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PATRIOT-BRIDGE



A group of community members, the Charlestown Coalition and Turn It Around gathered on Monday afternoon in the Peace Park on Lowney Way to survey the damage done from an act of desecration. Memorial rocks with names of loved ones lost to violence and addiction were discarded, and other improvements were destroyed as well. The group pledged, 'We will rebuild' this week.

No Park, No Peace: Advocates say they will rebuild desecrated Peace Park

By Seth Daniel

There weren't many places little Oliviah Lundin-Monaco could go to remember her late father in a positive way – but for a time the Peace Park (officially the Lowney/McGrath Park) was the place.

But suddenly last week, the 18 month-old rehabilitated park space – dedicated in the name of those from Charlestown who have been lost to violence or addiction – was suddenly missing.

Hundreds of rocks with the names of loved ones who had been

murdered, lost to overdoses or victims of Charlestown's ultra-violent past were suddenly missing from the Peace Park. Likewise, part of the gold fence that had been painted in 2018 was painted black, and three trees were cut down. Plaques on the benches with quotes about peacefulness were removed and a sign proclaiming the 'Peace Park' was ripped down.

When Lundin-Monaco heard about the desecration of the space, she quickly ran up to look for the rock she made for her father, Tim Monaco.

But it was gone.

"My mother and I had made a rock for my dad when we did the Peace Park and they just stole it," she said on Monday. "I was just so mad and sad because it wasn't their stuff to touch."

The Peace Park was an idea conceived by the Charlestown Coalition and the Turn It Around youth group in 2018, and was propelled by a small grant from the City to do the work. The group chose the small park on

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A photo from 2018 of the heart-shaped rock memorial that was placed and dedicated during the Peace Park grand opening.



A makeshift memorial has been placed with names of loved ones where the real memorial once stood.

Walsh at Chamber

Tells how Boston is different in 2019

By Seth Daniel

The Charlestown Chamber of Commerce welcomed Mayor Martin Walsh and his economic development team to an outdoor Q&A with the business community on Monday afternoon, and the mayor led off with talking about the evolution of the City as a world leader.

The mayor and his team, including Economic Development Director John Barros, have been active in the Town for the last several weeks, doing a walk-through of the businesses recently. He said he has called for some businesses to be more active, and also looked at issues that are hampering small owners too.

"The City of Boston of 2019 is not the City of Boston of 1970," he said. "We're a completely different city now. That 1970s City doesn't exist anymore. Neither

does the city of the 1980s and 1990s...Boston is an international city. Boston is on the world stage because of climate resiliency and the fact we're a headquarters city. Before the last five years, we were not a headquarters city. We were known as a back office city... Boston is competing with other cities in America."

He said as part of that evolution, it's important that the City keeps up with things that cities like Austin, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Jose. That's why, he said, they have begun planning and developing the city in a new and different way.

"It's a good thing, and not everyone thinks it is, but I think so," he said. "However when we poll, 70 percent of the people say they approve of the direction the city is going. The last time the population was this high was in

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A Night with Smokey: Community rallies around DJ Smokey Cain

By Seth Daniel

Few people in Charlestown have not been helped by Michael 'Smokey' Cain, and this Friday the community is coming together for him as he battles an aggressive form of prostate cancer.

The time is typically the annual Anthony's Dream Motown fundraiser, but this year Joe McGonagle said they decided to rally around Smokey and dub the gathering, 'A Night with Smokey.' The time is meant to offer him encouragement and financial support as he battles Stage 3 Prostate cancer that has metastasized already, and will require much more treatment in the coming months.

Smokey has been a senior navigator/recovery coach supervisor in the City of Chelsea for the last several years, and is also a certified trauma specialist for the Charlestown Coalition. Beyond that, he is the community's preferred DJ at almost every event in the Town. His work and presence makes him one of the communi-

ty's most recognized mentors and figures.

"Every non-profit agency in this community has known his generosity firsthand because nine times out of 10 when other DJs say even though it's a non-profit, they still need to make a living, he looks at the cause and does it either for free or for minimal cost," said McGonagle. "He leads with his heart."

The time will take place at the Charlestown Knights of Columbus, with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. At 7:15 p.m., Comedian Steve Sweeney will do an act for Smokey, and former DJs Kevin McGoff and Eddie Bartlett have agreed to stop in and do a set in Smokey's name.

"Those two guys were the Town's favorite DJs at one time, but they've kind of hung it up for some time now," said McGonagle. "However, they were excited to come back and do this, and that news has put Smokey on Cloud 9."

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EDITORIAL

NEW COORS AD GLORIFIES PROBLEM DRINKING

“The official beer of Saturday morning,” is the reprehensible (and that’s the only word that comes to mind) tag line for a new TV ad for Coors Light beer that appeared during the football games this past weekend.

The ad depicts two roommates in their early to mid 20s who are preparing breakfast and then sit down on their couch to watch the football games while still clad in their pajamas.

They then break out the Coors Lights while eating breakfast and watching TV.

In our view, this ad represents a new low for a liquor industry that increasingly is targeting a younger and younger audience with messages that essentially equate having a good time with getting drunk.

Right after the Coors ad came one for Budweiser’s Platinum Light beer. We did not know why it was called platinum so we looked it up. It turns out that regular Bud Light has an alcohol content of 4.2 percent, but Bud Platinum has an alcohol content of 6 percent.

Here’s how Bud describes its Platinum product on its web site: “Platinum is back. And the memories are sure to follow. With a sleek new look and the same smooth, slightly sweet finish, it’s time to kick your night off the right way. The Platinum way.”

In other words, “kick your night off” is a euphemism for becoming inebriated faster. And what about this line: “And the memories are sure to follow.” Really? Drunken memories will be something to remember?

But the liquor industry is not the only one to blame. Universities also are now part and parcel of the problem of drawing-in underage drinkers. As the Wall Street Journal recently reported, a growing number of colleges are striking deals for in-stadium beer sales and sponsorships, in part to combat declining ticket sales.

The opioid crisis rightly has attracted national attention because of the number of overdose deaths attributable to drug abuse. However, the harm to individuals and society in general caused by drugs, legal and illegal, still pales in comparison to the harm caused by alcohol abuse.

It is clear that the big liquor companies, aided and abetted by our universities, are trying to attract young people to their products. Given that the research definitively has shown that drinking before the age of 25 can harm the still-developing brain, and that drinking while in the teen years can increase the risks of alcoholism by five-fold, the time has come for our government to step in and regulate alcohol advertising similar to what occurred in the 1990s when the tide was turned against Big Tobacco, which clearly was targeting a youthful audience with its Joe Camel and other advertising campaigns.

If encouraging “Saturday morning” drinking is considered acceptable in liquor ads, what’s next?



IF APPLE PICKING IS A-PEEL-ING THEY ARE RED-Y

LETTERS to the Editor

NICE MEMORIES

Dear Editor,

As a former Townie, I was impressed with the new building/condo on the former H.N. Sawyer printing company lot on 586 Rutherford Ave. H.N. Sawyer was originally located on Atlantic Avenue for years then moved to Charlestown. My husband Eugene (Geno) Walsh was V.P., manager and salesman for over 50 years. With a lot of printing phasing out, they closed down and went out of business when the property was sold. Now there are condos on the property. Love the name. “Graphic after HN Sawyer? Nice memories.

From another Townie
Jean K (Callahan) Walsh

LANGUAGE BARRIERS

An Open letter to the Boston Planning and Development Agency

Dear Editor,

At a recent, Boston City Council hearing on Urban Renewal, an issue by Counselor Flynn from South Boston was discussed. At many of his neighborhood meetings with the BPDA, there are constituents that attend to learn about current updates, voice their concerns and add to the conversation regarding the

goings on in their neighborhood.

However, there is a language barrier as many of the residents are unable to partake in any discussions. Councilor Ed Flynn was asking the BPDA to provide interpreters at future meetings so his constituents, who live, work, go to school in his district can participate in the discussions.

As I was gathering signatures for a Master Plan at the Harvard-Kent School on election day, it was quite apparent to me that language barriers exist in our community of Charlestown. Many Chinese folks stopped by our table with quizzical looks on their faces. I tried to explain as best I could what our cause is about, but was unable to make any headway.

With that in mind, I am asking the BPDA to give folks in Charlestown, whether it be Chinese, Spanish or other spoken languages, the opportunity to participate in the planning process and contribute to the discussions by having interpreters at some of their “chat” sessions.

Everyone in Charlestown should be involved and share their ideas. There is value in listening to all residents.

On another note, the recent “chat” meeting at the library, well attended, was not without its disruptions. The staff of the BPDA,

in their esteemed wisdom, decided 15 minutes before the scheduled time to change the meeting place to an outdoor area with very limited seating as well as competing with the traffic noise. This was unacceptable as close to 100 people were making their way into the library.

In the future, please consider your audience. The expectations of the attendees are simple. We want to sit down, listen to the planners, listen to each other, speak up and share our thoughts and ideas in an orderly manner. This hardly would be the outcome with an outside venue, especially a short notice one.

I might suggest that having a microphone available would be helpful as some of us may have a hard time hearing and may miss some of the discussion. Generally, while listening to the residents speak, I have learned much about Charlestown, [when I can hear them]. It’s evident there’s a great deal of energy, passion and commitment by folks in this community.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our views and look forward to working with the BPDA in this exciting new chapter in Charlestown.

Ann Kelleher
Charlestown



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Eliot School student stuck by drug needle in park

SMOKEY (from pg. 1)

By Seth Daniel

A student from the Eliot School in the North End – where many Charlestown students attend – was apparently struck with a discarded drug needle in a North End park after school last week, bringing the opiate crisis to the front door of many families in the neighborhood.

In a letter to families on Monday, Principal Traci Griffith relayed the facts of the incident, which happened at the Paul Revere (a/k/a The Prado) Mall behind the Eliot's Charter Street lower school building.

"Unfortunately, an incident that occurred last week is bringing this issue close to home," read the letter. "We have been informed that an Eliot student came in contact with a hypodermic needle after school hours at the Paul Revere Mall, which is commonly known as 'The Prado' and is located directly behind our Charter Street school building.

While this incident did not occur during school hours, we will provide any support necessary for the student."

It is the second high-profile needle stick of a student in a park or playground in Boston over the past 12 months. An elementary school student was stuck with a discarded drug needle while playing on the school playground of the Orchard Gardens Elementary School last year – a school that has struggled to bring attention to the plight of frequent drug needle encounters at their school. The school continues to struggle with getting the proper resources to make sure their school grounds are free from needles.

To date, such things had not spread to schools in Charlestown or the North End.

Now, with this incident, Griffith said parents need to begin to educate their children on the national opioid crisis, and what the needles are about, as well what to do if children see them.

"In the Boston Public Schools,

there is no more important cause than ensuring the safety and well-being of all of our students," she wrote. "With the opioid crisis being a national challenge that affects every community in the country, we must do all we can to educate our children about the dangers of coming into contact with discarded hypodermic needles."

She said the school is in constant contact with the City, including the Boston Police, the Boston Public Health Commission, and the Boston Parks Department. She said they have informed all agencies of their concerns, and are doing everything they can to get the City's Mobile Sharps Unit – which collects needles and sweeps parks for needles – to pay attention to the parks near the school.

She advised that if children or an adult sees a discarded drug needle in a public area, they should call 3-1-1.

The identity and age of the student from the Eliot was not disclosed.

GUEST OP-ED

Continued support for Peace Park

Joint Statement About the Peace Park from the Clergy of Charlestown

As members of the clergy serving both the Catholic and Protestant traditions in Charlestown, we want to express our continued support for the Peace Park that was revitalized by the students affiliated with Turn It Around and in conjunction with the Charlestown Coalition. We recognize the diversity we represent concerning our faith backgrounds and see the diversity that is also represented in Charlestown.

We hope that not only our congregations see our stand for unity but that we may also show our unity for such a necessary community project in Charlestown. The stated purpose of the park is to show a united Charlestown that is committed to being a community and to showing the resilience of our neighborhood. Those qualities are ones that we can all agree

on, regardless of our ethnic, economic, or religious background. We hope that as a community, all of Charlestown will embrace the principles for which this Peace Park stands.

Additionally, we stand united when we denounce the damage and vandalism that was done to the Peace Park. Historically, memorials to the deceased regardless of cause have been respected and considered to be something that no one would disturb. Many have lost loved ones to addiction and other causes that were memorialized at the Peace Park, and those memorials have been stolen and can never be replaced. We hope that those responsible would return what was taken and be held accountable for their actions that have hurt people in our community.

We know that Charlestown is much stronger than the actions of the individual or small group of

people who have vandalized the park. We commend and celebrate the outpouring of support and unity for the Peace Park and for those affected by what has been done to it. We know that the community will rally together and rebuild it. Our hope and prayer is that this park will be a symbol of a united Charlestown for generations to come.

In His Service,

Reverend Daniel J. Mahoney
Pastor - Saint Francis de Sales

Rev. Erik J. Maloy
Lead Pastor – First Church in Charlestown

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

Rev. J.D. Mangrum
Pastor – Christ Church Charlestown

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Already, he has had several painful and stressful procedures for his illness, and much of it is built upon several tragedies in his life over the last few years. In 2015 he lost his brother, Kevin, to cancer, and not long after he lost his other brother, Jimmy, to cancer. Also in 2015, he lost his son Michael, who was only 24. He is also the proud father of four children now.

The time is supported by Anthony's Dream, which is an

organization named in memory of the late Anthony Matson. On his death bed, Anthony told McGonagle he wanted them to start an organization that would keep helping people like they helped him.

It's in that spirit that the time for Smokey will take place on Friday.

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PEACE PARK (from pg. 1)

Lowney Way as it had seemingly been forgotten territory and was unkempt; plus, it had been dedicated to a murder victim, Robert McGrath, many years prior.

Sarah Coughlin of the Coalition said they were having trouble maintaining the park recently, but were seeking out funding from the Community Preservation Act (CPA) to help with maintenance. It was during a scheduled walk-through of the Park with the CPA that she discovered all of the sacred rocks and improvements made in 2018 had been desecrated.

Since that time the issue has ignited, and from one end of the Town to the other, folks have been up in arms. Some are ready to find the person(s) responsible and bring them to justice, and others are focused on moving forward.

Coughlin said a police investigation has been initiated, and police do have a suspect in the matter. As the investigation continues, they will consider charges for the desecration if warranted.

Beyond that, most of the community and the Turn It Around kids are dealing with the emotion of having such a sacred place violated.

"I don't know what possessed people to take something that came from deep within the hearts of other people - something that came from the pain of deep loss," said Elaine Donovan, who mentioned that she had left a rock for a baby she lost years ago in pregnancy. "We're going through the proper channels and we're going to let the law handle it. We're choosing to be peaceful about this.

It's hard because it's like stealing someone's headstone. It's so sacred and such a violation. We're just going to rebuild this place and that's how we'll move forward."

Susan Rawlinson, who had left a rock for her murdered son, Steven Jones, said she was very unsettled.

"I'm very unsettled because my son's rock is missing," she said. "This place, no matter how many times I went by it, it was a place where the community came together to remember people like my son Steven, or Robert McGrath. It was a peace garden. Basically, right now, despite the adversity, this is going to allow us to gain new momentum to start a new effort."

Michael 'Smokey' Cain had left multiple rocks for his family mem-

bers, including his son Michael who overdosed fatally only a few years back. He said whomever took the rocks and desecrated the park ignored the pain and vulnerability it took for people to put those rocks out publicly.

"It's not that often you have an opportunity to represent the memory of a dead child," he said. "It's so hard to get people to come out publicly to remember such a painful thing - to peel away the wound again and be truly vulnerable. That happened once. It happened here. Now it's been taken away, and that really hurts."

Crystal Galvin of the Kennedy Center said if one of the Turn It Around teens had desecrated a park in Charlestown in the same fashion, they would have already been caught and held accountable. Now, she said, it's time to rally around them and let them know that the community appreciated what they did.

"I think the act is so egregious," she said. "If the tables were turned, there would have been a witch hunt for these kids and they would have been hauled in quickly. It's a community here and I think it's important we stand with them now."

Coughlin said the group of kids are resilient, and she has learned those who participated in the

Peace Park outside of the group are also just as resilient. So, the move at the moment is to gather support from the community and put all of the raw emotion into rebuilding what was there.

"It's a really strong, resilient group of young people who are not unfamiliar with overcoming adversity," she said. "It's not the first time they've had unfair and ugly things happen in their lives... Some of them have expressed that Charlestown doesn't want them in the Town and they're not welcome in their community, but we're challenging that. It's not an us versus them situation. It's a small group of people who didn't want this here. When we did this, it was not just a Turn It Around event. It was people from all over the community who came together for peace. It was a unifying event, and I think people will unify over this once again."

Shannon White of the Coalition said there has been a GoFundMe page started for the repair and restoration of the Peace Park, and that Jenae Ricci of Starbucks has volunteered to host rock painting gatherings at the store in Thompson Square.

The fundraising page can be found at gofundme.com under the 'Peace Park Rebuild' campaign.

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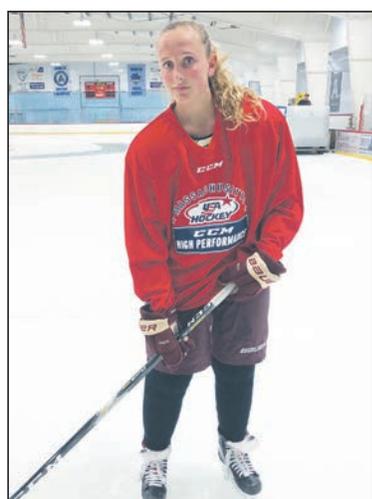
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TOWNIE SPORTS



Jess Pistorino plays for the Boston Junior Eagles Club Program, Worcester Academy, and the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association girls' program.

Eddie Evers and Franklin Pierce sophomore Jonte Joseph are even representing the program at the collegiate level.

YOUTH HOCKEY

It may have been 85 degrees and sunny lately, but Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA) players have hit the ice skating sharp this fall season, with most teams starting their parity rounds in early September.

By all accounts, officials from the CYHA have indicated that numbers are way up once again and growing in skill and level of competition.

This year there are 11 co-ed/boys teams competing, with four levels of Mite teams. There are also four teams of girls-only squads competing as well.

Makes no difference if it's cold or hot, the hockey season has started in Charlestown.

HIGH SCHOOL FALL SPORTS UPDATE

On the gridiron, Billerica (2-2) senior quarterback Nolan Houlihan completed 14 of 18 passes for 302 yards and 3 TDs in a 31-5 romp over Bishop Feehan... Northeast (1-2) senior QB Owen Halley tossed a touchdown strike in the Knights 20-6 pasting of previously unbeaten Whittier.

Key performances by Boston Latin senior Jolie Doherty and junior Victoria Taieb helped the Lady Wolfpack swimmers (3-1) squeak by Marshfield by a score of 92-91...On the grid-

iron, Charlestown senior running back Terrell McQueeney tallied a touchdown and several highlight reel rushes, but it wasn't enough as Coach Dave Cahill's Townies (0-1) fell to O'Bryant 34-14... On the soccer field, Boston Latin senior Elizabeth Griffith scored the game's only goal as the Lady Wolfpack (3-2-1) edged Waltham 1-0. In a 3-2 triumph over Weston, Griffith notched two goals including the game-tying score on a nifty assist from junior Quinlan O'Brien. Sophomore Reagan O'Brien also added a goal. The Townie trio, once again, dominated in a 4-1 victory over Cambridge with Elizabeth, Quinlan and Reagan all scoring goals.

WHELTON DIGS IN

St. Joseph ME freshman Elizabeth Whelton, daughter of former NHL player and BU standout Bill Whelton, is already making her presence felt for the rebuilding Monks (3-11). Elizabeth has tallied a kill and 2 digs in 5 matches played in what promises to be a productive volleyball career.

LABECK MAKING HIS MARK

UMass senior midfielder Christian Labeck continues to play an important starting role as the Minutemen (4-3-0) begin the Atlantic-10 Conference portion of their schedule. With 525 minutes and a shootout goal on his soccer resume, Christian looks to finish his career with an extended play-off run. GO MINUTEMEN!

Possible groundbreaking on Rutherford Avenue plan

By Seth Daniel

The current plan for Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square is still in the design stage, but Mayor Martin Walsh said there could be a groundbreaking by next summer on the mammoth road reconstruction project.

The Rutherford Avenue/Sullivan Square plan would reconfigure the roadway, provide new green space, institute new bike lanes, retain the underpass at Sullivan, provide new surface building lots and completely reconfigure the roadway network – and that's just part of the plan.

Mayor Walsh – in a meeting with the business community on Monday at The Anchor in the

Navy Yard – said he hopes the project can get underway next summer.

“Unofficially at the moment, but we hope by July we'll break ground on Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square,” he said.

The project is still in the design stage, and has significant funding set aside from Encore Boston Harbor, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) and the federal government. At this point, the project has gone through numerous public vetting processes and meetings – many of which were contentious. But the current plan is at 25 percent design, and the mayor said they

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PISTORINO PARTICIPATES IN USA HOCKEY NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Jessica Pistorino recently participated in the 2019 USA Hockey Girl's 15 National Development Camp held July 12-17, 2019 at the Herb Brooks Hockey Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

The camp provides top players from across the United States, selected for the camp after a competitive tryout, the opportunity to train and compete against each other while receiving on and off-ice training and coaching. In addition, the camp serves as an evaluation platform for players vying to represent the United States at international tournaments and other hockey events.

CHARLESTOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL MAKING IMPACT

Under the continued leadership of Kelliagh and Scott Moses, the Charlestown Youth Football (CYF) program is making a huge impact in both cheering and football. In addition to piling up league championships and providing area high schools with sensational talent, CYF is giving kids of all ages a chance to develop confidence and create lifelong friendships. Charlestown HS football head coach Dave Cahill (himself a charter coach when CYF was established) has seen first-hand how far the program has come. The Townie high school team has no fewer than 10 CYF graduates on the roster and many local high schools are sprinkled with both cheerleaders and players from the program. Nichols senior

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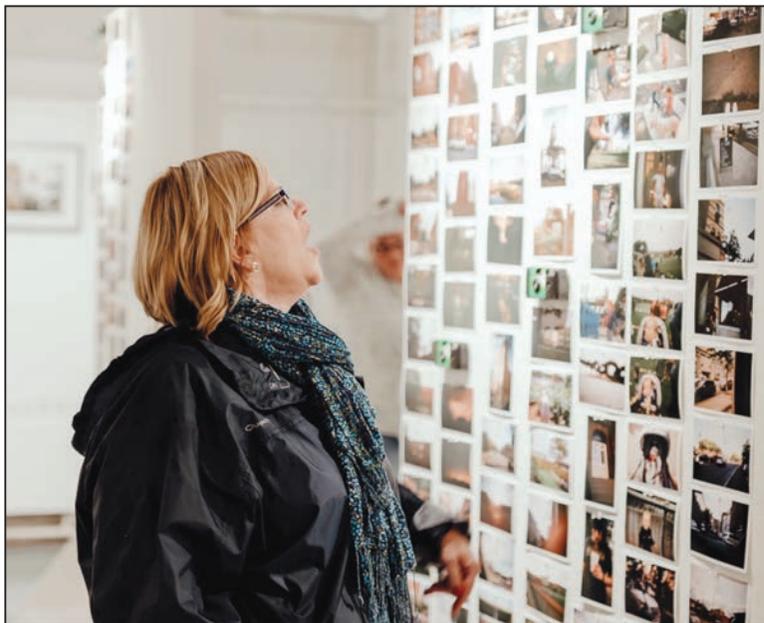
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'THROUGH OUR EYES' PHOTO PROJECT AT THE STOVEFACTORY GALLERY



Barb Augusta looks on in surprise at the photo collage she produced during 'Through Our Eyes.'

The Christ Church Charlestown and a host of community "picture takers" came together Thursday, Sept. 26, at the StoveFactory Gallery for the premiere of 'Through Our Eyes' photo project. Some 80 photographers around Town were given disposable cameras for a week in September to capture life from all corners of Charlestown. More than 1,000 images were captured, and the top 20 were blown up for presentation in the show. Additionally, all of the images were displayed in smaller format on poster board. The exhibit remains up at the gallery through Oct. 6.



Natalie Mangrum and Kayla Stephens of Christ Church Charlestown survey the results of the project.



Jason Williamson of 'Through Our Eyes' talks with arts advocate Pat McSweeney.



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Calan Cahill does some touch-up to the work he produced with the camera.



Jordyn Tanguay talks with other participants in the show.

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Aimee Nichols takes a photo of a photo at the show.

THE BOSTON WOMEN'S MARKET AT THE ANCHOR IN THE NAVY YARD

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Boston Women's Market is an organization that promotes female business owners in the New England area, and it made a stop at The Anchor in the Navy Yard on Sunday, Sept. 29. The community based pop-up marketplace circulates vendors, who are first-time small business owners, to build confidence and exposure. Over the past two years they have grown from a seasonal event to becoming a weekly occurrence throughout the Boston area. The next Boston Women's Market is this Sunday, Oct. 6, at the Loring-Greenough House in Jamaica Plain.



Aslihan Asadova with her Peshtemal Collection.



Maria Soto with her business Clavo De Luna, where she makes and sells soy wax candles infused with fragrant oils.



Africa Rubio, co-founder of Boston Women's Market, at her information table offering details on upcoming markets, info about vendors, and a raffle.



Jessica Barcellos with her business Rope Fiber Arts.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (from pg. 1)

the 1950s when we had 850,000 people. We may not get there, but in 15 years we'll be at 750,000. That's 12,000 new jobs here."

That overall progress is also filtering down to the business districts like Main Street or Bunker Hill Street.

Yet, despite the progress, many of the business owners in the district questioned the mayor about how they can put pressure on private property owners who keep their property vacant. Both Chamber President Jimmy Lister and Junebug owner Andrea Mitchell said that was one big issue in the community.

"We have properties that are vacant in our business district a majority of the time," said Mitchell. "Someone comes to our Main Street and the first thing they see is a store that's not occupied and sitting abandoned. That's tough."

The mayor said they are looking at tools to help landlords see the benefit of renting vacant spaces, and that it's a problem across the city.

"You have business owners that are looking for a place to get into and will pay rent, but the landlord won't rent it," he said. "We're trying to find out if we have tools to engage a property owners to rent the property."

Natalia Urtubey, of the City's economic development office, said the City cannot intervene in lease discussions, but they can reach

out to property owners of vacant stores to encourage them to use the spaces.

"A lot of these are private property and when we make a connection with the landlord or owner, it's hard to get them to rent it out," she said. "If you know a landlord, get them connected to us because we have a lot of small businesses looking for space in Charlestown and citywide to occupy or expand into."

One idea for temporary spaces, such as on Main Street and Bunker Hill Street, is offering space for pop-up or seasonal businesses.

Barros said they are in the midst of re-evaluating the Main Streets program citywide, and can offer more information on that to Charlestown – which has no Main Streets program. However, because the Chamber has been so well organized in Charlestown, they would likely work through other networks to help.

"There are restrictions on federal money we get, but we're going to be flexible with Charlestown," he said.

The parking restrictions in Charlestown and across the city seem to be hurting businesses, and Lauren Thompson of Mockingbird said they are concerned that the parking restrictions in Charlestown are causing the loss of valuable, and rare, commercial spaces.

Right now, there are daytime restrictions Monday through



A group from the Chamber stopped for a photo with Mayor Martin Walsh and his staff in front of the Shipyard Park fountain – a centerpiece for The Anchor.

Friday on much of the parking in Charlestown, including spaces in the business districts and in the neighborhoods.

The mayor said they would be re-evaluating much of the parking in the city, and in Charlestown.

"It's a complicated and delicate mix because a lot of the times you have business on a main street and residences around them," he said. "I am asking Boston Transportation to take a look at that. It will be controversial. I've asked BTM to look at whether we need parking restrictions in the morning when people are gone to work. I want them to look at

whether we need parking restrictions in the neighborhoods during the day. We have to look at our parking in the neighborhoods at all levels."

The mayor and Barros also addressed the liquor license situation.

Right now, there is a proposal that Charlestown would get five licenses over three years, and those licenses would stay in the neighborhood. They could not be sold to another owner and taken to other parts of the city.

Charlestown has been one of the few downtown neighborhoods that has clamored for more licenses, as it has become very difficult to start a restaurant in the Town.

That proposal is now back at the Council and needs to be sent back to the State Legislature for review and approval. A previous version didn't make it to Beacon Hill from the Council.

One final point of frustration for the business community has been utilities coming to do work with little notice, sometimes cutting the power with no notice. One business owner said power was cut without notice recently when a local restaurant had a full

house and lost power. Everyone had to leave and they had to compensate those who were eating – at their expense.

Barros said they are looking into these situations, and while they don't approve permits for this emergency work, they are investigating it.

"Even when it's an emergency, they're supposed to give us the kind of emergency and the timeline," he said. "Frankly, we have been having conversations about whether this emergency situation is being abused. These situations happen all over the city...Please contact us when this happens because we're collecting info on it."



State Rep. Dan Ryan, Stephanie Rivkind, and Boston City Councilor Michael Flaherty.



Grant Paquin of Cut/Splice barber shop with the City's Natalia Urtubey.



Chief of Economic Development John Barros talked about a proposal for more liquor licenses to be stationed in Charlestown.

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CNC, Mayor in discussions about Council having greater voice in development

By Adam Swift

His honor, Mayor Martin Walsh, may be gracing the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) with his presence at a future meeting.

At Monday night's CNC meeting, Chairman Tom Cunha updated the council on several meetings he's had over the summer, including an audience with Mayor Martin Walsh.

One of the upshots of that meeting, Cunha said, was that the Mayor expressed a willingness to attend a future CNC meeting and listen to the council and the community's concerns.

"He offered to come, and we don't see a reason to turn him down," said CNC member Peggy Bradley.

If and when the CNC and Walsh schedule a meeting, Cunha said the council should have all its ducks in a row before the meeting.

"We should have it cemented what we would like to ask and talk about," said Cunha.

Some of those potential topics of conversation include the massive Bunker Hill redevelopment, traffic and parking, and mitigation money from the Encore casino in Everett.

During the meeting with Walsh earlier this summer, Cunha said a number of issues were discussed, including an overview of the CNC tasks and goals.

"Our job is to inform people," said Cunha. "We can't stop development and licenses, but we can inform these (city) agencies about what the community feels."

During the meeting with the mayor, Cunha said the CNC's lack of representation on the Impact Advisory Group (IAG), which advises the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), was discussed.

Cunha said he left the meeting feeling the CNC and the community will play a bigger role in the overall development picture in Charlestown.

"I thought it was a good meeting, and we don't have a deaf ear in City Hall," said Cunha.

State Rep. Dan Ryan - who has been very involved in the issue of the CNC being represented in development discussions - said he hopes they will take the initiative to participate in the official IAG process.

"The CNC was created by and for City Hall to act as the administration's agent in our neighborhood," he said. "They have performed as a community buffer for past administrations and I assumed they would continue to

do so. They just have to get their house in order first. I look forward to working with the Mayor's office, the BPDA and the CNC in making this happen. The ball is their court."

But, Cunha said, that doesn't mean it always has to be happy vibes with the powers that be at City Hall.

"Will things always be kumbaya with this mayor and administration?" he said. "I hope not. There will be times when things are not good and the community will have to band together."

Over the summer, Cunha said he also met with representatives from Leggat McCall and Corcoran Development, partners in the development of the nearly 2,700-unit One Charlestown Bunker Hill Redevelopment project.

"We explained that there were concerns that the Community Council was not on the advisory group (for the project)," said Cunha. "The conversation was cordial, and I know we got some points across."

Cunha said he would like to see high-level representatives from the developers attend the Thursday, Nov. 7 CNC meeting. Although the CNC typically meets the first Tuesday of the month, the November meeting has been moved to Thursday because of the municipal election on Nov. 5.

"We have not had a reply yet, but we do not want to meet with the number two team," said

Cunha. "We want the people who can say yup or no. There are a lot of negotiations with One Charlestown, and there has to be a clearinghouse for information."

In other business, CNC members discussed recent vandalism at Peace Park, the former Lowney/McGrath Park on Mt. Vernon Street abutting the Mystic/Tobin Bridge.

Vandalism has included painting some of the fences black, and the removal of thousands of dollars' worth of rocks in the park that memorialized those lost to violence and addiction.

A 'GoFundMe' page has been set up to help pay to get the park back to the shape it was earlier this summer, and additional work could be on the way at the park in the coming year.

CNC members also agreed to start the process of increasing the elected terms of the CNC representatives from two to three years.

The issue is likely to come up for discussion at the council's Nov. 7 meeting with a final vote to change the CNC bylaws in December.

Cunha said three-year terms will make it easier for members, especially when it comes to appointments and working on special committees.

Tuesday night, the CNC also met with BPDA Community Engagement Manager Jason Ruggiero, who serves as the liaison between the authority and the

community as the BPDA undertakes a planning process for the neighborhood.

"I want to hear what's important, and what are the challenges and the opportunities, to help shape the planning process," said Ruggiero. All the information collected will be used in the coming months and year for the planning process, and will be available on a BPDA website that is currently under development.

Several CNC members stated that the best way to undertake a planning process for Charlestown is to slow down development for long enough for the community to catch its breath.

Ruggiero stated that while the BPDA has no authority to put a

moratorium on development, all those concerns would be part of the information gathering process.

CNC member Judy Brennan said the "listening process" has been an ongoing process for decades, with minimal results.

"I'm talking 50 years with meetings about Rutherford Avenue," she said. "I'm done, I'm fried."

Several members also pointed out the negative impact that the overdevelopment of Charlestown has had on the schools, bringing in more residents while there are limited school seats in the actual neighborhood.

Ruggiero said the Boston Public Schools would be brought into the planning process for Charlestown.

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would be advancing that soon. "We're filing with the state the 25 percent design this month," he said. "They will take four or five months to conduct a thoughtful review and it will go to 100 percent design."

The Rutherford Avenue/

Sullivan Square redesign has been discussed for 25 years or more in the community, but the process was re-started and ignited by the numerous development projects on the edges of the Town - including Encore.

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National Parks, Constitution Museum look toward future for Navy Yard

By Lauren Bennett

The National Park Service, USS Constitution Museum, and the United States Navy held a public meeting at the USS Constitution Museum on Sept. 26, to present their plans for the future of the Navy Yard.

The Charlestown Navy Yard is one of the original six navy yards built after the Revolutionary War, and at its peak had 50,000 people servicing the yard, according to Michael Creasey, Superintendent of the National Parks of Boston.

The National Park was established in 1974, and "never really had a Master Plan," Creasey said. "We've had different tests for how we begin to look at the visitor experience over time. The visitor experience we felt was something we could enhance."

He said they hired planning and design firm Sasaki to come up with four key values for the Navy Yard: Visitor-Centric, Relevant, Collaborative, and Transformative. They have also engaged the public through public meetings out on the pier and at the museum, and held different workshops to get ideas from the public about what they would like to see

in the space.

Through research with Sasaki, the National Parks discovered that 93 percent of visitors to the park are not from Massachusetts, and are part of a more family-based group. Additionally, 80 percent of visitors are following the Freedom Trail.

Creasey said that the changes to the Navy Yard will be more "incremental" over the next few years as they get more feedback, but they're "hoping to see more big changes over the long haul," he said.

Anne Grimes Rand, President of the USS Constitution Museum, went through the proposed plans for reimagining the museum and activities that are offered to visitors in the Navy Yard.

The plan will reconfigure how people experience the Navy Yard, and will start off with the creation of a Gateway: "an engaging museum experience" with exhibits, galleries, films, and hands-on activities. "We want visitors to be able to see the ship, and have screening and orientation," Rand said.

They also hope to interpret stories from the Navy Yard's 2018-year history, and Move USS Cassin Young into Dry Dock 1 to explain how ship repair

works. Additionally, they hope to use Building 10 "as an interpretive transition between USS Constitution (War of 1812) and USS Cassin Young (World War II), according to a slide presented at the meeting.

Another portion of the vision is to enlarge the Commandant's Lawn, which would make room for community events, concerts, and private functions.

"We envision creating just a friendlier, welcoming space by reorienting a little bit," Rand said.

The Waterfront would also be activated through this project, creating space on Pier 1 for events, food festivals, and the like. A steel, ghosted structure would be created to take the place of Building 109 for additional programming space. Rand said the building is not structurally sound, so replacing it with a steel replica would help preserve its history while still allowing the space to be used.

Rand said they also hope to engage youth through activities in the Navy Yard. "The goal is to inspire the next generation of leaders," she said.

Aside from youth engagement, the community has also been engaged through things like Yoga

in the Navy Yard, and they are working on even more programming to bring people to the area.

Commander Nathaniel Shick, Commanding Officer of the USS Constitution, talked about what the U.S. Navy is doing to activate the space.

"We are the only active military service that is embedded in a national park," Shick said. He said they already do some community outreach, such as military ceremonies that are open to the public, the restoring of "Old Ironsides," sail training, and more. A public-private partnership with the CNY Collective will be having a Memorandum of Understanding Ceremony on October 5.

Creasey finished the meeting by saying that they are trying to address deferred maintenance in the park, and the National Park Service is working with the General services Administration on reducing building footprint, assessing condition of buildings, and public-private partnerships.

He said there is a maintenance impact of over \$4 million in the Boston National Historic Parks, and building conditions assessments and schematic designs are being conducted to determine the cost of fixing buildings that need

to be fixed.

He said they need to take a time out on the Hoosac building, as it "may not have the integrity to stand should there be some seismic activity." He said there are some concerns about brick and mortar on the building. "We should know in the next couple of months what the condition of the Hoosac building is," Creasey said.

Additionally, they are conducting a market assessment of the buildings in the park and considering potential building leases for buildings such as the Hoosac Lot, Building 1, Building 32, Building 107, and the Commandant's House, through he said they "would like to retain some type of use of the building."

After the speaking portion, those in attendance at the meeting were invited to provide feedback about what they'd like to see in the Navy Yard on interactive boards set up by the team, which was also available to answer any questions.

The reimagining of the Navy Yard will be an ongoing process and hopes to bring a "much more coherent, interpretive story" of the Navy Yard's history to the public, Rand said, as well as create a "world class visitor experience."

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Staff Report

The National Parks of Boston will welcome LÉ Samuel Beckett, one of four offshore patrol vessels in the Irish Naval Service Fleet, at Pier 1 of the Navy Yard, from Oct. 3-7.

During the port visit the ship will be berthed alongside America's "Ship of State", the USS Constitution. Free public tours will be offered daily beginning Friday, October 4, through Sunday, October 6; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tours are on a first-come, first-served basis, no reservations will be accepted. No weapons, bags of any kind, or drinking containers are permitted. Small purses and cameras will be permitted. Adults must have a photo ID. The ship is not handicapped accessible.

The naming of the LÉ Samuel

Beckett shares in the literary tradition of all four vessels in the Irish Naval Service's P60 class, being named for some of Ireland's great literary figures; LÉ James Joyce, LÉ William Butler Yeats, and LÉ George Bernard Shaw. The LÉ is an acronym for "Long Eireannach", meaning "Irish Ship", as the United States uses USS for "United States Ship." The primary mission of the P60 class vessels is fisheries protection, search and rescue, and maritime protection operations, including vessel boardings.

Visitors today can experience a working shipyard in the Navy Yard, as the U.S. Navy continues to maintain and preserve the USS Constitution, and for five days, the Irish Navy enhances the visitor experience at the shipyard as they welcome the public aboard the LÉ Samuel Beckett.



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