother thought: Why so young? The pain disappeared over time, but never the memories.

Once again, I am reliving that darkness. My nephew Dominic III is awaiting Heaven down in Austin, Texas, with his wife and kids. He has lived for over two years now with his own battle with cancer. It was looking good for a while, but now the disease seems to be doing to him what it did to my Uncle Billy.

The Bible says there is a time for living and a time for dying, a time to mourn and a time to cry. Right now, for my family, it is a time to say goodbye. By the time, you are reading this, I should be down in Texas saying my goodbyes with my nephew.

I haven't been sleeping well lately because I keep thinking about all those memories I have of him growing up. Those memories will hopefully sustain all who loved him and myself. His mother and three sisters are going through hard times right now. However, I do remember something my Ma told me years ago about how all of us have our time and when it's your TIME, it's your TIME.

My mother was never afraid of living and never worried about her time. I think that's a healthy way to view life. She took every day as a gift and laughed often. She never viewed life as a prison sentence. It was like a long vacation to her, and she knew vacations always end.

I am not looking forward to the days ahead for me and my family, but as they say and my mother said often, “None of us get out of here alive, so just enjoy the good times and enjoy your journey through this life.”

I can still see my mother's smile as she moved through her life. She had good days and bad days, but never lost sight of her journey.

My nephew is strong and has become an example to his Uncle Sal right here and right now.

## SCHOOL (from pg. 1)

spots to families from the neighborhood for the school day,” said Fuller. “It is progressing ahead in partnership with BPS. There is a curriculum and we’ll continue to offer the same services to our other families as well...We’ll continue to offer programming for other pre-school 4-year-olds. All of our other services will be in place for families that qualify for subsidies and our private pay families. We’ll still offer all that.”

Jason Sachs is the executive director for Early Childhood at BPS, and he said the Kennedy Center was one of the first to show interest and move ahead aggressively. Already, there are about 2,800 Pre-K seats in BPS at school buildings, but they are highly sought after and include horrifically-long waiting lists. There are many more students than seats, and that is a well-known reality for parents in Charlestown.

Sachs came in under the Menino Administration and developed a rigorous, nationally-acclaimed model that has demonstrated measured changes for children that participate. To get the rollout going, he said they wanted to start in the first year with established community-based providers in the neighborhoods like Kennedy Center.

“It was a pretty arduous application process,” he said. “We took applications from community-based providers first for the rollout...The JFK Center is one of the programs and they are getting 30 seats in Charlestown. It’s very exciting...In the first few years the goal is to do this in community-based programs for 750 seats. We have 2,800 seats in schools already, but there are a lot of families that are working...and can’t access K1. We wanted to offer this to community-based programs first so that we weren’t displacing their existing services, but working with them.”

He said in Charlestown there is great need because of so many kids attending the Harvard-Kent, Warren-Prescott and Eliot Schools.

“There is high demand in Charlestown,” he said. “This is an opportunity to provide at least some K1 seats at the Kennedy Center for 30 families.”

Sachs said they had a goal of 450 seats this year in community-based programs, and have ended up with 487 that are qualified.

The overall process is a five-year rollout to get Pre-K available to every student, but the Kennedy Center’s Fuller said it’s something they wanted to do fast.

There are very few changes that



Jackie Blaikie, enrollment coordinator, and Thara Fuller, executive director, are helping to lead the charge for the Kennedy Center this school year in offering some of the first Universal Pre-K seats to families. This is the first year in a five-year rollout of the \$15 million program, which Mayor Walsh announced earlier this year.

need to be done to the building, she said, but they did have to make changes to the training and staffing of the programs. All of the programs had to meet a very high standard of quality set by BPS, and all teachers had to have a Bachelor’s Degree.

“It’s not starting from scratch,” she said. “We have the classrooms and the facilities. We have highly qualified teachers and we’re really ready to go. That’s why we were selected because we do have these systems already in place...We’re

building a great relationship with BPS working towards alignment. Anything we can do to create more spaces to help our young kids go to school in the neighborhood. That is so very important.”

There are potentially spaces still available for Universal Pre-K, and Fuller said to come to the Kennedy Center to see about enrollment. The school day goes from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and they do offer an extended day for a fee.

Universal Pre-K at the Kennedy Center will start on Sept. 9.

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## TOWNIE SPORTS

### CHARLESTOWN IS THE CITYWIDE BASEBALL LEAGUE CHAMPS

Last Wednesday, on a cool and foggy Southie evening at Moakley Field, the Charlestown Little Leaguers battled the All-Dorchester Sports League (ADSL) for the Citywide baseball title. Charlestown had posted a 1-2 record against ADSL during the regular season, so a close match was expected. ADSL (7-1) was the number one seed and Charlestown (6-2) was the number two seed, so the Townies were the visiting team. After the Townies left the bases loaded in the top of the first, ADSL took an early first inning 1-0 lead on a walk and several passed balls. Charlestown left the bases loaded again in the second inning, but finally got on the board in the top of the 3rd with a double to right field by Harry Jackson, scoring Steven Chiappa,

and knotting the score at 1-1.

Steven Chiappa pitched lights out for the next three innings, after which he reached his pitching limit, so he was relieved by Sebastian Peralta Polanco in the 5th. The score would remain 1-1 through the regulation 6 innings, so play continued into extra innings.

In the top of the 8th, Joe Brienze knocked a base hit into left field, and smartly advanced to second base, which ADSL had failed to cover. Steven Chiappa was the next batter, and he smacked a base hit to score Brienze, giving Charlestown the 2-1 lead into the bottom of the 8th.

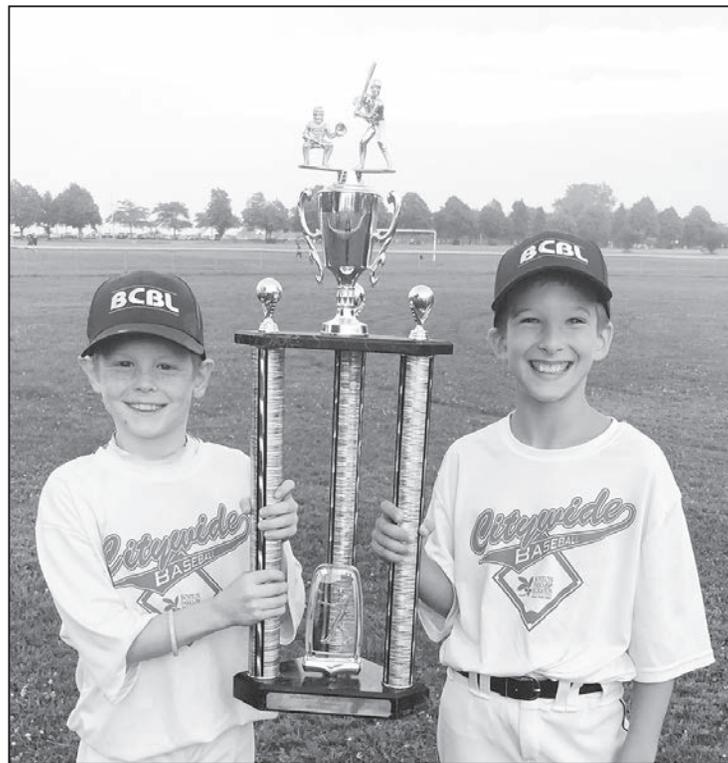
ADSL came out fighting in the 8th with an early hit. That runner attempted to steal second, but was thrown out by catcher Brienze - thanks to Augie Groh's acrobatic tag on a high throw. The next batter hit a single; the third batter

of the inning got a base hit to right field, where Justin Lynch fielded the ball and started a perfect relay through shortstop Groh to third baseman Brady Poole - who tagged out the forward runner at third for the second out. With two outs and a runner on second base, Sebastian ended the game with a strikeout to seal the victory.

The Townies held the large trophy high with pride on Moakley Field.

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## Congresswoman Pressley visits Kennedy Center Summer Eats program

Staff Report

On Friday August 16, Project Bread and Boston Summer Eats partners from the Mayor's Office of Food Access and the Greater Boston YMCA welcomed Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley as she visited meal locations in her district, engaging with her constituents and raising awareness for federal and local food resources.

Together with Project Bread, Pressley visited with kids and families, talking and getting to know the children, reading stories and emphasizing the importance of healthy food at the John F. Kennedy family center in Charlestown.

"Sustaining our children with nutritious food year-round is a matter of justice, cognitive development, wellness, and trauma prevention. Without Project Bread and Summer Eats, children in our district who depend on free and reduced price school meals wouldn't have access to nutritious food during the summer," said Pressley. "I am immensely grateful to Project Bread and Summer Eats for not only preventing food insecurity but for keeping our kids healthy - helping students return to school strong and ready to learn," Pressley said.

Throughout the summer, anyone 18 or under can receive



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley enjoys time with children and Project Bread at the John F. Kennedy Family Center in Charlestown. Photo courtesy of Congresswoman Pressley's office.

a free meal at any Summer Eats location in Massachusetts. No registration or ID is required and meals are offered in conjunction with activities and educational programming. Summer Eats provides critical nutrition so children in all communities can continue growing and learning when school isn't in session.

"As our youth in Boston and across Massachusetts begin to return to school, we recognize the importance of making sure all students are prepared. Preventing food-insecurity in the summer is a critical part of that preparation. Reliable access to healthy food in the summer means students are healthy now and reduces the likelihood of experiencing diet-related chronic illnesses such as diabetes and heart

disease, in the future. We are grateful to Congresswoman Pressley for her commitment to the health of her district and for all residents of Massachusetts," McAleer said. Summer Eats feeds 57,000 kids a day but that is only 13 percent of youth who could benefit from the program and below the national average, of 15 percent. Some states achieve up to 30 percent. Throughout the summer, anyone 18 or under can receive a free meal at any Summer Eats location in Massachusetts. No registration or ID is required and meals are offered in conjunction with activities and educational programming. Summer Eats provides critical nutrition so children in all communities can continue growing and learning when school isn't in session.

## Legislature passes balanced budget with targeted investments in education, housing, environment

State Rep. Dan Ryan, along with his colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature, passed its Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) budget recently, which invests in programs and services across the Commonwealth. Funded at \$43.1 billion, the budget makes major investments in education, housing, substance use disorder services, health care, and other areas while projecting a more than \$476 million deposit into the Stabilization Fund – bringing the fund's balance to more than \$3 billion to safeguard the future of vital programs and services.

"I am proud of this fiscally responsible budget that supports the needs of individuals, families, and communities across the Commonwealth through thoughtful investments that increase local aid, strengthen our health care system and protect the environment," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "This budget bolsters our ongoing efforts to combat the opioid crisis, invest in high-quality early education and care and makes another significant deposit into the state's Stabilization Fund. These investments will have a long and lasting positive effect on the residents of Massachusetts. I want to thank Chair Michlewitz for his leadership and my colleagues in the House, especially those on the conference committee, who worked to put this package together."

State Rep. Dan Ryan said he was very happy to see the overall investments in the State Budget, and he said his district also made out very well this year with several earmarks in the budget.

In Charlestown, those includ-

- Charlestown Veteran's Park \$50,000 (DCR)
- DCR Land Use Planning Study \$50,000 (DCR)
- Harvest on Vine \$25,000 (Emergency Food Assistance)
- New Health- Health Center \$100,000 (Community Health Center)
- Charlestown Coalition \$25,000 (Substance Abuse)
- Special Townies \$25,000 (Developmental Services)

The budget increases Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) by nearly \$30 million and provides \$5.17 billion in Chapter 70 education funding as part of a \$268 million increase for investments in schools over Fiscal Year 2019. In addition, the budget includes a \$10.5 million reserve for low-income students while the Joint Committee on Education continues its work on this issue. It also addresses the need for integrated student health and wellness supports, providing \$2 million to establish the Supporting Health Alliances Reinforcing Education (SHARE) grant program to address non-academic barriers to school success. The budget expands the role of the Office of the Child Advocate to oversee integrated coordination of education and health programming. Additional education allocations include:

- \$345 million for Special Education reimbursement;
- \$115 million for Charter School Reimbursement; and
- \$75.8 million for Regional School Transportation reimbursement.

The budget builds on the Legislature's commitment to

ensuring children have access to high-quality early education and care (EEC). The budget invests in those who work with children by increasing rates for early education providers by \$20 million and supporting continuing education opportunities with community colleges. The conference report provides \$7.5 million for the Commonwealth Preschool Partnership Initiative to expand access across the Commonwealth. The budget also includes additional investments into Head Start grants and quality improvement measures in core EEC programming.

The budget represents some of the biggest increases seen in a generation when it comes to housing and homelessness funding. Access to safe, adequate, and affordable housing is essential and provides the foundation from which families and individuals can lead successful lives. This year, the budget continues these efforts by providing:

- \$116 million for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP);
- \$72 million for Public Housing Subsidies;
- \$8 million for Alternative Housing Voucher Program; and
- \$53.4 million for Homeless individual shelters.

The budget continues make investments in the Commonwealth's efforts to fight the opioid epidemic – a public health crisis that has touched nearly every household across the Commonwealth. To help those in need, the budget gives all EMS and ambulance companies access to discounted naloxone, making it more available for use in the field. In addition, the budget includes:

•\$150.2 million for the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services, which will help create five new recovery centers across Massachusetts and support substance use disorder workforce initiatives; and

•\$5.5M for a comprehensive statewide strategy for community-based harm reduction services. For the first time in nearly 20

years, the budget will increase the Commonwealth's contribution into the Community Preservation Act, which will ensure that over \$36 million more will be distributed to projects all across the Commonwealth and help raise the state's match up to 30 percent for investments in open space, affordable housing and historic preservation.

## Massport supports summer jobs for Charlestown students

Charlestown students earned a paycheck this summer thanks to the Massachusetts Port Authority's Community Summer Jobs Program. Now in its 28th year, Massport's program supported 19 Charlestown area high school and college students in summer jobs with community organizations.

This summer, 360 area high school and college students will earn a paycheck through our Community Summer Jobs Program. Massport is funding summer jobs at three Charlestown organizations including: Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, Charlestown Community Center and John F. Kennedy Family Services Center. For many young people, these summer jobs marked the start of an educational path and a career.

Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program is designed to help civic and social service agencies by providing funds to

support youth employment in neighboring communities including: Charlestown, Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, South Boston, Winthrop, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln and Worcester.

"Our Community Summer Jobs Program employs hundreds of hardworking students from our neighboring communities," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "These jobs give young people the opportunity to earn an income, gain hands-on experience, and give back to their communities."

Participating organizations are responsible for recruiting, interviewing, hiring and supervising student employees. Since Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program started in 1991, thousands of summer jobs have been funded providing local high school and college students with the opportunity to gain valuable job skills while serving their community.

## 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.

### Larceny

08/12/19 – A victim on Third Avenue reports unknown person(s) cut the lock of his locker and stole his credit card. A video of the crime is available for detectives.

### Violation of Auto Laws

08/14/19 - As a result of a motor vehicle accident on Beacham Street, an individual will be summonsed to Charlestown Court for operating a motor vehi-

cle with a suspended license. The vehicle was towed from the scene

### Larceny from a Building

08/14/19 – A victim on Bunker Hill Street reported packages delivered to his home were stolen from the property.

### Larceny – Bicycle

08/15/19 – A victim on Austin Street reported she parked her specialized black hybrid bike on a rack near CVS Pharmacy,

but when she returned, it was gone. The bike wasn't locked to the rack. A video of the incident might be available.

### Vandalism

08/17/19 - As a result of an incident on Pearls Street regarding vandalism and an attempted theft of a package, an individual will be summonsed to Charlestown Court.

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