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Sullivan 'pays it forward' in Charlestown Learn to Skate program

By Seth Daniel

When Joe Sullivan learned to skate and played youth hockey in Charlestown, he lived so close to the old rink, that he could hear the scoreboard buzzer from his bedroom at 6 a.m. in the morning.

It gave him just enough time to roll out of bed, crawl into his gear and run over to the rink next door for his 7 a.m. game.

But while he slept those early mornings, a whole crew of adults volunteered their time tirelessly every weekend to clear the ice and shovel out the benches alongside the rink (as it had no sides back then and was an outdoor rink with a chain-link fence around it). Those same adults would referee the games, coach the games and

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New Wynn casino money to begin disbursements next year

By Seth Daniel

For several years, the Town's non-profits have been working through the initial \$1 million mitigation payment from the Encore casino through a very detailed process, but 2020 will bring about the beginning of a lot more money and a new process for that money.

In September, the casino submitted a \$2 million payment to the City of Boston to be used for Charlestown as mitigation. It was the first such payment to be made since the opening, and it

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TREE LIGHTING AT CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD



Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Richard and Charlotte Chute (below) came as their own Christmas Trees, but for those that didn't dress up as one, there were multiple Christmas trees lit up at The Anchor on Sunday night, Dec. 15, in the Navy Yard. For the first time, holiday events took place in the Yard at the event space, with a huge day coming on Dec. 21 this weekend – a day that includes a story time from Police Commissioner William Gross. See Page 16 for more photos.



Uprooted

For young people in Bunker Hill, new development could mean major life changes

By Seth Daniel

There has been an ongoing assumption during the redevelopment meetings for Bunker Hill Development that those living in the development would happily leave their long-time homes behind – no questions or no concerns about it.

Yet, that assumption has come without really consulting a lot of those living there, particularly the young people that have grown up there. Many of them have more questions than answers, and are worried they could be uprooted from their homes and schools to another part of the city, while also losing many of the places that hold dear memories of their childhood.

Fatima Fontes is one of the most outspoken of the group, and the second-year student at Boston University – who grew up in the development since she was 5 and attended all Charlestown schools – is worried for the entire community of children and young adults there.

"I just feel like they're wiping out my whole childhood," she said last week. "I just wonder will anyone be left that I grew up with. Will anything be left that I remember as a kid in Charlestown...I



Fatima Fontes said not everyone – especially young people – living in the Bunker Hill Development is excited about losing their homes to the new re-development. She said many living there have more questions than answers, and it's causing a lot of stress.

did my first pull-up in the park here. I have a lot of memories in that park right there. It's where I met my best friend Zaire when we were little. That park will be gone, and who will the park be for when they build a new one. Will the

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in observation of Christmas and New Years holidays.

EDITORIAL

GUEST OP-ED

Christmas is still special

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Make a mental decision that Christmas is going to be great. Our world exists in the space between our ears known as our brains. We can dread or hate something or just decide it's going to be wonderful.

Faking it is not always easy. We can fool people some of the time, but we can't fool everyone all the time. The hardest person you actually have to fool is yourself. Sometimes we can fool ourselves for awhile, and it's never fun fooling ourselves for a long period of time. Sometimes it's necessary to fool ourselves briefly if we need to convince ourselves of something in order to survive.

For example, if you are going to be in a big gathering for Christmas there is probably going to be one or two obnoxious or ridiculous people in the crowd. You may already dread seeing them. Just convince yourself it is okay and that people are different and no one is perfect. Just decide to let ungratefulness, weird or negative comments roll off your back. You can override stupidity with Christmas cheer for a day. Just remember this is only for a day or two.

Also, this Christmas will not bring back any past Christmases.

There will be an empty chair or maybe several empty chairs. It may be tough and depressing when we think about how Christmas was a few years back. Christmas will never be the same for those of us missing loved ones and tears often come. Go ahead and cry but determine you won't spend all Christmas day crying. As you remember the past remember what it is about that person or Christmas you miss and hold tight to that joyful remembrance.

Keep in mind that this Christmas is still special because you are here in the world to celebrate the occasion. Whoever the people are in your life today hold them close and be merry together.

From the Old Testament the people of God were instructed by Joshua to "Hold tight to God, your God, just as you've done up to now." (Joshua 23:8) For all of us holding tight to our faith, our family, our friends and our life's values.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.



THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS BEGINS AT SUNSET DEC. 22

CLERGY VIEWPOINT

FROM THE CHARLESTOWN CLERGY ASSOCIATION

What is it about these days?

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

Yes, there is the seasonal stress with many feeling there is too much to do and not enough time and resources to meet our needs and wants. Nevertheless, something can put a skip in our step in these days as we rush toward Christmas. For me it happens when I am quiet enough to hear a beautiful piece of music or walk around the town at eventide enjoying the lights and decorations in homes and parks. There is an uplifting, a sense of hope percolating, as we recall the mystery of the birth of Jesus Christ.

This is the season of Hope. More people are philanthropic, responding to the Globe Santa, the giving trees at the Parish, and countless other invitations to assist those in need. I just walked past the fire house on Winthrop St. and noticed the sign on the door promoting a toy drive for children in the town. And of course, the Salvation Army volunteers are ringing their bells all over the city. Even in the most secular circles,

the month of December running up to the 25th includes all kinds of holiday activities from parties and dinners to frenzied shopping for gifts both big and small and the mailing of tons of Christmas cards.

How is it that the birth of a child in a remote village stable 2000 years ago brings the world into such a state wherein acts of kindness, generosity, celebration, and gratitude become common. Moreover, everyone is more upbeat from the giddiness of children to the smiles of grandparents. It seems as if for this tiny window of time, Christmas Angels touch us and our attention is drawn to something bigger and so much more than ourselves.

Jesus Christ is born and the weary world rejoices. The generosity of God in sharing His Son with humankind brings a hope beyond measure. Every person, without exception, is included in God's plan to know Love, mercy, and salvation. We are the recipi-

ents - God acts first.

Therefore, it is for us to respond, and we do, each in his or her own way. For some in these days, pain, grief, and brokenness might be exasperated because of lost loved ones, setbacks, and disappointments. Yet for most, these days find us delighted to hear from old friends in lovely Christmas cards and intrigued to find a fitting gift for someone special. We look forward to the time off from work and the holiday meals and gatherings with family and friends.

On Christmas Eve and morning, we go to Church and hear the story once again of Joseph and Mary seeking shelter. And finding none, they settle in a stable in the village of Bethlehem, David's City. There, in that humble place, the Son of God was born. He came out of Love, brought a message of Love, asks us to live in that Love, and to share that love with others. And we do, for a very little while.



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people coming back be welcome there? The reason the parks and the development are coming down is because no one wanted to fix it, maintain it or clean it. When I was younger, it was nice and they kept it up. When they decided they were going to knock down the development several years ago, that's when they stopped caring.

"The park on O'Reilly Way is already gone," she continued. "I know it wasn't the best, but it was ours and it's gone. How do they expect us to feel?"

According to her and others, no one is really asking.

Fontes, a graduate of Charlestown High who commutes to BU now, is one of the most vocal young people in the development – a leader in the Turn It Around program – but she said she's not the only one worrying

about the future.

There are more questions than answers about the project right now, and that has been a thorn in the side of the general community. However, for young people living there, a start date of next year and an uncertain future is even more harrowing.

Fontes lives about 100 feet from the start of Phase 1, and knows a lot of children and young people who live in Phase 1. That beginning part of the redevelopment project, which is behind the Kennedy Center, could involve moving families to other parts of the city in other developments. For others, even in future phases, it will certainly mean moving to other parts of the Bunker Hill campus.

"They keep talking about money and financing and 'making

it work,' but I don't care about their money," she said. "Many of my friends and younger kids I know don't care about that either. We care how we're going to live – how we're going to make our lives work through Phase 1 and Phase 1B. There are kids that might have to move. I want to know how these kids will get to school in Charlestown if they have to move all the way across the city to a development in Dorchester. These kids go to Harvard Kent and I hope they don't lose their seat if they have to move. I just don't think anyone has really thought about how much an adjustment moving is and that it creates such stress on children and families. It's just a plan that hasn't centered on the lives of residents."

That same concern revolves around the philosophy of a

mixed-income development, and there is a lot of anxiety for Fontes and others living in Bunker Hill about new, wealthier, people coming in. So many have wondered if wealthy people would live next door to those in public housing, but few have asked the question in reverse.

How will the two groups interact when some kids have everything, and others just a few doors down have nothing?

How will young professionals react to cultural norms of some of the immigrants that have lived a certain way in Bunker Hill for years?

"I'm not so sure how it's going to feel when new people are driving up in BMWs all the time, and my mom cannot even afford a car of any kind," she said. "I don't know if anyone is thinking about

how that might take a toll on us."

Beyond that, Fontes said many of her friends are concerned about the environmental aspects of the demolition. While she isn't in any of the Phase 1 buildings, she said she lives literally 50 feet from the first building to be demolished. Knowing that the buildings will create a lot of dust, will block her path to the bus, and have asbestos issues, she said there are many concerns about the health of residents during the construction.

"I want to know what they'll do with everyone living right next to Phase 1," she said. "When they start talking about tearing down bricks, that's going to be messy. It might not be healthy...There are many more questions than answers. People want answers, not predictions."

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will repeat – with interest – every year going forward. That means quite a lot when one looks at the fact that the \$1 million payment helped hundreds of non-profits for several years.

In 2020, the community will likely be called to begin thinking about larger projects for the money that is rolling in. The City has already signaled it will be disbursed through the same process and same fund that the \$1 million grant has been. That said, there are far different rules for the \$2 million payments, meaning that some can be set aside for the Police Department or the Parks Department.

Not all of it is earmarked only

for Charlestown non-profits any longer.

The Mayor's Office said they haven't begun to think about the use of the \$2 million, as they are just now finalizing the last grants from the first \$1 million payment. When that's done, in 2020, they'll begin to consider what this large, new revenue stream will mean for the Town.

State Rep. Dan Ryan has been very involved in the grant process so far, and he said it has worked well and in a fair way. Now, however, there will be a whole new way of spending the money. While money will be set aside for non-profits once again, the amount hasn't been determined,

and most of the new money will likely go to enhancing City services in some fashion.

"This upcoming funding is very different," he said. "There will be resources set aside for non-profits; exactly how much hasn't been determined. The majority of this funding, like in all other impacted communities, was negotiated by the City to increase municipal services that will help to mitigate the effects of a large resort on our door-step."

He said this could include more work on the streets, sidewalk and other infrastructure. It could mean augmenting police, fire and EMT resources. But in any case, he said he felt the template established

by the existing non-profit grant process has been invaluable for moving forward with the new, larger amounts of money.

"I'm happy to see the first round of money really create a mechanism where the non-profits and City Hall worked together to also find additional resources, such as Community Preservation Act funds, to help best address some of our programming needs comprehensively," he said. "I believe that is the best way forward; the City and non-profits using each-others expertise to reach shared goals."

Councilor Lydia Edwards said she would like to see that money continue to be invested in the young people of Charlestown.

"I am excited to continue to see the money go to our local non-profits," she said. "We need to continue to invest in our youth and community."

In any case, 2020 will bring about a new round of decisions to be made to address and solve problems with a windfall of money that is expected to come in every single year moving ahead.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

MCGARRY RECEIVES HONORS FROM AP SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Elizabeth McGarry of Boston was one of fifty-seven current and graduated students of Commonwealth School to receive honors from the College Board's 2019 Advanced Placement Scholars program.

McGarry, class of 2019, was named a Scholar with Distinction for succeeding in five or more AP exams to date. Congratulations Elizabeth!

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FIRST-ANNUAL TOWNIE SANTA LUNCHEON

Photo by Seth Daniel

The Bunker Hill Associates, the Age Strong Commission and the Flatley Companies banded together with several other partners to host the first-annual Townie Santa Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 13, in the Charlestown Knights of Columbus Hall. The effort is part of a larger reviving of the Townie Santa initiative. Volunteers are still needed to help deliver hot meals to older adults and veterans in the Town on Dec. 22.



Joe McGonagle of the Bunker Hill Associates said the Associates have focused on the youth of the community a long time, and they now plan to expand their horizons to have more events for older adults and veterans.



The Harvard-Kent School Carolers made a holiday stop at the Townie Santa Luncheon on Friday. The group has been making the rounds all over Charlestown, also singing at the USS Constitution and the Zelma Lacey House.



Harvard-Kent Caroler Sophia Cunha paused for a photo with her aunt, Eileen Ward, and her grandparents, Tom and Marcia Cunha, after the performance.



Lyn Addison and Carole Scalli.



Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs Bryan Bishop with Joe Donovan.



Officer Longo and Jack Pierce, of the Associates.



Councilor Lydia Edwards celebrated the luncheon and her birthday.



Betty 'Big Mama' Carrington with Mayoral Liaison Quinn Locke.

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SECOND ANNUAL NAVY GARDENS SING AND STROLL

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

The Second Annual Navy Gardens Sing And Stroll brought members of the Navy Yard community together with some special guests: Masconomet Regional High School students with their Music Director Brian O’Cock conducting them. Together the carolers spread Holiday cheer all throughout the Navy Yard ending with a celebration at The Ronald McDonald House.



Students from Masconomet Regional High School in Boxford sing as their Musical Director Brian O’Cock (far left) conducts them.



Robin DiGiammarino, president of the Navy Yard Garden Association, sings ‘Let It Snow.’



Sandi Goolden, volunteering for the Navy Yard Garden Association, participates in the “athletic” version of The 12 Days Of Christmas at the Ronald McDonald House in Charlestown.

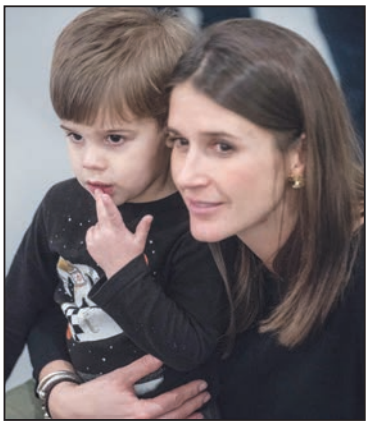
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Masconomet Regional High School students Maddy Puglisi and Ava Laroche sing ‘Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer.’



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Paris Landing residents Becky and Griffin Bedell share an enchanting moment listening to the carolers.



Neighbors Adrian Delaney and Rick Silverman sing ‘Let It Snow.’



Ainsley Bedell and Teagan Tang are awed by the caroling.

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Councilor Edward's affordable housing Home Rule Petition signed by Walsh

By John Lynds

It was a huge win for District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards, her colleague Councilor Kim Janey and affordable housing advocates across the city.

On Monday, Mayor Martin Walsh signed Edwards and Janey's Home Rule Petition to impose a real estate transfer fee of two percent on the purchase price of any private real estate sale over \$2 million and dedicate all revenues to affordable housing. The two percent fee will be used to generate additional funding to create and preserve affordable housing in Boston. The City Council approved the measure by a vote of 10-3.

The signing by the Mayor now moves Edwards and Janey's Home Rule Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature for approval. If approved by the state, the City would have the ability to determine the final rate for the fee, collection method and any exemptions that would exist.

"Housing is the biggest economic challenge facing the residents of Boston and people across our region," said Mayor Walsh. "That's why it's critically important that we do everything we can to support the creation of homes that are affordable, while also preserving our existing housing stock. I am proud to sign this home rule petition that is a significant step forward in our work, by giving Boston the ability to impose a modest fee on the sale of private property, which will collectively do a world of good towards our efforts to make Boston a more

affordable place to live."

According to the Home Rule Petition would authorize the City of Boston to impose a fee of up to two percent of the purchase price upon the transfer of property valued at over \$2 million, with one percent paid by the seller and one percent paid by the purchaser.

The funding generated would be dedicated to the Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT) or appropriated through the annual budget process to support the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the City. Since it was created by statute in 1987, the NHT has expended approximately \$197 million to finance housing and supported approximately 12,887 units. The real estate transfer fee would, within a matter of two or three years, enable the NHT to dedicate more resources to housing than it has done since its creation.

Councilor Edwards, who chairs the Council's Committee on Housing and Community Development, said those who generate wealth in our communities must be part of ensuring residents can remain in the neighborhoods they love.

"Today, Boston joins a growing coalition of municipalities asking the state for the power to ensure that the housing we build truly meets our residents' needs," she said.

This fall, the Walsh administration commissioned a study on the potential impact of transfer fees in the City of Boston and examine transfer fees across the country. The study found that "market actors do not appear to



Mayor Martin Walsh signs Councilor Lydia Edwards and Councilor Kim Janey's Home Rule Petition to impose a real estate transfer fee of two percent on the purchase price of any private real estate sale over \$2 million and dedicate all revenues to affordable housing.

be fully incorporating the transaction costs.... Transfer taxes may have only muted impacts on real estate markets." It also noted that a separate study of real estate commissions, another "point of sale" fee, had minimal impacts on residential housing in the Boston or on the days a property was listed on the market.

Municipalities such as Somerville, Concord and Nantucket have advanced home rule petitions to authorize a real estate transfer fee.

"It is absolutely imperative that we enact policies that will ensure our residents will have a

safe and affordable home to live in for many generations," said Councilor Janey, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development. "When passed by the state legislature, this home rule petition will help curb speculative real estate practices and stands to bring as much as \$169 million in revenue annually that can be invested in affordable housing."

According to an analysis conducted by PFM Group Consulting, real estate sales in Suffolk County have ranged from approximately \$3 billion to over \$12 billion in the last decade. The City of Boston accounts for 86 percent of the

county's population and real estate activity. From 2009 through year-to-date, total private real estate sales have averaged \$8.4 billion. Based on average sales in Suffolk County, estimates show that a 1 percent fee on all private-market sales would have raised \$84 million per year over the last decade, and a two percent fee would have generated over \$168 million, a significant increase on the City's existing affordable housing investments.

"There is no question that in Boston we need to do everything we can to support the creation of homes that are affordable, while also preserving our existing housing stock," said Walsh before signing the Home Rule Petition Monday.

Community cats need attention in cold, snowy conditions

Staff Report

Are there cats in your neighborhood? Have you noticed new or unowned cats outside? Do you feed or care for cats who are living outside? Do you see a cat in need?

The cats you are seeing are community cats. They are cats that live outdoors – sometimes called feral cats, alley cats, street cats, Tomcats, strays, or outdoor cats. There are an estimated 700,000 community cats living across Massachusetts, with 70,000 living in Boston alone, many right in our Charlestown neighborhood.

A community cat is the same species as a pet cat. They live in family groups known as colonies and they are bonded to these colonies, as well as the location or neighborhood where they live. Some of these cats prefer

to live in our neighborhoods and not indoors, and most cannot be adopted into homes with people. This can lead to a tough life for this group of cats on many levels, and especially during harsh weather conditions.

Spay/neuter/vaccinate is one of the most humane and effective ways to stop the cycle of homelessness among cats. The surgeries are low risk and proven to improve the safety and health of these cats as well as the community as a whole.

In some cases, community cats can be adopted.

Both Rosemarie Boucher and Kara Ryan have adopted community cats into their homes with great success. In these cases, the cats have become a part of the family – albeit in some instances the crazy part of the family. Both

women are leading a campaign in Charlestown to bring attention to the community cats that live here.

Boucher said this is particularly important as the population becomes more transient and people leave Town – and with that they leave their cats to fend for themselves. These community cats are particularly vulnerable in the snow and cold conditions, and Boucher said now is the time to pay close attention to the issue.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston has a program to support cats in the community through veterinary and identification services, spay/neuter/vaccinate, a food pantry program, and an adoption program for friendly homeless stray cats. A dedicated Field Services agent will come out and assess a colony of cats, or an individual community cat in need,

and formulate a plan. Many of these community cats are found to be adoptable which leads to a better life for them.

The only step left if for the community to identify and inform the League of their whereabouts.

To learn more, request a service, or if you see an animal in need, call (617) 426-9170, then press "1" and "1" again or visit www.arlboston.org

There are other local Charlestown community members involved in this initiative whom have adopted community cats that have shown up in need at their doorsteps.

Boucher and Ryan said they will be looking for more community members to join in, help identify cats in need and spread the word about how the ARL of Boston can help.



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Encore Boston Harbor numbers rebound in November under better odds for slot players

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor increased its gross gaming revenues (GGR) in November, and took in more money on slot machines due to better odds for players, according to numbers released Monday by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC).

The biggest news for the numbers in November at Encore was the movement on slot machines, which had shown weakness over the summer months. Putting their slot payout above 92 percent for only the second time since open-

ing, the casino took in \$286 million at the slots. That resulted in gross gaming numbers of \$22.7 million for the casino, which was the highest take to date on the slots at Encore and half a million dollars higher than last month's numbers.

Overall, GGRs came in at \$47.3 million and that was up around \$1.7 million from October.

On the tables, the revenues were up from October's slide, coming in at \$24.5 million, but still down from the blockbuster opening numbers that reached as high as \$32.2 million in August.

The total wager number (slot

coin in + table revenues) was again quite high, coming in at \$311.4 million.

November and December are traditionally slow months in the gaming industry, and have proven to be so in Massachusetts at Plainridge and Springfield as well.

Springfield's GGRs dropped in November to under \$20 million, coming in at \$19.9 million. While their slot numbers have been consistent at around \$14 or \$15 million, the table games have continued to fall through the year. November had them at \$5.2 million.

Winter break at National Parks of Boston

National Parks of Boston and the USS Constitution Museum welcomes all students, family and friends for two weeks of winter fun, December 26 through January 5. Family-friendly activities and programs will take place throughout the park, including Bunker Hill Monument Museum, Faneuil Visitor Center, and Charlestown Navy Yard (the USS Constitution Museum and the Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center). All activities are drop-in and free of charge. Note the park will be closed Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

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•What's in the Militiman's Pack? Learn more about the colonial militiamen who fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill on July 17, 1775. Explore and examine reproduction items the militiaman would have carried with them. What's in your backpack?

December 28 & 29
January 4 & 5
1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Drop-in Activity
Best for ages 8 and up

Activities at USS Constitution Museum, Building 22 in Charlestown Navy Yard

•Battle with HMS Java!: Are you ready to take on the British ship HMS Java in the War of 1812? Step into the role of a

USS Constitution crew member as you train, fight and win the ship's second famous battle. Mornings will feature a drop-in craft activity and afternoons will feature Ready, Aim, Fire, a hands-on family program that teaches the science and steps required to fire a 32 pound carronade.

Daily
10am – 5pm
(Closed New Year's Day)
Drop-in Activity
Best for ages 8 and up

•Hide and Seek Guerriere: Guerriere the Terrior, Mascot of the USS Constitution Museum, wants to play one of his favorite games, "Hide and Seek"! He has put on several disguises and hidden himself around the museum. Can you find him?

Daily
10am – 5pm
(Closed New Year's Day)
All ages and families
Activities at Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center

•Knot Challenge!: Good sailors take pride in their ability to choose and tie knots. Try your hand at tying basic knots. You'll be way ahead of most recreational boaters!

December 27 - 29
January 3 - 5
10am – 4pm
Drop-in Activity
Best for ages 5 and up

•Single Flag Fun: Colorful flags strung across a ship are not just for decoration. Sailors use "signal flags" to communicate with other ships. Discover the signal flag codes and create your own signal flag message to send to your family or a friend!

Friday, December 27
1pm – 4pm
Drop-in activity

Best for ages 4 and up
•SWON's: Shipbuilding Women of the Navy: More than 8,000 women worked in the Charlestown Navy Yard during WWII They performed many jobs: welding, painting, twisting rope, driving a fork lift, and more. Learn more about these female patriots as you color in a SWON Activity book or "rivet" your very own ribbon bracelet! Learn more about these female patriots as you color in a SWON Activity book and "rivet" your very own ribbon bracelet!

December 28, 29 & January 4
1pm – 4pm
Drop-in Activities
Best for ages 5 and up

•Who is Your SHEro??: There are many brave women heroes around us! What makes a woman heroine? Do you have a favorite heroine? Decorate your own magnet and add it to the "SHEro" Monument!

January 2
1pm – 4pm
Drop-in Activity
Best for ages 5 and up

•Buttons and Bracelets: Learn a few basic knots Navy Sailor's used aboard the USS Constitution and show off your new skill to make a friendship bracelet!

Pins were a fashionable and patriotic way to add a bit of glitz to your outfit during WWII. Pins demonstrated support for sailors overseas and workers in the shipyard. Many were in the shape of the American flag or eagle. Design your own pin with a cause that's important to you!

January 3
1pm – 4pm
Drop-in activity
Best for ages 6 and up

Pinched

Southie man in custody following lobster heist on Medford Street

Staff Report

Leave it to Southie folk to cause a ruckus in Charlestown – as one Southie man got pinched with a load of lobster.

At about 12:38 a.m., on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, officers assigned to District A-1 (Downtown) responded to 516 Main St. for a report of a motor vehicle accident.

Upon arrival it was reported to officers that the suspect, later identified as a 29-year-old male from South Boston, had stolen a box truck loaded with at least \$10,000 worth of lobsters from a local lobster company located in Charlestown. Employees of the company were in the process of loading the truck at the dock

when the suspect jumped into the cabin of the truck and sped off.

Several employees of the lobster company gave chase in a second box truck and caught up with the suspect on Medford Street near Main Street. The suspect refused to stop but instead deliberately crashed the stolen truck into the second box truck. The employees of the lobster company were able to detain the suspect until police arrived on scene.

The suspect was placed under arrest and was charged with Receiving Stolen Motor Vehicle, Operating after Revocation/Suspension, Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon and Threats to Commit Harm. He has since been arraigned in Charlestown District Court.

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SKATE (from pg. 1)

teach the young hockey players without much in return.

Sullivan said he never thought about their dedication all that much until he got older and realized how much people had done for him. Now, with both of his girls having progressed through the ranks of the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association (CYHA), he is happily “paying it forward” to a whole new generation of skaters in the same building (albeit now enclosed and modernized) as the instructor of the weekly Learn to Skate program.

“I grew up right across the street, and my mother brought me across to the rink to learn to skate when I was 3,” he recalled this week. “I was the ultimate rink rat. Fast forward several years and I had my own kids grow up learning to skate and play hockey there too. Now for the past 10 years or

so I’ve been volunteering with the Learn to Skate. I do it because I thought back on my time as a kid. A lot of people volunteered their time for me. You take that for granted as a kid. But once you’re an adult, you think back and you realize that folks did so much and gave so much time for us to have an outlet – whether that was hockey or Little League.”

Nowadays, Sullivan – and many times his adult daughter Alyssa – can be found on the ice at Emmons Horrigan O’Neil Rink every Saturday teaching kids ages 4-5, some as young as 3, how to skate. It’s a volunteer effort that he said he gets as much out of as the kids he’s teaching.

“On Saturday at 1 p.m. and afterward when I get into my car, I’m all smiles,” he said. “My wife and kids tell me that I like it more than the kids do. I still get the

high-fives and fist bumps from the older kids when they see me, and they remember me and say, ‘Hey Coach.’ I don’t even recognize some of these kids because they’re much bigger, but they remember me. If the kids continue in hockey, great. If they don’t, they’ll still have the skill of skating all their lives.”

In his program, Sullivan said he doesn’t rely on teaching with milk crates or tripods, but rather with getting up and falling down. He said when he learned to skate on the same sheet of ice, it was about learning while falling, and then gaining confidence. Once kids have confidence on skates, they can relax and begin to learn to run, glide and stop. That’s when the fun starts and that’s about where the current program is at right now.

Calling it “organized chaos,” Sullivan said the Learn to Skate program has really taken off with future hockey players and kids who just want to get comfortable on skates.

“One thing that is really noteworthy to me is when we first started, we maybe had around 30 or 40 kids a week,” he said. “This year, when they contacted me, they had about 83 to 85 kids. I think this last weekend we had 80-plus kids on the ice ages 3 to 7. I think that’s worth noting.”

While the kids love to learn from Sullivan and his helpers – which this weekend will include a special annual visit from Santa Claus on skates – the adults



Joe Sullivan (right), with his daughter, Alyssa, and Santa Claus, during the Learn to Skate program at the Charlestown rink. Sullivan has been volunteering his time in the growing program for the past 10 years or so. For him, he said, it’s about paying it forward and remembering what adults did for him when he was a young Charlestown hockey player.

around the rink have also come to appreciate his role in the Learn to Skate. Sullivan was a coach when his girls played, and even afterward, and steered girls’ teams to five state championships. Yet, in this role he said he is more invig-

orated to help the young kids and give back what he got as a kid. That wasn’t something that fell from the sky, he said, but rather a realization over a period of time.

“As an adult now, it’s my chance to pay it forward,” he said. “Hockey is my thing. I grew up across the street. When they started a Learn to Skate program, I agreed to do it...I love to give back to the community and this program and give back the things that were given to me as a kid in the Town. I even get to do that in the same building that I learned to skate in 54 years ago when I was 3.”

Now, as he gives back to the kids, he’s hoping that other young people he taught years ago will also step forward – and that a continuous loop of volunteers giving back will emerge year after year.

“None of this happens without the volunteers and the people giving up so much of their time,” he said. “I’m not the only one. There are a lot of other people doing the same things. It’s an honor for me and it’s the satisfaction of knowing you made a difference. Then maybe in the future these kids will remember me and want to pay it forward as well. Then we’ll have a whole new generation of coaches and Learn to Skate instructors volunteering their time too.”

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Townie Santa ready to deliver meals, warm clothes on Dec. 22

By Seth Daniel

More than 100 senior citizens and veterans will be delivered a hot ham dinner and a goodie bag of warm clothes on Dec. 22, as the re-started Townie Santa distribution spreads out through the Town.

On Monday night, volunteers from the Bunker Hill Associates, and from all over the community, gathered at the Harvard Kent School cafeteria to sort through all the new donations of gloves, hats and blankets. Those were carefully placed in bags that will be handed out with the hot meal on Dec. 22.

"We're excited and looking forward to Sunday," said Kim Mahoney of the Associates. "Bob and Karen Collier really came through, and they've volunteered to cook the ham dinner. We'll be serving about 100 or more senior citizens and veterans."

The Colliers, she said, are the former proprietors of the well-known Colliers Family Market on Bunker Hill Street and will bring great cooking experience to the effort.

Volunteers are asked to report to the Harvard Kent's Tremont Street entrance at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22. They are instructed to park in the Harvard Kent School lot. Volunteers will gather in the library, and hear about the history of Townie Santa from its beginnings long ago. Dignitaries

are also expected to be there to encourage the volunteers as well.

Volunteers will then get their

instructions for delivering the dinner and goodie bags throughout the Town.



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

RESERVE THE COMMUNITY ROOM: Contact Christine Vraibel at christine.vraibel@pd.boston.gov.

Vandalism

12/02/19 - Officers responded to Austin Street for a report of vandalism. The store manager stated a group of teenagers entered his business, and some of them kicked the front door, causing it to break. The incident was captured on surveillance video, and the matter is under investigation.

Warrant Arrest

12/02/19 - An officer in the area of Old Landing Way placed an individual under arrest for two outstanding Norfolk County warrants charging rape and witness intimidation.

Larceny

12/04/19 - A victim on Bartlett Street reported a male suspect

wearing dark clothing stole two packages that had been delivered to her home. The incident was captured on surveillance video, and the matter is under investigation.

Breaking and Entering - Motor Vehicle

12/04/19 - A victim reported she parked her car on Salem Street, but when she returned, she observed that the vehicle's interior was in disarray and her sunglasses were missing. There were no signs of forced entry.

Vandalism

12/06/19 - A victim reported he parked his car on High Street, but when he returned, he observed unknown person(s) had ripped the

passenger's side door handle off his car.

Larceny

12/11/19 - A victim on Medford Street reported that when she returned home, she observed that her television was missing. The victim might know the party that stole it, and the matter is under investigation.

Larceny

12/12/19 - A victim on Medford Street reported he left his cell phone in the bathroom, but when she returned, it was gone. School authorities are investigating the matter.

Larceny

12/14/19 - A victim on Main Street reported that when he returned home, packages delivered to his home and left on the outside of his building were gone.

Investigate Person

12/15/19 - A victim on Tufts Street reported unknown person(s) unsuccessfully attempted to steal the contents of a package delivered to his home.

Surviving the holidays in recovery

The Season is upon us to eat, drink and be merry, but what if you're a person who struggles with addiction?

Overcoming holiday stress and dealing with temptation isn't easy, but it's possible to survive the holiday season without derailing your recovery. For some people the holidays bring feelings of loneliness and isolation, the temptation to drink or use again can be especially strong.

Being aware of your personal triggers and developing effective coping strategies for the holidays can help the season go smoothly. With a solid game plan in place, you can enjoy a memorable holiday with family and friends while keeping your recovery efforts strong.

TIPS FOR GETTING THROUGH THE SEASON

• MAKE YOUR RECOVERY YOUR #1 PRIORITY

Step up your meeting attendance. Talk to other people in recovery daily. Keep a journal. Exercise. Help another alcoholic/addict. Keep all your doctor/therapy appointments. Take your medication. Pray. Whatever your recovery path, make sure you do what you need to do to maintain your recovery.

Many AA and NA chapters hold special recovery events and meetings Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day around the clock.

• HAVE A PLAN

Develop a plan to protect your

recovery ahead of any holiday event

Go into every situation prepared. Plan your day around a meeting or support group, if you are traveling, find a meeting/group in that area. If you are planning on get-togethers with family and friends, make sure you know when gatherings begin and end, who will be there and what to expect. Know ahead of time what you will do if someone offers you a drink/drug, becomes drunk themselves or you start feeling uncomfortable/triggered.

• HAVE SOMEONE AVAILABLE TO CALL

You are not alone. Keep in contact with your sponsor, recovery coach, support group members or even your therapist throughout the day. Make sure to let someone you trust know that you may be in a triggering situation and you want to use them for accountability. Ask if they would be available for you to call in case you need someone to talk to.

• SET A TIME LIMIT

If you know you are going to an event where there will be lots of drinking and you are unable to decline the invite - set a time limit on how long you will stay.

• BE SELFISH

Both addiction and recovery are selfish. In active addiction, your life revolved around whatever substance you were addicted to. Recovery needs to be the same way, at the core you need to make decisions that are the best for you and your life.

• DO A GOOD DEED EVERY DAY

Look for ways to be of service to others. This builds self-esteem and gets you into the spirit of the season.

• START A NEW TRADITION

Be host to your friends in recovery, especially newcomers. If you don't have a place to go, meet at a coffee shop or restaurant.


"Let your hopes, not your hurts shape your future."

Wishing you peace, love and joy this holiday season and throughout 2020.

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Shannon Lundin
Program Manager of Addiction and Recovery Services
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this season. This appeal is for brand new socks, hats, gloves and scarves for adults. There are donation boxes located at The Boys & Girls Club on the 3rd Floor, Charlestown Coalition Office and The First Church in Charlestown will be accepting donations Mon. - Fri. From 12 - 1 p.m. or Sundays from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

opened a new science-themed gift store in the Charlestown Navy Yard (114 16th Street). Filled with books, science kits, great tools to explore the Natural World, puzzles, art boxes, games, stuffed animals, experiment kits, dinosaur excavators, and much, much more -- the "e" inc. Science Emporium has something for everyone. Parents and children are invited to come and explore! Staff are thrilled to help you choose science themed gifts that are age appropriate -- and there is a wine & cheese area for parents, as well! Parents can chat, shop for holiday presents, make suggestions on our Suggestion Board and enjoy the store's festive atmosphere. Sales for the holiday week include: 10% off on stuffed animals and 5% off on all books. Holiday Hours for the holiday week are: Monday: 3-6; Tuesday 12-3; Wednesday 10-6; Friday 3-6; and Saturday 11- 3. Questions: 617-894-3409. Parking is on Medford Street and also the lot on 5th Ave.

For the Record

•Warren Prescott School Dates:
*December 18: Winter Concert, 6:30 p.m.
*December 23- January 3: Winter Recess
*January 6: Students return to school

•Harvard Kent School Dates:
*BPS School Preview Dates: Thursday, December 19, 8-9 a.m.; and Thursday, January 16, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

•From the Dec. 18 Conservation Commission hearing, City Hall:
*Notice of Intent from Fort Point Associates on behalf of Diversified Automotive for the proposed seawall repair and construction of a service platform located at Mystic Piers 48 & 49 on Terminal Street, Charlestown.

*Request for an Amendment to the Original Order of Conditions for DEP File No. 006-1501 for the for the inclusion of an energy dissipator to the MBTA Charlestown Bus Facility project located at 80 Alford St., Charlestown.

•From the Dec. 19 Non-hearing Common Victualler License meeting, City Hall, 10 a.m.:

*Rita's Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Rita's Café, 1 Constitution Road. Described as; first floor lobby; no seats. To be managed by Nick Rossi, between the hours of 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Mon. – Fri.

*Mister Q, Inc. d/b/a Mister Q Café, 283 Main Street, described as; take-out fast food deli and coffee shop on the first floor; no seats. To be managed by Klevis Qyrasi, between the

hours of 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.
•2020 Spaulding-CNC Community Fund Grants
The Spaulding-CNC Community Partnership Fund awards grants to eligible non-profit organizations. The first tutorial for applicants will be held on Monday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus. If you cannot make this date, a second tutorial will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 7 p.m. at the same location. Please note that attendance at a tutorial by a member of the organization, not necessarily the primary author, is required in order to submit an application. Applications are due by Friday, January 17, 2020 at 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Shelley Mogil (shelley-mogil@gmail.com), 978-505-5473 or visit the CNC website. Applications for downloading will not be available until the day of the first tutorial.

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HARVEST ON VINE FOOD PANTRY APPEAL

Since the start of the school year, the Food Pantry has had a great need for cereal to include in its distribution. Donations of non-perishable foods are also greatly appreciated.

Donations drops are: Food Pantry, 49 Vine St. (Hayes Square), The Cooperative Bank - 201 Main St. or the Parish Center - 46 Winthrop St. (by the Training Field). Or donate by sending checks to: Harvest on Vine, Parish Center, 46 Winthrop St., Charlestown, MA 02129. For more information, call Tom MacDonald 617-990-7314.

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HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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ASSOCIATES AND THE COMMUNITY GRANTING WISHES

By SETH DANIEL

The Bunker Hill Associates awarded \$20,000 in grants to six organizations on Weds. night, Dec. 4, during their monthly meeting.

John Taglilatella of the Associates said they had given out \$39,270 in total for 2019, and since forming in 1985, have distributed \$491,846 to the community in grants and assistance.

The grant awards through the official process this year included:

- Charlestown Youth Hockey Association, \$4,000. The grant will go towards scholarships to help players who cannot afford the fees participate in Youth Hockey.

- Charlestown Working Theatre, \$1,000.

- Charlestown Community Center, \$4,000. The Community Center will open up its Super Teens program (ages 13 and 14) to kids during the school year. The popular summer program is run through BCYF and has been very popular. Being able to participate in the school year will allow them to draw more in the summer program.

- Harvard Kent Parents Associa-

tion, \$4,000. The grant will support the Harvard Kent attendance initiative called 'Harvard Kent All Day, Every Day.' The program awards students with perfect attendance with things like a snack cart and special field trips to places like Stone Zoo. The Boston Public Schools has made a priority for schools to push better attendance across the district, which helps with accountability measures and student achievement.

- Boys & Girls Club of Charlestown, \$3,000. This program will help members of the Club use technology and arts to start Fashion Design. They will learn design by computer, and then practice sewing and painting with their own clothing designs.

- Kennedy Center, \$4,000. The grant will help to expand the Vacation Meal Packs for students in the schools. Students are identified for needing meal packs during school vacation weeks, and are sent home with these meal packs during February and April School Vacations. The project started last February with 150 kids and grew to over 200 in April.



For the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, Maureen Collier, Director Derek Gallagher, Elsie Martinez, Sara Vicente, Arts Director Day Rosario, Robert Beckwith, Angeline Pereira, and Technology Director Eric Davis.

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There will be **no collections** Citywide on **December 25**.

Trash and recycling in Charlestown **will be** collected on **Thursday, December 26**.

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ASSOCIATES AWARD GRANTS TO SIX ORGANIZATIONS



Robert Beckwith and Maureen Collier, of the Associates, with Community Center representatives Mimi Wrenn, Elsie Martinez, Ara Vicente and Angelina Pereira.



Maureen Collier, Crystal Galvin, Thara Fuller, Robert Beckwith, and Tom Cunha for the Kennedy Center grant.



The 2019 Bunker Hill Associates prior to their final meeting of the year.



Presenting to the Harvard Kent Parents Association: Maureen Collier, Jimmy Lister, Teacher Maria Marcella, Robert Beckwith, Becky Adamonis, Principal Jason Gallagher, and Lisa McGoff-Collins.



Maureen Collier, Mike Frawley, Melissa Doherty, and Robert Beckwith during the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association presentation.



Maureen Collier, Tony V., Kristin Johnson and Robert Beckwith for the Charlestown Working Theatre.



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Multi-award winning Artistic Director Danielle Fauteux Jacques directs Apollinaire Theatre Company’s production of Molly Smith Metzler’s play, “Cry It Out,” December 20-January 19: Friday,Saturday, 8 p.m.; January 12,19, 3 p.m., Chelsea Theatre Works, 189 Winnisimmet St., Chelsea. Post-show reception with actors. 617-887-2336, apollinairetheatre.com.

BOSTON CAMERATA

Boston Camerata performs La Estrella: A Hispanic Christmas, Dec. 20, 8 p.m., at All Saints Church –Ashmont, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester; Dec. 21, 8 p.m.; First Parish Church of Newbury, 20 High St., Newbury; and Dec. 22, 4 p.m., at the Firist Parish in Cambridge, 1446 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. \$26-\$63, students, \$10. Bostoncamerata.org/performances/boston-series/.

CALAMARI SISTERS

The Calamari sisters bring back their holiday music, fun, and dance, in their “Christmas Carol” special, through Sunday, January 5, at the Regent Theatre, 7 Medford St., Arlington, \$30-\$60. 781-646-4849, RegentTheatre.com.

THE NUTCRACKER

North Atlantic Dance Theatre presents “The Nutcracker, December 20, at 5 pm., Dec. 21. 12,5 p.m.,and Dec, 22, at 12 noon, at The Cabot Theatre, 286 Cabot St., Beverly. Dar Williams performs Dec, 27 at 8 p.m., followed by Grateful Ball, featuring Tony Markelis of Trey Anastasio Band and Zach Nugent, formerly of Jerry Garcia Band, Dec.29, at 7:30 p.m. thecabot.org, 978-927-3100, Ticketmaster.

KOWLOON KOMEDY

Corey Rodrigues headlines December 20,21, at 8:30 p.m., followed by Paul D’Angelo, Dec. 27,28, at 8:30 p.m., Each show is \$20. New Year’s Eve, usher in the new year at the Kowloon Restaurant at its party featuring Wild Fire Band in the Luau Room, Doors open at 7 p.m.; champagne toast, party favors, dinner buffet 7-9 p.m. Wild Fire Band performs 9 p.m.-1 a.m. 948 Broadway, Route 1N, Saugus. 781-233-0077.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

The Boston Community Lighting for Chanukah Festival of Lights is held Wednesday, December 18, 4:30-10 p.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. The community candle lighting is at 6:30 p.m. free. Jartsboston.org.

PARADE

Moonbox Productions presents the

touching musical through December 28, at Boston Center for the Arts Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End., Boston.

A.R.T. SHOWS

Besides Moby-Dick, playing through Jan. 12, American Repertory Theater offers: Thumbelina, a Little Musical, Dec. 20-31; STL GLD with Cliff Notez and Latrell James, New Year’s Eve, Dec. 31; the Sweetback Sisters Country Christmas Sing-along, Dec. 20,21. Amerianrepertorytheater.org, 617-547-8300.

JON STETSON

At 9 Wallis St., Downtown Beverly, mentalist Jon Stetson amazes, Dec. 20, \$30/\$36.Gimmelive.com, 978-525-9093.

HOUSE OF THE SEVEN GABLES HOLIDAY TOURS

The Turner-Ingersoll mansion, or House of the Seven Gables, is offering Four Centuries of Christmas house tours through December 31, 115 Derby St., Salem. 7gables.org. 978-744-0991.

ANNIE

Ogunquit Playhouse moves its season production of Annie,” through December 22, to the Music Hall in Portsmouth, NH, featuring its all-star cast: Josie Todd, Robert Newman, the inimitable Sally Struthers, Broadway’s Jeffry Denman, Angie Schworer, and Gail Bennett. Ogunquit Box Office, 207-646-5511, TheMusicHall.org.

MICHAEL W. SMITH

The multi-Platinum, Grammy award-winning artist-author returns performing his special holiday touring concert, featuring special guest Marc Martel, Friday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m. 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell. \$34-\$104.lowellauditorium.com, 800-657-8774.

HOLIDAY POPS

The Boston Pops Orchestra ushers in the holiday season, through December 31, with several surprise guests, at Symphony Hall, 301 Mass. Ave., Boston. 800-266-1200, bostonpops.org.

SCULLERS

Saxophonists Tucker Antell and Mike Tucker perform with the Ryan Parker Trio, Dec. 20, and the Etienne Charles holiday concert is Dec.. 21, at Scullers Jazz Club, Doubletree Suites by Hilton, 400 Soldiers Field Road, Boston. info@scullersjazz.com, 617-562-4111.

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Irving Berlin’s classic musical spins its musical holiday magic again, December 17-29, at Boch Center Wang Theatre, Boston. Tickets start at \$25. Bochcenter.org, 800-982-2787, Ticketmaster.

AROUND THE CITY

GAMM THEATRE

The holiday takes a nostalgic turn with the Gamm Theatre’s production of “It’s A Wonderful Life,” a live radio play, through December 22, 1245 Jefferson Blvd.; Warwick, RI. Previews, \$33; tickets, \$45; children, students, \$20; 10-more group discounts. 401-723-4266.

DOLLY PARTON’S SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS CAROL

Red Tail Productions and Paul T. Couch presents the new musical, through December 29, at Emerson Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Tickets start at \$39.50. emersoncolonialtheatre.com, 888-616-0272.

MOBY-DICK

American Repertory Theater presents the world premiere musical based on Herman Melville’s classic novel, with music, lyrics, book and orchestrations by Dave Malloy, through January 17, tickets from \$25. Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge. AmericanRepertoryTheater.org, 617-547-8300.

MIRACLE ON 34th STREET

Greater Boston stage Company presents the beloved, magical Christmas story, based on the Twentieth Century Fox classic movie, through December 22: Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday, 2, 7 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m., 395 Main St., Stoneham. \$47-\$57; seniors, \$42-\$52; students with valid ID, \$20 group, Thrifty Thursday discounts. 781-279-2200, greaterbostonstage.org.

FADE

Trinity Repertory Theatre presents its Latinx and creative team and cast through January 5, with Tanya Saracho’s dramatic comedy, tickets start at \$27 .201 Washington St., Providence, RI. 401-351-4242, TrinityRep.com/fade.

OLIVER

New Repertory Theatre ushers in the holiday season with classic musical tale, “Oliver!”, through December 29, Mainstage Theatre, Mosesian Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. Tickets start at \$25. Student, senior, group discounts. 617-923-8487 , newrep.org.

BERKLEE PERFORMANCE CENTER

Appearing at Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave., Boston are Berklee Concert Jazz Orchestra: world premiere of original jazz music for the large ensemble, Dec. 17, and Shalom: Peace of the Season, Dec. 18. Berklee.edu/BPC, 617-747-6038.

ART EXHIBIT

Art Exhibit on display through December 25, Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. at the Clock Tower Gallery, EB School and Cultural Center, 45 Pauline Road, Winthrop. winthropicultural-councilorg.

BLUE HERON:

The prestigious group performs December 20,21, “Christmas in Baroque Germany,” Praetorius, Scheidt, and others, at First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, Garden St., Cambridge.l

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

Lyric Theatre of Greater Boston presents Ken Ludwig’s stage adaptation of Agatha Christie’s iconic mystery, through December 22, 140 Clarendon St., Boston. boxoffice@lyricstage.com, 617-585-5678.

THE WICKHAMS: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY

Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon’s new tale, based on the characters from Jane Austen’s “Pride and Prejudice,” is performed through December 22, at Merrimack Repertory Theatre’s Nancy L. Donahue Theatre at Liberty Hall, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, 978-654-4678, mrt.org.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Plan early to take the family and see Bill Hanney’s North Shore Music Theatre masterpiece production of “A Christmas Carol,” through Dec. 22: Dec. 22, at 2 p.m.; Dec.,20, at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 21, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. Tickets are on sale now at Nsmt.org, 978-272-2300.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Company Theatre presents Dickens’ classic ghost tale through December 22, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, at 7:30 p.m.; matinees, Saturday, 4 p.m., Sunday, 3 p.m., at 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Companytheatre.com. 781-871-2787, companytheatre.com.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Trinity Repertory theatre presents its annual, beloved holiday show, “A Christmas Carol,” 201 Washington St., Providence, RI.

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The Distillery offers tours and tastings every Saturday, 1-5 p.m.,open to the public,2-4 p.m.,first-come,-first-served, 1,3 p.m., VIP tour, 12 Ericsson St., Boston. Limited to 20 people per tour. There are added tours now. bostonharbordistillery.com.

WINTHROP ART ASSOCIATION

The works of 21 Winthrop Art Association artists adorn the State House Senate Hallway, third floor. winthropartassociation.org.

ACE TICKET EVENTS

The Celtics take on the Pistons, Dec.20,and the Raptors, Dec. 28; The Patriots vie against the Bills, Dec. 21 and the Dolphins, Dec. 29; The Bruins take on the Islanders, Dec. 19; and the Predators, Dec. 21. Aceticket.com.

ROSE ART MUSEUM

The Rose Art Museum Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, has on display Into Form: selections from the Rose collection, 1957-2018, through Jan.5, 2020, Gordon Matta-Clark’s Anarchitect through Jan, 5, and the permanent installation of Mark Dion’s The Undisciplined Collector. Free parking, admission.

JULIE KRAMER ROCK AND ROLL PHOTOGRAPHY

The photographer -on-air performer presents her new photography exhibition, “The Basement Archives: The Ghosts of WFNX: Volume II,” through December 20. Free and open to the public, at the Boston Center for Adult Education, 122 Arlington St., Back Bay, Boston.

KIMSOOJA

The globally renowned Korean artist invites patrons to participate in a meditative sculptural installation, “Archive of Mind,” through Jan.19, 2020, at Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, downtown Salem. pem.org.

PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEYS OF CHINA

Peabody Essex Museum presents A Lasting Memento: John Thomson’s Photographs Along the River Min, reflecting China, past and present, in a new light, through May 17, 2020, East India Square, Downtown Salem. pem.org.

THE NUTCRACKER

Boston Ballet recreates the family joy, magic, and beauty of the season with Mikko Nissinen’s The Nutcracker,” through December 29, at the Opera House, Washington St., Boston.617-695-6955, bostonballet.org.

.CLUB PASSIM

Wintery Songs in Eleventy Part Harmony appear, Dec, 17,18, at 8 p.m., followed by Aine Minogue, Dec. 23 at 7 p.m., and Ellis Paul, Dec. 30,31. at Club Passim,47 Palmer St., Cambridge. \$25, members, \$23. Passim.org, 617-492-7679.

TOWNIE SPORTS

CYHA UPDATE – MAYOR’S CUP WEEK

•SQUIRT 1...The Squirts won in thrilling fashion Tuesday night in Dorchester’s Devine Rink, beating Dorchester in a shootout, 2-0. The team had been up in regulation, but Dorchester came back and tied it 3-3 in the third period. Danny Chan and Jack Chardavoyne scored both shootout goals for the Townies, and Goalie Jackson Phillips was strong in net, stopping both shots by Dorchester. The team won on Monday as well to get to Dorchester, with Chardavoyne, Sam Johnson, and Sloane Irvin scoring in the contest.

•SQUIRT 2...The Squirt 2s won 4-0 over Parkway on Monday, with Matthew Sorgini scoring two goals in the effort.

•SQUIRT 3...The Squirt 3 team lost two games off the bat and are out of the Cup now, but they played a very competitive game against South Boston on Tuesday night that nearly went their way.

•U10 GIRLS...The U10s took a heartbreaking loss in a shootout against top-seeded Allston-Brighton on Tuesday night in Harvard’s Bright Arena, losing 1-0. The game was pretty well-controlled for three periods by the Townies, but they couldn’t get the puck past Allston’s goalie and tough defense. The game

ended knotted at 0-0. The girls didn’t make any of their three tries, but one of Allston’s attempts hit the post and barely trickled in. Last Sunday, the U10s earned the right to play at Harvard by beating Parkway 3-0, Abbey DeRoeve with two goals in the contest and Goalie Erin Alves getting the shut-out. The girls will face Parkway again on Monday at Matthews Arena at Northeastern, with the hopes of being able to win that one and face off against Allston-Brighton again for the championship in January.

CYHA – LEAGUE ROUNDUP

•SQUIRT 1...Danny Chan scored four goals to power Charlestown past Needham 5-2 on Nov. 17. Since that time, the powerful Squirt 1s have gone 3-1-1 in league play. That includes a three-game winning streak highlighted by a 2-0 win over Dorchester on home ice last Saturday, Dec. 14.

•SQUIRT 2...Bales third and fourth goals of the game came 38 seconds apart midway through the third period and Neise (1-1-2) came with 4:20 left as Charlestown edged Brookline 6-5 on Nov. 16. The team is 4-2-1 since Thanksgiving, and tied Melrose, 6-6, last Sunday on home ice in Charlestown.

•SQUIRT 3...Tucker wore the

hat and Madden had two assists in Charlestown’s 7-2 victory over Dorchester on Nov. 16 – and Stamler wore the hat in a 5-1 win over Winchester on Nov. 17. The Squirt 3 team is on a tear this season in league play and have gone through November and December without a loss. Their best game recently was a 3-2 win on Dec. 8 in Lynn against Brookline. The last time they didn’t win was on a tie with Dorchester, 3-3, on Nov. 24.

•PEE WEE 2...No. 10 clicked for 2-2-4, Jaiden Smith also scored twice and Finn Kempainen pitched a shutout as Charlestown topped Lexington/Bedford 7-0 on Nov. 16. The team has gone 2-3 since Thanksgiving, losing to Newton, 3-6, last Saturday in Charlestown.

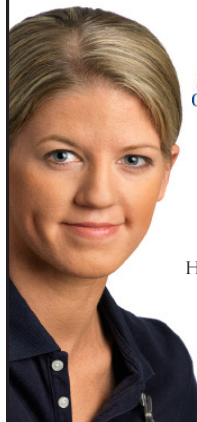
•B A N T A M S ... S t e v e Fabiano delivered a goal and two assists, Mike Frawley scored twice and Matt Hicks posted two assists in Charlestown’s 6-3 victory over the Railers on Nov. 16. Since Thanksgiving weekend, the team has taken three ties in league play, notching even with Hyde Park, Concord/Carlisle, and Lexington/Bedford in the last three weeks – all games on the road. They play Triboro on the road Saturday, and then play Triboro again on Sunday, but on home ice, 6:10 p.m.

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TREE LIGHTING AT CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD

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Leila Brett chomps on a banana, being a little too young for the s'mores.



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